



**CANADA**  
4-H Ontario

**Ontario 4-H Council  
Inaugural Board Meeting  
MINUTES**

**Date:** Saturday, March 25, 2023  
**Place:** Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, Richmond Hill  
**Time:** 7:30 a.m.  
**Attendees:** Laurie Farquharson, Cheryl Sullivan Past President, Penny Anger, Elaine Bowman, Debbie Coke, Lesleigh Elgie, Erica Murray, Jennifer Waldroff, Edna White, Fred Sharpe  
**Guest:** Tammy Oswick- Election Chair, Kim Turnbull, Taylor Black -Scrutineers  
**Staff:** Christine Oldfield, Executive Director & Evelyn Chambers, Director Professional Practice & Recording Secretary

**1. Call to Order**

Past President, Cheryl Sullivan called the meeting to order at 7:30 am and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

**2. Welcome/Introductory Comments**

Past President, Cheryl gave a warm welcome to the returning directors and to the newly elected directors Fred Sharpe and Joanne Hewitson, Tammy Oswick (Election Officer) and Taylor Black and Kim Turnbull (Scrutineers), for joining the meeting. Cheryl led the group in the land acknowledgement and the 4-H Pledge

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION: Moved and seconded to accept the agenda as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**4. Appointment of Officers**

**MOTION: Moved and seconded to appoint Christine Oldfield-Executive Director, Evelyn Chambers-Recording Secretary and Patricia Hornyak- Treasurer**

**CARRIED**

**5. Election/Appointment of Director of Community**

It was reported that a resignation had been received from current Director Community, Cathy Lennon. Directors were encouraged to think about potential recruits for this position with further discussion at the minute approval meeting.

**6. Elections- President, Vice President, Director at large**

Past President Cheryl handed over the elections to Tammy Oswick.

Tammy declared the positions of President, Vice President and Director at Large vacant.

The positions of President, Vice President and Director at Large were considered vacant.

**Nominations for President:**

- Laurie Farquharson
- Elaine Bowman

Elaine Bowman thanked her nominator and kindly decline the nomination.

Tammy proclaimed Laurie Farquharson as President, 2023 Ontario 4-H Council.

**Nominations for Vice President:**

- Elaine Bowman
- Erica Murray

Erica Murray thanked her nominator and kindly declined the nomination.

Tammy proclaimed Elaine Bowman as Vice President, 2023 Ontario 4-H Council.

**a) Director at Large**

**Nominations for Director at Large:**

- Erica Murray

Tammy proclaimed Erica Murray as the Director at Large, 2023 Ontario 4-H Council.

**MOTION: Moved and seconded to close elections.**

**CARRIED**

Cheryl Sullivan thanked Tammy Oswick for running the elections and Kim and Taylor for acting as scrutineers,. Tammy, Kim and Taylor left the meeting. Cheryl turned the meeting over to Laurie Farquharson.

**7. Appointment of Board Buddies**

President Laurie stated that all new Directors are assigned a 'Board Buddy' to help them learn about the role and to be a point of contact for any questions or concerns.

2022 Board Buddies
Edna White & Fred Sharpe
Debbie Coke & Joanne Hewitson

**8. Board Director Liaison**

It was decided to appoint the Board Director Liaisons at the minute approval meeting.

**9. Appointment of Committees**

It was decided to appoint the committees at the minute approval meeting.

**10. 2023-2024 Council Board Meeting Dates**

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> – Board Training (1-5pm) TBD

Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Council Meeting (8:30-3:30pm)

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting (8:30-3:30pm)

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 5-6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> – Council Meeting (8:30-3:30pm)

Thursday, January 4, 2024 5-6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting TBD

Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday January 20, 2024 8:30 am Board Meeting

**11. President Laurie thanked the Directors for their time.**

**MOTION: Moved to adjourn the meeting.**

*Original Signed Minutes Kept at the 4-H Ontario Office, Rockwood, Ontario*

**Ontario 4-H Council, President**

**Secretary**