# 75th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

of the

# KERRISDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE SOCIETY

Kerrisdale Community Centre
5851 West Boulevard, Vancouver
Wednesday, February 21st, 2018 | Seniors Craft Room – 7:30 p.m.

# 1. Call to Order

A quorum being present, Kathleen Bigsby, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and welcomed members to the 75th Annual General Meeting of the Kerrisdale Community Centre Society (KCCS). The annual report, agenda, minutes of September 19, 2018, ballot, and bylaw amendments and financial statements were distributed to all in attendance.

### 2. Notice of Meeting

David Eaton, Secretary of the Board, read the notice of the 75th Annual General Meeting.

# 3. Approval of Agenda

There was a request to change the order of the agenda by moving discussion of the JOA to item 7. **MOTION:** Moved by Daniel Conrad and seconded by Fred Jay to approve the agenda as amended. **CARRIED** 

### 4. Approval of Minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting held February 15, 2017

**MOTION:** Moved by Duncan Ainslie and seconded by Fred Jay, that the minutes of the 74th Annual General Meeting of February 15, 2017 be approved as presented. **CARRIED** 

# Approval of Minutes of the Special Meeting of Members held September 19, 2017

MOTION: Moved by Alex Cherkezoff and seconded by Fred Jay to accept the minutes as presented. CARRIED

# 6. President's Annual Report

Kathleen provided a short summary of highlights from 2017 Presidents' report:

- We were voted Best Community Centre in Vancouver in 2017 from the Vancouver Courier's Reader's Choice Award. Kathleen urged members to once again vote for their favourite local gems in 2018.
- We are one of the busiest community centres in Vancouver, with over 16,000 registrants and 2,000 programs excluding the patrons participating in the Exercise and Fitness Rooms.
- The Arena Rock project at the Cyclone Taylor Arena, completed this year as a joint arts program between the Society and Park Board, received favourable press coverage and feedback from the community.
- We had a very successful Open House in September showcasing new programs to the public.

An expression of gratitude was expressed by Kathleen on behalf of the Board to the Society and Park Board Staff, who collectively make this centre run so efficiently.

# 7. Joint Operating Agreement (JOA) update

Kathleen provided a status update on the JOA proposal since the Society held its Special Meeting of Members on September 19. The resounding response from Kerrisdale members was a rejection of the proposed agreement presented in April.

- Shortly after our community meeting, 12 CCAs wrote to Park Board requesting changes in the April 10 JOA.
- In October, Park Board passed a resolution to accept Appendix C as an integral part of the document with equal weight to the body of the JOA.

- A number of JOA clauses have been mitigated by the Appendices and, as at the end of December 2017, twelve of nineteen CCAs have signed the new JOA.
- On February 14, the KCCS Board of Directors voted at an extraordinary Board meeting to approve the JOA with the proviso that three outstanding issues be satisfactorily resolved.
- If we don't accept the proposed JOA, we will continue to operate under the 1979 JOA. We have the injunctive protection issued in 2014. Park Board has made it very clear that it wants all community centres to be working under the same agreement. Should PB reactivate the existing lawsuit, it would cost us upwards of \$100,000 to fight it, and there is no guarantee we would win.

There was lengthy discussion and many questions from the floor.

**MOTION:** Moved by Jim Hall and seconded by Morag Pansegrau that this Annual General Meeting support the decision taken by the Board of Directors on February 14, 2018 to accept the proposed JOA with the protections gained since the summer of 2017, providing that the three outstanding issues are resolved to the satisfaction of the Board: (1) management of the Seniors' Lunch Program; (2) wording of the mutual release and (3) the outstanding Park Board invoice.

The mover and seconder agreed to a friendly amendment by Daniel Conrad to include additional wording "<a href="that">that</a> the Board ratify the agreement upon the satisfactory resolution of the three outstanding issues with a 60% majority vote of all Directors present at the meeting." CARRIED

- The rationale for the amendment is to secure a decisive vote from a united Board, and not have this most important matter decided by just one vote. Robert spoke to the current status of the Seniors' Lunch Program and read the proposed clause that has been accepted by Park Board.
- Jim Hall thanked the Board on behalf of the community for all the work the Board has done on this issue.

# 8. Presentation of Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2017

Treasurer, Michael Tjaya presented the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2017 and fielded questions from the floor. There were no discussions.

**MOTION:** Moved by Fred Jay and seconded by Duncan Ainslie to accept Audited Financial report as presented for the year ending Aug 31, 2017. **CARRIED** 

#### 9. Appointment of Auditors for the year ending August 31, 2018

**MOTION:** Moved by Michael Tjaya and seconded by Michael Fanning 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 2018, and that the directors be authorized to approve the auditor's remuneration. **CARRIED** 

# 10. To approve proposed changes to the Society's Bylaws changes

Robert spoke to each of the bylaws presented and provided the Society's rational for change. Following discussions, it was agreed by consensus to withdraw the main motion and split the vote into two separate motions.

**MOTION 1:** Moved by Jim Hall and seconded by Michael Tjaya to accept the changes to clauses 15, 37 and 45 of the Society's bylaws as presented. **CARRIED** 

**MOTION 2**: Moved by Jim Hall and seconded by Susan Duffy to accept the changes to clause 55 of the Society's bylaws as presented. **CARRIED** 

<u>Note:</u> There were lengthy discussions on Bylaw 55 re: retaining Robert's Rules as the procedural rules for Society meetings.

BREAK: 8:45 pm - 8:53 pm

# 11. Report of the Nominating Committee

Robert introduced the members of the Nominating committee: Oscar Bisnar, Fred Jay and Michael Tjaya. He outlined the process for the election of directors, including the new policy for nominations from the floor.

- There will be a secret ballot. Nine people will be elected for a 2-year period and one person for a 1-year period. Ballots that have more than 10 votes will be considered spoiled.
- A roll call was conducted for the 13 names on the ballot (including 7\* incumbents, 5<sup>r</sup> recommended new candidates and one candidate who was not interviewed by the Nominating Committee). Goran Kostoski and Colton Moore were not present.
- Robert called for nominations from the floor, 3 times and there was no response. Each candidate was asked to present a two minutes speech. Don Munton withdrew his name from the ballot following his speech.

#### Names on the ballot:

Duncan Ainslie\* Colton Moore Marie-Noelle Savoier

Kathleen Bigsby\* Don Munton\* Keith Stoner<sup>r</sup>
David Eaton\* Kathryn McKay<sup>r</sup> Melissa Woo\*

Keiko Honda\* Jumy Ogunsola<sup>r</sup> Goran Kostoski Morag Pansegrau\*

The vote took place following the candidates' presentations. Susan and Lee collected and counted the ballots. The meeting took a recess break for refreshments at 9:28 pm to allow for the votes to be counted. Michael Tjaya and Alan Fetherstonhaugh acted as scrutineers.

#### 12. Election of Directors

The meeting reconvened at 9:45 pm. Robert announced the following individuals as elected:

• Two-year Term:

Duncan Ainslie Keiko Honda Marie-Noelle Savoie

Kathleen Bigsby Jumy Ogunsola Keith Stoner
David Eaton Morag Pansegrau Melissa Woo

One-year Term:
 Kathryn McKay

**MOTION:** Moved by Fred Jay and seconded by Melina Hung to instruct staff to destroy the ballots for the 2018 election of directors. **CARRIED** 

# 13. Swearing in of New Directors

Former Park Board Commissioner, Alan Fetherstonhaugh conducted the oath of office. Shannon Brown took the photos.

# 14. Other Business

None discussed.

#### 15. Adjournment

MOTION: Moved by Morag Pansegrau that the meeting adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

# **Recorded by Alison Verghese**