

Your Local Farmers Market Society
Vancouver Farmers Markets
Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 22,, 2021
Via: Zoom Webinar/Phone, Vancouver BC

Meeting called to order – 7:33pm

1. Welcome - AGM Chair: Jeremy Douglas

- Welcome, Acknowledgment of operating on the land of the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt / seilíwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations
- Brief orientation of how to participate/interact with Chair/Panelists

2. Acceptance of the Agenda – (motion)

MOTION to Accept Agenda: Martha B.
SECOND: Jenny M.
36 in Favour; NONE Opposed, 2 Abstentions

3. Acceptance of the 2020 AGM minutes — (motion)

MOTION to Accept Agenda: Ashala D.
SECOND: Joanne M.
31 in Favour; NONE Opposed, 6 Abstentions

4. Report from YLFMS 2021 Board Nominations Committee: Jesse Halperin, Vice-Chair

- The VFM Board of Directors had (4) four seats open for which 11 nominees expressed interest
- Election Runner software was used to facilitate the 2021 Board of Directors election and Membership was given a 24 hour window to vote electronically

5. (Voting time for Board of Directors)

6. Executive Report and Strategic Plan 2022-2026: Jeremy Douglas, Chair with Laura Smit, Executive Director

- Jeremy D. and Laura S. presented VFM's new Strategic Plan, highlighting our new Mission, Vision and Strategic Priorities:

Vision: A resilient local food network that values people and the land

Mission: We create vibrant and welcoming markets that build community, feed people, and support small farms and producers

Strengthen Markets: Our markets are recognized and supported on a municipal and provincial level as vital infrastructure

Empower Community: Our markets and digital spaces are catalysts for education and action

Enhance Access: Our markets are accessible to neighbours and producers who face barriers to participation

Develop Organizational Capacity: Updated systems and policies improve productivity, support creativity, increase transparency and enhance equity

7. Finance & Treasurer Report: Ally Dick, Treasurer

- Ally D. presented financial highlights for 2020 including: VFM successfully running all scheduled markets through the height of the Covid-19 pandemic. With the financial assistance through the CEWS program, the 2020 financials reflect a surplus which is being spent on the 2021 market modifications required to carry out

pandemic protocols and modifications.

8. Announcement of Elected Board of Directors - Results

- Lauren A. - 56
- Suzy K. - 45
- Ilana L. - 38
- Paul H. - 33
- Andrew W. - 30
- Eve C. - 28
- Catherine E. - 18
- Angela S. - 11
- Daniel G. - 9
- Rowan K. - 9
- Charlotte S. - 4

9. Acknowledgement of Outgoing Board Directors, Jenny Marsh, Director and Laura Smit, Executive Director

10. Other business

- A quick discussion was had to confirm that Covid protocols will be in place at markets as per PHO/BCCDC orders and guidelines for the foreseeable future. Some restrictions are being lifted slowly but we don't anticipate returning to full pre-Covid capacity at markets for this summer season.
- A very brief update was given by Laura S. regarding the successful launch of our two new midweek markets at False Creek (Concord Pacific Plaza), and Downtown (ᓃxwł̓ənəq Xwtl'e7énk Square - Vancouver Art Gallery, North Plaza).

11. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 8:53pm: Peter A.

SECOND: Daniel G.

23 in favour; NONE Opposed; 2 abstentions