

Vancouver Island Council Meeting

June 2, 2021

Online via Zoom

MINUTES

Chair: Avis Michalovsky, Pioneer Housing Co-op

Present: Attendance sheet attached

1. Call to Order and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the chair, Avis Michalovsky.

2. Acknowledgement

The chair acknowledged that the meeting is being held on the traditional territories of Vancouver Island's First Nations. She also shared her reflections on the impact of the recent discoveries at the former Kamloops Residential School and invited members to commit themselves to the process of reconciliation.

3. Approval of Agenda

M/S/C THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

4. Approval of February 10, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C THAT the minutes of the Vancouver Island Council meeting of February 10, 2021 be approved as circulated.

5. Business Arising

There was no business arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

6. Report from CHF BC Board

CHF BC directors Dave Maier and Shannon Sangster shared highlights from the Semi-Annual General Meeting on May 16, 2021, including support for members during the pandemic, assistance with almost 200 virtual meetings and online education events, the work of the Climate Emergency Task Force, equity and inclusion programming, and new co-ops developed by the Community Land Trust.

The directors also announced that a budget had been approved by the CHF BC board providing for no dues increase for the second year in a row.

Finally, the directors reported on two important resolutions adopted at the SAGM: “Valuing Equity Diversity and Inclusion in our Communities” and “A National Urban Indigenous Housing Strategy”.

The meeting was adjourned for the presentation of CHF BC’s annual scholarships. Scholarship recipients included Rhea Harper from Craigflower Housing Co-op.

7. CHF Canada Report

CHF Canada Director Anne Davidson reported on recent events and activities undertaken by CHF Canada, our national federation of housing co-ops.

The report included information of the upcoming Annual General Meeting, beginning on June 10 using an online format.

8. Member Forum

CHF BC’s Chief Executive Officer, Thom Armstrong, moderated a forum in which members had an opportunity to discuss CHF BC’s new strategic vision and to consider its relevance and impact on Island members.

Directors Dave Maier and Shannon Sangster summarized the feedback from the break-out rooms and delegates engaged in more discussion in a brief plenary session.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to conduct.

10. Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Attendance Sheet

NAME	CO-OP
<i>delegates</i>	
Sharon Beckett	Friendship
Dave Maier	Greenway (and CHF BC)
Sherry Fortais	Lavender
Pamela Woodland	Oak Bay
Peter Michalovsky	Pioneer
Jamie Coutts	Seawalk
Tony Sprackett	Spring Ridge
Carolyn Zyha	Superior Street
Morgan Brooks	Tyee
<i>Observers and guests</i>	
Gabe Dennis	Access (guest, scholarship)
Yuri Artibise	First Avenue Athletes Village/CHF BC
Anne Davidson	Granville Gardens/CHF Canada
Melissa del Sol	Craigflower/Cascadia Solutions
Rhea Harper	Scholarship winner (Craigflower)
Grant Haddock	Haddock & Company (guest, scholarship)
Roberta Marshman	Lavender
Peter Moonan	Lavender
Avis Michalovsky	Pioneer (Chair VIC)
Art Farquharson	Seawalk
Cheryl Farquharson	Seawalk
Heather Doyle	Seawalk
Shannon Sangster	Tyee/CHF BC Director
<i>Others</i>	
Elizabeth McDonald	CHF BC
Fiona Jackson	CHF BC
Michelle Cooper-Iversen	CHF BC
Thom Armstrong	CHF BC