



North Shore Disability Resource Centre 2016-2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: September 18, 2017

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Place: Holiday Inn & Suites, Seymour Room, 700 Old Lillooet Road, NV, BC

1. Registration & Refreshments 5:00 – 5:30 pm.

2. Call to Order –

Henry Tso, NSDRC Board President, called the 41st Annual General meeting to order at 5:35PM. Quorum is established.

Acknowledgement

“Before going further, I wish to acknowledge the ancestral, traditional and unceded Aboriginal territories of the Squamish, Musqueam, and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations in Metro Vancouver on whose territory we work, live and play on whose territory we stand.

3. Welcome and Introductions of the Board –

Good evening everyone. I am Henry Tso and I am the President of the NSDRC. Thank you all for taking the time out of their busy schedule to be here tonight. I would like to acknowledge the present Board Members of the Association and also the Members of the Foundation Board.

I really appreciate all the hard work the Board members have done this last year. I would also like to thank Liz Barnett and her staff for keeping the Board organized and well informed. Liz and her team are doing well. Please give all of them a round of applause.

4. Special Presentation –

Special recognition of Lizz Lindsey – Lizz Lindsay is the current Chair of the NSDRC Foundation Board and will be stepping down after joining our Board at the September 2006 Annual General Meeting. Highly active in her community in many roles, in January 2009 Lizz founded a non-profit society called Sharing Abundance Association which provides a weekly community meal on the North Shore for isolated people.

We are saddened to see her leave us but know whatever she does, it will be of benefit to all citizens. Please join me in thanking Lizz Lindsay for her many years of service.

Special recognition of Anita Dadson – Anita Dadson is a founding Board member of the NSDRC. From 1976 until today, she has served as President, Vice President, Past President, and Secretary at various times. Anita’s daughter Sydney moved to Quinton when she was very young and then lived at Shone Road until she passed away in 2001. Anita’s other current community involvements have included:

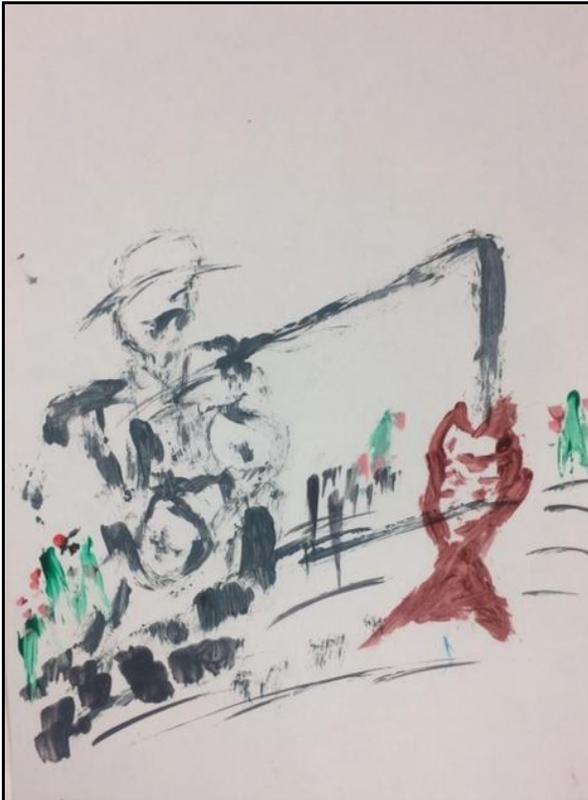
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- President of the Lions View Seniors' Planning Society;
- Chair of the B.C. Federation of Families (FamilyNET);
- BC Association for Community Living Board from 1993-1998, two years as President and one year as Past President;
- Recipient of the 1998 YWCA Women of Distinction Award in the category of Voluntary Community and Humanitarian Service;
- Recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal;
- The first recipient of the NSDRC Jeff Ehlert Memorial Volunteer Recognition Award and received an Honourary Lifetime Membership to the NSDRC in 1996;
- In 2006 she received the British Columbia Community Achievement Awards;
- In February 2008 she received the Freedom of the District Award.

Please join me in acknowledging Anita's contribution to the lives of thousands of British Columbia citizens with disabilities and their families. We are planning a bigger party for Anita and her family in the near future, please keep in touch for more details.

5. **Fourth Annual Poster Contest 2017!! And the Winner is...BRENDAN W.! –**
The Theme this year is "My Favourite Activity" and the judges picked this beautiful painting of fishing - Brendan's favourite thing to do. Congratulations Brendan!

Thank you to everyone who entered. The entries were wonderful and the judges found it very hard to pick a winner.



6. Options for Us Presentation by Suzanne Klassen, Director of Information & Advocacy.

In 2016, the NSDRC Association and Foundation Boards began a housing engagement project called **Options for Us – Housing for People with Disabilities on the North Shore** with the goal of asking a range of people with disabilities and their families and caregivers about the current housing situation, and what would work better. We prepared a report, available on the website (insert link here please)

As part of the follow up to the Report, we have asked three people to come tonight and provide us with some insights about the issues of housing for people with disabilities and their families.

Panelists: Kamelia Abadi, Joanne Shoring and Debbie Reece – were able to provide those attending the AGM with some insight into their challenges and opportunities.

Henry Tso, NSDRC President thanked the panel and acknowledged their courage for sharing their stories.

7. Approval of 2015-2016 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The Minutes of the 2015-2016 AGM were presented.

Moved by Greg T., seconded by Jim B., to accept the Minutes of the 2016-2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

8. Henry Tso, Board President's Report:

Thank you all for coming to our AGM and for your support of the efforts of the NSDRC. With leadership in housing and the great work being done in information and advocacy, I know we are making progress.

Liz Barnett Executive Director's Report:

Please see my report on the lovely poster distributed this evening. Highlights of the year include the work done on housing and opening of Mill house. A special recognition needs to be made of the contributions of Lizz Lindsay and Bob McCormack. Both volunteers were instrumental in their work on the Board to bring the vision of accessible and affordable housing to reality thank you. I want to say thank you to the NSDRC Board and my wonderful staff. Our organization is stronger because of them.

Moved by Jim B., seconded by Janet K. to accept the Executive Director's report as submitted. Motion carried.

9. Finance Report

Janet Kuan, NSDRC Board Treasurer presented the 2016-2017 Audited Statements. NSDRC had a deficit in this fiscal year. Staff has taken measures to correct this and we are making progress to a balanced position for the future.

Moved by Jenny H., seconded by Marc B. to accept the Finance Report as submitted. Motion Carried.

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10. Approval of the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements

Representative from MNP (Myers Norris Penny) Dean Russel was present to answer any questions on the Audited Financial Statements. A positive audit. Thank you to the accounting team of Igor D., Laurie H. and the Committee members for their good work.

Moved to approve the 2016-2017 Audited Financial Statements:

Moved by Anita D. seconded by Hin L. to accept the 2015-2016 Audited Financial Statements as presented. Motion Carried.

11. Appointment of Auditors for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year.

Moved by Greg T., seconded by Cathy A. that Myers Norris Penny be retained as auditors for 2017-2018 fiscal year Motion carried.

12. Nominating Committee Report was Delivered by Cathy Abraham:

a) The following current Board members are continuing their term ending at the 2018 AGM:

- **Cathy Abraham, Janet Kuan, Henry Tso, Camille Williams.**

b) The following current Board members are standing for re-election to a two (2)-year term ending at the 2019 AGM:

- **Kathie Best, Dan Blue, Marc Bourne, Greg Travers.**

c) The following new members are seeking election to a one (1)-year term ending at the 2018 AGM:

- **Mary-Ann Wasnick** has three sons, one grandson and two granddaughters. For the last eight years she has been working as a medical transcriptionist. Before that, she worked at the Richmond Consumer and Friends Society, first as a Peer Support Worker, then as the Volunteer Coordinator. She also sat on their board for three years.
- **Saeid Haghighi** graduated from UBC Law in 2015 and began articling at Lakes, Whyte LLP in North Vancouver. He was called to the bar in July of 2016 and has stayed on Lakes, Whyte LLP as an associate since then. Prior to commencing law school, he worked as a Care Aide, assisting individuals with mental and physical disabilities for more than four years. He worked at WJS in Vancouver and CVS in Coquitlam, where he worked in both, in-house and day program settings.
- **Chris Yetman** is a professional accountant, with 20 years of experience working with small businesses of various industries. He has worked with them in developing and implementing long term strategies to suit the goals of their organizations, and to have the beneficial effects he proposes. He is also involved with medical programs that assist young students in their learning careers.

Moved by Jim B, seconded by Jennie H. to approve the slate as presented. Motion carried.

Henry Tso declared the nominations closed and welcomed new Board members.

13. Closing Remarks and Adjournment:

Liz B. reminded the Members about the upcoming concert with Colin Mocherie and Deb McGrath, opening with the Jeff Standfield band.

Also special thanks to Nancy and Terry Chambers, our longtime supporters who could not be here today.

Motion to adjourn of the Annual General Meeting. Moved by Jim B. seconded by Janet K.

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 pm.