



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 2023**  
**SPCA St. John's, NL**  
**Foran Room: City Hall**  
**JUNE 18, 2024**

The meeting convened at 7:04 pm.

In Attendance:

Directors:

Ray Piercey, Bob Noseworthy, Kim Andrews, Amanda Buis, Carolyn Hickey, Glenda Howse, Kevin Fleming, Chris Loomis, Lisa Inder, Metzi Prince, Heidi Peddle

Regrets:

Lynn Evans & Karen Mahoney (Executive Director)

Attendees:

Dale Noseworthy, Morgan Quinton, Sarah Kendall, Heather Howse, Barb Russell, Natasha Reddigen, Sandra Piercey, Loretta Evans, Rita Perchard, Juanita Strowbridge, Roy Sandland, Sylvia & Bill (Via Phone) and Melanie Tucker (Via Phone).

**AGENDA**



Metzi motioned to accept the Agenda & seconded with amendment by Dale.

Call to vote on the Motion for Agenda.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried & accepted by all to approve the agenda with the amendment as presented.

So moved.

## **WELCOME**

Amanda welcomed everyone to the AGM for the 2023 year of the SPCA St. John's. The Board of Directors introduced themselves to those present at the AGM.

"Good evening, everyone,

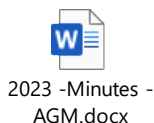
As the Chair of the SPCA St. John's, I am delighted to welcome you all to our Annual General Meeting.

2023 has been a remarkable year for us, and I am proud to say that, thanks to our incredible sponsors and supporters, we have been able to secure significant funding and grants. These contributions are vital to our operations and programs. I'd like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors. Your generosity ensures we can continue our mission to care for and protect animals in need.

This year we were thrilled to host a variety of events, from Puppy and Kitten Yoga to our Family Pet Pictures event and the beloved Pet Pictures with Santa. We also organized microchip clinics, online auctions, and participated in community events like the PAL Kite Festival. These events are essential for our fundraising efforts and community engagement, and they would not be possible without the tireless work of our Fund Development Staff and volunteers. A huge thank you to all of you who participated and supported these events. As we look forward to another year, I am filled with optimism and determination. Together, we will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the animals we care for and the community we serve.

Thank you all for being here tonight and for your continued support."

## **MINUTES**



Glenda motioned to accept the 2023 Minutes & seconded by Metzi.

Call to vote on the Motion for the Minutes.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried & accepted by all to approve the Minutes as presented.

So moved.

There were no actions arising from those minutes.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT



2023 STATS.pdf

Executive Director Karen Mahoney was absent from this AGM and Chair Amanda Buis presented the Year End Stats Executive Director's Report from 2023 and summary.

In 2023, the SPCA St. John's:

1. **Rescued and Adopted:** We rescued and found loving homes for 1,317 animals, ensuring each one received essential veterinary care, including spaying/neutering, vaccinations, and microchipping.
2. **Volunteer Engagement:** Our dedicated volunteers contributed immensely, with 662 active volunteers supporting various aspects of our organization, from animal care to thrift store operations and event coordination.
3. **Program Success:** Programs like PUP (Preventing Unwanted Pets) facilitated the adoption of 283 kittens and puppies and spayed 94 adult animals, contributing significantly to reducing pet overpopulation.
4. **Community Outreach:** Through educational programs, events like Puppy Yoga, and community engagement initiatives, we've raised awareness about animal welfare and responsible pet ownership.
5. **Financial Support:** We are grateful for the support of numerous grants and donations, totaling over \$189,000, which have been crucial in sustaining our operations and expanding our impact.

The full Annual Report is included below. If anyone has questions regarding the Annual Report, they can contact Karen Mahoney at the Shelter.



2023 Annual Report  
-Final Draft.pdf

## **FINANCIAL REPORT**



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Glenda presented the financial report. Highlights as follows:

### **2023 Financial Highlights**

- In 2023 the two Thrift Stores combined had a gross income of just over One Million Dollars.



Thrift Store Revenues  
Expenses.xlsx

Glenda motioned to accept the 2023 Financial Report & seconded by Dale.

Call to vote on the Motion for the Financial Report 2023.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried & accepted by all to approve the Financial Report 2023 as presented.

So moved.

On a motion by Glenda seconded by Bob and carried, those present voted to retain Jordan Cull, Certified Professional Accountant, as auditor for 2024.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried & accepted by all to approve as presented.

So moved.

On a motion by Glenda, seconded by Ray, and carried, those present voted to retain Scott Milley as our independent accountant for 2024.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried & accepted by all to approve as presented.

So moved.

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE



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SPCA White Hills Site  
Plan.pdf

### Bob provided an update on the Capital Campaign:

Bob provided the background on the issues the SPCA had with the land acquisition. We were unable to acquire the land at Pippy Park and this set us back to proceed with getting started on the Building. Time was then spent looking for new land that would not be a lease. In November 2023 we signed a document giving us the clear title to a 5-acre piece of land on White Hills. This land is directly in front of the RCMP Building in White Hills.

We had to get approval from the City to build on this property and ensure it was zoned properly for our use.

All the paperwork going for parking lots, water run off and water retention specs have been completed and submitted as of May 2, 2024. We expect a response soon that it has been approved.

Bob stated that all the engineering drawings are completed for the floor plan, and this will be a state-of-the-art facility that will have no issues with cross contamination.

A tender was put out for a construction management team and Allied Construction was awarded the contract.

Bob provided a summary of the fundraising to date:

- Raised approximately \$5 Million to date.
- City donated \$100,000.
- Department of Works Services & Transportation of the Provincial Government donated the land valued at \$1.5 million.
- Provincial Government donated \$1 Million.

Bob stated that we're still waiting on the request regarding a Federal Government donation, and he will ensure to follow up on a regular basis.

Bob spoke about the importance of Groundswell donations. To date, those donations has added up to \$130,000 towards our new Shelter.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF HONOURARY LIFETIME MEMBERS**

We have been announcing honorary members for a few years at the Provincial Annual General Meeting, The following, and their information, will be included moving forward as lifetime members of SPCA St. John's:

Carolyn presented these Awards.

### **HONOURARY LIFETIME MEMBERSHIPS 2024**

Sylvia & Bill Walsh  
Melanie Tucker

### **Volunteer of the Year Award 2024:**

The Board wishes to recognize some of our dedicated and hard-working volunteers.

Morgan presented the Awards.

For this year's Volunteer of the Year award for both of our Thrift stores, we have chosen two exceptional individuals. The following individuals have consistently demonstrated their unwavering dedication and loyalty to each store, Every time there is an email sent out for additional help, they are the first ones to respond, offering their time and energy without hesitation. Their commitment to our store and its mission is truly remarkable. Through their selfless efforts, they have contributed significantly to the success of our operations, ensuring that we can continue to support the cause.

**TSW: Karen McGrath** - Response "Unfortunately Karen is away and is unable to make it to the AGM. Here is what she had to say. I am truly touched by this honor. Many thanks. Please

express my delight with this honor. It is a privilege to work with the team at the Thrift Store West-a dedicated group of volunteers and our leader James.”

**TSE: Loretta Evans – In Attendance**

**Foster: Rita Perchard**

Rita, our dedicated foster, embodies the true spirit of compassion and selflessness. Her unwavering commitment to our cause has touched countless lives, both human and furry. Let us take a moment to recognize her extraordinary contributions:

1. A Home for All: Rita has opened her heart and home to numerous moms and puppies, providing them with a safe haven during their most vulnerable moments. Her willingness to take in not only puppies but also the adult dogs demonstrate her boundless love for animals.
2. Nurturing Care: Rita's nurturing care extends beyond mere shelter. She has patiently nurtured these animals, ensuring they receive the love and attention they need.
3. Dependability: Rita's reliability is unmatched. She has faithfully kept these animals until they were ready for adoption, never wavering in her commitment. Her consistency has been a lifeline for our organization.
4. Treating Them as Family: Rita doesn't just foster; she embraces these animals as part of her own family. Their well-being is her priority, and she showers them with affection, even amidst the inevitable puppy messes.
5. Open Arms and Open Heart: Despite the challenges, Rita welcomes each new arrival with open arms. Her kindness knows no bounds, her resilience in the face of adversity is truly an inspiration for us all.

**Shelter: Juanita Strowbridge**

Juanita has been with us a short time, but she has gone above and beyond for our organization since day one. Juanita is always there to help when we are short on volunteers here at the shelter and will help with anything that we ask. Juanita has been there to help with puppies coming in, sick kittens who need some extra love and care, and assist with training new volunteers.

Juanita has come in to assist with keeping our shelter organized countless times. Just a few months ago we made a plea looking for blankets as we barely had any for the animals in our care. Much to our surprise that one plea was enough and before we knew it we were swimming in donations and nowhere to put them. Juanita came in for her volunteer shift that night and saw the abundance of donations and then came in the day after to assist with organizing the piles of donations for hours on end.

Juanita always has a smile on her face no matter what, and most nights has to be reminded that it is time to leave, as she doesn't even realize the time because she is so busy!

She is a pleasure to be around and to have at our shelter and we hope that she continues to stick around to help with all of the organizing, chaos and cleaning of the shelter for many years to come!

### **Events: Sharon Cummings**

Sharon has been a longtime volunteer with our organization for many years. She may not be known to all, but she is loved by many and has graced many family pictures with her smiling face and rosy cheeks. Miss Sharon or Santa Sharon as she has been nicknamed has been assisting us and playing Santa in our Pet Pictures with Santa event for over 25 years, would have been a few more if we didn't miss a few with COVID. Sharon is always there to help every year without fail and has become a favorite to so many furry and feathered critters that have come through for this event whether they be dogs, cats, bunnies, snakes or even parrots she handles it all. This event simply would not be what it is without Sharon, and we are so lucky to have her year after year.

**Above and Beyond: Sarita Pellowe** - Unable to attend.



“I appreciate the sentiment and would gladly do it all again for you beauties.”

We want to take a moment to express our deepest appreciation for Sarita Pellowe, one of our amazing SPCA St. John's volunteer dog trainers. Sarita's dedication and commitment to the well-being of the dogs in our care is truly inspiring. Not only does she go above and beyond by coming to assess dogs whenever we need her, but she also accompanies us on road trips to collect potentially problematic dogs. Additionally, her willingness to come to the shelter to assist in training staff on proper dog handling is invaluable. Her expertise and eagerness to help in any situation has a significant impact on both the dogs in our care and our team. We are truly grateful for Sarita's exceptional contributions and unwavering support. Thank you, Sarita, for all that you do!

### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR 2024-2025**

#### **Re-Election of Candidates 2024**

1.     \*Amanda Buis (2024)
2.     \*Carolyn Hickey (2024)
3.     \*Bob Noseworthy (2024)
4.     \*Chris Loomis (2024)
5.     \*Kevin Fleming (2024)
6.     \*Heidi Peddle (2024)

On a motion by Kim, seconded by Ray, to re-elect Amanda Buis, Carolyn Hickey, Bob Noseworthy, Chris Loomis, Kevin Fleming & Heidi Peddle for the next three years to the Board of Directors.

No contra minded and no abstentions.

Motion carried and accepted by all to approve the Directors to the Board for the next three years.

So Moved.

There being no further business, the 2023 Annual General Meeting of SPCA St. John's NL adjourned on a motion by Dale at 8:04 PM.

Lisa Inder  
SPCA St. John's Board Secretary