



## Annual General Meeting

1 P.M. Saturday, September 28, 2024

Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Ave

1) Call to Order, Welcome, and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Present (22) included Board members Jeff Sheldrake, Penny Crawford, Gina Delimari, Paleah Black Moher, Andrew Stewart, Bil Hetherington, Lizzy Mos, Fran Sloan Sainas, and Kelly Fretwell; staff members Dianna Stenberg, Connie Pedersen, Lisa Cross, Cherie Miltimore, Maya Irwin, and Sherry Beauvais; six TLC members; and auditor Kent Fullarton from Grant Thornton LLP.

2) Approval of Agenda

**Motion** to approve the Agenda. Moved by Gina Delimari. Seconded by Andrew Stewart. Carried.

3) Minutes of Previous Annual General Meeting

**Motion** to approve the AGM minutes of September 23, 2023. Moved by Dianna Stenberg. Seconded by Penny Crawford. Carried.

4) Business Arising from the Minutes

5) Report from the Chair

Jeff reflected on the great year the organization has had due to the commitment and hard work of donors, members, volunteers, staff, and board. He highlighted the Annual Report; Strategic Plan with eight goals and objectives for the next five years; significant gifts and bequests; restoration work; projects and challenges; Deertrails Naturalist Program; the work of volunteers; our first ever Board to Council meeting with Chief Abraham Pelkey of the Tsawout Nation; three new Board members and the retirement of Mel Lehan; and recognized staff for keeping the team together and delivering on our programs.

6) Report from the Executive Director

Dianna introduced herself and shared highlights from her first year as TLC's Executive Director. I've been with TLC since 2008, largely in our communications department.



Highlights included TLC's latest conservation covenant protecting 8.7 acres on Keats Island just off the coast of Gibsons; Passport to Nature program; success with our grant applications with awards totaling \$132,862 from five sources; the continued management and large communities supporting our protected areas; and our volunteers and staff who make our work possible. To wrap up her report she shared a highlight reel about TLC's projects and programs from the last fiscal year.

7) Presentation of Financial Statements

Kent Fullarton, Partner with Grant Thornton LLP, presented TLC's audited annual financial statements for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2024. Kent shared the parameters of a Qualified Opinion, revenue and expenses reported in the Consolidated Statement of Operations, the difference between General and Restricted Funds, the organization's surplus, and Fund Balances.

8) Appointment of Auditor

**Motion** to appoint Grant Thornton as auditor for TLC's 2024/25 fiscal year. Moved by Peta Alexander. Seconded by Gina Delimari. Carried.

9) Nomination of Board of Directors

**Motion** to ratify the election of Paleah Black Moher to TLC's Board of Directors for a three-year term. Moved by Gina Delimari. Seconded by Andrew Stewart. Carried.

**Motion** to ratify the election of Kelly Fretwell to TLC's Board of Directors for a three-year term. Moved by Penny Crawford. Seconded by Paleah Black Moher. Carried.

**Motion** to ratify the election of Fran Sloan Sainas to TLC's Board of Directors for a three-year term. Moved by Peta Alexander. Seconded by Kelly Fretwell. Carried.

**Motion** to ratify the appointment of Bil Hetherington to TLC's Board of Directors for a three-year term. Moved by Gina Delimari. Seconded by Fran Sloan Sainas. Carried.

**Motion** to ratify the appointment of Lizzy Mos to TLC's Board of Directors for a three-year term. Moved by Andrew Stewart. Seconded by Kelly Fretwell. Carried.

10) New/Other Business

11) Adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Moved by Kelly Fretwell. Seconded by Fran Sloan Sainas. Carried.