



Shine On

YMCA of Cape Breton

March 31, 2023, Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 21st (5:30 pm)

(In person at 399 Charlotte Street, Sydney, NS, and via Zoom)

In Attendance: Mark Galley, Evan Baillie, Jackson Tighe, Kevin MacEachern Amrinder Singh, Jeff Ward, Christine MacDonald, Simran Viridi, Mark Tambal, and Stephanie Sawler.

Regrets: Emily MacLennan, Omar Tag El-Din, Jill Perry and Nicole Cammaert.

Guests:

Amanda Costello	Haley Johnston	Nicole MacDonald
Angelique Swan	Heather Somerton	Regan Melanson
Anita O'Rourke	Janice Curnew	Robert Zwaran
Anna Barnes (RDC Vice President)	James Buick	Roseanne MacLean
Billy Musgrave	Jeff MacNeil	Rob Wadden (Grant Thornton)
Blair Cameron	Jennifer Gallant	Sabrina Vatcher (CEO)
Bonnie MacIver	Jillian MacKay	Stephanie Peach
Caitlyn Petrie	Joanna Unsworth	Tammy Marshe
Catherine Morrison	Joel Almond	Tanya Horne
Colleen Matheson	Kelli Wales	Tanya Wilneff
Corrie Bunin	Leo Penney	Troy Welch
David Farmer	Lynn Webb	Valerie Dolhanty
Ermie LeBlanc	Margie Turnbull	Wilfred Gallant
	Monika Dutt	Viola Penney

Mark Galley established quorum and called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm.

1. Welcome

Mark welcomed all Directors and guests to the March 31, 2023, YMCA of Cape Breton AGM.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Jeff Ward shared a land acknowledgement statement: *“We would like to begin by acknowledging that we are in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Maliseet), and Passamaquoddy Peoples first signed with the British Crown in 1725. The treaties did not deal with surrender of lands and resources but in fact recognized Mi’kmaq and Wəlastəkwiyyik (Maliseet) title and established the rules for what was to be an ongoing relationship between nations...We are all Treaty People.”*

3. Approval of the Agenda

Motion: To approve the 2023 AGM agenda as presented.

Moved: Jeff Ward

Seconded: Jackson Tighe

Carried Unanimously

4. YMCA Story

Jennifer Gallant, YMCA Aquatics and Early Learning Centre Volunteer, shared her YMCA story.

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the March 31, 2022, AGM meeting minutes as presented.

Moved: Kevin MacEachern

Seconded: Jeff Ward

Carried Unanimously

6. Remarks from Chair and CEO

YMCA Board Chair Mark Galley and CEO, Sabrina Vatcher, provided brief remarks.

7. 2023 Financial Report

Rob Wadden, Principal with Grant Thornton LLP, presented the financial report for fiscal 2022-2023

Motion: To approve the YMCA of Cape Bretons Audited Financial Statements for the year ending March 31st, 2023.

Moved: Kevin MacEachern

Seconded: Jeff Ward

Carried Unanimously

8. Appointment of the 2023/2024 Auditor

Mark Galley confirmed that Grant Thornton will continue to serve as the YMCA of Cape Breton's Auditor for the fiscal year ending March 31st, 2024, as per the current service agreement. This appointment was approved by the voting members at the YMCA's 2020 Annual General Meeting.

9. 2022/2023 Proposed Slate of Directors and Officers

Mark thanked this year's Nominating Committee which included board members Kevin MacEachern (Chair), Jill Perry, Nicole Cammaert, Mark Galley, and Amrinder Singh as well as community representatives Ankit Wadha and Mike Targett, as well as CEO Sabrina Vatcher.

Mark shared that the Nominating Committee worked with the board to complete a skills and diversity gap analysis to identify priority skills for recruitment of new Board Director volunteers and identified Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Anti-Oppression, Community Development, Legal, Finance, and Fund Development as priority areas.

The following Board of Directors were recognized as retiring:

1. Jeff Ward (end of term)
2. Mark Galley (end of term)
3. Regan Melanson (during term)

The following Board of Directors will continue with their current term on the Board:

1. Amrinder Singh
2. Christine MacDonald
3. Emily MacLennan
4. Evan Baillie
5. Jackson Tighe
6. Jill Perry
7. Nicole Cammaert
8. Omar Tag El-Din

The following Director would like to re-offer another term for a 2-year term:

1. Kevin MacEachern

a) Election of Board of Directors:

Returning Directors	Re-Offering Director	New Directors:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amrinder Singh (to 2025)• Christine MacDonald (to 2024)• Emily MacLennan (to 2025)• Evan Baillie (to 2024)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kevin MacEachern (to 2025)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mark Tambal (to 2026)• Stephanie Sawler (to 2026)• Simran Viridi (to 2026)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jackson Tighe (to 2025) • Jill Perry (to 2025) • Nicole Cammaert (to 2025) • Omar Tag El-Din (to 2024) 		
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Motion: To approve the proposed slate of Directors as presented.

Moved: Kevin MacEachern

Seconded: Jeff Ward

Carried unanimously

10. Remarks from 2023/2024 Chair

Kevin MacEachern provided a few remarks as the nominated 2023/2024 Board Chair.

11. Recognition of Retiring/Retired Board Directors

Mark Galley welcomed CEO Sabrina Vatcher to recognize retiring board directors as well as retired board directors (who completed their full terms) since 2020 as an in-person AGM had not been held since 2019.

12. New Business

No new business added.

13. Adjournment

Closing remarks and gratitude by Mark Galley.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm. Moved by Jeff Ward.