

Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2023, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Lipa Green Centre in Toronto (In person) plus on-line

Meeting attended by members of the Board of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto, permanent staff of the organization, and approximately 30 alumni and friends of the JCC

1. Welcome and Meeting Overview

- Rick Carson (President) welcomed the in-person attendees (at Lipa Green Building) as well as those attending virtually.
- Rick introduced all of the full-time staff, as well as several guests such as Debbie Savage (Federation) and Northland alumni in attendance in person and on-line.
- Rick spoke to the theme of the annual general meeting (“Making Connections”)

2. D’var Torah

- Neil Zworth gave a D’var Torah which touched upon themes from the week’s parsha, as well the Making Connections AGM theme

3. Minutes – AGM March 2022

- No comments or questions from the minutes of last years’ AGM (distributed prior to the meeting)

Motion: Rick moved to approve the minutes from the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto. The motion was seconded by Matt Rosen and was carried

4. President’s Report and Committees

- Rick Carson presented the President’s Report, several key themes of which are listed here
 - He noted that the Vision of Camp Northland is to “*give every child an amazing Jewish camp experience*”, which is a foundation for the organization’s efforts
 - He reviewed the seven strategies that the Board approved in the spring of 2022, and noted that the Board and professional staff are aligned in terms of the strategies but there always a need to be nimble and

pragmatic related to pace / timing / approach of strategic implementation

- He provided an overview of the Jewish Camp Council of Toronto Board Committee Structure (and referred to the committee structure document sent out prior to the meeting).
- He thanked the Executive Director of Camp Northland, Simon Wolle, on behalf of the entire Board for Simon's great success in managing a very successful year of camp operations while in the midst of the very challenging pandemic

5. Treasurer's Report

- Hartley Cohen (Chair, Finance Committee) provided an overview of the Financial Statement (year-end, November 30, 2022) answered several questions, and noted that the financial health of the organization is very strong

6. Appointment of Auditors

Motion: Matt Rosen moved to approve the appointment of Kraft Berger LLP as auditors.... The motion was seconded by Garry Wise and was carried.

7. Honours and Awards

- Rick Carson noted that at every AGM, we plan to consider Honours and Awards that may be appropriate for volunteers, staff, and others in our community that have made meaningful contributions to the JCC.
- Greg Evans was given the **Lifetime Achievement Award** (presented by Stacey Cohen). It was noted that Greg has been a past President of the JCC, has been involved in every Committee, has acted as a mentor to many Board Members and staff, and continues to volunteer across important dimensions of the JCC.
 - All participants shared in praise for Greg's lifetime leadership, commitment, and incredible contributions to JCC and Camp Northland
- Daniella Aptowitzer, Directed of the Wellness Centre was presented with the Staff Excellence award. (presented by Simon Wolle). This award recognizes Community Impact and Excellence in Leadership
 - Simon made particular mentions of Daniella's contributions such as volunteerism throughout the year to ensure that resources and support are available to our community, continuing to keep our camp at the front

of wellness year-round, and contributing as a key thought leader on all things camps long after the seasonal paid work is done.

- Janice Stern and Frank Tizel were presented with the Community Volunteer Appreciation Award. This award is to acknowledge individuals that have repeatedly gone above and beyond all expectations to give of themselves time, effort, energy, and chutzpah to take Camp Northland to new heights and success.
- Simon made particular mentions of Janice and Frank's contributions such as Janice's dedicated and welcomes help at all camper arrivals, drop-offs, luggage depots, and her willingness to help the camp in any office needs, logistics, errands or support; and Frank's tireless weekly efforts to help organize and sort (and shred as needed) the camp's endless boxes of historical documents, archives, and files.
- Simon also thanked all the members of the Health Centre Team whose efforts both during pre-camp planning and at camp were huge contributors to a very successful summer of 2022. They were each given \$100 worth of "Tuck Bucks".

8. Election and Installation of Directors & Officers

- Garry Wise reviewed the slate of directors and officers and sent out prior to the meeting.

Motion: Garry Wise moved to approve the slate of directors and officers and instal the slate of candidates for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Wayne Kirsh and carried.

9. Executive Director's Remarks

- Simon Wolle presented his report: 2022 – A Year in Review, with key messages including;
 - Reiterating values that underlie the mission of Camp Northland.
 - Praise for incredible efforts of full time staff that he leads
 - Jewish Camp Council collaboration efforts with others, including JAcademy, staff training for Centre Camp.
 - Great recognition that Camp Northland has received, including a Wellness Grant for seasonal staff, Yedid Nefish (MESSH), Day of Giving.
 - Success of scholarships, noting there was \$400,000 in scholarships provided this past year.
 - Overview of improvements around camp including new equipment and buildings.

- Simon concluded by talking about the outlook of Camp Northland heading into 2023, including very positive enrollment numbers, strong financial position, solid community and stakeholder relationships, and very positive brand image amongst families.
- Simon noted that the Alumni and Friends weekend will be post-camp, August 18 to 20, 2023. (as opposed to the labour day weekend this summer)

10. Good and Welfare and Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 930 pm