

Board Highlights



Highlights from the regular meetings of Northwood's Board of Governors

September 2015

Board Members:

Peter Wilde, Chair
David Perrier, Vice Chair
Rhonda Church
Doug Clarke
Patrick Flinn
Jerome Grady
Sandra Hennigar
Akbar Khan
Susan Kirkland
Sheldon Lipkus
David Morrison
Michael Sherar
Dianne Swinemar

Our Vision

People living life to the fullest, flourishing in a community of belonging, dignity and choice.

Our Mission

As a leader in continuing care, we build meaningful relationships with our clients everyday and make a positive difference in the communities we serve.

Our Core Values

*People Come First
Everyone Plays a Part
We Promote Social Justice
We are All Accountable
We can Always Do Better*

Highlights from the Northwood Board of Governors, meeting held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 5:00 pm in the Penthouse, Edward L. Roach Centre for Living, Halifax.

Board Learning and Development: Infection Control Program

Ms. Ryan provided an overview of the corporate Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) program led by Kelly Cameron. Infection Control was identified as a red flag during our Accreditation. The Board was seeking an update on our program and the ongoing planning to respond to recommendations from Accreditation Canada. Members discussed opportunities to increase the vaccination of residents and staff for the Flu and Pneumovax vaccines.

CEO Report

Janet Simm reported that she and Peter Wilde have been invited to attend a meeting with the Shoreham Village Board in September to discuss conceptual approaches to the partnership as we formally begin the process of establishing a contract.

This type of partnership will allow Northwood to gain a leadership role and spread our fixed costs

There has been ongoing discussion over the summer with NS Housing and CMHC to explore financial supports for the development of Bedford West lands. It is anticipated that a high level conceptual plan will be presented at the October Board meeting.

BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Efforts are underway to schedule a joint meeting with Foundation Board representatives and the Executive Committee.

Executive Committee discussed feedback received regarding financial reporting at the AGM. It was suggested that we change our future reporting to become more transparent.

The Executive Committee has identified two potential advocacy topics. One will deal with opportunities to eliminate the 9 remaining three bed bedrooms; the other topic is working with the Shoreham Village Board regarding a replacement facility.

The Board is hosting a Fall Board Retreat in November.

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H.R. Committee

Patrick Flinn, reporting for the HR Committee, noted that the individual Governor survey will be conducted in November/December. This document will verify Members' intentions to continue to serve.

There was full compliance in the completion of the peer review process on six members. The H.R. Committee agreed that the process was effective and it will continue with the remaining Members in Spring of 2016.

Finance and Audit Committee

Peter Wilde reported that the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the First Quarter Consolidated Financial Results and Projection for Fiscal Year. Reinhard Jerabek commented Northwood projects show steady performance. The Foundation achieved a budgeted surplus and unbudgeted bequests.