

**74<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**  
of the  
**KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY**  
Kerrisdale Community Centre  
5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver  
Wednesday, February 15th, 2017 | Seniors Craft Room – 7:30 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

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**1. Call to Order**

A quorum being present, Kathleen Bigsby, President, called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm, and welcomed members to the 74th Annual General meeting of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS). The Annual Report, Agenda, Ballot, Constitution and Bylaw amendments summary guide 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**

A slight change in the agenda line up was requested by the Chair, to allow members who have not seen the proposed constitution and bylaws amendments, the opportunity to review them whilst the meeting is in recess. Item 8 will follow after item 9.

**MOVED** Fred Jay by, and seconded by Colin Booth that the agenda be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**

**4. Approval of Minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting held February 18, 2016**

**MOVED** by Fred Jay and seconded by Morag Pansegrau, that the minutes of the 73rd Annual General Meeting of February 17, 2016 be approved as presented. **CARRIED**

**5. President's Annual Report**

Members were given a few minutes to read the lengthy President's Report, which contains comprehensive details of the past year's negotiations with the Park Board (PB) on the Joint Operating Agreement (JOA).

- Additionally, Kathleen announced that there will be a special meeting tomorrow night at PB in which they will be hearing presentations from the public. On March 6, the PB commissioners will be voting to either accept the current proposal; reject it or send it back to staff for amendments. We still have a few weeks to lobby and make clear what the concerns of the associations are.

Kathleen took the opportunity to thank our retiring directors from the past year, namely, Avalon Bourne and Jennae Gedeon who have been energetic and creative in their roles on the Program and Youth committees. Barb Mikulec, a long-term member is not re-standing and retiring treasurer, Angel Chan, were recognised for their invaluable service on the Board and community.

Recognition was also given to the centre staff for their support, hard work and professionalism in making Kerrisdale the envy of many. Much of the credit goes to our Recreation Supervisor, Susan Mele who sets the tone and harmony for our busy and vibrant centre. We are grateful to the staff, instructors, board, volunteers and community who have contributed in providing 34,000 programs and registering 19,000 patrons over the past fiscal year.

An error was noted on page 28 of the Annual Report, under the Community Needs Assessment Committee report. Members were asked to write in Morag Pansegrau who was omitted from the list of active members.

**6. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2016**

Treasurer, Angel Chan presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2016 and fielded questions from the floor. It was worth noting that:

- The Society continues to maintain a strong financial position with the majority of revenue coming from program fees. Our Executive and Finance committees will continue to monitor financials activities on a monthly basis to ensure the Society maintains tight control over its expenditures.
- There was a query over our legal fees and question why there was a higher spending last year? Robert spoke to this and attributed the hiring of a negotiator, Mark Thompson plus additional fees for submissions, and our share of Vince Ready’s fee as major factors. The constant back and forth with PB has cost the Society, but in winning the injunction, has provided us protection from eviction.

**MOVED** by Robert Lockhart and seconded by Colin Booth to accept Audited Financial report as presented for the year ending Aug 31, 2016 **CARRIED**

**7. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending August 31, 2017**

**MOVED** by Angel Chan and seconded by Alex Cherkezoff 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 2017, and that the directors be authorized to approve the auditor’s remuneration. **CARRIED**

Kathleen thanked the Treasurer and members of the Finance committee whose names are listed in the Annual Report.

**8. Report of the Nominating Committee**

Names on the ballot:

Humaira Akhtar*	Arjan Grewal	Hamza Kamal	Jeremy Reah (no show)
David Anderson	Melina Hung*	Johnson Li	Bhavna Solecki
Oscar Bisnar*	Fred Jay*	Robert Lockhart*	Michael Tjaya
Daniel Conrad	Sarah Joy (proxy)	David Mordant	Melisa Woo

There were 16 names on the ballot (including 5 \*incumbents). Nine people will be elected for a 2-year period and two people for 1-year period. The chair of the Nominating Committee, Don Munton called for nominations from the floor 3 times. With no response, a roll call was taken off the ballot and due to the long list, candidates were asked to reduce their speech from three to two minutes. Morag read a statement from Sarah Joy, in her absence and Jeremy Reah did not show.

Following the candidates' presentation, the vote took place. Susan Mele and Don Munton collected the ballots. The meeting took a recess break for refreshments at 8:30 pm, to allow for the votes to be counted. Susan Mele and Hardeep Bassram will count the ballots. Keiko Honda and Alan Featherstonhaul will act as scrutineers.

**9. To approve proposed changes to the Society’s Constitution and Bylaws for the new Societies Act**

During the break, members were encouraged to review the proposed changes to the Society's constitution and bylaws, if they had not already done so. These changes were posted on the Society's bulletin boards and were available in print from the front desks of both the Seniors and Main reception for the past few weeks. Copies could also be downloaded from our website and were on hand at the meeting for members to read.

Robert Lockhart gave a brief background on the process and answered questions from the floor.

**MOTION:** Moved by Robert Lockhart and seconded by Alex Cherkezoff to accept the revised wording of the Society's Constitution as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Moved by Robert Lockhart and seconded by Barb Mikulec to accept the revised wording of the

Society's Bylaws as presented. **CARRIED**

Kathleen acknowledged Robert for his dedication and hours of labour spent in preparing the documents for the AGM. We got legal advice (after the fact), to ensure that we didn't miss anything. The membership gave Robert a round of applause.

## 10. Election of Directors

The meeting reconvened at 8:55 pm. Following the vote count, Don announced the following individuals as elected:

<u>Two-year Term:</u>	Humaira Akhtar	Arjan Grewal	Robert Lockhart
	Oscar Bisnar	Melina Hung	Bhavna Solecki
	Daniel Conrad	Fred Jay	Michael Tjaya

<u>One-year Term:</u>	Hamza Kamal	Melissa Woo
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**MOVED** by Don Munton and seconded by Anne Monahan to instruct the staff to destroy the ballots for the 2017 election of directors. **CARRIED**

Kathleen congratulated the new directors and thanked the Nominating Committee; Don Munton, Morag Pansegrau and Keiko Honda for their excellent work in recruiting so many interested and talented people to join the KCCS Board. We have such an impressive group of quality candidates this year that the chair offered any candidate that was not elected to serve as a community member on our Board committees. Kathleen and Don will follow up.

## 11. Swearing in of New Directors

There were comments from the floor about the absence of our PB commissioner at tonight's meeting. We did not receive a reason for Casey Crawford's non-attendance, even though he had been invited. Fortunately, we had invited Alan Featherstonhaugh, a former Park Board Commissioner and Chair in the 1990's who offered to swear in our new directors.

Robert noted that it has been 3-years since a PB commissioner has been present to swear in our new directors. Two years ago, we had a judge and last year our solicitor performed this duty. Barb Mikulec took the official photographs.

## 12. Other Business

- Robert Lockhart thanked Angel Chan for her dedication and exemplary work as the Society's Treasurer over the past year and presented her with a gift. She received a round of applause.
- Kathleen announced that voting for the 2017 Vancouver Courier, "Stars of Vancouver" is currently open and encouraged all members to vote early and vote online before March 11.

### 12.1 Update on current issues

The current version of the JOA is unacceptable and we cannot vote in favour of it in its current state. Postcards were left for members to pick up and send to PB commissioners, asking them to press staff for more work, effort, time and scrutiny on this very important document.

## 13. Adjournment

**MOVED** by Morag that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

Recorded by Alison Verghese