

**COSCO DELEGATES' MEETING MEETINGS
HASTINGS COMMUNITY CENTRE
FEBRUARY 14, 2020**

1. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by President, Gudrun Langolf
2. **M/S/C** to hear from the Hon. Shane Simpson at the beginning of the meeting. Gudrun introduced the Hon. Shane Simpson, Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction. Notes on his presentation are at the end of the attachments.
3. **M/S/C** that the Agenda be adopted as circulated.
4. Guests/New Members:
Jewish Seniors' Alliance – Tony DuMoulin
Mission Seniors – Gordon Dainard
5. **M/S/C** that the minutes of the January 10, 2020 meeting be approved as distributed
Gudrun advised that two items of mail were circulating and asked that they be passed
6. Business arising from the minutes
 - a. AGM – Election of Officers – Election Committee Larry Dea and Gudrun Langolf
Sheila Pither was nominated for the position of President – 2 year term
Sheila Pither was declared elected by acclamation
Barb Mikulec and John Wynne were nominated for the position of 1st Vice-President – 1 year term
Barb Mikulec was declared elected
Betty Bolton was nominated for the position of Treasurer – 2 year term
Betty Bolton was declared elected by acclamation
Al Lemonnier was nominated for the position of Secretary – 1 year term
Al Lemonnier was declared elected by acclamation
Annette O'Connor was nominated for the position of 2nd Vice-President – 2 year term
Annette O'Connor was declared elected by acclamation
Members at Large – 3 positions for 2 year term, 1 position for 1 year term
Agnes Jackman, Navin Goburdhun, Jean Sickman and Barry Jones were nominated
Agnes Jackman, Navin Goburdhun, Jean Sickman were declared elected for a 2 year term and Barry Jones for a 1 year term
7. Reports:
 - a. President – Gudrun Langolf (**Attached**)
Gudrun spoke briefly to her report. She spoke of the number of events, such as media events, speaking events, etc. that she had attended over the past year. She advised that she is constantly amazed about the amount of work accomplished by a small number of people and the capacity of people working cheerfully and in a nice way. It all contributes to the 70 year successful story of the organization. She thanked individuals for the assistance they had provided. She will still be around in her capacity as Past President and thanked everyone for their courtesy and cooperation.
 - b. First Vice-President – Sheila Pither (**Attached**)
Sheila thanked everyone for electing her as President. She advised that we can make a difference collectively and as individuals. When she first retired, she thought she might get involved in cultural activities, but 'once an activist, always an activist'. Sheila then presented Gudrun with a bouquet of flowers to express the gratitude of the

organization.

- c. Second Vice-President – John Wynne
John thanked everyone for the support they had shown him over the past two years and wished the newly elected executive success in the future.
Gudrun advised that she and John were going to be part of the Budget Lockup in Victoria on Tuesday. They had applied for three to participate, but only she and John had received tickets; Sheila is on a wait list. The meeting can be long – you get a lot of paper to read – but it provides an opportunity for access to reporters.
- d. Treasurer – Betty Bolton **(Attached)**
M/S/C that the Financial Statement for the month of January 2020 be adopted as distributed
M/S/C that the Income and Expense Statement for the Fiscal Year 2019 be adopted as distributed
The auditors had met and reviewed the records for 2019. We have one signature on the auditors’ statement – Anastasia Mirras. John Salmon had agreed to the statement, but was unable to attend today. Due to a problem with mail service, he had not been able to submit a signed copy today – it is now in the mail to Betty.
Betty turned the mike over to Pat Brady to deal with the 2020 Budget.
M/S/C that the 2020 Budget be approved as distributed
- e. Membership – Linda Forsythe
Part of her work as Membership Secretary includes updating the Policy Book. The updating has now been completed. The Policy Book is in excess of 40 pages and will be available online.
At present there are 71 Affiliates and 116 Associates – these figures will stand till the end of April. Some groups have folded – an example was the Sunshine Coast Seniors – so the numbers will change.
- f. Communications – no report
- g. Health – Kathleen Jamieson **(Attached)**
Kathleen spoke to her report and advised that she had now completed her brief and submitted it to the Patented Medicines Prices Review Board (PMPRB). Primarily, she is pushing for a single payer National Pharmacare Program. It can be difficult to explain as she found when she made a presentation to the Metro Cross Cultural group. She also participated in a panel discussion at 411, chaired by Jenny Kwan.
- h. Housing – Barb Mikulec **(Attached)**
Barb expressed thanks for the nomination for 1st Vice President position.
She advised that there is a new problem in housing and that is insurance for Strata Corporations – costs have risen astronomically, if the insurance is available at all.

**Due to the lateness of the hour, it was M/S/C to defer discussion on the following reports and the balance of the agenda to the March Meeting.
(note: on the March agenda they will be reintroduced under “business arising from the minutes”**
- i. Income Security – Linda Forsythe **(Attached)**
- j. Strategic Planning and Policy – Leslie Gaudette **(Attached)**

- k. Health and Wellness Institute – Barb Mikulec **(Attached)**
 - l. Seniors’ Advocate Advisory Council
 - m. BC Government Retired Employees’ Association – Wayne Dermody
 - n. BC Old Age Pensioners’ Organization – Jerry Gosling **(Attached)**
 - o. BC Retired Teachers’ Association. – Pat Thiesen **(Attached)**
 - p. BC Federation of Retired Union Members – Diane Wood **(Attached)**
 - q. National Pensioners’ Federation – Kathleen Jamieson/Annette O’Connor
 - r. Conference 2020 – Pat Brady
 - s. Other Reports
- 8. New Business:
 - a. Nominations for Honorary Life Memberships
 - 9. Announcements:
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 - 10. Correspondence:
 - 11. Good and Welfare
 - 12. **M/S/C** that we adjourn at 12:00 noon

Next Meeting: March 13 at 10:00 a.m. at Hastings Community Centre

COUNCIL OF SENIOR CITIZENS' ORGANIZATIONS

Executive 2020 – 2021

President	Sheila Pither	VRTA	2 year
Past President	Gudrun Langolf	VMRRA	
1 st Vice President	Barb Mikulec	BCRTA	1 year
2 nd Vice President	Annette O'Connor	LRTA	2 year
Secretary	Albert Lemonnier	ILWU	1 year
Treasurer	Betty Bolton	BCOAPO	2 year
Member-at-large	Larry Dea	BCITRA	1 year
Member-at-large	Navin Goburdhun	BCGREA	2 year
Member-at-large	Mohinder Grewal	VCCSN	1 year
Member-at-large	Agnes Jackman	BC FORUM	2 year
Member-at-large	Barry Jones	CNPA	1 year
Member-at-large	Rod McIvor	CNPA	1 year
Member-at-large	Jean Sickman	BCGREA	2 year

General Vice Presidents – Appointed by large affiliates

Diane Wood	BC Forum
Wilf Brodrick	BCGREA
Gerry Gosling	BCOAPO
Pat Thiesen	BCRTA

Appointed Committee Chairs (2018)

Finance	Pat Brady	BCRTA
Membership	Linda Forsythe	411
SP & P	Leslie Gaudette	Associate
Health	Kathleen Jamieson	Associate