



Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held Thursday, June 16, 2022

7:19 to 9:06 pm via video conference

1. Welcome by the President: Susan Khazaeli, outgoing President of ASH opened the 2022 AGM by welcoming those who were participating in the video conference (42 including ASH Directors) .
2. Current ASH Board Directors in attendance: Michael Barnes, Dave Elden, Jan Finlay, Susan Khazaeli, Cathy Major, Stephanie Plante, Megan Reilkoff and John Verbaas. Susan identified herself as the Chair of the AGM.
3. Review of the Agenda for the June 16, 2022 AGM: The agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes – No changes were proposed to the minutes and there was no opposition to approving the minutes.
5. Gerald Dragon provided an update on the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre (SHCHC). The SHCHC continues to work with their immediate neighbours to find solutions to the problems stemming from the SHCHC clients.
- 1 6. Kent Hugh, Director of the Community Engagement Team provided an update on the Team's progress on addressing the social problems in both Sandy Hill and Lowertown. He mentioned that he had talked to people in the community and that the Team was collecting information using an App which would help determine what resources were required in the community.

Questions for Kent:

- Stephanie asked if the App was available to the public. Kent stated it was for Team use only.
 - Calla asked what specific data was collected e.g. barriers to housing. Kent stated that these details can be recorded.
7. Meg McCallum, Interim Director of the Alliance to End Homelessness [presented](#) an overview of the Alliance and its campaign to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness in Ottawa.

Questions for Meg:

- Bryan asked about Coops and whether they were included in this Campaign. Meg stated that they were working to have provisions in law that if a property owner wanted to evict people living in Coops, that it would trigger some form of protection for the people.
- Glenn Grignon from the Sandy Hill Coop mentioned that the Coop was trying to negotiate their lease with the University of Ottawa which had thus far not committed to another lease.
- Calla pointed out that Ottawa was targeting the missing middle (\$60K - \$70K) for affordable housing. Meg stated that housing should be provided for those making \$24K or less per year).

8. Constable Sébastien Lemay of the Ottawa Police Service and a member of the Community Resource Team presented a comparison of reported crime figures as follows:

	Quarter 2 – 2021	Quarter 2 - 2022
Shop lifting - \$5,000 and less (increase due to more shops opening after COVID)	31	153
Theft of parcels or delivered goods	2	8
Break & Enter (non-residence, e.g. condos, business)	10	18
Theft of motor vehicles	1	7

Questions for the Constable:

- Louise asked whether a fob for a building would work for a car. The Constable stated that there would be a time delay in getting the signal from the building fob to the car so he doubted whether a relationship could be established.
9. Councillor's Update: The Councillor indicated his term on City Council ended on November 14 but he would continue to support the community in any way he could.
- Development: 2 Robinson Avenue – he hoped to see affordable housing and connectivity to bike paths and the transit way included in this development. 197 Wilbrod – a demolition permit has been issued.
 - Construction on Nicholas and Laurier scheduled to end this September.
 - T&G – this committee needs to be retained.
 - Sandy Hill Community Centre Renaming: This issue would have to be reopened.
10. Board Reports: The Treasurer and other Committee chairpersons provided reports of their work throughout the past year. The Treasurer's report was passed unanimously on a motion by Megan Reilkoff and seconded by Stephanie. All slides related to the Board reports can be found at <https://ash-acsc.ca/meetings-minutes/>.
11. Questions for the Board:
- Communications and Membership: Dave stated that as of June 2022, there were 255 ASH members; the same figure as 2021. More members are needed. He acknowledged Susan's contribution to raise awareness of issues in Sandy Hill through her various interviews with the media.
 - Town and Gown Committee: Jan noted that we are still waiting on the OPS findings from the investigation into the Panda riot. Calla asked about the burning of cars which Jan explained. Sabrina asked how we, as residents could support the recommendations of the ASH report on the Panda riot. Susan stated that very few residents especially those living on Russell where the riot occurred, attended the Town and Gown meetings. More resident participation is required. Louise asked whether landlords are part of T&G. Jan responded that the a representative of the Eastern Ontario Landlords Association (EOLA) sits on the Committee and a few landlords from Russell have come to the meetings.
 - Block Reps: Calla asked how you become a block rep. Jan suggested they meet to discuss this question.

12. ASH Bylaw Amendment: Cathy Major presented a motion to amend the ASH Bylaws in order to comply with the Not For Profit Corporations Act of Ontario. The following amendments were proposed:

- Bylaw No. 1 changed to Action Sandy Hill Bylaw
- the actual incorporation date of March 5, 1969 has been added in Article 1.2
- Definitions of Chair, Director, Members, and Officer have been added to Article 2.1
- the President shall chair a meeting was replaced with the Chair shall preside over a meeting
- Article 12.5 Modification of this by-law now reads:

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this bylaw may be amended, **replaced** or repealed at any time by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a regular or special meeting of the Board. **The modified bylaw must be submitted at the next meeting of Members, for them to confirm, reject or amend the modified bylaw by ordinary resolution. (Changes are bolded)**

The motion was seconded by Bryan Dewalt and was passed without opposition.

13. Retiring Board Members: Susan announced that Megan Reilkoff, Anya Fraser, Peggy DuCharme and Yipeng Ge were not standing as Directors on the ASH Board and thanked them for their service.

14. Elections: The Chair turned the meeting over to Sabrina Matthews, the appointed Elections Officer. Sabrina indicated that 4 directors positions had to be filled during the AGM in order to fill the minimum number of Director positions as per the ASH Bylaw. Michael Barnes, Susan Khazaeli, Dave Elden, Jan Finlay, Cathy Major and John Verbaas have one more year to serve as Directors. Stephanie Plante, currently serving as a Director, self nominated in order to continue as a Director. Bryan Dewalt, Kendra Eyben, Glen Grignon, Louise Lapointe, and Marilyn Whitaker self-nominated prior to the AGM. Sabrina asked for any other nominations from those participating in the video conference. Calla Barnett and Jessica Silburt presented themselves. They were asked to introduce themselves and describe their interests. All nominees were acclaimed to the ASH Board and therefore no vote was necessary. Sabrina moved to the position of Chair of ASH. She asked for nominations from the floor for Chair and Louise Lapointe presented herself. Sabrina declared the nomination period for Chair to be closed and Louise Lapointe was acclaimed as Chair.

15. As a result of the election, the 2022 ASH Board will be composed of the following members:

Louise Lapointe – Chair

Directors

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| Michael Barnes | Susan Khazaeli |
| Calla Barnett | Cathy Major |
| Bryan Dewalt | Stephanie Laplante |
| Dave Elden | Jessica Silburt |
| Kendra Eyben | John Verbaas |
| Jan Finlay | Marilyn Whitaker |
| Glen Grignon | |

16. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 pm.

