



West Springs Cougar Ridge Community Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, 7:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting hosted by Zoom

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Online Video Conference: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84166432023?pwd=akQya2hwTXdodTBqY29qL1NUQ0hVZz09>

Meeting ID: 841 6643 2023 | Password: 397379

Call to Order

Meeting called to Order by P. Tolppanen at 7:37 p.m.

The President welcomed and introduced board members and distinguished guests.

In this AGM, 14 Board Directors and 26 Voting members attended.

No proxy was received in advance.

A total of 35 participants (including members and non-members) were present during the opening of the meeting.

Note: Directors and voting members in attendance met the minimum quorum of 3 Directors and 5 Voting members.

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Accept the meeting agenda as presented and circulated.

Moved by: K. Gibson **Seconded by:** S. Raj **None opposed.** **Carried.**

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the June 2022 Annual General Meeting were reviewed by the board of directors and members.

MOTION: Approve the AGM minutes from the June 2022 Annual General Meeting as circulated.

Moved by: L. Murray **Seconded by:** H. Zaba **None opposed.** **Carried.**

Special Guests

Distinguished guests Minister D. Nicolaides and Councillor R. Pootmans provided an update and answered questions.

President's Report: P. Ghazar



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Last year was very successful with the WSCRC still managing to safely provide several programs and move forward with our key objective of building a strong community. Highlights include:

- Charity Stampede Breakfast returned in 2022.
- Movie in the Park & Santa Claus events grew substantially.
- Supporting Broxburn Farm Stand in the community.
- Introduced new online education events.
- Working with Agency Atlas marketing company to increase community reach, and membership growth.
- Amazing support for the families affected by the Cougar Ridge house fires.
- Record breaking events and monies raised for charity (approximately \$30,000).

In addition, WSCRC also continues to plan and build programs/events for this and next year. For instance:

- Many programs are going again this year including Community Garden, Skating, Soccer, and Santa Claus events.
- Movie-in-the-Park is in planning stages.
- Community Skate Park is returning.
- Several other events are planned for this year.

In 2022-2023, WSCRC has held 12 programs/events, 744 active members, more than 2,600 event attendees, over 200 volunteers, and approximately \$28,000 fundraising/sponsorship received.

MOTION: Accept the President's report as presented.

Moved by: K. Paw **Seconded by:** T. Adetola **None opposed.** **Carried.**

Treasurer's Report: L. Murray

- Overall financial performance:
 - Our auditors have confirmed that WSCRC has a clean bill of health from an accounting and auditing perspective.
 - WSCRC had a very successful casino event that resulted in receiving almost \$75,000. The board was able to use over \$31,000 of this money in delivering the programs over the year.
 - Although the board operated at a small loss, this is due to some one-time costs and thus, it does not present a concern.
- Audit opinion



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- Once again, the financial statements were audited by the Federation of Calgary Communities (FCC) in accordance with the Board's selection of auditor. A. Chiu advised that the financial statements are required to present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as of March 31, 2023, and its results of operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, except for the possible effects of matters that are described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion.
- The Treasurer worked with the new volunteer bookkeeper S. See to provide all of the requests in a timely manner.
- The Board continues to spend funds from our members and programs plus AGLC funds, it is important to ensure the monies are used effectively.
- Financial performance:
 - It is booked that there is a loss of \$4,000, as the board donated over \$27,000 to a variety of organizations including a \$20,000 donation to our neighbouring community association for support of their new Community Hub. We would have had a positive income otherwise.
 - The Board operated close to budget in all areas.
 - The operating cash grew to \$358,000, our restricted AGLC account was almost \$59,000 due to receipt of the casino funds. We have very good liquidity.
 - The Board spent over \$112,000 this year and we will continue to look to use the AGLC and operating account funds to provide services and programs to the community.
 - The Board has created a robust operating budget and expects to deliver most programs again in the coming year.

MOTION: Accept the Annual Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 2023 and the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Moved by: P. Ghazar **Seconded by:** T. Sangalabrang **None opposed.**
Carried.

- The bylaws require the WSCRA to have an annual audit completed by a qualified accountant or by Voting Members. The Board will appoint an appropriate firm to complete an external audit as required.

MOTION: Allow the WSCRA Board to appoint an external auditor for the 2023-24 Financial Statements.

Moved by: J. Healey **Seconded by:** K. Gibson **None opposed.** **Carried.**

Planning and Development Year-In-Review: J. Healey

- J. Healey provided a general overview of planning and development in 2022- 2023 term, including updates on significant ongoing developments in the community:
 - Brawn Lands
 - West District



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- Trico
 - 77th Street and 9th Ave
 - 11th Ave and 73th Street
- The PDC continues to have ongoing communication with the city, developers and residents including, traffic signals, speed limit inconsistencies, pedestrian safety, intersection issues, etc. The PDC continues to oversee other issues such as Paskapoo slopes, recycling depot, outdoor hockey rinks, and developer presentation of facilities.

Election of Directors and Officers

- The Chair noted that three (3) Executive positions were eligible for nomination: President and Secretary, they are both two (2) year terms. Treasurer, it is a one (1) year term.
 - 1) A call was made for nominations for President.
 - P. Ghazar nominated Angelina Marian. The nomination was accepted.
 - No more calls for nominations were made. No further nominations were received. Nominations were closed and A. Marian was acclaimed as the President.
 - 2) A call was made for nominations for Secretary.
 - P. Ghazar nominated Carrie Akister. The nomination was accepted.
 - No more calls for nominations were made. No further nominations were received. Nominations were closed and C. Akister was acclaimed as the Secretary.
 - 3) A call was made for nominations for Treasurer.
 - L. Murray nominated Tenzin Sangalabrang. The nomination was accepted.
 - No more calls for nominations were made. No further nominations were received. Nominations were closed and T. Sangalabrang was acclaimed as the Treasurer.
- The remaining eleven (11) positions were considered as an election by slate. Individuals listed for nomination:
 - Directors (each one-year term):
 - Planning & Development Director: Joe Healey
 - Communications Director: Heather Zaba
 - Sponsorship Director: Latosia Campbell-Walters
 - Sponsorship Director: Taiwo Adetola
 - Membership and Casino Night Director: Eileen Teasdale
 - Soccer Director: Steve Berman
 - Skating Director and Soccer Co-Director: Kimberly Paw
 - Traffic Director: Denis Ho
 - Charity Stampede Director: Justine Barrett



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- The Chair called for further nominations:
 - P. Ghazar nominated Zoe Agashae as Board Director.
 - P. Ghazar also nominated himself as Board Director.

MOTION: To elect the slate of Directors as nominated to the WSCRA Board.

Moved by: A. Marian **Seconded by:** K. Gibson **None opposed.** **Carried.**
Meeting Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn meeting at 8:51p.m.

Moved by: P. Ghazar **Seconded by:** K. Gibson **None opposed.** **Carried.**

Signed by:

Chair: _____ Date: _____

Secretary: _____ Date: _____