



Canadian Hard of Hearing Association British Columbia Chapter

2021 CHHA-BC AGM **Tuesday, May 18th, 2021** **MINUTES**

- a. Call to order by Ruth Warick at 7:02pm

Opening Statement delivered by Ruth Warick acknowledged the ancestral and unceded territory of all the Inuit, Métis, and First Nations people that call this land home.

- b. Henry Kutarna clarified housekeeping items regarding captioning and question/answer protocol.
- c. Nicholas Simons, B.C.'s Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction, gave a presentation on the Accessible British Columbia Act which, if passed, seeks to establish accessibility standards aimed at identifying, removing and preventing barriers to accessibility and inclusion. Standards will be developed in a range of areas such as employment, the delivery of services and the built environment.

The presentation was well-received and was followed by several questions from attendees.

- d. Lee Pigeau, Executive National Director of CHHA, gave a well-received presentation on National's activities including the E-Store, the Mentoring Program, the upcoming Virtual Conference on June 2-3, and the development of strategic partnerships across the country. Mr. Pigeau took questions from members and stayed for the CHHA BC AGM.
- e. Quorum: with 15 participants, Ruth Warick declared the AGM of CHHA-BC to have quorum.
- f. Approval of agenda:

RESOLUTION: That the agenda for the 2021 CHHA-BC Annual General Meeting be approved.

MOVED by: Charles Laszlo
SECONDED BY: Christopher Sutton
CARRIED: Carried

g. Approval of Minutes of the 2020 CHHA-BC AGM:

RESOLUTION: That the minutes of the 2020 CHHA-BC AGM be approved.

MOVED BY: Gael Hannan
SECONDED BY: Miron Gazda
CARRIED: Carried

h. Annual Report: Ruth Warick and Henry Kutarna
Ruth Warick gave the highlights of the Annual Report which had been released in written form on the CHHA-BC website.

RESOLUTION: That the 2020-2021 Annual Report be accepted.

MOVED BY: Ruth Warick
SECONDED BY: Bowen Tang
CARRIED: Carried

i. Financial Report:

Elwood Major presented highlights of the Financial Report
Questions were posed regarding the CHHA BC Fiscal year dates and the cost of fundraising. Information was unavailable as to the historic dates of the fiscal year being March 1st to the end of February. In response to the second question, it was explained that CHHA BC uses an outside firm.

RESOLUTION: That the 2020-2021 Financial Report be accepted.

MOVED BY: Elwood Major
SECONDED BY: Miron Gazda
CARRIED: Carried

j. Branch Reports:

Reports for Abbotsford, North Shore, and Comox Valley not personally presented. Rosalind Ho spoke about Vancouver Branch's continuing activities.

RESOLUTION:

That the 2020-2021 CHHA-BC branch reports be accepted.

MOVED BY: Rosalind Ho
SECONDED BY: Jerry Gosling
CARRIED: Carried

g. Youth Peer Support:

Bowen Tang spoke to the highlights of his report: the group is still active despite covid challenges and is planning several events including a Fall Family Weekend.

RESOLUTION: That the 2020-2021 annual report of the Youth Peer Support Program be accepted.

MOVED BY: Bowen Tang
SECONDED BY: Leslee Scott
CARRIED: Carried

h. Waive the requirement for a CPA audit:

RESOLUTION: That CHHA-BC waives the requirement for a CPA audit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

MOVED BY: Elwood Major
SECONDED BY: Charles Laszlo
CARRIED: Carried

i. Appointment of Auditor (Peer Review):

RESOLUTION: That Miron Gazda be appointed to conduct a peer review of the 2021-2022 annual financial statements of CHHA-BC.

MOVED BY: Gael Hannan
SECONDED BY: Charles Laszlo
CARRIED: Carried

j. Appointment of accounting firm:

RESOLUTION: That the accounting firm of Michael Waldkirch & Company, Vancouver be appointed to prepare the 2021-2022 year-end accounting statements, annual report, and filings as required by the CRA and BC Societies Act.

MOVED BY: Elwood Major
SECONDED BY: Miron Gazda

CARRIED: Carried

k. Report of the Nomination Committee – Miron Gazda

- Presentation of the slate for CHHA-BC President and CHHA BC Board Members.

Nomination of Ruth Warick for President

Nomination of Board Members

Gael Hannan

Nicole Leung

Elwood Major

Jessica Niemela

RESOLUTION: That the Report of the Nomination Committee be adopted.

MOVED BY: Miron Gazda

SECONDED BY: Charles Laszlo

CARRIED: Carried unanimously

- l. New Business: Ruth Warick acknowledged retiring board member Jerry Gosling, citing his hard work on the CHHA BC BOD since 2015. A gift will be sent to Jerry, who spoke about his health and appreciation to CHHA BC.

m. Motion to adjourn: 9:00pm

RESOLUTION: That the 2020-2021 Annual General Meeting of CHHA-BC be adjourned.

MOVED BY: Rosalind Ho

SECONDED BY: Beverley Stewart

CARRIED: Carried