

**Annual General Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022, 6:00 PM**

MINUTES (Draft)

Present: 33 total, 16 voting members, see list attached

Chair: Marina Aitcheson

Minutes: Leslie Kenny

1. Call to order

Marina called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

2. Virtual and Online Aspects of the Meeting - Bryan Sheremeta, Facilities Coordinator

This AGM is our first attempt at hosting a hybrid meeting with people attending in person and online. Parts of the agenda will also be projected on the screen. In case of any slowdowns, we thank you for your patience.

3. Message of Welcome by Brianna Bear

4. Motion to Approve the 2022 AGM Agenda

Moved: Keith Davis

Seconded: Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

In favour: 16; opposed: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

5. Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2021, AGM

Moved: Darragh De Groot

Seconded: Dustin Alvarez

In favour: 16; opposed: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

6. Agency Overview 2021-22 - Kelly Greenwell, Executive Director

The past year was all about riding the ups and downs of the Covid roller coaster. Everyone was affected, and many struggled. The priority became how to connect people in small but fun ways – sharing food, reducing isolation. For QVCC staff, keeping everything going through all the obstacles became an important journey in our work. For Indigenous Peoples' Day, we pulled it off in a spontaneous way, balancing safety with creative ways of giving support.

Remarkably, the centre was able to maintain its funding levels. I expected a nightmare, but our partners all found ways to keep the support coming through. Despite the challenges, we made some big moves. We struck an Equity Committee. Not just to tick a box, but to turn a different lens on how QVCC does things, to have difficult conversations. This led to some good equity discussions at the staff level. We introduced Indigenous programming and the Arts Thrive program. We hired a Housing Outreach Worker with grants from the City and the Victoria Foundation, recently renewed. Our Neighbourhood Action Committee (NAC) wrestled with some major issues, including the H-Q Villages and Corridors plan and the BC Housing plan for redeveloping Evergreen Terrace. The new Topaz All-Wheels Skatepark was another focus, with credit to the group of QVCC people involved, who made it happen.

My thanks go out to all who make this place approachable, friendly and available for people who arrive who need a helping hand. You are making a difference.

7. QVCC Staff Panel

Q&A with staff members from four of the Centre's program areas: Abraham Ates, Childcare Leader and Youth Drop-in Worker; Shavonne Clark, Housing Outreach Worker; Adrienne Wigg, Early Years Program Coordinator; and Ben Ziegler, Seniors' Entitlement Services Coordinator. The discussion covered the staff members' backgrounds, challenges they face in their jobs, positive aspects, and wish lists for the future.

8. Update on Hillside-Quadra Neighbourhood Action Committee - Rowena Locklin

The work of NAC includes a land-use committee, which reviews zoning applications. It also focuses on green space, affordability and analysis. Some of year's activities included inviting guest speakers to talk about food security and emergency preparedness; preparing a response to the Village and Corridors plan and presenting it to council; working with the Fernwood, North Park and Burnside neighbourhoods on a letter to BC's housing minister (David Eby) about the need to protect older rental stock from being bought up by real estate trusts (this led to a 45-minute meeting with the minister); and organizing a community meeting with BC Housing on the plans for Evergreen Terrace.

9. Motion to Approve the 2022-23 NAC Executive members Jon Munn, Jenny Fraser and Keith Davis (endorsed at the September 19, 2022, NAC meeting)

Moved: Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Seconded: Dustin Alvarez

In favour: 16; opposed: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

10. Update from City Council Liaison Ben Isitt

Thank you all on behalf of the mayor and council. Some activities we collaborated on this year include the crosswalk upgrade at Blanshard and Kings and other crossings still being planned; improvements to the Centre; expansion of parklands and natural areas; and processes to establish respectful relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in this community.

11. Volunteer Thank-You - Chloe Dufort, Community Programs Coordinator

Chloe listed the many types of volunteer jobs performed at QVCC – bagging food, on-call food deliveries and other driving jobs, cleaning, prepping snacks, garden and building maintenance, clothing room and program volunteers, event volunteers, the NAC and Board members, and so many more. Certificates of appreciation were presented to the volunteers in attendance.

12. Staff Retirements and Major Anniversaries

Congratulations were extended to Chloe Dufour, celebrating 5 years of service; Finance and Human Resources Coordinator Tracey Campbell, with 10 years of service; and Derek Wilson, Youth and Family Counsellor at S.J. Willis School, also with 5 years. Kelly expressed appreciation for Carol Porteous, Youth and Family Counsellor at Reynolds Secondary School, who retired this year after 28 years of service.

13. Refreshment Break

14. New Business

a. 2022-23 Budget Presentation - Leni Hoover, Treasurer

Leni presented the new budget. She noted that it includes a projected \$101,000 deficit by March 31, 2023. However, the society is also carrying a surplus of about \$600,000, which can be drawn on to cover the deficit. Kelly added that this marks the second year in a row of deficit budgets, but this is following nine years of accruing surpluses. The major wage increases in 2021 account in part for the deficit. The added expenses and revenues lost due to Covid were also a factor.

b. Motion to appoint Clark Trowsdale (Formerly Obara and Co.) Chartered Accountants to continue as the accountants for DBAC/QVCC in 2022-23.

Moved: Darragh De Groot

Seconded: David Keith

In favour: 16; opposed: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Board of Director Elections

Marina expressed appreciation to departing Board members Jelena Pavlovic, Nat Karpovskaia and Darragh De Groot. She noted that the following Board members are continuing their current terms until September 2023: Marina Aitcheson, Muhammad Ghouri and Ed McClanaghan.

Per the report of the Nominations Committee (attached to these minutes), the following Board Members are seeking election or re-election:

1. Dustin Alvarez
2. Frankie Chao
3. Jesse Green
4. Leni Hoover
5. Leslie Kenny
6. David Turner
7. Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Each of the nominees introduced themselves and spoke about their reasons for serving on the Board. There were no further nominations from the floor. To ensure an even number of one-year and two-year terms (per the bylaws) Jesse Green and Leni Hoover volunteered to serve one-year terms. Marina asked for a motion to approve the seven names listed above:

Motion to elect Jesse Green and Leni Hoover for one-year terms and Dustin Alvarez, Frankie Chao, Leslie Kenny, David Turner, and Cheryl Wolfe-Milner for two-year terms to the DBAC Board of Directors.

Moved: Leslie Kenny

Seconded: David Keith

In favour: 16; opposed: 0; abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

15. Final Questions, Concerns, Comments

Noted that we should continue to seek new Board members to fill vacancies. Youth aged 16 and over are eligible to serve on the Board. More info about the Board and current members could be added to the website.

16. Gift Card Giveaway

Draw for gift cards to Fairway Market. Five winners.

17. Adjournment

Marina thanked everyone and announced the meeting closed at 8:05 pm.

Nominations Committee Report

September 26, 2022

This year there are seven (7) Board vacancies available for two-year terms and up to five (5) vacancies available for one-year terms.

A few election guidelines:

- A maximum of 15 (minimum 7) Directors may serve on the DBAC Board of Directors.
- New Directors may be nominated from the floor of the AGM.
- Executive positions for the new Board (Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer) will be selected at its first meeting in October 2022.

Directors currently serving for the 2021-2023 term are:

1. Marina Aitcheson
2. Muhammad Ghouri
3. Ed McClanaghan

Current Directors standing for election or re-election for the 2022-2024 term are:

1. Dustin Alvarez
2. Frankie Chao
3. Jesse Green
4. Leni Hoover
5. Leslie Kenny
6. David Turner
7. Cheryl Wolfe-Milner

Vacant:

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AGM Attendance
September 26, 2002
***Voting Member**

1. Marina Aitcheson*
2. Dustin Alvarez*
3. Abraham Ates
4. Brianna Bear*
5. Gordy Bear
6. Adrienne Benner*
7. Tracey Campbell
8. Frankie Chao*
9. George Colussi*
10. Keith Davis*
11. Darragh De Groot*
12. Chloe Dufort
13. Shawna Erskine
14. Muhammed Ghouri*
15. Kelly Greenwell
16. Kayla Gruntman
17. Leni Hoover*
18. Amber Hunt*
19. Ben Isitt
20. Leslie Kenny*
21. Rowena Locklin*
22. Ethan Louie
23. Quinn MacTavish
24. Sue MacTavish
25. Paisley Paltiel
26. Jelena Pavlovic*
27. Bryan Sheremeta
28. David Turner*
29. Adrienne Wigg
30. Cheryl Wolfe-Milner*
31. Ginny Woodfire
32. CJ Zellner
33. Ben Ziegler