

UNITED WAY OF CHATHAM-KENT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 2017 APR 26
United Way of Chatham-Kent
425 McNaughton Avenue West
Chatham, ON N7M 5K8

At 5:30 p.m., guests gathered at "The 425" – United Way's Centre for Community Innovation - for light refreshments and social time preceding the 69th Annual General Meeting of United Way of Chatham-Kent.

Official Welcome

At 6:00 p.m., our Master of Ceremonies – Chris McLeod welcomed all those in attendance and introduced Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, Chief Executive Officer.

At 6:05 p.m., Karen Kirkwood-Whyte, CEO, welcomed guests and wished everyone a Happy Volunteer Week, noting that 13 million Canadians contribute their energy and talent to charities and causes they care about. Karen spoke of the Mowat Centre's report entitled "Charting a Path Forward - Strengthening and Enabling the Charitable Sector in Canada" and how it gave a number of clues as to how our little organization and those with whom we partner can come together to create a better quality of life for those we serve. The report noted that the nonprofit sector has proven to be an important partner to governments in providing health, housing, immigration, child welfare and other essential services to Canadians. Charities and nonprofits play a crucial role in shaping policies and laws that reflect the current needs and values of Canadians. It has also been noted that our sector is at a crossroads, facing many challenges - challenges in fundraising, meeting new and growing needs with communities that are financially stricken.

Karen spoke of Operation Cover-Up and how after 30 years of incubating and nurturing the program it was time to divest the program to our capable community partner, The Salvation Army.

Karen acknowledged that in response to feedback received earlier this year, discussions are under way to create and nurture stronger connections between our donors and the recipients of programs and services that benefit from donor dollars. This will be done through collaborative community planning which may involve some risk-taking, but will achieve a better quality of life for each of our residents.

Karen then expressed gratitude to all who played a part in the successes that "we" have enjoyed over the past year. She then introduced the staff of the United Way and shared a breakdown of the contributions received – including the work of the Women's Leadership Council.

Alison Patrick, Board President, was then introduced and asked to preside over the business portion of the meeting.

BUSINESS MEETING (6:15 p.m.)

Alison Patrick welcomed everyone and noted that she had been on the United Way Board of Directors for about nine years. She advised that she had had the good fortune to be the Board President for the past year and a half and it had been a pleasure to work closely with the CEO, Karen Kirkwood Whyte. She added that the organization had a wonderful group of passionate, committed and energetic members on the Board of Directors and she looked forward to what the coming year would bring.

Alison then clarified the issue with regard to who might vote in the proceedings. According to By-Law No. 1 of the Constitution – revised at the Annual General Meeting in 2013, *“Membership in the Corporation shall be limited to those individuals interested in furthering the objects of the Corporation. There shall be one (1) class of members in the Corporation, consisting of any individual who has officially endorsed the values of the Corporation, has signed a written application for membership, has paid the membership dues in effect at the time of application and has been approved by the Board of Directors of the Corporation for admission as a member. Each member present at a duly called and regularly constituted meeting of members shall have the right to exercise one (1) vote.”*

She noted that there were currently 38 individuals who were eligible to vote at the evening’s Annual General Meeting and those present had been given a green card to confirm their membership

a) Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting are printed in YELLOW. It was

MOVED BY Brad Langford

SECONDED BY Elizabeth Cannon

THAT THE MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (Wednesday, 2016 APR 22) BE APPROVED, AS CIRCULATED.

MOTION CARRIED.

b) Financial Statements

The President noted that several copies of the Audited Financial Statements had been made available for review and additional copies would be available on the United Way web-site following the evening’s meeting. It was subsequently,

MOVED BY Chris McLeod

SECONDED BY Shawna-Lee Rivard

THAT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2016
DEC 31 BE ADOPTED AS CIRCULATED.
MOTION CARRIED.

c) Appointment of Auditors

Alison Patrick then called for a motion to appoint the auditor for the 2017
calendar year. It was subsequently,

MOVED BY Jason Campeau
SECONDED BY Erica Kitchen
THAT CHRISTINE MUCKLE, CA BE APPOINTED AUDITOR FOR THE 2017
CALENDAR YEAR.
MOTION CARRIED.

d) Revisions to By-Law No. 1 of the Constitution

Allison Patrick noted that there were no revisions to present at this time.

e) Resolution to Approve Action of the Directors

MOVED BY Elizabeth Cannon
SECONDED BY Jason Campeau
THAT ALL ACTS, CONTRACTS, BY-LAWS, PROCEEDINGS, APPOINTMENTS,
ELECTIONS AND PAYMENTS, ENACTED, MADE, DONE AND TAKEN BY THE
MEMBERS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 2015 APR 22,
REFERRED TO IN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION OR IN THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE
CORPORATION AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED, RATIFIED AND
CONFIRMED.
MOTION CARRIED.

f) Nominations for the Upcoming Term

The Report of the Governance and Nominating Committee was printed in BLUE.
It was noted that according to the organization's By-Laws, *"each member of the
Board shall serve a three-year term and no member of the Board of Directors
may serve more than three consecutive three-year terms."*

Those Board Members who had served during the 2016-2017 Term of Office and
who had agreed to continue to serve on the United Way Board of Directors were
acknowledged and thanked. As their names were called, they were invited to
stand:

She who is entering her second year of a first 3-year term:

Shawna-Lee Rivard

Those who are entering their third year of a first 3-year term:

Jason Dudley
Lynn Girty

Those who are entering their first year of a second 3-year term:

Jayson Campeau
Elizabeth Cannon
Adam Ludolph
Chris McLeod
Brad Langford
Newt Richardson
Tania Sharpe

He who is entering his second year of a second 3-year term:

Scott Ewing

She who is entering her second year of a third 3-year term:

Kathy Smyth

Those who are entering their last year of a third 3-year term:

Alison Patrick
Marlee Robinson

AND ... joining the Board of Directors for their first year of a first 3-year term:

Shirley Davies
Margery Muharrem

The President publicly thanked those members of the Board who served during the 2016-2017 term of office who had left the Board:

James Lizotte
Anita Markert
Jeff McFadden

As the By-Laws currently call for between 13 and 17 members, Alison was pleased to report, that 16 Board Members would be serving for the 2017-2018 Term of Office.

It was subsequently,

MOVED BY Marlee Robinson

SECONDED BY Brad Langford

THAT THE GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT BE ADOPTED AS PRESENTED.

MOTION CARRIED.

e) Moment of Silence

Alison explained that on April 28th, United Way would acknowledge the National Day of Mourning for workers who had been killed, injured or made ill on the job. She noted that this year's Day of Mourning Event – hosted by the Chatham-Kent Labour Council – would be held on Friday, 2017 APR 28 at 4:30 p.m. at the Worker's Memorial across the street from the Thames-Lea Shopping Plaza on Grand Avenue in Chatham. Following the ceremony there would be a gathering at 425 McNaughton Avenue West where the Labour Council would be providing snacks and refreshments for participants.

A Moment of Silence was then requested.

f) Business of AGM Closed

There being no further business to bring before the assembly, Alison Patrick declared the Business portion of the Annual General Meeting closed.

Alison then turned the podium back to the Master of Ceremonies, Chris McLeod.

Chris McLeod asked Tom Slager, United Way's Director, Resource Development to come forward.

Tom Slager noted that having Steve Pratt and Patricia Wright as the United Way Co-chairs was pivotal to the success achieved. He commented on their ability to work well together, along with the courage they demonstrated in sharing their personal testimonials with countless individuals during their campaign travels. Noting that it has been a privilege for the entire United Way Staff to work with these two amazing individuals, he asked them to come to the front where he presented each of them with a photo memory book showcasing their contributions to the 2016 Campaign.

Steve and Patricia were excited to receive their memory books. Steve noted the personal growth he experienced during the campaign and commented on how wonderful it was to be able to support and encourage others to seek help, speak up for themselves and know that they are not alone in their life's struggles.

Patricia noted how wonderful it was to be part of something so big, so important and so impacting, to have a chance to be a voice for others in the community who used the services that benefit from donor dollars - allowing them and their families to heal, to be uplifted and move forward in their lives. Patricia did note that while much of her time had been spent travelling and competing worldwide in various Paralympic Karate competitions, her heart and thoughts were always with the United Way Campaign Cabinet.

Steve, Tom and those in attendance gave Patricia a round of applause for her many accomplishments in her various international tournaments. Tom stated "We're proud of her. She did a great job in representing Chatham-Kent!"

Chris McLeod then thanked everyone for attending the 69th Annual General Meeting, ending the evening.