

Glebe Report Association

2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2024

Present: Vaughn Guy, Beatrice Kelleher-Raffoul, Patricia Lightfoot (chair), Jennifer Humphries, Bhagwant Sandhu, Lynn Johnston, Leigh Gardner, Liz McKeen, Steve Ball, Judy Field, John MacNab, Micheline Boyle, Jeanette Reve, Bob Brocklebank, Bob Irvine, Steve Zan, Shaun Simms, Louise Aronoff, Della Wilkinson, Murray Konick, Josh Rachlis, Leslie Cole (recording secretary),

1. Patricia opened the meeting at 7:03 welcoming all.
2. Bhagwant Sandhu provided a land acknowledgement
3. The Agenda was adopted (All)
4. The previous minutes from the 2022 AGM were adopted (Vaughn/Leslie)
5. Patricia provided remarks from the Chair noting that since our last AGM we had celebrated our 50th anniversary which was well-attended. The newspaper has had continued success with both relevant articles and financial stability. Revenues in excess of expenses of \$6,175 as of year end in Nov 2023. We launched a readership survey in April and will tally results at the end of May. A number of board members and production team members have stepped down: Distribution Manager Hilda Van Walraven in April and has been replaced by Murray Konick, Web Manager Elspeth Tory will step down in June. Kayleigh Osborne will replace her. Social Media contributor Tamara Merrit graduated and is travelling to Ghana. Kayleigh will take over social media.

Board member Cameron Mitchell resigned earlier in the year. New board members to be confirmed at this meeting include Leigh Gardner, Louise Aronoff and Shaun Simms. Patricia will step down as chair after this meeting and leave the board. Jennifer will step down from co-chair but stay on the board. Bhagwant Sandhu has agreed to take over as Chair of the Board. Leslie Cole will become Vice-Chair.

Patricia offered sincere thanks to the entire production team, area captains and carriers for their work.

- 6: Leigh Gardner gave a quick update on the readership survey. 119 responses so far. We will get an analysis of results at our August board meeting. Some discussion of difficulties with social media and website.
 7. Editor Liz McKeen reported that the year's 10 issues covered many newsworthy topics important to the neighbourhood. There were 43 letters to the editor. Liz thanked long time essential production staff - copy editor Roger Smith, layout editor, Jock Smith, advertising manager Judy Field and Proofreaders.
 8. Treasurer Lynn Johnston presented the 2023 financial statement noting a 10% increase in advertising revenue and an operating profit of \$3564. With interest earned on GICs we had a profit of \$6175.
- The meeting voted to reappoint Baker Tilley as auditors for the Glebe Report (John/Steve)
9. Three new board members were approved unanimously. Leigh Gardner, Louise Aronoff and Shaun Simms
 - 10: Other Business: Jennifer and Bhagwant thanked Patricia for her years of service to the Board.
 11. 7:33 The meeting was adjourned (Approved by all)