



Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary Society

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 11th, 2026 at Swan Lake Nature House
Social 4:30 – 5:30 pm Business Meeting 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Territorial Acknowledgement by Cara Gibson.

Chair's Welcome

Sharon Daly, Board Chair, welcomed members, Staff and Board to the 2026 AGM.

- 1. Call to Order:** Sharon Daly called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm
Quorum has been achieved for the meeting.
Minutes taken by: Lynn Young
- 2. Introductions:** Sharon Daly introduced Board members and expressed her thanks to the Board, Staff members and Volunteers for their dedication, commitment and efforts on behalf of the Nature Sanctuary.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: "That the agenda for the 2026 Annual General meeting be adopted as presented."

Moved: Shamus Reid

Seconded: Roger Harmston **Carried**

- 4. Approval of the 2025 AGM Minutes:**

Motion: "That the meeting minutes from the Annual General Meeting on June 13, 2025 be adopted as presented."

Moved: Jane Cameron

Seconded: Anne Topp **Carried**

- 5. Chair's Remarks:**

Sharon recounted that in 2025 we celebrated 50 years of community urban nature conservation and education. Through workshops with local First Nations, a digital survey, open house and a community listening workshop, we identified guiding principles, actions, and long-term strategic goals to guide our work and community service for the next 50 years. She thanked all participants who helped to create our 50-Year Vision.

Sharon acknowledged the passion, dedication and leadership of our Executive Director, Cara Gibson, and expressed her sincere gratitude and appreciation for Cara's work on behalf of the Nature Sanctuary.

6. Presentation by Executive Director

Cara Gibson presented a slideshow highlighting accomplishments at the Nature Sanctuary in 2025. She thanked her incredible team of staff that made it all possible. Cara also expressed the Society’s concerns about the impacts of local densification and increased visitor use. Cara noted the work that the Society is trying to do to collaborate with Saanich to ensure the Nature Sanctuary remains of high ecological integrity.

7. Auditor’s Report:

Lenora Lee, Audit Partner with KPMG LLP, presented a recorded report of the 2025 Financial Statements.

Motion: "That the firm KPMG be reappointed as auditors to complete the financial statements for the fiscal year ending 2026 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to fix the remuneration for these services."

Moved: Maureen Butler

Seconded: Lynn Young **Carried**

8. Endowment Fund Report:

Presented by Maureen Butler, Treasurer.

9. Nomination Committee Report:

Don Leitch is standing for election for a two-year term.

Motion: "That the slate of candidates presented be acclaimed."

Moved: Shamus Reid

Seconded: Matthew Wilson **Carried**

10. Other Business

11. Next meeting: June 10, 2027

12. Adjournment:

Motion: "To adjourn the 2026 Annual General Meeting"

Moved: Don Leitch

Seconded: Maureen Butler **Carried**

The 2026 Annual General Meeting is officially adjourned at 6:12 pm