



**North Park Neighbourhood Association  
2020 Annual General Meeting**

**DATE:** Monday, March 29, 2021  
**TIME:** 6:30pm  
**LOCATION:** Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9333505704>,  
Phone in: 778-907-2071 (Meeting ID: 933 350 5704)  
Watch the [recording of the AGM](#) Passcode: rhP5Gg9^

	Item	Action(s)
	<p>6:30 Territorial acknowledgement, opening remarks &amp; introductions <i>Our neighbourhood association acknowledges that we gather here today as visitors on the traditional territory of the Lekwungen peoples, the Esquimalt and Songhees nations.</i></p>	
	<b>Agenda approval</b>	
	<p>Motion to approve:</p> <p>(first) Alastair McCollum (second) Sean Kahil</p>	
	<b>Attendance</b>	
	<p>Board members Present: Katie Fillion, Allison Ashcroft, Sean Kahil, Alastair McCollum, Harold Stanley Regrets: Councillor Potts, Michael Hill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There were few in person meetings in 2020</li><li>• During online meetings we have not been doing the usual attendance sheets, which are the same sheets used to enrol new members</li><li>• We will be discussing a bylaw amendment to take attendance based on Zoom video participant attendance and to allow for verbal consent during a virtual meeting to become a member</li><li>• During online meetings you may be asked to rename yourself on Zoom to reflect your member names</li></ul>	
	<b>Annual Report / “year in review” presentation (Sarah, Eleni)</b>	



[see PDF of presentation here](#)

Discussion

- Suggestion: Older adult playground - Franklin green?
  - Busy pickleball court - very popular with older adults

**Approval of last meeting's minutes**

[Minutes of last AGM meeting](#) (November 20, 2019)

Motion to approve

(first) Allison Ashcroft  
(second) Katie Fillion

**Bylaw Amendments**

[Updated bylaws here](#)

**See details below**

*Bylaw 1.2.1 "A member in good standing is defined as an individual or business who has registered and been a member for over 60 days (dated at the reception of registration), and not be under any sanctions of the Board."*

**Proposed amendment:**

*"1.2. Membership to the NPNA can be registered by completing the membership application form electronically on the NPNA website home page (npna.ca), **through verbal consent on a virtual meeting**, or manually on a sign-up sheet available at NPNA public meetings."*

Vote: 13 yes / 0 no

**Proposed amendment:**

*"2.1 The NPNA board is restricted to 12 elected members who are responsible for fulfilling or overseeing the following duties:...*

- *Facilitating regular Board and public meetings, **using a rotating chair model"***

Vote: 13 yes / 0 no

**Proposed amendment:**

*"3.1. An "active member" is a member in good standing who:*

- (1) Has attended at least 33% (one-third) of NPNA meetings (public and land use) ~~in the past year~~ **since the last Annual General Meeting"***

Vote: 13 yes / 0 no

**Proposed amendment:**



"4.4 A quorum of at least five (5) members in good standing, including at least three (3) Board members, **but not including the Chair (appointed that day using the rotating model), who cannot vote**, must be established in order to pass motions on Association business.

4.4.1 **The Chair may vote only to break a tie."**

Vote: 13 yes / 0 no

### Treasurer's Report, Acting Treasurer Allison Ashcroft

[View 2020 financial statement here](#)

Bylaw 5.4 "In advance of each Annual General Meeting, the NPNA's annual financial statement must be approved by the Board and signed by one or more directors to confirm that the approval was obtained. The approved financial statement must be presented to the members at each Annual General Meeting"

**Treasurer's report** - Allison, interim treasurer

- Ken Yao - 3rd party report
- Note: statement is until Oct 31 (old year-end), now transitioning to calendar year end
- Assets: mostly from grants
- Summarizes 2020 revenues and expenditures
- Employee wages paid through 3rd party grants
- No comparative financial statements
  - But have gone up 10-fold in 2020 from previous years
- The NPNA acknowledge the considerable accomplishments and dedication of Jenny Farkas' previous work

**Motion to accept report**

(first) Penny Bond

(second) Katie Fillion

### Election of Board Members

There are eleven (11) board positions up for election. Each of these positions is for a two-year term. Four incumbents are running for re-election, two active members are running for election, and one board member is continuing a two year term.

Bylaw 1.2.1 "A member in good standing is defined as an individual or business who has registered and been a member for over 60 days (dated at the reception of registration), and not be under any sanctions of the Board."



3.1 "At the Annual General Meeting, an "active member" may be nominated and/or elected to a Board position through a general vote of all members present. An "active member" is a member in good standing who:

- (1) Has attended at least 33% (one-third) of NPNA meetings (public and land use) since the last Annual General Meeting
- (2) Is interested in intensifying their volunteer involvement with the neighbourhood through the NPNA
- (3) Is willing to abide by the NPNA Code of Conduct ([Appendix A](#))
- (4) Has given prior written consent for their name to be brought forward.
- (5) Has been nominated prior to the AGM, or from the floor of the AGM by two active members."

Mid-term board members (continuing their two-year term):

- Harold Stanley

Incumbents running for re-election:

- Sean Kahil, Project Manager & Senior Software Developer.
  - Vote: 12 yes / 0 no
- Allison Ashcroft, Managing Director, Canadian Urban Sustainability Professionals (CUSP) network
  - Vote: 12 yes / 0 no
- Katie Fillion, Marketing and Communication Specialist, BC Ministry of Finance
  - Vote: 12 yes / 0 no
- Alastair McCollum, Incumbent, St. John the Divine Anglican Church
  - Vote: 12 yes / 0 no

New active member nomination:

Members can be nominated by the floor. This requires a nominator and seconder in addition to the nominees' consent before nominating. Nominations from the floor are called three times. No additional nominations are put forward.

- Darren Marr, Chartered Professional Accountant, Appeals Officer with the Canada Revenue Agency
  - Vote: 13 yes / 0 no
- Jennie Greven, Teacher, currently pursuing a Masters in Adult Education and Community Engagement focusing on leadership and social justice from the University of Victoria
  - Vote: 13 yes / 0 no



Retiring board members:

- Mel Groves
- Al Gallupe

The Board and members thank Mel Groves and Al Gallupe for their many years of dedicated and inspired leadership and service in support of the North Park neighbourhood.

## Reports

### Land Use, Land Use Chair: Harold Stanley

- Likely more development activity coming next year
- Check out results of the [October 2020 Community Values Survey](#)
- Land Use Committee - also talking about transportation and related issues around quality of life
  - 2021 - try a Jane's walk in the future, when COVID-19 situation is less restrictive

### Communications, Katie Fillion

- Follow on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook (@wearenorthpark)
- Sarah keeps NPNA website up to date
  - Newsletters
  - Including sheltering in parks web page, updated weekly
  - Sean also instrumental in updating on sheltering situation
- Eleni - land use communications and [land use planning guide](#)

### Good Neighbour Meetings Report, Penny Bond

NPNA is a signatory of three Good Neighbour Agreements (GNA):

1. Next Steps Transitional Shelter, run by Cool Aid, on Dowler Place
  - NPNA has not been required to be actively involved.
2. Island Health Sobering and Assessment Centre, on Pembroke St., in Fernwood, behind Victoria Health Unit.
  - NPNA currently does not have a liaison person.
3. 900 Block Pandora/Our Place
  - NPNA liaison: Penny Bond, Sarah Murray
    - Monthly GNA meeting, facilitated by Our Place, open to anyone wishing to attend. The purpose is to discuss concerns, plan problem-solving actions, report on projects and activities.
    - Regular attendees: Our Place, neighbourhood associations (NPNA, DRA), Island Health/The Harbour (safe consumption site), Victoria Council liaisons (North Park, Downtown), VicPD Community Resource Officer, Greater Victoria Coalition to End Homelessness, Greater Victoria Acting Together (GVAT), Congregation Emmanu-El, Central Baptist Church, St. John's Court Society.



- Occasional attendees: Local business representatives (800 – 1000 blocks Pandora), Victoria Bylaw, Fairfield-Gonzales Community Association, local residents (800 – 1000 blocks Pandora)
- Events of note since November 2019:
  - Our Place staff changes:
    - Departure of CEO, Don Evans in November, 2019; arrival of new CEO, Julian Daly, in June, 2020.
    - Former Manager of Outreach, Jordan Cooper, promoted to Director of Services
  - Usual activities are curtailed by COVID19 restrictions.
    - Outdoor courtyard renovated with tents and propane heaters to allow people to move off the street and into a warmer area during daytime. Limited numbers permitted inside for specific activities; short-stay encouraged so that others waiting outside may enter.
    - Meal service continues with increased number of serving times and fewer people/time.
    - Health services available.
    - Shower service is available for people living in tents.
  - Former “Next Steps to Employment” program, at 1627 Quadra St., in North Park, has changed its name to “Our WorkPlace”. It is continuing its skills building, coaching, job matching and “Women in Progress” activities.

#### Place of Worship updates, Penny Bond

NPNA previously has had liaison members with several places of worship within North Park. Currently, only First Metropolitan United Church has a designated liaison: Penny Bond. St. John the Divine Anglican Church is represented on the NPNA Board by the Rev. Alastair Singh-McCollum.

#### 1. First Metropolitan United Church

- FirstMet’s minister, the Rev. Shelagh McKinnon is very committed to engaging the church in community activity, and various collaborations have taken place over the past year. The “Evolving Church” team (previously known as “Weird Church”) has become quite active in the neighbourhood.
- Neighbourhood events of note since November 2019:
  - Two Evolving Church members joined the NPNA team who made and delivered sandwiches to the unhoused neighbours in Central Park. After the Central Park campsite moved to 640 Caledonia Ave. (RAP), one of those church members switched to delivering snacks to the weekly meetings held at the Caledonia location.
  - On Christmas morning, 2020, Evolving Church assembled and delivered treat bags to the unhoused neighbours at Central Park and RAP. For Easter, 2021, Evolving Church will provide Easter eggs to families with children at both Balmoral Garden Court supportive housing and recipients of NPNA grocery hampers.
  - FirstMet donated space for NPNA’s monthly public meetings from early Fall until COVID19 compelled a change to online meetings.



- Since September 2020, FirstMet has been donating space in its Fellowship Hall for NPNA's grocery hamper program. A few church members are volunteering with this program.
- Information about NPNA activities regularly appear in FirstMet's e-updates. An article about NPNA was published in the church's Spring 2021 newsletter. FirstMet made a short video about the grocery hamper program for use by both the church and NPNA.

Land Use update:

For a number of years, FirstMet has been working towards redeveloping it's the site of its hall into affordable housing. Initial collaboration with Greater Victoria Housing Society fell through. Since then, FirstMet has been working with the Property Resource Team (PRT) of the Pacific Mountain Region of the United Church of Canada. [The current head of the PRT is Don Evans, former CEO of Our Place and also former member of FirstMet.] A proposal was approved and sent to BC Housing where it remains pending, due to BC Housing's current overload. Discussions are continuing but progress is very slow.

- Recently, First Met commissioned the Halo Project, by Toronto's Sphaera Research, to assess First Met's socio-economic value to its own community. Halo Project studies suggest congregations, representing religious Canadians of all faiths, contribute an estimated \$15.5 billion a year to Canada's social economy.
  - The component of FirstMet's report that is relevant to North Park includes both FirstMet and its special relationship with its tenant, the Inter Cultural Association (ICA).
    - In summary, "Together, with its various community and ministry partners, First Metropolitan Church contributes \$15.8 million in social benefit to its surrounding community. This figure swells to \$19 million when its broader impact is accounted for and to about \$20.2 million when the secondary volunteer contributions of its members and community volunteers are factored in... And for every dollar the congregation spends, it generates \$18.46 locally in social benefit. Even when the congregation's charitable benefits are accounted for, the congregation has a combined local contribution of approximately \$15.6 million."
    - Suggestions were made as to how FirstMet and ICA might maintain aspects of the special relationship after ICA's pending move to a different location.

2. Other places of worship:

- Central Baptist Church, on Pandora Ave., and First Baptist, at Quadra and North Park St., participate in a free grocery market project in collaboration with LifeCycles. Central Baptist's Pandora market is on Mondays; First Baptist's Wednesday market is not operating currently due to COVID.

Council: Councillor Potts: unable to attend due to last minute conflict

City: Michael Hill: sends his regrets

**New business**



**953-959 Balmoral:** BC Housing is working with the City of Victoria, and the Victoria Cool Aid Society (Cool Aid), on a plan to build approximately 60 new permanent homes with support services for people who are marginalized and experiencing homelessness in Victoria. BC Housing has purchased 953 Balmoral Road, and Cool Aid owns 959 Balmoral Road. Cool Aid would operate the new building. ([mailer sent to nearby residents on March 24, 2021](#), [information sheet](#) on "positive flow, [website](#) dedicated to property)

- Unknown what the approvals process will look like
- 953 Balmoral - one of the first sites that Cool Aid Society worked out of
- Does NP have a disproportionate share of services/supportive housing in the neighbourhood?
- Trying to maintain balance of land uses and supports/services
- Better disbursement through the City might be better
- NP is disproportionately housing supportive/non-market housing
  - Also concentrated in the Pandora/Balmoral area
  - We are solutions-oriented neighbourhood

#### **Central Park prohibition on sheltering**

- Carried: *"That Council instruct the City Solicitor to bring forward bylaw amendments necessary to continue the permanent prohibition on sheltering in Centennial Square, Central Park and Cecelia Ravine Park in time for adoption prior to May 1, 2021, with the prohibition in Central Park being reviewed at a time when the 940 Caledonia Temporary Use Permit expires."*
- Question: is the understanding that it will be extended indefinitely, or will there be an expiry date in the bylaw?
  - Review will be happen at time that Tiny Home Community is no longer in operation
  - Not details about extending or ending etc. Will get clarification on wording on that

#### **Transitional Tiny Home Community at 940 Caledonia**

- Timeline? Council has made a timeline, 3 phases
- First residents moved in at the end of April
- 18-month Temporary Use Permit - Sept 2022 - Council has stated they do not intend on renewing
- Vancouver St - AAA bike lane and other pedestrian improvements
  - City has set aside 10-15k of funding for activation/parklet on Vancouver/Green St
- Question: Community advisory committee for Tiny Home Community - is it open?
  - No update - have been asking on a weekly basis
  - Ball is in Our Place court - set date for first public meeting
  - Will run on monthly basis or a bit more frequently at the beginning





**Adjourn meeting**

Motion to adjourn meeting

(first) Katie Fillion

(second) Gail Brown