

## MINUTES

**Group: Annual General Meeting via Zoom**

**Date: September 26, 2023**

**Chair: Dawn Robson**

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**1. Acknowledgment: Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair**

Maurine made the territory acknowledgement.

**2. Welcome: Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair**

Maurine welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She spoke about the past year at VWTH and our plans for the coming year. She spoke about the progress of our Langford Project and thanked everyone for their hard dedicated work and contributions of the stakeholders.

**3. Welcome, and opening remarks: Makenna Rielly, Executive Director**

Makenna welcomed and thanked everyone for coming. She introduced the attending staff and thanked them for their continuous hard work with our agency. She thanked our donors and volunteers. She spoke about our new second stage building.

**4. Guest Speakers – Susan Robinson, Victime Service Worker, Regional Domestic Violence Unit.**

- Susan spoke about Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence. She spoke about the dangers of it and the rise of it during Covid and now. She gave some resources that people can access to learn more.

**5. Business Items and Call to Order**

Maurine called the meeting to order at 10:44am.

- **Review/approval of the Agenda – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair**

**Maurine Karagianis motioned that the 2023 AGM agenda be approved. Kerrilee Jones seconded this motion. Motion approved.**

- **Review/approval of Minutes of 2022 AGM – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair**

**Maurine Karagianis motioned to accept the minutes for the 2022 Annual General Meeting – Sandra Hudson seconded this motion. Motion approved.**

- **Review/approval of Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Financial Statements – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair**

**Maurine Karagianis motioned that the 2022-2023 audited financial statements of Victoria Women's Transition House with the year ending March 31, 2023, be approved as presented. Sandra Hudson seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

- **Appointment of Auditor** – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair

**Maurine Karagianis motioned that the firm, Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. Kerrilee Jones seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**5. Board Election** – Kerrilee Jones, Board of Directors

Kerrilee Jones presented the current slate of nominees.

- **Current Board members (terms to end September 2024):**
  - Hollie McKeil
  - Kerrilee Jones
  - Kimiya Missaghi
  - Liette Bates-Eamer
  - Nikki Petersen
- **Current Board members seeking re-election for another term (new terms to end Sept. 2025):**
  - Maurine Karagianis
  - Rosalie (Roz) Walls
  - Sandra Hudson
- **New Candidates seeking election (terms to end September 2025):**
  - Lauryn Kerr
  - Lori Smith
  - May Han

**Maurine Karagianis motioned that the slate of new and renewing board member nominees be accepted to the board as presented. Sandra Hudson seconded the motion. Motion approved.**

**Sandra Hudson** gave recognition to the following outgoing board members for their years of service on the board.

- **Dawn Robson – 6 years of service**
- **Lydia Jim - TUWOSELTENOT – 2.5 years of service**
- **Mackenzie Curran – 2 years of service**

**Closing Comments / Adjournment** – Dawn Robson, Board Chair

Maurine Karagianis thanked the Community partners, staff, volunteers, and donors, current and retiring board members for their dedication over the years.

**Maurine Karagianis motioned that the meeting be adjourned. 11am. Kerrilee Jones seconded the motion.**

**Motion approved.**

*Minutes prepared by Heidi Gayleard  
September 26, 2023*