

BARK donates to local community initiatives

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On Monday, June 28, surrounded by children and animal friends, the Blockhouse Area Ratepayers Kinship, known as BARK, made generous financial donations to two beloved community institutions: the South Shore Waldorf School and Kindergarten and Hinchinbrook Farm Society.

In doing so, BARK, whose role since its founding in 2016 is to represent, protect, nurture and advocate for the Blockhouse community, is recognizing the important services that both the Waldorf School and Hinchinbrook Farm provide to Blockhouse and the people of the South Shore.

BARK is also acknowledging that both are cornerstones of the amazing rebirth of Blockhouse as a business and community hub.

South Shore Waldorf School and Kindergarten Association first moved to Blockhouse from Conquerall Mills in 2001.



Left to right, Paul Young, president of BARK, presents a \$2,000 cheque to Terese Silver, treasurer, board of directors of the Hinchinbrook Farm Society, Patricia McGill, therapeutic riding instructor at Hinchinbrook, and Megan VanderWai, assistant at Hinchinbrook. Both of the ponies pictured are therapeutic animals. **CONTRIBUTED**

Since those early days, the school has expanded from its original home in the lovingly restored, century old Blockhouse school, into a

busy complex of outbuildings, purpose-built classrooms and gathering spaces.

From an original body of 20 students, the Waldorf school

now enrolls close to 100 students from nursery up to grade nine, with waiting lists in almost every grade.

The school maintains a slid-

ing tuition scale, so no child who wishes to attend is turned away for lack of money.

Hinchinbrook Farm Society was started by Patricia McGill in 2007 to provide therapeutic riding to mentally challenged children and specifically to offer nature-based family focused play time to those on the Autism Spectrum Disorder.

McGill continues to run Hinchinbrook together with a dedicated staff and many volunteers, serving dozens of families and young people from across the South Shore.

The renaissance in Blockhouse continues as new businesses continue to find fertile ground here.

The entire community welcomes Brindle Boston, Lantzelot, Blockhouse Yoga and Wellness, Fluid Motion Physiotherapy, Atlantick and Chicory Blue General Store and wishes them ongoing success.

BARK continues its leadership role in representing and supporting this thriving and growing community.