



Senior Liberals' Commission Ontario

SLC(O) MINUTES of the BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING
Zoom Meeting
February 5, 2022
10:30 - 11:30 am

1. Call to Order: Jean Yip, Meeting Chair

2. Welcoming Remarks: from Sheila Bryan, Chair, SLC(O)

Sheila thanked all those present for attending. She thanked Jean Yip, MP Scarborough-Agincourt for agreeing to chair the meeting. Sheila also gave a special thank you to Minister Kamal Khera for being the feature speaker. It was announced that there were – at the opening of the meeting - 137 participants attending the meeting remotely.

3. Motion to Approve Agenda: (the Agenda had been posted on the SLCO web page and the Senior Liberals Facebook page)

Moved: Kathleen Devlin – Seconded: Kamal Jain PASSED

4. Motion to Adopt Previous SLCO BGM Meeting Minutes: (the Minutes had been posted on the SLCO website and advertised on posted there on the Senior Liberals' Facebook page)

Moved: Judy Cobb – Seconded Eden Garaj PASSED

5. SLCO Chair's Report - Report

Sheila thanked the front-line workers for their efforts during the past 2 COVID years. There was shock at the severe effect of COVID-19 on Long-term care residents in Ontario. Improving LTC and affordable housing for vulnerable Seniors were resolutions by the SLC, and others, that were approved and ranked very high on the "approved resolutions" at the LPC Convention. She pointed out that there are seniors' reps on over one-third of EDAs in Ontario and thanked all attendees for their support.

Motion to adopt SLCO Chair Sheila Bryan's report :

Moved: Janet Hatcher Roberts – Seconded: Elizabeth Reynolds PASSED

6. Introduction: SLC Chair and Incoming SLC(O) Executive Board - Hilary Williamson, National Co-chair, SLC

Hilary thanked all Ontario Senior Registered Liberals for their support during the recent election. She announced the acclaimed members of the SLCO Board.

Chair: Sheila Bryan

Policy Chair: Kamal Jain

Regional Directors: Toronto - David Wallace ; Golden Horseshoe - Norma Gibson-MacDonald

7. Introduction of Speaker: Policy Chair, Kamal Jain introduced the Honourable Khamal Khera, Minister of Seniors as the guest speaker.

8. Minister Khera's address:

Minister Khera recognized Jean Yip for her advocacy for seniors, Deb Schulte the previous Minister for Seniors for her work and Hilary Williamson and Sheila Bryan for the work of the national SLC and the SLC Ontario section respectively.

Minister Khera reviewed the legacy the Liberals are leaving for seniors, such as restoring the age of eligibility for the OAS to 65, creating the GIS and increasing it particularly by \$500 for single seniors and \$750 for couples, investments in long-term care, the new age-well at home initiative, and the New Horizon's program for seniors. Her key priorities are strengthening financial security for seniors, Aging at Home (helping seniors to stay in their own homes and communities as long as possible) and ensuring standards for Long-term care are applied across Canada.

9. Questions from the floor for Kamal Khera

Minister Khera took a number of lively questions from the floor including those related to protecting seniors' pensions, the need for interoperability of health care records, First Nations and justice and long-term care issues around funding and standards.

10. Thanks to the Minister:

On behalf of all those attending, Sheila Bryan thanked the Minister for her time, attention, and hard work and also thanked Jean Yip for her advocacy on behalf of seniors and for chairing this meeting. Sheila reminded attendees that they can bring forward issues and ideas to their EDAs and send comments to the Minister. She provided everyone with the SLC email address in the event they want to send in their questions or comments following the Meeting.

11. Adjournment – Jean Yip, Meeting Chair