

Agincourt Community Services Association

Annual General Meeting

June 1, 2021

1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair of the Board of Directors and the Annual General Meeting, Doug Brown called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. The meeting took place via the online platform Zoom. Doug asked Jamillah Mananghaya, Manager of Newcomer Services, to read the land acknowledgement and she also acknowledged the remains of the 215 Indigenous children that were discovered last week.

Doug reviewed the online meeting protocols and explained the virtual voting process. He explained how to use the reaction buttons and the options available through the Chat box. Doug referred to the materials (Agenda, 2020 AGM Minutes, and the Audited Financial Statements) that were circulated in advance of the meeting.

Doug spoke to the voting process, specifically for the Board election and the Auditor's report for this evening. He explained this will be done through a poll on the screen. He advised the members that this is a secret ballot system.

There were 66 participants present, with a total of 39 voting members. Since the by-laws stipulate that quorum is 20 members, quorum was established.

Be it resolved that the agenda of the 2021 Annual General Meeting be approved as circulated.

Moved by Doug Brown, seconded by Maria Lykos. Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of August 31, 2020

Be it resolved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of August 31, 2020 be approved as circulated.

Moved by Doug Brown, seconded by Manny Sousa. Carried.

3. Chair's Report

Doug prepared a brief statement and welcomed everyone to the second virtual AGM. He spoke to the changes over the past year with the COVID-19 pandemic and the work that ACSA has done in the past year, highlighting that ACSA served 1,100 families a week through the Food Bank. He spoke about the staff supporting clients while protecting themselves and how ACSA shifted to some virtual programs, including educating the community about the vaccines. He commented that ACSA will likely pivot again in the future. As an example, he mentioned to the grocery shopping model for the Food Bank. ACSA is continuing to grow and meet the needs of Scarborough, Toronto and the greater surrounding areas. Doug shared how people can help, specifically by volunteering, by donating to ACSA, and becoming a member for \$5 a year. Donations can be made through www.agincourtcommunityservices.com and

clicking on the “Donate Now” button. Doug thanked the Board Members who have completed their term on the Board this year. Doug also recognized the ACSA leadership and staff.

4. Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements

Stanley Szeto introduced himself as the current Treasurer of the Board. He referred to the prepared statements by Grant Thornton LLP. He advised that the agency is in a healthy position and reviewed the document in detail. He thanked the Finance Director, Brenda Elliott, and her team for their work over the year and the clean audit.

Wendy Miller asked a question about why the provincial grants are down \$200,000. Brenda advised this was due to the STAR program for employment through the Newcomers Center that finished in 2019 and unfortunately did not get picked up again. There were no additional questions regarding the audit report.

Be it resolved that the Audited Financial Statements for 2020 be approved as presented.

Moved by Stanley Szeto, seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

5. Appointment of Auditor for 2021

Be it resolved that Grant Thornton LLP be appointed as the Auditor’s for 2021.

Moved by Stanley Stezo, seconded by Doug Brown. Carried.

6. Election of Board Members (Election of 5 directors to a three-year term)

Maria Lykos introduced herself as presenting on behalf of the Nominations and Board Development committee and introduced the new candidates to be nominated for the Board.

Maria spoke about the recruitment process and in detail reviewed their bios that highlighted their skills and experiences.

Be it resolved that the following individuals be elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term: Akil Bishop, Brandi Brenner, Anastasia Gordon, Lauren McAllister and Ethan Tran.

Moved by Maria Lykos, seconded by Manny Sousa. Carried.

7. Annual Highlights and Agency Updates – Lee Soda

Lee Soda the Executive Director of the agency extended her appreciation to the Board members stepping down, the Board and the Board Chair who demonstrated great leadership. She expressed that it’s a privilege to serve the families of Scarborough and be part of an incredible team of Staff and Volunteers.

Lee spoke to the theme of the AGM this year, “Stronger Together”. She commented on the stronger sense of connection and people working together that makes the community more resilient. ACSA deemed several programs as essential services and Lee spoke to the programs that continued to support the community throughout the pandemic.

A video was shown that highlighted the programs ACSA continued to run, including the EarlyON and After School Programs, the Food Bank serving up to 1,300 families per week, the Newcomers Center, the Homeless and Outreach Department and the North and South Drop Ins. Bay Mills Hub pivoted to what the community needed and FEPS helped people file their income taxes virtually.

8. Closing Remarks

Doug extended his thanks to everyone for attending the meeting. He asked for feedback of the AGM and a link to complete a brief survey was shared through the chat. Meeting concluded at 8:00 pm.

Be it resolved that the Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

Moved by Carol Cunningham, seconded by Maria Lykos. Carried.