



GORGETILLICUM

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

P.O. Box 44152

Victoria, B.C., V9A 7K1

2017/2018 Annual Report

GTCA Annual General Meeting

March 13, 2018



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Vision:

A welcoming, walkable community whose diverse citizens engage in creating a sense of place and community pride and focus on the well-being of the neighbourhood as a part of the wider region.

Mission:

The GTCA will build an engaged community through facilitation, communication, celebration and education.

It will:

- create or support attractive and welcoming spaces including centres for community gathering, connections and expression;
- promote quality of life considering physical social, ecological and economic aspects of the neighbourhood; and build a responsive, diverse, collaborative and robust board and association.



AGENDA

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from 2017 AGM – Motion to Approve

Treasurer’s Report – Motion to Approve

President’s Remarks

Recognition of Retiring Board Members

Election of 2018 Board Officers and Directors

2017 Annual General Meeting Minutes
Native Friendship Centre, 7:00 PM, April 3, 2017

Attendance: 37

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda – moved by Ed Lyons, seconded by Gabe Epstein. Approved.
3. Minutes from 2016 AGM – moved by Paul Gerrard, seconded by Marcus Fedoruk. Approved.
4. Treasurer’s Report presented by Chris Kask.
Moved by Chris Kask, seconded by Andrew Wynn-Williams. Approved.
5. Remarks by GTCA President Rob Wickson.
Special thanks to departing board members Richard DuBouchard, Bill Williamson and Christine Fedoruk.
6. Presentation on Saanich Canada 150 activities by Michelle Sealey.
7. Update on the Governance Review process by Julian Anderson.
8. Special Resolution to amend the GTCA constitution and bylaws.
Vera Wynn-Williams presented the changes to the existing constitution and bylaws noting that the changes were made to meet the new provincial legislation which took effect on Nov. 28, 2016 and to modernize the bylaws to reflect digital technology. Moved by Vera Wynn-Williams, seconded by Scott Karpes. Approved unanimously.
9. Election of 2016 Board Officers and Directors presided over by Andrew Wynn-Williams.

President – Rob Wickson – acclaimed
Vice-President – Gabe Epstein– acclaimed
Treasurer – Chris Kask – acclaimed
Secretary – Vera Wynn-Williams – acclaimed
Membership Secretary – Irena Jazwinski – acclaimed

Directors at large
Returning : Scott Karpes, Katherine Brandt, Gabe Epstein, Ray Farmer, Trevor Hancock, Pam Loadman, Chris Bullock and Marcus Fedoruk
New: Edward Pullman– nominated by Scott Karpes; Russ Godfrey – nominated by Pam Loadman
10. Volunteer Recognition
The GTCA recognized the many volunteers who helped deliver the GTCA newsletters, some of whom had been delivering newsletters for 19 years. The volunteers of the Boulevard Brigade, who help maintain the boulevard and traffic circle plantings, were also thanked.
11. Motion to adjourn business portion of AGM. Moved by Ed Lyons, seconded by Ray Farmer. Approved.

President's Annual Report

As we begin our 20th year as the Gorge Tillicum Community Association, it is my pleasure to provide our membership with our board report closing out our 2017 year. It seems the longer we are around, the more there is to do.

Since our last AGM in April 2017, we have seen the construction of the McKenzie interchange become a full blown construction site with the resulting impacts on our community. The project timeline has now been extended until summer 2019. A berm has recently become part of the plan on the basis that it will save transportation costs by not having to take away the dirt that must be removed to lower the highway under the overpass. Both Julian Anderson and Dorothy Chambers have been carefully monitoring the impacts on Cuthbert Holmes Park, particularly protecting the 30 metre buffer between the project and the Colquitz River as much as they can. It is a very tough job and our appreciation is never ending.

As we talked about and thanked our volunteer army last April, we were getting ready for the 19th annual Gorge Canada Day Picnic. This is our premier event and the number of volunteers are too many to count. The single best thing about the picnic is the number of folks who simply come out to make our day the best. Last year's picnic success is tied directly to our volunteers and we cannot thank you all enough.

Summer is usually the time for a little rest but it seemed like we had things to take care of every day. Not only did we participate in the Saanich Music in the Park event in August, we continued our conversations with Saanich staff about traffic, by people seeking shelter in the parks, active transportation, and the Uptown/Douglas Corridor project. These last two projects are being led by Saanich staff and both can be followed on the Saanich Municipal web site. I would recommend that everyone become familiar with both these projects as they are intended to be a foundation for land use and transportation investments over the next 20 or 30 years. We have to start thinking about "what could be" and strive to build what we need to get there.

We have all heard us talk about homelessness and housing affordability as these things relate to our community. This year we got to experience the traveling homeless tent city when they arrived for a week on the Gorge Waterway and a week in Hampton Park. We got to know the camp leader, Chrissy Brett, who was a pleasant but firm advocate for the plight of the homeless. We learned that with the helpful guidance of Chrissy, the people living in the 12 tents in the "city" were respectful to our place but clearly demonstrated how a homeless family can find ways to pull together with community support.

Development projects were on-going in 2017 with some starting construction and others still in planning stages. Amica on the Gorge has been a very large project and is near completion. We understand that the developer had to completely rebuild the old Brookman store, but did so to keep their promise to celebrate the history of this place. I am looking forward to meeting our new neighbours later this spring.

As the year closes we must acknowledge the wonderful success of the Gorge Park Community Gardens. When I walk my dogs through this park we always take time to admire the efforts that have made this space not only so productive, but a unique community space for all to enjoy. A well-deserved thank you must go out to the Garden Committee.

This is a time of board renewal and this year we are about to say goodbye to three directors. Marcus Fedoruk has been involved in our land use decisions, website development, park clean-ups, and gives us our presence on twitter. However, as he and Christine have young Ivan to absorb their available time, Marcus decided it was time to leave his board duties. Thank you Marcus for your strong support.

Dr. Trevor Hancock has been part of the board for over 10 years and I must say it has always been a pleasure to hear his ideas and experiences. Trevor not only gave us his wisdom and experience, but he brought us the Morris Dancers. I was very pleased to work with Trevor on the GTCA Homelessness and Housing Affordability Project over the past two years and this work will serve us well in the future.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to Ray Farmer, the last of the original board. A twenty year sentence well served. When I first met Ray he was doing what he always does, making sure all the details were taken care of for our first Canada Day Pancake Breakfast and more. Since that time, Ray has been a "go to" guy, to be counted on to bring the tent, pick up the supplies, distribute the newsletter, acting as our membership secretary, and a friend to us all. To be able to work alongside Ray has been an honour and I will always look forward to the next beer break.

As we move to the next year, our 20th, I am motivated to think about the path we took to get here. It is the strength of those who came together with a belief in the community and a desire to build on our history, natural environment and people who live here. To be able to work with such a strong group of directors over the past years has been a privilege. As I move on to the past president role I want thank everyone for supporting the GTCA over the past twenty years and I am looking forward to what the next twenty will bring.

Cheers,

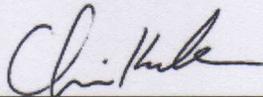


Rob Wickson
President

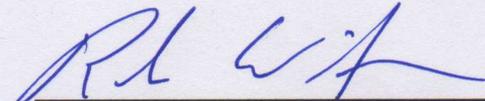
**Gorge Tillicum Community Association
Balance Sheet
As at December 31st**

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Chequing Bank Account	\$ 282.13	\$ 1,961.05
Savings Bank Account	10,399.85	9,514.39
GIC Investments	42,094.50	30,280.77
Membership Shares Bank Account	5.00	5.00
Paypal Account	19.12	-
Total Cash	52,800.60	41,761.21
Accounts Receivable	-	4,003.18
Prepaid Expenses	-	220.13
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 52,800.60	\$ 45,984.52
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 5.36	\$ 2,092.07
Deferred Revenue	1,353.32	1,633.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,358.68	3,725.39
EQUITY		
Unappropriated Surplus	37,259.13	34,411.82
Current (Deficiency)/Earnings	9,182.79	2,847.31
	46,441.92	37,259.13
Appropriated Surplus - Art Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL EQUITY	51,441.92	42,259.13
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 52,800.60	\$ 45,984.52

Certified January 16, 2018 in Victoria, BC:



Chris Kask
GTCA Treasurer

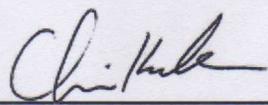


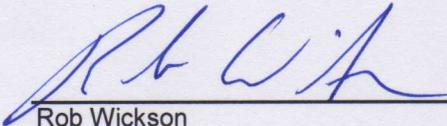
Rob Wickson
GTCA President

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Income Statement
For the year ended December 31st

	2017	2016
REVENUES		
Municipal Government Grant Revenue	\$ 9,150.00	\$ 12,150.00
Federal Government Grant Revenue	2,500.00	-
Total Government Grant Revenue	11,650.00	12,150.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Individual	695.00	755.00
Membership Fee Revenue - Business	25.00	175.00
Donation Revenue	5,301.15	5,630.75
Donations-in-kind Revenue	923.91	-
Grant Revenue	-	300.00
Advertising Revenue	3,533.33	3,653.33
Sales - Vendor Fees	13,875.42	10,469.27
Sales - Food & Beverage Events	3,965.45	3,898.65
GST/HST Rebate	-	658.18
Interest Revenue	356.36	419.99
Gardens Membership Fees	720.00	800.00
Gardens Allotment Fees	2,411.77	2,435.70
Gardens Special Event Revenues	1,887.00	5,748.00
Gardens Donation Revenue	250.00	114.60
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 45,594.39	\$ 47,208.47
EXPENSES		
Advertising Expenses	\$ 3.50	\$ 30.01
Bank Charges & Interest Expense	14.34	200.95
Community Works Expenses	500.00	2,707.16
Meetings, AGM, & Retreat Expenses	423.57	559.66
Events - Casual Labour Costs	4,997.40	5,344.73
Events - Food & Beverage Expenses	1,588.04	509.10
Events - Materials & Supplies	7,575.94	11,416.17
Events - Performers' Fees	8,105.00	5,270.00
Events - Space Rental (Recovery)	(20.00)	20.00
Insurance Expense	575.00	700.00
Licenses & Dues	40.00	138.76
Miscellaneous Expenses	557.76	-
Office Supplies	60.89	36.91
Postage & PO Box Expense	278.06	235.21
Printing Costs - Newsletter	4,912.01	5,101.78
Printing Costs - Other	1,569.73	704.75
Website Expenses	631.17	555.96
Garden - Operational Expenses	4,599.19	5,571.56
Garden - Building/Capital Expenses	-	5,258.45
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,411.60	\$ 44,361.16
NET (DEFICIENCY)/INCOME	\$ 9,182.79	\$ 2,847.31

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