

## OUR PLACE SOCIETY (OPS)

### Minutes of Annual General Meeting September 16th, 2020

Held via Zoom

<b>Present:</b>	<p><b>Board:</b> Ernie Quantz (Chair), Allan Saunders (Vice Chair), Diana Butler (Past Chair), Andrea Jakeman-Brown (Treasurer), Lauree Austin (Secretary), Ansley Tucker, Cairine MacDonald, Chad Stewart, Greg Conner, John McLeod, Margo Goodhand, Patricia Walker, Scott McGregor.</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> none.</p> <p><b>Members:</b> Aline Mortimer, Ann Maffey, Audrey McLennan, Brett Hayward, Brian Noonan, Christine Chepyha, Dawn Williamson, Gary Stride, Joanna Wilkinson, Keith Dagg, Marg Noonan, Larry Pedersen, Lois Heppel, Margaret O'donnell, Ram Raman, Sara Pocklington, Scott Daly, Susan MacRae, Terry Edison-Brown, Victor Espinoza.</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Larry Beatty of Grant Thornton (Auditors for OPS)</p> <p><b>Staff:</b> Julian Daly (CEO), Alf Eamer (Director of Finance), Grant McKenzie (Director of Communications), Marg Rose (Director of Philanthropy), Linda Polmear (Executive Assistant)</p> <p><b>Record:</b> Lauree Austin (Board Secretary).</p>
<b>1. Welcome and Opening</b>	<p>The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. It was acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on the traditional territories of the Esquimalt and Songhees First Nations.</p> <p>It was noted that this AGM was being held via Zoom as authorized by the province of BC during the COVID pandemic.</p>
<b>2. Blessing</b>	Oceana Hall of the Anishinaabe Crane Clan and the Coast Salish Nation provided a blessing.
<b>3. Quorum</b>	A quorum was declared.
<b>4. Introductions &amp; Housekeeping</b>	The Board was introduced. The Chair enumerated the material that each member should have received in preparation for the AGM including: the notice of an AGM, the agenda, the audited financial statements, the list of director candidates, and the special resolution.
<b>5. Approval of Agenda</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> To approve the agenda. Moved by Quantz, seconded by McLeod.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<b>6. Approval of Minutes</b>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> To approve the 2019 AGM Minutes. Moved by Butler, seconded by Conner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>

<p><b>7. Chair's Report</b></p>	<p>Quantz spoke of 2020 noting the worldwide harm caused by COVID-19 and the tragic loss of life from overdoses.</p> <p>He spoke of the resignation of Don Evans and how Evans worked tirelessly over seven years to strengthen OPS. The community greatly benefited from his hard work and The Board is most appreciative of his efforts.</p> <p>Quantz recognized Eamer's efforts in acting as CEO while also performing his duties as Director of Finance noting that Eamer's advice to The Board was always sound.</p> <p>He acknowledged the amazing contribution of all OPS staff, many of whom chose to work despite the risks.</p> <p>It was noted how social distancing has forced many onto the street causing hardship.</p> <p>He acknowledged the ongoing generosity of the community.</p> <p>Quantz concluded with: <i>"We know now that OPS is strong - through its people and the community. Thank you for your attendance and support!"</i></p>
<p><b>8. Approval of Audited Financial Statements</b></p>	<p>Jakeman-Brown introduced Alf Eamer, the Director of Finance for the past eight years.</p> <p>Eamer reviewed the audited financial statements and thanked Grant Thornton for their work. He made specific mention of Note 12 speaking of OPF and UR and how those entities operate with OPS.</p> <p>Eamer noted OPS reserves and the long term assets held to ensure stability.</p> <p>Special thanks to the United Church and their members for the support they've given OPS over the many years.</p> <p>No questions were asked.</p> <p><b>MOTION:</b> That the audited financial statements for Our Place Society dated March 31, 2020 be approved. Moved by Jakeman-Brown, seconded by Brett Hayward.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>9. Appointment of Auditors</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> That Grant Thornton be appointed as auditors for 2020-21. Moved by Jakeman-Brown, seconded by Walker.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>10. Board Development Report</b></p>	<p>Butler reviewed the requirements of the society that the members elect The Board at the AGM. The Board then elects The Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary positions. She noted that Directors have 2-year terms and that they can serve up to three terms. These terms are staggered to ensure continuity. Terms beyond six years require a special resolution.</p>

<p><b>11. Nomination and Election of Directors</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> That the following members be elected to the Our Place Society Board of Directors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Scott McGregor and Sarah Pocklington (for a first 2yr term)</li> <li>● Lauree Austin, Margo Goodhand, and Patricia Walker (for a second 2yr term)</li> <li>● Andrea Jakeman-Brown (for a third two-year term)</li> </ul> <p>Moved by Butler, seconded by Conner.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p> <p>Quantz recognized Brett Hayward for his work on The Board and with The TRC. Hayward remains on as a member of the TRC oversight committee. The OPS by-laws allow for non-board members to participate on board committees.</p>
<p><b>12. Special Resolution</b></p>	<p><b>MOTION:</b> That Diana Butler’s term be approved for a further year, 2020 - 2021. Moved by Larry Pederson, seconded by Saunders.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CARRIED</b></p>
<p><b>13. Guest Speaker</b></p>	<p>The Chair spoke of The Board’s search for a new CEO and the decision to hire Julian Daly.</p> <p>Daly thanked The Chair and spoke to the spirit of welcome and belonging that he has felt and observed at OPS. He acknowledged the difficulties that OPS has faced in 2020 with Evans’ departure, the covid pandemic, and the opioid epidemic.</p> <p>Daly thanked Eamer for stewarding the organization with kindness and humor.</p> <p>He spoke to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● covid and the measures OPS is taking to continue services</li> <li>● opioid epidemic</li> <li>● New Roads TRC</li> <li>● encampments, housing and cleanup</li> <li>● outreach and the need to take services to the people</li> <li>● media and OPS (he noted that McKenzie is an excellent media person)</li> <li>● the need to advocate and educate</li> </ul> <p>Daly feels confident that OPS will achieve their goals and looks forward to reporting back next year. He noted the energy and excitement of the staff at OPS.</p> <p>Q: Does OPS intend to open satellite locations?  A: It’s a possibility and there has been discussion. There is need in Westshore, Saanich, and Sooke. There is particular need for families and, though OPS doesn’t currently serve those less than 19 years of age, there is an openness to do so.</p> <p>Q: Because we have a large portion of First Nations, is there the possibility of involving Elders in the outreach that OPS plans?  A: Daly acknowledged that there has been discussion among the spiritual care team on how this might be achieved.</p>

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

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Chair: Ernie Quantz

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Secretary: Lauree Austin