

**Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 7 pm – 9 pm**  
**The Old Barn Community Centre, 6308 Thunderbird Blvd. Vancouver, BC**

*Meeting called to order at 7:06pm. Quorum was achieved.*

Richard Alexander, UNA Chair, welcomed residents to the AGM and introduced the UNA directors:

- Richard Alexander, elected resident director
- Laura Cottle, elected resident director
- Charles Menzies, elected resident director
- Ying Zhou, elected resident director
- Sabrina Zhang, elected resident director
- Carole Jolly, UBC appointed director

**Regrets:**

- Andrew Parr, UBC appointed director
- Kathleen Simpson, AMS appointed director

**In attendance:**

- Jan Fialkowski, *UNA Executive Director*
- Calvin Cheung, *UNA Director of Operations and Risk Management*
- Andrew Clements, *UNA Programs Manager*
- Serena Hayes, *UNA Finance Manager*
- John Tompkins, *Editor, The Campus Resident*

**Special Guests:**

Stuart Mackenzie, Director, *Financial Reporting, UBC Finance*

Kate Norris, Auditor, *Johnsen Archer LLP*

Raymundo Escalona, *candidate for resident director*

Rose (Wei) Wang, *candidate for resident director*

Ali Mojdehi, *candidate for resident director*

David Borins, *Borins & Company, Barrister & Solicitor*

Spencer Keys, *Borins & Company, Barrister & Solicitor*

**A. Business of the Annual General Meeting**

**1. Motion to accept the agenda**

**MOVED BY Garry Gibson of Hampton Place THAT the 2016 AGM Agenda be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**2. Motion to Accept Minutes from the 2015 AGM**

**MOVED BY Gary Gibson, Hampton Place, THAT the Minutes of the 2015 AGM be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**3. Items arising from the minutes**

There was none.

**4. Chair's Annual Report**

Richard Alexander, Chair

Received.

**a. Question & Answer Period**

**John Frostad, Hampton Place:** What is the reasoning behind the speed reduction on 16<sup>th</sup> avenue?

**Answer:** The reduction from 70km/hour to 50km/hour was made as 16<sup>th</sup> Ave crosses into a school route, particularly the Walking School Bus program route. 70km/hour does not meet acceptable school standards, therefore a speed reduction was implemented to create a safer environment for children and families walking to school.

**Gary Gibson, Hampton Place:** Thank you to the UNA for services to the community over the years.

**Kathy Griffiths, Hampton Place:** What are the ongoing discussion with MoTi?

**Answer:** MoTi typically speaks to the UNA and UBC regarding road issues. But as there have been successful discussions with the province regarding the new fire tax, there is an expectation that MoTi will listen and be more helpful in our community.

**5. Treasurer's Report & Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements March 31, 2016**

Ying Zhou, Treasurer

Stuart Mackenzie, UBC Director of Financial Reporting

Received.

**a. Financial Question & Answer Period**

**Charles Menzies, Hawthorn Place:** Is it legal to use Access Reserve to pay for Fire Services?

**Answer:** The Fire Services fee is not part of the 2015 financial audit. However, \$250,000 of the Fire Services fee will be paid through the Rate Stabilization Reserve, which is the appropriate reserve to draw from; this was approved by the UNA Board of Directors. The remaining \$250,000 will be covered by UBC. The payment will not come from the Access Reserve.

**Gary Gibson, Hampton Place:** UNA residents pay the same taxes as the City of Vancouver (COV), but the COV does not pay an additional police or fire tax. Is that correct?

**Answer:** UNA and the COV residents pay the same property taxes for properties of equal assessment. There is no additional line item for police or fire in the COV property taxes. In some municipalities, the police and fire tax is managed through the general property tax, or it can be shown explicitly, like in the City of Richmond. No homeowner in the UNA will see an increase in their property taxes.

**b. Motion to Appoint 2016-17 Auditor**

**MOVED BY Charles Menzies of Hawthorn Place, THAT the UNA membership appoints Chartered Accountants Johnsen Archer LLP to audit the financial statements of the University Neighbourhoods Association for its fiscal year ending March 31, 2017**  
**CARRIED.**

**B. Presentations**

**1. UNA Bylaw Amendments, BC Societies Act Compliance, David Borins, Borins & Company, Barrister & Solicitor**

**a. Question & Answer Period**

**Charles Menzies, Hawthorn Place:** Will there be any broader consultation for the new bylaws?

**Answer:** The UNA has planned to have broader consultation with the its members before the draft bylaws will be sent to the membership for approval.

**Charles Menzies, Hawthorn Place:** There is the issue of appointed members who have a vote, but it would better if they could have a voice without a vote.

**Answer:** By the current Constitution and Bylaws, all Directors are entitled to vote.

**2. Provincial Fire Services Costs**

Richard Alexander, Chair

**a. Questions & Answer Period**

**Gary Gibson, Hampton Place:** How will the fire protection costs paid? Will they come from the Rate Stabilization Reserve or the Services Levy?

**Answer:** In 2016, the offsetting cost reductions could not be implemented. Therefore, \$250,000 of the fire services costs will be taken from the Rate Stabilization Reserve. Within the 5-year plan, this is the only time the Rate Stabilization Reserve will be used. In future years, it will be paid through the Services Levy.

**Gary Gibson, Hampton Place:** How does the UEL pay for the fire tax?

**Answer:** The UEL, although it is an unincorporated land as well, was created through a special provincial act. The UEL, which is managed by the province, does not follow the same tax structure as the UNA. The UEL pays a higher general tax than the UNA (0.56 vs. 0.82). The higher mill rate includes the cost of fire.

**Alex Volkoff, Hawthorn Place:** How can UBC cover the \$250,000 without reducing their services?

**Answer:** UBC, UBC Properties Trust and UBC Athletics have committed to reducing their costs without reducing services.

**Raymundo Escalona, Hampton Place:** In the 5-year fiscal plan, can you provide examples of where the UNA can improve revenue?

**Answer:** Staff have a plan to increase revenue through the community centres by increasing program registration, memberships to the fitness centres and by increasing facility rentals.

#### C. General Question & Answer Period

**John Frostad, Hampton Place:** Is there any concern that there is a low attendance at this AGM?

**Answer:** The low turnout may be a result of having no mailing because of the threatened postal strike and because there was no special business that required the approval of the membership.

#### D. 2016 Election Results

The voting results are as follows:

- Alexander, Richard – 146 votes
- Escalona, Raymundo – 113 votes
- Wang, Rose (Wei) – 226 votes
- Mojdehi, Ali – 79 votes

The three candidates with the highest numbers of votes are elected to the UNA Board of Directors for a period of 2 years.

#### E. Motion to adjourn at 8:57pm by Ali Mojdehi

**CARRIED.**