

OUR PLACE SOCIETY (OPS)
Minutes of AGM September 27, 2023

Held via Zoom

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| Present: | <p>Board: Margo Goodhand (Chair), Catharine Read (Vice Chair), Allan Saunders (Past Chair), Patricia Walker (Treasurer), Lauree Austin (Secretary), Cairine MacDonald, Chad Stewart, Charla Huber, Fallon Lindsay, Greg Conner, Mano Sandhu, Scott McGregor, Trevor Murphy.</p> <p>Members: Al Crippen, Ann Maffey, Colin Gilroy, Dawn Williamson, Elizabeth Adey, Gary Stride, Glenn Cheater, Harvey Ratson, Ian Robertson, Jim Foley, Kathleen Prince, Megumi Matsuo Saunders, Paul Jenkins, Peter Jando, Robyn Gifford, Veronica Osborn</p> <p>Staff: Julian Daly (CEO), Michele Steele (Director of Finance), Janice Kalin (Directory of Philanthropy), Steven Seltzer</p> <p>Record: Linda Polmear (Executive Assistant).</p> <p>Guests: Grace Lore, Larry Beatty</p> |
| 1. Welcome and Opening | The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Our Place Society acknowledges with respect the Lekwungen-speaking peoples of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, as well as the W̱SÁNEĆ Nations, on whose traditional and ancestral territories we provide programs and services. |
| 2. Indigenous Blessing | Bear Sam shared a blessing via video. His ancestral name is X̱EḴINEXEN he is a Coast Salish carver and artist raised in Tsartlip First Nation on Vancouver Island. |
| 3. Quorum | A quorum was declared. |
| 4. Introductions | Members of the board were introduced and voting instructions were relayed. |
| 5. Agenda | MOTION: That the Agenda for the 2023 AGM be approved. CARRIED |
| 6. Minutes | MOTION: That the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on November 16, 2022 be approved as presented. CARRIED |
| 7. Guest Speakers | <p>Grace Lore, MLA for Victoria Beacon Hill, said that the work OPS does is close to her heart. She spoke of how OPS provides food security, assists with mental health and ensures connectedness in our community. OPS provides and protects basic human rights with care and compassion. She noted how OPS impacts both those using OPS services as well as their family and friends. She expressed her gratitude to OPS.</p> <p>Bear Sam shared his experience with OPS - first as a family member and since as an elder participating in ceremonies and providing instruction in cultural awareness. He noted how volunteering at OPS has helped him - that it was a blessing for him.</p> |
| 8. Chair's Report | Margo Goodhand (Chair since January 2023) spoke of challenges faced by OPS since |

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| | <p>she joined the board in 2018. She noted that homelessness and tents and the collective trauma of addiction, toxic drugs and mental health issues are still present. OPS continues to be at the forefront of community efforts to help our most vulnerable, delivering support wherever and whenever it is needed.</p> <p>OPS has become more welcoming this past year, improving its community drop-in centre. New Roads continues to offer hope and a way forward for countless men. In the past five years OPS has increased five-fold its capacity to house people.</p> <p>CEO Julian Daly continues to inspire positive change and offer leadership on some of this city's greatest challenges.</p> |
| <p>9. CEO's Report</p> | <p>Julian Daly (CEO) shared how, at OPS, he experiences people transforming and changing their lives - becoming happier and healthier. He noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OPS has returned focus to the community centre and building relationships. ● TRC New Roads has become all we had hoped for and funding has been secured. ● Values exercise on how OPS can live: hope, belonging, unconditional love, safety. ● Our Workplace has closed due to lack of funding. ● Ongoing drug crisis and continued deaths and how there is increased anger towards the people OPS serves. He noted the need to advocate and provide a solution. ● Food services have been really strong - 1200 meals / day. ● Increased number of seniors undergoing hardship and how OPS helps. ● Drop-in medical and hygiene services are well utilised. <p>The future of OPS will be continued work on the community centre, increased programming, building a sense of home, belonging and hope through relationships. There's hope for more permanent housing sites and OPS will be looking into sober recovery oriented housing. OPS will continue to pursue a TRC for women. It is a key priority to live the OPS values founded in 2007 more fully and comprehensively - to serve our family members as best we can.</p> <p>Daly thanked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the board for their vision and governance ● the members of the society for their support ● OPS colleagues for their action ● donors and government for their generosity in financing the work ● the family members who bring such gifts to OPS - the reason to do what we do |
| <p>10. Financials</p> | <p>Patricia Walker (Treasurer) thanked Michele Steele (Director of Finance) for her work.</p> <p>Steele reviewed the Financial documents. There were no questions.</p> <p>MOTION: That the audited March 31, 2023 financial statements as presented be approved. CARRIED</p> |
| <p>11. Auditors</p> | <p>Larry Beatty of Grant Thornton reviewed the Auditors' Report and noted that it was another clean audit for OPS. He spoke of the level of materiality that the audit covers</p> |

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| | <p>and the responsibilities of management and the auditors. He noted that Steele and her team did a great job of putting the statements together.</p> <p>MOTION: That Grant Thornton be appointed auditor for the next financial year. CARRIED</p> |
| <p>12. Board Development</p> | <p>Greg Conner (Chair of the Board Development Committee) relayed the requirements for nominations to the OPS Board of Directors.</p> <p>Conner thanked departing director Fallon Lindsay for her service on the board and for her work on the Finance and Audit committee.</p> |
| <p>13. Elections</p> | <p>It was noted that no additional nominations were received.</p> <p>MOTION: That Robyn Gifford be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a first two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Trevor Murphy be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a second two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Mano Sandhu be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a second two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Cairine MacDonald be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a third two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Allan Saunders be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a third two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Chad Stewart be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a third two year term. CARRIED</p> <p>MOTION: That Greg Connor be nominated for election to the Our Place Board of Directors for a third two year term. CARRIED</p> |
| <p>11. Adjournment</p> | <p>The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.</p> <hr/> <p>Chair: Margo Goodhand</p> <hr/> <p>Secretary: Lauree Austin</p> |