



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held Thursday, May 27, 2021

7:19 to 9:06 pm via video conference

(The meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties)

1. Welcome by the President: Susan Young, outgoing President of ASH opened the 2021 AGM by welcoming those who were participating in the video conference (32 members of the community) and introducing the current ASH Board: Michael Barnes, Trina Cooper-Bolam, David Elden, Claude Jobin, Cathy Major, Megan Reilkoff, Paula Tchen, John Verbaas. Susan identified herself as the Chair of the AGM.

Regrets: Yipeng Ge

2. Review of the Agenda for the May 28, 2021 AGM: The agenda was approved unanimously.
3. Approval of the 2019 and 2020 AGM Minutes – No changes were proposed to the minutes and no one was against approving both sets of minutes.
4. Board Reports: The Executive and other Committee chairpersons provided reports of their work and accomplishments throughout the past year as well as their 2022 plans. The Treasurer's report was passed unanimously on a motion by Megan Reilkoff and seconded by Trina Cooper-Bolam. All slides related to the Board reports can be found at <https://ash-acsc.ca/meetings-minutes/>.
5. Questions for the Board:
 - Treasurer's Report: In response to a question about the origin of the funds earmarked for the Strathcona gazebo, Susan Young explained that with the construction of 99 Range Road (The Balmoral), a settlement was reached between Homestead Properties, the developer and the City under the cash-in-lieu-of-parkland program. As a result of the settlement, ASH received \$26,473.55 to use for a community amenity.
 - Communications: Letitia Charboneau asked whether Image was on Hold. Hilary Duff explained that ASH and Image were separate entities and that the next issue of Image was scheduled for mid June. Hilary provided the email address and web link in the Chat Box.
 - Town and Gown Committee: Patrick Coglein asked whether the University had any plans for the houses it owns on Templeton Street. Susan Young stated that ASH had recommended to the University that it should fix these houses up for use by professors and their families. Patrick indicated he would like to participate in the Town and Gown Committee.
 - Transportation: Anya Fraser asked whether the roadway linking Alta Vista and downtown was still a planned City project. John Verbaas indicated that the City does not have any funding plans for this project. If the City wanted to pursue this project it would have to be included in the City's Transportation Plan in 2022. Susan Young added that ASH has always been opposed to such a project. Graham Creedy questioned a 30 kph speed

limit on residential streets in Sandy Hill and asked about enforcement of this speed limit. John stated that parents would agree with a lower speed.

- Environment: Bryan Dewalt described the efforts of the Sandy Hill Tree and Greening Group to remove and control invasive plants e.g. Japanese knot weed, from areas in Contrast Park.
- Planning and Heritage: Louise Lappointe suggested that ASH could develop a program similar to the one in Hull which incentivized families to move to Hull. Trina said she would be very interested in something like this. Louise also asked about enforcement of property standards and was there a committee on the ASH Board. Trina said that at this time the Bylaw Committee had been deactivated as the Chair had retired. However, ASH recognized the importance of this Committee and would look at reinstating it. Jennifer O'Neil asked if ASH had done any outreach to owners of heritage buildings. Trina stated that ASH had a new City Heritage Planner with whom she has tried twice to co-author an article for Image about Heritage, the Heritage Register and what incentives are available for owners of heritage properties.

6. Retiring Board Members: Susan Young announced that Claude Jobin and Paula Tchen were leaving the ASH Board. Susan described the various projects that they oversaw during their terms and thanked them for their valuable contributions to the community. Claude will continue to manage the Strathcona Park gazebo project.
7. Elections: The Chair turned the meeting over to Sabrina Matthews, the appointed Elections Officer. Sabrina indicated that 5 directors positions had to be filled during the AGM. Dave Elden, Cathy Major, Michael Barnes, John Verbaas and Trina Cooper-Bolam currently serving as Directors self nominated in order to continue as Directors. Megan Reilkoff, Hilary Duff and Yipeng Ge have one more year to serve as Directors. Peggy DuCharme self-nominated prior to the AGM. Sabrina asked for any other nominations from those participating in the video conference. William Milner and Jan Finlay 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 President of ASH. She asked for nominations from the floor for President and indicated that the meeting could not be adjourned until a President was elected. Susan Khazaeli presented herself for President. Sabrina declared the nomination period for President to be closed and Susan Khazaeli was acclaimed as President.
8. As a result of the election, the 2020 ASH Board will be composed of the following members:

Susan Khazaeli – President

Directors:

Michael Barnes
John Verbaas
Dave Elden
Megan Reilkof
Cathy Major
Trina Cooper-Bolam
Hilary Duff
Yipeng Ge
Peggy DuCharme
William Milner
Jan Finlay

Following the election of the President, Christine Aubry voiced her concern over the election of a President who was relatively unknown to the community. She also wondered if there was a mechanism in the bylaws for Directors to take action should the President not fulfill /his/her

duties. Sabrina indicated that since Susan Khazaeli had been acclaimed as president, the matter was closed. The Elections Officer returned the floor to the Chair.

9. Volunteer of the Year Award: Susan Young introduced Rob Sinclair as the 2021 Volunteer of the Year. Rob was the SH representative on the Board of Directors for the Rideau Winter Trail which officially opened last winter. Rob spent many hours working on the trail which was well used by many residents on both sides of the Rideau River. Susan explained that the award was in the Sandy Hill Community Centre which is currently closed due to COVID-19. Rob's name will be engraved on the award once the Centre re-opens.

10. Other Business: None

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