



**VWCA BOARD MINUTES May 28, 2019
7:00 P.M. at the Victoria West Community Centre**

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Lekwungen, also known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.

Attendance: Justine Semmens, Mike Medland, Sean Dance, John Mullane, Amanda Allan, Laura Floyd, Andrew Gow, Supriya Crocker,

Regrets: Dar Purewall

1. Call to Order
2. May 28th Meeting was called to order by Justine Semmens at 7:04
3. Adoption of agenda

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the May 28th Agenda be adopted with amendments**.*

**** Motion:** that the board approve the final copy of the VWCA logo.

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Motion: *that the board write a formal letter to Carole James, thanking her for her visit.*

Motion: *that the board draft a letter to City of Victoria, with concerns regarding the closure of the east-bound lane of the Bay Street Bridge.*

4. Approval of March 26, 2019 Board meeting minutes

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the March 26, 2019 VWCA Board Meeting minutes, with amendments**, be approved. Carried.*

5. Approval of March 26, 2019 COTW minutes

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the March 26, 2019 COTW minutes be approved. Carried.*

6. Constituency Office of Carole James:

A. Jared Butcher (Constituency assistant to MLA Carole James)

- Enjoyed visiting the community centre.

Motion: *Moved by John Mullane that the board write a formal letter to Carole James, thanking her for her visit. Carried.*

City of Victoria Reports:

B. Andrea Hudson (Director of Community Engagement) and Derek Newman (Assistant Director, Facilities Management, Parks): Engagement plans for completion to Songhees Park

- Community is unhappy with current design
- Need for shade and features designed to promote socializing.

C. Michael Hill (Community Development Coordinator, City of Victoria)

- Economic hardships to local businesses
- Health concerns (Ambulances)

- inability to conduct regular appointments
- Bridge raising schedule should be amended

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the board draft a letter to City of Victoria, with concerns regarding the closure of the east-bound lane of the Bay Street Bridge. Carried.*

7. Executive reports:

- President
- Vice president

Motion: *Moved by Supriya Crocker that the board approve the final version of the VWCA logo. Carried.*

- Secretary

Applicants for VWCA membership: Debbie Smollett (Springfield Street); Veronique Plante (Wilson Street); Kemal Evci (friend of the VWCA); Jaclyn Wong (friend of the VWCA); Kathryn Camfield (Tyee Road).

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that those applicants for VWCA membership be approved and received into the membership roll. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that those applicants for VWCA friends membership be approved and received into the membership roll. Carried.*

- Treasurer: VCAN letter to City of Victoria re: OCP
VCAN minutes from April and May

Motion: *Moved By Mike Medland that the VWCA amends the budget additional funding to payroll in order to provide additional hours for the program coordinator and the volunteer coordinator. Carried.*

Background to the motion: *The City of Victoria in its fiscal 2019 budget has provided an additional \$21,303 for each community centre.*

Motion: *Moved By Mike Medland carried that the VWCA board approves Habip Kemal Evci (non-resident) and Leila Salarpour (non-resident) as new members of the VWCA Finance Committee. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that March 2019 Financial Statements be received. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that executive reports be received. Carried.*

8. Committee reports:

- **Executive:** Approved April Minutes
- **Finance:** Approved minutes from February, April
- **Food Security Collective:** Report from CGVC
- **Land use:** Letter to City of Victoria re: Focus Equities MDA
- **Parks and Environment:** letter to the City of Victoria re: enforcement of liveaboard boats in the Gorge waterway
-discussed need to look into ways to mitigate possible displacement of community members who contravene the bylaw.

Motion: *Moved By John Mullane that the VWCA board of directors endorse and sign a letter to the City of Victoria regarding the liveaboard vessel bylaw vis liveaboard vessels in the Gorge waterway. Carried.*

- **Governance:**
- **Harbours:**
- **Projects and events:**
- **Transportation:**

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that committee and project reports be received. Carried.*

9. Report from Megan Haggerty, Secretary, Victoria West Elementary School Parent Advisory Council (PAC)

*PAC will send a representative three or four times to report relevant business to the board.
PAC invites reciprocal relationship.*

10. Questions/comments from the floor

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment

Motion: *Moved By Justine Semmens that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*