



Gloucester  
Emergency  
Food  
Cupboard

Centre de  
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Gloucester

## **Annual General Assembly Minutes April 27, 2016**

### **Attendance:**

Chair, Don Collar (List appended)

### **Opening Remarks:**

Don Collar welcomed all new and familiar faces from the Gloucester community.

### **Introduction of guests:**

Gwen Bouchard introduced guests, including representatives from the City of Ottawa, the Ottawa Food Bank, the Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, the Gloucester North Lions Club and the Epiphany Anglican Church, as well as Councillor Tierney and his wife Jen and several members working with the Syrian community.

### **Presentation by Sultan Qaddumi:**

Proceeded to the presentation of a cheque of \$1,000 and 500 lbs of rice to the GEFC. Sultan spoke about his years of volunteering at the Cupboard and is now helping Syrian families housed in the apartments on Donald St.

### **Presentation by Gloucester North Lions Club:**

Gwen Bouchard invited Michel, Guy and Pierrette from the Gloucester North Lions Club, who have spent numerous hours planning and hosting the Magical Village at Place d'Orleans. A cheque of \$2,000 was presented to the Gloucester Emergency Food Cupboard as the result of the fundraising done through the Magical Village.

### **Guest speaker:**

Nathan Baktash: Nathan is a University of Ottawa graduate and has been a volunteer for many years as a way to express his gratitude for the help he has received. Nathan raised that 37% of Ottawa Food Bank users are children and that he is proud to be part of a community who welcomes newcomers. Nathan said that Canada is a multicultural nation and that refugees need to embrace their new home.

### **Minutes:**

Motion to accept the 2015 AGM minutes by Ann Frederking.  
Seconded by Claudette Friesen. The motion was carried.

### **Executive Coordinator's Report:**

Gwen Bouchard presented the Annual Report and the Executive Coordinator's Report for 2015. She told the success story of a single mom who was referred to the GEFC by the Resource Centre. She has become an active volunteer and has been running a very successful diaper drive for several years.

Gwen also mentioned how busy the past few weeks had been, including one of the busiest Mondays ever. Seventy-nine new families were recently added, many being Syrian refugees. She said the GEFC has been able to respond to this increased demand without affecting service delivery to other clients. Syrian families will soon be receiving their child benefits which should reduce their number of monthly visits to the Cupboard.

2015 was a year of movement at the GEFC. Thirteen volunteers left while 20 new volunteers joined the organization. Gwen finished by thanking everyone as the 2016 AGM marked her 9<sup>th</sup> and last one.

**Election of Directors** (list appended):

Motion to accept the slate of directors as presented was made by Pat O' Driscoll. Seconded by Marion Washington. The motion was carried.

**Treasurer's Report** (financial statements appended):

Jim Bagues presented the Treasurer's Report for 2015. Jim mentioned that the financial statements had been prepared by Roger Millette Corp. as in previous years. It was raised that the GEFC's unrestricted assets had decreased due to a decision made by the board and that different special projects had resulted in more expenses in 2015.

A question was raised as to if the value of in-kind donations were calculated and incorporated in the budget, to which the treasurer answered that these donations were only calculated for tax receipt purposes.

Financial Statements: Motion to accept financial statements by Ann Frederking. Seconded by Michael Howard. The motion was carried.

Auditor: Motion by Tim Comerford to reappoint Roger Millette. Seconded by Georgina House.

**Recognition of volunteers:**

Gwen Bouchard invited and thanked the volunteers who were recognized for their 1, 5, 10, 15, 20 and 25 year milestones of service to the community.

**Closing:**

Don closed the meeting with a special thank you and gift to Gwen for her many years of service and, upon her departure, wished her all the best in her new adventure.

Councillor Tim Tierney offered Gwen a plaque of appreciation from City Council for her service to the community.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Made by Tracy Martineau and seconded by Ann Frederking. The motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm for refreshments.