

# THE REGENT THEATRE FOUNDATION Minutes from Annual General Meeting of The Regent Theatre Foundation Saturday April 2, 2022

# Notice:

The Regent Theatre Foundation published notice of the Annual General Meeting in accordance with Bylaw 4 by emailing all members on February 21, 2022 and publishing a notice in The Wellington Times and Picton Gazette on March 2, 2022. The notice was posted on The Regent Theatre website on March 2, 2022.

### <u>Quorum:</u>

23 Members were in attendance. This constitutes a quorum of the AGM in accordance with Bylaw 9.

# Directors in Attendance:

Benjamin Thornton (Chair), Rick Szabo (Vice-Chair), Scott DuBois (Treasurer), Teri McNair (Secretary), Derek Smith, Jeff Sniderman, Charlie Bontje, Robert Schroen,

Regrets: Lonelle Selbo, Kabir Bhola, Sam Hirst

Alexandra Seay, General Manager

#### Welcoming Remarks (meeting called to order and commenced at 10:08 am):

Benjamin Thornton introduced Directors and Staff, welcomed members, and outlined the business of the meeting and procedures.

Motion to Approve Draft Agenda for the Annual General Meeting

Moved by Carolynn Whiteley. Seconded by Carol McIntosh CARRIED

# Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on October 2, 2021

Moved by Peter Lockyer. Seconded by Bruce Nicholson CARRIED

Auditor's Report and Financial Statements

Scott DuBois, Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2021 and answered questions from several members. Some positive remarks were made about the significant increase in Sponsorships & Advertising financial revenue along with continued community support for The Regent Theatre. Kudos to Alexandra and staff.

### Motion to accept the audited financial statements as presented

Moved by Scott Dubois. Seconded by Peter Lockyer CARRIED

Motion to appoint Wilkinson LLP as auditors for the Foundation at a remuneration to be determined by the Board of Directors.

Moved by Scott DuBois. Seconded by Carol McIntosh CARRIED

#### Chair's Report:

Benjamin Thornton, Chair, discussed that in 2021 the theatre was really only open for 6 weeks of the year given COVID pandemic. Despite this, The Regent Theatre is financially in a strong position and 2022 is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Foundation. Benjamin called out the success of the Truth & ReconciliACTION live event September 30, 2021 and that this will be an annual event. He applauded Alexandra Seay and her staff for their strong performance.

# General Manager's Report:

Alexandra Seay, General Manager, updated members on fundraising, programming, community partnerships and capital improvement endeavours. She highlighted that given the theatre was only open for 6 weeks in 2021 they engaged the audience through social media. They have quadrupled the social media followers as a result. They have focused on diversification of the space and maximizing private rentals. Community partnerships have been strong and contributed to survive to thrive. While memberships did decline given the theatre was not open most of the year, Sponsorships and fundraising were strong. Alexandra emphasized that The Regent Theatre was fortunate to have the support of a number of Grants which has contributed to our strong financial position. There were no questions from members.

#### **Election of Directors:**

Lonelle Selbo, Kabir Bhola and Jeff Sniderman were up for re-election.

Motion to elect Lonelle Selbo, Kabir Bhola and Jeff Sniderman as Directors.

Moved by Bruce Nicholson. Seconded by Peter Lockyer CARRIED

Motion to approve the actions of the Board of Directors for the year ending September 30, 2021

Moved by Marilyn McIntosh. Seconded by Bob McKittrick

#### Motion to adjourn

Moved by Rob Johnson (meeting adjourned at 10:45 am)