



News Release

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Northumberland and Hastings Children's Aid Societies Announce Additional Steps Forward in Amalgamation Process

In January of 2011, the boards of directors of the Hastings Children's Aid Society (HCAS) and the Children's Aid Society of Northumberland (CASN) announced a two-way amalgamation of their organizations that would come into effect on April 1, 2012.

At a Joint Special General Meeting held on January 11, 2012 the members of HCAS and CASN approved a Pre-Amalgamation Agreement that will see the two societies merge. Members from the two societies also approved the Articles of Amalgamation which included an Amalgamation Agreement, an Application of Letters Patent of Amalgamation and the by-laws for the soon to be amalgamated society.

In addition, the members of the two societies approved a new governance structure. Previously, a ten-person Transition Board with Co-Chairs from HCAS and CASN was in place with responsibility to implement the amalgamation of the two societies effective April 1, 2012.

At the Joint Special General Meeting, the members of both societies elected a single, 10-member cross-appointed Combined Board to represent each agency. This board will replace the Transition Board and the current Boards of HCAS and CASN making for a more streamlined decision making process. Under this new structure, major amalgamation decisions will be made concurrently by the Combined Board. This will ensure a unified governance structure that will remain in place until the first Annual General Meeting is held for the new Society and will become the Board for the amalgamated agency as of April 1, 2012.

Following the Joint Special General Meeting, the newly formed Combined Board elected the following Officers:

Darcey French and Karyn Kennedy, Co-Chairs
Phillip Peters, Treasurer
Jay Taugher, Secretary

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Other elected members of the Combined Board include:

From HCAS – Anya-Deane Best, Peter Knudsen and Michael McLeod

From CASN – Mary Brown, Marilyn Curson and Jacqueline Juranics

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