

# 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

of the

**KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY**

**Kerrisdale Community Centre**

**5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver**

**Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 – 7:30 p.m.**

## MINUTES

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### 1. Call to Order

There be a quorum present, Kathleen Bigsby, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and welcomed members to the 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General meeting of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS). The Annual Report and Financial Statements were distributed to all in attendance.

### 2. Notice of Meeting

David Eaton, Secretary, read the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

**MOVED** by Robert, and seconded, that the agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

### 4. Approval of Minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held February 19, 2014

**MOVED** by Barb, and seconded, that the minutes of the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of February 19, 2014 be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

Noted for amendment:

Gail Sparrow was not present but was represented by Robert Lockhart at the meeting.

### 5. President's Annual Report

Kathleen Bigsby gave the audience a few minutes to read the President's Report from the 2013-2014 Annual Report, which is also available in the Spring brochure. She asked that if there were any questions to email her.

Kathleen introduced our Park Board liaison, Commissioner Casey Crawford and Daisy Chin, West-side Manager, PB Recreation Services who were present at the meeting.

Jim Hall suggested we add the Annual Report to the AGM agenda for future meetings. He commended the Centre staff, in particular Kristi Douglas (refer: page 27) for their excellent work in making KCC what it is today. Kathleen reminded the audience that Vancouver Courier's 'Star of Vancouver readers' poll voted Kerrisdale Community Centre the Best Community Centre in Vancouver!

### 6. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2014

Ali Cheung reported on the audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2014 and fielded questions:

- about the 8% drop in membership. Ali will double check the reason and if there's a significant drop compared to previous years.
- about the significant difference in cash flow from 2013 and 2014. Ali believed it was from the maturation of our investment that year. She will follow up with more clarification.

**MOVED** by Bill and seconded to accept audited financial report as presented. **CARRIED.**

**7. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending August 31, 2015**

**MOVED** by Ali Cheung, and seconded (Fred), to appoint Sidhu, Straker & Associates, Certified General Accountants, as the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society's auditors for the fiscal year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 and that the directors be authorized to approve the auditor's remuneration. **CARRIED.**

**8. Report of the Nominating Committee**

Fred Jay thanked Alex Cherkezoff, Donald Wong, Kathleen Bigsby and staff for assisting the Nominating Committee. There are 11 people on the ballot (including 7 incumbents and 1 returning member). Nine persons will be elected for a two-year period and 1 person for a one-year period.

Names on the ballot:

Akhtar, Humaira	Fashler, Anita	Lockhart, Robert
Bisnar, Oscar	Hung, Melina	Mikulec, Barb
Booth, Colin	Hunter, Gordon	Stromberg, Ron
Cheung, Ali	Kong, Terry	

Fred announced two late withdrawals from the ballot: Anita Fashler and Gordon Hunter. Fred called for nominations from the floor 3 times.

Each candidate spoke to his or her background and experience.

**9. Election of Directors**

Fred Jay explained to the members that because there were only nine candidates for ten positions, the nine nominees would be elected by acclamation; no vote is required.

**MOVED** by Jim and seconded to elect all nine candidates for a two-year term by acclamation. **CARRIED.**

Two-year Term:

Akhtar, Humaira	Cheung, Ali	Lockhart, Robert
Bisnar, Oscar	Hung, Melina	Mikulec, Barb
Booth, Colin	Kong, Terry	Stromberg, Ron

One-year Term:

Vacant – To be appointed by the Board

Kathleen thanked outgoing Board members, Anita Fashler and Onno Bakhoven for their service on the board. Both have made significant contributions and will be missed. We now have a one-year vacancy on the board and will be looking to fill this position. KCCS by-laws provide for 18 elected members, 9 to be elected each year for a two-year term, and the Board appoints the chair of the Seniors Council to the Board of Directors.

**10. Swearing in of New Directors**

Commissioner Casey Crawford swore in the newly elected Directors. Erik Price took the official photographs.

**11. Other Business**

### 11.1 Proposed Constitution and By-Law Amendments

- Constitution 2(d) Present wording:

To borrow, raise, provide or otherwise secure funds in such manner as the Society may see fit, and in particular, by mortgage or by the issue of bonds or debentures or otherwise charged upon all or any of the Society's property, and to redeem and repay the same.

Moved by Jim and seconded that the wording of this Constitution be amended to read “To borrow, raise, provide or otherwise secure funds in such manner as the Society may see fit, *with the sanction of a special resolution, where the manner differs from the Board's Investment Policy. The members may, by special resolution, restrict the borrowing powers of the directors, but a restriction imposed expires at the next annual general meeting. The special resolution is a resolution of the Society's directors, which requires at least 75% of the votes cast by directors in favor in order to pass.*” CARRIED

- By-Law (34) Present wording:

The business of the Society shall be managed by the Directors in such manner as they shall think most expedient, and they may pay all expenses incurred in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Society, and may appoint from the members such standing and special committees as they may deem expedient, and may exercise all such powers of the Society, as are not prohibited by the Society Act, and may execute any Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Promissory Note, or other security, whether on real or personal property of the Society, and sign, execute and deliver the same.

Moved by Barb and seconded that the wording of this By-law be amended to read “The business of the Society shall be managed by the Directors in such manner as they shall think most expedient, and they may pay all expenses incurred in connection with the conduct of the affairs of the Society, and may appoint from the members such standing and special committees as they may deem expedient, and may exercise all such powers of the Society, as are not prohibited by the Society Act, and may execute *funds or other security, whether upon all or any of the Society's real or personal property it may see fit*, and sign, execute and deliver the same.” CARRIED

Noted: That we should look at the wording of this by-law again next year to clean it up.

- By-Law (35) Present wording:

The Directors may from time to time at their discretion raise or borrow, provide or otherwise secure any sum of money, for the purpose of the Society, subject to the provisions of the “Societies Act”, and may execute any Mortgage, Bill of Sale, Promissory Note or other security, whether on real or personal property of the Society, and sign, execute and deliver the same.

Moved by Jim and seconded that the wording of this By-law be amended to read “The Directors may from time to time at their discretion raise or borrow, provide or otherwise secure any sum, or sums of money, for the purpose of the Society, subject to the provisions of the “*Society Act*”, and may execute *funds or other security, whether upon all or any of the Society's real or personal property it may see fit*, and sign, execute and deliver the same.” CARRIED

Noted: Jim commented that the board should have a bulletin board to post bulletins for the public. Kathleen acknowledged that we would flag this.

### 11.2 Update on current issues

Casey Crawford fielded questions from the floor:

- He did not have much to say about the current issues between CCA's and Park Board. He reiterated that during the campaign in the fall many of the PB Commissioners that were elected were committed to improving the relationship and still are.
- in relation to the feasibility study on the ageing pool and arena and in particular, the concerns about the seismic issue in the gymnasium. Casey said that he had flagged this with City Council yesterday, at their Earthquake preparedness plan.
- Casey commented that after attending just one KCCS Board meeting, he had recognized that KCC board members are motivated to express their issues, concerned about the facility and funding, and are putting pressure on him to take these issues back to the Park Board.

Jim Hall acknowledged PB in providing liaisons to the community again. Casey was applauded and left the meeting at 8:35pm.

Kathleen Bigsby gave an overview on the current issues between Park Board and the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society and fielded questions from the floor.

- There appears to be a disconnect between what the Commissioners are told and the kind of communications that the associations receive from PB/City staff. This is a worry and we are trying to address it by making sure the commissioners are informed.
- The court case is still going ahead. We filed it and will not withdraw it until there is a reason. We have received no documents from the City. There has been no examination for discovery. It'll be a year at least before the case is heard and the Park Board can't throw us out until then, and only if the Society loses the case.
- As highlighted in the Annual Report and Annual Financial Statement, the Society is still very active despite the current distressing situation with the Park Board. As a result of everyone's hard work, Vancouver Courier's "Stars of Vancouver" readers' poll voted Kerrisdale Community Centre the Best Community Centre in Vancouver!

Jim Hall reported that feedback from the community show they are very appreciative of the boards' actions and all the hard work they have done. Kathleen was thanked and applauded by the members.

## **12. Adjournment**

MOVED by Bill Harris that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Recorded by Alison Verghese