



**CHURCH STREET  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

## **Annual General Meeting of the Members Tuesday, September 27, 2012 Minutes (Draft)**

### **6:00 p.m. Dinner for members, friends and guests**

The community dinner was catered by FABARNAK. The 519's volunteers worked with chef Jason Becker and the kitchen staff to create and serve a fabulous meal.

### **7:00 p.m. Annual General Meeting of the Members**

1. The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Pacal Dessureault, Chair of the Board of Directors.

#### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

Adoption of the agenda was moved by Christine Sherman and seconded by Robert Crips. Carried.

#### **3. Adoption of the minutes**

Adoption of the minutes of the Sept 27, 2011 Annual General Meeting was moved by Earl Murphy and seconded by Christine Sherman. Carried.

#### **4. Finance and Auditor's Reports**

Tyler Fleming, Treasurer, presented the finance and auditor's report for 2011.

Motion: Acceptance of the auditor's report was moved by Anthony Partipilo and seconded by Keenan Whitaker. Carried.

#### **5. Report of the Chair – Pascal Dessureault**

Pascal discussed the Board's accomplishments in 2011/12, which include:

- Through efficient and responsible organizational management, effective community engagement and by delivering high-quality services to our community, the Centre is increasing our relevance and sustainability.
- From newcomer settlement services to yoga in the park, The 519 is reaching a broader and more diverse community than ever before.

- The Board continues to modernize The 519's policies by undertaking an organization-wide policy review.
- We have been successful in increasing the number and value of donations and have effectively diversified our funding base. Thanks to our donors, volunteers, staff, Board and with the generous support of our Honourary Patron, Salah Bachir, The 519 continues to increase the community's investment in The 519.
- Green Space on Church events during Pride attracted 82% more participants. Under the leadership of Mathieu Chantelois, Starry Night (our largest donor and stakeholder event of the year) is the must-attend Pride Week event.
- We are setting our sights on 2015 as The 519 works with community partners to coordinate PrideHouseTO – a hub for the LGBTQ community during the Pan/Para Pan Am Games in Toronto.
- The Centre is helping define a new model of public-private partnership in our City. The Board firmly believes that community leadership, coupled with the support of the City of Toronto's Auditor General, Integrity Commissioner and legal and human resources staff, has built The 519 into a strong and trustworthy organization.
- In 2012 The 519 is projected to attract over \$2.14 of community investment for every dollar provided by City of Toronto funding – a great return on the City's investment.

## **6. Report of the Executive Director**

Maura thanked Salah Bachir who hosted our extraordinarily successful Annual Spring Gala that saw Jackie Richardson perform with an awesome live jazz band. This event with the support from Nada Ristch and BMO as our Presenting Sponsor raised over \$115, 000 in one night for the programs and services at The 519.

This year at Starry Night we featured the Big Band All Stars who helped us to kick off another amazing Pride celebration - for the first time ever we exceeded \$200,000 – thank-you to everyone who comes out and drinks some beer and energy drinks for such a great cause. Without these events and the support of our various funders, donors, corporate partners, the United Way, and Councillor Wong-Tam and her staff we would not be able to provide such a range of programs, services, and community activities.

Maura thanked our immediate neighbours. Pride is a great time for thousands of people but it can be a real challenge for folks who live in the neighbourhood. Thank you for being so supportive and willing to work with us to ensure the events are a success.

Every year there are thousands of people walk through the doors at The 519. The reason The 519 works is because hundreds and hundreds of people contribute to making it a vibrant relevant community centre.

Maura notes key statistics and activities – emphasizing that The 519 could not do it without the commitment and energy of volunteers, staff and the Board:

- 650 regular volunteers who give back to the community by:
  - gardening,
  - animation of Cawthra Square Park in the summer
  - providing Legal and Tax clinics and individual counselling
  - entering data,

- welcoming the public as Centre hosts
- preparing food and providing information and referrals
- 80 community groups hold regular weekly, bi-weekly or monthly meetings at The 519
- 160 volunteers in those groups:
  - coordinate activities,
  - keep membership lists,
  - set up rooms,
  - facilitate discussions,
  - organize card games,
  - teach yoga, dance or tai chi, music,
  - conduct acting workshops, and
  - provide leadership in dozens of ways.
- over 51,000 people attended these type of community activities

The 519 also provides public space for other community groups, organizations and partner agencies.

- 650 community meetings related to civic engagement, local neighbourhood, and public advocacy initiatives all focused on important local or broader community issues
- 350 groups and organizations used the Centre regularly for their various meetings, educational forums, and events.

One of the key components of a healthy vibrant community is access to affordable public space – We remain steadfastly committed as an organization to ensuring that we provide affordable public space– and we could not do this without the support of our Core Funding from the City of Toronto.

The 519 also of course would not be such a special place without the amazing staff and leadership teams who work here every day – we now have over 75 employees – that’s about 45 FTE in total – Maura acknowledged the staff personally to the Members of The Centre.

Maura acknowledged Kyle Scanlon - who died early this year. Kyle was our Research, Education and Training Consultant at The 519 and had been with a part of our team and The 519 family for over a decade. He was instrumental in helping to redefine the face of trans services in Toronto and across Canada.

Under his leadership projects like Trans Access and Project Open Door have trained over 30,000 people to address service barriers for trans folks. His work will continue to advance the rights, health and vibrancy of our trans communities and will serve as a legacy to his commitment and passion.

As we announced earlier we are establishing a Memorial fund in recognition of Kyle’s contribution to making our world a better place and we will share the details as soon as they are available.

Maura noted that all of us who knew Kyle were touched deeply by him and miss him dearly, he was a remarkable leader, a passionate advocate for those around us who are so often marginalized and he was absolutely a true bridge builder and a true community builder. She acknowledged and thanked him for all that he gave to our communities.

Lastly, Maura acknowledged our incredible Board of Directors – all very busy professionals who make the time to involve themselves in so many ways to ensure the success of The 519.

## **7. Election of the Board of Directors – Pascal Dessureault**

Before meeting the candidates who have been nominated, Natasha introduced those board members who are remaining on the board and whose terms end in 2013.

- **Rudy Ticzon**
- **Margo Foster**
- **Julia Lo**

Pascal explained the recruitment strategy and nominations process

According to The 519's constitution, at least 6 Board members must live within the catchment area. Tonight, at least 3 "inside the catchment" candidates must be elected. You may vote for up to 7 candidates. Ballots marked for more than 7 candidates will be deemed to be destroyed.

Each candidate will have 3 minutes to speak, so this is a good chance to get to know them before making your choices. They will speak in order by a pre-set draw that was conducted by Helen Rykens and Rick McCarty:

1. Michelle Walker
2. John Thornton
3. Stephen Menon
4. Scott Bomhof
5. Luc Levasseur
6. Kerry Bell
7. Angeline Ico
8. Tyler Fleming

Inside the catchment area candidates:

- **Scott Bomhof**
- **Tyler Fleming**
- **Angeline Ico**
- **Luc Levasseur**

Outside the catchment area candidates:

- **John Thornton**

- **Kerry Bell**
- **Michelle Walker**
- **Stephen Menon**

The scrutineer committee distributed and collected ballots.

## **8. Presentation: Pan / Para Pan Am Games Initiative for 2015 – Matthew Cutler**

The 2015 Pan/ParaPan Am Games will be held in Toronto and the surrounding regions from July 10-26, 2015 (Pan Am) and August 7 to 14, 2015 (ParaPan Am). The Games will be the largest multi-sport event ever held in Canada with approximately 8,000 athletes from 41 nations expected to participate in 37 sports. The Games provide an opportunity for the LGBT community in Toronto to showcase our organizations, people and history while raising the profile of LGBT people in sport and within the Pan-American region.

Since September of last year, staff members of The 519 have attended 3 community consultations hosted by the TO2015 Organizing Committee to discuss how the LGBT community can be active partners in the Games. These meetings have included representatives from various organizations and individuals including EGALE, PFLAG, OutSport Toronto, ETFO, CAAWS, Pride Toronto, the City of Toronto, the Office of Glenn Murray, MPP and the Church-Wellesley Village BIA. TO2015 has oriented these conversations within the theme of “bringing the Games to the community, and the community to the Games.”

Through the consultations, the community has identified four key areas of the project, called “PrideHouseTO”:

- **Community Hub:** Community Hub programming will include tourist / visitor information, speaker events and conferences on issues relating to LGBTQ people in sports and within the Pan-American region, capacity building within the local LGBTQ sport community, fitness and wellness programming for the LGBTQ community and opportunities to celebrate together.
- **The Village Festival:** The Village Festival will include street closures, large-scale events celebrating LGBTQ cultures within the Pan-American region and on-street sporting activities and Games-watching opportunities will bring a “Village” feel to the Church-Wellesley neighbourhood and will help to engage a broader community in the Games.
- **Community Ambassadors:** Community Ambassador programming will provide training and support to TO2015 to assist in ensuring games volunteers are LGBT-aware and will train a team of LGBT Community Ambassadors to provide an LGBT presence in schools, games venues and events in the lead-up and execution of the Games.
- **Policy Advocacy:** Policy Advocacy programming will help to advance key public messages on issues such as homophobia and transphobia in sports, and the rights of LGBT people in the Pan-American region. This team will prepare materials, key messages and other information necessary to support the project, and the work of the other three programming areas.

The 519 is the Trustee Organization for PrideHouseTO and will lead the Leadership Team of community organizations. This is an exciting opportunity to The 519. Coupled with the World Pride 2014 we will be involved in two major international events over two years.

**9. Recognition of Board Members**

Pascal Dessureault and Maura Lawless recognized the following Board Members who will be leaving the Board this year

Don Middleton  
Anthony Partipilo

A big thank you to all of our past and present Board of Management volunteers.

**10. Results of Election**

The following people were elected:

- **Scott Bomhof**
- **Tyler Fleming**
- **Angeline Ico**
- **Luc Levasseur**
- **John Thornton**
- **Kerry Bell**
- **Stephen Menon**

**11. Old and New Business**

None

**12. Adjournment**

Moved by Anthony Paripilo and seconded by Rudy Ticzon. Carried