



Four Tides Hospice Society

Hello FTHS Community!

Your new Board of Directors has met two times – we are still just getting oriented to our new roles. We took part in a working session in early January to address administrative and planning tasks: identifying two much needed by-law updates and the first steps of a refresh to our Strategic Plan.

Directors also engaged in a teambuilding activity during the working session which was designed to identify personal and organizational values and articulate how we will use these values to underpin and support our work in the coming year.

Here is our “credo”, if you will, for 2024:

The Four Tides Hospice Society Board of Directors is responsible for governing the organization in compliance with our by-laws, policies and procedures, and applicable statutes. Our board focuses on high-level strategy, oversight, and accountability. To that end, we are dedicated and creative community members who collectively execute our duties professionally and with compassion. Our Board strives to be inclusive; we listen well, recognizing needs, and respond dynamically. Given our collective education and experience, our overarching goal is to be visionary and to show up as change-makers. We believe we can achieve our goals with hard work and a recognition that together we are learning and evolving.

Individually, as board members, we bring both passion and

compassion to our board work. We are inspired by our thoughtful, skilled, and caring colleagues; as well, we are invested in this work and hope our commitment inspires others. We are multi-taskers and go getters. We are a board of unique individuals who reflect the community we serve.

Our work is focused; we endeavour to ensure that supportive end-of-life and bereavement services are fully accessible and inclusive. We believe the hospice services we are mandated to govern are vital and life changing. We further believe that creating compassionate and meaningful hospice supports are as important to the well-being of our community as they are for the well being of those with a life limiting condition and their loved ones. Our work is values-driven and heartfelt.

Thanks to all our outstanding members and allies – your support makes a difference! I'm open to chatting more with you about our society and our 2024 plans. Don't hesitate to contact me!

Malerie Meeker, President

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Update from our Executive Director

Some of you may recall that, over the past months, we've been working to secure stable core funding for the ongoing delivery of hospice services as well as project funding to address service gaps. We are extremely grateful to the BC Gaming Grant for approving our request for service delivery funding. This funding will enable us to solidify our current programming as we look to expand our services to best address community need.

As things ramp up with our efforts to raise funds for Hospice House, we are extremely grateful for the support of our local Community Foundation. The Powell River Community Foundation has supported us to secure funds through the Community Services Recovery Fund which we will direct toward community engagement, partnership development and

planning for the building of Hospice House!

While we simply cannot do what we do without the support of funders who understand and support community led initiatives such as ours, we equally would not exist without the ongoing acts of kindness and giving of community members. As I sit here writing this piece a gentleman with a wonderful smile, who has asked to remain anonymous, has arrived to donate a brand-new e-bike he'd like us to use as a fundraiser for Hospice House! We are currently running a volunteer training (see photo above) in which many professional community members have freely offered their time and expertise to support new volunteers to become the best hospice volunteers they can. In the past months many artists and builders have come together to build bird houses in support of Hospice House gardens.

These are but a few of the expressions of community goodness we have the great fortune to witness on an ongoing basis. With this kind of community support **everything** is possible!

Leslie Emory, Interim Executive Director
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**Have you heard about our
upcoming
Hospice House fundraiser?**

The Whimsical Birdhouse Silent Auction

- 42 beautiful birdhouses
- 28 talented artists
- 19 creative architect/builders
- 1 Great auction
- 1 Amazing cause



This fundraiser is dedicated to raising money for the Sanctuary Gardens at Hospice House.

To see a sneak peak of the birdhouses click [here!](#)

The Auction will be running
March 5 to 9, 2pm–6pm
Tuesday through Saturday at the qathet Art Centre.

All birdhouses will be available to view and bid on at this time.

Want to see some early?

Head to the Crucible Gallery
#211 – 5831 Ash Street
February 7 – 29, 2pm–6pm
Wednesday through Saturday.



Shaun Leach
Architect - Builder
Jim Weiss
Artist

Are you looking for ways to support hospice care in qathet?

Become a member of Four Tides Hospice Society today!
When you become a member of the Four Tides Hospice Society
you join a community that honours the journey towards end of
life. Members support our vision of providing compassionate
end-of-life and bereavement care to the qathet Region.

Become a member by clicking this link:

[Become a Member](#)

Member Benefits:

- Receive newsletters
- Receive event invitations
- Vote at the AGM
- Stand for nomination to the Board of Directors
- Support the provision of hospice services in your
community



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