



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

Saturday, February 26, 2022, 10 am – 11:40 am

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

### Draft Minutes

1. Society Chair, Susan Murray, welcomed everyone to the DHGCTS Annual General Meeting (AGM). 44 members participated who were active members, with 5 guests. A quorum was present.

2. **Adoption of Agenda –**

**Motion 1:**

Douglas Justice moved that the 2022 AGM Agenda be approved.

Seconded by Kathy Pictin. Motion passed.

3. **Adoption of AGM Minutes of March 13, 2021 –**

Under item #4 – ‘*Amendment of the Constitution*’ it was noted that Edwin Darts’ name was misspelled. This will be corrected.

**Motion 2:**

Douglas Justice moved that the AGM Minutes of March 13, 2021, as amended, be approved.

Seconded by Ron Fawcett. Motion passed.

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

Ron commented briefly on the Financial Statement, advising that Assets have been added as we now have Charitable Status, and this is needed for clarity. Expenses exceeded budget mostly due to unexpected costs including legal fees associated with Charitable Status, Covid-19 related costs and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

A budget does not need membership approval as it was approved by the Board in January 2022, however, following due diligence, it is being presented at this AGM. Following a query on a budgeted item for legal fees, Ron advised \$3,000 has been set aside as a precaution, it may not be needed.

Under the Line Entry ‘Revenue – Other’ having a budget of 10,000.00, to date we have received 60% of the budgeted amount of which \$4,000.00 came from the City of Surrey’s donation re the Film Production’s revenue and \$2,000.00 from a donation received from Charitable Impact which is a public foundation administered out of Vancouver.

**Motion 3a:**

Ron Fawcett moved that the Financial Statement as @ December 31, 2021, be approved.

Seconded by Brenda Woosnam. Motion passed.

**Motion 3b:**

Ron Fawcett moved that the 2022 Budget approved by the Society’s Board in January 2022 be approved.

Seconded by Douglas Justice. Motion passed.

5. **2021 Garden Update** – Maria Fish, City of Surrey– as posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)

In addition to the posted report, Maria noted that the arborist report for the new pathway leading into the garden from the 170<sup>th</sup> Street parking area has been received. Crown clearing has commenced. Construction of the path will begin August 2022. Maria has moved her office to the lower-level suite in the house at the garden.

6. **2021 Chair's Report**- Susan M. Murray – as posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)

Susan has been Chair of the DHGCT Society for the past 6 years. As this is the last year of her term, she thanked all volunteers who she has worked with on numerous committees. She plans on continuing to weed Bed 97 and is an Artist in Residence this year. It's been a pleasure.

7. **Elections – four Board of Director positions were needed to be filled.**

A brief introduction was made of the four candidates, whose bios were posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#). They all have accepted nominations for a three-year term (2022 -2025) to the DHGCTS Board of Directors. Susan Murray called for nominations from the floor 3 more times and hearing no further nominations Rose Burden, Karen Ewing, Sharon Lawson and Cynthia Waiz were acclaimed to a position on the Board of Directors.

8. **2022 Volunteer Recognition - Honorary Lifetime Membership.** Susan Murray's achievements were posted at [Darts Hill Garden Members Updates](#)

Dan Nielsen, Manager, Park Operations spoke of Susan's involvement at Darts Hill Garden Park. Working with Susan has been a pleasure. A strong relationship has developed between the City of Surrey and the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society due to her capable skills.

9. **Presentation by Douglas Justice – 'Southeastern Tibet – In the Footsteps of Plant Explorers.'**

Susan Murray introduced Douglas Justice as a long-time friend and colleague. Douglas was the Chair of the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society when it was first incorporated in 2001 and has been a member and volunteer since. He has provided several AGM presentations as well as the Show and Tell portion over many years.

Today's presentation reflected a guided trip to Tibet a few years ago. The presentation was recorded and posted to the website at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vrpiTeLiAw>

10. **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

**Certification:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, **Chair of the Darts Hill Garden Conservancy Trust Society, certify that these minutes of the DHGCTS Annual General Meeting held on February 26, 2022, are accurate and complete.**

**Signed:**

**Dated:**