

# September 16 GWSA Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 16, 2020

## Agenda

- 1.0 Call to Order
- 2.0 In-camera for Strategic Planning kickoff (approximately 1 hour)
  - 2.1 Cindy Kinnon: Strategic planning
- 3.0 Information Agenda
- 4.0 Consent Agenda
- 5.0 Adoption of the Agenda
- 6.0 Roger Stevens: FYI: Treasurer's Report
- 8.0 New Business
  - 8.1 Governance Committee Minutes
  - 8.2 FYI: Parkview Motel/Supportive Housing
  - 8.3 11:20 am In-Camera: Discuss M and M Committee matters and the election of officers
- 9.0 Next meeting - October 21 at 9:30 am
- 10.0 Adjournment

## Meeting Attendance

### In Attendance

Becky Fiedler, Tonie Sacchetti, Wenda King, Athar Khan, Ross Knechtel, Mike Woof, Brian Smith, Pat Gage, Roger Stevens

### Absent

Adam Rutherford

### 1.0 Call to Order

Chair of the Meeting: Becky Fiedler

Meeting location: Online via Zoom

### Notes

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Becky called the meeting to order at 9:32am

Becky welcomed Wenda to the board

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## **2.0 In-camera for Strategic Planning kickoff (approximately 1 hour)**

In accordance with guidance offered by the Ontario Ombudsman's Open Meetings Guide, the Board will meet in-camera to begin strategic planning and elect officers.

Becky made the motion to move into in camera to discuss strategic planning. Roger seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

While in camera, the board started the initial planning stages of creating a strategic plan for the GWSA with Cindy Kinnon. Planning will continue throughout the next three months.

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## **3.0 Information Agenda**

The September Sentinel is posted online:

<https://www.yumpu.com/en/document/view/63974599/september-2020-issue>

Ann Grant submitted her resignation via an email to the Board on Sept 2, 2020.

Welcome Wenda King, new Director.

At the AGM 2020 09 15 the members approved a change to the By-Law to permit virtual AGM's. The revised document is shared for information.

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## **4.0 Consent Agenda**

The Governance Committee is requesting minor changes to their Terms of Reference. Most of the changes conform the document to the practice of the committee over the past year. Requested changes appear in red.

### **Motion**

Roger moved to approve items in the Consent Agenda. Mike seconded. All were in favour. The motion carried.

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## **5.0 Adoption of the Agenda**

### **Motion**

Roger moved to adopt the agenda with the minor change that the election of officers discussions be moved to the end of the meeting while in camera. Mike seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

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## **6.0 Roger Stevens: FYI: Treasurer's Report**

- Nothing to report: no income, no changes, bills are being paid (all budgeted for)

- Will wait until next year to create another budget
  - No issues with continuing to run CSS- United Way is funding until next year at least
  - City has forgiven GWSA rent for this year (may have to pay for Jan-March)
  - Internet has been cancelled- saves about \$150/month (staff working from home)
  - Becky thanked Roger and Wendy for their work in preparation for the AGM
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## **8.0 New Business**

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### **8.1 Governance Committee Minutes**

At the most recent Governance Committee meeting, members reviewed their Committee's Terms of Reference. They have also proposed a motion to help the Board and its committees free up time to participate in the strategic planning process.

#### **Motion**

Brian moved that effective immediately, with the exception of Membership & Marketing, Program and Finance Committees, requirements for Committees to meet shall be suspended for the duration of the Strategic Planning process. Meetings of the other committees are optional, rather than required. Mike seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

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### **8.2 FYI: Parkview Motel/Supportive Housing**

In an email dated September 9 from Joan Coxhead to the Email Update Editor:

Currently the Parkview Motel (Woolwich & Marilyn) is operated, by the Drop In Centre, as an Emergency Over Flow Shelter for the homeless. Other homeless people rent rooms there as temporary shelter. The police are frequently in attendance.

The owners of the motel want to sell it. A proposal has come forth to convert the Parkview Motel to Permanent Supportive Housing with 24/7 on-site Support Staff.

There are currently about 150 homeless people on the Guelph list. The goal is to end homelessness, and to do so in a manner that benefits everyone.

More information is available here: <https://youtu.be/zRwWMI1GRUo>

#### **Notes**

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- Becky has received messages of concern on the topic.
- Several directors expressed their belief that the proposed change would benefit the area- a more supportive model would be put in place. The group's consensus was to leave the matter for the community address

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### **8.3 11:20 am In-Camera: Discuss M and M Committee matters**

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Becky moved to go in camera to discuss M&M matters and elect officers. Roger seconded the motion. All were in favour. The motion carried.

While in camera, a member guest discussed her concerns regarding the M&M Committee. The board thanked her for sharing her thoughts and concerns.

The Board decided to have current officers remain in place throughout the strategic planning process at which time we will re-consider election of officers.

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### **9.0 Next meeting - October 21 at 9:30 am**

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### **10.0 Adjournment**

#### **Motion**

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting. Ross seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 11:43am.

Note: Minutes for this meeting were approved via email on Thursday, September 17, 2020