

Canadian Society for Organic Urban Land Care Annual General Meeting October 22, 2019



Call for recognition of First Nations and Indigenous lands we each are on to begin the meeting
(You can find a link to a native land map on the SOUL soil and land resource page.

https://organiclandcare.ca/resources_soil)

MINUTES

Meeting began on time at 7:30 pm EST or 4:30 pm Pacific

Attendance: Voting Members: Nick Johnson NJ, Calgary (*Sequida land*), David Greig DG (*Esquamo and Essage land*), Christina Nikolic CN – Victoria (*Lekwungen/ Songhees land*), Astrid Muschalla AM – Kingston (*Haudenosaunee and Onondaga land*), Julia Dupuis JD – Missouri (*Sioux , Osage land*), Michael Hermary MH – Duncan (*Lekwungen/ Songhees land*), Sundaura Alford-Purvis SA – Ottawa (*Algonquin, Huron/Wendat, Mohawk, Anishinabewaki, Iroquois land*), Chris Morrison CM – Fergus (*6 Nations - Haudenosaunee, Odawa, Anishinabewaki land*), Rochelle Eisen - (*Sylx Tmix land*) Kathy Giclin - St. Albert, Alberta (*Michif Piyii land*) .

QUORUM of 10% reached.

Recognition of First Nations land we each are on began the meeting.

1. Approval of 2018 Minutes

CN moved to accept

-2nd AM

CARRIED

2. Approval of 2019 Agenda - Error noted, that at the board meeting following the AGM of 2018 the elected officer for vice-president position was David Grieg.

MH moved to accept with the amendment

-2nd DG

CARRIED

3. Reports

a. Annual Report by Executive Director SA – go to link:

<https://www.organiclandcare.ca/resources/Documents/AGM%20Materials/ED%20Report%20for%202019%20AGM.pdf>

Discussion: re regenerative vs organic – a wider subject for discussion that needs to be addressed.

b. Membership Report – SA

Exam Applications (6)

Active members (45)

c. Treasurers Report by MH – go to link:

<https://organiclandcare.ca/resources/Documents/AGM%20Materials/workbook%20for%20financial%20>

[report.pdf](#)

Vital financial support from Gaia College is thankfully received – see MOU link:

<https://organiclandcare.ca/resources/Documents/AGM%20Materials/Memorandum%20of%20Understanding%20SOUL%20and%20Gaia%20College.pdf>

SOUL is actively looking forward to more support with fundraising in the coming year.

Discussion: Change gross assets to gross assets received.

AM moved to accept

CM 2nd

CARRIED

4. Election of Directors

All positions are held vacant at the end of the year. The following have agreed to stand, with thanks. We thank Christina Nikolic for her many years of steady service since the beginning of SOUL. A call for any additional nominees was made.

CM has nominated Nick Johnson NJ, Calgary for the board.

DG -2nd

CARRIED

Director	Office	Agreed to Stand
Michael Hermary	Treasurer	Yes
Astrid Muschalla	Secretary	Yes
Nick Johnson	Director at Large	Yes
Chris Morrison	President	Yes
David Greig	Vice-President	Yes
Julia Dupuis	Director at Large	Yes

5. New AGM date

As SOUL is now a Canadian registered non-profit organization, the AGM will need to be scheduled within 6 months of the fiscal year end of Dec. 31.

MH - Moved to hold next AGM on Tuesday, March 3 at 7:30 EST / 4:30 Pacific as per bylaws

AM -2nd

CARRIED

6. Public Accountant

Since SOUL does not issue charitable donation receipts, SOUL is exempt from the requirement for a Public Accountant to prepare financial statements for the next year. A financial compilation will be prepared by the treasurer with staff and made available to members as per the Canadian Federal Not-For-Profit Act.

RE - Moved to waive the requirement for a Public Accountant to prepare financial statements for the next year.

NJ -2nd

CARRIED

7. Call for New Business

a) RE – Nov. 20 strategic planning session for COG – has SOUL been invited? Astrid to reach out to COG’s ED to attend.

b) CM – commenting in retrospective over the past 17 years, that what SOUL has done is quite an achievement! SOUL has been at the forefront in providing education, knowledge, and skills in an arena where not much outside of the conventional landscape sector exists, including higher learning institutions. Heide Hermary, Micheal Hermary, Rochelle Eisen, and Christina Nikolic all need to be recognized as being very instrumental in getting SOUL to this place, and we sincerely thank them and can honour them by our work and actions and continuing to grow SOUL.

c) Print materials are available for promotion.

8. Adjournment

MH - Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm

-2nd RE

CARRIED