

# Granthams Wharf Association

## AGM 2023 – Minutes

12 November 2023 at Granthams Community Hall

After all the GWA members in attendance enjoyed a potluck supper together, Cheryl Malmo welcomed them (approx 20) and introduced the 2023 board, consisting of herself, Ann Oosterhuis, Lorelei Pepi, Chris Robertson and Janet Young. An appreciative round of applause was given to Cheryl and Chris who are retiring from the board this year.

### **1. GWA board 2024**

Cheryl introduced the new board members: Tony Bonnici, Vicki Bonnici and Katherine Wilton.

They will join returning members Ann, Lorelei and Janet

Chris moved a motion to accept the new board. The motion was seconded by Lee Turnbull and given unanimous approval. The duties of new members will be decided at a future meeting.

### **2. Financial report**

Ann presented the 2022 financial report and the 2023 interim report.

- In 2022, the organization had an operating deficit of \$3,835.36
- So far in 2023 (Jan 1 – Nov 9), the GWA has an operating surplus of \$202.91
- The GWA operating balance as of Nov. 9 was \$15,772.90

Janet moved that the report be accepted, Lorelei seconded the motion and approval was unanimous.

### **3. Wharf report**

Tony, one of our maintenance officers in 2023, noted that the floats are getting old and could require expensive repairs within the next 10 years. He urged us to keep in mind that the wharf capital cost fund of \$12,000 is not really sufficient.

Some repairs will be required this spring as the overhead beam at the entrance to the ramp is out of position. He displayed a half-scale model of the steel structure that will be created to strengthen it and demonstrated how it will be affixed to the beam. He also noted that the metal flange that connects the wharf to the dolphin needs to be replaced or repaired. The board has already approved those proposed expenditures. Tony said the pier is otherwise in good shape and the dolphin was fortified a few years ago. Nevertheless, the board has purchased a “Use at Your Own Risk” sign to go up on or near the dolphin.

Cheryl noted that the idea of turning the wharf over to the SCRD – which was considered briefly when the board’s future appeared in jeopardy – **could possibly result in the wharf being closed** as happened with the Hopkins Landing wharf this past summer.

#### **4. Watercraft rack report**

Janet said that usage of the rack has diminished this year and it was a challenge to ensure everyone storing a watercraft had paid their membership dues plus the \$50 storage fee. There are still three watercraft that have been left by persons unknown. Janet attached signs to two of them advising that payment is required, but has had no response. She suggested that a sign be created next year making it clear that only GWA members who have paid their membership and storage fees are allowed to leave watercraft on-site. After that, abandoned watercraft will be removed and disposed of.

#### **5. Historical panels report**

Chris advised that the Squamish have reviewed a draft of our panel outlining the First Nations history in this area and made some edits but it still hasn’t been given final approval. Until that happens, we cannot proceed with the panel. Although Chris is retiring from the board, he said he would continue to work on this project and will see it through to the end.

#### **6. Fundraising report**

Cheryl advised that the GWA is still trying to sell the cards and prints with images created by Jan Poynter but there’s been little uptake recently. Jan offered to display them at her home during the Art Crawl and managed to sell 10 boxes and gave the GWA \$200. The GWA has also taken cards to One Flower One Leaf where they will be available for sale, but the shop will keep a percentage of the proceeds. She also noted that the board is considering making Granthams Wharf T-shirts for its next fundraiser and One Flower One Shop would be willing to sell them.

#### **7. Membership report**

Lorelei said we have 180 households on our membership list, with 289 individuals. The number of paid households is 56, which is 29 per cent. There was a discussion about whether the fee should be increased as it’s been \$50 for many years. Alternatively, should there be a more concerted effort next year to convince members to pay. It was suggested the price could be increased (and a T-shirt given to paid members) and/or every person in a household could be asked to pay individually.

## **8. Members Q & A**

The discussion that followed focused on ways of raising money and the frustration of seeing many non-members using the wharf.

Meeting adjourned and was followed by several games of bingo.

### **Action Items**

1. "Use at Your Own Risk" sign to go up on or near the dolphin
2. Make a sign making it clear that only GWA members who have paid their membership and storage fees are allowed to leave watercraft on-site, and that abandoned watercraft will be removed.
3. Consider making Granthams Wharf T-shirts for its next fundraiser and One Flower One Shop would be willing to sell them.
4. Discuss suggestions that the price could be increased (and a T-shirt given to paid members) and/or every person in a household could be asked to pay individually.