**Rise Calgary Resource Centre Society**

**2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2023**

**6pm-7:00pm via zoom https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7043463932**

**In attendance:**

Merle Young, Salimah Kassam, Terry Brooker, Hilary Chapple, Lynn Robbins-Junor, Ameera Shivji, Chantel Robins, Emilee Mogg, Eugene Nishino, Evan Hamilton, Greg Sande, Gwendora Yellow Old Woman, Jay Kleinsasser, Jennifer Caswell, John, Jon M, Jose, Karen Hall, Keerti, Kim Jaedicke, Larry Wu, Lucia Taylor-Castillo, Lynn Mutch, Martin Blake, Melody Lemay, Meranda Brock, Mohamad Samman, Shane Yu, Tanner Short, Teerachart Chaiprasert, Cale Ellis-Toddington, Salway El-Maghwry, Darlene Doskoch, Clayton Bellamy

**Minutes taken by:** Cale Ellis-Toddington

**Land Acknowledgement:**  Salimah Kasam

**Call to order:** 6:14pm by Lynn Robbins-Junor, Larry Wu seconded

**Approval of Agenda: *Cale Ellis-Toddington***  ***motioned to accept the 2024 AGM Agenda,* Lynn Robbins-Junor *seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Approved.***

**Guest Speaker: Clayton Bellamy**

**Year in Review:** Salimah Kassam

See attached PowerPoint Presentation/Impact Report

**Highlights:**

44% increase in demand on year over year basis for Basic Needs Funding

Most BNF applications are for rent/damage deposits, utilities, and eviction comprising 86% of all BNF

226 Talking Taxes clients received $1,671,710.00 in benefits.

13,351 Interactions pertaining to housing or basic needs

1303 Tax returns filed (increase of 300 over last year)

897 Mobility Coaching interactions

57 Financial Empowerment customers surpassing target by 14%

Financial Review –

Funding needs identified: Operation infrastructure, Training and Development, Specialized Programming, and Resource Allocation

Web portal being launched

**Motion to accept minutes of the 2023 AGM Minutes:**  Larry Wu  ***motioned to accept the AGM minutes from 2023,*** Cale Ellis-Toddington ***seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Approved.***

**Financial Report:** Eugene Nishino – Presented Financial Statements of Rise Calgary.

***Eugene Nishino motioned to accept the 2023-2024 Financial Statements as presented, seconded by Ameera Shivji. All in favour, none opposed. Approved.***

**Appointment of Auditors: *Eugene Nishino***  ***motioned that Rise Calgary Resource Centre Society appoints the Versatile Accounting as auditor for the 2024-2025 year, Lynn Robbins-Junor seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Approved.***

**Appointment of Board of Directors: Karen Hall *motioned that Rise Calgary Resource Centres appoints the Directors as per the Board Director Slate for the 2024-2025 year, Cale Ellis-Toddington seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Approved.***

Board Slate proposed:

Ameera Shivji (Chair)

Lynn Robbins-Juror (Co-Chair)

Larry Wu (Past Chair)

Eugene Nishino (Treasurer)

Cale Ellis-Toddington (Secretary)

Jay Kleinsasser (Director)

Karen Hall (Director)

Jen Caswell (Director)

Kim Jaedicke (Director)

Terry Edwards (Director)

**Board changes:**

***Larry Wu has retired as chair of the board, and shall remain as a director in the position as past chair for the 2024-2025 year.***

**Adjournment: At 6.44 PM Jay Kleinsasser *motioned to adjourn the formal part of the meeting.***