

## **Vélo Canada Bikes 2019 Annual General Meeting Agenda and Minutes Saturday, September 28, 2019, 17:00 - 19:00 EST**

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**In attendance:** Sara Kirk, Kate Walker, Anders Swanson, Dea van Lierop, Bill Franz, Richard Campbell, Brian Pincott, Fiona Walsh, Yvonne Bambrick, Wayne Arrowsmith, Ingrid Larson, Darnel Harris

**Absent:**

**Guest members:** Christina Vietinghoff, Arne Elias, Cathy Watts, Doug Hoover, Kathy Manners, Sam Starr, Ciel Sander

**1.0 Call Meeting to Order:** 17:06 ET

**1.1 Quorum check** (2 min) - quorum achieved

**1.2 Introductions and Housekeeping** (10 min)

Attendees provide an introduction via the chat box.  
Basics of using Zoom.

**1.3 Approval of the agenda** - Dea/Yvonne, approved.

**1.4 Adoption of the [Vélo Canada Bikes 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes](#)** - Yvonne/Tegan, approved (one abstention)

## **1.5 pre-Election housekeeping (nominations from the floor and voting info)**

Election software will be used today for anonymous voting for election to the board. This will need your email to use the software.

## **2.0 Special Guest - Tony Arnold**

Tony presented on his experiences with the Australian Cycling Strategy and took questions from meeting participants.

## **3.0 Report from the Chair - Anders Swanson Verbal Report - References**

Anders provided a summary of the past year. Noted the huge loss to VCB from Arno's passing, but Arno continues to have a strong presence having developed the AGM checklist. Also, we lost our Executive Director, Judi Vaaga Toth.

Several board members are resigning - Michael McGoldrick, Keane Grundig, Wayne Arrowsmith, Bill Franz, Ingrid Larson - thank you to you all for supporting VCB.

Some of the highlights over the last year:

Gender Equity and Cycling in Canada

<https://www.canadabikes.org/gender-equity-and-cycling-in-canada-background-information-and-literature-summary/>

EPIC Report

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VCB-EPIC-Club-Opportunity-3-small-file.pdf>

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Top Ten Bike Projects:

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Top-10-Bike-Projects-2018.pdf>

Summit Report:

[https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/3rd-Summit-Impact-Report\\_Final.pdf](https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/3rd-Summit-Impact-Report_Final.pdf)

FINA appearance submission:

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/FINAResultToAppearVeloCanadaB>

[ikes2019-1.pdf](#)

Ebikes submission:

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/E-BikesSubmissionFinanceVeloCanadaBikes-1.pdf>

Trails and Greenways work (see description of the pre-conference roundtable in the summit report)

Good presence at conferences and in the media. Including Anders on Cross-Country check-up

We have some new members, sponsors and staff. We are thrilled to welcome our interim ED, Brian Pincott:

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/AnnouncingBrianPincottAsInterimED.pdf>

#### **4.0. Financial Report - Tegan Moss**

Tegan went over the financial report for the fiscal year (April 1 2018 - March 31 2019). We have a small surplus due to the success of the National Bike Summit held in May 2019.

MOTION: To approve the 2018/2019 financial statement as presented - moved by Yvonne, seconded by Fiona. Motion passed.

Discussion: Richard Campbell asked for clarification on the assets. Tegan Moss clarified that the surplus included things like the EcoAction hold-back, for which services have already been delivered. This means we can use the hold-back for other things when it is paid in.

Yvonne asked for clarification of the EPIC funds. Kate clarified that much of the income for EPIC came in after the end of the fiscal year.

MOTION: The membership of VCB appoint Inclusive Advisory to conduct a review engagement of the 2018/2019 finances. Moved by Tegan/seconded by Yvonne. Motion passed.

## 5.0. Election of Directors

Kimberley Nelson explained the process for using the election voting software Election Buddy.

There are currently five mid-term board members, six board members who are re-offering and three nominations received. The board bylaws allow for a maximum of 16 board members.

Candidates' speeches/introductions (1 min each) -

**Board Members Seeking Another Term** (see <https://www.canadabikes.org/about/board-of-directors/>)

Darnel Harris ON

Dea Van Lierop QC / Netherlands

Kimberley Nelson AB

Fiona Walsh BC

Tegan Moss ON

Richard Campbell BC

### **New candidates for 2019-2021 Vélo Canada Bikes Board:**

**Doug Hoover – ON** Criminal Lawyer, Federal Department of Justice

Doug is a practicing lawyer and started his career working as a legislative assistant for Ged Baldwin, a federal member of parliament from 1979 to 1983. Doug then became the Director of Government Affairs for Sulpetro Limited and then the Special Assistant, Hon Tom Siddon, Minister of Indian Affairs. In 1993, he opened his own law practice in Ottawa and focused on criminal and human rights law. Prior to 2000, Doug was also a political volunteer and worked with the Rt Hon Joe Clark (1985 – 1990); the Hon Harvie Andre (1988); and the Indian Association of Alberta (1989-1992).

Since 2000, Doug has been the Counsel to the Attorney General of Canada, in the Department of Justice, Criminal Law Policy Section. In this role he has developed

complex policy and legislative options for federal senior Ministers to adopt and present to Cabinet and Parliament. This experience has given Doug unique capabilities to identify how best to develop, present and market policy options that would achieve improvements in the lives, not only of cyclists, but of every Canadian.

Doug is also the president of Justbike/Justebike (2008-present) and has been a year-round commuter cyclist and competitive cyclist for the past 40 years.

**Kathy Manners – ON** Social Innovation consultant and owner, Pedal People

Kathy is a results-oriented, values-based community leader and entrepreneur with a passion for innovation. She has worked in both the private sector at 3M Canada and public sector with the Ontario Public Service, along with contributing extensively in the non-profit environment.

Kathy has extensive experience in Strategic Planning, Organizational Development and Marketing/Communications and is one of a handful of Canadians who have completed graduate work in social innovation.

Kathy was the chair of the board of the The Sharing Place Food Bank, Community impact chair and board member for the United Way, chair of the Patient Advisory Council for Soldiers Memorial Hospital and board member for two international boards that support social impact in Guatemala and Burma, in addition to other volunteer experiences.

In 2018, Kathy and her cycling pals rode for 82 days and 4802kms from Victoria BC to St. John's NFLD to experience all that is Canadian. When she returned, she created Pedal People, an urban cycling fashion line with the vision to bring beauty to the bike.

**Sam Starr – BC** Engineer, Cargo Bike & Cycling Logistics Consultant

Sam is the founder of Critical-Mobility, a Vancouver-based business with a mission to advance the use of cargo bikes and cycling logistics systems across North America. A recent graduate of the Master of Engineering Leadership program in Urban Systems at the University of British Columbia, Sam is passionate about sustainable cities and mobility solutions. Sam holds two other degrees, in electrical and Systems Engineering from the University of Pennsylvania.

Sam spent 12 years designing, engineering, and implementing solutions in the supply chain and logistics industry, with companies from FedEx to U.S. Pack, to global 3PLs, integrators, and service logistics providers. He has focused on global logistics as well as

final mile delivery, and understands supply chain needs, including in the service industry.

Based in Vancouver BC, with a personal passion for cycling, Sam's work experiences, interests, and passion have led him to pivot into accelerating the adoption of e-bikes, cargo bikes and cycling logistics. Sam feels that cycle logistics is the solution to urban freight issues in cities and that we need to align policy makers and planners to make this vision a reality.

Election by vote or acclamation

### **6.0. Cross-Country Check-in (2min each)**

Anders invited participants to provide an update of the activities across the country. Activities illustrate some progress in some areas (Halifax investment in accelerating cycling), and some challenges in others (Saskatoon losing a protected bike lane). Some cities have declared a climate emergency, implementation of policies (urban freight strategy in Vancouver), cycling without age being implemented (Vancouver - go Fiona, trishaw pilot!, possibly also in Ontario), opening of light rail in Ottawa, Catherine McKenna running on a bike ticket in federal election, value of integrated mobility, importance of non-motorised trails, including bike/AT lanes and bike parking, micro-mobility is being discussed more also. The Alberta Bike Lane Design Guide is eagerly awaited, Winnipeg is looking at a 30km/hr speed limit and consideration of Climate Change in decisions in council. Unfortunately there are still some examples of "bike lash" out there but there are examples of progress towards a bike-friendly Canada.

### **7.0. Election results**

All nine of our nominees have been elected to the board. Congratulations and welcome to the board.

**8.0. AGM Adjournment** - Moved by Fiona, seconded by Richard, motion carried.  
Adjourned 19:20.