

**Edmonds Seniors Society**  
7433 Edmonds Street, Burnaby, BC V3N 1B1  
**Minutes for the Annual General Meeting**  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 09:45

<b>Attendance:</b>	Isobel Costanzo	Sheila Ebenstiner	Abdul Vellani	Marietta Arciaga
	Ann Clegg	Rosemary Cooke	Gerry Hurst	Denis Lesage
	Shiraz Ramji	Jennifer Roberts	Alex Wang	Don Wong
	Ray Wong			
<b>City Staff:</b>	Ashif Gulamhusein	Krisztina Carrier	Howie Snyder	Shally U
<b>City of Burnaby:</b>	Paul McDonnell	Cindy Chang	Barb Larkin	
<b>Guests:</b>	Baljinder Narang			

**Members: There were in excess of 40 members present.**

1. **Quorum:** Quorum was achieved at 09:35 and time was allocated for reading of the AGM package.
2. **Call to order** by the President at 09:45; and the agenda was adopted as amended.
3. **M/S/C:** That the minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 be adopted as presented.
4. **M/S/C:** That the Financial Report be received and tabled to the next General Meeting, pending an Accountant's review.  
  
**M/S/C:** That the Society engage the accounting firm Fairhall Zhang and Associates Ltd, whom we employed last year, to prepare our books and assist in over-viewing the accounts so that they work for our Society, given we are a non-profit society and not a business.  
  
**M/S/C:** That we adopt the revised budget for 2018 as circulated in addition to, and separate from, the AGM package, as our budget for 2018.
5. **Reports:** Written reports were included in the AGM package from the President, City of Burnaby Staff, Group Leaders, Committees, and Programs. Paul McDonnell reported verbally from the City of Burnaby. He reported that there will be two ice rinks built in the Edmonds Area scheduled to open in 2019; and phase 4 of the Edmonds Park is ongoing and phase 5 would include a permanent stage. There are many other projects in the city, including the Willingdon linear park from Hastings to Loughee and a new Community Centre (dry) at Brentwood. He spoke about the plans for a new CG Brown pool, and Burnaby Lake Arena. He answered a question about seniors housing, advising that the monies were dependent on contributions from the province, and currently they are looking at affordable housing and not seniors housing. Lane houses are not currently being considered. He also advised that the city is pairing with the School Board regarding building daycare facilities. Following that, Baljinder Narang spoke about remembering the huge debate about moving from the old centre to the new centre, and how she appreciates the beautiful facility we now have. She also advised that things are going well with education in Burnaby.

**M/S/C: That the reports be adopted as presented.**

6. **New Business:**

**Bylaws:** A new Constitution and By-Laws to meet the requirements of the new Societies Act, were presented as per the notice of motion that was given on 05<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

**M/S/C:** That the Edmonds Seniors Society adopt the Constitution and By-Laws dated February 2018, as approved by the Board of Directors and attached to the AGM package, as our Constitution and By-Laws commencing this 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The motion regarding By-Laws was passed almost unanimously.

7. **Elections:**

*A. The following Directors are starting the second year of their two year term:*

**Ann Clegg  
Gerry Hurst  
Abdul Vellani**

**Isobel Costanzo  
Shiraz Ramji**

**Sheila Ebenstiner  
Jennifer Roberts**

*B. The following Incumbent Directors, were elected for a two year term by acclamation:*

**Marietta Arciage  
Alex Wang**

**Rosemary Cooke  
Don Wong**

**Denis Lesage**

*C. The following members were newly elected for a two year term by acclamation:*

**Peter Clegg**

**Ray Wong**

8. **Comments:** Shiraz Ramji stated that the staff are open to new suggestions for programs and changes, and members should not hesitate to go to them.

9. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

10. **Next Annual General Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 10:00; doors will open at 09:30.**

Lunch was served, and pictures of the events over the last year were shown on the screen as entertainment during lunch.