

**Minutes of AGM for Pocket Community Association  
June 13, 2018  
First Nations School of Toronto, 16 Phin Ave, Toronto**

**Present:** 28 people attended including the current Executive Committee, composed of Susan McMurray (Chair), Robyn Switzer, Rebecca Nelson, Coline Morrison, Gemma Parker, Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill, Garvey Chi, Allison Evans, and Dalreen Fobler. Guests and Friends of the Pocket were also present.

**Welcome:** Susan McMurray as PCA Chair called the meeting to order at 7:10pm by welcoming all participants and introducing our guests. Joseph Roy, First Nations School of Toronto, provided the traditional land acknowledgement.

Susan introduced our Parliamentarian for this AGM, Trish Simmie, and feature speaker Toronto City Councillor Paul Fletcher. Susan noted MPP Peter Tabuns, Trustee Jennifer Story, and MP Julie Dabrusin sent regrets. Josette Chin provided a greeting on behalf of MP Julie Dabrusin. Rebecca declared the quorum based on membership prior to the recent membership drive. Susan presented the proposed AGM agenda that Nina Littman Sharpe moved, Jeff Otto seconded, and the AGM was underway.

**First Nations School of Toronto – Public Pathway Relocation:** Jeff Otto and Joseph Roy updated attendees on the pathway change and timelines.

**All Nations Community Pow Wow:** Joseph Roy introduced the upcoming All Nations Community Pow Wow, hosted by the FNST in partnership with the Aboriginal Education Centre. The event is driven by the students and community based, and all residents are invited to attend. Joseph thanked Gemma and Susan for representing the PCA in planning activities and the PCA for acting as the trustee for the event.

**Secretary's Report:** Rebecca reported that the Board of Directors met regularly in 2017/8 and the minutes of meetings were published in the PCA website. Rebecca moved that the published Minutes of the AGM last year (May 14, 2017) be approved. Diane Smith seconded the motion and the meeting approved the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Coline provided a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for 2017, reporting that the PCA's net gain for the year was \$1,740, excluding Project X expenditures. Primary fundraising drivers included donations and new memberships. David Langille moved, Jeff Otto seconded and the meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

**Election of New Executive Team:** David Langille as Member of the Nomination and Election Committee described the process utilized in identifying members who were willing and qualified to serve as the Directors for 2018, ensuring the board reflects the diversity of our community. This List of Nominees was circulated to members prior to the AGM. For the nine elected positions, the Committee received only one name for each position. David read out the name and position recommended, as follows:

<b>Chair:</b>	Susan McMurray
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Robyn Switzer
<b>Secretary:</b>	Rebecca Nelson
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Coline Morrison
<b>Membership Coordinator:</b>	Gemma Parker
<b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b>	Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill
<b>Communications Coordinator:</b>	Garvey Chi
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Allison Evans
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Dalreen Fobler
<b>Past Chair:</b>	Trish O'Reilly-Brennan (not an elected position)

Don Smith moved and Lisa seconded that we elect the full List by acclamation. The meeting approved the List and welcomed the continuation of the Board of Directors. Susan McMurray thanked the Board members, appreciating their many contributions.

**Feature Presentation:** Councillor Paul Fletcher discussed what community means in Toronto, highlighting significant initiatives and updates within the community.

### **Break for the Rhubarb Bake-off and Refreshments**

**Results of Bake-off Competition:** Laura won first prize and Anna Chi won second prize for providing delicious treats that were enjoyed by all.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Events:** Jeff described the numerous events organized for the benefit of Pocket residents, and thanked the volunteers and sponsors.
- **Greening:** Jeff noted additional trees were planted and the continuation of the Herb Garden and Butterfly Highway – all contributing to the greening of the community.
- **Outreach and Membership:** Gemma reported that there were 360 members in 2017, thanks to the work of Ellen Titus and street captains. Strong membership supports and validates the PCA efforts to maintain a thriving and safe community.
- **Communication:** Garvey noted the communication tactics to ensure members are informed of PCA events and initiatives.
- **Art in Phin Park Project:** Jerry reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> year of this exceptional project, which provides artistic development for Pocket families and their children. Jerry noted that while the PCA did not received a grant from the Toronto Arts Council in 2017, the project continued based on the generosity of residents. Discussions are in progress for 2018 funding.
- **Safety:** Councillor Paul Fletcher provided updates in the feature presentation, including installation of signage.

- **Neighbourhood Support & Emergency Management:** Lori recognized the projects completed in 2017, including Sip ‘n Chat and welcome packages for new residents.
- **Fundraising:** Lori recognized donations received, supporting the numerous projects underway by the PCA.
- **Energy & Environment:** David discussed the recent launch of the “Pocket Change” project and Eco Fun Fair.

**Pocket Dreams Survey:** Robyn presented the summary of the community Pocket Dreams, based on responses from nearly 150 residents. Robyn noted that progress on these priorities is dependent on continued community engagement and support. The PCA will use this feedback to guide initiative planning and communicate requests for community support.

The door prize was awarded.

**Adjournment:** Susan declared the AGM to be closed at 9pm with thanks to all participants and guests.

Minutes prepared by PCA Secretary Rebecca Nelson on June 26, 2018.