

Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society Annual General Meeting

Chair of the Board of Director's Report

To the Members of the Cole Harbour Rural Heritage Society

As you will see in the financial reports, we have continued to have success completing projects and remaining on the positive side of our balance sheet. We held a successful fundraiser that celebrated *Our Heritage* and are looking forward to continuing our pursuit of new fundraising ideas that align with our mission. We are continuing partnering with other organizations and utilizing our members to get involved in our fundraising. More information on our fundraisers both past and future can be found our social media and our website.

This year we were awarded The John Bragg Award. This award is helping us complete the installation of an outdoor classroom and art installation along the Farm Walk, inspired by Rosemary Eaton's passion and advocacy for wetlands in Cole Harbour. This project will be completed this year so please come check out this exciting addition to our offerings.

Like many others we were forced to make repairs due to the storms experienced by the province last summer, we experienced a power surge that required extensive repairs. This combined with our regular maintenance efforts allowed us to keep the farm running smoothly. We were also able to reroof the Meeting House and are planning to complete more work there more details of these and other projects will be referenced in other reports this evening,

The Society continues to work and build on the successes of recent years, thanks in part to our staff, our active and committed members and our volunteers.

This is my first year serving as Chair. I am going to re-offer for the role in the coming year as I am looking forward to learning more about the operations of the society. Until I joined the board I only thought of a museum as the exhibits, I have really grown to appreciate the importance of . The combined education and workshop component help grow our repeat business.

I hope anyone interested in the Society will reach out for a conversation about past or upcoming projects, any of the reports provide this evening, volunteer opportunities, or anything else farm or Society related.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Stewart, Chair

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