

**Minutes of AGM for Pocket Community Association**  
**June 10, 2019**  
**Wandering Spirit School, 16 Phin Ave., Toronto**

**Present:** Approximately 45 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, Dalreen Fobler, and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan. "Friends of the Pocket" and others were also present.

**Welcome:** Susan McMurray as PCA Chair called the meeting to order by welcoming all participants, introducing our guests, and providing the traditional land acknowledgement.

Susan introduced our Parliamentarian for this AGM, Trish Simmie. Susan noted City Councillor Paula Fletcher, Trustee Jennifer Story, MPP Peter Tabuns, and MP Julie Dabrusin sent regrets. Julie Dabrusin's office member provided a greeting on behalf of the MP. Rebecca declared the quorum based on agreement from members present. Susan presented the proposed AGM agenda that Diane Smith moved, Peter seconded, and the AGM was underway.

**Reflection on 2018/9:** Susan highlighted key accomplishments of the PCA this past year that contributed to the PCA mission and thanked all involved. Susan introduced Nina Littman-Sharp, who will take on the new role of Volunteer Coordinator for the PCA for 2019/20 to support community involvement in these important activities and events.

**Secretary's Report:** Rebecca reported that the Board of Directors met regularly in 2018/9 and the minutes of meetings were published on the PCA website. Rebecca moved that the published Minutes of the AGM last year (June 13, 2018) be approved. David Langille seconded the motion and the meeting approved the minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:** Coline provided a breakdown of revenues and expenditures for 2018, reporting that the PCA's net income for the year was \$4,462. Primary fundraising drivers included membership fees, donations, special events and the Pocket Change project. Dean Miller moved, Jim seconded and the meeting approved the Treasurer's Report.

**Election of New Executive Team:** David Langille and Nina Littman-Sharp as members of the Nomination and Election Committee described the process utilized in identifying members who were willing and qualified to serve as the Directors for 2019/20, 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 one name for each position. David read out the name and position recommended, as follows:

<b>Chair:</b>	Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Robyn Switzer
<b>Secretary:</b>	Linda Blake
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Coline Morrison
<b>Membership Coordinator:</b>	Gemma Parker
<b>Fundraising Coordinator:</b>	Judith (Zhiizhii) Prince
<b>Communications Coordinator:</b>	Daryl Boshart
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Allison Evans
<b>Member-at-Large:</b>	Dalreen Fobler
<b>Past Chair:</b>	Susan McMurray (not an elected position)

Rebecca Nelson moved and Trish O'Reilly-Brennan seconded that we elect the full List by acclamation. The meeting approved the List and welcomed the new and continuing members of the Board of Directors. Susan McMurray thanked the past year's board members for their contributions. Lori Zucchiatti O'Neill thanked Susan McMurray for her contributions as Chair for the previous five years.

**Wandering Spirit School/Kapapamahchakwew (Pow Wow):** Mary Doucette and Tsitra McKay spoke about the upcoming pow wow on Thursday, June 20. The event is driven by the students and community-based, and all residents are invited to attend. Mary and Tsitra thanked the PCA for continuing to act as the trustee for the event.

**Guest speaker:** Imam Shiraz spoke about the history of the Madinah Masjid Mosque and our community.

**Break for the strawberry bake-off and refreshments.**

**Results of bake-off competition:** Rebecca Heersink won first prize and Susan McMurray won second prize for providing delicious desserts that were enjoyed by all.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Events:** Dean Miller described the numerous events organized for the benefit of Pocket residents and thanked the volunteers and sponsors.
- **Greening:** Susan spoke about the LEAF (Local Enhancement & Appreciation of Forests) event, herb garden and community consultation process. Neighbours are encouraged to enjoy the herb garden!
- **Outreach and Membership:** Gemma reported that there were over 400 members in 2018, 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. Outreach sent over 35 digital communication updates over the year, keeping members informed of what is happening in the community.
- **Communication:** Garvey noted the communication tactics to ensure members are informed of PCA events and initiatives, including email, online/website, Facebook and Twitter.

- **Art in Phin Park Project:** Trish reported on the 5<sup>th</sup> year of this project, which provides artistic development for Pocket families and their children. A small program was run in 2018, focused on storytelling, visual arts and dance. Trish noted that while the PCA did not receive a grant from the Toronto Arts Council in 2018, the project continued, largely thanks to an employee volunteer donation from Scotiabank, recognizing Rebecca's volunteer contribution to the PCA board.
- **Neighbourhood Support & Emergency Management:** Lori spoke about the projects carried out in 2018, including Sip & Chat drop-in socials, welcome packages for new residents and research into emergency preparedness.
- **Fundraising:** Lori recognized in-kind donations received, supporting the silent auction for the Pocket Neighbourhood Party.
- **Pocket Change:** David highlighted the Eco Fun Fair and grant applications. The team is hosting pocket parties to raise awareness for climate change.

The door prize was awarded to Michael O'Neill.

**Adjournment:** Lori declared the AGM to be closed at 8:40 p.m. with thanks to all participants and guests.

Minutes prepared by PCA Secretary Rebecca Nelson on June 25, 2019.