



**VWCA BOARD (DRAFT) Minutes October 29, 2019  
7:00 P.M. at the Victoria West Community Centre**

***With humility and gratitude, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather as guests 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, Andrew Gow, Amanda Allan, Veronique Plante, Sean Dance, Laura Floyd, John Mullane  
Regrets: Supriya Crocker, Dar Purewall

1. Call to Order - By Justine Semmens at 7:05PM
2. Adoption of agenda

**Motion:** *Moved by Justine Semmens that the October 29th, 2019 VWCA Board Agenda with amendments be approved. Carried.*

*\*\* Move Treasurer's Report to before President.*

3. Approval of September 24 Board meeting minutes

**Motion:** *Moved by Justine Semmens that the September 24, 2019 VWCA Board Meeting minutes be approved. Carried.*

**4. City of Victoria Reports:**

- A. Jeremy Loveday (Councilor Liaison, City of Victoria)
  - 2020 Budget, Vic West Land-Use issues, Equity Lens in Council
- B. Derrick Newman (City of Victoria) Johnson Street Bridge Westside Greenspace update
- C. Amelia Potvin (Outreach coordinator, Engineering and Public Works) Kimta Road Corridor Improvements
- D. Michael Hill (Community Development Coordinator, City of Victoria)

5. Executive reports:

- Treasurer: August financial statements

**Motion:** *Moved by Mike Medland that August 2019 Financial Statements be received. Carried.*

**Motion:** *Moved by Mike Medland that the 2019-20 VWCA budget be approved. Carried.*

- President

**Motion for resolution:** *whereas the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) (2015) recommendation that municipal governments in Canada "fully adopt and implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) as the framework for reconciliation" intuitively a similar call to action for community organizations, be it resolved that with a spirit of humility and gratitude, the VWCA board of directors joins local community efforts to seek reconciliation with the Lekwungen peoples on whose land we recognize we reside, to open our organization to new and renewed opportunities for indigenous-settler engagements insofar as the Lekwungen desire, and to provide opportunities for education to the settler population of our community to learn about the rich indigenous history in these lands, the impacts of colonization and the actions and initiatives in which settler-Canadians can participate. Carried.*

**Motion for resolution:** *whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report from October 2018 has concluded that current and future trends in global warming point to catastrophic human and ecological disaster unless immediate measures to mitigate fossil fuel consumption and enact carbon sequestration are taken, and whereas civic, regional, provincial and territorial governments, as well as the government of Canada, have declared a climate emergency, be it resolved that the VWCA Board of Directors acknowledges that we are in the midst of a climate emergency and that the board directs staff, committees and chairs, and VWCA volunteers to prioritize the reduction of our carbon footprint and encourage projects and activities that increase awareness and stewardship of the ecological health of our community. Carried.*

- Vice president:
- Secretary

**Applicants for VWCA membership:** James Aitken (Henry Street); Char Vopnfjord (Springfield Street), Carol Greenaway (Kimta Road)

**Motion:** *Moved by Dar Purewall that these applicants for VWCA membership be approved and received into the membership roll. Carried.*

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

6. Committee reports:

- **Executive:** approved minutes
- **Finance:** approved minutes
- **Food Security Collective:**
- **Land use:**
- **Parks and Environment:** Veronique to contact Grant about Banfield Parks plan.
- **Governance:** Membership Definition, farewell to Nan Judd, welcome to Nihad McBride. Develop additional guidelines.
- **Harbours:**
- **Projects and events:**
- **Transportation:**

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

7. Volunteer & Staff Appreciation Night – February

8. Questions/comments from the floor

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

**Motion:** *Moved by Justine Semmens that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15PM*