

GOLDSTREAM FOOD BANK SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 2, 2025

ATTENDANCE: 21 MEMBERS Plus One Non Voting Volunteer

- 1.0 Gayle welcomed those present and thanked everyone for taking time out of their busy day to attend the 2025 AGM. Gayle asked if everyone had a copy of the Agenda and did they approve. The Agenda was approved by Cindy Fizzard and seconded by Suzanne Lim. Carried
- 2.0 The minutes of the July 25, 2024 AGM were distributed. Gayle asked if everyone had a copy of the Minutes. Sandy moved the minutes and they were seconded by Cec Cancade.
- 2.1 Errors or Omissions. None
- 2.2 Approval of Minutes. Carried
- 3.0 Reports
 - 3.1 President's Report: Gayle thanked everyone for their dedication and endless hours of volunteerism. Without you, we couldn't carry on the Mission of the Goldstream Food Bank. She also thanked the Board of Directors for their hard work and support. It was a very busy year, including our Christmas Program. Because of you, we have helped thousands of needy Westshore residents (Shannon will report all stats momentarily), 35% of which are children and there were 683 new food bank households. We have incredible ongoing community support from places such as: Scouts/Guides Canada's Hike for Hunger, the Sarah Beckett Memorial Run, Superstore/Westshore RCMP Cram The Cruiser and Canoe Events, Latter Day Saints Thanksgiving Food Drive, the Luxton spring and fall fairs and the schools 10,000 Tonight. These are just some of the events who keep our shelves stocked and money in our bank account. Many small businesses, schools, churches, private citizens and service clubs are the backbone of our food bank. This brings me to you. You are the life breath of the Goldstream Food Bank. It is because of you, and the other 60+ volunteers who couldn't attend, that this food bank functions as well as it does. You are all so hardworking and generous with your time. I know the clients appreciate all that you do. I can see the happiness and relief on their faces when they leave with a buggy full of food and goodies. I talk to a lot of people and the word is out in Greater Victoria that we are a 100% volunteer operation. No salaries, no honorariums and no groceries are received in lieu of hours volunteered.
 - 3.2 Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was handed out prior to the meeting. Shannon said that the Food Bank has a healthy Account. Our money is invested in multiple GIC's which mature at different times each year. Shannon said that, this year, she renewed one of our GIC's which we would normally keep out for Christmas but with our current account that wouldn't be necessary. Shannon mentioned that the food bank has had its first full formal review engagement

(that's below a full audit). We had a partial one done for 2023. Shannon made a Motion: "That we appoint the Review Engagement Company of Pomponio & Company for 2025". Moved by Annick Duchainy, Seconded by Ian Phillips. Carried. Shannon moved her report. Seconded by Annick Duchainy. Carried.

- 3.2.1 Statistics: There was quite an increase in our stats this year: hampers – 5218(4969) plus 761 at Christmas, children 5200(4929) and people – 14,569(14,119) with 683 new people. Report moved. Seconded by Annick Duchainy. Carried.
- 3.3 The following Board of Directors of the Goldstream Food Bank Society, have all indicated their willingness to continue serving in their duties and positions for the next year. our Secretary; Sandy Prette, Vice President; Walter Dubeau, Co-Treasurer; Shannon Youell, Co-Treasurer; Audrey van Bruchem, Peter Hawkes, Member at Large/Warehouse. May I have a Motion to approve the status of the returning Board members as presented – Darrell Colwell, Seconded Suzanne Lim. Carried. Susan Still and Sharon Willcox have resigned from the Board for this year, thanks to you both for everything you've done. Two new volunteers joining the Board this year, Cynthia Fizzard and Gail Wright. May I have a Motion to approve the addition of the two new members, Carol Robertson, Seconded Helene Boucher.

A Motion was made to adjourn the meeting.