

**DALHOUSIE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024**  
**Held at Plant Recreation Center, 930 Somerset West**

Chair: Catherine Boucher, President

Minutes: Ryan Turley, Secretary

Attendance: Approximately 40 members and 10 guests

Catherine Boucher called the meeting to order, reviewed the logistics and presented the agenda.

People were invited to stay after the meeting to discuss the newly released plan, version 2, for 1010 Somerset .

The agenda was approved as presented (moved by Sally Rutherford, seconded by Charles Akben-Marchand)

**Panel presentation for the DCA's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Past presidents Carol Paschal, Archie Campbell, David Seaborn, Peter Childs, Martha Musgrove (in a letter read by Sally Rutherford) and Michael Powell shared stories of their tenure including some of the achievements of the DCA and the challenges faced.

**Board Business:**

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were approved (moved by Michael Powell, seconded by Stephanie Strudwick).

David Seaborn presented the treasurer's report.

An extraordinary motion was passed to waive the requirement for audit (moved by David Seaborn, seconded by Amy Wong).

A motion was passed to accept the treasurer's report (moved by Debbie Barton, seconded by Sally Rutherford).

A motion was presented to amend the bylaws to comply with new Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act rules (moved by Ryan Turley, seconded by Michael Powell). The motion passed without dissent.

- Under clause 4) "Membership and meetings" add:  
*(h) Board meetings and general meetings of the members may be conducted in-person, virtually (via teleconference, video conference, or other electronic means), or in a hybrid format combining both in-person and virtual participation. The determination of the meeting format shall be made by the Board of Directors, taking into consideration factors such as accessibility, convenience, and technological capabilities. For virtual meetings, participants must be able to communicate with each other simultaneously and instantaneously.*

Catherine gave the president's report, highlighting some of the "small wins" over the past year, such as the Halloween party in Plouffe Park, application for a new community Garden, a traffic count on Albert at Preston, conservation of green space in front of three heritage buildings, opposing a music permit for a patio bar, a park clean up of 4 of our parks, a bike tour with the councillor, work on a good neighbor agreement with Somerset West Community Health Centre and the Chinatown BIA, and the distribution of 50 trees for Mother's Day. On the "big win" front, Catherine noted that Plouffe Park was saved thanks to a concerted campaign with many allies.

The full slate of directors was acclaimed:

- Amy Wong Debbie Barton, Archie Campbell, Imran Kaderdina, Jenna Moore, Lory Picheca, Sally Rutherford, who were at the end of their term, were re-elected to the board of directors.
- Charles Akben-Marchand, Catherine Boucher, Ida Henderson, Ed McKenna, Zsophia Orosz, Michael Powell, David Seaborn and Ryan Turley, who have served one year of their two-year terms, will be staying on the board.

There was a short break and attendees enjoyed a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary cake prepared by Sally Rutherford.

**Second panel discussion:**

Catherine introduced, Councillors Ariel Troster (Somerset Ward), Laine Johnson (College Ward) and Jeff Leiper (Kitchissippi Ward). Each councillor gave a brief presentation on the role of community associations in development, especially in the context of changing provincial legislation. This was followed by a Q&A session and lively discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30