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Fredericton NB

Fredericton Community Services Inc, *Greener Village, Home of the Fredericton Food Bank*

Update 39th Annual General Meeting

Members of the corporation of Fredericton Community Services Incorporated gathered for the 39th Annual General Meeting on November 25, 2023.

The members received the Audited Statements of 2022 as well as year to date updates on the progress made in 2023. To say the least, 2023 continued to be a very challenging year due to the global impacts of inflation. In 2023 Fredericton Community Services launched a new 5-year strategic plan which includes a plan to further increase the volume of fresh food in our food hampers to 60%.

Fredericton Community Services Inc. has re-elected Daniel Taylor as President, Sharon Nussey as Vice President, Hasnain Mirza as Treasurer and Dr. Andre Pelletier as Secretary.

Additionally, the membership elected two new directors, Norman Neil, and Nicole Whyte. Returning as a director after a one-year absence is Dr. Neville Gosman. The membership also thanked Carol Sharpe and Chris Pelkey for their dedicated service. The membership also welcomed four new members to the corporation over the last four months.

The board composition as the result of the AGM election is as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Daniel Taylor

Vice-President – Sharon Nussey

Treasurer – Hasnain Mirza

Secretary- Andre Pelletier

DIRECTORS

Wyn Gruffydd

Leslie Reid

Amanda Carter

Kimothy Stewart

Scott Smith

Mohammad Al Khateeb

Nicole Whyte

Norman Neil

For more information on the work of Fredericton Community Services Inc, or to read our updated by-laws and to become a member please visit greenvillage.ca.

Background

Fredericton Community Services Inc. (Greener Village) started as The Fredericton Food Bank in 1983, and incorporated in 1989, becoming one of the first food charities in the Greater Fredericton Area. In 2012, the Fredericton Food Bank made the transition to our new building located on Riverside Drive in Fredericton. With the move to our current location, we developed a Learning Kitchen, Community Gardens, and the Unique Boutique. Additionally, in 2012 Fredericton Community Services began operating under the name of Greener Village.

Today Greener Village serves over 1900 client food hampers (5500 individuals). WE have seen a 42% increase in client demand in the last year alone, of which 30% is children.

The needs of this community are met through in person pickup, deliveries, partner pickup locations, training workshops and partnerships with over 35 community partners located in the Fredericton area.

The Greener Village receives, purchases, and distributes approximately \$1.75 million worth of food each year. Because of our size, scale and unique position in the local food system, Greener Village has significantly greater buying power than can be achieved at the grocery store and can purchase as much as \$3 worth of food for every \$1 donated, maximizing the impact of our donor's generous contributions.