



Welcome to our Annual General Meeting

April 1, 2019 – March 31, 2020



# AGENDA

1. Welcome / Call to Order / Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes of AGM, June 14, 2019
4. Report from the Co-Chairs and Executive Directors
5. Financial Report
  - Auditor's Report
  - Appointment of Auditor for 2020-21
6. Nominating Committee Report
7. Recognition
8. Adjournment

# AGM Minutes, June 14, 2019



## Annual General Meeting Minutes Maggie's Place Colchester and Cumberland

Date: June 14, 2019  
Place: Amherst, NS  
Time: 2:00-4:00 pm

Recording Secretary: Barb Hoeg

### Guests in Attendance:

- Cindy Smith
- Ethel (Cindy's Mom)
- Marie McCully Collier
- Bea Buckland (DCS)
- Nicole Inamura (PHAC)
- Angela Best (NS Health)
- Dave March (United Way)
- Chantelle Taylor (Public Library)

### Meeting Highlights

- Welcome/Call to Order/Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of June 8, 2018 AGM Minutes
- Board of Director's Co-Chairs' Report
- Highlights of the Past Year – Cumberland & Colchester
- Financial Report
  - Auditor's Report
  - Appointment of Auditor for 2019-2020
- Nominating Committee Report
- Presentations
- Adjournment of meeting

Present:

Michelle Louthier,	Elizabeth Smith	Jordan Atkinson	Samantha Conte
Brenda Leanders	Lyndra Fahey	Kate McNeil	Heaven Son
Jana Bowes	Chantelle Taylor	Sharon Gay	
Lynday Best	Paula Rideout	Nicole Inamura	Paula Fajon
Beth Spinney	Katelyn Vancick	Nicole Gairns	Angela Best
Michelle Berry	Jennifer Furlong	Charlotte Ferguson	Linda Legere
Sarah MacMaster	Lynda Marsh	Barb Hoeg	Donna Farrell
Effie Weatherbee	Sarah Ruchton	Bea Buckland	Bill Schurman
Dave March	Carolyn d'Entremont	Michelle Rigby	Ethel McInnis
Cindie Smith	Karen LeBlanc	Janelle Tattire	Sheri MacDonald
Sarah Payne	Marie McCully Collier	Carol Eimer	Nancy Thurston
Carla Casey	Nathalie Deveau	Pascale Cruz	Alexa Bishop
Blair Carter (Phone)			

Regrets:

Michelle Harrison	Tom Wood	Trina Clark	Kim Wood
Kim Blackburn	Mandy Moore	Amy Redmond	Lana Taylor
Sharon Mowatt-Denmore	Amy Herring	Suzanne Totten	Melanie Cove
Vicki Weaver	Marilyn Bruce		

1. Welcome  
Paula welcomed the Board members, guests and staff to our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary AGM. Special guests in attendance: Cindie Smith, Ethel (Cindie's Mom), Marie McCully Collier, Bea Buckland and Nicole Inamura, Angela Best, Dave March and Chantelle Taylor.

2. Call To Order  
Paula called the June 14, 2019 Annual General meeting to order.
3. Roll Call  
Paula did a Roll call. We have Quorum with Blair Carter present by phone.
4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: To approve Annual General Meeting agenda as presented.

Moved by: Nathalie Deveau  
Seconded by: Michelle Louthier

Motion carried.

5. Approval of June 8, 2018 AGM meeting minutes

Motion: To approve minutes from June 8, 2018 Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Michelle Louthier  
Seconded by: Lynda Marsh

Motion carried

6. Board of Directors Co-Chairs' Report - see attached  
Paula gave highlights of Co-Chair's report.
7. Highlights of the Past Year – Cumberland & Colchester
  - Reviewing strategic plan
  - Annual Agenda – Health & Dental Benefits for staff
  - Co-funders were thanked for volunteering their facilities and staff
  - Thank you to Maggie's Place staff and Maggie's Place Board
  - Cindie Smith spoke regarding the creation of Maggie's Place and how Maggie's Place is a memorial for her daughter Maggie.
  - Cindie spoke of how Maggie's Place is spoken with love in the community.

8. Financial Report  
Effie presented the Auditor's Report on behalf of Jorgensen & Bickerton.

Motion: To accept the Auditor's Report as presented  
Moved by: Michelle Lowther  
Seconded by: Lynda Marsh

Motion Carried

Motion: To appoint Jorgensen & Bickerton Auditor for 2018-2019.  
Moved by: Nathalie Deveau  
Seconded by: Michelle Lowther

Motion Carried

9. Nominating Committee Report  
- Nominating reports for Colchester and Cumberland were presented.

Motion: To accept the nominations as presented.  
Moved by: Nathalie Deveau  
Seconded by: Michelle Lowther

Motion Carried.

#### 10. Presentations

The Executive Directors of each centre presented our major funders with certificates of appreciation.

- Nicole Inamura - PHAC
- Bea Buckland - DCS
- Angela Best - NS Health
- Dave March - United Way
- Chantelle Taylor - Public Library

Nicole Inamura presented Barb Hoeg with a PHAC Recognition Award for celebrating 25 years with Maggie's Place Cumberland.

Sarah and Linda presented staff from both Centres gifts for all their hard work this year.

Nancy Thurston and Janelle Tattrie presented Linda and Sarah with gifts from staff in appreciation for all their hard work and support this year.

Motion: To adjourn Maggie's Place Annual General Meeting.

Moved by: Michelle Lowther  
Seconded by: Nathalie Deveau

#### 11. Adjournment of Meeting

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Barb Hoeg  
Recording Secretary

# A Message from Our Board Co-Chairs & Executive Directors

It was another busy year of programs and growth for the organization. The year began by celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There were special events held throughout the year, including recognizing our long-time funders and community partners at last year's AGM. Other special events included a \$25 for 25 Years Campaign and a newspaper story on the history of Maggie's Place, highlighting our special "Maggie". At this time, we would like to acknowledge that today is Maggie's birthday.

The Board held a retreat in November at The Peg in Masstown. The strategic plan was reviewed and it was agreed that all items were achieved to our satisfaction, and a new strategic plan will be initiated in the near future. One of the other work items for the day included reviewing the mission statement. The final approved Mission Statement became effective in January 2020:

***"Maggie's Place strives to strengthen the health and social development of children and families within their communities."***

Other key events over the year included the addition of an Employee Health Benefits Program and an Employee Assistance Program for staff. This has been of great value to staff, especially during the stressful time of the pandemic.

And, of course, the year ended abruptly due to COVID, and programs were put on hold and both centres closed to the public in March. It has been a challenging time for everyone, and we want to applaud the staff for finding new and creative ways to stay connected to families.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank our funders, donors, community partners and volunteers who have supported us throughout the year.

Paula Rideout  
Co-Chair Cumberland

Pascale Cruz  
Co-Chair Colchester

Sarah MacMaster  
Executive Director Cumberland

Linda Legere  
Executive Director Colchester





# Celebrating 25 Years

Truro News,  
July 2019

## COMMUNITY SERVICE Remembering Maggie

Maggie's Place celebrates  
25 years in the community

TRURO, N.S. — Maggie's Place has helped a lot of people over the years, including the family of the child whose name it shares.

"It's been a cool in our history," said Cindy Smith. "It keeps her memory alive."

Margaret Colleen Elizabeth Cox (Maggie) was born June 12, 1989 with cerebral-ovoid-facio-skeletal syndrome. It took a while before doctors could identify it. The condition is so rare that only one other living child was known to have it. She had a rounded spine, respiratory problems, couldn't fully straighten her legs, and didn't want to eat. She needed surgery for cataracts and wore pink-framed glasses. Mentally, she never progressed beyond what is expected for a four-month-old child. Her top weight was 10 pounds.

Although her life expectancy was estimated at two months, she lived until she was almost five years old, dying April 24, 1994.

Smith was part of the proposal committee seeking funds for a family resource centre through the Canada Action Plan for Children. The project was first called Brighter Futures.

"In January 1994 we found out our proposal had been approved," recalled Smith. "By this time Maggie had given every indication her life was coming to an end. She was weaker, sleeping more and had less interaction with people. A couple of days after her death, the proposal committee asked for a permanent name."

"When she was approached about using Maggie's name, she was touched and grateful."

"Years ago, I never thought about the risk of allowing my child's name to be connected to it if things turned out badly as I had, at that time, no idea of the significance the place would have in our community," she said. "I could not be more proud of the work they do and the reputation they have established. It comes down to excellent staff with good intentions and good hearts."

"One thing that has always pleased and inspired me is that they've always shown a great deal of respect for Maggie and our family."



Maggie Cox was born with a rare condition that resulted in several health issues. Although her life expectancy was two months, the spirited little girl lived to be almost five years old.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

### MAGGIE'S PLACE

The first Truro location for Maggie's Place was on Arthur Street. After 19 years, it was relocated to newer, and more accessible space at 1027 Prince Street.

Chad Gray was the executive director for the first seven years and Linda Legere has held the position since then.

The Annsboro location was first situated at LaPlante Street, moving to 11 Elmwood Drive in 2008. Carolyn D'Eustrom served as executive director until two years ago, when Sarah MacLennan moved into the role.

Both centres also provide outreach programs in smaller communities. For more information, visit Maggie's Place online at <http://maggies-place.ca>.

Maggie's sister Emily is now 30, and a nurse teacher in Ontario.

Maggie's Place has centres in Truro and Annsboro and is celebrating 25 years of supporting families.

## The Ladybug story

CINDIE SMITH

On April 24, 1994 my younger daughter Maggie died.

We had known for quite some time that she would be very young — she was almost five years old. But her passing was at home, peaceful, and surrounded by those who loved her.

My older daughter, Emily, was at the fragile age of 13 when her precious little sister had died. She had waited a long time for a baby sister and it just hurt so much that she was gone. It was almost more than she could bear.

We were at Maggie's funeral and the church was full of loving, caring people. I was touched that they all took the time to come and support us. But my attention couldn't linger on all of these kind hearts.

My concern was for Emily. She was sitting quietly between her father and I. The funeral bulletin was in her lap, and her head was lowered, still not comfortable with crying in front of strangers.

She was becoming visibly stressed. Her body was stiff and the struggle was evident at a glance. If she had a broken

heart, I could take her to the hospital. If she had a fever, I could give her some medicine and a cool bath. But there was nothing I could do about the pain she was enduring now. Nothing but hold her in my arms and hang on tight.

I have a faint memory that the words from the clergy were kind and the music was beautiful. But Emily didn't find comfort in this. I was becoming concerned that the buildup of emotion and stress would be more than she could stand. She was sobbing to try to release it, but she couldn't get it all out fast enough. She was visibly struggling and I was becoming more worried for her.

I was about to tell her that it would be OK if we went outside for a while, when from under the bulletin in her lap came a ladybug. Emily nudged me and pointed to it, smiling and smiling, and pronounced, "Look Mom, it's Maggie!" Emily used her hands to guard that our little ladybug didn't fall off the edge. After she had fully explored the page and relieved some of Emily's tension, she lifted her spotted shell and spread her wings. She flew

around our faces for just a moment and then flew off.

After the funeral we drove to the Robie Street Cemetery where Maggie would be buried next to her great-grandfather. Emily was tucked under my right arm. I could feel her body growing more rigid as she tried to pour out all of her sorrow. Again, just as I was about to suggest that we took a little walk to calm her, the ladybug appeared from the flowers on top of Maggie's little pink coffin. Emily managed a smile and her stress was instantaneously eased. The ladybug flew around our faces for just a moment before disappearing.

We were so moved by the presence of the ladybug and so grateful for all that she brought to us that day, we had one engraved on Maggie's headstone. Just like the ladybug on the bulletin in the church.

Maggie had explored all she wanted to of this world and when she was finished, she flew away.

But while she was here, she reminded us that all children bring their own special gifts and challenges. It is up to us to accept and appreciate them for who they are.

## No judgment, just help

Maggie's Place plays a big part in life  
of Manganese Mines woman and her children

LYNN CURWIN  
TRURO NEWS

TRURO, N.S. — Ashley Swan was a 16-year-old girl with a two-week-old baby when she discovered Maggie's Place.

"I was breastfeeding and had questions and a community support meeting with Linda Smith ended at Maggie's Place," she said.

"I ended up joining a few parenting programs. Debbie was high needs and they gave me a lot of support, and information on where to access things."

She and her son took part in baby-care programs and play groups.

"I learned about nutrition and cooking. Before that, I never thought I would make my own baby food."

Swan also took a course in emergency first aid for children.

All four of her children, who range in age from six to 15, at-



Ashley Swan gained valuable knowledge and support when she began taking part in programs at Maggie's Place several years ago. LYNN CURWIN/TRURO NEWS

ended programs and the youngest still takes part during the summer.

"I was a stay-at-home mom and this was their place to socialize before they went to school," she said. "The kids were excited when they came here."

"There's a nice atmosphere and the people aren't judgmental."



Ashley Swan and her daughter Manganese take part in programs at Maggie's Place, the centre. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

"There's so much information and support and it's open for everybody."

Swan now comes in from her home in Manganese Mines to volunteer at the centre a couple of days a week, and might be found at front reception, sorting items or providing people with valuable information.



# 2019-2020 Board of Directors

## Cumberland County

- ▶ Paula Rideout, Co-Chair
- ▶ Michelle Lowther, Community Rep
- ▶ Nathalie Deveaux, Community Rep
- ▶ Craig Blackman, Community Rep
- ▶ Lisa Allen, Parent Rep
- ▶ Krystal Smith, Parent Rep
- ▶ HeeYeon Son, Parent Rep

## Colchester County

- ▶ Pascale Cruz, Co-Chair
- ▶ Lynda March, Secretary/Treasurer
- ▶ Lana Taylor, Community Rep
- ▶ Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore, Community Rep
- ▶ Blair Carter, Community Rep
- ▶ Mandy Moore, Parent Rep
- ▶ Amy Redmond, Parent Rep



# Staff Team 2019-2020

- ▶ Executive Directors: Sarah MacMaster & Linda Legere
- ▶ Administrative/Office Staff: Barb Hoeg, Carla Carey & Jocelyn Gouchie
- ▶ Program Supervisors: Heather Matthews & Nancy Thurston
- ▶ Pre/Postnatal Program Staff: Kate McNeil-Verge & Brenda Leenders
- ▶ Program Coordinators: Karen LeBlanc & Beth Spinney
- ▶ Early Years/Youth Staff: Janelle Tattrie, Melanie Cove, Kesha Harrison, Sharon Gay, Amy Dunphy, Suzanne Totten, Ashley Swan, Liandra Fahey
  
- ▶ Family Support Counsellor: Jena Bowes
- ▶ Parenting Journey Staff: Sheri MacDonald & Carol Eisner
- ▶ Summer Students (2019): Jordan Atkinson, Nicole Bristol & Madison Bennett





# Statistics from the 2019-2020 Year

Maggie's Place served **1939** different adults and **2330** different children/youth!

**13,532** Total visits by Children & Youth

**8603** Total visits by Adults

**136** Different Programs and/or Workshops Offered

**44** Parenting Journey Families and **440** visits

**75** Car Seat Installations

**38** Partnering Agencies

**And much more!!**









# Financial Report – April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020

## MAGGIE'S PLACE - A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR FAMILIES ASSOCIATION

### Cumberland Revenue and Expenses

(Schedule 1)

Year Ended March 31, 2020

	2020	2019
<b>REVENUE</b>		
CAPC Grant	\$ 117,500	\$ 117,500
Other Grants	429,810	423,237
Sundry	2,113	18,495
Donations	5,134	5,923
Interest	2,662	1,708
	<u>557,219</u>	<u>566,863</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising	145	1,740
Amortization	2,813	3,105
Board expense	2,019	1,336
Evaluation	7,954	-
Insurance	2,546	2,534
Interest and bank charges	1,157	1,059
Memberships/Honorariums	1,973	996
Miscellaneous	80	2,590
Office	5,865	4,723
Professional fees	3,650	3,743
Program supplies	44,242	37,876
Rent	25,020	26,247
Repairs and maintenance	10,041	10,846
Salaries and benefits	417,903	445,858
Telephone	3,923	4,356
Training	3,442	3,757
Travel	15,720	14,422
	<u>548,493</u>	<u>565,188</u>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ 8,726</u>	<u>\$ 1,675</u>



**MAGGIE'S PLACE - A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR FAMILIES ASSOCIATION****Colchester Revenue and Expenses****(Schedule 2)****Year Ended March 31, 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>REVENUE</b>		
CAPC Grant	\$ 117,500	\$ 117,500
Other Grants	224,307	205,499
Donations	26,120	30,500
Renovation fund	-	6,945
Sundry	6,896	11,060
Rent	16,140	30,210
	<u>390,963</u>	<u>401,714</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising	547	3,326
Amortization	5,669	14,741
Evaluation	81	946
Insurance	3,213	3,144
Honoraria - Other Grants	820	1,220
Miscellaneous	2,446	3,475
Office	6,070	7,813
Professional fees	3,010	3,010
Program supplies	12,150	14,786
Rent	47,653	46,818
Repairs and maintenance	9,157	8,481
Salaries and benefits	283,913	281,480
Telephone	5,165	4,803
Travel and training	10,462	11,864
Utilities	7,022	5,926
	<u>397,378</u>	<u>411,833</u>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ (6,415)</u>	<u>\$ (10,119)</u>

**MAGGIE'S PLACE - A RESOURCE CENTRE FOR FAMILIES ASSOCIATION**

**Cumberland Prenatal Nutrition Program Revenue and Expenses (Schedule 3)**

**Year Ended March 31, 2020**

	2020	2019
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Grant - CPNP	\$ 70,380	\$ 70,380
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising	37	335
Amortization	142	142
Board expense	411	324
Insurance	604	608
Office	297	928
Memberships/Honorariums	839	-
Professional fees	869	772
Rent	4,176	3,666
Repairs and maintenance	1,642	1,965
Salaries and benefits	44,000	44,000
Supplies	12,723	12,463
Telephone	557	744
Training	945	675
Travel	3,280	3,900
	<u>70,522</u>	<u>70,522</u>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF EXPENSES OVER REVENUE</b>	<u>\$ (142)</u>	<u>\$ (142)</u>



# Colchester Nominating Committee Report

The Colchester Nominating Committee presents the following names for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Maggie's Place – A Resource Centre for Families Association on June 12, 2020.

## Parent Representatives:

- ▶ 1. Shaunna Mowatt-Densmore
- ▶ 2. Vacant
- ▶ 3. Vacant

## Community Representatives:

- ▶ 1. Lana Taylor
- ▶ 2. Lynda Marsh
- ▶ 3. Blair Carter
- ▶ 4. Pascale Cruz

## Ex Officio:

- ▶ Linda Legere, Executive Director, Maggie's Place- Colchester

Respectfully Submitted, Blair Carter, Colchester Nominating Committee



# Cumberland Nominating Committee Report

The Cumberland Nominating Committee presents the following names for consideration at the Annual General Meeting of Maggie's Place – A Resource Centre for Families Association on June 12, 2020.

## Parent Representatives:

- ▶ 1. Krystal Smith
- ▶ 2. HeeYeon Son
- ▶ 3. Vacant

## Community Representatives:

- ▶ 1. Paula Rideout
- ▶ 2. Michelle Lowther
- ▶ 3. Nathalie Deveaux
- ▶ 4. Craig Blackman

## Ex Officio:

- ▶ Sarah MacMaster, Executive Director, Maggie's Place-Cumberland

Respectfully Submitted, Lisa Allen, Cumberland Nominating Committee



# Thank you to our Retiring Board Members



**Thank you for joining us.**



*"because being a parent is the finest, most important work you'll ever do."*

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