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JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE AGENCY OF VANCOUVER NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Date and Time: July 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.
Location: Online, via Zoom

The Board of Directors of Jewish Family Service Agency of Vancouver (“**JFS**”) is calling an Extraordinary General Meeting (“Meeting”). The Meeting will be held on July 17, 2024 at 1:00 pm online, via Zoom. Registration is required to attend, and invitations to register will be emailed to members. The purpose of the Meeting is to propose for approval an integration with Jewish Addiction Community Services of Vancouver (“**JACS**”) through amendments to JFS’ Bylaws.

JACS is a compassionate Jewish informed service, providing guidance, education, and recovery services that reduce the effects of addiction on families and individuals in Vancouver. JFS and JACS both have the priority of providing the best services for clients and have a strong desire for partnership and working together. JFS and JACS wish to bring their resources together to create a more substantial impact. The Boards of JFS and JACS have identified several benefits for the community at large that come with an integration between the two organizations. These include increased accessibility of addiction services for clients and their families, enhanced capacity and ability to provide addiction services to more people, a holistic approach to clients’ needs, and increased and broader community awareness of where and how to access addiction services.

JFS considered a number of different proposals for how to integrate with JACS with the aim of JACS becoming an arm of JFS. The proposed structure is to have JACS remain a separate society, but to affiliate it with JFS by making its membership the same as JFS. In other words, when a person becomes a member of JFS they are also become a member of JACS and are permitted to participate in membership meetings of JACS. Annual general meetings of the JFS and JACS will be held consecutively. This structure is proposed so JACS can act as an extension of JFS while also being maintained as a separate organization with access to different funding opportunities than JFS.

The members of JFS are being asked to approve this integration by approving changes to JFS’ Bylaws. The proposed changes will amend JFS’ Bylaws so that the Bylaws state that when a person becomes a member of JFS, they also become a member of JACS. Similar bylaw changes are also being proposed to the members of JACS. The changes to JFS’ Bylaws will not be filed with the Registrar of Companies or take effect unless JACS members also approve changes to JACS’ Bylaws

The proposed changes also include an update to the dissolution clause in JFS’ Bylaws to update it to correspond with Canada Revenue Agency’s preferred language for registered charities.

The text of the proposed special resolution is:

RESOLVED THAT AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION that the Bylaws of JFS be amended as follows:

1. Section 1.1.1 of the Bylaws be amended by adding a definition of “JACS” as a new subparagraph (c) as follows:

“JACS” means Jewish Addiction Community Services of Vancouver, a Society registered under the Societies Act;”

The remaining subparagraphs in Section 1.1.1 be renumbered accordingly.

2. A new Section 2.7 be added to the Bylaws as follows:

“2.7 Membership in JACS

2.7.1 A Member in good standing is automatically a member of JACS, entitled to all the rights of membership in JACS.”

3. Section 16.1 of the Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

“16.1 Dissolution

In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Society, when all debts and liabilities of the Society are paid or provided for, the remaining property of the Society shall be distributed or disposed of in accordance with the *Societies Act* to any one or more Jewish registered charities, as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada), provided, however, that the remaining property shall not be payable or otherwise available to any Member of the Society.”

4. Section 17.5 of the Bylaws be deleted in its entirety.

Dated: July 3, 2024

By order of Jewish Family Services
Agency of Vancouver, Board of Directors