



AGM

June 15th , 2023

Wasoqopa'q (previously Acadia First Nation)
Gold River Community Centre
83 Pennell Road (off of Beech Hill Rd)



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday June 15th, 2023 7:00 -8:30 pm

**Wasoqopa'q (previously Acadia First Nation) Community Centre
83 Pennell Road (off of Beech Hill Rd)**

1. Welcome and land acknowledgement.
2. Minutes of 2022 AGM
3. Report from the Chair
4. Report from the Executive Director
5. Treasurers Report
6. Strategic Outlook 2023-26
7. Report from the OHC Foundation
8. Report from NS Health
9. Special Resolution -OHC By-Laws
10. Approval of New Directors
11. Special Guests : Nova Scotia Health Implementation Science Team
12. Adjournment



**Annual General Meeting
July 7, 2022 7- 8:10 p.m.
Chester Basin Legion**

Board members present Thelma Costello, Janice Moreside, Leo Blain, Derek Schnare, Gord Tate, Olivia Corkum, Nate Stepner

Regrets: Tom Marrie & Janet Irwin

Others: Members Wilson Fitt, Duncan & Sylvia MacNeil, Oscar Strauss, Kay Keddy, Jeff Conrad, Jenny Bohner, John Chandler

OHC Foundation: Jeff Somerville

Staff: Cindy Robichaud & Erin Perry Regrets: Lorraine Burch

Attendees: Recorded on Membership Master List: 18 people in attendance; 14 were voting members

Note: All written reports are appended to these minutes.

1. Welcome: Thelma Costello opened meeting at 7:02 p.m. by welcoming attendees and providing a Land Acknowledgement describing the long journey ahead to fully understand the impact of injustices on the First Nations of Canada and the role OHC has to foster a more equitable health system in the future.

2. Minutes of June 28, 2021, Annual General Meeting

MOTION: to approve the minutes for the AGM held June 28, 2021, as circulated.

Moved by Gord Tate

Seconded by Olivia Corkum

Motion: Carried

3. Report from the Chair

Thelma Costello's **full** report is attached to the minutes. She acknowledged the departure from the Board of Leo Blain, Janice Moreside and Derek Schnare, thanking them for their service. OHC Foundation Board and volunteers were recognized for their work for the OHC Association and the strengthened relationship with NS Health was also recognized. The incredible work of Lorraine Burch, Cindy Robichaud and Erin Perry were highlighted; throughout the pandemic period OHC has continued to build partnerships and introduce new programs and services.

Motion: to accept the Chair of the Board report

Moved by Derek Schnare

Seconded by Jeff Conrad

Motion: Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

Leo Blain presented the Financial Statements for the year end of March 31, 2022. The independent auditors report was prepared by AC Belliveau Veinotte Inc. and a special thanks to them for this. No issues were noted. Also, a very special thanks to Lorraine for managing the finances. The financials will be posted on the OHC website.

MOTION: to accept the financial report

Moved by Janice Mooreside

Seconded by Nate Stepner

Motion: Carried

5. Report from the Executive Director

Lorraine Burch's full report is attached to the minutes. Lorraine highlighted significant programs and services, noted the program adjustments and changes of course caused by the pandemic and spoke to the importance of good communications and a collaborative structure with NS Health. She addressed the programs and services that OHC provide to close the gap in health care in our rural communities and in addition gave special thanks to our many funders.

Cindy Robichaud followed with a presentation on the Medical Walk In Clinic and Erin Perry spoke about the Mental Health Walk in Clinic and the Public Health Agency of Canada's Community Vaccination Promotion project. Both these reports are attached.

Finally, Board member Gord Tate gave a presentation on the Community Check in Survey, noting that primary care services such as the medical walk-in clinic and mental health services are top of mind for respondents. The survey will be done annually to measure OHC's success in meeting community needs.

Motion: to accept the Executive Director report

Moved by Duncan MacNeil

Seconded by Olivia Corkum

Motion: Carried

6. Report from the Foundation

Foundation Board report is attached to the minutes. Board Chair Ron McDonald was unable to attend, so the report was presented by Janice Moreside, who summarized the work of the Foundation and thanked its dedicated Board members and the support from Lorraine, Erin, and the community. Outgoing Board members John Chandler and Leo Blain were thanked, and incoming Board members Jeff Somerville and Katie MacDonald were welcomed to the Foundation Board. She reported on the many organizational and administrative tasks that have been completed and the success of the two fundraisers, the Yard Sale, and the online Auction.

Motion to accept the Foundation report

Moved by Derek Schnare

Seconded by Jeff Conrad

Motion: Carried

7. Report from NSH

Joanne Wentzell, Director of Primary Health Care for the Western Zone and Margo Walsh-Leaman, OHC first floor Collaborative Care clinic manager attended on behalf of NS Health. The Report is attached. Joanne and Margo provided an update on programs and services available at OHC and noted that the Public Health Team, while still dealing with Covid, is now transitioning back to work with partners and communities. They spoke too about the Virtual Care initiative and the increase in online wellness programs.

Questions concerning Virtual Care were posed:

Virtual Care invites people from the Need a Family Practice list. Joanne confirmed that if a person signs up for Virtual Care, they still remain on the Need a Family Practice List.

10. Election of new Board Members

Derek Schnare introduced Jeff Conrad and Jenny Boehner, whose resumes are attached. Both have agreed to join the Board, with Jeff assuming the role of Treasurer.

MOTION: to appoint to the Board Jeff Conrad and Jenny Boehner for 3 -year terms.

Motion: Carried, all members in agreement.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm and the attendees were invited to stay for an ice cream social, provided by the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legions.

Respectfully

Erin Perry OHC Executive Assistant

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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

Annual General Meeting

June 15, 2023

Good evening and welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of Our Health Centre. We are so pleased to be in this lovely community centre in Wasoqopa'q in Gold River.

We begin tonight by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship which Mi'kmaq, Maliseet, and Passamaquoddy People first signed with the British Crown in 1726.

We also acknowledge that we, the Board of Directors of OHC, still have a long journey to fully understand the impact of unjust systems on the First Nations of Canada, and our role to foster a more equitable health system in the future. We hope that the indigenous Communities of the South Shore will accept our invitation to help guide our journey.

I first want to acknowledge the departure from our Board of Tom Marrie, who brought to us keen insight and heaps of experience within the health care system.

Jenny Boehner will introduce you to the new individuals who are willing to join our Board. I hope you will agree that we are very fortunate.

Our financial situation is strong thanks to supportive donors, the efforts of Lorraine in obtaining project grants and the great work of the OHC Foundation. Jeff Conrad will report on all this when he tables the audited financial statements. Later on, Jeff Somerville will report on the work of the Foundation.

Lorraine will provide you with a report on the amazing programs and services that OHC has provided to the community. We continue to be seen as a leader and have provided support and information to at least two other communities who have the dream of creating a community health centre.

OHC decides on programs and services based on extensive community consultation. These consultations started with the round tables before OHC was built, have been driven by the need to address the social determinants of health and are validated through input from partners and our annual community checkup. During the past year, the OHC Board conducted a strategic priorities review and Gord Tate will provide a presentation on that exercise and its outcome.

Following that, we will hear from Joanne Wentzell who will tell us of the work of NS Health here in the Western Region. And at the conclusion of our meeting, Nova Scotia Health's Implementation Science Team will tell us about the strategy they are developing to implement, test, and evaluate health system practices and programs in multiple settings.

This year, we welcomed Makayla Ulman as Executive Assistant to Lorraine. She is a wonderful addition to the team. She and Cindy Robichaud have shown their devotion to the work of OHC.



As well, we thank our wonderful volunteers who help us manage the building and provide navigation services at our front desk.

Now I come to the bittersweet part of this evening's reporting! As you all know, Lorraine Burch is retiring. She has almost single handed put OHC on the health care map in Nova Scotia. Her creativity, superb communication and organizational skills and personality have brought us so far in the six and a half years since we opened our doors. Please join me in thanking Lorraine!

There will be an Ice Cream Social on June 23 to honour Lorraine (who would not let us do anything more elaborate) so please drop into OHC between 4 and 6 pm on that day.

Finally, I am pleased to introduce you to Roger Bower, who will be stepping into Lorraine's very large, but thankfully not high heeled, shoes. Roger is here this evening, so please take an opportunity to introduce yourself to him.

This is my last year as Chair of the Board. It has been such a pleasure to be part of the growth of OHC and I can truthfully say it has been one of the highlights of my paid and unpaid work life. Gord Tate, who has been a long standing supporter and Board member will be Board Chair for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Thelma Costello



Executive Director Report to the Annual General Meeting
June 15th ,2023

As Executive Director of Our Health Centre I am pleased to present my 2022-2023 annual report. OHC is honoured to be holding this meeting in the Wasoqopa'q First Nation/ Gold River Community Centre as its long been our desire to strengthen our relationship with our indigenous neighbours. Wasoqopa'q means Bright Water - a fitting name to describe all 8 communities that were once known as Acadia First Nation. The communities are Gold River, Medway, Ponhook, Wildcat, Yarmouth, Hammonds Plains, Gardeners Mill and Shelburne. Our thoughts have been with those communities that have been affected by the recent wildfires; we wish them an abundance of comfort and support and as they rebuild their communities.

This is my last AGM report as I will be retiring the end of June . I have been very fortunate to be part of the OHC team for the past 12 and a half years, 6 years as a volunteer member of the Task Team and 6 and a half years as your Executive Director. Teamwork makes the dream work ! I have loved this job and feel so fortunate to have been trusted in this role.

The OHC Association Board , the OHC Foundation Board , NS Health staff, our allied tenants, our volunteer navigators, our committees and our own amazing staff ,Cindy Robichaud and Makayla Uhlman have gone above and beyond to make sure OHC is the best it can be .

To Thelma Costello.... thank you for 6 years as Chair of the OHC Association. You are a force to be reckoned with ! I say that with the utmost respect for all the things you accomplished as Chair ; OHC has benefited greatly from your wisdom and tenacity.

Our relationship with Nova Scotia Health (NSH), our major tenant, continues to evolve and strengthen. To maximize the potential requires good communication and a collaborative structure. Joanne Wentzell will provide a full update of all NSH services at OHC when she gives her report.

Our medical Walk- In Clinic and THRIVE-Mental Health Walk-In Clinic continue to be the nucleus of the programs and services offered by the Association. Cindy Robichaud is the anchor of the Walk-In clinic and , along with our amazing walk-in clinic doctors ,they deserve all the credit for its success.

What else does OHC do to help close the gap in health care that rural communities face ?

Programs and Workshops in a wide variety of health & wellness issues : for seniors, support groups for people suffering from various diseases, women`s wellness clinics and men`s health clinics, nutrition, coping with grief, managing anxiety, mindfulness, community volunteer income tax program, covid vaccine clinics, therapeutic art , etc. The majority or programs & workshops are offered at no or low cost.

Supports to community groups such as Growing Friends Food Security Collective, Lighthouse Food Bank, Community Wheels , South Shore Housing Action Coalition , the South Shore Community Justice Society , Avalon Sexual Assault Centre ,CaregiversNS, South Shore Community Midwives , South Shore Hospice Palliative Care Society, community check-in calls , etc.

Partnerships with the Municipality of Chester’s active living and community development programs , the Chester Interagency/Schools Plus program, the Community Wellness Partnership, etc

Actively involved in supporting the physician recruitment efforts of the Nova Scotia Health Authority for their Collaborative Clinic on the first floor ; constantly seeking Fee for Service physicians, and Nurse Practitioners to keep the Association’s second floor walk-in clinic open.

Outreach In the 2023-26 Strategic Outlook document one of the Boards priorities is to deliver outreach programming in communities across the Municipality that consider the financial and transportation barriers of participants .

Gord Tate will tell you lots more about the Strategic Outlook document. It is hoped that you will all take a copy home to read and share with your neighbours. Feedback of any kind is valued and appreciated .

Research projects with the Implementation Science Team from NSHealth, Dalhousie University and Engage NS . Our special guests this evening are representatives of the IST team who will describe the Social Network Mapping project which will define the gaps in programs & services that require OHC’s attention.

It takes money to deliver excellent programs and services; the following organizations provided grants or offered reduced fees in 2022-23 amounting to a total of \$136,000 . Their support made a world of difference !

NS Department of Health & Wellness	Walk-in clinic nurse practitioners and overhead
OHC Foundation	operations, programs & services
Mental Health Foundation of NS	THRIVE- Mental Health Walk-In clinic. balance of 2022 funding
New Ross Credit Union	THRIVE- Mental Health Walk-In clinic
Municipality of Chester	Municipal tax bill reduced for past 7 years
Village Commission	Village tax bill reduced
Federal government	Community Volunteer Income Tax Program ; New Horizons for Seniors Program/ Growing Friends Collective
United Way	Holistic Health Workshops
Community Links	Growing Friends Collective

OHC is a member of the NS Association of Community Health Centres (NSACHC) , which represents community owned & operated health centres in NS . NSACHC has been lobbying the provincial government for core funding since 2017. Core funding would help stabilize the operational budget; for example that type of funding could support the hiring of a full time nurse practitioner for the walk-in clinic and pay for social workers to keep the mental health walk-in clinic open .Although we cannot make an official announcement, we have had a firm indication that stabilization funding is on its way .

I am sure OHC will continue to grow and prosper thanks to the dedication of the people in this area . All best wishes to Roger as he steps into the Executive Director position- it’s a great job, and based on your glowing references you will be awesome !

Respectfully
Lorraine Burch



2022/23

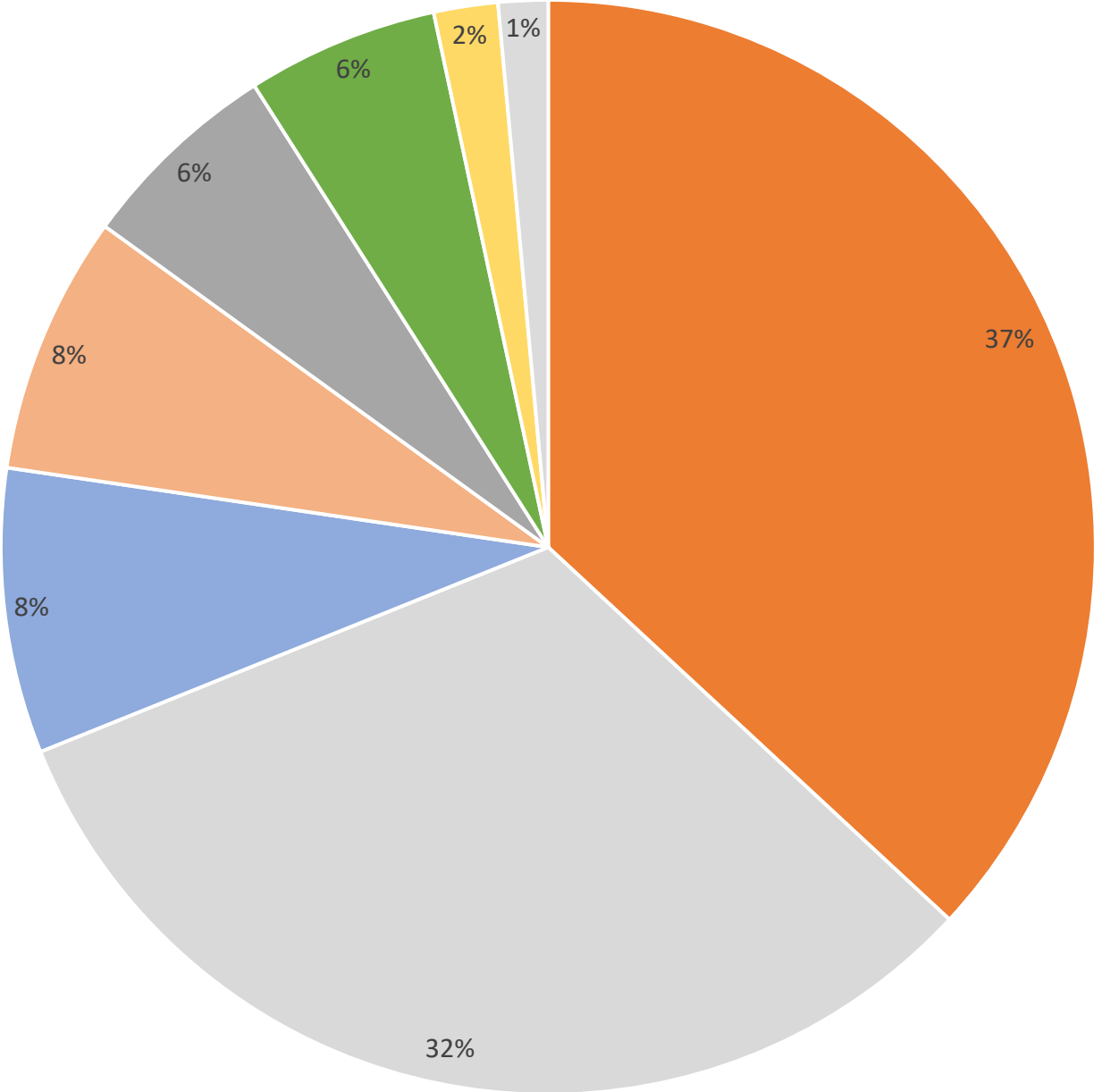
Year End Financial Overview

June 15, 2023

Overview

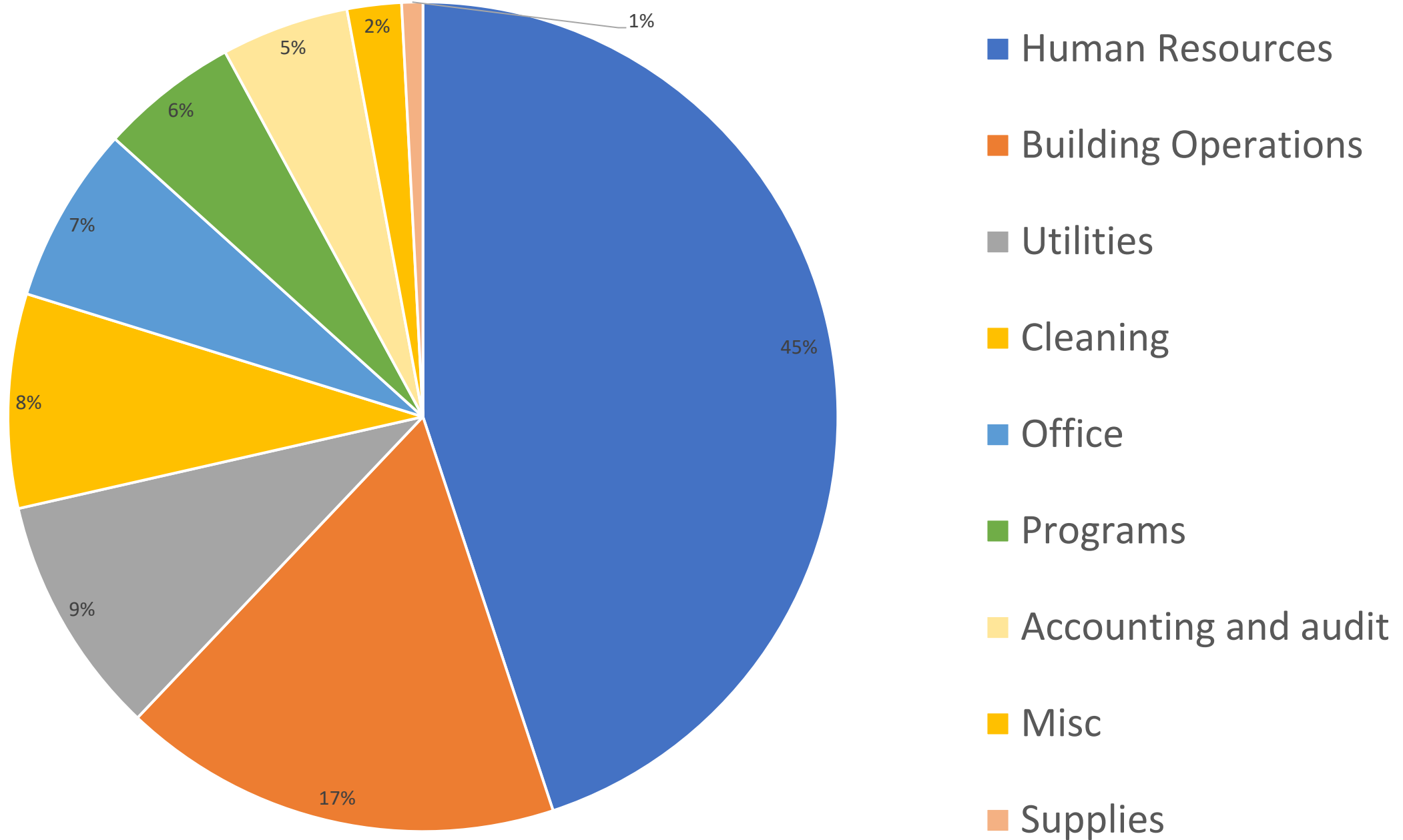
- Strong revenue flow
 - Support from Foundation – Operating and Special Project
 - New lease with NSHA at Market Rates
 - Grant Support strong – Municipal, Provincial, and NGO
 - One time payment from CRA related to HST on Construction
- Expense avoidance
 - Great volunteer base – navigators, building committee, special projects
 - Tax relief from MoDC and Village of Chester
- Expenses grew in most categories
 - Building operations, Human Resource, office costs all exceeded estimates
 - Walk in clinic continues to require investment (expenses exceed revenue)
 - Ability to attract and schedule Doctors has a significant impact on amount of overhead/recoveries realized
 - Fixed costs (e.g. Nurse Practitioners, building operations, OHC staff) continue

2022/2023 Revenue



- NSHA Rental
- HST Construction Rebate
- Foundation
- Walk-in Recovery
- Grants
- HST Charity Rebate
- Room Rentals
- Misc

2022/2023 Expenses



Future Financial Activity

- Build on the strong OHC Foundation relationship
- Continue working with provincial government for core support
- Active pursuit of grants and funding from other sources
- Invest in organizational sustainability (e.g. reduced building costs, improved IT infrastructure, capital repair reserves)
- Continued recruitment of Doctors for the walk-in clinic
- Expand services within the catchment area

Our Health Centre Foundation Chair's Annual Report June 2023

The Chair of the OHC Foundation Board, Ron MacDonald, is not able to be with us this evening. My name is Jeff Somerville, and I am Vice Chair of the Foundation. On Ron's behalf, I am pleased to present his report.

The OHC Foundation was established to be the fundraising arm of the OHC Association. Our goal is to raise sufficient funds to assist the OHC in completing its mission statement of improving the health and well-being of every person in our community, and also to ensure the ongoing sustainability of OHC.

I am pleased to report that the Foundation has had a successful year in its fundraising activities.

Some of the highlights include the following:

We continue to make progress on the implementation of our Strategic Action Plan as we update our 5-year business plan and undertake the annual budgeting process.

We have recently formed a Communication and Marketing committee, which will complement our existing committee structure that includes Fundraising, Investment, Donor Relations and House committees.

With the guidance of a Student Awards Committee, we have established the framework for a new OHC Student Award in Honour of Dr. Joy Calkin. This \$5000, annual award will be given to a deserving student entering their second year of studies in a medical, nurse practitioner, or nursing program at a Nova Scotia post-secondary institution. The first such award will be presented in October 2023. We hope that through this award we can build relationships with students, encouraging their choosing Lunenburg County to practice their chosen profession.

During 2022 we completed a very successful fundraising campaign, having raised a total of \$459,505.

A large part of this total came in the form of individual bequests through estate planning. Included in this amount however are further individual donations which come from you, our supporters, in the form of monthly direct deposits, the donation of stocks or bonds, or individual donations. We can't express enough gratitude for the generosity of our community in supporting OHC.

Also included in the fundraising total are the proceeds of several special events. Our annual Harvest Jam online auction, raised approximately \$65,000 between the auction itself and a matching campaign. The Harvest Jam auction will be held again this year in October so watch for announcements that will start to come out this summer. Our annual

yard sale raised over \$3,000. This was the 10th year of the yard sale which predates the opening of OHC itself.

We will be holding our first OHC Foundation Legacy Golf Tournament on July 27th at the Chester Golf Club. The tournament this year will honour the legacy of Don Munroe, an ardent supporter of OHC who was past Chair of both the Association and Foundation Boards. I am pleased to report that the event has been very well received and we are now fully subscribed with a waiting list established for golfers who still wish to participate. Sponsorship opportunities still exist for the tournament so feel free to contact me or any member of the Foundation Board should you wish to be involved.

These events are all successful fundraisers, but just as importantly continue to enhance public awareness of the OHC and its great work.

I extend a big THANK YOU for the support of our community whether that be through volunteering time and effort at our events, or on our committees, or through the financial generosity of donations or legacy giving. Should you wish to be involved in our activities in the future feel free to reach out to any of our board members or contact us through the OHC itself.

I would also like to extend a very sincere THANK YOU to Lisa Aitken for her hard work and dedication to the OHC Foundation over the last six years. Lisa will be leaving the Foundation Board at the end of her second three year term this year and we will certainly miss her relentless determination and commitment to the OHC.

I believe that the solid operating structure that the Foundation has in place, along with the continued volunteer enthusiasm, effort, planning and execution, will allow our Foundation to grow and thrive into the future. This will enable us to continue to provide required financial support to OHC's ever expanding community health and wellness programs, services and education.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Somerville

On behalf of Ron McDonald

OHC Foundation Chair



Nova Scotia Health Report

Our Health Centre Annual General Meeting June 15, 2023

Ms. Costello, Board & Association Members of Our Health Centre,

This year has been guided by Action for Health system priorities, including primary healthcare, emergency care, surgical wait times and patient flow. As well, a continued focus on front line teams and retention. COVID-19 response is still important and protective measures are still in place in NSH facilities and services.

Darlene Davis, Interim Executive Director Community & Rural Health Services, Western Zone, and I were pleased to have connected with Thelma, Lorraine, and Jeff in December 2022. This was an opportunity for Darlene to hear about the work of the Centre. We look forward to regular connects as described in our partnership agreement.

Nova Scotia Health truly appreciates the working relationship that exists within the health centre. We would like to congratulate Lorraine on her retirement and for her support and willingness to collaborate over the years.

As part of the ongoing partnership commitment, Nova Scotia Health is pleased to provide the following updates from our programs and services located at Our Health Centre, as well as services supporting the broader community.

Respectfully submitted,

Jo-Anne Wentzell

Director, Primary Health Care and
Chronic Disease Management, Western Zone
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<p>Continuing Care</p>	<p>Continuing Care currently has two full time community-based care coordinators based in Chester who provide service to 231 clients.</p> <p>Our focus during 2022-23 has been to provide timely service to individuals in their homes to prevent hospital and/or long-term care admissions. A long-standing agency home support waitlist has led to permanent funding options to allow individuals to manage their own care and supports in the community.</p> <p>The NS Health Quality Initiative project lead by Western Zone Continuing Care and Primary Health Care was successful in identifying Access and Flow challenges and increasing knowledge of continuing care programs and services. It is recognized that an enhanced working relationship between Continuing Care and Primary Health Care within a co-located environment can lead to greater knowledge exchange and early identification of at-risk clients.</p> <p>Referrals to continuing care can be made, with client consent, by calling our toll-free intake line at 1-800-225-7225.</p>
<p>Laboratory Services</p>	<p>Blood collection has and continues to provide a longstanding service in Chester. Historically, we have offered collections on Mondays and Thursday – Monday with one collector; Thursdays with two. Starting the week of May 15th, we will be transitioning to two collectors both days of the week, unless there are specific resource challenges – this equates to an additional 25 patients, to support collections within the community.</p>
<p>Mental Health and Addictions</p>	<p>Mental Health and Addictions offers both Child and Adult Community Based programming out of Our Health Centre in Chester. The Community Based Mental Health & Addictions team based at Dawson Centre in Bridgewater has had clinicians and clerical at Our Health Centre from the opening day.</p> <p>We currently have three adult clinicians located at Our Health Centre on the second floor, as well as several child clinicians multiple days per week in our office on the main floor. We also have a clerical who travels to the Our Health Centre one day per week. We have other staff members attend at different times, including psychologists, school-based staff and other clinicians as needed.</p> <p>We recently took over another office space upstairs as our space needs have increased at the Our Health Centre. Having space located in Chester as well as expanded virtual offerings has allowed us to attract staff from HRM to fill positions.</p> <p>The Western Zone Opioid Use Disorder Program has a clinic at Our Health Centre Mondays, 12-4 p.m. A welcoming partnership since 2017, we provide opioid agonist therapy, some basic primary health care, and psychosocial support to patients diagnosed with an opioid use disorder and other concurrent health issues. Our team is comprised of physicians, nurses, social workers, and clerical staff. Throughout the pandemic we have provided in person and virtual care. Our physicians, staff and patients have always felt part of the Our Health Centre community, and we look forward to strengthening our partnership.</p> <p>The staff working at the Our Health Centre enjoy the beautiful location as well as the many collaborations it has made possible.</p>

<p>Physician Recruitment & Retention</p>	<p>Dr Kory Jollymore joined the Chester Community Clinic at Our Health Centre in January 2023. Dr Julia Locke and Dr Matt Bown have also been practicing at the clinic in locums for Dr Maria Finnigan and Dr Asim Akhtar.</p> <p>We have had a number of site visits to the practice this spring and will have a few more this summer and fall.</p> <p>Working closely with Olivia Corkum, Community Economic Development Officer for the municipality of Chester, and Lorraine Burch from Our Health Centre on recruitment and settlement of physicians to the Chester area.</p>
<p>Primary Health Care</p>	<p><u>Chester Community Clinic Highlights:</u> Primary health care continues to be ever-changing, and Chester Community Clinic is no exception. Dr. Nina Lucas accepted a new position outside of family practice last year, however, care for her patients was transferred over to Drs Finnegan and Akhtar. The team was delighted to welcome Dr. Kory Jollymore back to Nova Scotia in January. Dr. Jollymore has been building his practice from the Need a Family Practice Registry since his arrival. Drs Finnegan and Akhtar welcomed a new addition to their family and have been away from the clinic on leave. Dr. Julia Locke and Dr. Matthew Bown have been providing coverage for both practices. Nancy LaPierre, Nurse Practitioner (NP), and Dr. Christian Hackshaw continue to provide care for their existing practices. The team welcomes Laura Paul, NP, to Chester Community Clinic effective June 1st. Laura will be taking patients from the Need a Family Practice Registry and working with the Chester team on innovative approaches to improve access for patients of the practice.</p> <p>Chester Community Clinic has also welcomed two family practice nurses to the team. Lisa McCarthy and BreAnne Carver share a full-time position supporting patients of the practice with management of chronic disease, immunizations, well woman, well baby and well child visits and more.</p> <p>We would like to acknowledge, with our gratitude, the team's commitment to supporting learners in the practice this year. The team has hosted residents, 3rd year clerks, 1st year medical students, NP, and RN learners. This support does not occur without many hours of extra work from our providers and staff.</p> <p><u>Chester and Area Community Cluster Highlights:</u> The May 2023 Report for Nova Scotians Finding a Primary Care Provider indicates there are currently 1,902 residents of Chester and Area who are in need of a Primary Care Provider. VirtualCareNS continues to be available free of charge to residents of Nova Scotia who are on the Need a Family Practice Registry. In April of 2023, 5,785 visits were offered to Nova Scotians through the VirtualCareNS program.</p> <p>In January, Hubbards Medical Centre also welcomed Dr Karl Misik to the community. Dr. Misik provided locum coverage in the area in recent years. Welcome Dr. Misik!</p>
<p>Public Health</p>	<p>The Healthy Communities team has spent the last year reconnecting with community partners with a purpose of re-engaging and understanding what has happened in communities while staff were redeployed. The team has re-established work and connections around health promoting schools which includes school food, a fluoride delivery program, and a youth health expansion to name a few pieces of work. The team has stepped into other work in communities to support the understand and development of health public policy in areas such as housing, income, physical activity, and substances. Throughout the transition back to our roles with our partners and communities the team has appreciated the patience, welcome and openness</p>

that has been provided. This is paving a path for continued strengthened partnerships and innovation in community to support the building healthy communities.

The **Public Early Years** team continues to work towards re-engaging with families and community partners. Public Health universal screening has resumed at all the regional sites. The screening offers a touchpoint and the opportunity to assess further for possible follow-up and supports required. Early Years staff continue to offer home visits to families. These home visits range according to family needs and family set goals. Public Health Nurses are offering Baby-Friendly Initiative support, parent child attachment, assessments, resources and supports and Community Home Visitors are working with families introducing a curriculum called Growing Great Kids. We have also started intentionally re-engaging with community partners. Making connections with First Nations communities, Family Resource Centers, Maternal Child Units, Primary Health Care Collaborative practice to name a few.

The **Health Protection** team continues to stabilize as they have filled all vacancies, and now are at full complement. The team continues to mentor, educate, and support new staff that have joined the team. COVID work continues to be transitioned to the local teams and the provincial COVID response team (CRT) will sunset the end of June. Conversations are ongoing around COVID immunizations and what the program implementation will look like for the fall. We continue to work to rebuild/reestablish relationships with our partners. The staff have been working with our partners in Mental Health and Addiction around the Opioid Treatment Program (OTP), we hosted an education day for our long-term care partners and are meeting with our Primary Care colleagues. Mpox vaccine is now available to primary care providers to support their clients. The school immunization program is coming to an end for another year.

SPECIAL RESOLUTION
OF
OUR HEALTH CENTRE ASSOCIATION (the “Association”)

BE IT RESOLVED as a Special Resolution of the Association as follows:

1. **THAT** the by-laws of the Association be amended as follows:
 - a. Paragraphs 18, 25, 27, 30, 34, 38, 50 and 52 shall be amended to use gender neutral language;
 - b. Paragraphs 18, 34, 36, 37, 38 shall be amended to replace the word “President” with “Chair”
 - c. Paragraphs 18, 34, 36, and 38 shall be amended to replace the word “Vice-President” with “Vice-Chair”;
 - d. Paragraphs 18, 20 and 21 shall be amended to distinguish “Chair of the Meeting” from the role of Chair;
 - e. Paragraph 27 shall be amended to replace the term “General Manager” with “Executive Director”.

2. **THAT** all amendments to the By-laws of Our Health Centre Association as set out in this Special Resolution are shown in the attached ‘By-laws of Our Health Centre Association as Amended June 15, 2023’ and marked Appendix “A”

CERTIFICATE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Special Resolutions were passed as a Special Resolution of Our Health Centre Association held at Gold River, Nova Scotia on the 15th day of June, 2023, at which ___ members of the Association were present and at least 3/4 of those present voted in favor of the said Special Resolution.

DATED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

JENNY K. BOEHNER
Corporate Secretary

Bios for incoming OHC Association Board members
AGM June 15th 2023

Laura Mulrooney

Laura moved to Chester in 1992 with her partner Didier Julien . They ran Julien's French Bakery for thirty years and love living in Chester. They raised four children here, the last of whom is heading off to University in the fall.

Laura loves connecting people and groups and understands that a healthy,happy community has to be healthy and happy for all of its members.

Now semi-retired, Laura is happily volunteering and assists with resettling Syrian newcomers to Chester and serves as a Commissioner on the Village Commission.

Kelly McKnight

Kelly retired from the Nova Scotia Community College in 2018 where she held a number of appointments over 24 years including Director-Curriculum Development, Dean-Student Services, Senior Consultant to the NS Advisory Board on Colleges & Universities and Projects Director for the School of Health & Human Services.

Now, as a failed retiree, she provides health care education and health HR planning services via McKnight Consulting Inc. Most recently, she has returned to front line care providing immunizations in NS and the Yukon. Her hobbies include playing a lot of mediocre but enthusiastic golf at the Chester Golf Club and volunteering for the Chester Playhouse.

Dr. Drew Bethune

Dr. Bethune received his MD from Dalhousie University in 1974. Following this he did a General Surgery Residency and Masters in Experimental Surgery at McGill and a further 2 years to obtain subspecialty certification in Thoracic Surgery at the University of Chicago.

He began his surgical practice in Halifax at the VG in 1982; co-director of the surgical ICU, a member of the inaugural liver transplant team and along with this was a member of the trauma team.

He eventually became head of Thoracic Surgery and later in his career Head of the Cancer Program at the QE2. With the institution of the Provincial Cancer Program under the Nova Scotia Health Authority in 2015 he became the Senior Medical Director until his retirement in 2020. One of his particular interests during his surgical career was surgical oncology and molecular genetics of lung cancer. He was administrative director of the Atlantic Canada oncology group tasked with innovating and bringing modern molecular diagnostics to the patients of Atlantic Canada.

He has served in leadership positions in several non-profit organizations and looks forward to the opportunity to serve on the board of Our Health Center.