

Meeting presided by RGSFC Chair, Surya Bhardwaj and called to order at 11:05 AM

1. Surya – Chair, welcomed the members and was pleased to see so many members attending the AGM.

It was announced that this meeting is being recorded for the purpose of minute taking. There were no objections. Surya announced that 141 members were present in person for the meeting with 61 proxies. So that makes a total of 202. At a membership of 700, for a quorum at 10 %, we require 70 members to be present. We had a quorum; hence it was a valid meeting.

2. Surya presented the AGM agenda with Angela requesting to move a motion to adopt the agenda. There were no changes or objections. Motion passed and the agenda was adopted as printed.

3. Surya introduced the current board members and the committee members. Angela Wong is appointed as the Secretary. He continued to introduce the activities leaders and their volunteer helpers for the period 2023-2025. Many thanks to all those volunteers who are willing to give their time to make this Club one of the best and largest in Mississauga.

4. Angela referred to the minutes of our last AGM on April 29, 2024, which had been presented to the members and had been posted on the web site. Asked if there were any corrections or changes to the minutes, and since there were none, the minutes were approved as printed.

5. Ron Stanley - Treasurer presented the Financials of the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. Ron also acknowledged the City of Mississauga for their support through the Community Group Registry Program, which provides for free rental of the facilities to RGSFC. Ron responded to questions from the members, including the fact that the financials are not audited but instead reviewed independently by Jim Mayhew. A review does not include recommendations. Surya thanked Angela and Ron for his report.

6. Donations made by RGSFC for the period ending August 2024 were presented by Surya. In 2024, donations were issued to Eden Food For Change, Trillium Health Partners, and Alzheimer Society of Peel. The Crafts activity group also donated many of their items such as: teddy bears, blankets, hats, baby clothes, etc. to the Mississauga Food bank and Credit Valley Hospital and Home Shelter Centre etc.

7. Surya requested a motion to accept the financial review report by Jim Mayhew for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2024. It was an independent review by a volunteer and no fee was paid. Asked if there were any corrections or changes to the financial reports, and since there were none, the financial reports were accepted as presented.

8. Appointment of Financial Review Official - Jim Mayhew for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025. Angela requested a motion to accept the appointment. Asked if there were any objections and since there were none. All in favour, none opposed, the appointment was approved.

9. Changes to the RGSFC By-Laws and Articles of Amendments were presented by Rajesh Bajaj, Vice-Chair. By-Laws were amended to increase the limit for the number of memberships from 600 to 700 and based on advice received from the City of Mississauga Liaison Officer, the

exception to clause 2.1(a) was removed and clause 2.1(c) deleted, to provide clarity on the acceptance of Non-Mississauga residents in accordance with the City of Mississauga Corporate Policy. Changes made to our By-Laws are correspondingly reflected in the Club's Articles of Amendments.

Rajesh requested a motion to accept the amendments, asked if there were any questions or opposed. All in favour and the amendments were approved.

10. Chair's Report: Surya thanked the members who attended the meeting and supported the Club. Membership is highest ever at 700 for 2024 – 2025. This makes the Club probably one of the largest seniors' clubs in Mississauga. Many new activities were added, additional Pickleball, Active Yoga, Zumba Gold, Bid Euchre and Mexican Train Dominoes. Planning to add more activities next year with space availability and permission from the City.

Focus a lot on the "Social aspect" in new activities this year such as: St. Patrick's Day lunch, Mother's Day High Tea, in addition to annual BBQ, and Christmas Lunch.

Thanked the City of Mississauga for accommodating us, and all the volunteers, Board members, Activity leaders, and Committee members who made the River Grove Seniors Friendship Club possible and successful.

The Club's achievements were presented by the Chair - Surya Bhardwaj and are reflected in the Annual Report for the year ending August 31, 2024.

11. Rose Tan – past Chair, announced the results of election of Board members for the term September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027. The newly elected Board members were as follows: Chair- John Gordon, Vice Chair- Charles Corey, Secretary – Nancy Handley, Treasurer – Angela Wong, Activities Coordinator 1 – Anne Burrows, Activities Coordinator 2 – Kimberley Gordon, Social Coordinator – Karen Vestrocy, Past Chair – Surya Bhardwaj. The Board was sworn in by Andrew Grossi – Facility Manager, River Grove Community Centre, City of Mississauga.

12. General Discussion – A member asked why the River Grove Community Centre cannot provide the facility in the months of July & August. Some of the members from the floor responded that the facility is provided to youth for the summer camp, and most community centres are not available for the summer except to the youth.

13. Next AGM meeting for the year ending August 31, 2025 is to be determined at a later time, and will need to comply with the regulations prescribed in the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA). Accordingly, the AGM has to be held within 6 months from the fiscal year end, and not later than 15 months from the last AGM.

14. There were no objections, meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Submitted by Angela Wong