

Minutes of Hospice Yukon Society AGM for April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

Thursday May 29, 2025 at 7 pm at Golden Age Society

*Hospice Yukon Society's **mandate** is to support the provision of hospice palliative care and provide grief support for Yukoners.*

*Hospice Yukon Society's **vision** is to inspire a compassionate community through support and education for Yukoners experiencing death and grief.*

*Hospice Yukon **values**: inclusivity, collaboration, responsiveness and self-care.*

Present: Stacey Jones, Corinna Warren, Carlie Graef, Alexandra Knowles, Sally Macdonald, Suzanne Greenshields, Ursula Witschi, Mary Armstrong, Susan Walton, Rita Leveille, Mary Martin, Heather Macfadgen, Deb Higgins, Tanya MacDonald, Heather Finton, Clea Roberts, Shawn Verrier, Val Pike

Topic	Outcome
1. Call to Order	By Val Pike, Board Co-chair at 7:13 pm
2. Introductory Remarks	Val welcomed and thanked everyone for coming and acknowledged that we are fortunate to be present on the traditional territories of the Kwanlin Dun First Nation and the Ta'an Kwach'an Council. She thanked Carlie for organizing a fabulous dinner.
3. Additions to and Adoption of Agenda	Motion to adopt the agenda Moved by: Susan Walton Seconded by: Heather Macfadgen All in favour.
4. Review and approval of 2023 – 2024 AGM minutes	Motion to approve the 2023-2024 AGM minutes: Moved by: Suzanne Greenshields Seconded by: Clea Roberts All in favour.
5. Board of Directors' Report	Highlights of the Board of Directors report Val Pike, Co-Chair introduced the Board members: Co-chair – Susan Walton; Secretary - Mary Martin; Heather Macfadgen; (Dr. Alex Kmet sent his regrets); and Executive Director Stacey Jones, who is a non-voting member of our board. We follow the Carver model of governance and we focus on policy and stay out of day-to-day operations. We are guided by our Constitution and Bylaws, our Policy Manual and our Strategic Plan. This year, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We started work on a Donations Policy and Recognition Program as well as a Legacy Giving Program; • We followed up on a Green Burial Program with the City of Whitehorse at the Grey Mountain Cemetery; • We met with our funding partners at the Yukon Government regarding our Transfer Payment Agreement; • We participated in a day long Strategic Planning session along with Hospice staff; • We continue to work on securing a new location for Hospice House in order to meet the on-going growing demands for our services and programming.

	<p>All of these items are a work in progress.</p> <p>Val thanked all of our dedicated volunteers, our passionate staff and our excellent Executive Director, all of whom make it very rewarding to be a Hospice Yukon Board Member.</p> <p>In closing she congratulated Stacey for receiving the King Charles the Third Coronation Award in recognition of her significant contribution of providing compassionate end of life care and support to families and enhancing the well being of the Yukon community.</p>
<p>6. Executive Director's Report – Stacey Jones</p>	<p>Highlights of the Executive Director report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stacey reviewed several staff changes that took place over the past year and she welcomed four new Healing Touch volunteers. • Last year we logged 1200 volunteer hours, not including the many feelie heart makers who provide hundreds, maybe even thousands of the small comforting hearts each year. • Board and staff have begun working on our next three-year Strategic Plan. Thanks to Sue Meikle for donating her time and to Heritage North for donating space for this planning session to happen. • We have just completed the third year of our three-year contract with YG. A new one-year contract was signed March 31, 2025. • With the addition of an Outreach Facilitator to our staff we have been able to increase our revenue generation. She was able to get to Atlin, Carmacks, Carcross and Haines Junction, which is a celebration for us, since we have long wanted to provide more support to rural Yukon. • We presented a total of 37 workshops and community outreach events with over 600 participants attending. 21 Grief groups were offered including walking, yoga, writing etc. • There were 401 Counselling sessions and 432 Healing Touch sessions. • Carlie and Deb organized a variety of events for our volunteers both to help maintain the community and connection amongst them and to allow us to express our appreciation for the work that each and every volunteer contributes to the success of HYS. • We engaged with many other local NGO's and many branches of YG. • In November, Deb attended the Grief, Bereavement and Mental Health Summit in Richmond BC. Deb presented in one of the breakouts and her presentation sparked much curiosity about HYS and our programs. • We are grateful to Yukon Government Health and Social Services for their continued financial support, and to Yukon University and the Northern Institute of Social Justice for continuing with our partnership to support frontline workers, create compassionate workplaces and help increase grief literacy across the territory. • Thanks to the members of the Rotary Club who sanded and stained the roof over the swan carving in the front yard. • We appreciate the many businesses and individuals who donate to our cause and all the volunteers who make all that we do possible. We are so very grateful for your commitment to our community and the work of HYS.

7. Year-end Financial Report – Corrina Warren, Bookkeeper	Financial reports were reviewed by Corrina Warren who confirmed that HYS finances were in good order. “Your group does a lot with a very small budget!”
8. Ordinary Resolution to appoint an Accountant	<p>Whereas section 9 of the bylaws requires the appointment of an accountant at an annual general meeting, unless it is waived; And whereas the Societies Act and regulations require a compilation engagement be done by an accountant for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026:</p> <p>Be it resolved by ordinary resolution that M McKay & Associates be appointed accountant for Hospice Yukon Society to perform a financial compilation engagement for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2026. Moved by: Heather MacFadgen Seconded by: Susan Walton All in favour.</p>
9. Appointment of Board Members for two-year term	<p>Motion to approve a second term for board members: Val Pike, Alex Kmet and Mary Martin. (Susan Walton is completing the second year of her term). Moved by: Susan Walton Seconded by : Suzanne Greenshields All in favour.</p> <p>We sent out a call for nominations to the board in the spring. Clea Roberts applied and was interviewed by the co-chairs. Val Pike moved that the members approve the nomination of Clea Roberts to the board. Seconded by Susan Walton All in favour.</p> <p>Susan Walton extended sincere thanks to Heather Macfadgen who is leaving the board now. Heather joined us in 2019 and she brought great enthusiasm and very useful insights and advice to the Board.</p> <p>In accordance with Section 2.3 of our bylaws, Val Pike moved that an Honourary Life Membership be granted to Shawn Verrier. Shawn is a long-time and much valued volunteer with us. She was our nomination this year for the City of Whitehorse Volunteer of the Year. Susan Walton seconded it. All in favour.</p>
10. Thank you and Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.