

Your Local Farmers Market Society
Vancouver Farmers Markets
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, June 17, 2023
Hastings Community Centre, Vancouver BC

Meeting called to order – 4:49pm

1. Welcome and Land Acknowledgement - Jenny Marsh, Acting Chair

- Welcome, Acknowledgment of operating on the land of the traditional, ancestral and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətaʔt / səliłwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

2. Acceptance of the Agenda – (motion)

MOTION to Accept Agenda: Elyse C.

SECOND: Joanne M.

NONE Opposed, Motion Passed

3. Acceptance of the 2022 AGM minutes – (motion)

MOTION to Accept 2022 AGM Minutes: Elyse C.

SECOND: Joanne M.

NONE Opposed, Motion Passed

4. Executive Report, - Bre Hamilton, Interim Executive Director

- Bre H. presented VFM's ED Report written by Laura S. prior to her departure for an 18mo leave, highlighting VFM's 2022 year in review. Encouragement was expressed to read VFM's 2022 Annual Report, our most fulsome report to date.

5. Finance and Treasurer Report - Elyse Crowston, Treasurer

- Elyse C. spoke to the 2022 financials, (*circulated with Annual Report/AGM Package*), explaining VFM planned for a deficit budget but ended up breaking even due to insufficient staff available to carry out some budgeted strategic goals. Brief insight was given on 2023 financials to date with an opportunity to ask questions about both topics, (*no questions*).

6. Report from 2023 Board Nominations Committee – Jenny Marsh

- Gratitude for everything exiting Board Director, Michael Mortensen, has brought to VFM during his six years as well as Directors Paul Healey and Ilana Labow for their work and participation during their terms with VFM.

7. Confirm Acclamation of New Directors

- The Board of Directors has (3) three open seats for which the following (3) three nominees have been appointed/self-nominated: **Genevieve Blanchet, Lisa Lam, Beth Shelton**

8. Announcement of Elected Board of Directors - Results

- The Membership has declared the following nominees as VFM Board Directors by acclamation: **Genevieve Blanchet, Lisa Lam, Beth Shelton**

9. Other Business, Jenny Marsh

Questions from the Membership:

- Martha B: Is the search for a new VFM office underway?
 - Yes, there is a lease under evaluation by Board Directors for a space in Mount Pleasant.
- Michelle B: Will staff still be working remotely in the new space?
 - Hybrid working will likely remain and policies intend to be updated for remote working.

11. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn at 5:15pm: Bree H.

SECOND: Elyse C.

NONE Opposed, Motion Passed