

**GWAC AGM**  
**CANUCK FAMILY PLACE**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018**

**Special Guest: Hon. Shane Simpson, MLA Vancouver Hastings, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction**

**1.0 Call to Order**

**2.0 Approval of Agenda**

Attendees agree to change the agenda order, hearing from the Special Guest Speaker at the beginning of the meeting instead of at the end.

**3.0 Special Guest Speaker**

Mr. Simpson acknowledges that the GWAC AGM is taking place on the unceded territory of local First Nations bands:

He offers an overview of the NDP Minority Government (40 NDP members, supported by three Green Party members) and Opposition (42 Liberal members). He reviews priority issues and funding sources. Electoral reform, transportation issues (Broadway Corridor and Surrey Light Rail), affordable housing (for all levels of society, but in particular youth, seniors, and First Nations people, continue to be pressing topic. One housing innovation is that the government will now allow universities to borrow money to build student housing (this was not the case in the past).

**Questions from the floor**

**Mr. Simpson** fields several questions from AGM attendees, including ones on Electoral Reform; Transparency / Ease of Information Flow; the Broadway Subline; Reinstatement of Third-Party Appeals for Urban Developments; Government support for small business; establishing a Basic Annual Provincial Income; Government role in Transit Hub Development; Style of new developments; Detox Centre at 1<sup>st</sup> and Clark and McLean Drive; Land value increases and presumed effect of re-zoning; Federal Government participation in future affordable housing developments; Green and Recreational spaces; High-Rise Densification, especially at transit hubs; Riverview re-opening and land use; Mental First Aid for first responders; Environmental Assessment Process for Federal Port Facilities; and Provincial Education Budget Allocations.

Overall, **Mr. Simpson's** frank and open responses were much appreciated by the AGM audience.

**D. Cromie** thanked our MLA for making time to speak to the GWAC AGM despite his already crowded schedule.

## **4.0 Minutes of 2017 AGM**

**Approved.**

## **5.0 Reports**

### **President's Report:**

**D. Cromie** introduces and thanks the GWAC Board members for their work over the past year:

Dorothy Barkley, Past Chair  
Craig Ollenberger, Vice Chair, and Transportation Committee  
Susan Briggs, Secretary  
David Carman, Treasurer and graphic artist  
Linda Light, Membership  
Stephen Bohus, Website and twitter  
Len Paul, Archive  
Scott Clark, member at large

Dorothy is also co-Chair of Coalition of Vancouver Neighbourhoods, our umbrella organization. Linda, and I also attend the Coalition meetings

GWAC's principal function is to inform and advocate for our community

This past year's GWAC Public Meetings included:

In April, we opted to attend Britannia's Reconciliation + Renewal with Yvonne Rigsby-Jones

In May, again in conjunction with Britannia, we organized an all candidates meeting for the provincial election with all the candidates from both Vancouver-Mount Pleasant and Vancouver-Hastings

In June, we hosted The Grandview Woodland Renters Action Group and the Vancouver Tenants Union at a forum for uniting renters in Vancouver and Grandview Woodland

In July, we hosted speakers from local community services groups: The Vancouver Tool Library, Green Streets Program, Food Bank Community Kitchen, and the Vancouver Fruit Tree Project

In July, we also hosted a table at Car Free Day on Commercial Drive

In September, Elizabeth Murphy spoke to us on proposed heritage (RT5) rezoning in Grandview Woodland

In October, we hosted an enthusiastic and interesting all candidates meeting for the Civic by-election

In November, Andrew Pask spoke to us about changes coming to our community. I was away, but I gathered he was not very forthcoming with real information

In January, Jason McGarry gave us an update on the Save Templeton Pool campaign

In February, Malcolm Bromley of Vancouver Parks and Recreation cancelled for a second time on short notice, but we had a terrific presentation from the residents group concerned about the proposed development in the 1500 Grant Street

In addition, we wrote letters of concern to the Mayor and Council about zoning changes, particularly blanket changes which are insensitive to the nature of any of the neighbourhoods in our city. In our view, the city seems to be on a rampage for change, without placing any value on existing community, or providing real change where it is most needed. We also wrote to the new provincial government to introduce GWAC and to remind them of their commitment to campaign finance reform

### **Treasurer's Report:**

**D. Carman** thanks GWAC members for their continued support and donations to our "Cash Jar," reporting that GWAC has \$259.18 in its CCCE Savings, \$100 of which is earmarked for CCCE Membership.

### **Secretary's Report:**

In addition to minute-taking and letter-writing duties, **S. Briggs** made two site visits to local industries (Columbia Containers and dPoint Technologies) requesting Metro Vancouver Air Quality's permission to increase their particulate matter discharge and filed reports on each.

### **Membership Report:**

**No Report**

## **6.0 Special Motion to Approve:**

### **Motions to Approve:**

**Whereas the BC Government has revised the Societies Act and requires that the non-profit societies be revised to comply with the new act:**

**Be it resolved that the Grandview Woodland Area Council**

**Constitution be revised to read as follows:**

*The purpose of the Grandview Woodland Areas Council is to provide a forum for the discussion of neighbourhood issues, to assist in taking action to address those issues and to represent the interests, concerns, and views of the neighbourhood to government and identified institutions.*

**Be it further resolved that the bylaws of the Grandview Woodland Area Council be revised to be in accord with Schedule One of the Societies Regulation:**

The Grandview Woodland Area Council adopts Schedule 1 of the Societies Regulation as its Bylaws.

**Passed unanimously.**

## **7.0 Election of Officers and Election Results**

The following agreed to stand for re-election to the GWAC Board:

Steve Bohus, Susan Briggs, David Carman, Dana Cromie, Linda Light, Len Paul, and Craig Ollenberger.

**D.Cromie** thanks out-going Past President, **Dorothy Barkley**, for her years of steady service to GWAC and the community at large.

Thanks also to all those who stood for the board.

**D. Cromie** introduces **Wally Kunz**, who cannot be here but who is a regular attendee at GWAC Public Meetings, has agreed to stand unless there are more than 12 persons nominated

**Tyson Storozinski** and **Thomas Ferguson** have also put their names forward.

There were no nominations from the floor.

All candidates were unanimously acclaimed to serve on the GWAC Board.

## **8.0 Adjournment.**

The 2018 GWAC AGM adjourned at 3:50 pm.