BOWEN ISLAND CONSERVANCY

DRAFT Minutes, Annual General Meeting
November 29th, 2025
1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Collins Hall
Chair: Owen Plowman

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.
Number of Members attending: 53

Welcome by Owen Plowman

Announcements

Only Bowen Island Conservancy (BIC) Members may vote at the AGM.

BIC has roughly 260 memberships, some of which are family memberships, representing more than one person.

Calendar for 2026 available for $20: Caring for Nature Photo Contest images were used; our thanks to the photographers, and, Peter Williamson and John Dowler for creating the calendar. BIC will be at the Craft Fair on December 6th. Our booklets, calendars and membership will be available.

BIC welcomes donations; charitable tax receipts are issued for donations over $20. Please consider the Conservancy for estate planning.

Review of the organizational structure of BIC:

- Board of Directors
- Committees: roles, structure, membership
- Advisors

Volunteers/Donors/Members

Thank you

Retiring Directors - Acknowledgement

Allie Drake, Nerys Poole, Peter Williamson

Formal business meeting

Approval of Agenda

Moved by Owen: All in favour

Approval of Minutes of the 2024 AGM

Moved by Joyce: All in favour

Report to the Members (Owen):

Conservancy Protected Lands – the 16 new lots we purchased last year – 160 acres and are in the process of consolidating the lots into 1; signs identifying the entry to the CPL.

Comprehensive assessment prepared by Claudia Schaefer which we hope we can finalize Management Plan by March with short, medium, long-term priorities. Balance conservation with public access. Have to mitigate human impact on land going forward.

Please report issues of interest (good and bad) to: crc-reports@bowenislandconservancy.org

Wild Coast Nature Refuge (WCNR)

- Vehicle intrusion last February but donated $1000 in compensation
- Invasive species removal
- Ongoing monitoring
- Addition of Lot 23 (east of the original area) to the Refuge
- Bike rack has been installed. Thanks to Mayor and Council! We have probably have funds left over for another one.
- Photos – all taken by Mark Edmonds, Operations Lead

Lot Consolidation

The lots at the Cape have been consolidated into 1 Lot and the 2 Ecogift Lots have been consolidated into 1 Lot. The Covenants for all our Lands are now the same.

Caring for Nature initiative

A large, multi-year collection of projects with major support by the Sitka Foundation as well as Bowen's own Knick Knack Nook.

Photo Contests have been very successful and will continue next year as they capture the biodiversity on Bowen.

OCP Review Submission
Available on the Conservancy website.

There are two main premises of BIC's submission.

1. Conservation must be a consideration in planning and development on the island;
2. Cooperation and assistance from the municipality re the BIC lands is essential.

2025 Events

- February Environmental Literacy WCNR Walkabout
- May: BICS class WCNR Walkabout

Financial Report:

Paula moved to accept the Financial Statementls. Carried
Financial Reports are available on the CRA Charities website page, or by request to BIC.

Board Membership Changes:

- **Retirement of Directors**
    - Allie Drake
    - Nerys Poole
    - Peter Williamson
- **Proposed Slate of New Directors**
    - DG Blair
    - Cooper Maguire
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    - Brenda McLuhan

Owen moved the acceptance of the proposed slate of Directors. Approved by acclamation

Board Structure Resolution

"Pursuant to S25(2) of the Conservancy bylaws, the number of Directors is set at 15".
Moved by Owen; Seconded by Len Gilday; Motion Carried

1:50 p.m. Break

2:00 p.m. Guest Speaker

Dr. Wendy Palen spoke about the Caring for Nature initiative, and the data, maps and models that have been developed to support how consideration of biodiversity could be done in making decisions about the future of Bowen Island. With easy-to-use analytical tools and interactive maps, we're able to identify areas that are essential to Bowen's ecological integrity. We can all use this knowledge for ongoing engagement in planning and to find opportunities for restoration that will enhance the island's network of conservation areas.

3:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks by Owen Plowman

Thank you to Wendy – small gift in recognition