

BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT 6550 Bonsor Avenue, Burnaby, BC
February 23, 2024
10:00 AM

1) Call to order at 10 am

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 81 members in attendance including 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**

- Cindi Calancie Manager Recreation Services

4) **Introduction of Staff**

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

5) **Introduction of Board of Directors**

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

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

6) **Thank you to Volunteers**

Ernie thanked all the Societies volunteers for their time and efforts on behalf of their groups.

7) **Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda

MOTION by Keith Saunders to approve the 2024 AGM agenda. Seconded by Cleo Wah.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.

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

Motion to approve the minutes

MOTION by Greg Edgar to approve the minutes of the last AGM dated February 24, 2023.

Seconded by Monica Robidoux. **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 Karen Poole to adopt the President's Report. Seconded by Gary from Badminton. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

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

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Eugene Hamel.

MOTION by Cleo Wah to adopt the Treasurer's Report of 2023. Seconded by Jim Foo. **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

11) **New Business**

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

1) Announcement:

Nomination & Election of 2024/2025 Board of Directors. These will be your Bonsor 55+ Society Representatives.

2) Ernie Kashima ran the Election of Directors. According to our Constitution and Bylaws the Society must have no fewer than 4 and no more than 15 Directors.

3) The following Directors will not be returning to the Bonsor 55+ Board:

- Karuna Nalliah

Please join us in thanking this dedicated volunteer for her contribution to the Bonsor 55+ Society.

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

- Ernie Kashima
- Brenda Felker
- Brian Pound
- Eugene Hamel

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

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

The following Members have been nominated to run for the 2024 – 2025 term:

Margaret Li and Alice Crestjo

5) Nominations from the floor:

Three times Ernie Kashima called for nominations from the floor.

Cleo Wah has been nominated from the floor.

No other nominations were forthcoming.

12) **Results of Election**

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

The 2024/2025 Board of Directors will be:

- Ernie Kashima
- Brian Pound
- Eugene Hamel
- Louise Kowalenko
- Mary Horton
- Albert Lam
- Pat Couch
- Brenda Felker
- Elizabeth Revoczi
- Margaret Li
- Alice Crestjo
- Cleo Wah

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

13) **Announcements**

Mary Horton recognized our President, Ernie Kashima, for his leadership and commitment to the Society.

The upcoming St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, scheduled for Friday, March 15th, was promoted to the membership and all were encouraged to attend.

Ernie Kashima announced that the 55+ Society will be entering into a partnership with Mulberry Parc for advertisement on the Bonsor 55+ Bus next week. Mulberry Parc will be providing us annually with \$12,000.00 for the exclusive placement of their logo on the bus. Mulberry Parc is very committed to the 55+ Society and will also be providing us with door prizes, gift baskets and volunteers for a number of upcoming events. We anticipate the purchase of a new bus this year and are currently on the waitlist to receive it. Also, Parkland Corporation has generously donated ten \$100.00 in gas gift cards towards bus fuel.

14) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Ernie Kashima

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

Louise Kowalenko

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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