

**The Council  
on Aging  
of Ottawa**



**Le Conseil sur  
le vieillissement  
d'Ottawa**

## **48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

Tuesday, June 13, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

Hybrid model: in person at Rideau Hub and via Zoom

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

#### **1. Welcome and Open Business Meeting**

Yves Leduc, Chair of Engagement, and designated Chair of the 48<sup>th</sup> AGM, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Alex Roussakis, President of the COA, welcomed all participants and thanked all members present in person, at the COA's new location at the Rideau Hub, as well as those attending virtually, to the new hybrid model AGM. He also thanked all those who helped coordinate the technology and the volunteers who managed the registration and the hospitality.

Participants were informed that pictures were being taken and that the meeting was being recorded.

A. Roussakis cited the COA's Vision and Mission statement and encouraged any attendees who are not members of the COA to consider joining.

Y. Leduc explained the voting process for both in person and virtual attendees and noted that only registered members have voting rights.

Y. Leduc confirmed quorum with 33 members in the room and 12 members online.

#### **2. Approval of the Agenda**

Y. Leduc presented the agenda and recommended that the agenda dated June 13, 2023, be approved as presented. An amendment was presented.

##### **Amendment**

##### **MOTION: 2023-06-13 R01**

Moved by Alex Cullen

Seconded by Trèva Cousineau

*"That the agenda of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on June 13, 2023, be amended to include a motion dealing with a letter of support for the Community Care Sector".*

**CARRIED**

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R02**

Moved by Carol Clemehagen

Seconded by Bob Baldwin

*“That the agenda of the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on June 13, 2023 be approved as modified”.*

**CARRIED**

A. Roussakis thanked all the attendees with special thanks to the City of Ottawa and the Province of Ontario for their funding as well as the COA’s members, community partners, sponsors, donors, staff, and volunteers for their continued support.

**3. Approval of Minutes of the 47 Annual General Meeting of June 13, 2022**

Y. Leduc presented the AGM Minutes from June 13, 2022. There were no questions.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R03**

Moved by Yves Leduc

Seconded by Chandra Hapuarachchi

*“That the minutes of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on June 13, 2022, be approved as presented”.*

**CARRIED**

**4. Year in Review**

Y. Leduc expressed his admiration for the many accomplishments of the COA in 2022.

A representative of each committee summarized their activities and successes which are further detailed in the 2022 Annual Report.

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| a) Leadership Report               | Alex Roussakis   |
| b) Francophone Affairs Committee   | Trèva Cousineau  |
| c) Bilingualism Committee          | Trèva Cousineau  |
| d) Health Issues Committee         | Audrey Jacques   |
| e) Age-Friendly Housing Committee  | Mary Appleton    |
| f) Expert Panel on Income Security | Bob Baldwin      |
| g) Transportation Committee        | Raynald Marchand |
| h) Smart Aging Committee           | Hugh Nelson      |
| i) Fund Development Committee      | Brian Tardif     |
| j) Engage at Every Age Project     | Molly Jones      |

Sarah Bercier introduced members of the staff and expressed gratitude for their hard work and dedication.

## 5. Auditors' Report

C. Hapuarachchi, Treasurer, having reviewed the financial statements prepared by the Auditors, Ouseley Hanvey Clipsham Deep (OHCD), for the Fiscal Year (FY) ended 31 December 2022, and following approval by the COA Board, moved that the Auditors' Report be received as presented.

C. Hapuarachchi and S. Bercier offered clarification to the question pertaining to the endowment fund.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R04**

Moved by Chandra Hapuarachchi

Seconded by Brian Tardif

*"That the Auditors' Report for 2022 be received as presented".*

**CARRIED**

## 6. Appointment of Auditors for 2023

Trèva Cousineau stated that the Board is not ready at this time to recommend auditors for the upcoming year and asked the members to delegate to the Board the authority to choose their auditors, after further research.

Following further discussion, it was suggested that the Board share their research results with members on appointment of Auditors for 2023.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R05**

Moved by Trèva Cousineau

Seconded by Patrick Curran

*"That the Council on Aging defer the appointment of auditors to a later date and report to the members on their decision".*

**CARRIED**

## 7. Nomination Report

Brian Tardif quoted from the COA By-laws, regarding the composition of the Board that specifies at least 50% of the Directors shall be 55 years or older and at least 20% shall be Francophone. COA has exceeded both requirements once again this year. Directors are eligible to serve a maximum of three consecutive two-year terms. However, Officers of the Corporation may be exempt from the six-year limitation to follow the presidential sequence.

### Nomination / Election of the Board

For election to a two-year term for 2022-2024: Chantal Tessier. Her biography is included in the AGM handout. Chantal was invited to say a few words.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R06**

Moved by Brian Tardiff

Seconded by Carol Clemenhagen

*“That Chantal Tessier be elected for a two-year term”.*

**CARRIED**

For re-election to a two-year term for 2023-2025: Miriam Fry, Chandra Hapuarachchi, and Yves Leduc.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R07**

Moved by Brian Tardiff

Seconded by Fatma Maged

*“That Miriam Fry, Chandra Hapuarachchi, and Yves Leduc be re-elected for another two-year term”.*

**CARRIED**

Ex-officio member appointed by the Fédération des aînés et des retraités francophones de l'Ontario (FARFO): Trèva Cousineau.

The Executive Director of the COA is an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors: Sarah Bercier.

Three members are currently serving terms that continue until 2024.

- *Carol Clemenhagen*
- *Patrick Curran*
- *Brian Tardif*

The following nominations of Officers of the Board for 2023-24 will be proposed to the Board of Directors at its first meeting following the annual election of members:

- *President: Trèva Cousineau*
- *Vice President: Miriam Fry*
- *Secretary: Chantal Tessier*
- *Treasurer: Chandra Hapuarachchi*

Thanking of Outgoing Board Members

Members whose term has ended in 2022-2023 or who have left the Board:

- *Sandra Murray has served for 3 years as a Board Secretary.*
- *Nicole Robert has served for 27 years, both on the Francophone Affairs Committee and on the Board of Directors for many years, most recently as President.*

S. Murray was not able to be present at the meeting.

T. Cousineau thanked N. Robert for her long-standing contributions to the COA.

N. Robert was presented with a gift of appreciation and a certificate as an Honorary Life Member of the COA.

## 8. New Business - Resolutions

### A. Anti-Ageism Policy for the City of Ottawa

C. Clemenhagen provided some context on the reason for the resolution. She proposed the Council on Aging of Ottawa request that the City of Ottawa, on October 1, 2023, not only recognize the ongoing, important contributions and role played by older adults in our community but also raise awareness of the importance of addressing ageism and advancing progress in how we think, feel and act towards age and ageing by endorsing a resolution and implementing a policy on anti-ageism at the City of Ottawa.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R08**

Moved by Carol Clemenhagen

Seconded by Suzanne Lafrance

*“That the resolution to request that the City of Ottawa implement a policy on anti-ageism be adopted as presented”.*

**CARRIED**

### B. Letter of Support for the Community Care Sector

A. Cullen informed those present that the Ministry of Health has not adjusted their funding to inflation for a decade which has resulted in underfunding in the community support sector in our community, leading to significant gaps and cuts in support and services. He proposed that the COA send a letter to the Ministry of Health expressing concerns for the Community Care Sector and encourage the government to meet the needs of these communities.

**MOTION: 2023-06-13 R09**

Moved by Alex Cullen

Seconded by Trèva Cousineau

*“That the COA send to a letter of support to the Ministry of Health expressing their concerns for the Community Care Sector”.*

**CARRIED**

## 9. Margaret Griffiths Award

S. Bercier provided a brief background on The Margaret Griffiths Award.

S. Bercier and M. Fry gave a tribute to Peggy Edwards, this year’s award recipient for her tremendous volunteer contributions to the COA.

## **10. Adjournment**

Y. Leduc thanked members present in-person and on-line for their participation and for the questions asked.

S. Bercier encouraged people to sign up for the Grand Parade, a fund-raising event of the COA to be held on September 16, 2023.

The agenda being completed, Y. Leduc declared the conclusion of the meeting at 3.04 p.m.

Yves Leduc, AGM Chair

Chantal Tessier, Secretary