

**Annual General Meeting of the
Grand River Community Health Centre
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 5:00 pm

Members attending: Sonia Hayer, Roger Ma, Ryan Martens, Jeanette Pickett Pierce, Jennifer Pelchat, France Vaillancourt, Edward Vance,

Staff: Peter Szota (Executive Director), Carrie Innes Olah (recording secretary)

Guests: Shawna Bray, Ray Bryan, Trudi Collins, Suzanne Consoli, Melissa Cummings, Samantha Dykstra, Rachel Goodland, Tricia Gutierrez, Catlin Harvey, Brad Kidder, Samantha Moberly, Marie Ramsay, Megan Raudnask, Kim Sheehan, Rhoda Williams, Andrew Worotniuk, Colleen Youngs

Chair: Jenn Pelchat

		ITEM	PRESENTER	ACTION
5:07 pm	1	<p>Welcome & Opening Remarks</p> <p>Hello everyone. Thank you for joining us. I'm Peter Szota, Executive Director of the Grand River Community Health Centre. On behalf of our Board Chair Jenn Pelchat, the Board of Directors, and the entire staff of GRCHC, I would like to welcome you to our Annual General Meeting</p>	P. Szota	RECORD
5:15 pm	2	<p>Land Acknowledgement</p>	J. Pelchat	RECORD
5:09 pm	3	<p>E.D. – Highlights of the Year and Looking Ahead (notes attached to the master of the minutes)</p> <p>Thank you to the staff and volunteers and the volunteer Board of directors.</p>	P. Szota	RECORD
5:17 pm	4	<p>Introduction of Guest Speaker</p> <p>Today we are very pleased to have Denise Davy a nationally recognized award-winning journalist and author of 'Her Name Was Margaret – Life and Death on the Streets'. Denise worked at the Hamilton Spectator for 26 years where she won numerous awards, including a National Newspaper Award. She was twice named Journalist of the Year by the Ontario Newspaper Association. She is also the recipient of national journalism fellowships. Denise's book explores the tragic life of a homeless woman and exposes the flawed plan that led to today's homelessness epidemic.</p> <p>Please join me in welcoming Denise Davy.</p>	P. Szota	RECORD
	5	<p>Presentation- Author Denise Davy</p> <p>Denise Davy provided a presentation regarding the homelessness epidemic and how the current system is not working.</p> <p>The community of Medicine Hat Alberta announced in June 2020 that it has eliminated homelessness. Medicine Hat uses a Housing First program, which tries to immediately place unsheltered people in long-term housing before trying to resolve mental health and addiction problems. The Medicine Hat program is modeled after the Finland Housing First program that has also greatly reduced Finland's homelessness.</p>		RECORD

		10-20% of homeless individuals are chronically homeless and are the toughest people to reach. Communities need to look at forms of housing that work for homeless people. Communities need to be more creative, shelters are not for everyone.		
	6	Thanking Denise Davy Thank Denise.	P. Szota	RECORD
5:54 pm	7	Introductions Thank you, Peter. It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair this past year and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the rest of the 2021-22 Board of Directors. Sonia Hayer Roger Ma Ryan Martens Jeanette Pickett Pierce France Vaillancourt Eddy Vance Thank you all for your service to the organization and the community over the past year.	J. Pelchat	RECORD
5:55 pm	8	Voting Proxies A quorum for the AGM consists of a majority of members present or by proxy. No proxies have been received. Voting on the following motions will be by a show of hands of the corporate members, which are the current 2021-22 board members.	J. Pelchat	RECORD
5:55 pm	9	Approval of Minutes from September 22, 2021 Could I have a motion: TO approve the Minutes of the GRCHC Annual General Meeting of September 22, 2021. Motion by: F Vaillancourt Second: R. Martens	J. Pelchat	RECORD
5:55 pm	10	Auditor's Report (Annual Report attached to master of the minutes) The auditor's report was presented at the June 1, 2022, Board Meeting and approved by the Board of Directors. Highlights of the report were included in the Annual Report and a copy of the full audited statements is available on the GRCHC website and was pre-distributed to members. S. Dykstra, Millards Professional Accountants, provided a brief review of the statements and indicated that a clean audit report was issued again this year. There were no questions regarding the Audited Financial Statements. Could I have a motion: TO approve the auditor's report for the year ending March 31, 2022. Moved by: R. Martens Seconded by: S. Hayer	J. Pelchat S. Dykstra J. Pelchat	RECORD RECORD

		GRCHC receives back office financial services from Compass Community Health so I would also like to take this opportunity to thank April Rokholm and the rest of the finance team at Compass for their support.		
6:01 pm	11	<p>Process for Appointment of Auditor</p> <p>At this point, we officially appoint the auditor for the next year.</p> <p>I'll make the following motion: MOTION: That the members confirm Millards Chartered Professional Accountants as auditor for the year ending March 31, 2023. Moved by: J. Pelchat Seconded by: E. Vance</p>	J. Pelchat	RECORD
5:55 pm	12	<p>Election of Board of Directors</p> <p>I would like to ask Eddy Vance to present the nominations report and voting for board candidates.</p> <p>The GRCHC Board of Directors is comprised of 13 members. With the completion of terms of service for directors and vacancies on the Board, the nominations committee confirms that there are eight positions on the Board of Directors to be filled.</p> <p>The following slate of candidates is presented for nomination to the Board of Directors:</p> <p>Raymond Bryan Trudi Collins Melissa Cummings Andrew Worotniuk France Vaillancourt Eddy Vance</p> <p>Could I have a motion: THAT nomination for the Board of Directors be closed Moved by: J. Pelchat Seconded by: J. Pickett Pierce</p> <p>Could I have a motion: THAT the members elect Melissa Cummings to the GRCHC Board of Directors for a one-year term, Trudi Collins to the GRCHC Board of Directors for a two-year term, and Raymond Bryan and Andrew Worotniuk to the GRCHC Board of Directors each for a three-year term, and France Vaillancourt and Eddy Vance, who are eligible for re-election, to a three-year term</p> <p>Moved by: J. Pelchat Seconded by: R. Martens Thank you to everyone who participated in the nomination process.</p>	<p>J. Pelchat</p> <p>E. Vance</p> <p>E. Vance</p> <p>E. Vance</p>	<p>RECORD</p> <p>RECORD</p> <p>RECORD</p>

6:03 pm	13	Conclusion/adjournment of AGM That concludes our AGM. We will begin our first meeting of the 2022-23 Board of Directors. Guests are welcome to stay and observe the meeting, and for those who are leaving at this time... thank you again.	J. Pelchat	RECORD
		Start of Board Meeting		