
APPENDIX 11

GPI KINGS SOCIETY

FORMATION, DIRECTORS, ACTIVITIES & PUBLIC MEETINGS

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1. Formation and Objectives

GPI Kings was registered on 26 May 2003 as a non-profit society under the Companies Act of Nova Scotia. It was organized by residents of Kings County, acting as members of a steering group that has been guiding the process of creating the community GPI. The Society, in association with participants from Acadia University, organized the transfer of the survey data from GPI Atlantic to the control of the Community

Formed in association with the Centre for Lifestyle Studies and the Vaughn Library at Acadia University, the Society will work with citizen groups, interest groups and agencies in Kings County to develop and sustain measures of genuine progress in Kings County and to assist these groups to develop and use these measures for community and individual betterment. Specifically the Society will help these groups to:

1. Gain access to and use of the existing benchmark data;
2. Define indicators and measures of progress into the future;
3. Expand the process to include community and other sector interests not yet served.
4. Work together on cross-sector analysis to influence policy and action for community betterment

The Society, under agreement with GPI Atlantic, owns the data, and is responsible to ensure user commitment to confidentiality and integrity of use of the data. Under agreement with the Society, the GPI Acadia Group holds and manages the data, conducts analysis and, in association with the Society and community and interest groups, provides professional support, for:

1. Analysis
2. Developing and gathering information for indicators and additional benchmarks
3. Maintaining confidentiality and integrity of use of the data.

Board of Directors

Richard Hennigar, President and Treasurer
Dr. Glyn Bissix, Vice President
Roger Cann, Secretary
Earle Illsley: Chair, Guidelines Mngmnt Group
Lila Hope-Simpson

Glenn McMullen
Chris Cann
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Memberships

Voting: Any citizen of Kings County
Non-Voting: Organizations in Kings County, Patrons and other citizens of Nova Scotia,

2. Activities

Since its inception, GPI Kings Society has achieved the following:

- Completed and implementing the agreements with Acadia University and GPI Atlantic,
- Organized and facilitated a community interest group session at Acadia University on 5 June. Approximately 50 people attended this session representing over 30 academic, interest and community groups and community agencies (List attached). Presentations included the concept of community GPI and the opportunity offered, together with presentations of preliminary sample results on Peace and Security and Unpaid Caregiving.
- Organized and promoted presentation and work shop sessions for Unpaid Caregiving for 7 October 2003 and Tobacco Use and Health in Kings for 14 October. A major effort has been made to contact personally, people in those agencies and organizations which would have a direct interest in this analysis as well as general promotion and advertising to attract the interested public. An objective of the session is to identify people and organizations who might be prepared to work together in the future to agree on indicators; other data that should be collected; and data that should be collected in the future to measure genuine progress.
- Being planned for 15 November is a major community wide meeting for presentation of two in-depth reports: Employment/unemployment and Health; and an extensive report on Agriculture and Land Use in the county. Included in the day's activities will be the first annual general meeting of the Society, electing a board of directors and setting up work groups to decide on elements of further analysis, indicators to be used and requirements for data in the future. Work on both the analysis and organization of the session is well underway.
- Meetings are being organized with the region's three Community Health Boards and the Regional Health Foundation to initiate a program of analysis of the data base for health and related factors in Kings. These groups have already allocated some funds to support the process in the county and will be examining possible allocation of significant funds for analysis and for future data collection and analysis.

The Society and the Acadia Group have an effective working relationship, with clear lines of responsibility and accountability. The core function of the society is facilitator for community organization and community access to technical services, advice and support as the project moves to its next phases. The immediate responsibility, with Acadia and with technical support from GPI Atlantic, will be to ensure satisfactory performance and completion of the deliverables specified under the CPHI/GPI Atlantic contract.

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