

## Vancouver Island Council Meeting

Thursday, October 25, 2023

Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort

### MINUTES

Meeting Chair: Avis Michalovsky  
Present: Attendance sheet attached

1. **Call to order and introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the meeting 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 Mark Planiden (Washington) / Noreen Taylor (Oak Bay)

**THAT** the agenda be approved as circulated.

4. **Approval of May 18, 2023 Minutes**

M/S/C Noreen Taylor (Oak Bay) / Skye Dumond (Craigflower)

**THAT** the minutes of the Vancouver Island Council meeting of May 18, 2023 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 Art Farquharson and Shannon Sangster shared highlights from the last quarter, including an election for 5 board positions at this year's AGM on November 19.

## 7. Member services report

Jarrett Hagglund reported on the availability of a Meeting Owl on loan to members to facilitate hybrid meetings, the Energy Benchmarking program, upcoming events, and updates from Vancouver Island group buying partners.

Thom Armstrong added remarks on the CLT Summit in Toronto, possible changes to the Cooperative Association Act, and updates on the Rental Protection Fund.

## 8. Member Forum: Navigating the Future

Michelle Iversen reported on the annual Fall Education Conference that happened on October 14 this year. She highlighted 5 major roadblocks in co-op housing today:

- 1) Board succession planning
- 2) Collaborative emergency preparedness
- 3) Professional asset management
- 4) Mindful futurism
- 5) Co-ops accountability for racist behaviour in their communities

Tables engaged in discussion with members on other roadblocks in their communities.

## 9. CHF Canada report

John Bathurst provided the CHF Canada report including highlights of the CHF Canada AGM June 15-17. Tim Ross added remarks on co-op housing in Canada.

## 10. Elections

- a. Thom Armstrong introduced the elections for the Island Council chair and vice-chair. He declared Noreen Taylor from Oak Bay Housing Co-op and Alysha Bisgrove from Tyee Housing Co-op as chair and vice-chair respectively.
- b. No nominations were received for the Vancouver Island Director position. Thom Armstrong explained the three options the board of directors will decide between.
  - i. Leave the position vacant
  - ii. Appoint a qualified individual now or later to fill the position
  - iii. Schedule an election at a future VI Council meeting (next meeting likely to be in February 2024)

Delegates voted and the result was an even split between the second and third options.

## 11. Close of meeting

The meeting ended at 9:01 p.m.

