



# Gabriola Island Recycling Organization

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## AGENDA – 2021 AGM

1. call to order, quorum determined and advance notice of meeting
2. approval of the agenda
3. approval of the draft 2020 AGM minutes
4. unfinished business from last AGM
5. receive 2020 annual financial statements
6. receive General Manager's annual report
7. proposed bylaw change
8. election of directors
10. informal 2021 update, open discussion
11. adjournment of meeting

### **Proposed Bylaw Change**

Amend Section 2.10

#### **Grace period for membership renewal**

- 2.10** A member whose term of membership has expired may, within 3 months from the date membership ended, renew his or her membership by
- (a) sending or delivering a completed membership renewal form to the Society, and
  - (b) payment of the annual membership dues, if any.

This period is overly restrictive and may not always be applicable, such as now, during COVID. The proposed change will allow for more flexibility

Amended Text:

#### **Grace period for membership renewal**

**2.10** Membership is for a calendar year. The grace period for renewal and new memberships will be determined by the Board on an annual basis. For example, a fee paid in Nov 2021 may be determined to provide membership in good standing until Dec 31, 2022.



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## **Election of Directors:**

The GIRO bylaws permit up to 9 Directors.

5 Directors are continuing their terms. Barry Loescher, David Swanson, Howard Houle, Suzanne Campbell and Fay Weller are continuing their terms.

At his time, no further nominations have been received. If none are received prior to 48 hr. from the commencement of the AGM, these 5 will constitute your Board until the 2021 AGM.



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## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Gabriola Island Recycling Organization (GIRO)

**2019 Annual General Meeting Minutes for an AGM held May 29, 2019, at the Gabriola Island Community Hall**

**Chair: Barry Loescher**

**Secretary: David Swanson**

Members: 16 GIRO members

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:01
2. The Chair confirmed that
  - a. a quorum was present;
  - b. adequate advance notice of the meeting had been given by way of an ad in the Gabriola *Sounder* newspaper on May 14, 2019 and by a membership mail-out of the notice by email and by letter to members without an email address on May 14, 2019.
3. The Chair asked to approve the published agenda (handout): Moved: Val Houle; seconded by Howard Houle; CARRIED, UNANIMOUS
4. The Chair asked for a motion to approve the Draft 2018 AGM minutes (pre-circulated; also available as a handout): Moved by Howard Houle, seconded by Frank Bunyon; CARRIED, UNANIMOUS
5. No unfinished business from the 2018 AGM
6. Barry Loescher, President, reviewed the organization's financial statements. Various questions raised concerning revenue details and various line items in the Income and Expense section; Discussion by Barry Loescher and Michelle MacEwen (General Manager) answering these questions, explaining various expenses and giving details of GIRO's revenue sources: Motion to approve the 2018 financial statement: Moved by Susan Brown; seconded by Joyce Babula; CARRIED, UNANIMOUS



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7. The Chair read the 2018 Board of Directors report. He asked for questions. There were none.
8. Barry Loescher introduced the next item on the agenda: Election of New Board of Directors. Susan Brown (former GIRO president) chaired this portion of the meeting because Barry Loescher had agreed to stand again for office. Susan reviewed the fact that nominations were closed (48 hours prior to this meeting). She explained that the GIRO Board can consist of up to 9 members with a minimum of four. Since five directors had been nominated, she declared these five members elected by acclamation.
9. General Discussion: Question: new objectives for 2019? Barry Loescher reported details of the solar power installation for GIRO that GIRO has contracted through Empower Gabriola (57 solar panels). He mentioned that student and community education were also priorities for this year. Discussion moved to current educational programs in the school and the need for both advocacy and education to combat climate change. Susan Brown thanked the newly elected Board for standing for office and also thanked the previous Board for their work. She said that in her experience GIRO runs the best recycling program among the Gulf islands.
10. New Director Howard Houle introduced himself.
11. Motion to adjourn: moved by Val Houle; Seconded by Frank Bunyan. CARRIED, UNANIMOUS