

Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge that the land where we work and gather is the traditional unceded territories of the Indigenous nations who have lived on these lands since time immemorial. In particular, we acknowledge the Anishnaabeg (Ah-nish-in-a-bek), Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee (Ho-den-no-show-nee), Oneida, and Algonquin peoples. We are grateful to live and work on this land, and to work in allyship with Indigenous communities. Let us learn from the Indigenous caretakers of this land about the sacred relationships and responsibilities that we have to each other and to these beautiful lands that give us what we need to live a healthy life.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting (Zoom)

Attendance: Tom Baumgartner, Nick Dibdin, Michel Vermette, Miriam Hunt, Bruce Brough, Jean Dunning, Jan Paul-Barr, Wayne Stryde, Carole Divine, Mary Lou Pratt, Gerry Van Loon, Stephen Bird

Regrets: Lesley Scharf

Staff: Sarah Sark, Becky Walker, Corrie Stewart (Resource)


Guest: Jennifer Murphy, Lena

1. **Welcome:** Jean called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. and welcomed Jennifer Murphy, Mayor of Bonnechere Valley Township.
 - 1.1. **Land Acknowledgement:** Bruce Brough provided the land acknowledgement.
 - 1.2. **Confirmation of quorum:** Quorum was confirmed.

2. **Approval of agenda:** Approved as presented. Item 3.2 moved to the in-camera session at the end of the meeting, and a break was added after Sarah's report.
 - 2.1 **Conflict of Interest:** No conflict of interest was declared at any time.

3. **Approval of minutes:**
 - 3.1 **November 19, 2024, minutes:** Consensus to approve with minor typographical edits suggested from Tom and Wayne; Corrie to correct and post to SharePoint.

4. **4. Business: Business arising from minutes:**
 - 4.1 **Ideas for a spring Board retreat (Directors):** A review of Board committees was a suggested; topic. However, Tom suggested that we should allow additional time (2 years) for a review given we created two new committees this year. Jean will send out a reminder to Board members asking for additional suggestions.
 - 4.2 **Follow up regarding the abuse report (policy 2.01.26):** Becky to reach out to Leslie Greene or Nicole Murray to determine the next steps in attestation process for MCCSS compliance.
5. **5. New Business:** No new business this month.
6. **6. Board workplan items for January:**
 - **Commence nomination process: Nominating Committee to determine membership needs for the upcoming Board:** In Lesley's absence, Jean provided an update on the nominations process. The committee held its first meeting in January and will be reaching out to Board members to determine retention and Board needs.
 - **Board meeting evaluation survey:** Becky confirmed that the link to the survey is included in the agenda; Corrie will send out a reminder with the link.
7. **Report from the Chief Executive Officer:** Sarah reviewed the highlights of her report and answered questions. She will determine if spots are available for Board members in the upcoming bystander training for staff.
 - 7.1 ****BREAK****
8. **Governance Committee report:**
 - 8.1 **January 8, 2025, meeting minutes:** Stephen reported on the work of the committee. He asked Board members to forward any suggestions regarding the creation of a job description for the Vice Chair position. The committee recommended the Board continue to contribute to our CCA membership for another accreditation cycle, request an extension to 2027 for our next

review and re-evaluate our membership then. Following Stephen's description of the rationale for the recommendation, we reached Board consensus for approval. 

9. **Finance Committee Report:** Mary Lou reported on the work of the committee. The Board approved the updated policy 3.01.08, Corporate Credit Cards, as well as the budgets presented, (2024-2025 quarterly budget and the overall 2024-25 budget) The Board also approved the grant applications for the Seniors Active Living Centre (SALC) funding and a Therapeutic Riding grant to Stable Thinking. Also, I believe the Board approved the use of fleet cards. (Check with Mary-Lou for wording since I didn't take full notes.)
10. **Advocacy Committee Report:** Jean reported on the work of the committee. The committee decided it would be useful to test how best to work through our current advocacy policy and work sheet focusing on one issue. The committee chose to focus on food insecurity at the next meeting.
11. **QRS Committee report:** Tom reported on the work of the committee. The Board approved the revised Terms of Reference for the committee.
12. **Executive Committee Report:** No report; the committee has not met since the last Board meeting.
13. **Nominating Committee report:** In Lesley's absence, Jean reported on the work of the committee. The committee held its first meeting and reviewed the Terms of Reference. And committee structure. The Board approved the Terms of Reference. Currently, the committee will have one vacancy to fill and to seek a new Board Chair. All Directors will be contacted in February regarding their current and future positions on the Board.
14. **Alliance Liaison report.** Bruce reported that a meeting of Alliance Liaisons and Board Chairs is scheduled to take place this Thursday evening; he reminded everyone that they are welcome to attend.

15. **In-Camera Session:** The Board went in camera at 4:50 p.m.
16. **Upcoming meetings:** Board Meeting: February 25, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
17. **Meeting adjourned at:** 5:26 p.m.