

*NS Council*

*.... as we turn the page on 2017, and welcome 2018, I would like to say Happy New Year and send a huge Thank You for all you've done for Guiding in 2017 !*

2017 was an exciting year - a year full of change and new beginnings. In June we said Thank You to Kathy McKay our outgoing Provincial Commissioner, I assumed the role as your new Provincial Commissioner, we continued to offer fun and exciting activities to our members and then started our Guiding year with lots of opportunities for both girl and adult members!



Supporting girls and Guiders is a crucial component in the success of our Organization. Your Provincial Council and their subcommittees worked tirelessly to make sure events like, the Brownie STEM Event, the Guides Lady Baden Powell Challenge Camp, and Quest for Pathfinders, provided quality and fun programming for all.



The Youth Forum was launched in 2017 with 6 youth members meeting to lay the foundation of including the voice of youth members at District, Area and Provincial Councils. This is exciting for us - the youth is our future and must have a voice to continue to make us viable in the world today.



The Commissioners came together to learn, share and discuss how best to support you as leaders, and their Councils at COGS (Commissioners Ongoing Goings Skills). At Fall Connections, the Provincial and Area Advisers, District and Area Commissioners and District and Area Treasurers came together for a day of learning and fellowship.



Our year ended with the biennial Guider Conference. Building on feedback from past Conferences, the Conference Committee planned and executed one of the largest Conferences we have seen in the past few years. The Team was able to accommodate more Guiders and host exciting and varied sessions- all with the goal of providing rewarding and fun experiences.

These are a just a few of the events offered at the Provincial level, and I know there are so many more events and activities happening all across our province at the Unit level- events that encourage our members to try something different, develop a new skill, and grow beyond their comfort zone - all thanks to dedicated Guiders like you!

Building on the *Girl Greatness Starts Here* mantra, the Fall of 2017 saw the launch of our new Brand statement:



**Everything she wants to be !**

Guiding is committed to be a place where girls are empowered to take the lead, jump into awesome activities, and explore what matters to them. Girls will lead the way, seek new challenges, find their voice, and discover how they can make a difference in their world. They will make friends and have a ton of fun all in a safe, supportive, and inclusive space.

So what does 2018 hold in store for us? ..... More opportunities for Girls and Guiders to learn, share, and have fun while meeting new people. Events like Kwah-ee Camps for Guides, Brownies Explore the Arts Day, OAL (Outdoor Adult Leadership) and Trainers Weekend are all planned for early this year, so I know we are off to a great start.

As we move forward in 2018, you will hear more about the National Strategic Plan and how NS is supporting this exciting road we are on- this is the path that will provide direction for us, both Provincially and Nationally



Thank you for all your time and efforts to make Guiding a fun place for both girls and your fellow Guiders- it's because of you our girl members will succeed in their goal of becoming .....*Everything she wants to be !!*

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