



**OUR PLACE SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 25, 2024 @ 6:00 pm via ZOOM**

DRAFT Minutes

1. **Welcome and Opening** – The Chair, Margo Goodhand, called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
2. **Attending:**
 - Board:** Margo Goodhand, Trevor Murphy, Greg Conner, Allan Saunders, Cairine MacDonald, Catharine Read, Chad Stewart, Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland, Mano Sandhu, Patricia Walker, Charla Huber, Phil Calvert
 - Society Members:** Ian Robertson, Veronica Osborn, Harvey Ratson, Susan Macrae, Megumi Atsumi Saunders, Michael Shannon, Ian Batey, Paul Jenkins, Maureen Shaw, Kathleen Prince, Colin Gilroy, Sandra Rouse, Susan Climie, Glenn Cheater, Ann Maffey
 - Auditors:** Kent Fullerton, Grant Thornton
 - Regrets:** Lauree Austin, Scott McGregor
 - Staff:** Julian Daly, CEO; Michele Steele, Director of Finance; Linda Polmear, Record; Dawn Barr, Manager, Volunteer Services.
3. **Indigenous Blessing** – Elder Frazer Smith gave the blessing.
4. **Declaration of Quorum** – Board Secretary, Robyn Gifford confirmed quorum.
5. **Introductions and Housekeeping** items were shared by the Chair.
6. **Approval of Agenda** - Motion to approve. CARRIED

7. **Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes –**

Motion: That the Board approve the AGM Minutes 20230927 as presented.

MOTION Moved by Robyn Gifford; Seconded by Phil Calvert.

CARRIED

8. **Minutes Special General Meeting.**

MOTION That the Board Approve the minutes of the Special General Meeting March 20, 2024.

MOVED by Robyn Gifford, Seconded by Mano Sandhu. CARRIED.

9. **Board Chair’s Report:** Chair Margo Goodhand commented that it had been her honour to serve on the Board. She praised the great leadership and strong team at Our Place. The New Roads Men’s Therapeutic Recovery Community is now blooming, and we see hope and potential, as well as growth.

10. **Chief Executive Officer’s Report:** Julian Daly shared highlights from the past year’s intense activities and realized dreams.

11. **Presentation of Audited Financial Statements:** Board Treasurer, Patricia Walker thanked the Director of Finance, Michele Steele, for continually providing prompt and accurate information. The Director of Finance led the presentation of the Audited Financial Statements. There were no questions. This was followed by the Auditors’ report by Kent Fullerton, representing Grant Thornton as the Independent Auditors. Fullerton shared that Grant Thornton was hired to examine the Our Place Audited Financial Statements to make sure they comply and meet standards. He concluded Audit provided an unbiased opinion that Our Place’s financial position was a clean audit. Fullerton thanked the Director of Finance and team for their assistance during the audit. There were no questions concerning the Audit Report

MOTION. Seconded by Conner. CARRIED

12.Appointment of Auditors:

MOTION That Grant Thornton be reappointed for the next financial year. Proposed by Walker; Seconded by Sandhu. CARRIED.

13.Board Development Report: Greg Conner presented the Nomination and Election of Directors which had been previously circulated to the Society Membership:

Motion: Proposing Susan Climie, seconded Stewart. CARRIED

Motion: Proposing Glenn Cheater, seconded by Macdonald. CARRIED.

Motion: Proposing Phil Calvert, seconded Read. CARRIED

Motion Proposing Cheryl Wenezenki-Yolland – seconded by Read
CARRIED.

Motion Proposing Huber, second Saunders. Carried.

Motion Proposing Catharine Read, seconded by Walker. CARRIED:

Motion Proposing McGregor, seconded Saunders CARRIED

Conner concluded that he is looking forward to working with these high-quality board members who bring a broad skill set to the Our Place Board.

Conner acknowledged the departing Board Members, Lauree Austin, Patricia Walker and Catherine Macdonald, and thanked them for their hard work and for serving with wisdom good, humor and grace and be dearly missed.

14.Guest Speaker Veronica Osborn was introduced by Dawn Barr, Manager, Volunteer Services. Veronica was thanked for her dedicated and very long-term as an Our Place Volunteer. Osborn thanked the Board, Society Members, and Volunteer Manager.

15.Adjournment: The meeting was Adjournment 7:05 pm.

**Motion to adjourn proposed by Stewart, seconded Wenezenki-Yoland.
CARRIED.**