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Edmonton Heritage Council Society (EHC)

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 29 May 2019

City Room, City Hall

1 Sir Winston Churchill Square NW

Edmonton, AB

1. Social Gathering and Welcome

5:30 p.m.

2. Welcome and Announcements

Board of Directors Chair, Alex Abboud welcomed attendees, noted that this is a time to gather, connect and celebrate the work of EHC, acknowledging the milestone of EHC's 10th anniversary which will be occur in November 2019.

Mr. Abboud acknowledged the traditional land, on which the gathering was held, as Treaty 6 Territory. He stated, "We recognize and thank the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries. We acknowledge this place as the Metis homeland, and the home of the largest concentration of Inuit south of the 60th parallel. It is a welcoming place for all peoples who come from around the world to share Edmonton as a home. Together we call upon all of our collective, honoured traditions and spirits to work in building a great city for today and future generations."

3. Greetings from Edmonton City Council

Councilor Jon Dziadyk of Ward 3 brought greetings from Edmonton City Council. Councilor Dziadyk was thanked; it was noted that City Council's ongoing commitment to recognize Edmonton Heritage Council is appreciated. Former members of the Board of Directors were asked to stand and be acknowledged.

4. EHC @ 10: What's Happened? What now?

On the occasion of EHC's 10th year, the evening continued with a guest panel to reflect on the work of the last 10 years.

Alex Abboud introduced Director Beth Sanders as host of the guest panel.

Panel guests were:

- Satya Das
- Crystal Willie
- Christina Hardie

5. Guest Presentation

Edmonton's 7th poet laureate, Ahmed Knowmadic Ali, was welcomed as a guest presenter. Mr. Ali is a writer, actor, comedian, public speaker and youth worker. Like EHC's work, his work celebrates living heritage and heritage preservation. Some key points of his eloquently spoken message were:

- Heritage is living
- Always welcome each other
- We need to get together
- Heritage is never complete
- Edmonton is fertile enough to sustain many family trees

6. Business Meeting

Quorum was confirmed.

Alex Abboud called the annual general meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. and welcomed all attendees.

Approval of the Agenda – Alex Abboud

Motion 2019 AGM-01

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

Moved: Candace Jane Dorsey

Seconded: Satya Das

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM held on 30 May 2018 – C.J. Dorsey

Motion 2019 AGM-02

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Edmonton Heritage Council held on 30 May 2018 be accepted as an accurate record of the business conducted at the meeting.

Moved: Terry O'Riordan

Seconded: Arundeeep Singh Sandhu

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair's Report – Alex Abboud

Alex Abboud noted that the Chair's report is contained in the 2018 Annual Report of EHC. He provided a verbal summary of that message.

Mr. Abboud encouraged attendees to remain involved with Edmonton's vast heritage.

Executive Director's Report – David Ridley

David Ridley thanked all attendees for attending the meeting and thanked the membership for their connection to the Council in the community and at this meeting.

Mr. Ridley noted that the Executive Director's report is contained in the 2018 Annual Report of EHC. He provided a verbal summary of the report.

A call was made for questions from the floor.

Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ending 31 December 2018 – M. Kennedy

Martin Kennedy informed the membership that auditor's report indicates that the statements and records provided were sufficient to render a valid opinion, and that the statements fairly present the financial position of EHC as of 31 December 2018. The audit findings letter notes that there were no significant deficiencies in EHC's internal controls.

It was noted that EHC complies with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Mr. Kennedy reported that the year went according to budget. He noted the following highlights:

- There was a remainder of \$12,603 in the General Fund at the end of 2018. This was a result of slightly lower staff costs due to transitions and vacancies during the year.
- New proceeds from the AGLC casino event were received for use over the next two years according to the Use of Proceeds agreement with AGLC.
- The deficit of in the Tangible Capital Assets fund was noted.
- A transfer was made from the General Fund for a loan to the Social Enterprise Fund for long-term debt for EHC office developments in 2015.
- The HCIP and Program Fund remainder of \$108,709 will be expanded in 2019. HCIP grant runs include an allocation to create a database system in 2019 which will greatly increase program efficiency.
- It was noted that Schedule 1 shows both revenues and expenses for HCIP grant streams and the Armistice 100 commemoration project.

Motion 2019 AGM-03

THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the year ending 31 December 2018, as prepared by Metrix Group LLP be accepted as presented.

Moved: Martin Kennedy

Seconded: Arundeeep Singh Sandhu

Motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Auditors for the 2019 Fiscal Year

Motion 2019 AGM-04

THAT Metrix Group LLP be appointed as Auditor for Edmonton Heritage Councilm Society for the fiscal year ending 31 December 2019.

Moved: Emma Banfield
Seconded: Greg Bounds
Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Nominees and Election of Directors – G. Bounds

EHC's bylaws permit twenty (20) directors. Directors can serve a maximum of two consecutive 3-year terms. The proposed slate, if elected, will bring the total to sixteen (16) directors.

Vacancies were created by the departure of the following directors:

- Greg Bounds
- Candace Jane Dorsey
- Mack Male
- Beth Sanders

Standing for election as first-term directors are:

- Andrea Diamond
- Laylene Mayes
- Cathy Roy
- Brad Seneca
- Jean-Louis Zokpe

Directors seeking re-election for a second term are:

- Wendy Birch
- Martin Kennedy
- Jeanne Lehman
- Sarah (Sally) Scott
- Arundeeep Singh Sandhu

Motion 2019 AGM-05

THAT Andrea Diamond, Laylene Mayes, Cathy Roy, Brad Seneca, and Jean-Louis Zokpe each be elected for a three-year term to the EHC Board of Directors of Edmonton Heritage Council Society.

Moved: Greg Bounds
Seconded: Henry Maisonneuve
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 2019 AGM-06

THAT Wendy Birch, Martin Kennedy, Jeanne Lehman, Sally Scott, and Arundeeep Singh Sandhu each be re-elected for a second three-year term to the EHC Board of Directors of Edmonton Heritage Council Society.

Moved: Greg Bound
Seconded: Henry Maisonneuve
Motion carried unanimously.

Congratulations were offered to the new and re-elected board members.

Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors at its next meeting scheduled for 5 June 2019.

Introduction to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors

The new Board of Directors were asked to stand and be introduced.

- Alex Abboud
- Angelina Bakshi (introduced in absentia)
- Emma Banfield
- Wendy Birch
- Andrea Diamond
- Robert Hobson (introduced in absentia)
- Martin Kennedy
- Jeanne Lehman
- Henry Maisonneuve
- Leylene Mayes
- Cathy Roy
- Brad Seneca
- Sarah (Sally) Scott
- Arundeeep Singh Sandhu
- Christina Williamson (introduced in absentia)
- Jean-Louis Zokpe

The advisors to the board who are appointed by the City of Edmonton were acknowledged and thanked for their support and guidance. Namely:

- Roger Jevne, Branch Manager of Community and Recreation Facilities
- Kathryn Ivany, City Archivist and Supervisor of Heritage Facilities
- Robert Geldart, Principal Heritage Planner (acknowledged in absentia)

The departing board members were recognized for their service to the board. Namely:

- Greg Bounds
- Candas Jane Dorsey
- Mack Male
- Beth Sanders

Adjournment – A. Abboud

Motion 2019 AGM-07

THAT this Annual General Meeting of Edmonton Heritage Council Society be adjourned.

Moved: Candas Jane Dorsey
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Mary Schuurman

7. Meet and Greet

A buffet of finger foods, refreshments, and a cake to celebrate EHC's 10th anniversary were served.