



Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Held Thursday, May 18, 2023

6:45 to 8:55 pm at the Sandy Hill Community Centre

1. Welcome by the Chair: Louise Lapointe opened the 2023 AGM. She stated that John Verbaas, Vice Chair, would be chairing the meeting. She also mentioned that Board members John Verbaas, Jan Finlay, Dave Elden and Cathy Major were not standing as Directors and thanked them for their service. Approximately 40 people including ASH Directors were in attendance.
2. Current ASH Board Directors in attendance: Louise Lapointe, Michael Barnes, Dave Elden, Cathy Major, Jan Finlay, Megan Reilkoff, John Verbaas, Calla Barnett, Kendra Eyben, Marilyn Whitaker, Bryan Dewalt, Jessica Silburt and Glenn Grignon.
3. Review of the Agenda for the May 18, 2023 AGM: The agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Chair's Report: John presented slides reflecting on the changes in the issues ASH faced over the last 15 years (John's time on the Board) and its accomplishments. He also described what the Board will face in the coming year. John mentioned that our MPP and MP were not available to attend the AGM.
5. Approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes – Moved by Cathy Major, seconded by Bryan Dewalt. Motion Carried.
6. Councillor's Report:

Budget townhall were held in several schools in the ward. The children mentioned they were worried about the situation on Rideau Street. Some had very sad stories about living in shelters.

The Councillor is working hard to remedy the lack of affordable housing in the City and is an advocate for supportive housing.

She is working with Calla Barnett and other stakeholders to resolve the problems stemming from the Safe Injection Site (SIS) in the Sandy Hill Community Health Centre and the Safe Supply site on Rideau Street.

The University will not be renewing the leases for the two Sandy Hill Co-ops. 131 families are in the process of finding new housing.

The Councillor is having conversations with other Councillors who have similar garbage and noise problems. They are looking at stricter fines for violations.

Encampments should be reported through 311. There are some situations where encampments will be removed immediately e.g. threat of fire.

The Panda game will be held on October 1. The Councillor stated that students want all activities (pre and post Panda) to be held at Lansdowne Park. Councillor Menard supports the idea. The Councillor will arrange a meeting with the Presidents of both universities to discuss this plan. There would be police presence in the neighbourhood under this scheme. The Sandy Hill Arena will not be closed.

7. Elections: The Chair turned the meeting over to Jane Gurr, the appointed Elections Officer. Jane indicated that one director position had to be filled during the AGM in order to fill the 10 minimum number of Director positions as per the ASH Bylaw. Calla Barnett, Bryan Dewalt, Kendra Eyben, Glen Grignon, Louise Lapointe, Jessica Silburt and Marilyn Whitaker have one more year to serve as Directors. Michael Barnes and Megan Reilkoff whose term expired as of the AGM, were standing again. Jerry Sabin and Fernando Melo self nominated at the meeting. They were asked to introduce themselves and describe their interests. All nominees were acclaimed to the ASH Board and therefore no vote was necessary. Jane explained that Louise Lapointe had one more year in her term and would be continuing as ASH Chair.

As a result of the election, the 2023 ASH Board will be composed of the following members:

Louise Lapointe – Chair

Directors

Michael Barnes
Bryan Dewalt
Calla Barnett
Kendra Eyben
Glenn Grignon

Fernando Melo
Jerry Sabin
Jessica Silburt
Marilyn Whitaker

8. Board Reports: The Treasurer and other Committee Chairs provided reports of their work throughout the past year. All slides related to the Board reports can be found at <https://ash-acs.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/ASH-AGM-Slides-2023.pdf>. The Treasurer provided a snapshot of ASH's 2022 revenues and expenses. The Homestead monies were to be used to construct a gazebo in Strathcona Park. However, due to the pandemic and increase in cost of materials and the problems with the supply chain, the project was abandoned. ASH will go back to the community for suggestions on more reasonable projects.
9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.