

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC
February 24, 2023
10:00 AM

1) Call to order at 10am

Verbal Acknowledgment Statement:

“Before we start, I would like to take a moment to recognize we are on the ancestral and unceded homelands of the hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ and Skwxwú7mesh speaking peoples, and to extend appreciation for the opportunity to hold a meeting on this shared territory.”

pronunciation:

- hən̓q̓əmin̓əm̓ phonetically sounds like "han-ka-mi-nem"
- Skwxwú7mesh phonetically sounds like "skwo-mesh"

Attendance

There were 92 members in attendance plus all four Executive members of the Board of Directors. Therefore, the quorum requirement has been met and the meeting was declared able to proceed.

2) Opening Remarks

- Ernie Kashima, as President, welcomed all the Annual General Meeting of the Bonsor 55+ Society.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGM PACKAGE, the TREASURER'S REPORT and MINUTES of the 2023 AGM have been available for the required time period on the Bonsor 55+ Society website and in the interest of brevity all reports except for the Treasurers Report, will not be read at this meeting.

3) **Introduction of Special Guests**

- Robin Dühr Commissioner and Seniors Liaison
- Cindy Clancie Manager Recreation Services & City of Burnaby Seniors Liaison

4) **Introduction of Staff**

- Misty Troisi Bonsor Complex Supervisor
- Ashley James Bonsor 55+ Centre Supervisor 2
- Kelli Tibbles Bonsor 55+ Recreation Leader 1
- Kyle Yamamoto Bonsor 55+ Recreation Leader
- Allison Sanderson Northwest Complex Supervisor & City of Burnaby Seniors Liaison

5) **Introduction of Board of Directors**

- Ernie Kashima President
- Brian Pound Vice-President
- Karuna Nalliah Treasurer
- Louise Kowalenko Secretary
- Mary Horton Past President
- Albert Lam
- Pat Couch
- Brenda Felker
- Freda Jenkins
- George Kawaguchi Absent
- Glenis Bryson
- Raj Nath
- Elizabeth Revoczi

Thank you to all our Directors for their dedication and service.

6) **Thank you to Volunteers**

2022 was a year of renewal and re-acquaintance as we came back together after having to close, or limit, so many things due to COVID. I believe we all understand we are not out of the woods yet, but we need to carry on and live our lives as enjoyably as possible. Thanks to the tremendous work of the many volunteer executives for each group we were able to get back to participating in all the activities we enjoy. I hope none of us ever takes for granted the tremendous amount of time, energy, and patience that is put in by those who serve you by being willing to join your groups' executive. They are always worthy of our praise and highest respect, and never deserving of criticism from those unwilling to take on the tasks they do on your behalf. We were able to resume our Bus trips in 2022, and we thank the Bus committee for all the work they did maintaining our bus during the pandemic and getting it back on the road. A big shout out to our limited number of bus drivers who make all of the trips possible. We were also able to reopen the coffee bar and are very thankful of the team that provides us

with coffee, cookie, and muffins for our lounge. As we move into 2023, we will continue to follow the lead of the Provincial Health Authority and the City of Burnaby in regards to COVID expectations and requirements. We are always grateful to the City of Burnaby for the great support they give the Society in so many ways.

Explanation of Fees 2023

Bonsor 55+ Seniors Membership

- Annual fee collected by the City of Burnaby
- Pays for City staff, building maintenance and operation

Bonsor 55+ Group Fees

- Annual fee to the society for each Bonsor 55+ group you join
- As a non-profit run by volunteers the Society has limited sources of income (dances, coffee bar), but numerous expenses including:
 - Insurance – commercial and general liability
 - Approximately \$6,300 for 2023 (dependent on total membership)
 - Copier lease and supplies
 - Approximately \$1,100 per year
 - Lounge upkeep and office supplies
 - Budgeted for \$2,500 for 2023 due to upholstery cleaning, repair, and furniture replacement
 - Events
 - Christmas dinner dance
 - Volunteer luncheon
 - Group leaders gathering
 - Seniors games sponsorship
 - Estimated at \$10,000 for 2023

7) **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda

MOTION by Tekla Lit to approve the 2023 AGM agenda. Seconded by Laurie Coombs.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

8) **Approval of Minutes from last AGM**

Motion to approve the minutes

MOTION by Freda Jenkins to approve the minutes of the last AGM dated May 5th, 2022. Seconded by Louise Kowalenko. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

9) **Approval of Reports**

The AGM Group Reports have been included in the AGM package which was made available on the Bonsor 55+ Society website to all members prior to the AGM.

MOTION by Angela Mai to adopt the President's Report. Seconded by Albert Lam. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

Centre Supervisor's Report.

The last half of the year has been a learning curve and adjustment for myself and our staff team at Bonsor 55+. We continue to grow and welcome back all groups and form/create new groups to the centre after everyone's world changed through covid. It's so nice to see the centre busy, active and welcoming to all members as they use the space for games, activities and social connections. The lounge continues to be such a lovely and very popular place in creating and maintaining friendships and connections with one and another. Thank you to all of you that have made myself and the 55+ staff team feel very welcomed within the building and a big thank you to all the board of director, group leaders and volunteers. Your commitment and passion to Bonsor 55+ and its members is always noticed and very much appreciated.

Our 55+ staff team has changed significantly in the past year. Rohan Matts has moved into a new role at Willingdon and is currently on maternity leave, and Kelli Tibbles is now in the permanent role of Centre Supervisor. We've had much movement this past year with our Recreation Leader team seeing Brett move into the South East area backfilling the community coordinator role. Kyle Kuramoto was the successful candidate for the backfill position well Charisse Correia is on maternity leave. We also have Casey Hudson join the team in a temporary fulltime role and many of the familiar faces in the building: Paolo, Anthony, Julia & Shally. Ashley James has continued to be the constant with all these changes and is in the role of Centre Supervisor 2 and housing Bonsor 55+ with her position. With all the staffing changes, we appreciate all the patience and support you have shown.

Some of the people you may see include:

Centre Supervisor:	Kelli Tibbles
Recreation Leader 2s:	Kyle Kuramoto, Casey Hudson & Paolo Zenone
Recreation Leader 1s:	Anthony, Julia & Shally
Clerical:	Charmaine
Building Services Workers:	Rick, Shellan, Ahman & Cesar
Centre Supervisor 2:	Ashley James
Complex Supervisor:	Misty Troisi

In 2022 we saw the resurgence of the Bonsor 55+ Bus and its out trips, a very large and happy members BBQ in June (big thank you to the Burnaby Fire Fighters Charitable Society for all the grilling and food), active aging week which allowed many members a “Try It” session for different program Bonsor 55+ offers, we also hosted a very successful Christmas lunch with all the fixings and such cute entertainment from the Maywood School kindergarten class as well as a few older students in choir. Our Burnaby fitness and dance programs continue to be super popular and successful, we love seeing so many active seniors within the building. As we move forward with 2023 our team hopes to continue to grow our amazing programs and we look forward to fostering and creating many relationship and memories with all the members.

For updates on what is happening at Bonsor 55+ please visit the following websites:

www.burnaby.ca/bonsor55+

www.bonsor55.plussociety.org

Thank you, Bonsor 55+ members, for participating in our leisure activities and making Bonsor 55+ Centre and Bonsor Recreation Complex a special place for yourselves and for each other.

Submitted by: Kelli Tibbles – Bonsor 55+ Centre Supervisor, City of Burnaby

MOTION by Louise Kowalenko to adopt the Centre Supervisor’s Report. Seconded by Brian Pound. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

10) **Approval of Treasurer’s Report**

Ernie Kashima read the Treasurers Report on behalf of Karuna Nalliah.

MOTION by Glenis Bryson to adopt the Treasurer’s Report of 2023. Seconded by Phil Horton. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11) **New Business**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1) Announce:

Nomination & Election of 2023/2024 Board of Directors. These will be your Bonsor 55+ Society Representatives.

2) The meeting was turned over to Mary Horton to run the Election of Directors.

3) The following Directors will not be returning to the Bonsor 55+ Board: Glenis Bryson, Raj Nath, George Kawaguchi and Freda Jenkins.
Please join us in thanking these dedicated volunteers for their contributions to the

Bonsor 55+ Society.

4) The following people are presently on the Board and will be staying on to complete their second year.

- Mary Horton
- Albert Lam
- Pat Couch
- Louise Kowalenko
- Elizabeth Revoczi

The following people have been nominated to run for re-election.

- Ernie Kashima
- Brian Pound
- Brenda Felker
- Karuna Nalliah

The following Member has been nominated to run for the 2023 – 2024 term:

- Eugene Hamel

5) Nominations from the floor:

Three times Mary Horton called for nominations from the floor. No nominations were forthcoming.

12) **Results of Election**

Since there are more Board member spots than nominees, the nominees have been appointed by acclamation.

The 2021/2022 Board of Directors will be:

- Ernie Kashima
- Brian Pound
- Karuna Nalliah
- Louise Kowalenko
- Mary Horton
- Albert Lam
- Pat Couch
- Brenda Felker
- Elizabeth Revoczi
- Eugene Hamel

Thank you to all nominees and Mary Horton for running the Election of Directors.

13) **Announcements**

There were a few questions from the floor which were addressed by Ernie Kashima..

- There was a question regarding the purchase of a new Society 55+ bus. Pre-

pandemic we were planning on buying a new bus. Trips are starting to fill up again and the options to purchase a new bus will be considered again. If anyone has contacts for sponsorship for the bus please forward them along.

- There was a question regarding where a new member could find information on the programs we run. Ernie pointed out Kyle and Casey as the staff who would be helpful to a new member exploring their options.
- The Badminton Group Leader expressed their appreciation to all of the Board of Directors for their support over the last year. Ernie reminded everyone to treat their Group Executive with respect as we are all volunteers. Member input is welcome to help solve problems and find solutions.
- A request was made to help Group Executives reinforce the principles and expectations of the Bonsor 55+ Society. Ernie informed everyone that a Group Leaders meeting is in the process of being scheduled for this exact purpose.

14) **Adjournment**

- Announcement that newly elected board members will meet immediately after the AGM meeting adjourns to elect officers.

MOTION by Brian Pound to adjourn the 2023 AGM meeting. Seconded by Albert Lam.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 1:44 pm.

Ernie Kashima

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

Louise Kowalenko

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary