

Burnside Gorge Community Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, March 24, 2025 at 5:30 pm

Present:	Chair: Ryan Hart	
	Board members: Michelle Peterson, Avery Stetski, Elizabeth Cull, Mangat Vohra	
	Staff: Sevval Kecicioglu, Communications & Development Coordinator, Suzanne Cole, Executive Director	
	Guests: Gary Pemberton	
	Regrets: Greg Arnold, Greg Teuling	
Welcome and introductions	Ryan welcomed everyone to the meeting	
Agenda	The agenda of the March 2025, Board Meeting was presented.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Elizabeth Cull	SECONDED: Avery Stetski
	CARRIED	
Minutes	The minutes of the January 27, 2025, Board Meeting were presented.	
	MOTION TO ACCEPT: Michelle Peterson	SECONDED: Elizabeth Cull
	CARRIED	
Action Items	Action items were reviewed. No items were carried forward.	
City Updates	<p>Gary provided City updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crystal Pool reconstruction is moving forward, and the reconstruction will be on the north side of the park. It will take 3-4 years • 11 pickleball courts are coming to the Topaz Park, construction is expected to be completed in Fall 2025 • My Great Neighbourhood Grant (MGNG) applications are open, and the interest is high. 8 projects have been approved in the first month. • Gary is connected with the Community Connections Committee, as they have some ideas for MGNG. • The Local Champions application deadline is at the end of the month. Some city departments offers sponsorships. <p>Chris Coleman wasn't present at the meeting but he provided information on Dorric Connector, Arbutus Park and the Sequoia Tree in front of the Honda Dealership. See attached report from Councillor Coleman.</p>	
Report on Strategic Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment and Retention – <u>Mangat, Greg T. & Suzanne</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wage uplift and the succession planning motions were the updates of the committee ○ Suzanne and Renske are working on the vacation policy and will bring their report to the committee. ○ In April, the FSS team will pilot the new succession planning 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Relationship with Business Community – <u>Avery</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avery was away, so there are no updates ○ He plans to get businesses involved more in the events and projects. ● Connecting Community – <u>Michelle</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ On April 26, the committee is organizing a Plant Extravaganza event. ○ Jenny from the committee wants to be a representative at the GWI. She is very passionate and interested in creek cleanliness. <p>Motion moved forward for Jenn to be the representative of the BGCA at GWI meetings. Moved by: Elizabeth Seconded by: Avery, all in favour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Burnside Gorge-ous – <u>Elizabeth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is working on a mural project for the Selkirk Seniors Village’s cement wall ○ Parker Auto Park Building gets a lot of graffiti and the committee will paint their building if the company provides them with paint ○ The group is looking for a way to track volunteer hours ○ They want to recruit more volunteer and will contact BGCA for the opportunities ● Communications – <u>Elizabeth</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Communications plan template work in progress ● Finance – <u>Greg A., Ryan & Suzanne</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates ● Governance – <u>Elizabeth & Greg T.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ They are working on TOR
-	<p>Avery provided updates on Land Use and VCAN.</p> <p>LUC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● M’akola Development Society is applying for rezoning of the Vancity Building lot. It’s for the First Nations residential area and the meeting is on April 7th. ● There will be a meeting for the Matullia Lands at Rock Bay <p>VCAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● No updates
Operational	<p>Suzanne presented the operational and financial reports.</p> <p>Operational Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Childcare Department Manager position has been posted and the rest of the restructuring will be gradually. ● HO will be merged with FSS. They used to be under the same department ● Thrift Store didn’t really get impacted by the construction in January, as there were some big item sales, but February has been affected. ● Community Connections are continuing, SJ Burnside had a student who needed community hours to be completed. He completed his hours at the boutique and then wanted to continue volunteering <p>Financial Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Housing Outreach budget includes the Community Chest funds ● YSS revenue is higher than budgeted because there is \$50,000 donation
New Business	<p>The new board of executives are appointed:</p> <p>Board Chair: Ryan Hart Past Board Chair: Elizabeth Cull Vice President: Avery Stetski Treasurer: Greg Arnold Secretary: Michelle Peterson</p>

Action Items	ACTION: <ul style="list-style-type: none">No action items
Tracking Hours	Board members were reminded to fill out their hours on Track it Forward.
	The meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm.

Next Meetings:

- **Board Meeting on April 28, 5:30pm**