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President Report – YANA Annual General Meeting October 4 2018

I think if nothing else my first year as President could be described as being eventful. It included outstanding fundraising totals and changes 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 2018 the YANA run Big Love Benefit raised \$122,000 for Comox Valley families. This surpassed the previous year total by \$31,000! The Simon's Cycles YANA ride also exceeded the previous year total by raising \$70,000. \$8,000 more than 2017. 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 forecasting a significant deficit for YANA. In the end there was a surplus of over \$37,000. 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 2018 YANA saw both of the main employees, Marcie Dumais, Executive Director and Ocean Varney, Community Relations Coordinator move on. On one hand this was sad for YANA but on the other hand we have found two great replacements in Kelly Barnie and Deanne McRae to take over those roles. Additionally one of the casual relief staff changed with Keltie Schalm leaving and Denyse Harris taking over that role. This has been my 7th 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.