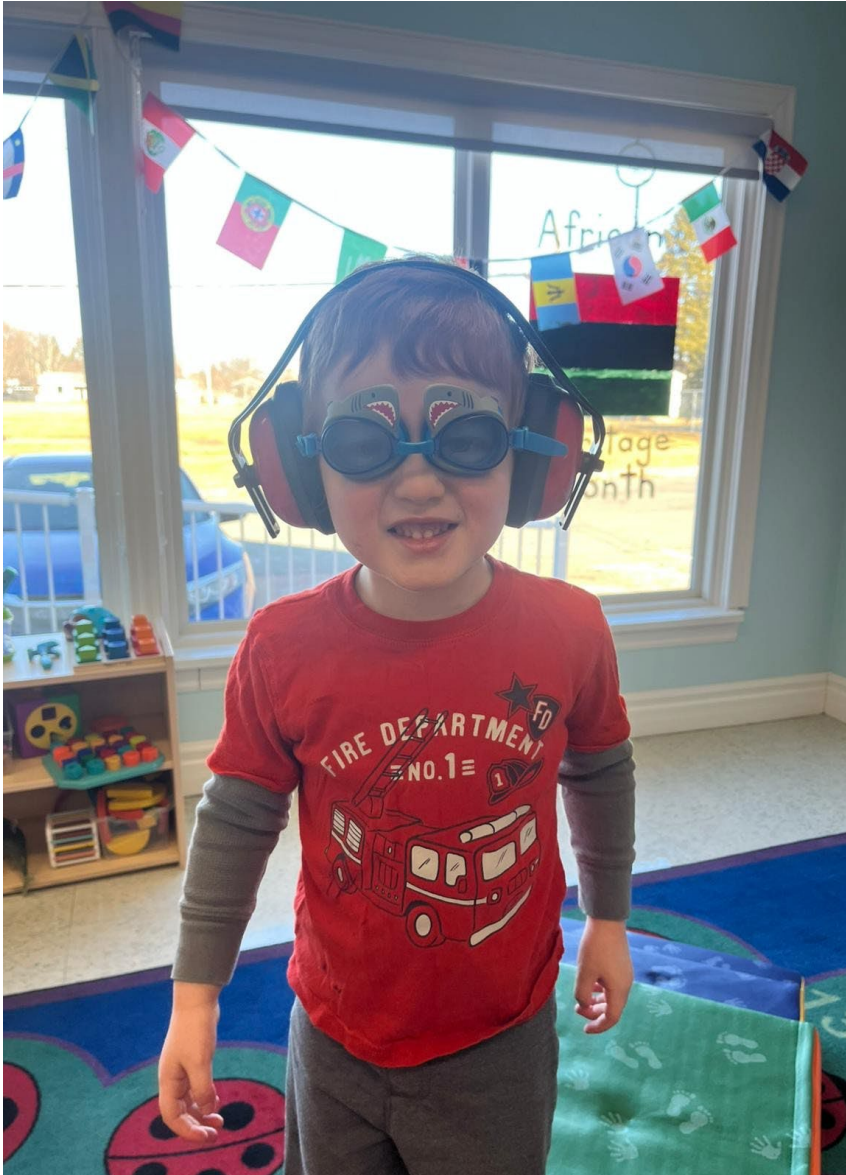




Maggie's Place A Resource Centre for Families

Annual General Meeting
2024-2025



Agenda

- Land Acknowledgment
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes of AGM, June 7, 2024
- Highlights from Board Co-Chairs & Executive Director
- Financial Report:
 - Auditor's report
 - Appointment of auditor for 2025-2026
- Nominating Committee Report
- Special Recognition
- Adjournment



Land Acknowledgment

2023-2024 AGM Minutes

Annual General Meeting Minutes Maggie's Place Colchester & Cumberland

Date: June 7, 2024	Meeting Highlights
Place: Maggie's Place - 1027 Prince St, Truro NS	1. Welcome, Roll Call & Call to Order
Time: 2:00 pm	2. Approval of Agenda
Recording Secretary: Sara McCarthy	3. Approval of June 9, 2023 AGM Minutes
	4. Co-chairs & Executive Director Reports
	5. Financial Report & Appointment of Auditor
	6. Nominating Committee Report
	7. Special Recognition
	8. Adjournment

Present:			
Dana Lavoie	Alisha Landry	Maggie Furlong	Danica Rhindress
Carol Eisner	Alyssa Estabrooks	Kayla Lowther	Paula Rideout
Carla Carey	Sheri MacDonald	Barb Hoeg	Juliana Paul
Nancy Thurston	Victoria VanDorp	Melanie Cove	Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore
Brenda Leenders	Raven Ghazzawi	Nina Stright	Melissa Blaauwendraat
Ashley Swan	Jackie Allen	Bailey Chapman	Sarah Flemming
Stephen Csontos	Vernon Hearn	Gracie Woodland	Linda Legere
Máiri House	Kim McMillan	Sarah MacMaster	Dave Ritcey
Joelle McLaughlin	Karen LeBlanc	Jodie Dejardins	Bill Mills
Beth Spinney	Sharon Gay	Jennifer Georgeff	
Nhu Y Pham	Kylie Atkinson-Hand	Sara McCarthy	
Cassandra Sharp	Kate McNeil	Alexa McLeod	

Regrets: Michelle Lowther, Allie Colp, Amanda Dynes, Christina Lycan, Pascate Cruz, Sammy Downey, Effie Weatherbee, Carolyn D'Entremont, Heather Nichols, Brandy McLeod, Alicia McInnis, April Dares, Kesha Harrison, Emily Duguay, Amy Herring, Marie McCully Collier, Judy Mackenzie

1. Welcome
Paula Rideout welcomed everyone to the 2024 Annual General Meeting and began by acknowledging that we are in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. She also recognized the more than 50 African Nova Scotian communities that have endured, and continue to endure, systemic racism and inequities across the province.

Roll Call of Board Members & Call to Order
Paula made a roll call of Board members attending. Quorum was present and the meeting was called to order.

2. Review & Approval of AGM Agenda

Motion: To accept the Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented.

Moved by: Juliana Paul
Seconded by: Danica Rhindress

Motion Carried

3. Review and Approval of June 9, 2023 AGM Minutes

Motion: To accept the minutes of the Annual General Meeting from June 9, 2023 as presented.

Moved by: Alexa McLeod
Seconded by: Melissa Blaauwendraat

Motion Carried

4. Board of Directors Co-Chairs & Executive Directors' Reports

- Paula Rideout thanked Nancy Thurston on behalf of the Board for stepping into Linda's role in Colchester.
- Sarah MacMaster and Nancy Thurston presented the Executive Director reports. They highlighted several key developments over the past year, including activities at the new sites in Wentworth and Portapique, ongoing work through the Community Collaborative Food Network, the continued roles of the Cultural Connector and Family Navigator positions, improvements to the pension plan, and upcoming plans to repair the roof at the Truro Centre.
- 2023-2024 statistics for the centres were shared.

5. Financial Report
Ryan Beazley presented the Auditor's Report for 2023-2024.

- The increase in amortization of capital assets in the Colchester statement of cash flows was because this was the first full year of owning the building.
- Professional fees increased due to new funding streams and deferred funds, which supported a much-needed policy overhaul at both centres.
- Furniture and equipment funds (laptops and shed purchases for the Mental Health Promotion Project) do not need to be recorded as capital assets, since the items will be donated back to the community once the project is finished.
- Health benefit expenses have increased due to staff retention initiatives, as more staff now qualify for the program.
- Deferred revenues occur because some programs take place in a different year than when the funding is received. The auditor was provided with all the relevant agreements and contracts as requested.

Motion: To accept the 2023-2024 Auditor's Report as presented.

Moved by: Alexa McLeod
Seconded by: Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore

Motion Carried

Appointment of Auditor for 2024-2025 fiscal year

Motion: To accept Jorgensen Bickerton as Auditor for 2024-2025.

Moved by: Ryan Beazley
Seconded by: Sara McCarthy

Motion Carried

6. Nominating Committee Report
Sara McCarthy presented the Nominating Committee Report for Colchester and Cumberland. No nominations were received when opened to the floor.

Motion: To accept the nominations to the Board as presented.

Moved by: Danica Rhindress
Seconded by: Juliana Paul

Motion Carried

7. Special Recognition

- Thanks to retiring Board Members Paula Rideout (who has been a member for 22 years), Michelle Lowther (board member since 2017), Allie Colp (board member since 2020), and Amanda Dynes (board member since 2022).
- Congratulations to Sarah MacMaster and Carla Carey who celebrated their 20th Anniversary with Maggie's Place and received long-term service awards.
- Special recognition to Staff from both counties, Volunteers and Students, Community Partners, and Donors and Funders. Thank you.

8. Adjournment
Paula Rideout officially closed the 2023–2024 AGM and thanked everyone for their participation.

Following the AGM, a brief meeting was held for Board Members.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara McCarthy
Secretary-Treasurer

Co-Chair Report

Maggie's Place 2024-2025 AGM Co-Chair's Report

Special Recognitions:

- Firstly, on behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to extend a huge amount of gratitude to Sarah MacMaster for her continued dedication as our Executive Director of Maggie's Place. Her hard work and consistent communication with the board of directors is very much appreciated, and largely factors into the success of our organization and our board. Particularly in this past year while navigating many restructuring changes and obstacles. Thank you, Sarah!
- As Co-Chair I would like to thank all of our board members for your hard work in fundraising, attending meetings, retreats, and general communication. Volunteers such as yourselves are the reason we are able to make Maggie's Place happen and provide to our communities. So, thank you to everyone!
- Lastly, I would like to extend thanks to all of our Maggie's Place Staff, in Amherst, Wentworth, Portapique, and Truro. All of your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated by our board of directors and we are so lucky to have you facilitating, planning and executing such wonderful programs and resources to our communities. Thank you all!

Highlights from this year:

- Restructured to our new model consisting of one ED (Sarah MacMaster) for both our Cumberland and Colchester locations.
- Participated in a Fundamentals of Board Governance Retreat at the Debert Hospitality Centre, facilitated by Jennifer Georgeff.
- Updated Board of Directors Signature requirements succession plan.
- Maggie's Place Board of Directors participated in Diversity Training Seminar hosted by Angela Simmons during our May Board Meeting.
- Recruited two new members to our Board of Directors in Cumberland.

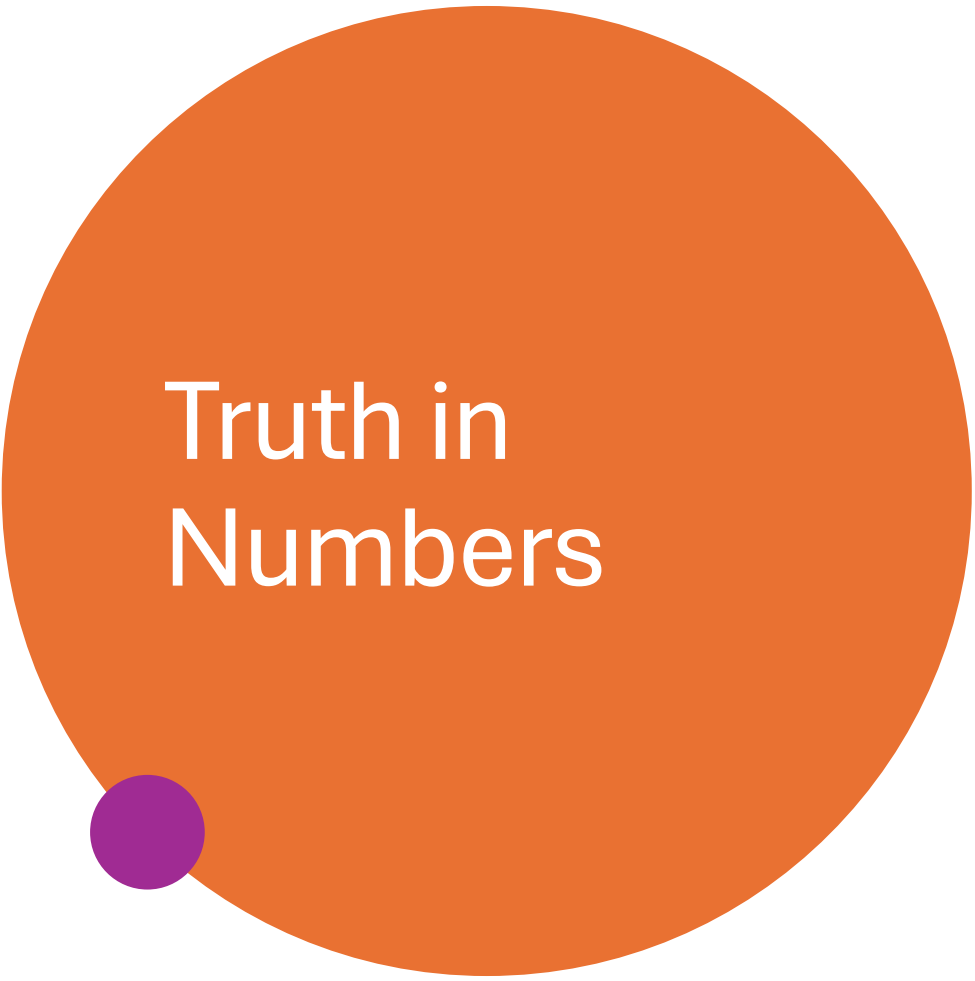
Closing Remarks:

- This year, we accepted resignation from the board of directors for our other Co-Chair Pascale Cruz in Colchester and will be reviewing restructuring the board in that regard in the coming months.
- The Board of Directors Completed a self-review for the 2024-2025 year.
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Danica Rhindress,
Maggie's Place Board of Directors Co-Chair.

Executive Director Highlights

- Funding for the Mental Health Promotion Project – opened new sites in Wentworth and Portaupique. Staff hired for project.
- Started the Community Collaborative Food Network project in Cumberland.
- Cumberland was approved for the Cultural Connector Initiative set to start in fall 2024.
- Pension Plan Approved for Implementation June 1st as part of the Recruitment and Retention Strategy.
- Linda Legere Retired, a replacement was hired and has since resigned. Nancy Thurston has stepped up as Interim Executive Director during this time of transition.
- Building maintenance due to damage to the Colchester Building has been a focus of Nancy's energy recently with replacing a damaged tree with a gazebo in the play area and damage to the roof leading to water damage.
- New Youth Outreach Worker position.
- Integrated Youth Services Announcement for Cumberland.
- Family Navigator position for Colchester funded for one year by United Way.



Truth in Numbers

During the 2024-2025 fiscal year together we

- Served 2037 different children/youth.
- Served 1257 different adults.
- Offered 170 different programs, workshops and services.
- Provided Home Visiting to 50 families, 62 adults, 162 children for a total of 702 visits.
- Inspected & Installed 138 car seats.
- Over 4000 meal kits/food bags distributed.
- Worked with over 70 different community partners.



A Year in Pictures



Community Dinners





Wentworth Site



Cooking Programs



Garden Club

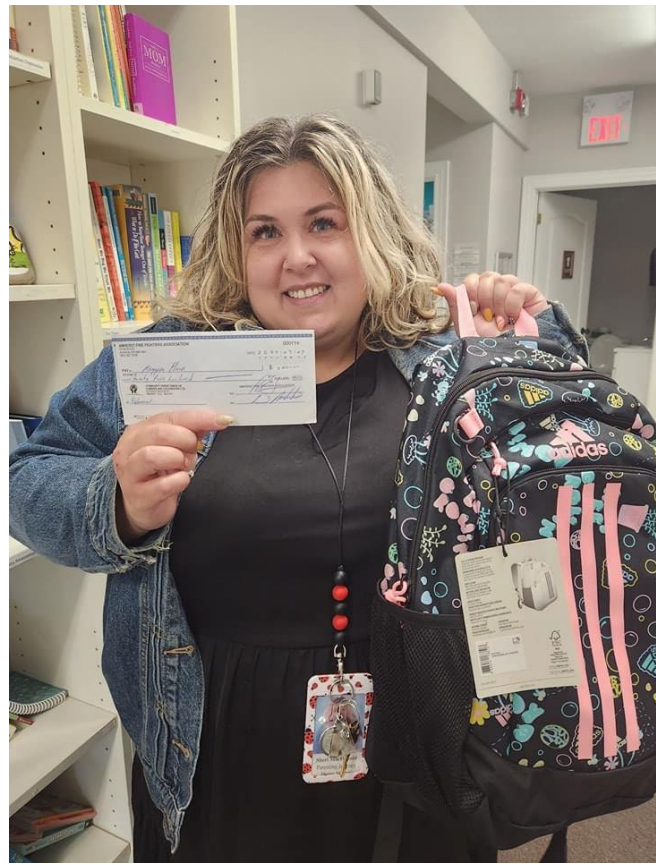


Early Years Screening Pugwash



Wilderness Club





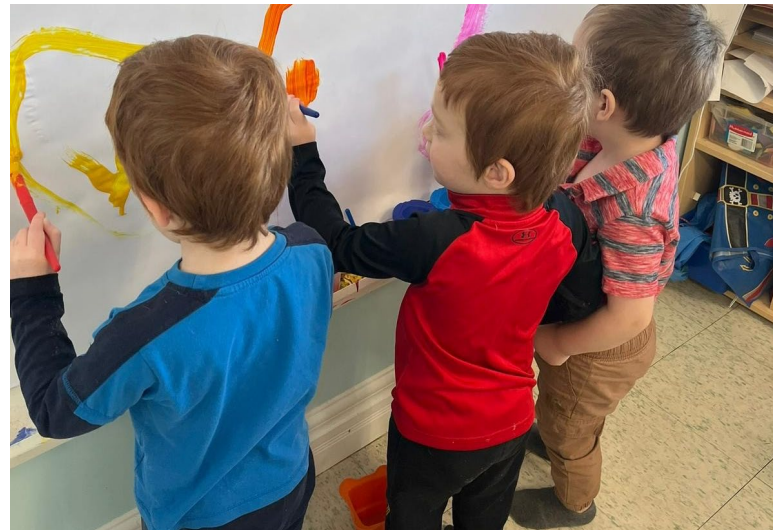
Food Supports & School Supplies



Walk & Talk



Holiday Fun



Playgroup



Playgroup

After School Programming





Cumberland Staff



Colchester Staff



Awareness and
Advocacy

Parenting Classes with Tasty Food





Prenatal & Postnatal



A Place to Belong



Youth Outreach



Community Events

Car Seat Safety Checks





Pride!



Funders & Donations

Celebrating 30 Years

- Razzmatazz also performed at our 20-year celebration, hoping we will see them again when we celebrate 40 years of Maggie's Place



Financial Report

Audit

Appointment of Auditor

Board Nominations for 2025-2026

Parent Representatives

Colchester

Melissa Blaauwendraat

Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore

Christina Lycan

Cumberland

Sara McCarthy

Danica Rhindress

Community Representatives

Colchester

Juliana Paul

Ryan Beazley

Cumberland

Alexa MacLeod

Janine DeWitt

Katherin Tuttle

Special Recognition

Thank you, volunteers & students!

Cumberlnad:

Sophie Mack, Trinity Speigh, Maggie Furlong , Kayla Lowther

Ben McLellan, Sophie Mazur, Kaylin Atkinson & Debbie Patterson

Colchester:

Hannah, Olivia, Cassie, Emily, Ashley, Kari, Mairi & baby, Allison,
Jessica, Gem, Monica, Laura

- Members of the Board of Directors



Thanks to our partners!

Public Health Services, NS Health

Cumberland Restorative Justice Society

Schools Plus

Department of Opportunities and Social Development

Cumberland Public Libraries

Colchester-East Hants Public Libraries

Eat Local Cumberland

YREACH

Atlantic Superstore / Sobeys / Giant Tiger

Community Health Boards

Truro, Tatamagouche, Portauisque & Pugwash Farmer's Markets

Victim Services

CEC, Acadia, ARHS, St FX University, OREC

YMCA of Cumberland Community Development

Cumberland Homelessness & Housing Support Assoc.

Cumberland Adult Network for Upgrading

Autism Nova Scotia

Inclusion Nova Scotia

Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education

Colchester East Hants Health Centre

Town of Amherst

Community Centres/Fire Halls/Churches

Autumn House / New Directions/Lilac Place

United Way of Colchester & Cumberland

Amherst Police /Cumberland RCMP

Mental Health & Addictions

Bridges Institute

Amherst & Colchester Food Banks

Sexual Health Centre for Cumberland Co

Colchester Sexual Assault Centre

Community Doulas

Wentworth Learning Centre

Cloth 4 a Cause NS

Municipality of Cumberland

Municipality of Colchester

Town of Oxford

Victims Services

Truro Housing Outreach Society

Souls Harbour Mission

River Hebert Community Centre

Cumberland PRIDE

Cumberland Multicultural Association

Creative Pathways

Portauisque Community Centre

Nova Scotia Community College

Joggins Fossil Centre

IWK Child Safety Link

Fundy Geological Museum

CANSA / Nova Scotia Works

In the Works

Anchor Youth Space Cumberland

Canadian Mental Health Association

Truro Welcome Network

HIPPY

Lotus Centre

FutureWorx

Big Brothers Big Sisters

Third Place Transition House

Truro PRIDE Society

Northern Healthy Connections

NS Health Grief & Breavement



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Colchester County

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COLCHESTER &
CUMBERLAND COUNTIES

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