

**Centres for Seniors Windsor  
O/A Life After Fifty  
2022 ANNUAL MEETING – Tuesday, June 28, 2022  
635 McEwan Avenue, Windsor, ON N9B 2E9  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**1. Welcome ..... Lucie Lombardo**

At 6:03 PM, Lucie Lombardo welcomed all present. She explained that the order of the evening’s agenda was modified from previous years for scheduling purposes.

**2. Presentation of Martin Laforet Memorial Award .....  
.....Stacy Adam & Lynn Calder, Lucie Lombardo**

Lucie introduced Stacy to the stage to tell the story of Martin Laforet and the meaning behind this award. Martin sat on the Board of Directors when we were still Centres for Seniors Windsor at the Goyeau Street address. Though we lost him over sixteen years ago, this award is a way to keep his memory alive and to recognize his very giving spirit of volunteerism by awarding it to other individuals who share his commitment.

Prior to Lynn’s announcement of this year’s winner, Lynn acknowledged the memory of Howard Johnson, whom we just learned had passed away last week at the age of 99. Howard started the Lapidary group at the West Side Centre and was also a recipient of the Martin Laforet award in 2016.

This year the award was given to Amy Szewczuk. Amy first started with LAF on the Governance Committee in 2012 and then joined the Board in 2014. She is leaving this year after having fulfilled her full terms. Amy has volunteered countless hours, energy and her experience all to the benefit of LAF. She said a few words of appreciation and expressed how honoured she felt, but wanted to acknowledge that it’s as a group that a difference can really be made. She also thanked Stacy for attending and for keeping Martin’s memory alive.

**3. Call to Order ..... Lucie Lombardo**

The meeting was officially called to order. Lucie reminded the audience of voting eligibility.

**4. Approval of Minutes of the June 22, 2021 Annual Meeting.. Lucie Lombardo**

Last year’s minutes were reviewed with no questions or comments.

**M/S:** Dorothy Davis / Amy Szewczuk

**MOTION:** “That the Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting, held June 22, 2021 be adopted as presented.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Financial Report ..... Lucie Lombardo**

**(a) Financial Report and Review of Audited**

**Financial Statement ..... Lucie Lombardo**

Financial Statements were distributed and key portions shared for viewing by meeting attendees.

This past year continued to have some challenges for everyone across the globe. Life After Fifty was no different and we adapted our programs and services while maintaining our fiscal responsibility.

The audit was conducted by an independent third party firm, Roma and Associates. They did not identify any material risk and ensured compliance with funder requirements. LAF had a clean audit and board report with no issues identified.

With the critical assistance of the many grants, government subsidies, and loans we were able to end our fiscal year in a positive position. At April 1, 2021, LAF had an opening cash balance of \$371,292 and ended the year at March 31, 2022 with a balance of \$424,596.

Thanks to all our funders for their support: *(the list of funders was shown on screen)*

The Province of Ontario: The Ministry for Seniors, and Accessibility and Ontario Health West

The City of Windsor

The Town of LaSalle

Windsor Essex Community Foundation

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation via Paradise Bingo

Older Adults Centres' Association of Ontario (OACAO)

Greenshield

Megaloid

Motor City Credit Union

The Federal Government of Canada : Human Resources and Development Canada

Within our operating fund the Revenue received was \$977,944 and total expenses \$961,521 which resulted in a \$16,423 surplus.

This year there will be significant challenges due to the loss of United Way funding reported back in 2019. This was hidden by pandemic grants and subsidies received over the last two years. These are no longer available. As

our (2021/22) surpluses are retainable, they will be utilized within this fiscal year to accommodate a potential revenue shortage.

There were no questions or concerns expressed by the audience.

**M/S:** Sally Blyth / Ron Sheppard

**MOTION:** “That the audited Financial Statements for the 2021-2022 fiscal year be accepted as presented.”

**CARRIED**

Lucie recognized and thanked our partners from CMHA who have provided us superb financial services and especially Lisa Jones, Mary Laslett and Martina Candiago.

**(b) Appointment of the Auditor for the 2022-2023 Year..... Lucie Lombardo**

Life After Fifty would like to re-appoint Roma and Associates as the auditors for the 2022/2023 fiscal.

**M/S:** Katherine Pham / Dale MacKenzie

**MOTION:** “That Life After Fifty re-appoint Roma and Associates as auditors of the agency for the 2022 / 2023 fiscal year”.

**6. Election of Directors .....Sally Blyth**

The full slate of Directors was displayed for meeting attendees.

**(a) Resolution to Present Slate of Directors..... Sally Blyth**

The following Proposed Election Slate was shared and presented:

To be Newly Elected for a Three-Year Term until June 2025

***Michael McMahon***

To be Newly Elected for a Three-Year Term until June 2025

2 Member Directors

***ESC – Martha Mackintosh (acclaimed)***

***WSC – Adrienne Brown***

**(b) Introduction of Continuing Board Members ..... Sally Blyth**

The following Proposed Election Slate was shared and presented:

Continuing a One-Year Term until June 2023

***Don Merritt***

Continuing a Second Three-Year Term until June 2023

**Lucie Lombardo**

Continuing a Second Three-Year Term until June 2024

**Julie Clark**

Continuing a Second Three-Year Term until June 2025

**Mary Bateman**

Continuing a Second Three-Year Term until June 2026

**Ron Sheppard**

Continuing a Three-Year Term until June 2024

**Karen Johnson**

**Sally Blyth**

**Katherine Pham**

**Louise Veres**

**M/S:** Dorothy Davis / Amy Szewczuk

**MOTION:** "That the Slate of Directors for 2022/2023 be accepted as presented."

**CARRIED**

**(c) Recognition of Retiring Board Members ..... Sally Blyth**

Retiring from the Board

**Dorothy Davis**

**Amy Szewczuk**

**7. Ratification of Acts ..... Don Merritt**

**M/S:** Ron Sheppard / Martha Mackintosh

**MOTION:** "That all acts, by-laws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the Directors and Officers of the Corporation since the last Annual Meeting of the Members, held on June 22, 2021 and referred to in the Minutes of the Meetings of the Board of Directors, be and the same are hereby approved, ratified and confirmed."

**CARRIED**

**8. President's Remarks ..... Lucie Lombardo**

Lucie thanked those attending tonight in person. On behalf of the volunteers, staff and Board members she thanked them for all of their efforts this past year especially with all of the challenges that the Pandemic has presented.

We've learned to adapt programming and meetings to virtual platforms, and have come through this together stronger than ever.

**9. Executive Director's Remarks ..... Lynn Calder**

Lynn also thanked CMHA for all their hard work in helping provide a balanced budget and also to Darren Winger from the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility for attending.

**Remarks:**

Thank you all for being here. My name is Lynn Calder. I will keep my remarks brief. I have only been with LAF since December and considering all the experience in this room, brevity on my part, seems only fitting.

What a fantastic organization Life After Fifty is. February of 2022 officially marked our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The staff here make wonderful programs happen every day. Our volunteers keep everyone connected whether that is leading a class or making Telephone Assurance calls or working the Bingos. Our Board Members take an active and keen interest in all aspects of the Agency. This year at the Strawberry Fest we saw that rhythm of collaboration between volunteers and staff in action. We sold over 8000 bowls of Strawberries and Cream for the Town of Lasalle. That is about 3 x more than we have ever done before. Everyone worked hard but always had a laugh and a joyful thank you for each other. I really appreciated that spirit and I really admired that commitment to the success of Life After Fifty.

We have come through a tough 2 and a half years. We all know that. We are excited for the future while at the same time we recognize that there has been change and loss. I think we are all just realizing now how bruised many of us feel after the blows of wave after wave of COVID-19. But man are we strong. Especially seniors. They have endured isolation, skipped birthday parties, dinners with friends and families – so many milestones and fun things. And then there were the losses of loved ones without the proper opportunities to support each other or come together in grief. But what resilience we have witnessed. Even in the toughest of times seniors reaching out to seniors by phone to check on each other, share news and stories. Adapting to technology – keeping fit even if it was in our own living rooms over our computers. We all helped each other. We are peaking out of the dark tunnel now and starting to enjoy a little bit of light.

The light is the future. I don't have a crystal ball but I feel that if we embrace and recognize our strength; if we never lose sight of our willingness to be good to each other; If we say out loud how much we want to be with one another; If we are honest about how much we really want to keep active and have fun; if we acknowledge how much we want to give back to our community; If we do all these things Life After Fifty will grow and return to its vibrant self.

We have challenges. The biggest one is financial. We turn to each one of you to ask for your help, advice and voice to rebuild Life After Fifty.

Again thank you to each and everyone of you in the room tonight. I look forward to the next 60 years of Life After Fifty.

In addition to the Executive Director’s Remarks, staff member Meg Chaberek was recognized for her 25-year staff service award and Suzanne Poirier for 11 years. Though they were both absent, Lynn wanted to recognize them both for their continued dedication to Life After Fifty.

**Adjournment .....Lucie Lombardo**

**M/S:** Dorothy Davis / Amy Szewczuk

**MOTION:** “That the meeting of June 28, 2022 be adjourned at 6:34 PM”

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice Bottrill*

Recording Secretary