



LAURENCREST YOUTH SERVICES INC.

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Members of Laurencrest Youth Services Inc. held on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at Laurencrest, 510 Mercier St. West, Cornwall, Ontario at 12:10 p.m.

Attendees: Mr. Jamie Pollock - President

Mrs. Charlene Davidson

Mrs. April Warden

Mrs. Josee Payette

Mrs. Megan Laroche (acting secretary)

Regrets:

Ms. Adorata Uwizeyimana-Jacob – MOH Program Supervisor

Ms. Corrina Kitchen – MAG Direct Accountability Program Coordinator

Ms. Donna-Lee Rabey – SOLGEN Probation and Parole Manager

Mrs. Nicole Poirier – Board Member

Mrs. Diane Nixon – Board Member

Mr. Steve Guindon – Board Member

Mr. Randy Houle – Board Member

Mr. Greg Smith – Board Member

Mr. Josh Eamon – Board Member

Mr. Brian Hunt – Foundation Board Member

Mr. Brian Johnston – Foundation Board Member

Mrs. Jennifer Lefebvre – Foundation Board Member

Mrs. Shawn Maloney – Foundation Board Member

Guests:

Mrs. Wendy MacDonald – Auditor

Ms. Marie Michel – MCCSS Program Supervisor

Mrs. Dan O'Rourke – ED Consultant

Laurencrest Staff: Kelly O'Farrell, Chris Villeneuve, Lisa Granger, Melanie St. Martin, Dominique Boiveneue, Zack Maloney, Kelsey Benoit

AGM invitations are distributed to community partners and the community at large through social media.



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The Board President, Mr. Jamie Pollock, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He declared that the meeting had been properly constituted, i.e., that the auditor had been called in.

Mr. Jamie Pollock noted that as per our by-laws, the quorum constitutes 50% + 1 of the voting Board members. He noted that we have ten members in good standing; therefore, six members constitute a quorum. Mr. Jamie Pollock reported that we have four members present, therefore quorum requirements have not been met.

Mr. Jamie Pollock noted that all members who were in good standing 45 days in advance of our AGM are eligible to vote and receive an AGM package (the agenda, minutes from last year, and audit financial statements) by email. This package included all resolutions that will be voted upon today.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF THE LAND

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We wish to express gratitude to Mother Earth for the resources we are using and take this time to officiate this statement as a sign of respect and affirmation and as a single but important step towards reconciliation. As a representation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, we acknowledge the territory of the Mohawk People, and bring awareness, and offer our respect to the space that we inhabit today. Niawen (Knee-yaw-waw). Thank you. Merci.

A motion for approval of the agenda.

POSTPONED

A motion for approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of 2022-2023

POSTPONED

Appointed auditor for the corporation, Mrs. Wendy MacDonald presented the Financial and Audit statements for the period ending March 31, 2024.

Approval to accept the financial report.

POSTPONED



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Approval for all actions taken by the Executive Director and Board of Directors since the last Annual Meeting be ratified. **POSTPONED**

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:

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Mr. Jamie Pollock presented the following Board Member slate for consideration for the 2023/2024 term:

Dianne Nixon
Steven Guindon
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Josh Eamon
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Greg Smith
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Randy Houle

A motion to close nominations and endorses the slate. **POSTPONED**

Mr. Jamie Pollock declared the Board of Director slate duly appointed.

PRESIDENT REMARKS

As the President of Laurencrest Youth Services, I would like to start by acknowledging the exceptional dedication and hard work of our Board of Directors and our Executive Directors, Dan and Megan, over the past year. Your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts have been the backbone of our organization's success and resilience.



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Thank you again for all you do!

Jamie Pollock
June 18, 2024

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

Welcome, and thank you all for gathering here today for my first Annual General Meeting with Laurencrest Youth Services.

It is a genuine honor for me to be standing here, sharing the incredible impact and progress we have made together over the past year.

This would not be possible without our outstanding volunteer Board of Directors and the amazing, committed, and dedicated staff; for this, I want to express my deepest gratitude.

Your unwavering support and tireless efforts have been instrumental and foundational in driving our mission forward.

To my Rock Star staff, please stand so we can acknowledge your efforts.

Please applaud the staff!

A huge welcome to Nicole Poirier, our newest Board Member!

A bright welcome to Marie Michel, our new MCCSS Program Supervisor!

Welcome, and thank you both for sharing a journey of growth with Laurencrest while supporting youth, families, our community, and partners.



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- 2- Expanded our Community Support Order Program. We are the second most referred region across the province. Toronto was the first.
- 3- Our Attendance Centre Program was at 100% capacity year-round.
- 4- Pledged to the EDI (Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) commitment as part of our community-wide initiative called IDEA Community Coalition. We are amongst 33 agencies who signed this pledge, which we are the first coalition like this in our province.
- 5- Expanded the Adult Directed Accountability Program to include the Pre-Charge Diversion.
- 6- Sponsored the Cornwall Youth Space inclusion initiative in Alexander Park. This project aims to create an accessible park for a wide range of different disabilities for our youth.
- 7- Sponsored a bursary to St. Matthew Catholic Secondary School.
- 8- Bought and donated Christmas gifts for 7 less fortunate Strive youth and families.
- 9- We received several different training opportunities, such as Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy (TF.CBT), ARC, Assist, and SafeTALK.

In the short time since I have been in this role, it is already evident to me that in our area, there are critical shortages and gaps in community support services for youth and families.

I am committed to facilitating Laurencrest in fostering growth centered around supporting youth, reducing gaps in our community, and working closely with our precious community partners.



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Some of the new accomplishments highlighted in the new 2024-2025 fiscal:

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- 3- We were also awarded a grant from the Break Open Ticket (BOT) from the Ontario Charity Gaming Association (OCGA) for \$ 2,000.
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I firmly believe that together, we can continue building communities and foster a sense of belonging for every youth, adult, and family in our area. By investing in their education, mental health, and guidance, we invest in a brighter, more inclusive future for all.

Thank-you.

Megan Laroche

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Adjournment

Mr. Jamie Pollock called the 2023-2024 AGM to a close and thanked everyone for their time and attention. He noted that we look forward to another year of helping youth and families in our community.

Mr. Jamie Pollock: *Jamie Pollock*

PRESIDENT

Mrs. Megan Laroche: *Laroche*

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR & SECRETARY



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Mrs. Josee Payette

Mr. Greg Smith

Mr. Randy Houle

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A motion for approval of the agenda was made by Mr. J. Pollock, seconded by Mrs. C. Davidson
All in favour **CARRIED**

A motion for approval of the minutes of the annual meeting of 2021-2023, as presented, was made by Mrs. D. Nixon and seconded by Mr. R. Houle.
All in favour **CARRIED**



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Mr. J. Pollock, seconded by Mr. G. Smith, to accept the financial report as presented.
All in favour **CARRIED**

Mr. G. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. J. Payette that Mrs. Wendy MacDonald from BDO will be the auditor of the organization for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and hold this position until the next Annual Meeting of the members at such remuneration as may be fixed by the Board of Directors. All in Favour **CARRIED**

On a motion by Mr. J. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. D. Nixon, it was unanimously approved that all actions taken by the Executive Director and Board of Directors since the last Annual Meeting be ratified. All in Favour **CARRIED**

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