

MARSH STREET COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL MEETING – September 8, 2023, 6:00PM

Mission Statement – The Marsh Street Centre is dedicated to the enrichment of the community’s cultural life – by providing space and programming suitable for a wide variety of activities and gatherings for people of all ages and backgrounds

MINUTES

1. Call to order – 6:05 PM – Motion by James Lethbridge; Seconded by Judy Shields. All in favour, approved.
2. Adoption of the Minutes from the prior year (September 10, 2022) – Motion by Al Hagerman; Seconded by Mike Scholz. All in favour, approved.
3. Year in Review *
 - a. Robert Brown, President and Chair, reviewed highlights and challenges in the past year. Centre re-opened in spring 2022 with successful summer pub night series, community events and programs, and fundraising concerts. Regular renters were also back in operation. Improvements were made to the patio, recording studio and septic holding tank alarm.

Motion to Accept the President’s Report, including the year in review – Motion to Approve by Hazel de Burgh; Seconded by Tony Komar. All in favour, approved.

- b. Michele Myrah, Treasurer, presented the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023. Highlights included strong cash position at year end due to grants (especially the OTF operating expense grant), major donors/sponsors, and a return to full operations. Results significantly better than the prior year that was still impacted by pandemic restrictions. Revenues were comparable to the pre-covid year. Fundraising events included 5 fundraising concerts, 50/50 draw, sponsorships and fundraising golf tournament. Next year planning for a financial statement review engagement per ONCA regulations, and a special meeting of members to approve the waiver of audit requirements.

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, the 2023 Financial Statements, and to confirm the appointment of Baker Tilly SGB LLP as auditors/accountants for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 – Motion to Approve by Ann Dyer; Seconded by Joan Gaudet. All in favour, approved.

Motion to accept and approve the amendments to By-Law No. 2023-1 of the Marsh Street Community Centre as distributed to members, effective as of September 8, 2023 – Motion to approve by James Lethbridge; Seconded by Hazel de Burgh. All in favour, approved.

4. President’s Update – Recent Activities and A Look Forward *

Robert thanked all of the Centre’s many volunteers, the active Board of Directors and staff. He thanked our many generous corporate sponsors for their support. He reflected on the many positive changes that have occurred during his 4 years on the Board and was grateful for the community’s support during the recent challenging pandemic years. He looked forward to the new executive and board members

continuing the growth and positive impact the Centre has on the community.

*Refer to powerpoint presentation as additional notes/reference to the Minutes including updates, summary of events in fiscal year ended March 31, 2023, major grants and donations, recent activities, and A Look Forward

5. Board of Directors

- a. Current officers were introduced: Robert Brown, President; Mike Weller, Vice President; Michele Myrah, Treasurer; Liz Kennedy, Secretary.
- b. DEPARTING BOARD MEMBERS include: Robert Brown, Tim Bristow, Keith Broughton
- c. NEW BOARD MEMBERS include: Laura Goddard and Graham Binks, approved by the Board since the last Annual Meeting

6. Motion to Approve new Slate of Directors

- a. Motion to vote in the board members as presented. Motion to Approve by Al Hagerman; Seconded by Bill Abbotts. All in favour, approved.
- b. BOARD WILL NOW MOVE FORWARD WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: Michele Myrah, Mike Weller, James Lethbridge, Liz Kennedy, Bonnie del Bianco, Erna Scholtz, Ward Cornforth, Laura Goddard, and Graham Binks

7. Recognition of Robert Brown's contributions to the Marsh Street Community Centre

- a. Robert was thanked for his tireless contributions to the Centre before and during his time on the Board of Directors.

8. Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn 6:42 PM by Robert Brown; Seconded by Preston Owen. All in favour, approved.