

Meeting Thursday November 8, 2018

November 8, 7pm

Burnaby Public Library, McGill Branch

4595 Albert Street, public meeting room

Free Parking at Library



14-Day Notice of Special General Meeting to vote on changing Square Peg Constitution and By-Laws

In order to qualify as a charitable society with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) that can issue tax receipts when receiving charitable donations, we are required by the CRA to add the following clauses to our Constitution and By-Laws:

1. The purpose(s) of the society is (are):
 - To promote health by providing social and recreational programs to support the physical, mental and emotional well-being of young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.
 - To promote health by providing life-skills workshops and counselling, classes, seminars, job placement assistance, and other support services to young adults diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder to become and remain more independent in the community.
 - To undertake activities ancillary and incidental to the attainment of the above charitable purposes.

Square Peg Society is currently a Non-Profit Society in BC, but some time ago we also applied to the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) for Charitable Status. Our application has been received favorably, but the CRA is requiring us to make the above changes to our Constitution and our Bylaws, included in our documents with the BC Registry of Non-Profit Societies at a **Special General Meeting, the paperwork of which must be submitted by the end of November 2018.**

Over the past four years we have sought to advocate for our ASD adults, and to be a source of information and support for our individuals and our families. We have held an average of 8 meetings per year, have presented our case for services to the Fraser and Vancouver Coastal Health Boards. We have connected members to Specialist Employment Agencies, and have made efforts, through events, to forge social connections between individuals and families. Charitable Society status with Canada Revenue Agency will enable us to issue tax receipts to corporations and individuals interested in providing financial support to the Society, which will be a huge help in furthering our goals. With some funding we would be able expand our website and social media presence to better inform and connect families. We would also like to develop a few targeted programs, specifically geared toward the mental well-being and social functioning of our particular niche of ASD adults who want to live fully independent adult lives.

If you are receiving this email it is because we consider you to be a supporter of our efforts; **we need your vote in support of these changes at this Special General Meeting** in order to complete this charitable status application. As a member you will be kept up to date on our activities, and are welcome to attend any of our meetings and events.

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