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## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 9th, 2025 | 7:00pm | Sport 4 Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave

The 2025 Annual General Meeting of Bike Winnipeg was held at the Sport 4 Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave, on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm CDT. The meeting was also streamed online through Zoom. Members were required to attend in-person to vote on motions. Adam Johnston acted as Chair of the meeting and Benjamin Meek as Recording Secretary.

### 1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the 2025 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:04pm.

### 2.0 Land Acknowledgment Statement

Julia Schroeder read Bike Winnipeg's Land Acknowledgment Statement.

### 3.0 Introductions

The Chair introduced Bike Winnipeg's Board of Directors, Staff, and Committee Chairs:

Benjamin Meek: Director, Co-Chair

Corey Dyck: Director, Co-Chair, Chair of Measurement, Audit, and Compliance Committee

Luke Lorentz: Director, Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee

Patty Wiens: Director, Secretary, and incoming Chair of Advocacy Committee

Jaya Beange: Director

Robyn Dyck: Director, Chair of Fundraising Committee

Patrick Krawec: Director (outgoing)

Adam Johnston: Director, Chair of North-East Local Bike Group

Ian McCausland: Director

Julia Schroeder: Director (outgoing), Chair of Outreach & Education Committee

Mark Cohoe: Executive Director

Manpreet Gill: Bicycle Parking Coordinator (not present)

Jeffery Hodgins: Chair of the South-West LBG (not present)

Ian Walker: outgoing Chair of the Advocacy Committee (not present)

Steve West: Chair of the City Centre LBG

The Chair introduced three City of Winnipeg Councillors who were in attendance, and invited them to present welcoming remarks:

Councillor Janice Lukes

Councillor Matt Allard

Councillor Sherri Rollins (virtual attendance)

#### **4.0 Moment of Silence**

The Chair led a moment of silence in honour of all vulnerable road users killed on Winnipeg's roadways this past year.

#### **4.0 Adoption of the 2025 AGM Agenda**

It was **MOVED** by Misty Bromley that the Agenda be adopted. Seconded by Michael Abon. Carried.

#### **5.0 Presentation of Cheque to Gordon Bell**

Patty Wiens and Wendy Van Loon presented a cheque to Vinh Huynh, Principal of Gordon Bell High School, from the Rob Jenner Memorial Fund, which will be used to purchase lights and helmets for students at Gordon Bell who are participating in cycling education classes at the school. Vinh Huynh described the cycling education programming that has been implemented at Gordon Bell over the past few years, which now includes skills training and road safety for students in grades 7 and 8.

#### **5.0 Guest Speaker: Dr. Jon McGavock, Professor in the Department of Pediatrics & Child Health at the University of Manitoba**

Dr. McGavock presented his research surrounding the effects of urban pathways on public health.

#### **5.0 Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes**

It was **MOVED** by Luke Lorentz that the Minutes of the 2024 AGM be approved. Seconded by Kaye Grant. Carried.

#### **6.0 Board Nominations**

Three calls for nominations from the floor were made. There were no nominations from the floor.

The following individuals seeking election to the Board of Directors were named and each given two minutes to introduce themselves:

Eva Kwok - new board nominee

Linda Postma - new board nominee

Wendy Van Loon - new board nominee

Adinna Vergara - new board nominee

Michael Abon - new board nominee

Karla Braun - new board nominee

Benjamin Meek - seeking renewal (end of second two-year term)

Patty Wiens - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)

Ian McCausland - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)

Jaya Beange - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)

Members present at the AGM were instructed to cast their ballots for the nominated individuals to fill the eight (8) empty seats on the Board of Directors.

The Election Officials, Misty Bromley and Julia Schroeder, collected ballots and proceeded with ballot counts.

## 7.0 Reports

### 7.1 Executive Director

Presented by Mark Cohoe, Executive Director.

- Big things
  1. Pushing forward on creating a good network on our City's Master Plan
  2. Getting LBGs up and running (increased ride marshalls). Better able to understand what we need in the City - where the gaps and holes are.
  3. Communications has been great this year. Has taken a lot of time off Mark's hands to focus on stakeholder activities, grass-roots initiatives.
  4. Working towards our strategic plan (LBGs are a big part of this - reaching out into the community). Thank you to the Chairs of the LBGs.
  5. Sometimes the progress is slow or invisible (sometimes things are moving behind the scenes at the City level). We need funding to move forward from the City. We need that commitment from Public Works that when those road renewals come up.

### 7.2 Treasurer/Finance and Measurement, Audit & Compliance (MAC)

Presented by Luke Lorentz, Treasurer.

- The Treasurer indicated that the MAC working group had reviewed the financial statements and noted no material misstatements therein.
- Surplus
  1. Allowed up to invest in Bicycle Valet supplies: fencing, lighting, etc.
  2. Moved \$5,000 to a rainy day fund
- No significant new grants in 2024.
- Charitable Status application is being reviewed by lawyers.

### 7.3 Committee Reports

#### 7.3.1 Fundraising

Presented by Robyn Dyck, Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

- Highlight for 2024 was rolling out our sponsorship package
  - Red River Coop
  - Manitoba Hydro (Coffee Outside)
- Goal is to get eight \$1,000 sponsors and one champion sponsor (\$5,000)
- Memberships had a 50% increase
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#### 7.3.2 Advocacy

Presented by Patty Wiens, incoming Chair of the Advocacy Committee.

- Accomplishments: Wellington Cresc rallied for traffic calming.
- 54 people delegated at City Hall
- Patty Wiens became Winnipeg's first Bike Mayor
- Charles Fever - bike theft working group - working with MPI - exciting initiatives upcoming in 2025. Pushed the adoption of 529 Garage for bike registrations.
- Pushing for 30km/hr default speeds.
- Mayor came out to a group ride last year.
- Patty Wiens is the new Advocacy Chair

### 7.3.3 Outreach & Education

Presented by Julia Schroeder, Chair of the Outreach & Education Committee.

- Puts on group rides. Appreciates all the hard work of members and volunteers who plan and run these rides.
- Excited for another fantastic year of events.

### 7.3.4 Local Bike Groups (LBG)

Presented by Steve West, Chair of the City Centre Local Bike Group.

- Key: grassroots level participation at monthly meetings from the people who bike in those areas. This input feeds the priorities that are fed to councillors and pushed for in the annual budget.
- Encourage people to ride by finding low stress routes to their destinations. E.g., First Fridays rides, which will be happening again this year.
- Tackle local issues and working with elected officials to advance a cohesive and connection bicycle network.
- Have had success getting local officials out to group rides - highlighting gaps in cycling infrastructure.

### 7.3.5 Bicycle Valet

Presented by Mark Cohoe, Executive Director.

- We have recovered from the pandemic now and are starting to hit bigger numbers of events.
- Last year, with the help of the City, we were able to run some subsidized events, which we are planning to do again this year.

It was **MOVED** by Terry Woods that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Dave Elmore. Carried.

It was **MOVED** by Luke Lorentz that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Steve West. Carried.

## **8.0 Questions/Discussion**

The Chair invited questions from members in attendance. There were no questions.

## **10.0 Election Results**

Julia Schroeder presented the results of the board election. The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors:

Michael Abon  
Karla Braun  
Eva Kwok  
Ian McCausland  
Benjamin Meek  
Linda Postma  
Wendy Van Loon  
Patty Wiens

It was **MOVED** by Robyn Dyck that the slate of directors be approved as presented: Michael Abon, Karla Braun, Eva Kwok, Ian McCausland, Benjamin Meek, Linda Postma, Wendy Van Loon, Patty Wiens. Seconded by Julia Schoeder. Carried.

It was **MOVED** by Steve West that the election ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Mark Cohoe. Carried.

## **12.0 Adjournment**

It was **MOVED** by Adam Johnston that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Bike Winnipeg be adjourned at 8:47pm. Carried.