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President Report – Annual General Meeting October 3 2019

Last year I described my first year as president as being eventful, I guess eventful is considered normal. Again it included outstanding fundraising totals and a change in staff. To the extent that they can report I will leave the details of client services and operations to Kelly Barnie and the details of Community Relations and fundraising to Deanne McRae.

In 2019 the YANA run Big Love Benefit raised \$158,000 for Comox Valley families. This surpassed the previous year total by \$36,000, quite incredible considering considering the previous year's increase of \$31,000 over 2017 The Simon's Cycles YANA ride became the Comox Bike Company YANA Ride also exceeded the previous year total by raising \$80,000. \$10,000 more than 2018. In addition to those 2 events, the Christmas Crackers and the Kids Clutter sale continue to be the YANA run events. Although Staff and the Board are heavily involved the contribution of volunteers and the support of the community cannot be overlooked. This includes many third party fundraisers organized by individuals and businesses within the Comox valley. The fiscal year began with a budget again forecasting a deficit for YANA. In the end there was a surplus of over \$27,000. This shows that in spite of the hard work by the ED and Treasurer preparing a budget it is virtually impossible to predict what the revenue and some of the expenses will be. As always the community continues to honour the legacy of Sandra Williams and support YANA in tremendous and unexpected ways. YANA client services continues to increase and therefore expenses continue to increase and I will leave it to Kelly to talk about that.

In 2019 YANA we saw the addition of Kris Johnson and Andrea Postal in client relief positions and most recently we saw Deanne McRae decide to move on. While we are saddened by her decision to leave we feel we have found an outstanding replacement with Shormila Bakshi.

This has been my 8th year on the board and I continue to feel very fortunate to be involved with YANA and to have met the people I have. To the board, the staff and volunteers thank you for all you do. To our clients and families, You are Not Alone, you have a whole community behind you.