

MINUTES

Group: Annual General Meeting via Zoom

Date: September 24, 2024

Chair: Maurine Karagianis

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 about the progress of our 2nd Stage building about to open. She 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. Business Items and Call to Order

Maurine called the meeting to order at 2:25pm.

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

Maurine Karagianis motioned that the 2024 AGM agenda be approved. Hollie McKeil seconded this motion. All in favour. **Motion approved.**

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

Maurine Karagianis motioned to accept the minutes for the 2023 Annual General Meeting – Roz Walls seconded this motion. All in favour. **Motion approved.**

- **Review/approval of Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Financial Statements** – Liette Bates-Eamer, Treasurer

Liette Bates-Eamer motioned that the 2023-2024 audited financial statements of Victoria Women's Transition House with the year ending March 31, 2024, be approved as presented. Maurine Karagianis seconded the motion. All in favour. **Motion approved.**

- **Appointment of Auditor** – Liette Bates-Eamer, Treasurer

Liette Bates-Eamer motioned that the firm, Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025. May Han seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion approved.**



5. **Presentation of the Special Resolutions and Motions to Approve** – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair

Roz Walls motioned that the CONSTITUTION of the Society be amended by Special Resolution by adding the following

(e) regarding the provision of rental supplements provided by BC Housing to Victoria Women's Transition House through the Canada-British Columbia Housing Benefit (CBCHB) program:
Lori Smith seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion Approved.**

May Han motioned that the BYLAWS of the Society be amended by adding the following part 12.1:

"12.1 The Society will not alter or delete the shelter purpose set out in paragraph (a), the supportive housing purpose set out in paragraph (d), or the rent supplement purpose set out in paragraph (e) of its constitution and the Society will not alter or delete this bylaw without first obtaining the written consent of the British Columbia Housing Management Commission."

Roz Walls seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion Approved.**

6. **Board Election** – Maurine Karagianis, Board Chair

Maurine Karagianis motioned to approve the extension of Board Member Liette Bates-Eamer's term on the board for one extra year, September 2024 – September 2025. Nikki Petersen seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion Approved.**

Maurine Karagianis presented the current slate of nominees.

- **Current Board members (terms to end September 2025):**
 - Lauryn Kerr
 - Liette Bates-Eamer
 - Lori Smith
 - Maurine Karagianis
 - May Han
 - Rosalie (Roz) Walls
 - Sandra Hudson
- **Current Board members seeking re-election for another term (new terms to end Sept. 2026):**
 - Hollie McKeil
 - Kerrilee Jones
 - Kimiya Missaghi
 - Nikki Petersen

Maurine Karagianis motioned that the slate of renewing board member nominees be accepted to the board as presented. Liette Bates-Eamer seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion approved.**



7. Guest Speakers – Heather England & Cassidy Smith, Co-Facilitors.

- Heather and Cassidy spoke about our pilot project *Photovoice: What Does Home Mean to You?* This project was a new VVTH expressive arts project with photography. This project ran for 8 weeks and was very successful.

Maurine Karagianis motioned that the meeting be adjourned. 2:40pm. May Han seconded the motion. All in Favour. **Motion approved.**

*Minutes prepared by Heidi Gayleard
September 26, 2024*

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