

2020-2021

As for everyone, the year 2020 has been a difficult one for the Stettler Hospice Board. The Covid 19 pandemic has made day to day achievements an exercise in adaptability, fluidity, and change. However, that said we have had much progress that the Board can take pride in.

It was with sadness but understanding that in January 2020, we accepted the resignations of Karin Pibbs and Leona Thorogood from the Board. Also in November of 2020, Bobbi-Jo Ferris and Felicity Bauman resigned. Each of their contributions to the Board cannot be rated highly enough and they will be missed.

At the beginning of March, we welcomed three new Board members, Mairead Lockhat, Clara Nibourg and Peggy Hearonemus. Each of these three Board members bring a unique set of skills and we are lucky to have them on our Board.

At the beginning of March, the Board decided to go ahead and furnish the suite in the hopes of being ready for the day we got acceptance into capacity planning and therefore opening. Theresa Perkins volunteered to design the decoration of the suite and the finished product is, in my opinion, magnificent. We held an Open House to show off our suite to the community and everyone else which was a great success. Theresa also joined the Board as Secretary.

The Board also hired a patient service coordinator, whose job it is to liaise with Home Care, Points West and the families in order to make their stay as successful as possible.

Our struggle to achieve acceptance into Capacity planning was eventually achieved. In September 2020 we were granted entrance into capacity planning. After much paperwork we opened as of January 3, 2021. This was a great day for the Hospice which, it has to be said, could not have been achieved without the efforts of all the Board members both past and present and all the volunteers who gave freely of their time and efforts. Thank you to each one of you. The past three years have been for me both an interesting journey and an education. With the opening of the Hospice the Board has moved into a new role, one of maintenance, governance, and pursuit of opportunity. It will be a new challenge which I have no doubt the Board will meet and achieve.

Thank you

Maureen M Drummond