



**DRAFT 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**815 St-Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, ON K1K 3A7**  
**August 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre (ONFC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on August 18, 2022.

**Attendance**

Facilitator: Wayne Spear

Board of Directors: Vanessa McGregor, President Nelson Alisappi, Director  
 Liane Chiblow, Director Michael Lacka, Director  
 Marie-Celine Charron, Secretary Jonah Keeshig, Director

Regrets: Amy Nahwegahbow, Vice-President  
 Jacques Dalton, Treasurer

Staff: Randy Mayes, Executive Director Sheridan Baptiste  
 Simone Charette Zowie Commanda  
 Salmon Dafoe Mary Gunner  
 Krystal Snowboy Emeka Ndukwe

Members: Emily Bayne Marc Forgette Leanne Hunter  
 Hélène Cayer Wanda Gorman Terry McKay  
 Maureen Donnelly June Groulx Tito Medina  
 Helene Findlay Sandra Hernandez Daisy Nagle

Observers: Brendan Johnson, Welch LLP Bryden McMaster, Welch LLP

Minutes: Gabriel Pangowish

Opening: Greg Meekis

**1. OPENING PRAYER**

Wayne Spear announces Greg Meekis will give an opening prayer.

**2. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

39 Wayne Spear asks the Directors to introduce themselves before Vanessa McGregor  
40 welcomes all participants.

41 Vanessa McGregor, ONFC President, gave a brief introduction of herself and welcomed  
42 participants to the 47<sup>th</sup> ONFC AGM and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The  
43 President introduced the Facilitator, Wayne Spear, who will act as Chair.

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45 Wayne Spear gave a brief introduction of himself. Wayne Spear announces that there will be  
46 a small addition to the agenda.

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48 The Chair reported that quorum was reached with 12 voting members present.

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50 **3. AGENDA**

51 The draft agenda was presented to the members.

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53 **It was MOVED Maureen Donnelly by and SECONDED by Leanne Hunter**

54 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre approve the agenda for the 46<sup>th</sup>  
55 Annual General Meeting with the addition.

56 **RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-01)**

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58 **4. MINUTES OF THE 45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021**

59 The Chair presented the draft minutes from the 46<sup>th</sup> ONFC AGM held on September 23, 2021,  
60 to the members. One minor revision to add Leanne Hunter's name to the members in  
61 attendance.

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63 **It was MOVED Marc Forgette by and SECONDED by Helen Cayer**

64 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre approve the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual General  
65 Meeting minutes held on September 23, 2021, as presented, with one minor revision.

66 **RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-02)**

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68 **5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

69 The President presented her report.

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71 **It was MOVED by Marc Forgette and SECONDED by Leanne Hunter**

72 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre accept the President's report as  
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74 **RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-03)**

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76 **6. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

77 The Executive Director presented his report, but also wanted to point out some important  
78 topics:

- 79 • Odawa has received significant infrastructure funding from OFIFC.
- 80 • 510 Rideau will be undergoing some major renovation beginning In September 2022 and  
81 it expected to be completed in June 2023. 510 has been temporarily relocated and will  
82 continue to provide services.

- 83 • Additional renovations will be underway as well and is expected to be completed by March  
84 of 2023. The reception area, kitchen, cedar room and another room will be revamped.  
85 • The ONFC has also received funding for two new projects, which are the Creating Safe  
86 Spaces Project geared towards 2SLGBTQIA+/MMIWG community, the Mental Health  
87 Peer Support Project for assisting those involved in the justice system, as well as the  
88 Intergenerational Trauma project. The project funding for these are running up until  
89 March of 2023.

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91 **It was MOVED by Helene Findlay and SECONDED by Tito Hernandez**

92 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre accept the Executive Director's  
93 report as presented.

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**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-04)**

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96 **7. AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2022**

97 Brendan Johnson from Welch LLP, presented the audited financial statements for the fiscal  
98 year ending March 31, 2022.

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100 The auditors commented that the ONFC is on the proper path, financially, and is in a much  
101 better financial position than in previous years and trending in a positive way

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103 The auditor stated that in his opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described  
104 in the "*Basis for Qualified Opinion*" section in the report, the financial statements present  
105 fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as of March 31, 2022.

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107 **It was MOVED by Helene Findlay and SECONDED by Marc Forgette**

108 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre accept the auditor's report for the  
109 fiscal year ending March 31, 2022, as presented by Welch, LLP.

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**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-05)**

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112 **8. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

113 The auditors left the meeting, and then a motion was made to appoint the auditors for the  
114 22/23 fiscal year.

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116 **It was MOVED by Helene Cayer and SECONDED by Leanna Hunter**

117 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre appoint Welch LLP to conduct the  
118 audit for the next fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.

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**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-06)**

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121 **9. ONFC BYLAW NO. 9 REVISIONS**

122 The members were presented with the revisions to By-Law#9 at the last Annual General  
123 Meeting held on September 23, 2022. The ONFC also held two information sessions for  
124 members to participate in, if they had any questions or comments on the revisions.

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126 There were additional friendly amendments which were presented by the members, as  
127 follows:  
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31.3. The Board of Directors shall have one seat reserved for Youth. However, if the position cannot be filled, it will be opened for another eligible member. This shall be from the existing numbers of the Board. The Youth shall be elected for a term of one year. The individual holding the youth seat must be between the ages of 18 – 24 inclusive. The Youth shall be ~~elected~~ nominated by ~~all the~~ Members attending the AGM. Any Youth who will become 25 years of age during the year of office shall be ineligible to run for election as the youth Board member.

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56.0 The Board of Directors shall develop and update as necessary, a ~~clear~~ job description for the Executive Director.  
57.0 The Executive Director shall be dismissed only by full agreement ~~the resolution~~ of the complete Board of Directors, at a duly convened meeting.  
58.0 The Board of Directors shall determine, by resolution, the remuneration of ~~all staff and agents of the~~ Executive Director ~~Friendship Centre.~~

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**It was MOVED by Sandra Hernandez and SECONDED by Daisy Nagle**

That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre approve the revisions to By-Law# 9, as well as the friendly amendments brought forward.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-07)**

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**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chair opened the floor to new business.

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a) Recommendation to go paperless

A member recommended that the ONFC plays an important role in reducing plastics which are harmful to the environment.

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Upon fulsome discussion with the members, it was recommended that the ONFC reduce the use plastics, when possible.

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**It was MOVED by Helene Cayer and SECONDED by Sandra Hernandez**

That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre recommend that the ONFC strives to reduce and avoid using unnecessary plastics in its' programming.

**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-08)**

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b) Pow Wow

The Pow Wow committee will hold its first meeting in September to begin to plan the Odawa Pow Wow.

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157 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

158 The President thanked the members for their participation and feedback.

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160 **It was MOVED by Maureen Donnelly and SECONDED by Marc Forgette**

161 That the members of the Odawa Native Friendship Centre close the 47<sup>th</sup> ONFC Annual  
162 General Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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**RESOLVED BY CONSENSUS (AGM2022-08-09)**

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166 Greg Meekis closed the meeting with a prayer.

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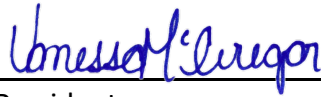
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169 This is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Odawa  
170 Native Friendship Centre held on August 18, 2022, and incorporates any and all corrections made  
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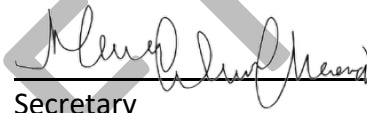
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President



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