



Chilliwack Park Society Annual General Meeting
October 23, 2024 – 7.00pm
 Pedal Sport - 45960 Alexander Ave, Chilliwack

AGENDA

Intro & Welcome

- President’s welcome and land acknowledgement

Call to Order

- Declaration of Quorum
- Motion to approve agenda as presented
- Motion to approve last AGM minutes (Sept 27, 2023 - attached as Appendix 1)

Special Resolution (attached as Appendix 2)

- Read through of proposed change to Bylaw: Part 5 - Directors and Officers 26 (1)-(4)
- Motion to approve Special Resolution

President’s Report - Polly

Executive Director & Financial Report - Lynda

Field Trip Program - Kylie

Trail Crew report - Marc

Little Mountain - Polly

Community Forest / LQ / Qoqó:lem - Graham

Board of Director Elections

Office	Candidates for election/re-election
President/Chair - 2 year term (must be current 2 year+ CPS director)	Pollaris (Polly) Raymond
Vice Chair - 1 year term (must be current 2 year+ CPS director)	Chrystal Gillingham
Treasurer - 2 year term	Marc Greidanus
Secretary - 1 year term	Melissa Geddert
Directors - 1 year term (up to 3 positions)	Lori Roberts Debora Soutar Clarence Wiens
Directors - 2 year term (up to 4 positions)	Graham Houlker Blake Manning Kylie Greidanus

- Open floor for nominations
- Election by ballot (or acclamation as it stands if no nominations from floor)
- Motion to destroy ballots (if necessary)

New Business / Questions

- Membership Fees

Adjournment

Appendix 1:



CPS AGM Minutes 2023

In-person at Greendale Acres Farm, 41905 Yale Road W, Chilliwack
September 27, 2023 | 7pm

1. **Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, and Declaration of Quorum** – Marc Greidanus, President
2. **Call to Order** – Marc Greidanus, President
 - **Approval of 2023 Agenda and minutes from last AGM**
 - Motion to approve 2023 agenda: First Kylie Greidanus, Second Polly Raymond (all in favour)
 - Motion to approve minutes from 2022 AGM: First Anne Biela, Second Lori Roberts (all in favour)
3. **2023 Financials / Exec Report** – Lynda Ferris, ED
 - Presented 2023 year-end financial statements as attached.
 - Year in review:
 - Implemented a new financial system including payroll for field trip staff and trail crew (Quickbooks) – will reduce administration going forward
 - Focus on building relationships with partners and land managers Chilliwack Outdoors Club, FVMBA, City of Chilliwack, Recreation Sites & Trails BC, BC Parks, Sto:lo/Memiyehel
 - Working with COC on Trans Canada Trail
 - Advocacy and work on Little Mountain
 - Continued development of Community Forest and field trip program
 - Summer Youth trail crew program
 - Grant writing
 - Moving forward for 2024:
 - Capacity development and communication and engagement – grant funding to assist (Community Services Recovery Fund)
 - Website redevelopment
 - Develop a membership platform and system through new website
 - Create a volunteer database and online discussion forum
 - Implement sponsorship program (mirroring FVMBA program) in Community Forest
 - Trail crew
 - Partner relationships
4. **Grants** – Lynda Ferris, ED
 - Presentation as per attached report.

5. Field Trip Program – Kylie Greidanus, Field Trip Co-ordinator and Treasurer

- Field trip program went great. Total of 9150 students to date have been taken on field trips since initial launch in 2015.
- Trail crew (Danika, Anne, Siobhan) helped (paid) with field trips, look at hiring a teacher to help next year in addition to field trip assistants.
- Kylie and Natasha are planning a new kiosk/shelter at LQ to add to the outdoor classroom potential.

6. Summer Trail Crew Report – Grace, Amelie, Kacy, Lloyd

- Trail crew not in attendance, report as attached and prepared by trail crew presented by Lynda Ferris, Executive Director and Summer Trail Crew Co-ordinator.

7. Adaptive Mountain Bike Trails in the Community Forest – Spencer Arnold, Community member

- Spencer Arnold and his wife donna spoke for the intentional building of adaptive mountain bike trails in Chilliwack (3 or 4 wheeled bikes custom built to support people with various spinal cord injuries). There are many partnerships available and building trails to adaptive standards also pays dividends for other users with mobility challenges or even just those who are new to hiking and biking. Tourism Chilliwack just announced another local beer collaboration fundraiser to bring more adaptive bikes to Chilliwack. Momentum building here for future projects.

8. Little Mountain – Polly Raymond

- Little Mountain preservation project is going well with supportive signals from Chilliwack City council and staff. Negotiations with the landowners will be ongoing this year and are in a good position. The City has recently invested in the reservoir property, bringing it up to park standards and it looks great! Stairs on Yale Rd was phase 1, we are now at phase 2. Future phases already represented on current city mapping. A big step forward. come check it out if you haven't been up there recently.

9. Community Forest/LQ/Qoqó:lem report – Graham

- New trails in the community forest/LQ corridor include 'Playground' and 'Upper Alhqéy'. Graham, Leon and the crew put in a ton of work and the trails are a great addition and useful to separate traffic up there. The entire network is being very well used. We've got some new maps up and more in the works.

10. Society Roles and Director Elections – Marc Greidanus

- The office of President and Vice President are open for election. The members will vote for each office separately.
- Standing for election for President:
 - Pollaris Raymond
- Standing for election for Vice-President:

- o Marc Greidanus

- New Board Applicants – none

As per Society bylaws, the role of President and Vice President are declared by acclamation with only a single contender in each office election.

The role of President is filled by Pollaris Raymond and the role of Vice President is filled by Marc Greidanus.

11. New business / Questions

12. Meeting Adjourned at 8.27pm: First Graham Houker, Second – Polly Raymond

Minutes prepared by: Melissa Geddert, Secretary, CPS

Appendix 2:

Special Resolution: Amendment to Bylaw: Part 5 - Directors and Officers

Current bylaw:

- 26 (1) The directors must retire from office at each annual general meeting when their successors are elected.
- (2) Separate elections must be held for each office to be filled.
 - (3) An election may be by acclamation, otherwise it must be by ballot.
 - (4) If a successor is not elected, the person previously elected or appointed continues to hold office.

To be replaced with proposed bylaw:

- 26 (1) Each director shall be elected for a term of approximately 2 years and such term shall:
- (a) commence at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which such director was most recently elected as a director; and
 - (b) end at the close of the 2nd Annual General Meeting following the Annual General Meeting at which he/she/they was most recently elected as a director.
- (2) Separate elections must be held for each office to be filled.
 - (3) An election may be by acclamation, otherwise it must be by ballot (paper or electronic).
 - (4) Unless otherwise determined by the Board, for continuity purposes, the term of office of the directors shall be staggered such that at each Annual General Meeting one-half of the positions on the Board shall be filled by way of election at such Annual General Meeting. For greater certainty, at the close of each Annual General Meeting, one-half of the directors shall have terms that will expire at the next Annual General Meeting.