

**BONSOR 55+**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING HELD AT BONSOR CENTER**  
**February 28, 2025**

**In Attendance:**

Ernie Kashima (President),	Albert Lam (Director)	Agnes Lee, (Director),
Brian Pound (Vice President),	Pat Couch (Director),	Karman Lau, (Director),
Eugene Hamel (Treasurer),	Mary Horton (Director),	Walter Wun, (Director),
Louise Kowalenko (Secretary),	Elizabeth Revoczi, (Director),	Kelli Tibbles (Staff),
Brenda Felker (Director),	Margaret Li, (Director),	

**Absent:** \_Gerry Guo

**Attendance:**

There were 14 Directors in attendance. Therefore, the quorum requirement has been met, and the meeting was declared able to proceed.

***“Before we start, I would  
like to take a moment to  
recognize we are on the ancestral  
and unceded homelands of the  
hə́ŋqəmiŋə́m and Skwxwú7mesh  
speaking peoples, and to extend  
appreciation for the opportunity  
to hold a meeting on this  
shared territory.”***

1. The meeting was called to order by Ernie Kashima at 10:48 am.
2. Welcome to Guests: Vince Kwong, Bonsor Complex Supervisor
3. Welcome to new Directors, Gerry Guo, Agnes Lee, Karman Lau and Walter Wun
4. Agenda of February 28, 2025– Amendments and Approval

**MOTION** by Brian Pound to accept the Agenda of February 28, 2025, as amended. **Seconded** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried**

5. Nomination of Executive Officers. Mary Horton conducted the Nomination of Executive Directors.

**NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:**

**MOTION** by Louise Kowalenko to nominate Ernie Kashima as President. **Seconded** by: Brian Pound. Nomination accepted by Ernie Kashima. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Ernie Kashima to nominate Brian Pound as Vice-President. **Seconded by:** Louise Kowalenko. Nomination accepted by Brian Pound. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Margaret Li to nominate Eugene Hamel as Treasurer. **Seconded by:** Ernie Kashima. Nomination accepted by Eugene Hamel. **Motion Carried.**

**MOTION** by Walter Wun to nominate Louise Kowalenko as Secretary. **Seconded** by: Eugene Hamel. Nomination accepted by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried.**

Nominations are now closed.

**THE BONSOR 55+ SOCIETY EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR THE 2024/2025 TERM ARE:**

Ernie Kashima President

Eugene Hamel, Treasurer

Brian Pound Vice-President

Louise Kowalenko, Secretary

6. Minutes of the Previous Meeting – Amendments and Approval

**MOTION** by Eugene Hamel to accept the Minutes of January 10, 2025. **Seconded:** by Margaret Li. **Motion Carried**

7. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes
  - Deferred to March 2025 Board of Directors Meeting
8. Correspondence  
None.
9. Treasurer's Report

**MOTION** by Eugene Hamel to approve the January 2025 Financial Report as circulated. **Seconded:** by Ernie Kashima. **Motion Carried**

Request to allow 2 cheque signatories to authorize the transfer of money between Society bank accounts due to increased cash bank balances.

**MOTION** by Eugene Hamel to allow 2 of the cheque signatories to have the authority to transfer money between Society bank accounts without prior Board approval.  
**Seconded:** by Mary Horton. **Motion Carried**

Request for the payment of recurring monthly expenditures

**MOTION** by Eugene Hamel to provide Parkland (Chevron) with a prepayment option on our credit card.  
**Seconded:** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried**

The Prospera Credit Union will not allow electronic access for the Treasurer to access Society bank transactions prior to the due date for payment. The option of changing Mastercard providers so that this can be accomplished will be explored by Ernie Kashima and Eugene Hamel.

Request for funds to pay the filing fee of our annual AGM Report and Change of Directors Report to the BC Registry of Society Online Filing.

**MOTION** by Louise Kowalenko to pay to BC Registry of Society Online Filing up to \$60.00 for the annual submission of the 2025 AGM Report and Change of Directors Report. **Seconded:** by Ernie Kashima. **Motion Carried**

#### 10. Presidents' Report

The 2024 AGM went very well. We had 100 members in attendance including the Executive Members of the Board of Directors. Therefore, the quorum requirement was met, and the meeting was declared able to proceed. Ernie thanked all the Board Members for their outstanding efforts and commitment to the Bonsor 55+ Society.

The numbers for attendance at the St Patrick's Luncheon Dance are very low. Discussion was held regarding cancellation of this event

**MOTION:** by Eugene Hamel to cancel the St. Patrick's Luncheon Dance due to low attendance numbers. **Seconded** by Pat Couch. **Motion Carried.**

Louise Kowalenko will inform Group Leaders that this event has been cancelled, and money will be refunded through the City.

#### 10. Staff Report

In addition to the report contained in the AGM Package a discussion was held regarding the following:

Volunteer Luncheon invitations to Mayor and Council

**MOTION:** BY Ernie Kashima to extend an invitation to the City of Burnaby Mayor and Council members for the Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Volunteer Luncheon. **Seconded** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion Carried.**

Easter Celebration cookie station.

**MOTION:** by Mary Horton to contribute \$350.00 towards the Cookie Station to be held at the Easter Celebration.

**Seconded:** by Louise Kowalenko. **Motion carried.**

11. Sub-Committee Reports

Please see AGM Package

12. New Business

a) Board Liaisons – this allocation of positions has been deferred to the March meeting.

b) Coffee Bar price increase.

**MOTION:** by Mary Horton to increase the price of a cup of coffee from \$1 to \$1.25. **Seconded** by Pat Couch.

**Motion defeated.**

c) Thursday Night Dance drop in fee increase.

**MOTION:** by Elizabeth Revoczi to increase the Thursday night dance drop in fee from \$6 Member/\$8 Non-Member to \$7 Member/\$9 Non-Member effective April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025. **Seconded** by Eugene Hamel. **Motion Carried.**

13. Dates to remember.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	TIME
<b>2025</b>			
St Patricks' Luncheon Dance	Fri, Mar 14	CANCELLED	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Mar 14	Multi 3	10 am
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Apr 11	Multi 3	10 am
Volunteer Luncheon Riverway Golf Club	Thu, May 1	Riverway Golf Club	
Health Fair (with Mulberry Parc)	Wed, May 7th	Banquet Hall	TBA
Group Leaders Meeting	Wed, May 7	Multi 1/2	11:30 – 2:30
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, May 9	Multi 3	10 am
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Jun 13	Multi 3	10 am
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	July	CANCELLED	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Aug 8	Multi 3	10 am

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Sep 12	Multi 3	10 am
Coffee Bar Brunch	Thu, Sep 25	55+ Lounge	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Oct 10	Multi 3	10 am
Fall Dinner Dance TBD	Oct 24 or Nov 14	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING	Fri, Nov 14	Multi 3	10 am
Christmas Lunch	Wed, Dec 3	Banquet Hall Main Bldg	
BOD Christmas Event	Wed, Dec 10	Private Home	7 – 10 pm
Pancake Breakfast	Fri, Dec 17	55+ Lounge	

14. Good and Welfare – None to report

Meeting adjourned.

*Ernie Kashima*

ERNIE KASHIMA, President

*Louise Kowalenko*

LOUISE KOWALENKO, Secretary

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