

To our military family community,

I am pleased to update you on all we have accomplished so far this year as your Halifax & Region Military Family Resource Centre Board of Directors.

This past June, at our Annual General Meeting, we were lucky enough to officially welcome five new and incredibly talented board members to our table. We officially reconvened in September to begin our work, both onboarding our new Directors and governing the MFRC and Shearwater Children's Centre.

The fall focus was on setting work plans and directions for our committees. This included Governance, Recruitment, Finance, and Development & Evaluation committees.

The Development & Evaluation committee planned a November training session with a governance expert about Risk Management and Mitigation. The day also included a Board and Staff meet & greet, where the MFRC team gave in-depth presentations about each service area, current issues and trends affecting military families, and how the Centre is working to address them.


The Governance committee is hard at work after managing the re-write of the by-laws last year. This fall was spent organizing and updating several board policies and terms of reference. We are committed to remaining current with best practices and industry standards.

One of the Board's important roles is financial oversight of the MFRC. This includes updated information on budgets and the funding application process, which is submitted to our primary funder, Military Family Services (MFS), each year. We reviewed this in November, and we await notification on funding allocation for the fiscal year 2025/26. We would like to recognize and express our gratitude to the Base and Wing for their ongoing support with consistent funding this year, which enables many local services.

As a Board, we are responsible for maintaining oversight of the strategic goals which we establish every three years. During January's meeting, we received a progress report from our Executive Director, Shelley Hopkins, about how the organizational plan has moved us closer to achieving our strategic goals and how it will continue to do so over the rest of the year.

I am incredibly proud of the Directors who have hit the ground running this year, and we look forward to continuing to serve and make progress in the second half of the year.

Your H&R MFRC Board Chair



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