

# GRANTHAMS WHARF ASSOCIATION (GWA)

## Annual General Meeting (Via Zoom)

12 Dec 2020, 4pm – 6pm

### **BOARD ATTENDANCE:**

Tony Bonnici, Nicky Grafton, Cheryl Malmo, Chris Robertson, Ann Oosterhuis

**Regrets:** Mike Bothma

### **PARTICIPANTS:**

- Approximately 40 members of the GWA participated on the Zoom call.

### **DISCUSSIONS:**

#### **General:**

- Tony Bonnici reviewed the Zoom process with participants and provided an update on wharf maintenance and some of the issues facing the wharf, i.e. new wheels and rollers and the need for appropriate nylon connectors.
- Tony also gave an update on membership which has seen steady growth over the last year.

#### **Financials:**

- Nicky Grafton provided a review of the financials for 2019.
- Ann Oosterhuis provided an update on the financials for 2020 as per the handout provided to the membership.

#### **Fundraising:**

- Cheryl Malmo provided an update on fundraising related to the Jan Poynter paintings, which are still available for purchase, and the impacts to fundraising as a result of the pandemic (no summer barbecue or Anne Wheeler movie showing)

#### **Other:**

- There was some general discussion on the matter of what defines a household
- An online poll of the members resulted in:
  - 44% or 15 being satisfied with the definition
  - 29% or 10 not satisfied with the definition
  - 26% uncertain
- It was agreed that the board would research the policy definition further.

#### **Board of Directors:**

- Nicky introduced the current Board of Directors and their wish to continue as directors. Others can also join the board so nominations are encouraged.
- Support for the Directors will be solicited via an online poll.

**Wharf Gate:**

- Tony provided an update on the gate issue and some of the challenges that emerged this past year due to the pandemic. i.e. Crowding and partying on the wharf, lack of social distancing, non-members or outsiders using the dock, to gate or not to gate, costs of a gate, implications of a gate etc.
- A quick zoom poll was taken and 76% of the participants were in favor of a gate.
- A more comprehensive poll would be taken for the membership.
- Information will be distributed in the next few days for the membership to respond to and provide more detailed feedback on the gate issue.
- Emily Cook and others raised concerns about the feasibility of a gate since the GWA is a charitable organization... this needs to be investigated further.

**808 Marine Drive:**

- Robin from the Grantham's Heritage Lodge provided an update on the renovations.
- Leslie and Doug field questions related to improved parking, septic system, matters related to it being a commercial property, amendment's to the development permit, landscaping, four suites in main building and one in the beachfront cabin, wharf access for users, support of the GWA by the owners of the lodge, use of Post Office space by GWA members.

**Adjournment:**

- The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm