



**CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOUNDATION OF MANITOBA, INC.  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
JUNE 20, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**1 Welcome and Call to Order**

Stefano Grande called the Annual General Meeting of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, Inc. to order at 11:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2 Opening Blessing**

Knowledge Keeper Robert Maytwayashing brought blessings inviting Spirit to the Annual General Meeting.

**3 Land Acknowledgment**

Zoë Richardson offered the acknowledgment that was created for our organization in partnership with board, staff and our Indigenous Advisory Circle.

**4 Agenda dated June 20, 2023**

**Motion:** Moved by Michael Choiselat, seconded by Michael Holmes, that the Agenda dated June 20, 2023 be approved as circulated.

*Carried*

**5 Minutes dated June 22, 2022**

**Motion:** Moved by Diane Boyle, seconded by Ashley Holtmann, that the minutes dated June 22, 2022 be approved as circulated.

*Carried*

**6 Special Resolution – Replacing By Law No. 1 in it's entirety**

I'd like to propose a Special Resolution to replace By Law No. 1 in its entirety, with the new By Law No. 1 circulated prior to today's meeting via e-mail as well as online at [goodbear.ca/agm](http://goodbear.ca/agm).

The current By Law had become increasingly outdated, with many references no longer being accurate and certain provisions no longer reflecting our practices. As a result, we've revised the existing By Law, largely to bring it up-to-date and to build in flexibility.

The comparison version of the new By Law provided to all members shows all of the updates and changes made to the current By Law.

**Motion:** Moved by Michael Holmes, seconded by Laura Matlashewski, that the Foundation's By Law No 1 be replaced with the new By Law No. 1 as circulated.

*Carried*

## **7 Finance Report**

The Children's Hospital Foundation financial statements, audited by PWC for the year ended March 31, 2023, are included in the package you received.

In 2022/2023, gross revenues, including investment income, were \$13.6 million dollars.

Last year, the Foundation granted over \$6 million to the HSC Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba for various equipment needs and for groundbreaking research projects.

The Foundation is very proud of the work done by both the Hospital and Research Institute.

Thanks to donors like you, who responded with generosity, I am pleased to report the Foundation exceeded expectations, and continued to provide vital support to both the Hospital and the Research Institute.

### **7.1 Audited Financial Statement for 12 months ending March 31, 2023**

**Motion:** Moved by Ben Lee, seconded by Michael Choiselat, that the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended ending March 31, 2023 be approved as circulated.

*Carried*

### **7.2 Appointment of Auditors for 2023 / 2024**

**Motion:** Moved by Michael Choiselat, seconded by Diane Boyle, that PricewaterhouseCoopers be re-appointed as auditors of the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba for 2023 / 2024.

*Carried*

## **8 Annual Approval of Executive and Directors' Decisions**

**Motion:** Moved by Michael Choiselat, seconded by Ainsley Rice, that all acts, contracts proceedings, appointments and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Board of Directors and Executive since prior Annual General meeting be approved and ratified.

*Carried*

## **9 Nominating Report**

Taking on the role as a member of the Foundation Board of Directors is a commitment we deeply appreciate. It requires being proactive in the community by being strong ambassadors to help advance the needs of sick and injured children everywhere. Board members help raise money and support initiatives of the Foundation.

**Motion:** Moved by Laura Matlashewski, seconded by Ainsley Rice that the following slate of nominees be elected to the Board of Directors for an initial three-year term:

- Stéphanie Tétreault
- Rory A. French
- Shipra Verma
- Dr. Robert Schroth

*Carried*

Michael noted that there were 7 current members of the Board of Directors whose terms were up and they were being considered for reappointment for another term.

**Motion:** Michael Holmes moved and Chris Kauenhofen seconded that the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, Inc. re-elect the following directors for another three-year term:

- Dr. Adena Madison
- Diane Boyle
- Rebecca Chartrand
- Kristen Kennedy
- Ben Lee
- Ainsley Rice
- Munther Zeid

*Carried*

**Motion:** Diane Boyle moved and Ainsley Rice seconded that the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba, Inc. approve the appointment of Mark Gray, Karen Cornejo and Marks Evans for a One-year term to the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba as Shareholders for 2023 / 2024.

*Carried*

## **10 Chair Report**

I would like to take a moment to thank the Nominating & Governance Committee for their hard work and dedication.

A very warm welcome to all our new and returning members. Let's give a brief round of applause.

At this time, I would like to acknowledge five (5) directors who will not be returning next year:

**Dr. Michael Narvey** has been a member since 2014. He has served on the Child Health Advisory Committee and was also a member of the Capital Campaign Committee. He's a rockstar neonatologist, with over 700,000 followers on Instagram and TikTok, check him out [@NICU\\_musings](#) if you haven't already – and we're so grateful to have him looking after our tiniest patients.

Dr. Narvey, we have valued your expertise, leadership, and ongoing support. Thank you. If you would join me, we would like to present you with a recognition of completion of the full 9 years of your tenure on our Board.

**Michael Choiselat** has been a member of the board since 2017. He served as committee member and Vice Chair of the Nominating / Governance committee. I would like to thank Michael for the countless hours he contributed to the Foundation Board.

Mike, I have learned so much from you, and was grateful to have your steadfast leadership and exceptionally valuable expertise as we navigated many issues at the Board and committee levels. I speak on behalf of the whole Board when I say that you leave a big void – lucky for us you've done an exceptional job training your successors, for which we are very grateful. Over the last two (2) years Mike has worked tirelessly on bringing our By Law No. 1 up to date, and advised on countless issues. Please join me in wishing Mike all the best. Mike, if you would join me, we would like to present you with a token of our gratitude.

**Andrew Weir** has been a valued member of the board since 2020. He has served on our Indigenous Advisory Circle since its inception, and we are grateful for his ongoing support. Please join me in wishing Andrew all the best. Andrew, if you would join me, we would like to present you with a token of our thanks for your time on the Board.

And we have two more members to recognize from previous years.

**Carmyn Aleshka** served on the Board from 2016 to 2023 and was an instrumental member of the development committee in 2016 and 2017. Her boundless energy and continued desire to help has resulted in unparalleled support of the Foundation in so many ways.

To name a few, Carmyn's family has been the presenting family for our Ice Crystal Gala, which she supported through hours of volunteering as well as being an incredibly generous donor. She was the force behind bringing the extremely successful Innovators program to Manitoba and to the Children's Hospital Foundation, raising over \$100k for child research in our province. She also personally organized and hosted countless events in her own home, her office space, and her community, raising awareness and of course, much needed funding, for our hospital, ranging from areas like mental health to Cannabis research. We will miss her energy, her business sense, her creativity, and leadership.

Carmyn's passion for helping those who need it the most is contagious, and we are ever grateful for her continued support following her valued tenure on the Board. Please join me in thanking Carmyn for being an exemplary Board member and community leader! Carmyn, could you join me on stage, we would like to present you with a token of our thanks.

**Finally, Peter Davey** generously gave his time and talent as a board member from 2015 to 2022, spending countless hours advising on legal issues for the Foundation, and providing a wise and steady voice during 7 years of Board meetings. I am ever-grateful for his consistent support, in particular when we faced unprecedented Covid-related issues at a Board level. He was instrumental in helping us navigate through that time, and always made himself available. In his time on the Board, Peter served as Chair of the Nominating and Governance committee, and consistently supported Foundation events. Peter's calm demeanor and extensive experience will be missed by the Board and the Committee.

Please join me in wishing Peter all the best. Peter, if you would join me, we would like to present you with a token of our thanks for your time on the Board.

Before I share my report, I would also like to thank Michael Holmes, Rebecca Chartrand, Michael Choiselat, Ainsley Rice, Ashley Holtmann, Sam Pellettieri, Karin Pooley, and Dr. Cheryl Rockman-Greenberg for serving as chairs for their respective committees over the past year.

I would also like to acknowledge the leadership and support of Suzanne Munroe, president of the Children's Hospital Guild of Manitoba. Thank you, Suzanne.

And thank you to all committee and guild members for your support and guidance to the Foundation. We appreciate your commitment.

With a solid strategic plan in place, an engaged board, and a hardworking and talented Foundation staff, our donors delivered one of the most successful 12-month period in the Foundation's 51-year history. Businesses, foundations, families, individuals, and even kids – our list of valued and generous donors is so extensive it can only be classified as a truly grassroots effort, and a resounding success.

I will let Stefano share highlights of this tremendous accomplishment and encourage you to read the annual gratitude report posted online at [goodbear.ca](http://goodbear.ca).

A significant part of this success is a 51-year legacy of stewardship and trust.

As community members and donors, you trusted that kids would continue to get the best care possible in hospital. That state-of-the-art facilities would provide comfort and peace of mind. That researchers would continue to investigate the mysteries of disease that impact kids and families in our communities. Thank you for trusting us with your gift.

As a Foundation, we aim to help provide our doctors and nurses with the tools they need to deliver the healthcare that our kids need. There is no better example than the terrifying school Field Trip accident that occurred at Fort Gibraltar a few weeks ago.

When a Code Orange was called, and 17 kids were rushed to the Children's Emergency Department after falling 20 feet from a walkway, our teams of nurses and doctors mobilized seamlessly; not knowing what was coming their way, they ensured an Operating Room was available for every child should they need it upon arrival. They had rooms cleared, they had staff ready. They worked quickly, calmly, and with the highest level of skill, professionalism, and compassion to deliver the highest level of emergency pediatric care for children and worried parents alike. They delivered the gold standard.

This isn't the case in only Emergency – across all Children's Hospital Departments as well as our world-class research institute, we see the highest level of talent in our doctors, nurses, researchers, lab techs, administrators, medical students, in everyone.

Our role as a Foundation is to listen to this incredible team and support them across all areas of need to ensure they are able to continue providing care at this level when our kids need it.

I've been extremely humbled over the last two years to serve as Chair of such a transformative organization and am so excited to see the impact of the Better Futures campaign over the next few years.

While we often find ourselves reading negative coverage about healthcare, I think that it is crucial to separate out the politics and acknowledge that our healthcare team, each and every member, is the finest in the country. We are so fortunate to have them right here in Manitoba. And that needs to be acknowledged and celebrated far more than it is. So, thank you to the leadership team at HSC Winnipeg, under the direction of Dr. Shawn Young, the hospital's chief operating officer.

Thank you for providing counsel and supporting the Foundation's work with Shared Health, government, hospital staff, donors, and volunteers.

Shawn has been steadfast despite the extraordinary pressures on HSC and on the entire health system.

Thank you to the Child Health team, led by Dr. Patricia Birk and Dr. Richard Keijzer, for your commitment every day to caring for kids and for each other in hospital.

Your teams have continued to face challenges, take on new roles and wear additional hats. Thank you for continuing to champion the vision for improving the health of kids everywhere.

Thank you to the CHRIM team, under the leadership of Dr. Terry Klassen and Nichola Wigle.

In addition to conducting stellar, world-renowned research, as the largest pediatric research facility on the prairies, CHRIM plays a key role in the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in the hospital and bringing innovations and discovery in the lab to the bedside. Thank you.

And finally, thank you to Stefano and the energetic, creative, enthusiastic, hard-working staff at the Foundation. You are an incredible team. Know you make a difference every day and should be so proud of your integral role in healthcare.

It is a privilege to chair this Board and to work with all of you to help sick and injured kids.

I am confident in the vision and direction for this organization as we enter the next exciting phase of our history, which we will be celebrating with a robust panel discussion after lunch.

## 11 President & CEO Report

It has been an amazing year, thanks to each of you, our donors, and supporters.

And thanks Zoe for your leadership, time support and commitment as we emerged from Covid over the last two years focused more than ever on our mission.

I have come to appreciate and admire how eager you are to learn by always asking the right question – whether it's on a hospital tour with our donors and speaking to the HSC leadership, or at board and committee meeting. I am thankful for great leadership and commitment by our Board, who are guiding our Better Futures Campaign.

It's hard to believe a short 4 years ago we launched our historic Better Futures Campaign, the largest donor-led campaign in support of child health in Manitoba's history, and will completely change child healthcare and research in our province and beyond.

We knew 2 things then:

1. Our children deserve and need the best health care possible. Without healthy children, there is no future for Canada.
2. Our doctors, nurses, researchers, and hospital staff deserve the best possible facilities to treat their children and require the best in medical technology and equipment to treat our children here at home.

So, we set the table, bringing alive the courageous stories of the children and families we serve, and the highest needs of our hospital and research leadership.

What we did not know was how our community was going to respond.

Thanks to your generosity, and commitment to giving better futures for kids, I am so thrilled to say we are over 80% of the way to reaching that \$75 million goal and optimistic that we will not only achieve this goal, but that we will also inspire the province to help us, and do more, for our children.

Thanks to the leadership of campaign co-chairs Nancy Cipryk and Kirsten McConnell, who are here with us today, along with our Honorary Chair Gerry and Barb Price, I can truly say we are also giving a voice to sick and injured children shining a much needed light on improving health care for kids.

Nancy and Kirsten, and Gerry and Barb we are so grateful for all you have done and continue to do to give better futures for sick and injured kids.

You will all hear from Nancy and Kirsten a little later today, two incredible people who are inspiring donors to our cause, because of their personal stories and their commitment to building a better health care system for our kids and the doctors and nurses which serve us.

You will hear later from two of our campaign donors, Mark and Sharon Evans who give and give and give. And from Dave Johnston, who he and his wife Diane made a leading gift which gave momentum to our campaign and inspired dozens of others to give. What

I have learned from these families is how giving to our cause is deeply entrenched in their passion, their personal nature, and clear understanding that without their support, we would not be able to accomplish our vision.

Thank you all so much for trusting us.

It's the organizations like the Sobeys Family of Support, that made it possible to launch an entirely new research theme called PRIME at CHRIM this year.

Other Children's Miracle Network partners like Walmart, the Brick, RE/MAX and so many more.

The dedicated volunteers of the Children's Hospital Guild, many of whom have served the hospital for over 30 years.

The superheroes who put on their harnesses and scaled the walls of the hospital as a special Halloween treat for kids who often can't leave their rooms.

Generous donors who helped build a safe outdoor play space for children and youth in hospital facing mental health challenges.

Healthcare Heroes who spend every single day looking after children and their families.

And champions of child health, like 2022 Manitoba Champion Child, Keira, who shared her story at over 40 events, inspiring us all with her courage and tenacity.

And so many more key supporters who make sure sick and injured kids in our community continue to have access to the best care possible.

We are so deeply grateful.

We are also deeply indebted to the leadership of the Hospital and CHRIM who have worked hard to put the donor dollars quickly to work. Our community can touch and feel and see what progress looks like.

My staff are so thankful and proud to tour our donors to show them how their generosity is saving and improving the lives of our children. Whether it's our new outdoor mental health play space or our new Travis Price Cardiac Centre or the new Cath or Fluro Lab, or the projects which are about to start we are all eager to show you how our community can lead in elevating health care for our kids.

I'm much thankful for the support of my team, who everyday work so hard to elevate the needs of our hospital and CHRIM our research institute in the public sphere with much passion and commitment, and a desire to serve.

We have much more work to do over the next 12 months, more projects to launch, more events to plan, more tours to celebrate with you, our donors. And with every little success we are inspired and determined to do more by bringing our donor community together around this table to ensure that together we hear the voice of children and their families and recognize that the health of every child matters.



## 12 Adjournment

I would like to give a special thank you to Zoë for leading the Foundation over the past two (2) years as Chair, please accept this bouquet as a small token of thanks and I look forward to leading the continuing success of our Foundation for the next two (2).

**Motion:** Suzanne Munroe moved, and Laura Matlashewski seconded that the Children's Hospital Foundation of Manitoba's Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

*Carried*

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**Secretary's Signature**

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