

2022 Friends of Garibaldi Park Society  
Annual General Meeting and November Open Board Meeting Agenda

**Date: Tuesday November 1, 2022 at 7pm**

**Via Google Meet:**

**In Attendance**

Taryn Eyton  
Greg Smolyn  
Jagwinder Singh  
Meghan Joycey  
Vanessa Roth  
Suk Soos  
Alexandra Piros  
Carlyle Machinski  
Monika Bittel  
Emily Freer  
Char Joyce  
Rob Hasenwinkle

**Regrets:**

Sierra Searing

## Agenda:

Some news shared.

Jay MacArthur passed away on October 12, 2022 after a year of fighting cancer. He was on the Advocacy Committee but has done a lot of work in the Lower Mainland for the Outdoor Community.

Service for Jay on Saturday, November 5, at 2pm at the North Shore Alliance Church.

1. Approval of October meeting minutes
  - a. Minutes Approved
2. Call for additional agenda items
  - a. No new agenda items
3. Treasurer update and financial reports - Megan
  - a. We have a bit of a deficit that we need to take care of and we need to address if we are going to do member fees, but that will be addressed later this meeting.
  - b. Deficit of \$300, some money currently in bank but that has to go towards current bills and paying out some volunteers.

- c. Megan shared the financial document and the executive team will go over it and decide on whether or not we vote on doing membership fees next meeting. If we do have people pay for memberships, then they will have the ability to vote.
    - i. You can find that link here:
      - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S\\_WIMc-ulrBuVhGvr9fVVFTAS877IEok3bsxL1A0ZKq/edit#gid=731451823](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1S_WIMc-ulrBuVhGvr9fVVFTAS877IEok3bsxL1A0ZKq/edit#gid=731451823)
- 4. Election of new members of the board of directors. Friends of Garibaldi Park Society has quorum of 8 people to vote tonight. It was a unanimous decision for both votes.
  - a. Suk Soos - Advocacy Committee Chair
    - i. Personal introductions was done
  - b. Carlyle Machinski - Social Media Chair
    - i. Personal introductions was done:

It was a unanimous decision to have Suk Soos fill Advocacy Chair and Carlyle Machinski fill the Social Media Chair.
- 5. End of AGM - Start of Regular Open Board Meeting
- 6. BC Parks Meeting Update - Taryn/Monika
  - a. Taryn had a meeting in the Spring with leadership of BC Parks with Rumon Carter and he recently reached out to Taryn for lunch a couple weeks ago with Monika. They talked about the day pass and it's challenges for trail maintenance especially with overnight trips. Talked about challenges with communication with BC Parks. Talked about a wider council of structure, how different departments and ministries impacts the maintenance. But we didn't hear how the public has a voice. We are still unclear on how BC Parks comes up with decisions or makes priorities. Rumon talked about how much more transparent wants to be with volunteer groups; however, there were no concert steps forward.
- 7. Elfin Lakes shelter update - Taryn
  - a. Sierra put together some questions that Taryn sent over on Oct 19. Taryn has not received responses yet. The questions were around the Elfin Lake Shelter, Bear Closures, Garibaldi Lake Trail reroutes.
  - b. David sent an email with some comments on repairs for the Eflin Lake shelter, but it did not give an open date. Also it did not comment on our offer to help with volunteers.
- 8. Social media update - Taryn
  - a. No update, Sierra was helping but she is out of town right now. Carlyle and Taryn will connect after the meeting and on board Carlyle with passwords.
- 9. Trail maintenance committee update - Jagwinder/Vanessa
  - a. Had to cancel last months meeting, but we will be recapping the summer at our next meeting next week. Work on getting more volunteers and be more organised next year.
- 10. Advocacy Committee Update - Tom/Sierra
  - a. Neither Tom or Sierra are here.
  - b. Taryn did an update from the last meeting, we did the email to BC Parks, that we have not had a response to. Talked about doing an Advisory Council similar to the Friends of Strathcona Park. Where the Advisory Council could meet a couple times of year and make suggestions to the BC Parks. This

would be an Advisory Council of members from various outdoor groups and join their voices with suggestions to BC Parks. This might happen some day.

11. Volunteer Coordinator update - Emily, Greg, and Alex
  - a. No updates
12. Website and IT update - Alex
  - a. Canva is set up, no more password sharing.
13. Any additional agenda items
  - a. No items.
14. Reminder of upcoming meeting dates:
  - a. Tuesday, December 6 at 7pm
  - b. Trail Maintenance: Tuesday, November 8 at 6pm
  - c. Advocacy: Tuesday November 15 at 8pm
  - d. Social: tba
  - e. Volunteer coordination: tba