

## Edmonton Heritage Council 2017 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 24th, 2017  
Edmonton City Hall

### **Present**

#### **EHC Board of Directors:**

A. Abboud (Treasurer), W. Birch, C.J. Dorsey (Secretary), E. Gormley, M. Kennedy, M. Male, Beth Sanders (Vice Chair), A. Singh Sandhu, S. Scott.

#### **EHC Staff:**

D. Ridley (Executive Director), M. Jimmy (Program Manager), M. Roberts (City Museum Strategy Manager), G. Doll (Finance Coordinator), R. Stephens (Communications Coordinator), K. Fisher (Outreach Coordinator), A. Rahman (Program Lead, Cultural Initiatives).

### **Guests:**

Councilor Ben Henderson, Chris Chang-Yen Phillips.

### **Regrets**

G. Bounds (Chair), S. Das (Past Chair), A. Grabia, J. Lehman, A.L. Pauchulo, A. Miller, R. Jevna, R. Geldart, K. Ivany.

### **Acknowledgments and Welcome**

*B. Sanders welcomed all to EHC's 7<sup>th</sup> AGM, 6:06pm with acknowledgement of Treaty Six Territory. Followed by greetings from Councilor Ben Henderson who welcomed all on behalf of City Council. Thanked the Board and staff of the EHC, acknowledging that the Edmonton Heritage Council is one of the success stories that came out of the Art of Living, and was reminded of the great work the EHC does with the number of applications and the growth in activity through the grants program.*

#### **1. Annual General Meeting – B. Sanders**

Called to order at 6:06pm

Kyla Fisher serving as recording secretary.

*Confirmation of quorum: of 74 individual and organizational members in good standing as of the meeting date, 15 or 20% are present. Bylaw quorum requirement is to have 20% of members in good standing present for the Annual General Meeting.*

*Beth Sanders welcomed all to the AGM.*

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda – B. Sanders**

**2017 AGM-01 Motion:** That the agenda be approved as presented.

*Moved by A. Davies, Seconded by C. White*

**Motion Carried. Unanimous.**

### **3. Approval of the Minutes of the AGM, May 27, 2016 – B. Sanders**

**2017 AGM-02 Motion:** That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2016 be approved as presented.

*Moved by C.J. Dorsey, Seconded by J. White*

**Motion Carried. Unanimous.**

### **4. Introduction of Nominees and Election of Directors – B. Sanders**

*Seven candidates have been nominated to fill vacancies on the Board of the Edmonton Heritage Council to join the current 11 Directors; bylaw permits up to 20 Directors. The nomination committee consisted of Wendy Birch, Mack Male, Sally Scott and Beth Sanders. Five new candidates for directors were presented for consideration: Leo Campos Aldunez, Angelina Bakshi, Robert Hobson, Anthony Owolabi, and Nakita Valerio. Two directors were presented for consideration for a second term: Gregory Bounds and Candace Jane Dorsey. Ballots were distributed at registration as well as biographical information for each of the nominated candidates. The ballots were marked after the introduction of nominees, collected and then counted. Rocky Feroe acted as the scrutineer.*

### **5. Presentation of the 2016 Audited Financial Statements – A. Abboud**

*Introduction to the accountability practices brought forward in 2015. The accountability framework instituted by EHC in 2015 covers not only the matters of legal compliance required of EHC, but a wider approach to reviewing accountability in terms of its mission, mandate, and organization work. Financial Statements are a part of this framework. The audited 2016 financial statements were distributed as part of the meeting package. They were audited and prepared by Ramsay and company Chartered Accountants. The auditors determined that the statements and records provided were sufficient to render a valid opinion and that the statements present fairly the financial position of the Edmonton Heritage Council Society. While the EHC incurred a deficit, it is still in a sound financial position due to our core support from the City of Edmonton. Thank you to the City for their continued support. The board approved the financial statements and the auditor's report based on the recommendation of the EHC's Accountability and Audit Committee, chaired by Arundeeep Singh Sandhu.*

**2017 AGM - 03 Motion:** That the Edmonton Heritage Council's 2016 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report, as approved by the EHC board, be received by the membership as information.

*Moved by A. Abboud, Seconded by G. Gauvin*

**Motion Carried. Unanimous.**

### **6. Process to Appoint Auditors, 2017 Fiscal Year – A. Singh Sandhu**

*Arundeeep discussed the process for appointing auditors for the 2017 fiscal year. While EHC has worked with Ramsay and Company Chartered Accountants as the external auditor since EHC's inception, the Accountability and Audit Committee recommended that the board periodically issues*

*a request for proposals to provide external auditor services for the sake of transparency and accountability. The board supports this recommendation. The aim is to work with that auditor over the next few years, and to confirm that auditor with the members at future general meetings. A question from the floor emerged regarding the timeline for the RFP process. David Ridley explained that the timeline is to have it in place by the end of October, and for the new auditor to be in place by the end of the fiscal year.*

**2017 AGM - 02 Motion:** That the Edmonton Heritage Council's accountability and audit committee be authorized to identify and retain a qualified auditor to prepare the Edmonton Heritage Council's financial statements for 2017.

*Moved by A. Singh Sandhu, Seconded by G. Gauvin.*

**Motion Carried. Unanimous.**

## **7. Chair's Report – B. Sanders, on behalf of G. Bounds**

*Beth Sanders presented the Chair's report on behalf of Gregory Bounds who was away in China. The following are some highlights from his report:*

- *The expansion of the board has helped strengthen strong governance work, and allowed us to better support the EHC organizational mission and mandate.*
- *Over the past year there has been a higher profile and an increase in applications for the Heritage Community Investment Program. The board approved 37 grants in 2016 with a total investment of just under \$400,000. Nearly half of the recipients were new applications.*
- *Thanks to the City of Edmonton, the organizations and individuals who work with EHC.*
- *EHC will continue to engage the Heritage community in supporting new and evolving programming.*

## **8. Executive Director's Report – D. Ridley**

*David Ridley presented his Executive Director's Report. The following are some highlights from that report:*

- *We've been working hard to activate the community in the Heritage Community Investment Program. It was established in 2013 and the amount of available funding has increased. We're hoping that the pot will increase once again with the new Art of Living Plan.*
- *We are working on the vision of the work. How do we embrace diversity and culture on Treaty 6 territory? How do we connect Edmontonians to the stories of their city?*
- *We are taking a unique approach to the Edmonton City as Museums Project. It is done as a means of engaging the community and organizations with programming throughout the city at different facilities and campuses. We were happy to receive additional support for ECAMP this past April.*
- *We have been engaged with many other projects, including Edmonton Maps Heritage, the Camsell Project, the historian laureate program with Chris Chang-Yen Phillips and in partnership with the heritage board, The Heritage Network, The Edmonton Living Rooms project with the Multicultural Health Brokers, Retrofutures, City Beautiful to name a few.*

- *We have a committed to responding to the TRC's call to action and making programs more accessible to Edmontonians. The Camsell project is a great example. This work continues to be a focus.*
- *We are currently moving towards the end of the Art of Living. There is going to be time to look at what's been accomplished and what needs to be included in the next plan which is exciting to contemplate. This planning process will begin later in 2017, and it will be in place for the new city council.*
- *To be frank, we haven't been as accessible in engaging our members in the work that we've been doing for the past year. At the end of June, we'll have our first members conversation with a focus on the TRC and the Heritage Sector. Throughout the rest of the year we'll host members' conversations including Town Halls on heritage and culture.*
- *Thank you to the EHC Staff and board.*
- *Thanks to the board for wise and keen direction. Its been a pleasure working with everyone. That collegial atmosphere is essential.*

*A comment was raised from the floor by Adriana Davies. She wanted to express her thanks for the success of the board and staff for actualizing the Edmonton Heritage Council as it was envisioned to operate in the initial Art of Living. She suggests being open to change and new trends as the new plan is prepared.*

#### **9. Introduction of the 2017-2018 Board of Directors – B. Sanders**

*The elections results presented by Beth Sanders:*

##### **2017/2018 Board of Directors:**

Leo Campos Aldunez  
 Angelina Bakshi  
 Robert Hobson  
 Anthony Owolabi  
 Nakita Valerio

##### **Second Term Directors:**

Gregory Bounds  
 Candace Jane Dorsey

*Officers will be elected at the first board meeting on May 31, 2017. Beth Sanders acknowledged the work of the departing board members, and that of those continuing on.*

#### **10. Adjournment – B. Sanders, seconded by G. Gauvin.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.