



PEI Cerebral Palsy Association

Become a member today

Attended the Meet & Greet/ Annual General Meeting in June and wanting to get involved?

Are you searching for community programming, funding opportunities, and a support network?

Looking for an organization to collectively advocate for families and Islanders living with cerebral palsy?

Sign up to become a member of the PEI Cerebral Palsy Association at this [website link](#).

Last spring/summer

Our first AGM was a great success



- Over 20 people attended our first Meet & Greet/ Annual General Meeting of the newly re-established *PEI Cerebral Palsy Association*.
- Greg Morrison and Samantha Morash were our scholarship recipients.
- We thank the *Easter Seals Society of PEI*, *ParaSport and Recreation PEI*, and *The Joyriders Therapeutic Riding Association of PEI* for their attendance.

We presented an update to 100 Women Who Care PEI



- ICYMI: [P.E.I. Cerebral Palsy Association receives donation](#) (Guardian PEI, March 17th, 2022)
- In June, Hannah MacLellan (Vice-President) and Hillary Campbell (Secretary) presented to the members of *100 Women Who Care PEI*.
- We updated them on our progress over the spring with their generous donation from March 2022.

We hired a summer student



- We want to thank Jessie Campbell for working for us over the summer.
- She worked part-time from June to August as our community engagement coordinator.
- Jessie conducted administrative work, coordinating and communicating with donors, social media engagement, etc.

Looking for opportunities and resources available on PEI?

- Jessie compiled a list of programs and services across PEI which are available to families and Islanders living with cerebral palsy.
- [Click this link to view the list](#)

Fall update

Highlighting Board Member: Jeremy MacDonald



- Jeremy MacDonald (President) was called to the bar of Prince Edward Island in early January 2023.
- We want to send a huge congratulations to Jeremy on his significant accomplishment.
- Jeremy received his Juris Doctor from the University of New Brunswick in 2021.
- He completed his articling at Veterans Affairs Canada and Employment and Social Development Canada.
- Jeremy holds a BA in History and a MA in Atlantic Canadian Studies from Saint Mary's University.

Sidewalk Committee

- At our AGM our members voiced the importance to advocate for more accessible sidewalks in the Charlottetown Area.
- Jeremy MacDonald (President) is a member of the *Coalition for accessible Charlottetown* with *CNIB PEI*, *Spinal Cord Injury PEI*, and *Resource Abilities*.
- The coalition will be presenting stories/ inaccessibility concerns with City Hall in the upcoming year.

Highlighting our Members: Easter Seals Ambassadors



- ICYMI: [Twins chosen as P.E.I.'s next Easter Seals ambassadors](#) (CBC PEI, November 29th, 2022).
- We want to thank Vadea Matheson (member) for her advocacy as Easter Seals Ambassador for her 2 plus years as PEI Easter Seals Ambassador.
- Congratulations to Katelyn and Meghan Rogers (members) on becoming the 2023 Easter Seals Ambassadors, good luck but we already know that you will both do an amazing job.
- Please visit the [Easter Seals Society of PEI's website](#) to follow Katelyn and Meghan's journey.

Source: CBC PEI, 2022

Recent Event: International Day for Persons with Disabilities



- ICYMI: [Disability flag raised at Charlottetown City Hall for the first time](#) (CBC PEI, December 2nd, 2022).
Jeremy MacDonald (President) and Annie McCartney (Board member) were involved in the planning committee for the International Day for Persons with Disabilities with the Black Cultural Society of P.E.I. led by Antwan Rolle (member).
- Antwaun led efforts to raise the disability flag at the Charlottetown City Hall.
- On December 3rd, Jeremy hosted a panel discussion and Q&A session with Antwaun and fellow youth panellists with lived perspectives of disabilities.

Source: CBC PEI, 2022

Ongoing programming/ Community activities

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 Calender Of The Recreational Respite Offerings](#)

Events: ParaSport and Recreation PEI

- ParaSport and Recreation PEI offers try-it sessions and regular programming to Islanders with physical disabilities.
- [Events Calendar](#)

Upcoming events/ initiatives

Special meeting to pass our bylaws

- Our by-law committee (Jeremy, Hannah, Hillary and Annie) drafted bylaws for our newly re-established *PEI Cerebral Palsy Association*.
- In February we will have a special meeting with our general membership to pass our bylaws.
- Shortly, we will be sending an email with a draft of the bylaws and meeting information.

Winter: Social night



- Our Try-It Boccia event with *ParaSport and Recreation PEI* and *Boccia Canada* was a great success last spring.
- We are organizing a social night with boccia and pizza for this winter.
- Stay tuned to our social media for more details about our upcoming social event in the coming weeks.

Source: Boccia Canada, 2022

Funding opportunity: We offer funding to promote social inclusion and activity

- This spring, we will be seeking applications for our bi-annual funding opportunity.
- We offer a funding request program which includes a recreational subsidy program to promote social inclusion.
- Stay tuned for details on the funding request programs in the upcoming months for the application form and funding deadline.

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