



Chair's report 2020-2022

Hello members,

Be welcomed here after 2 years of Covid-19 restrictions at the AGM for 2022.

At our last meeting we were residents of Dalhousie university and Chase building. At this meeting we have moved away from our parental organization and struck out on our own.

In August of 2019 Chase building administration informed CCN that the office and equipment room were not going to be available for use by Chebucto Community Net Society any more. Through our contract with the facilities management and the office of real estate of Dalhousie university we also found that remaining on campus was not an option. Long story made short..by July 2021 we moved the last of CCN servers and equipment off of Dalhousie campus to a private rental property.

But other things happening at the same time ensured the survival of the society's assets: Physical, digital and (because of the elected board's mandate from 2019) operations.

In December of 2019 we lost a dear friend and member of the board of directors to cancer. John Howard Oxley had, unbeknownst to the

board, bequeathed a large sum of money to CCN upon his passing. CCN took possession of that sum in January of 2020.

We embarked on a number of small projects that had been sitting on the back burners and needed to be addressed by someone, the board ended up vetting and hiring a talented (and admittedly by herself) untested programming professional to deal with some aspects of the office and mailing... Chris Maxwell will tell you more details during his report.

Once the new home for the servers was determined, and we were sure of being able to maintain control of expenditures, we were finally able to get a replacement vendor for 'Fresh Group Atlantic' and proceeded to negotiate and sign contracts with SolutionInc. We replaced WiFi hardware in the 4 Metro Housing buildings we serve and organized a management service of the WiFi with the new vendor. During this process we also found that SolutionInc could also be involved in helping CCN overcome its physical restrictions for its technological growth.

Negotiation and communication started with what is now the provincial affairs for municipal housing. THOSE negotiations are still ongoing and bear some fruit other than CCN just being in downtown core of Halifax, but have the potential (maybe) to continue to grow. We have added WiFi service to Gordon B Isnor building in Halifax, and the Esplanade at Vista Heights in Sydney NS. Future vision:

We have time to consolidate what we have accomplished so far, while the new provincial government addresses it's budgetary

commitments. We need to redefine the membership types that we have, look to the services we do provide and give proper value for those services to the members. Having said that there are two matters that need to be addressed: One is the assisted/ free accounts, the other is the cost of base membership. We are passing THOSE conversations and decisions on to the new board for 2022/23. We hope (at this time) that a decision and implementation of all of this could be reached by January 2023. We'll communicate this via the website and it's social media feed.

Kind regards,

Shahab