

Minutes

SOUTH ETOBICOKE COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

September 29, 2025 6:00pm – 8:00pm

1.	Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order	Manas Mishra – Board Chair and Benjamin Ries – Executive Director	5 min
2.	Appointment of Minute Taker	Chair	5 min
3.	Approval of Agenda	Chair	2 min
4.	Approval of Minutes • September 18, 2024 AGM	Chair	2 min
5.	Approval of 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements	Benjamin Ries	2 min
6.	Appointment of Auditors Hillborn LLP	Benjamin Ries	2 min
7.	Board of Directors Election	Chair	10 min
8.	Staff Report	Benjamin Ries	15 min
9.	Adjournment	Chair	2 min
10.	Presentation, Panel and Discussion: Renoviction, Demoviction, and Displacement in South Etobicoke	SECLS Staff and guest Julie Northrup, Long Branch Tenants Association	30 min

Members in attendance: Deka Gabriel, Laura Faiczak, Manas Mishra, Rosemary Bennett, Tenzin Yangchen, Toni Panzuto, Julie Northup, Jessica Kowalski

Non-Members in attendance: Diana Padierna, Gbeminiyi Akanni, Janice Taylor, Katherine Wauthier, Margarita Schupp, Pellumb Kamberi, Rochelle Rodney, Linda Lindau.

Staff in attendance: Benjamin Ries, Hardehn Punia, Dariya Alton, Epi Leibovitch-Opar, Azita Dastvar, Maxwell Trower, Kathryn Lynch

1. Welcome, Land Acknowledgement and Call to Order

- Welcome, land acknowledgment and call to order by Ben and Manas

2. Appointment of Minute Taker

- **Motion:** To appoint Dariya Alton as Minute Taker
 - **Mover:** Toni
 - **Seconder:** Julie
 - **In favour:** 7
 - **Opposed:** 0
 - **Motion Carried**

3. Approval of Agenda

- **Motion:** To approve the agenda of the 2025 Annual General Meeting
 - **Mover:** Julie
 - **Seconder:** Toni
 - **In favour:** 8
 - **Opposed:** 0
 - **Motion carried**

4. Approval of Minutes

- **Motion:** To adopt September 18, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes
 - **Mover:** Rosemary
 - **Seconder:** Laura
 - **In favour:** 8
 - **Opposed:** 0
 - **Motion carried**

5. Approval of 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements

- **Motion:** To approve the 2024-25 Audited Financial Statements -
 - **Mover:** Laura
 - **Seconder:** Jessica
 - **In favour:** 9
 - **Opposed:** 0

- **Motion carried**

6. Appointment of Auditors

- **Motion:** To approve the appointment of Hillborn LLP as auditors for the 2025-26 fiscal year
 - **Mover:** Jessica
 - **Seconder:** Julie
 - **In favour:** 8
 - **Opposed:** 0
 - **Motion carried**

7. Board of Directors Election

- **Motion:** To re-elect Jessica Kowalski and Toni Panzuto and elect Tenzin Yangchen to the Board of Directors
- **Mover:** Laura
- **Seconder:** Rosemary
- **In favour:** 5
- **Opposed:** 0
- **Motion carried**

8. Staff Report and Staff Presentation

- Benjamin Ries gave a clinic update, speaking about trends in clinic files, financial status of the clinic, updates re: LAO funding, etc.

9. Adjournment

- **Motion:** To adjourn the 2025 Annual General Meeting
- **Mover:** Jessica
- **Seconder:** Julie
- **In favour:** 8
- **Opposed:** 0
- **Motion Carried**