

**South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Annual General Meeting
Minutes of Meeting June 3, 2026**

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm.

Total Attendees: 20

Board Attendees: 7

Erin R.

Susan W.

Ryan S.

Ruan W.

Cindy H.

Murray G.

Charlotte G.

Guests:

- Marg Gardiner, Councillor, City of Victoria
- Gary Pemberton, Neighbourhood Liaison, City of Victoria
- John Adams, Discover the Past Walking Tours

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Erin provided a Land Acknowledgement and welcomed guests.

Agenda Approved

Minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting. Attendees were kindly directed to view the document on our website, where it has been available for approximately a year. 2025 Minutes adopted.

Quorum of 3 board members was established (20 board directors and community members in attendance)

Election of the 2026/2027 Board Directors

Erin explained the process of voting directors: if there are no contestants, there is no requirement to vote for board members.

SJNA Bylaws can be found on our website: <https://southjubilee.ca/about/>

- No contestants for Molly S. for the position of President.
 - *Molly was not in attendance, however, Molly has provided a written statement to accept the position of President for the 2026/2027 year.*
- No contestants for Charlotte G. for the position of Secretary and Treasurer.
- No contestants for Erin R., Ryan S., Murray G., Ruan W., and Cindy H. for position of Director.

- No other volunteers for the position of Director from meeting attendees.

The board would like to thank Susan W. for her years of contributions to the SJNA board. Her commitment to the South Jubilee community has been greatly appreciated.

Motion passed to accept the nominations of the Board officers and directors at large as noted above.

Co-Chair Update – Erin R.

Erin provided the President update on Molly's behalf as she was away:

- SJNA has discussed going from community meetings held every other month, to having a bi-annual meeting (November and May) due to recent meetings (with exceptions) having low attendance. The newsletter will still be published at the same frequency, and residents are always encouraged to reach out to the board by email: board@southjubilee.ca with any questions or concerns.
 - If the board finds there to be a demand for more engagement, the board will discuss alternatives.
- Sundance-Bank Street School has no updates to note. The school board has heard back from the province in March that there has been no decision made yet. The decision would be made pending funding.
 - Suggested that if you are interested in the matter, to email SD61, City of Victoria Mayor and Council, and MLAs, provided below:

Provincial representatives

- Premier of British Columbia David Eby -- premier@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Education Lisa Beare -- ECC.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Finance -- Brenda Bailey -- FIN.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- Minister of Infrastructure -- Bowinn Ma -- INF.Minister@gov.bc.ca
- MLA Diana Gibson -- Diana.Gibson.MLA@leg.bc.ca

School District #61

- SD 61 School Superintendent Deb Whitten - dwhitten@sd61.bc.ca
- Schoolboard Trustees -- trustees@sd61.bc.ca

City of Victoria Representatives

- Mayor Marianne Alto -- malto@victoria.ca
- Councilor Marg Gardiner (councilor for South Jubilee) -- mgardiner@victoria.ca
- Councilor Matt Dell (South Jubilee resident) -- mdell@victoria.ca
- Mayor and all councilors -- mayorandcouncil@victoria.ca

Treasurer Update – Charlotte G.

- SJNA finances are in a good position and up-to-date.
- Get Growing and Garden Coordinator grants were received. In July, the base grant for operations and Engagement Coordinator will arrive.
- The new role as Secretary involves filing a report 30 days after the AGM.

South Jubilee Neighbourhood Association Finances (as of June 3, 2026)

Operating account	\$22,290.60
Garden Coordinator (Redfern Commons care and Coord)	\$12,203.34
Get Growing (plant and tool giveaway and coord)	\$6,246.44
Engagement Coordinator	\$24,177.92
TOTAL	\$64,918.30

The Operating account is used to pay for the recycling program and collects any donations received through that initiative. It also receives grant funding from the City of Victoria and is used to cover expenses for events like Parkfest.

Engagement Coordinator Update – Anna G.

Parkfest planning update (Sunday, August 16):

- We are very low on volunteers this year. As a result, our event has been shortened to 11am-2pm. We will have live music, a beer garden, kids' activities and community fun.
- Community sponsors such as Save-On Foods, Little Piggy Catering, Urban Grocer, and many other businesses have committed to donating to Parkfest again this year.
- Please plan to bring blankets to sit on, as the City of Victoria Equipment team is short of tables and tents this year due to another event occurring the same week. If you are able to lend folding tables and 10x10 tents, please reach out to engage@southjubilee.ca.

City Neighbourhood Liaison Update – Gary Pemberton. gpemberton@victoria.ca

- My Great Neighbourhood Grants: currently open.
- Placemaking Grants: up to \$8000, also currently open.
- Resilience Grants: up to 5,000 for programs like food security, social isolation and loneliness, youth programs, and other ongoing programs for the year.
- Activity Grants: up to \$1,500 for one-day events such as education, awareness, block parties, or beach clean-ups.

If you are interested or have an idea that you would like to share to determine grant eligibility, please email Gary. There is lots of funding availability, with currently about half remaining. Grants close when funding runs out.

- NeighbourSpace (708 Douglas St): Free community bookable space for residents. Available for meetings, book clubs, or any informal group meets. There is no facility attendant; you are provided the code to enter the space. There is currently about 100 unique users now.

<https://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/neighbourhoods/neighbourspace>

- Wrapped up the Local Championship group, which is a community leadership development program. Many of the attendees join neighbourhood boards, lead community development projects, and more.
<https://www.victoria.ca/community-culture/neighbourhoods/local-champions-program>
- Website information:
 - 'Have Your Say' is regarding anything the city is consulting on currently, such as surveys
 - 'Major projects' includes projects like the Crystal Pool Replacement project.
 - There are currently 13 City of Victoria Newsletters. There are two new newsletters: Crystal Pool project updates, and 2026-27 street upgrades.
<https://www.victoria.ca/city-government/news/sign>

Get Growing Update – Susan W.

The Get Growing, Victoria! program supports communities in need through partnerships with non-profit organizations. This City of Victoria program helps distribute seedlings and soil-building materials to residents who face barriers to growing their own food.

- Recently had a very successful Get Growing. The next scheduled distribution is Saturday, August 15.
- It has been increasingly harder to find volunteers. It is a great event and lots of fun. If you are interested in supporting the Get Growing program in South Jubilee, please reach out to engage@southjubilee.ca.

VCAN Update – Susan W.

VCAN is the association for neighbourhood associations.

- There is a new president of VCAN.
- Prior to COVID-19, VCAN had met at the City Hall, and included councillors. For the past 5-6 years, VCAN has been meeting online on Zoom. There has been recent discussions to move meetings back to in-person.
- Other members of VCAN have also expressed the recent difficulty finding volunteers for different programs.

CALUC Update – Ruan W.

CALUC is the Community Association Land Use Committee. One of the main roles of the CALUC is to facilitate the dialogue between applicants and the community in order to identify and resolve issues (both positive and negative) regarding land use applications. Applicants are required to contact the applicable CALUC representative to initiate this process.

- There are currently 3 main projects, with 2 of those projects remain with developers and no new information has been released.
- 1908 Foul Bay Rd (the old 'Telus building') has had a couple small revisions that were recently submitted.

- One being the removal of the green roof on a small accessory structure on the North side.
- The other was some changes to the storm water retention around that structure.
- Otherwise, there will be some decommissioning of the interior of the building.

City Council Liaison Updates – Marg Gardiner.

Marg shared that tonight may be her last meeting with South Jubilee as the City of Victoria changes Council Liaisons every other year. Marg has shared a letter to attendees. A photo is attached below.



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June 3rd, 2026

Dear South Jubilee residents,

Victoria Council is nearing the end of its 4-year term. The role, and workload, of Council members has shifted significantly in the past several months.

The **Victoria 2050** Official Community Plan has been approved. Council has restricted public voice beyond the Provincial dictate prohibiting public hearings for land use matters (except Heritage). This Council has altered Council's role with land use (and many other matters). Through the Delegation Bylaw, wrapped into the Official Community Plan (OCP), the authority to approve most land use decisions has been delegated to City staff. As a Councillor, I no longer have the authority, the right, to counter staff decisions made under this bylaw.

We have seen other significant policy changes. I have supported some but others I have not. My decisions have been based on my four priorities - safe streets, livable neighbourhoods, respect for the taxpayer, and open governance.

As an independent, I have been able to forward or affect decisions on several significant policies. My motion to support the School Police Liaison Officer program was approved with a 5:4 vote. The inclusion of urban forest canopy in the OCP-2050 was approved with a 7:2 vote.

The 2026 budget has been finalized. Debt which will be taken on for Crystal Pool had little impact on the 2026 budget as the pool has not yet been designed. The impact of the growing debt load and tax shift from business owners to residential property owners was felt this year, it will be felt more acutely after the end of this Council's term of office. And compounded property tax increases for homeowners will be huge.

In addition to being your Councillor liaison, I am liaison for two other neighbourhoods, North Jubilee and Rockland. I have also been the City appointee to the South Island Prosperity Partnership (SIPP), the Canadian Capital Cities Organization (CCCO), and the YYJ Airport Consultative Committee.

These appointments end in October. While I will be standing for re-election on October 17th, Councillor assignments usually change after each election.

It has been a pleasure to be the Councillor liaison for the South Jubilee neighbourhood. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may have about Council and the positions I have taken.

Marg

- A resident asked if there were updates for the Crystal Pool project:
 - There are no plans that were seen by councillors yet. The referendum has been approved, but there are no conclusions at this time. Additionally, there is no fixed closing date for the pool yet.
- A resident asked if South Jubilee were to be assigned a new City Council Liaison, what would be the best advice to get that councillor up-to-date on the issues of South Jubilee:

- Marg shared that she was given a tour of South Jubilee when she was onboarded as a liaison.

Garden Coordinator Update – Christina C.

- Nasturtiums are growing in the garden, free for picking by residents. There are no fees or registrations to pick anything in the Redfern Commons.
- Upcoming work party on Saturday, June 6th from 10am-12pm. The following work party is Sunday, July 5th from 10am-12pm. Anyone is welcome to come and help out. Pastries from Goodside Bakery and refreshments will be provided.
- There is an upcoming composting workshop on June 6 from 2pm-4pm, “Beyond the Pile”.
- Looking for a volunteer for Parkfest at the Redfern Commons Gardens.
- Seedling distributions are upcoming at Redfern Park.
- There is an ongoing problem with vandalism and garbage at the park. Christina has been working on removing them twice a week, but if you notice any issues, please contact gardencoordinator@southjubilee.ca.
- A resident asked whether residents are permitted to weed the garden if they notice weeds: Yes, please do. There is a bin by the shed where weeds can be placed.

Guest Presentation - John Adams on the History of South Jubilee

John Adams provided a presentation on the history of South Jubilee. He shared various stories and photos of the many buildings and streets of the neighbourhood.

Other Business & Open Discussion

None brought forward.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm. **The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for the first week of November at 7pm, with details to follow. Please stay tuned via our social media pages, newsletter, or email notices.**