

WESTON KING NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE CORPORATION

2022 AGM Tuesday, June 20, 2023 @7:00 pm.

DRAFT MINUTES

Members: Barbara Stone, Kerri Lee, Kathy Steiner, Faisal Hassan, Lang Moffat, Kenny Steir, Sylvia Keyes, Emily Daigle, Chris Daigle, Patrick Duff, Jagada Venkateswaran, Pathma Tharmatheva-Rajah, Bob Putnam, Tristan Eyles, Simone Cato, Rochell Elliston, Jean Boutot (zoom), Sally Poon (zoom), Cathy Leask (zoom)

Guests: Quinn Conlon (WKNC Drop In Manager), Kevin Middleton, Svetlana Egrova (auditor), Maria Mazzilli (City Councillor representative), Newton Skyers, Rolando Munoz, Matthew Cardoso, Thomas Woods, Sebastian Bouffard, Gerald McMaster, Catherine Moeller (Leader of the Art program), Shadia Mursal (MP Representative), Rue Yusuf (MP Representative), Steve Steffan (WKNC employee), Bryan Douthright (WKNC Employee), Kate Malisani (Crosstown Family Health Team, zoom), Mei Wang (WKNC Employee, zoom)

Regrets: Eleni Marino, Daniela Marinova

1.0 Welcome & [Land Acknowledgement](#) (Kerri Lee)

2.0 Greetings from the President (Barbara Stone)

Introduction and welcome. Happy to talk about 2022 and today is where we talk about what we did and money we spent and staff we had, etc. We will talk a little bit about 2023 but the focus is on 2022. It was a very successful year for WKNC and MDNC. We were finally able to open for indoor dining and start operating with more services again. In early 2022 we were still dealing with COVID restrictions, but we had financial support for upgrading our garden where people could safely socialize. In March we completed the installation of the air conditioning to help improve ventilation and it can now be used in the hotter months. The church helped us brighten things up with new paint. Finally in May we had outdoor dining, BBQs, outdoor garden, and activities. That area stayed open until October and the dining room opened for limited use. On Thanksgiving we celebrated our first hybrid dinner and rolled it out over the rest of the year. Christmas dinner was a great success and we moved away from throw away containers to reusable ones. We have significantly reduced our costs and the waste. We are thankful for our wonderful staff members at both sites. Quinn assumed the position of Drop in Manager and

continues to bring her compassion and unboundful cheerfulness to the team. We also welcomed Shannae through the Canada Jobs program and she stayed. We welcomed Laverne as drop in manager and she will be back as a relief worker throughout the summer. We had a great group of placement students. We were able to hire them for the summer and congratulations to them on their recent commencement. Behind the scenes, Steve keeps things clean. We had a vaccine clinic as well and our vaccine engagement program concluded at the end of 2022. We said farewell to some staff members who were able to extend their careers in the not for profit area.

Welcome to Maria from Frances Nunziata's office and welcome to Cathy from the art program. Cathy spoke about the art program that she runs. They are working on some giant puppets and they will be parading on July 8.

Welcome also to the representatives from the MPs office. Farewell to the board members who are leaving us tonight (Daniela and Iqbal). Thank you for their participation in the board. Thank you to the volunteers for all the work they do. We could not run this organization without their help. If you would like to volunteer, there is plenty to do (gardening, cleaning, serving, etc.) please talk to Quinn if you are interested. Thank you to all who contributed. Thank you to Barbara for all she does.

3.0 Guest speaker: Kate Malisani from Crosstown Family Health Team

Just down the road on Weston Road. The team started in 2011 originally at West Park Healthcare Centre. In 2018 they reached out to a lot of community agencies and people wanted something more in the community so they moved and rebranded. There are currently 6000 patients and 2000 on top of that. They work with a physician group and they are recruiting more physicians. They would then be able to take in another 1000 patients. They are outgrowing their current space. Professionals include: social worker, nurse, dietician, chiropractor. They do individual and group therapy. Focus is on preventative medicine. They offer workshops to educate (e.g. diabetes). Pain assessments from the chiropractor. Nutritionist helps with healthy eating education. Broad scope with their practice and trying to offer services to as many people as possible. They are looking for additional funding so they can increase their presence in the community. They are working on some new things - creating a garden space outside, to use for mental health and to help with food security. Could share with community agencies. Have been chatting with Quinn - brainstorming to come up with ideas of how to serve the community better. Looking at new ways to deliver health care. Please offer any suggestions or ideas that you have. Willing to try new things. Trying to do more with less. WKNC does so much with not a lot and it's incredible to see. Would like to continue collaborating and come up with new ideas. Thank you to Kate for joining us tonight.

4.0 Appointment of Secretary (Barbara Stone)

Appoint Kerri Lee to Secretary of the Board

5.0 Approval of the [2022 AGM Agenda](#)

- Kerri Lee motioned, seconded by Faisal Hassan. All in favour. Motion carried.

6.0 Approval of the [2021 AGM Minutes](#)

- Kathy Steiner motioned, seconded by Faisal Hassan. All in favour. Motion carried.

7.0 Appointment of an auditor for 2021/2022 (Truster Zweig, Raithatha LLP, Chartered Professional Accounts).

Background: We approved a different auditor at the 2021 AGM and we would like to now appoint a new auditor.

Question: What is the job of the auditor? They report to the members of the organisation who submits the income statement, balance sheet, all financial statements, then the auditor reviews everything for us and makes sure that everything reconciles. At the end of the process they sign off that the report is accurate.

- Lang Moffat motioned, seconded by Sylvia Keyes. All in favour. Motion carried.

8.0 Approval of Audited Report

Welcome to Svetlana. Thank you for appointing us as your auditors. Thank you to Sally Poon for helping to prepare the financial statements and for all the detailed work. Positive report. They are happy with the numbers. The audit only deals with the current year's financials so you can't compare to the previous year. Total income \$1,026,000 for 2022 which is up from \$774,000 in 2021. Reasons are government grants and renovation funds. Donations in kind include food measured in pounds and is calculated using government provided values. 118,000 pounds of food was donated to the organization in 2022 and 102,000 pounds in 2021. Small increase in donations from other organizations and from the public. \$13,000 raised from the public. Expenses follow the increase in income. Program expenses are supplies, renovations, computer software, etc. Expenses were \$111,000 in 2022 and \$73,000 in 2021. As a result of efficiencies and cost saving programs, the net result was more revenue than expenses by \$31,000. Profit is not expected with a not for profit but is nice to have in case it is needed in the future.

Question: When medical supplies are donated or products for people with disabilities, where is that calculated? It will be included in the donations in kind and could be under miscellaneous income. When the organization receives anything in kind, the market value of the item needs to be calculated and a donation receipt is issued and the amount is reported.

Comment from Barbara on the profit side - we overspent this year so that extra money from last year was used to cover that.

Svetlana shares a thank you to Sally Poon for all her work. Very happy to work with WKNC and it is a great team to work with.

Sally mentioned that the food increased a lot because the cost of food has increased (inflation).

Does the city fund the inflation? They have increased funding for one program but cut for others. Prior to the recent increase, we saw no increase for years and we had to reapply for our funding. Now we will not expect to see an increase for another 3-4 years.

Question from Maria: Do we do fundraising? No - we mainly do grant writing and reaching out to corporate donors. We don't have the people power to spend time on fundraising initiatives as our time is better spent applying for grants.

Question: Is this the type of space that the city has to fund? No, they do not have to fund us. What is the funding contingent on? Staff reach out and request funds. We need to look for more funders but we do have funding from all 3 levels of government currently (e.g. Canada Summer Jobs from the Federal Government, province funded some renovations).

Loblaws on Weston Road gives some funds. Central United Church shares funds as well.

- Sally Poon motioned, seconded by Faisal Hassan. All in favour. Motion carried.

9.0 Appointment of an auditor for 2022/2023 (Truster Zweig, Raithatha LLP, Chartered Professional Accounts)

The board is very happy with our current auditor and we are recommending that we continue using this auditor for 2023

- Kathy Steiner motioned, seconded by Bob Putnam. All in favour. Motion carried.

10.0 Election of 2022/2023 Board of Directors (Jean-Marie Boutot, Simone Cato, Rochell Elliston, Faisal Hassan, Kerri Lee, Eleni Marino, Lang Moffat, Sally Poon, Kathy Steiner, Kenny Steir, Barbara Stone)

We have a group of 11 people willing to stand as directors of the board. Please stand or speak up on zoom for a moment (introductions are made).

- Bob Putnam motioned, seconded by Sylvia Keyes. All in favour. Motion carried.

11.0 Motion fo approve acts of the Directors

Resolved that all acts, payments, and proceedings of Directors and Officers of the Corporation since its last Annual General Meeting as set out in the minutes of the meetings of the Directors be approved and confirmed.

- Bob Putnam motioned, seconded by Emily Daigle. All in favour. Motion carried.

12.0 Close meeting

Please share our annual report with your friends and others in the community. We are proud of how many meals and grocery bags we are able to provide. Also proud of our advocacy program and we have some funds to continue that. There is much need in the community.

Message from Councillor Nunziata read aloud by Maria Mazzilli:

Dear Weston King Neighborhood Centre Board of Directors,

I would like to extend my greetings and apologies for not being able to be present for this evening's Annual General Meeting. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for your dedication and tireless efforts in making the Weston and Mt. Dennis Community a better place. Your hard work and commitment to the community should be celebrated, so I would like everyone to please give yourselves a round of applause. Through your work you have made a tangible impact on the lives of countless individuals. Whether it's assisting with food security, housing support, skills development or community outreach your unwavering support has brought hope, joy, and relief to many. Your actions have not only improved the well being of individuals but have also fostered a stronger, more connected community.

Message from representatives from MP Ahmed Hussen's office:

The federal government is committed to making life more affordable. Inflation is down and still dropping. Many Canadians still face higher grocery store costs. Cost of living Bill C46 is in Parliament now and once it passes should help to make life more affordable for Canadians. Grocery rebate is also coming to Canadians soon.

Please be sure to read page 10 of the annual report where we acknowledge our partners and donors. We have even more partners in 2023 which we will speak about at the 2023 AGM.

Has anyone asked if Loblaws could match the donations they collect for us? No, but that suggestion can be made.

Emily: There is a bill in the federal government that helps people with disabilities. Are we working to get some of that funding for our clients who have disabilities? Quinn will chat with members about that. We are connecting with our networks to help advocate for people with disabilities.

Quinn: Thank the partners and welcome to new board members, volunteers. Thank you also to our members who are here. It has been a challenging year. Thank you for all being here.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.