



2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

RIDING THE WAVES

2021-2022 SHIP'S LOG

OUR MISSION

The mission of the East Hants Community Learning Association is to empower individuals to live with a sense of freedom and confidence through accessible transportation and learning opportunities.

Making Learning, Life and Food Accessible

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

**Community Engagement
Program Excellence
Organizational Sustainability**

km Travelled
370,475
↑ 58%

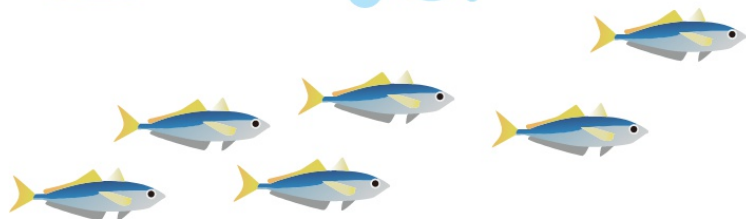
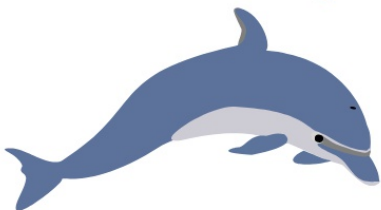
EHCR Rides
9113
↑ 59%

Plates of Food
**2,673 across all
ECG events**

**EHCR
Passengers**
450
↑ 14%

Pop Up Markets
**13 across
5 communities**

**Community
Lunches**
**6 in February
and March**



A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAINS



TANYA BURKE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello again!

I paused for a moment to consider the title of this year's report: "Riding the Waves." I think it neatly sums up this past year. We have all experienced the "rise and fall" of the waves, the relief of riding the "crest" and the "falling" wave of more restrictions.

I am confident that I am not alone in enjoying some semblance of a return to normal. From welcoming friends and family back into our homes to watching kids perform - there's a sense of relief to it all.

It feels luxurious to think about travelling and nostalgic to be able to eat out, shop, get a haircut, and socialize with others again.

Like people, our communities have been challenged and impacted by past two years. The rebuilding process will certainly take time and the higher cost of everything will be felt by all. At EHCLA, we are excited to adapt to our new normal and focus on growth. Our learning programs, the Community Rider and the Elmsdale Community Garden are people-serving programs, and people, we have missed you!

We have a tendency to be creatures of habit and roll with the waves we know best. As we look toward the next year, I am prepared to welcome some change. There have already been new faces using our services and we are thrilled to see growth again. Over the coming months, we aspire to build on what we have learned over the past two years to ensure our programs and services remain approachable, engaging, and responsive to our community.



HAYLEY MILLER
DISPATCHER / ADMIN

2021-2022 was a good year! We are still operating with caution, asking our passengers to wear their masks and our drivers to keep our fleet extra clean and safe.

In 2015, we purchased our VERY FIRST smart floor van, Henry Ford. During his service for us, he racked up 430,000 km and enjoyed frequent spa days at **Elmsdale Auto**. As a result, Henry has been retired and will live out the rest of his days as a converted camper van.

Our newest fleet addition is a 2020 Kia Niro, our first hybrid vehicle. His name is **Nemo** and you can find him out and about in our communities. Nemo is very accessible and looking to the future, our goal is to replace our aging sedans (Tom Cruze and Lancelot) with vehicles that will help reduce our carbon footprint.

The Fare Assistance Program is back this year to support people facing transportation and financial barriers in our community. The program will return for 2022-2023 with a few changes to ensure it supports those that need it most.

As we close another year, it's amazing to see how much we've grown. Thank you to our team for the many long hours on the road and to our passengers for being patient as EHCR gets ever busier.

One day we will say goodbye to our masks, but until then, know that we are smiling behind them and happy to be helping others in our community.



RIDER ON THE WAVES



PHIL LAVEN
COMMUNICATIONS
& PROGRAMS
MANAGER

ODIN
MASCOT

I just wanted to say how AMAZING your driver is! Every time he assists our residents to appointments he is always so kind and patient with them, and helps them every bit he can.

- Staffperson from the Magnolia

East Hants
COMMUNITY RIDER
Making Life Accessible

I've often been dubbed the Jack of all Trades. I've been quite happy to play that role this year - to the best of my ability. From technology guy to driver to sous-chef to grant writer, I've enjoyed the wild ride on the waves this year.

We also got a mascot this year! Odin has been a wonderful addition to the team. I thank everyone - staff and passengers alike - as he learned the ropes and made friends with everyone we connected with in our travels.

The Elmsdale Community Garden's Community Lunches were a big hit this year! However, the highlight of my year was the Community Quest. After many hours of planning, routing and creating, I got to greet people at the start line and set them off on an adventure from Milford to Elmsdale.

Next year, I'll continue to expand my skillset and find new ways to make our programs shine in the year ahead. Keep an eye out for fresh ideas that aim to help more members of our community with their learning needs.

Until next year, keep us in mind - we're never more than a call or e-mail away. We love connecting with others in the community and spreading the word.

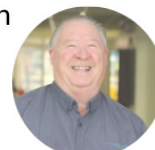


- **Meal Kits and Grocery Delivery**
- **Community Lunch Delivery**
- **\$5 Vaccination Transportation**
- **Fare Assistance Program**
- **Christmas Parades in East Hants & Fall River**

THANK YOU TO OUR DRIVERS!

Welcome to George Robertson
- our newest driver!

We're lucky to have such an outstanding team of caring, friendly guys behind the wheel.



**Neil
Barr**



**Dave
Hue**



**Brian
MacInnis**



**Brent
Gallant**



**Mark
Lynch**



**George
Robertson**



ACTIVITIES ON THE OPEN SEAS

East Hants
**COMMUNITY
LEARNING ASSOCIATION**
Making Learning Accessible



**Jean
Wright**



**Tom
Richard**



**Diana
Stead**

Community Learning kept classes small and delivered a wide range of programs in our community:

- **Adult Learning classes Levels 1-3**
- **GED Preparation**
- **Alphabet Soup in Motion**
- **Digital Literacy**
- **First Aid**
- **First Steps in Weaving**
- **Fly-Tying Sessions**



MEET KRESTIN



Krestin Mousa is a learner originally from Syria. She began studying with us two years ago.

What has your learning experience been like this year?

**Very, very, very good!
All the staff are very kind and
I feel very comfortable here.
It is like my home.**

What have you been focusing on this year?

**Learning how to use a laptop.
Jean and Tom helped me
take an online course to
help me learn. I now know
enough to use one on my own!**

What are your plans for the summer?

**I'm looking forward to help
with the Community Garden
and pop up markets. I love to
work with this team!**



- **Poppy Making and Presentation at the Elmsdale Legion**
- **Christmas Wreaths for the Magnolia**
- **Wednesday Swims at the Aquatic Centre**
- **East Hants Community Quest**
- **Picnic and Tidal Walk at Burntcoat Head**
- **Exploring Shubenacadie Wildlife Park**



SEA FOOD

Elmsdale
COMMUNITY GARDEN
Making Food Accessible



Tanya
Ashley



Krestin
Mousa



Sara
Millen

The Community Garden saw a record breaking season! We fine-tuned our operations to maximize our efficiency in feeding the most people possible.

- 12 Garden Boxes
- Harvest Dinner
- Community Lunches
- Pop Up Markets
- Community Freezer Meals
- New Cold Frame
- Food Rescues
- Vermiculture Class



Thanks so much for lunch!
It was delicious as always!
We're glad to help support
the community garden.

- Community Lunch attendee



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We have two new additions to our board - **welcome to Leanne Taylor and Leah Murray!** Our board has shown great leadership over the past year and guided us through rough waters.



Paula
Wadden



Caitlin
Patterson



Cathy
MacDonald



Gennie
Himelman



Gina
Winfield



Cecil
Dixon



Alicia
Wilmot



Stacey
Harrison



Darlene
MacNeil



Leanne
Taylor



Leah
Murray

MODEL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Congratulations to Becky Grant, one of our outstanding volunteer chefs who served up Community Lunches out of the Elmsdale Legion for the Elmsdale Community Garden.

Becky won a **Shining Star award**, as well as **Model Volunteer of the Year** from the Municipality of East Hants and will represent East Hants at the Provincial Volunteer Awards in 2023. **Way to go, Becky!**



2021-2022 LIFE PRESERVERS

FUNDERS

EHCLA and EHCR receive funding from a range of provincial, municipal and community supporters.

These funds enable us to offer programs and services that are affordable and accessible to everyone in the community.



SPECIAL THANKS



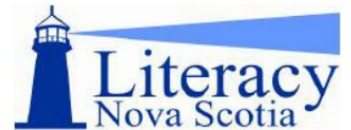
Jerry's Water Delivery
Our Community Garden could not grow without water. Jerry's Water has been re-filling our totes free of charge.

Cup of Soul Cafe
Whether tasty meals or hot chocolate, the staff at Cup of Soul never fail to provide us with outstanding food for special events.

PARTNERS

We strongly believe in collaboration.

We partner with many other organizations and institutions in our community.



2021-2022 CORPORATE MEMBERS



Enhard
Distribution



Golden Star
Pizza &
Grocery

The
hearing
Specialists



McNeill's
Keeping you on the move since 1962



Ribahi
Brothers



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