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Member and board members updates!

New board members

- In the winter, Brett Robinson, Craig MacDougall, and Paxton Cole joined our board of directors.
- We elected Heidi MacDonald, Antwaun Rolle, and Douglas Roper as new board members at our recent Annual General Meeting.

New members

Since January we had a large spike in new members

- 14 new individual memberships.
- 4 new family memberships.

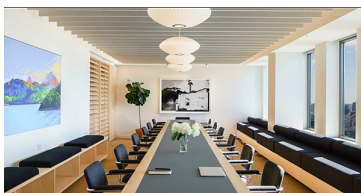
Winter and Spring updates!

Sidewalk Committee



- Jeremy (President) meets monthly with the Coalition for accessible Charlottetown with CNIB PEI, Spinal Cord Injury PEI, Easter Seals PEI, and Resource Abilities.
- They presented items to the City of Charlottetown for the municipal government to improve.
- Focused on sidewalks, curbs, parking lots, etc.
- The Coalition is collaborating with Riley Taweel a civil engineer from Public Works at the City of Charlottetown.

Special meeting in March



- In March, we held a Special Meeting with our members to pass our new bylaws.
- Going forward, the new bylaws for the PEI Cerebral Palsy Association will govern our structure and procedures.

Richard Montigny Memorial Scholarships



- For the second year we awarded two scholarships in memory of our founding President, Richard Montigny.
- Our scholarship criteria is a student living with cerebral palsy (then to a student with a mobility disability) who demonstrates community involvement.
- UPEI students Antwan Rolle and Chelsey Affleck are the 2023 Richard Montigny recipients.

Spring round of our Funding Request Program



- In the fall and spring we accept applications to our Funding Request Program that promotes equitable access and social inclusion.
- In the Spring 2023, we accepted applications to our recently launched Funding Request Program.
- We distributed \$1200 in total and invite these individuals and other members to submit requests in upcoming funding rounds.

Bocci session and social event



Photo credits: Bocci Canada. Photo from our 2022 Bocci "Try it" session

- On June 10, we partnered with ParaSport and Recreation PEI to co-host Boccia session at the West Royalty Community Centre in Charlottetown.
- We were pleased that more than half a dozen members join us at our event.
- After the bocci session many of our participants joined us for a social event.

2nd Annual General Meeting & Social Night



- Thank you to everyone who joined us at our second annual general meeting and social night on Wednesday June 21st at the Hampton Inn in Charlottetown.
- Kelly Mullaly, the Executive Director of the Easter Seals Society of PEI joined us.
- We distributed our scholarships and formerly elected our new board of directors.

Highlighting our members and board members!

Easter Seals tour



Photo credits: Kelly Mullaly (Executive Director, Easter Seals PEI)

- Hannah (Vice-President) joined Easter Seals Ambassadors Katelyn and Meghan (members) on the school tour.
- Hannah was the 2011 Easter Seals Ambassador.
- Congratulations Katelyn and Meghan for speaking to students across PEI about disability inclusion.

Lived perspective in Charlottetown



- "Series of obstacles: What it's like to be a person with a disability in Charlottetown"- Guardian PEI (16 March 2023)
- Antwaun Rolle (board member) shares his lived perspective of navigating inaccessible infrastructure on the UPEI campus and around Charlottetown.
- He showed a Guardian Newspaper the access barriers on the UPEI Campus.

Photo credits: Guardian PEI

- Antwaun is advocating for improved accessibility and reducing stigma in Charlottetown.

Lack of accessible housing



Photo credits: CBC PEI

- "Hundreds of housing units promised for P.E.I. but advocates say supply still 'stagnant'" - CBC PEI (26 April 2023)
- P.E.I. significantly lacks affordable and accessible housing units.
- Jeremy (President) is advocating for more accessible units in PEI.

Ongoing programming/ Community activities

Events: ParaSport and Recreation PEI

- ParaSport and Recreation PEI offers try-it sessions and regular programming to Islanders with physical disabilities.
- [Click this link for ParaSport and Recreation's events calendar](#)

Seated fitness class: Spinal Cord Injury PEI

- The Spinal Cord Injury PEI hosts a seated fitness class to promote emotional and physical wellness for individuals with spinal cord injuries and other neuromuscular disabilities.
- Physiotherapist Bonnie Caldwell leads this biweekly programming at the Royalty Centre in Charlottetown
- [Visit the Spinal Cord Injury PEI's website for more information.](#)

Recreational Respite

- We have partnered with Recreational Respite to offer programming to our members.
- Recreational Respite provides virtual programming which aims to increase social inclusion and independence opportunities.
- [Click this link for a calendar of the Recreational Respite offerings](#)

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