

NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY GARDEN SOCIETY



Notice of 2022 Annual General Meeting

The North Shore Community Garden Society is inviting you to our **virtual Annual General Meeting**. We will be hosting the AGM online using [Zoom](#). Many have used Zoom previously, but if you're new to it, in advance of the meeting watch a [video on how to join as a participant](#), or a [video on how to join using iPhone or Android](#).

Meeting date: Tuesday, March 29, 2022 - 7:00 PM (Vancouver time)

When logging in, please include your name, garden name, and plot number in the 'Name' field. (Open the Participants list, find your name and select "Rename" from the options)

Join Zoom Meeting on PC, laptop, MAC, tablet, Ipad or smart phone:

**Please check your email or contact your garden coordinator
for meeting ID and passcode**

Please see the attached Guidelines for Meeting Participants for important information regarding use of zoom voting and raise hand features.

During the meeting, you'll be able to ask questions using the chat or 'raise hand' features in Zoom. A moderator will ensure questions and comments are aired in the order submitted.

The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting:

1. Call to order
2. Welcome comments and approval of the amended draft 2021 AGM minutes and 2021 Extraordinary GM minutes
3. Review of annual report (President's Report and Community Garden Reports)
4. Adoption of the Society's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021 and the Society's restated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020

5. Special Resolution.

5.1 – to change our society status from member-funded to an ordinary society and remove from our constitution the paragraph:

This society is a member-funded society. It is funded primarily by its members to carry on activities for the benefit of its members. On its liquidation or dissolution, this society may distribute its money and other property to its members.

5.2 – to modify the line in our constitution from:

promote well-being by providing access to garden space, and to public gathering space;

to:

promote well-being and co-operation by providing access to gardening spaces.

6. Vote on the Motions before the membership (see Appendix A)
7. Vote on Member proposals submitted to the board prior to the AGM
8. Thank you to our outgoing Board members
9. Election of Officers
10. Motion to Adjourn

Dated at North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada on March 6, 2022.

By Order of the Board

Debbie Selley
Interim President
North Shore Community Garden Society

Appendix A

Motions (by Agenda item)

#2.1 – that the minutes of the 2021 AGM as amended, and 2021 SGM be approved and accepted. (5 min)

#4.1 – Adoption of the Society’s financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2021 (5 min)

#4.2 - That the Restated Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 be accepted
(5 min)

- The 2020 financial statements have been restated to correct omissions (interest earned and expenses incurred in 2020 but not recorded) and to move to reporting the Society’s finances using accrual based accounting instead of cash based accounting – this includes the recognition of garden petty cash funds as assets which were initially expensed, and accounts payable.

#5.1 – to accept the proposed special resolution changing the North Shore Community Gardens Society from a Member-funded society to an Ordinary Society by modifying our constitution for submission to the BC Registry. (30 min)

Having assessed the BC Societies Act in light of the cash and in-kind donations received for the construction of the new Moodyville Gardens, it is necessary for us to change our status from a Member Funded Society to a Normal Society.

The donation amount (\$50,000) is larger than the maximum allowed by the Society’s Act (\$20,000) or 10% of our income from the last two years (\$2,068.26).

With the proposed relocation of Charros Gardens, we will be receiving Cash and in-kind donations that will surpass the maximum amounts allowed.

There is also a potential new garden to be built at St. Catherine’s Anglican Church with approximately 40 new plots. Again this will surpass the maximum amounts allowed under the Society’s act Member-funded society rules.

In addition to all of these projects, the expected costs of Garden up-keep surpasses \$100,000 over the next three years. The only way we can keep the garden rental fees modest is to solicit financial and in-kind support from government and philanthropic organizations which, again, necessitates this change in our Society status.

#5.2 – To modify the line in our constitution that includes “public gathering space”.

As a society, I believe we welcome the general public to enjoy the gardens and use the space to relax and appreciate all the work and love that goes into each and every plot. “Look, sniff but don’t pick” is on many of our signs. Unfortunately, our insurance does not cover the general public so, as a precaution against liability, removing “public gathering space” from our constitution is felt to be prudent.

#6 – to approve 2022 membership/garden plot rental fees (30 min)

Having assessed the financial needs of the NSCGS in order to effectively manage the Society and make necessary garden repairs, it is proposed that the membership/garden plot rental fee for the year 2022 be set at \$.85 per square foot. The fees will be allocated to four general areas – Board and Administration (insurance, AGM & other meeting costs, license & filing fees, etc.); Repair and Maintenance Fund; General Fund (to aid in the initial expenses of new gardens and unexpected expenses such as vandalism); Garden Funds (operation of individual gardens).

#9.1 – Election of Officers.

All members present will be offered the opportunity to put their name forward for one of the following roles:

- President
- Vice president

If no members put their name forward then the following positions will be filled by acclamation.

President – Mark Howard

Vice-President – Barry Goodwin

If members do put their name forward for any of these positions, normal voting shall occur (20 min)

Notes:

Members starting 2nd year of 2 year term: Shelley Elgar – Secretary; Marie Jones- Coordinator Liaison;
Debbie Selley – Treasurer

Members starting 1st year - Member at Large (Communications) – Cesarino (Mike) Battistel

#10 – motion to adjourn (2 min)