

GPACA AGM 2023 Director's Report

Directors (March 2022-March 2023): Peter Garcin (Chair), Paul Aucoin (Treasurer), Stacey Godsoe (Secretary), Thomas Sullivan, Tara Jaskowiak, Ebony Newell, Kristy Boutilier, Sadie Watson

Year in Review

2022 was a year of progress and adaptation for GPACA, as we continued to navigate the challenges of the global pandemic. We held several virtual meetings throughout the year, but were able to slowly transition back to in-person meetings. And for the first time since 2019, are excited to welcome everyone back to an in-person AGM.

Support for CVCR

Last year, at the GPACA AGM, a proposal from member Eric Hustvedt for the formation of a community radio station was brought forth. It's incredible to see that less than a year later this has come to fruition and Coastal Villages Community Radio (CVCR) has already become a vibrant institution in our community. GPACA is happy to have played a role in its establishment and was enthusiastic to make a financial contribution to help support this valuable addition to our community.

Securing After-School Care

We are proud to announce that after-school care has been secured for the current year, thanks to the tireless efforts of GPACA members Tara Jaskowiak, Sadie Watson and Kristy Boutilier. This program is crucial to our community's economic viability and offers essential resources to families.

After a number of staffing challenges in 2021, it was a relief that it was secured for the 2022-23 school year.

Membership Fees and Growth

At the start of the pandemic, we waived membership fees given the pandemic and the inability to meet in person. As mentioned last year, we would revisit membership fees at the 2023 AGM, and we decided that we would continue to waive these fees in 2023 as well.

In 2023, GPACA began a round of outreach and had our membership numbers grow to 52. As we enter a new phase, we hope to be able to expand that further and engage with our members to help chart our future activities.

Farewell to Tara

We would like to express our immense gratitude to departing and founding member Tara Jaskowiak, whose vision, dedication and hard work have left a lasting impact on GPACA and our community. Thank you Tara!

Looking Ahead

Looking to the future, we are excited to explore new opportunities for engagement within our communities. One such idea is supporting the development of trails in the area, which will be discussed further in upcoming meetings. Our top priority remains the long-term sustainability of PRES, and we will continue to advocate for the necessary funding to make that a reality. In conclusion, 2022 was a year of growth and positive developments for GPACA. As we move forward into 2023, we are excited to continue exploring new ideas and opportunities that will benefit our community and strengthen our connections with one another.