

**OUR PLACE SOCIETY (OPS)**  
**Minutes of AGM November 16, 2022**

Held via Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Board:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Allan Saunders (Chair)</td> <td>Cairine MacDonald</td> <td>Greg Conner</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margo Goodhand (Vice Chair)</td> <td>Catharine Read</td> <td>Mano Sandhu</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Patricia Walker (Treasurer)</td> <td>Chad Stewart</td> <td>Scott McGregor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lauree Austin (Secretary)</td> <td>Charla Huber</td> <td>Trevor Murphy</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Fallon Lindsay</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Members:</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td>Colin Gilroy</td> <td>John McLeod</td> <td>Paul Jenkins</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diana Butler</td> <td>Karla Wagner</td> <td>Peter Powell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gary Stride</td> <td>Kathleen Prince</td> <td>Sandra Rouse</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Batey</td> <td>Margaret Noonan</td> <td>Terence Scandrett</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ian Robertson</td> <td>Maureen Shaw</td> <td>Veronica Osborn</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jane Bond</td> <td>Michael Shannon</td> <td>Wendy Lynden</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joan McMurtry</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Staff:</b></p> <p>Julian Daly (CEO)  Michele Steele (Director of Finance)  Linda Polmear (Executive Assistant)  Marg Rose (Director of Philanthropy)  Cheryl Diebel (Director of New Roads)  Lee Sundquist (Manager of New Roads)  Steven Seltzer (Special Events &amp; Corporate Giving Manager)</p> <p><b>Record:</b> Lauree Austin (Secretary).</p>	Allan Saunders (Chair)	Cairine MacDonald	Greg Conner	Margo Goodhand (Vice Chair)	Catharine Read	Mano Sandhu	Patricia Walker (Treasurer)	Chad Stewart	Scott McGregor	Lauree Austin (Secretary)	Charla Huber	Trevor Murphy		Fallon Lindsay		Colin Gilroy	John McLeod	Paul Jenkins	Diana Butler	Karla Wagner	Peter Powell	Gary Stride	Kathleen Prince	Sandra Rouse	Ian Batey	Margaret Noonan	Terence Scandrett	Ian Robertson	Maureen Shaw	Veronica Osborn	Jane Bond	Michael Shannon	Wendy Lynden	Joan McMurtry		
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<b>1. Welcome and Opening</b>	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place virtually on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.																																				
<b>2. Blessing</b>	Joseph Daunhauer, a Cree man from the Keeseekoose Nation, performed an Indigenous blessing.																																				
<b>3. Quorum</b>	A quorum was declared.																																				
<b>4. Introductions</b>	Members of the board were introduced and voting instructions were relayed.																																				
<b>5. Agenda</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Agenda for the 2022 AGM be approved. <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></span>																																				
<b>6. Minutes</b>	<b>MOTION:</b> That the Minutes of the AGM held on September 15, 2021 be approved as presented. <span style="float: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></span>																																				

<p><b>7. Presentation</b></p>	<p>Cheryl Diebel, Director of New Roads, introduced two guest speakers: one a recent graduate now living at Jaymac Place, the other in phase four of the program.</p>
<p><b>8. Chair's Report</b></p>	<p>The Chair noted that monthly Board meetings begin with board members taking turns sharing an opening blessing or reflection. Board member Trevor Murphy then shared a reflection he had given at the latest Board meeting, a poem titled "I sit in my doorway."</p> <p>The Chair expressed how he felt blessed to be part of the OPS board. Board members are able individuals who have formed an effective team and foster a free-flowing exchange of ideas. The OPS board is a governance board and they have confidence that the CEO and the OPS leadership team will make good decisions. An external review of the CEO echoed this belief - the CEO is clearly valued and respected for his sensitive, astute and dedicated leadership. A major area the board focuses on involves accountability and risk management, which this year included ensuring a cybersecurity audit taking place.</p> <p>The Chair spoke of the beginnings of OPS - the alliance of the Open Door and the Upper Room – and of the past leadership of Rev Bob Stobie and Dr Robin Krause, both recently deceased. OPS continues to be a community where we live, share and grow together.</p>
<p><b>9. CEO's Report</b></p>	<p>The CEO spoke of the previous year. He noted some of the challenges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Drug poisoning and its impact on the whole community</li> <li>● Housing shortage</li> <li>● Delays in construction of permanent housing due to supply chain issues</li> <li>● Food cost increases combined with increased demand</li> </ul> <p>He also noted several accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Majority of the people who came to OPS through decampment are still with OPS or have transitioned on to market housing</li> <li>● HR has managed unionisation changes as well as continued to recruit</li> <li>● New Roads at 87% capacity - so proud of Cheryl and the men there</li> <li>● Hungry Hearts &amp; CNOY</li> <li>● Healthy collegial and positive relationship between board and OPS staff</li> <li>● Dandelion street outreach</li> <li>● Cybersecurity audit</li> <li>● Tech grant for new computer systems</li> <li>● Balanced budget</li> <li>● Wellness services and spiritual care - a real hub for community activity</li> <li>● Overdoses are reversed every single day</li> <li>● Nutritious meals continue to be served meeting a 35% increase in demand</li> <li>● Sleeping bunks at 919 an improvement over mats and better access services</li> <li>● Facilities team have worked hard to ensure a clean dignified space</li> <li>● Media has done a fantastic job at sharing positive OPS stories</li> <li>● Our Workplace has helped many find employment</li> </ul> <p>The CEO is looking forward to the coming year:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPS to manage Albina permanent housing</li> <li>• A thriving community centre</li> <li>• Secure sustainable funding for New Roads</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Financials</b></p>	<p>Alf Eamer retired in 2022 and Michelle Steel was hired as Director of Finance.</p> <p>Larry Beatty of Grant Thornton gave a brief summary of the Auditor’s Report which stipulates that the Financial Statements were prepared in accordance with the standards for not-for-profit organisations.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the Audited Financial Statements as presented be approved. <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Grant Thornton be appointed auditor for the next financial year. <b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>11. Board Elections</b></p>	<p>It was noted that OPS bylaws do not allow for election from the floor.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Catharine Read and Charla Huber be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a first two-year term. <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Scott McGregor be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a second two-year term. <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That Margo Goodhand, Patricia Walker, and Lauree Austin be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a third two-year term. <b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Thank-you to departing directors Andrea Jakeman-Brown and John McLeod.</p>
<p><b>12. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.</p> <hr/> <p>Chair: Allan Saunders</p> <hr/> <p>Secretary: Lauree Austin</p>