

# Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 @ 10:00 AM Landscape Ontario - Milton

All Landscape Ontario members are invited to attend the AGM but only Active and Honorary Life members can make a motion and vote.

## **MINUTES**

Agenda Item	Whom	
1. President's Call to Order and Remarks	Ed Hansen	
2. Introduction of the 2023 Board	Ed Hansen	
3. Recognition of Landscape Ontario's Milestone Membership	Ed Hansen	
4. CNLA Report Lindsay Drake Nightingale provided an overview of the activities of the Canadian Nursery Landscape Association. Inviting everyone in attendance in person and online to learn more about our national association and the value it provides to members across the country and for us here in Ontario.	Lindsay Drake Nightingale	
<b>5. Procedural Announcements</b> An overview of how the meeting will go, along with how voting will work should that be required.	Ed Hansen	
6. Additions to Agenda  MOTION: TO APPROVE THE AGENDA FOR THE JANUARY 29, 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AS PRESENTED.  Motion by: David Wright Seconded by: Terry Childs Discussion: None All in favour None opposed	Ed Hansen	
7. Acceptance of Minutes from AGM, JANUARY 10, 2024	Ed Hansen	



MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2024 AGM AS PRESENTED  Motion by: Alan White Seconded by: Beth Edney Discussion: None All in favour None opposed	
8. Business Arising from JANUARY 2024  AGM Minutes List of action items from last year's meeting  None	Ed Hansen
9. Reports  September, 2023 – August, 2024 Financial Statement  MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER, 2023 TO AUGUST, 2024  Motion by: Pam Cook - Treasurer Seconded by: David Milne Discussion: None All in favour None opposed	Ed Hansen Joe Salemi Pam Cook
September, 2024 – August, 2025 Proposed Budget  MOTION: TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR SEPTEMBER, 2024 to AUGUST, 2025  Motion by: Pam Cook - Treasurer Seconded By: David Wright Discussion: None All in favour None opposed	Pam Cook
Appointment of Auditors  MOTION: TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SMITH, CHAPPELL, MARSH, VILANDER AS AUDITORS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024 to AUGUST, 2025.  Motion by: Pam Cook - Treasurer Seconded By: Alan White Discussion: None All in favour	Pam Cook



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#### 10. 2025 Directors Positions & Representations

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Ed Hansen

a) Election of 2 Members-at-Large to serve on the Provincial Board of Directors

Rohan and David addressed the room, expressing their passion for promoting the importance of their industry to healthcare and their desire to give back to the community. Jeremy, a supplier member, also shared his enthusiasm for bringing a lot to the board, especially on snow and health and safety. The meeting then proceeded to a voting process, with members casting their votes either in person or online.

### MOTION: I nominate [ Rohan Harrison ] for Member at Large

Motion by: Jon Agg Seconded by: Alan White

Discussion: Rohan provided an overview on why he believes he is the right person to represent the interests of Landscape Ontario members

### MOTION: I nominate [ David Milne ] for Member at Large

Motion by: Rohan Harrison Seconded by: Terry Childs

Discussion: David provided an overview on why he believes he is the right person to represent the interests of Landscape Ontario members

Vote: elected

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Motion by: Jeremy Kirkham Seconded by: Terry Childs

Discussion: Jeremy provided an overview on why he believes he is the right person to represent the interests of Landscape Ontario members

Vote held as (3) nominees presented - in person and online voters cast their ballots. Rohan Harrison received the majority of votes, followed by David Milne, and then finally Jeremy Kirkham. As a result of the vote, Rohan Harrison and David Milne were named Members At Large for the Landscape Ontario Board of Directors slate of 2025.

b) Indemnification of Board of Directors 2025

MOTION: TO INDEMNIFY ALL ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER, 2024 TO AUGUST, 2025:

Motion by: David Wright

Seconded by: Terry Childs Discussion: None All in favour None opposed	
<ul> <li>11. New Business</li> <li>Landscape Ontario staff to produce a state of the industry report on battery-powered equipment for the City of Toronto by the end of March.</li> <li>Landscape Ontario to launch the new combined website (horttrades.com and landscapeontario.com) in the Spring.</li> <li>Joe Salemi to make the full version of Landscape Ontario's strategic plan available to members who request it.</li> <li>Landscape Ontario to proceed with the design and approval process for the new \$14 million training facility.</li> </ul>	Ed Hansen
12. Presentation of NEW Strategic Plan Joe Salemi provided an overview of Landscape Ontario's new strategic plan, along with an explanation of how the strategic plan was developed. Through surveying the membership, focus groups, 1:1 interviews, and a 2-day intensive strategic planning conversation with key stakeholders.  Landscape Ontario's strategic plan is available on the website: <a href="https://landscapeontario.com/strategic-plan">https://landscapeontario.com/strategic-plan</a>	Joe Salemi
12. Announcements Ed invited all in attendance for the Annual General Meeting to continue to meet and talk to their peers. Sharing his message and theme of his term, Stronger Together.	Ed Hansen
13. Meeting Adjourned	Ed Hansen