

NEW ROSS DISTRICT MUSEUM SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING/MINUTES
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2025
FORTIES COMMUNITY CENTER

In attendance-see attached

The Annual General Meeting of the New Ross District Museum Society was held at the Forties Community Centre Wednesday October 29, 2025. All participating were present physically. The Chair welcomed everyone. Quorum was achieved. Vice Chair Dana Veinot called the meeting to order @ 6:35 and welcomed everyone.

Special guest Mi'kmaq Elder Peggy Wentzell shared a song and prayer of healing

Chair David Moore welcome everyone and gave a synopsis of the museum and asked for approval of the agenda. Andrew DeAdder moved the adoption of the agenda Devin Broome 2nd. Motion carried.

Special guests Stephanie Smith and Rodney Chaisson from Nova Scotia Museums spoke on the value the Ross Farm Museum contributing to the economic value of New Ross and the Province.

Gregory Jollimore requested the AGM minutes and Agenda be mailed out as some people do not have email

2024 AGM minutes-Judy O'Leary moved Evelyn Hiltz 2nd the adoption of the 2024 AGM minutes. Motion carried

Accountants Report-Courtney Grantham from Baker Tilly presented the audit and accountant's report and stated that this was the first audit for Ross Farm. Doug Meister moved Ralph MacDonald 2nd the adoption of the Accountant's report. Motion carried

Brenda Keddy moved Teresa Workman 2nd the appointment of Baker Tilly as 2026 auditor. Motion carried

Edith Leopold had requested previous AGM minutes and financial statements from 2026. Chair David Moore stated that those will be available

Presentation of the Board of Directors

Gerald Keddy presented the present board

Dana Veinot
Judy O'Leary
Janet Larder
Evelyn White

Appointment of new directors

David Moore
Elsie Hiltz
Debbie Reeves
Kimberly Hibbs
Scott Hiltz

Appointed by acclamation

Presentations

Past Chair's report-Gerald Keddy-see attached

Executive director's-Marc Tasse-see attached

Outgoing Directors Appreciation-David Moore thanked Chris Atwood for financial guidance, Jackie Macdonald for her help and guidance with the secretary position and Gerald Keddy, a heartfelt appreciation for all you have done

Staff appreciation-David Moore expressed sincere thanks to the staff for all that they do

New Business

Special resolutions in by-laws

CHANGE -Directors- #17-revised to read “The number of Directors shall be nine (9)

Gerald Keddy moved Debbie Reeves 2nd the adoption of the above change.

Motion carried

ADDITION-Officers-#37-Officers’ terms will be staggered to reflect Directors’ 3-year term limits; appointments will be made to ensure that one of the four officer positions (chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary) rotates each year

Judy O’Leary moved Kathy Hiltz 2nd the adoption of the above resolutions.

Motion carried

New Memberships-annual rates to increase to \$25, to include one adult annual admittance. Lifetime memberships will be grandfathered in
Devin Broome moved Andrew DeAdder 2nd the above motion. Motion carried

Ruth Veinotte called for adjournment
