

Warm greetings to all our valued HI Members and HI Affiliates!

The HI Canada Board of Directors had a board meeting in Québec City at the hostel of our Québec City affiliate, HI Québec Auberge Internationale de Québec, on March 16<sup>th</sup> and March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

It was great seeing all the staff and the progress with the renovations at the hostel. It is looking wonderful, and I encourage you to visit the hostel. On Saturday evening, March 16<sup>th</sup>, the HI Canada Board of Directors had the opportunity to meet with members of the HI Québec Board of Directors for an evening reception. Great conversations were had.

Our CEO, Julius van Wyk provided an operational and financial update within the HI Canada network and answered questions from both the HI Canada and HI Québec Board of Directors. During the HI Canada board meeting, the financial performance of HI Canada was reviewed, as well as numerous other governance topics were discussed, and decisions made where needed.

We are delighted to announce that three members of the HI Canada Board of Directors and our CEO will be attending the 55<sup>th</sup> Hostelling International Conference, in Berlin Germany. Thereafter they will attend the tri-lateral meetings between HI Canada, HI USA, and the German Hostelling Federation, which will be held in Germany during September and October of 2024.

The next board meeting will be held at HI Banff Alpine Centre during the weekend of June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024. Thereafter, the October board meeting will be held at HI Halifax and will coincide with the grand opening of our newly renovated hostel in Halifax. We look forward to inviting and spending time together with our members and affiliates from the Atlantic provinces during the opening.

The 2024 AGM will be held on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and will be virtual via Zoom. Further communication, documents for the meeting will be distributed to our members in the upcoming months.

On behalf of the HI Canada Board of Directors, I wish you all the best this summer and hope you get to travel and enjoy our great hostelling network.

Lenore Neudorf HI Canada Board of Directors Chair