



Girl Guides of Canada Guides du Canada

New Brunswick Council

Annual Report 2016



VISION

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada, the organization of choice for girls and women, makes a positive difference in the life of every girl and woman who experiences Guiding so she can contribute responsibly to her communities.

MISSION

Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada enables girls to be confident, resourceful and courageous, and to make a difference in the world.

Provincial Commissioner's Report 2016

Thank you to all our Coordinators, Advisers, Treasurers, Area Commissioners, District commissioners and especially our unit Guiders for all your hard work over the last year. Guiding has seen many changes over the years and there will be more in the upcoming year and you have always been there to be the champion of change.

2016 saw the hiring of our new National CEO Jill Zelmanovitz. In her 100 day plan she already has been in touch with our staff and working to build the relationship between NB Council and National.

NB & PEI were well represented at Guiding Mosaic 2016 with 122 girls and guiders attending the camp in Sylvian Lake, Alberta. It was also approved through council that we would send a patrol of 8 girls and 2 guiders to SOAR in British Columbia in 2017. Karen Frontain and Nicole Moeller will be the adult leads for this trip. Pam Bull our Elected Member you attended the Girl Forum event hosted by Ontario Council.

Guide House saw some improvements in 2016 with the paving of the parking lot and other minor fix ups.

Over the last year, we have filled many of the vacant council positions, but we are still in search of a Membership and Web adviser. Our girl numbers have continued to decline in 2016 and we will refocus in 2017 to reverse this trend.

Camping

Camping has had a momentous year. In May 2016, there was a very successful Spark Camp held at Snider Mountain Ranch – Sparks Go Country. The Sparks had a wonderful time riding horses, climbing walls, doing crafts and singing!

Guide Camp Skills was held in Water's Edge Area and the Guides had an enjoyable time learning and honing their camp skills.

NB/PEI had a very large contingent of girls who attended GM 2016 in Alberta. Despite the rain a memorable time was had by all.

Sizzle 'N Splash had several girls canoeing and learning basic camp skills, others just had a lot of fun in the kayaks and doing crafts.

The Camping part of the September Campers/Trainers Conference was held at Camp Chiplquorgan. It was a fun weekend and the campers were joined by three Guiders who received their OAL Tenting. This was followed up in November by an OAL Adventure Camping weekend with 8 participants. It was a lot for them to take in but all they need now is their nights away.

Communications

As a committee, the push is always on getting Guiding out into the communities both internal and external. The Provincial website continues to be a reliable source of information for Guiders on upcoming events – so please keep on sending any info along to our fabulous Web Adviser Debbie Stackhouse. The Ebb and Flow continues to focus on different areas at various times but content from all areas is always welcome and encouraged. The public NB/PEI Girl Guide Facebook page continues to grow with lots of people sharing photos and Heidi continuously updating with facts, stories, pics and posts from National.

Cookies

We had a great Fall Campaign selling 7,407 cases of mint cookie. We sold out Province wide very quickly! National Cookie Day was very busy with many units selling at various locations as well.

Girl Engagement

The last year in this new position has been a huge learning curve but it has been a whole lot of fun. The advisers that fall under the Girl Engagement umbrella have met made plans for developing challenge badges for Camping, International and Program. An invite to help develop the Girl Engagement Challenge was sent out to all units Guiders and Girls. I have helped with the Trade Talks, a plan PATH for the next 18 months with all committee Advisers was drawn up. This was to help NB Council to a line themselves with the Strategic Plan set out by National.

Areas

Coastal Shore

One of the highlights for Coastal Shore in 2016 was the hosting of an all-age Area camp – Sisters in Guiding- at Camp Sheldrake in Bartibog. Sparks, Brownies, Guides, Pathfinders, Rangers, Guiders and Trefoil Guild members all spent two nights at this beautiful facility. The girls enjoyed canoeing, wall climbing, rappelling, archery, and the ropes course that were there. Each unit was given a country of WAGGGS to represent and on Sunday morning an International market was held. Girls could visit each station and enjoy a craft, food, game song, etc. from that country. The local Miramichi Multicultural Association attended as well and had a display.

Island View and River's Edge Districts held a special Thinking Day event at the Miramichi Curling club. Girls spent time sliding first and then indoors for a campfire and cake.

GM'16 - 23 girls, 8 Guiders and 1 staff participated. Despite all the rain, the girls and Guiders brought home enough memories to last a life time. The 3 units from Miramichi went two days early so they could attend the Calgary Stampede which was another highlight of the trip.

Kelly Matchett Island View District Commissioner and a Guider for Newcastle Guides was the receipt ant of one of the National scholarships.

At our Area annual banquet, we were please to honor Marg Adams, a Trefoil Guild member who had celebrated her 90th birthday. Her three sons were able to attend, along with her grand-daughter who a Guide. She was presented with flowers as a thank you for all her service.

As a fundraiser for GM'16 the girls held a Princess party. There were stations set up around the room with different activities and over 100 little princesses attended.

Coastal Shore had the pleasure of hosting the Provincial Fall workshop - The ABC's of GGC- Getting Back to the Basics. Sessions were held at James M Hill High School.

Campbellton Sparks and Brownies enjoyed a winter camp and participated in the local Christmas parade. They made Christmas cards for soldiers and poinsettias for a local senior's home.

A new unit opened in Beersville for Guides & Pathfinders and unfortunately one closed (Chatham Sparks).

Mawiw

Mawiw Area started the year off with a huge Thinking Day themed Sleepover at Brookside Mall in Fredericton. Almost 500 girls and adults participated in a round robin of fun activities.

A French language Unit was formed, the 1er Troupe Francophone de Fredericton. Sparks, Brownies and Guides attended and a Francophone camp was held at Camp Chip in November, inviting girls from all over NB/PEI.

Mawiw Area incorporated the previous Upper Saint John River Valley Area as the new Fiddlehead District bringing along with it another Camp - Etalacimuk.

The Provincial Annual Meeting was hosted at the Oromocto High School with the theme of "All About the Girl".

A contest was held to design a new Area Crest which turned out to be a feather showing the names of all Districts.

Forty-five girls, ten leaders and 11 staff attended GM2016. Six girls and 6 staff attended Sizzle and Splash.

The 1st York Sunbury Trefoil Guild established our first Uniform Bank.

Kennebecasis

Kennebecasis GM patrol had a fantastic time at Guiding Mosaic. We had over 20 girls and leaders who participated in Guiding Mosaic in July. We all had the time of our lives despite the poor weather.

Camp Chacik was booked most of May and every weekend in June. We hosted a Fun and Fitness Day for Brownies in May with many girls attending.

Gold District held an Olympics themed District Camp at Camp Tulakdik in June with excellent participation from all units. Silver District has a Camp on Father's Day weekend called Silver Fun for Everyone.

Bluewater District had a successful District Laser Tag and Dance in Kingston with all units participating.

Sussex District has a unit of Pathfinders and Rangers who are busy planning and fundraising for an independent international trip to Germany.

Prince Edward Island

Shelley MacDonald was welcomed as Area Commissioner and it's her first year back in Guiding after an absence of 30 years. She's glad to be back! Thank you! It's been a busy year in PEI with many events happening. We had events for Thinking week in all Districts. Also, the units were very busy in their communities throughout the year with visitations to seniors, attending Remembrance Day services, helping those less fortunate and of course there were camps.

We had a tree planting event in May that was in partnership with TD. Pam Sellick did an excellent job in organizing this event. We had girls from all ages attend. The Trefoil ladies helped with registration and snacks as well. We planted 700 trees on Robinson's Island (Brackley Beach Area). We had an article in the local paper for this as well.

We had a rally with an International theme in June organized by Carolyn Cockram. Once again, we had a great turnout for this with girls from all districts in attendance. We had stations with activities from different countries – Eiffel Towers built out of marshmallows and toothpicks: belly dancing: and God's eye crafts to name a few.

We also had leaders and Rangers attend the AGM and the fall training. We would like to see more attend and will encourage our Guiders.

We had 2 patrols attend GM. all together with support staff I think there were about 20 who went. What learning experiences we have in Guiding!

We are selling lots of cookies as always. This year we also have the Little Pond group fundraising from a trip to Newfoundland this year. We also have a trip planned to NYC for 2018 which has lots of fundraising planned.

We had a fall training session in Charlottetown which had several leaders attend. We also had first aid training in November.

The area council had some changes in positions. However, am happy to report we are only missing one position now which is PR.

Our numbers are down to last year by a significant amount. We are working on ways to see about changing that. Some of the girls have gone into other activities such as sports and dance that conflict with the meeting times. We also have several new leaders this year. We are planning on contacting local schools, daycares and churches to see if we can promote Guiding. The Stratford Sparks had a bring a friend night recently and had 3 girls sign up. We are participating in the Rally in May of 2017. We are hoping this will also bring new members to our units.

Camp Fairhaven was used by several units and we also had groups from Ontario stay there this past summer while they were visiting PEI. We are in the process of doing some needed maintenance on the buildings.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year of Guiding on PEI and we will hopefully see our numbers increase.

Water's Edge

Units have been very busy in WEA the fall of 2016. Eastern Trail District had a district hike along Harbour Station that was very well attended. Many units attended the Remembrance Day ceremony at Harbour Station, as well as other places. Girls from Campobello "adopted a veteran" and took part in the ceremonies on the island. Eastern Trail and Western Trail both entered floats in the Santa Claus parade, and River District marched in the parade. Western Trail won an award for their float! We have had units working on Action on Poverty, and many have helped prepare and serve food for the less fortunate. The girls have gone carolling and enjoyed many special guests.

WEA has been promoting Guiding and were very pleased to have the Girl Guide billboards and the game at the Movie Theatre show up in Saint John. A "membership group" has been formed to build on the strengths of different guiders to develop a membership plan for WEA. Girls who did not return were contacted to find out the reasons. A few girls did return after being contacted. Other findings were quite a few either had no email, an incorrect email or phone numbers that were not current.

The older girls who have gone on trips are visiting other units to tell of their experiences. 2 girls have been selected for the provincial patrol for SOAR, as well as two more patrols who are going independently.

The Training team has been busy offering Safe Guide, First Aid, Financial Training, Kickstart the year, and a fun training on Challenges offered on the national site. They have all been well attended. WEA implemented a Training Challenge, where participants earn a sticker as they complete trainings to eventually earn a crest. It has certainly encouraged Guiders to attend trainings. They are having fun and will soon earn the first part of the three-part crest.

We will be hosting Sparks Can Camp, Camp Fun for Brownies, and the Provincial Rally in May of 2017. Plans are well under way for these events. There will be a Flag raising and Sing Song held to kick off Thinking Day Week.

Cookie sales are brisk, and our fall cookies sold out very quickly. The spring order has been placed, and the numbers look very good.

There were several members from Waters Edge Area who travelled to the Miramichi to attend the Fall Workshop. One of our Rangers has been selected to attend the Youth forum in Toronto.

Water's Edge looks forward to the rest of this guiding year and making plans for the next one.

2016/ 2017	Coastal Shore	Kennebecasis	Mawiw	Prince Edward Island	Tidewater	Water's Edge	Province	Total
Youth	256	329	675	288	375	359	0	2292
Adults	57	63	189	75	77	92	2	605

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