



**Spring Forum & Annual General Meeting 2017**  
**Wednesday, April 26, 2017 9:30 A.M. – 3:00 P.M**  
**Bear Creek Pavilion**  
**Bear Creek Park, 13750 - 88 Avenue, Surrey**

**Minutes**

Attendance: 52 participants (including 38 registered ISCMV members in good standing) attended the forum/AGM.

**Chair:** Jude Grass

**Note-taker:** Tasha Murray

9:30 A.M. Welcome & Introduction

9:40 A.M. *Getting Dirty in Nature: Managing and Motivating Environmental Stewardship Volunteers*, Dr. Veronica Wahl, Coordinator, Institute of Urban Ecology, Douglas College

10:10 A.M. *What's Invading Wetlands?* Neil Fletcher, Wetlands Education Program Manager, BC Wildlife Federation

10:50 A.M. *Gordon's Brook Shallow Marsh Restoration in Aldergrove Regional Park*, Monica Pearson, Owner/Principal Balance Ecological

**ISCMV AGM Portion**

AGM called to order at 11:18 A.M.

1. Approve 2016 AGM minutes

Motion made to accept the ISCMV 2016 Annual General Meeting minutes (Ralph Nevill/Peggy DeMarco; all in favor; motion carried).

2. ISCMV Year-in-review & other highlights presented

- 2.1. Society highlights (Tasha Murray)
- 2.2. Operations highlights (Graham Watson)
- 2.3. Future directions (Lesley Douglas)

3. Presentation of financials (Ralph Nevill)

Treasurer Ralph Nevill presented the ISCMV 2016-17 year-end financial report, including:

- Year-end financial statements March 31, 2017
- Budget for upcoming fiscal year 2017-18

Motion made to accept financial report as presented (Mike Brotherston/Peggy DeMarco; all in favor; motion carried). Motion made to accept proposed budget as presented (Ken Crosby/Shirley McKell; all in favor; motion carried.)

#### 4. Special resolution to adopt new constitution and bylaws (Shirley McKell)

The ISCMV has undertaken a review of its governance documents to ensure compliance with the new BC *Societies Act* which was enacted November 28, 2016. Proposed changes include those required under the new Act and additional changes to better reflect the governance of the ISCMV.

Key changes were presented in a background document and a draft of the proposed constitution and bylaws, provided to the membership in advance of the meeting.

Motion made: RESOLVED that the constitution and bylaws (filed August 17, 2006) of the Invasive Species Council of Metro Vancouver Society be repealed and replaced by the following to take effect on the filing of a transition application under the BC *Societies Act* (Shirley McKell/Ruth Foster; all in favor; motion carried).

#### 5. Recognitions (Tasha Murray)

##### 5.1. Partners

Tasha Murray recognized the 2016-17 partners.

##### 5.2. Staff and Board of Directors

Tasha Murray thanked the various staff who worked for the ISCMV the last fiscal year as well as the 2016-17 Board of Directors.

##### 5.3. Departing directors

The following Directors have completed their terms and were thanked for their service to the ISCMV over the last two or more years: Pamela Zevit, Mike Brotherston, Shirley McKell, Wayne Horvath and Hannah Bottomley.

#### 6. Appointment of the 2017-2020 ISCMV Directors (Ken Crosby)

There are eight Positions open on the Board; seven nominations were received.

Motion made to accept the following nominees by acclamation for the 2017-20 term: Dan Henegar, H  l  ne Marcoux, Laurie Bates-Frymel, Lesley Douglas, Paul Cipywnyk, Ralph Nevill and Rob Landucci (Ken Crosby/Dave Martin; all in favor; motion carried).

The ISCMV Board of Directors for the next fiscal year are:

Name	Year of Term
Dan Henegar	1 of 3
Dave Martin	2 of 3
Fiona Steele	2 of 3
Hélène Marcoux	1 of 3
Jude Grass	2 of 3
Ken Crosby	2 of 3
Laurie Bates-Frymel	1 of 3
Lesley Douglas	1 of 3
Lisa Dreves	3 of 3
Melinda Yong	2 of 3
Paul Cipywnyk	1 of 3
Peggy DeMarco	2 of 3
Ralph Nevill	1 of 3
Rob Landucci	1 of 3

Executive positions are elected at the first Board meeting.

#### 7. Upcoming events (Tasha Murray)

Details for upcoming local and international events related to invasive species were shared.

#### 8. AGM Closed at 12:02 P.M.

1:10 P.M. *Evolution of Public Awareness of Invasive Species in Metro Vancouver: a Decade Learned from the ISCMV*, Tasha Murray, Senior Manager, ISCMV

1:30 P.M. *BC Hydro's Integrated Vegetation Management Plan & Response to Invasive Species*, Rene Roddick, Vegetation/Pest Biologist, BC Hydro

1:50 P.M. *Regional Priority Species List: 2017 Update*, Fiona Steele, Associate & Senior Biologist, Diamond Head Consulting

2:10 P.M. *BC Invasive Mussel Defense Program*, Martina Beck, Invasive Mussel Program Co-ordinator, Ministry of Environment

2:30 P.M. *What's Happening Next Door: Updates from Neighbouring Regional Invasive Species Committees*, Alida Janmaat, Director, Fraser Valley Invasive Species Council & Clare Greenberg, Executive Director, Sea to Sky Invasive Species Council

2:50 P.M. *Updates from the Regional District*, Laurie Bates-Frymel, Senior Environmental Planner, Metro Vancouver

3:00 P.M. *An Attempt to Outcompete Reed Canary Grass Using Native Shrubs Under a Hydro Right-Of-Way*, H  l  ne Marcoux, Instructor, Forest and Natural Areas Management, BCIT

3:25 P.M. Closing Comments, Jude Grass, ISCMV Chair

Forum closed at 3:40 P.M.