



**Conseil du
Nouveau-Brunswick**

Guides du Nouveau-Brunswick
et de l'Île-du-Prince-Édouard

2020

Annual Report



**New Brunswick
Council**

For Guiding in New Brunswick and PEI

Everything she wants to be.



Pour qu'elle aille au bout de ses rêves.



New Brunswick / PEI Provincial Commissioner Message 2020



When we reflect back over the past year, little did we know what our world would look like, what challenges we would be facing and what strength and determination would be needed to get us to where we are today.

But one thing I knew was the Guiders would bring that strength and determination to keep Guiding going in New Brunswick & PEI. So as I look back over my 1st year as your Provincial Commissioner I can say I am proud; proud of the organization, proud of the leaders, and proud of the youth and girl members.

#virtualllearning

For all the guide & brownie leaders doing a great job even in lockdown.



The leader was not sure that she had really understood ZOOM!

As Covid 19 tested our ability to deliver quality programs for our girls, you, their leaders stepped up and embraced ways to make outdoor and virtual meetings fun and engaging. You were quick to learn and adapt, and while not always easy, you always did so with the girl in mind.



Over the past year we have heard testimonials from girls and parents like this:

Our leaders are all incredible, and we thank you for the work you do, even during closures. Thank you!

And like these girls from PEI, they explored the outdoors and learned about the wide world around them.





They camped – inside style at the Great Canadian Camp in! and hung their Trefoil's with pride during the NB/PEI Trefoil Scavenger Hunt



So, as we finished 2020, we knew there were better days ahead, ones where we will be able to gather, share stories, continue to learn new things and above all have fun.




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As I close this message, I'd like to thank the members of the NB/PEI Provincial Council for their support during my 1st year, I couldn't have done this without you. To the guiders – thank you and keep on Guiding, we need you and the girls need you!!

Thank you, *Shelley*

Everything she wants to be.



Our Annual Report will look a little different this year as many of the events and activities planned could not happen, however the Area Commissioners did want to recognize the efforts of their Guiders and Council.

Coastal Shore Area Message

Coastal Shore Council welcomed me as their new Area Commissioner in 2020 and I have been fortunate to work with a dedicated group of volunteers. There has been a lot of learning and changes but as a Team we worked together to support Guiding in Coastal Shore.

From the Guiders, to the District Council, to the Area Council, we have pulled together to help our girls through some very difficult times while keeping Guiding available to all.

To the Guiders and Council members in Coastal Shore, I thank you for your support and dedication.

Thank you, Marilyn

Kennebecasis Area Message

Kennebecasis continued to offer great guiding experiences to the girls in our Area and for that we are very thankful!

Like all across the Province and the country, there were challenges, there were times when we could meet and times when we couldn't but having said that, the Guiders in Kennebecasis stepped up and were there for the girl – which is what Guiding is all about.

Leaders learned new skills, like using Zoom and Teams, they prepped for virtual meetings and strived to make virtual Guiding fun and interactive.

Certainly the ever changing Return to Guiding Phases, sometimes made it difficult but again, being quick to react to the changes was one of the strengths and for that, thank you all for going outside your comfort zone, for being open to new ideas and for supporting the Council.

Guiding in Kennebecasis and the Area Council couldn't have survived this year with all of you.

Thank you, Jessie

Mawiw Area Message

It has been a difficult year like it has for most of Canada. We lost over 35 Guiders this past Fall and a number of units were closed. But others opened and we were able to keep all levels of guiding running at a smaller capacity.

Guiders, Girls and their families were all determined to make the most of the circumstances and persevere. I want to thank each one of them for their commitment and determination. Everyone adapted to the virtual world of meetings; ever changing Return to Guiding phases; outdoor meetings; and in person indoor meetings. The majority offered very fun, interactive, door-drop off supplies, virtual meetings when necessary. This takes a lot of extra time and commitment on the Guiders part to execute successfully so each girl has the same items during the online meeting. Hats off to all the Guiders who were able to provide this. Not all units were able to do this, and that is okay. We live in a very rural large province and not all have good access to internet.

Our Area has 3 Camps: Camp WWZZ, Camp ET, and Camp Chip. Usage of course was next to nil this year due to Covid-19. Camp WWZZ is getting ready to hit the market for sale this month. Camp ET will be making decisions on how to best go forward. And Camp Chip has been busy holding fundraisers in order to replace the Lodge roof this summer.

Units have become very creative on what they have covered and accomplished this year. Virtual sleepovers, parties, scavenger hunts, enrolments, show and tells, games, tours, and even Guest Speakers, to name a few.

Girls and Guiders alike are very eager to return to having and enjoying camping trips, in person sleepovers, and traveling together.

Thank you to each of you who are the reason the girls continue to love Guiding! You are their role models. My time as the Area Commissioner of Mawiw has come to an early end due to moving to NS this July. One year just was not enough time – but I thank each and every one of you for your dedication, determination, and commitment to playing a part of making Mawiw Area an awesome sisterhood! And thank you as well to the Provincial Council Members; fellow Area Commissioners and all members I have met along the way—your help, guidance, inspiration, and enthusiasm is why I have enjoyed volunteering on council positions. I will miss you all.

Thank you, Tanya

Prince Edward Island Area Message

A huge thanks to all Guiders and Guiding members who have worked hard during this Guiding year to keep the 'Show on the Road'. Your resilience is remarkable.

Guiding provides a safe environment that invites girls and young women to challenge themselves, find their voice, meet new friends, have fun and make a difference in the world – you are a big part of that!

You as volunteers have continued to help deliver a unique program that encourages girls to build life skills in outdoor adventure, financial literacy, mental health, advocacy and more. Together, we're building a better world, by girls.

We are all looking forward to being able to get together again, hopefully sometime soon.

Camp Fairhaven now has new eaves troughs and the camp is being maintained. We have all missed camping, but our beloved Camp Fairhaven is still there for when we are able to once again engage our girls in lots of outdoor fun and memory making activities.

All units across PEI are participating in the STEAM PEI Engineering and Art challenges – exciting opportunity for both girls and leaders!

Empowering, challenging and engaging – that's what today's Girl Guides is all about.

Enjoy your summer and we look forward to a great 2021-2022 Guiding Year.

Thank you, Amy

Tidewater Area Message

This year has been a challenge for all our Guiders and units. Our Guiders have worked hard and used their resources to offer a variety of activities and program options for their units.

We have seen our guiders rise to the challenge of online meetings, social distancing, and inventive meeting places. Units have taken part in social distanced tours of apple orchards, bike rodeos, hiking local trails, scavenger hunts, sliding and winter challenges. Zoom has also been a great tool for our Guiders. Through zoom our units have done scavenger hunts, guessing games, crafts, paint nights, baking and cooking nights, challenge nights and learning their Guiding history.

Our Guiders have made packages of craft challenges and arranged contactless delivery for the girls to work on at their own pace. We have been encouraging our girls to work on badges, challenges, and awards at home. It has been a challenge to help them achieve their goals in a new way.

Our registration numbers have declined this year which is to be expected with all the changes we have dealt with this year. Covid has really pushed our Guiders to find new and innovative ways to present our program. We have discovered a lot of our local trails and activities offered by our community. We were all saddened this year at the passing of Guider Myra Fraser. Myra was a member of the Trefoil Guild and a Sparks Guider. She will be missed.

I wish to thank each and every one of the Guiders and support people (Unit assistants, etc) for their continued work and commitment since COVID-19 started and hope you stay safe and healthy until we come to the end of this disruption.

Thank you, Louise

Water's Edge Area Message

Do you know you're AWESOME?

It always amazes me how you can push forward and challenge yourself again, and again. I just want to personally Thank You!!

It has been an extremely difficult year. You have faced new technologies, new way of programming, new banking, and new safety protocols. Some of us have relied on Facebook posts from friends with ideas for our weekly check-ins because we just don't have the energy to put a meeting together ourselves. Some of us have dealt with emotional loss and physical pain during this year.

We miss seeing each other to talk over new ideas and our difficulties. We miss having a meal together to celebrate our accomplishments. --- But, we... YOU have made it through, as challenging as it was.

The girls are near and dear to our hearts. Your faithful commitment makes a difference to the girls you see every week. We have been fortunate to be able to have in-person meetings for the majority of our year. Whether we were indoors, outdoors, or virtual, you have adapted to give the girls a great experience the best way you know how. They feel more confident and get excited about coming to their meeting every week. That is something to celebrate!

You are an AMAZING woman.

So, again, Thank you for your volunteer hours and dedication to our Area and your community.

May we all be able to smile – without a mask! – and congratulate each other. I am so grateful you are on our team!

Thank you, Debbie

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*On behalf of New Brunswick / PEI Provincial Council,
we send our sincere thoughts to those members
who have lost loved ones during 2020.*