

# Vancouver Island Council Meeting

February 9, 2022

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 7:03 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.

### 3. Approval of Agenda

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

### 4. Approval of October 13, 2021 Minutes

M/S/C THAT the minutes of the Vancouver Island Council meeting of October 13, 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 Shannon Sangster and Art Farquharson shared highlights from the last quarter, including an overview of the 2021 AGM and new board members, an update on the upcoming hybrid SAGM, subsidies for federal program co-ops, new Community Land Trust developments and the upcoming provincial budget on February 22.

### 7. Member Services Report

Chief Operating Officer Michelle Cooper-Iversen expressed her appreciation for the loyalty of the Vancouver Island co-ops and highlighted several updates from the last quarter, including our Year in Review publication, statistics on the engagement of the Vancouver

Island co-ops with CHF BC's programs and services, a new pilot program called ARC (Active Resilient Communities), upcoming workshops, YES Camp sponsorship, the upcoming Education Conference and the Black History Month panel conversation.

#### **8. CHF Canada Report**

CHF Canada Director-at-Large, Anne Davidson, gave an update on CHF Canada's activities in BC and across Canada. She reminded members that CHF Canada's upcoming AGM is in Halifax from June 16 to 18 and that registration opens March 1. She also announced a virtual film night on February 24 at 4pm of the film, "La Coop de ma mere' (My Mother's Co-op).

#### **9. Open Forum**

Chief Executive Officer Thom Armstrong gave a brief overview of CHF BC and VICHA (Vancouver Island Co-operative Housing Association) milestones and Communications Director Yuri Artibise shared comments from Candice Bunting of Cameo Housing Co-op on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the merger of VICHA and CHF BC. Yuri Artibise moderated a forum with members, who shared discussion and feedback in response to two questions:

1. How have Vancouver Island co-ops benefited from a unified, province-wide federation of housing co-ops over the past 20 years?
2. What should Vancouver Island co-ops expect from their province-wide federation of housing co-ops over the next 20 years?

#### **10. Other Business**

There was no other business to conduct.

#### **11. Close of meeting**

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

## Attendance Sheet

NAME	CO-OP
<b><i>Delegates</i></b>	
Skye Dumond	Craigflower
Bonnie Dale	James Bay
Sherry Fortais	Lavender
Noreen Taylor	Oak Bay
Prairie Escallier	Spring Ridge
Carolyn Zyha	Superior Street
Margy Ransford	Twin Oaks
<b><i>Other members</i></b>	
Angela Moritz	Broadoaks
JoAnne Drew	Broadoaks
Marion Ashton	Broadoaks
Maggie Barrett	James Bay
Robertta Marshman	Lavender
Avis Michalovsky	Pioneer
Peter Michalovsky	Pioneer
Art Farquharson	Pioneer/CHF BC Board
Cheryl Farquharson	Pioneer
Tony Sprckett	Spring Ridge
Shannon Sangster	Tyee/CHF BC Board
Heather Burke	Washington
<b><i>Others</i></b>	
Debbie Van Kuyk	CHF BC
Elizabeth McDonald	CHF BC
Yuri Artibise	CHF BC
Michelle Cooper-Iversen	CHF BC
Thom Armstrong	CHF BC
Anne Davidson	Granville Gardens/CHF Canada
Brian Eng	CHF BC Consultant