



# OLD GROWTH CONSERVANCY SOCIETY

WEST VANCOUVER B.C.

## OGCS 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, February 28, 2018 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. West Vancouver Seniors' Centre (Marine Room) 695 – 21<sup>st</sup> Street, West Vancouver, BC

### MINUTES Final Draft

**Present: Directors:** Karen Marzocco (President), Marshall Bauman (Vice-President), Alan Bardsley (Secretary), Doug Bardsley (Treasurer), Mike Phillipoff, Katharine Steig, Hugh Hamilton, Herb Storm, David Cook (Directors-at-Large).

**Municipal Representatives:** Corinne Ambor (DWV Parks Dept., non-voting Board member). DWV Councillor Peter Lambur

**Total attending:** 44 signed in.

**Introduction:** OGCS President Karen Marzocco welcomed all to the AGM. Karen noted that OGCS by-law requirements had been met: providing at least 15 days notice to members of the AGM date and having a quorum of at least 3 members. Copies of the Agenda, Draft Minutes of the March 8, 2017 AGM, Financial Report, Directors' Report and Proposed Constitution and Bylaws were available at the back of the room. Only members in good standing are eligible to vote, holding up blue voting cards provided during registration. Current OGCS Directors were introduced and thanked for their support. Non-voting Board member Corinne Ambor, DWV Manager of Parks Planning and Community Stewardship, was thanked for her dedication and guidance to OGCS Directors. Advisory Member Terry Taylor and representatives of other stewardship groups were recognized and thanked for their community work: WVSS, LPPS and FCPP.

- 1. Approval of AGM Agenda: Motion to approve agenda:** moved by Hugh Hamilton, seconded by Mike Phillipoff, carried unanimously by show of voting cards.
- 2. Adoption of Minutes of March 8, 2017 AGM: Motion to adopt minutes:** moved by Alan Bardsley, seconded by Katharine Steig, carried unanimously.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Copies of the Statement of Financial Position and Income Statement as at January 31, 2018 were provided by Doug Bardsley. OGCS's current bank balance is \$1,907.19, an improvement of almost \$400 over 2017. OGCS currently has 46 members in good standing. Donations were \$265 this year. OGCS expenses are lower due to lower honorariums and no Nature House dues. OGCS also has a stewardship role for the Black Creek Environmental Fund held by the West Vancouver Community Foundation and standing at \$18,397.27 at June 30, 2017. Nothing has been spent from this Fund since its inception in 2013. Karen noted that Doug had transitioned the finances to a new accounting system that ran from a flash drive and had re-entered *all of the Societies transactions*. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report:** made by Katharine Steig, seconded by Hugh Hamilton, carried unanimously.

4. **Directors' Report for 2017:** Karen Marzocco presented highlights of the written 2017 Directors' Report, supported by PowerPoint slides. Questions from members were invited. Details are in the Directors' Report. Slides were shown on the following topics.
- **2017 Snowshoe Tour and Summer Guided Tours of the Conservancy**
  - **Community Events** including West Vancouver Community Day on June 3, the Coho Festival on September 10 and the North Shore News article on the guided tours of the Conservancy that was published the morning of the Coho Festival, which increased interest in our display.
  - **Monitoring the Conservancy:** Marshall continues to monitor and photograph the Conservancy regularly. David Cook took two new species of plants to Terry Taylor for identification, confirming that they are not reed canary grass.
  - **Inventory of the Conservancy Forest Ecosystem by BCIT**, coordinated by Hugh Hamilton
  - **Brothers Creek/McDonald Creek Old-Growth Biophysical Study** by David Cook
  - **OGCS Purposes Workshop**
  - **Presentation to DWV Council**
  - **Hollyburn Fir Sign** The yellow-cedar sign made by Bruce McArthur to replace the deteriorated sign made by Randy Stoltmann was installed on the same stump this December.
  - **Plans for 2018**

5. **Special Resolutions:** Alan Bardsley reported that BC's New Societies Act requires the Society to transition by November 28, 2018. This requires that the Constitution and Bylaws be separated. This is the purpose for **Special Resolution 1:**

*Resolved, as a Special Resolution, that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, revised in accordance with the Societies Act, and dated January 25, 2018, be accepted as the new Constitution and Bylaws of the Society, effective immediately.*

Moved by Alexandra Mancini. Seconded by Bob Sitter. Carried unanimously

The second Special Resolution is the result of the Purposes Workshop. Its objective is to change the second purpose of the Society from educating the community solely about the Conservancy and expand it to include all old-growth in West Vancouver. **Special Resolution 2:**

*Resolved, as a Special Resolution, that the Constitution of the Society, with a revised purpose 2 (b), and dated January 26, 2018, be accepted as the new Constitution of the Society.*

Moved by Mike Phillipoff. Seconded by Jane Srivastava. Carried unanimously

6. **Election of Directors for 2018:**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Three Directors are finishing their 2-year term and are willing to stand for re-election: Alan Bardsley, David Cook and Herb Storm.

Acceptance of the Nominating Committee Report moved by David Cook. Seconded by Alan Bardsley. Carried.

Karen asked for nominations from the floor. Paul Hundal nominated himself. Hearing no further nominations, she declared the nominations closed and declared the 4 nominees acclaimed as Directors.

7. **Announcements:** It was announced that the West Vancouver Nature House Society has been informed that the District of West Vancouver had decided to operate the Navy Jack Nature House. The District requested WVNHS to form an advisory panel of three members, which has been done. The DWV Official Community Plan Review is seeking public comments by March 16.
8. **Adjournment:** Moved by David Cook. Seconded by Katharine Steig. Carried.

**Presentation by Andy Mackinnon – “Old-growth Coastal Temperate Rainforests”**

Respectfully submitted by Alan Bardsley, OGCS Secretary