



**Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society (DHGCTS)
Annual General Meeting**

Saturday, March 13, 2021, 10 am – 12pm

Via ZOOM with supporting documents available prior to the meeting at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)

Draft Minutes

Society Chair, Susan Murray, welcomed everyone to the DHGCTS AGM. 40 people participated, of whom 36 were active members and four were guests.

A quorum was present.

1. **Adoption of Agenda –**

Motion 1:

Douglas Justice moved that the 2021 AGM Agenda be approved.

Seconded by Sharon Lawson. Motion approved.

2. **Adoption of AGM Minutes of March 7, 2020 –**

Motion 2:

Sanne Dryborough moved that the AGM Draft Minutes of March 7, 2020 be approved.

Seconded by Jane Robinson. Motion approved.

3. **Financial Report – Ron Fawcett, Treasurer-**

Ron commented briefly on the Financial Statement. The budget was balanced but revenue was less than expected due to Covid-19. Insurance costs had increased to cover the DHGCTS's Directors and Officers Liability Insurance.

He also explained that the Society's GIC was rolled over every year with interest accruing annually.

Motion 3a:

Ron Fawcett moved that the Financial Statement as @ Dec. 31, 2020 be approved.

Seconded by Susan Murray. Motion approved.

Motion 3b:

Ron Fawcett moved that the 2021 Budget approved by the Society's Board be approved.

Seconded by Lorna Fraser. Motion approved.

Ron Fawcett thanked Kathy Piccott for auditing the Financial Statements.

4. **DHGCTS Constitutional Amendments -**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF

DARTS HILL GARDEN CONSERVANCY TRUST SOCIETY

(the "Society")

The following special resolutions will be proposed for approval at the annual general meeting of the members of the Society to be held on March 13, 2021.



Note that while this special resolution will be considered and approved at the members' meeting, they will not come into effect until the Society files a Constitution Alteration Application, which will occur as soon as practicable after the meeting. Until that time, the current constitution will remain in effect.

Amendment of Constitution

RESOLVED as a special resolution that the Constitution of the Society be amended by deleting all of the existing purposes numbered (a) through (d) in their entirety and inserting in place thereof, as the new purposes of the Society, the following:

- *1. to provide a public amenity by maintaining and operating a botanical garden in Surrey, British Columbia, for the enjoyment and benefit of the community and the broader public;
2. to advance education by providing the following to interested members of the public:
 - (a) classes, events, workshops and lectures to the public on a variety of topics including the history of Darts Hill Garden, botany and horticultural skills and the creative arts;
 - (b) guided and self-guided educational tours of Darts Hill Garden, focusing on increasing knowledge of the botanical specimens exhibited; and
 - (c) hands-on training and education in the science and practice of horticulture;
3. to protect and preserve the natural environment, including the native flora and habitat of the Pacific North-west by collecting, cultivating, exhibiting and distributing rare, threatened or noteworthy species of plants;
4. to advance the public's appreciation of the arts by organizing and holding high-quality artistic presentations and exhibitions in the Darts Hill Garden;
5. to receive gifts, bequests, funds and property, and to hold, invest, administer and distribute funds and property for the foregoing purposes, or as gifts to such other organizations as are "qualified donees" under the provisions of the Income Tax Act (Canada), and
6. to do all such other things as are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the foregoing purposes and the exercise of the powers of the Society.*

Authorization

RESOLVED as an ordinary resolution that the solicitors for the Society, Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP, be and are hereby authorized to electronically file the Constitution Alteration Application giving effect to the amendments approved herein.

Susan Murray presented the background for the DHGCTS Constitutional Amendments. The purpose is to continue the work of Francisca and Edward's vision. The Society needs to grow to raise money to preserve the garden in perpetuity. The Society hired Norton Rose Fulbright Canada to assist with the Charitable Status application. Michael Blatchford (Norton Rose Fulbright) answered questions about the Special Resolution and the language required by CRA. He estimated application processing time to be 6 months to a year. Once granted Charitable Status, the Society will then be able to issue tax receipts and that should encourage donations. The Society will also have to file tax returns every year.

Motion 4:

Susan Murray moved that the Special Resolution of the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society to amend the Constitution of the Society with new purposes be approved.

Seconded by Ron Fawcett.

Motion 4 was approved by the membership. The majority voted in favor, 2 opposed, no abstentions

5. **2020 Chairs Report-** Susan M. Murray – was posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)
6. **2020 Garden Update** – Maria Fish, City of Surrey– was posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)
7. **Election**–Kathy Piccott (editor of *The Oracle*) accepted a nomination for a three- year term (2021 -2024) to the DHGCTS Board of Directors.

There were no further nominations for the Board position. Kathy Piccott was acclaimed to the Board of Directors. Susan Murray reiterated her long list of contributions to the Society and DHGP.

8. **2021 Volunteer Recognition-**

Sharon Lawson received the 2021 Volunteer Recognition award. She has been involved with the garden for many years and has made immense contributions to the Propagation, Labelling and Collections Committees. She was also instrumental in the design and planting of Heron Park in South Surrey.

9. **Screen Share Presentation by PUBLIC Architecture-** Darts Hill Garden Park Welcome Pavilion Design

On behalf of Public Architecture, Robert Drew did an interesting presentation of the architectural plans for the new Darts Hill Garden Welcome Pavilion design. The Pavilion will include a Ticket Centre, Volunteer Room, Storage Room, Utility Room, and 3 Universal W/C's. The latter will be camouflaged by a semicircular screen. The building will be fronted by a large, covered outdoor space. An elevated board walk will take visitors from the Welcome Pavilion into the garden. The whole design was envisioned as a structure to fit in with its surroundings. The presentation was followed by discussion and questions about the project.

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Certification:

I, Susan Marie Murray, Chair of the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society, certify that these draft minutes of the DHGCTS Annual General Meeting held on March 13, 2021 are accurate and complete.

Signed:

Dated: March 16, 2021