Minutes of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association 2025 AGM
Monday Nov. 17, 2025 – 7:00 pm
EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road

1. Call to Order at 7:00 pm **Robert Laidler, Moderator**
Robert Laidler welcomed everyone, declared that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. Welcome from the school **Sarah Garr, Principal**
Principal Sarah Garr began with the land acknowledgement of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and then welcomed everyone to the school. She also thanked the Alumni Association for their support of Esquimalt High School students. Sarah also pointed out the new mural on the outside of the school for the benefit of the scholarship recipients and their parents who were present at the meeting.
3. Introduction of 2025 Scholarship winners **Robert Laidler**
Robert Laidler began by acknowledging the sad and untimely passing of Brenda O'Connor, who was the Director of Scholarships until this past spring, when she unexpectedly passed away. He said he hoped he could continue the excellent job Brenda did in her role as Director of Scholarships.
Robert presented scholarships to the three 2025 grads who each received a $1000 EHS Alumni Scholarship. The three winners have all been accepted to post-secondary programs, but all three are currently taking gap years.

The first winner, **Mateo Berkhout,** plans to go to Thompson River University to study ecology and enviro biology next year. His mother was present to accept the scholarship on his behalf.

The second winner, **Ariana Lane,** will be attending the Camosun/UVic Bachelor of Science nursing program. Her future goal is to work as a nurse practitioner or a doctor. Ariana and her mother were both present, and when Ariana spoke, she said not only does she love EHS, but she is still volunteering at the school.

The third winner, **Peyton Yip**, plans to study marine biology at UVic studying. Her long-term goal is to attend law school. Peyton and both parents were present to accept the scholarship.

Thank you to EHS Scholarship teacher Dana Bjornson for selecting the winners, creating a PowerPoint presentation and writing up the citations for the scholarship presentations.

4. Approval of the Agenda **Robert Laidler**
Marilyn McCrimmon moved that the agenda be approved. Seconded by Gary Moser. Carried.
5. Approval of Minutes from 2024 AGM **Marilyn McCrimmon**
Marilyn McCrimmon moved that the 2024 AGM minutes be approved as posted on the EHS Alumni website. Seconded by Gary Moser. Carried.
6. President's Report **Barry Scott**
Barry Scott presented the President's Report. The full report is included with the minutes.
7. Treasurer's Report **Ryan Richard**
Ryan Richard presented the 2024/2025 Financial Statement and Review of Books. He also presented the 2025/2026 Budget, Signing Officers and Person to do Review, and he also reported on the Scholarship Fund. The full Treasurer's Report is included with the minutes. Ryan moved the following five motions:
Motion #1
Move that the October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025 *Financial Statements* be received and recorded in the minutes.
Motion #2
Move that the *Financial Review* report by Gary Moser be accepted.
Motion #3
Move that the *Proposed Budget* for 2025/2026 be approved.
Motion #4
Move that the Association appoint Gary Moser to perform the financial review for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.
Motion #5
Move that the Association approve the positions of **President**, **Vice-President**, **Secretary** and **Treasurer** as signing officers of the Association and the Association continue to use *Coast Capital Savings* for banking.
Motions were seconded by Marilyn McCrimmon. Motions were all carried.

8. Director's Reports

a. Outstanding Alumni Committee **Dave Allen**

Dave's full report is included with the minutes.

9. Elections of Officers **Marilyn McCrimmon**

Four directors agreed to let their names stand for another two years:

Barry Scott, Ryan Richard, Cathy Wong and Dave Allen

Marilyn called for any nominations from the floor. There being none, she declared these nominees to be elected by acclamation.

Marilyn also called for any nominations for the two Director-at-Large positions currently open, but there were no nominations at this point.

10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment **Robert Laidler**

Robert moved adjournment of the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

The next AGM is November 16, 2026.

NB: The EHS Alumni Foundation AGM followed this meeting.

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2025 AGM PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Good evening and welcome to our 2025 AGM.

At the outset it is important to mention that both the Association and the Foundation continue to maintain a close and strong working relationship with the school and fully support its stated goals and objectives. School representative and principal Sarah Garr attends all of our meetings to keep us apprised of all important student activities, necessary funding requests as well as providing student availability for participation in Alumni events.

The highlight of our activities this year was our extremely successful participation in the annual Esquimalt Ribfest. Under the very capable direction of Dave Allen, volunteers from our group, EHS leadership class members, past Alumni and Rainbow Kitchen individuals worked out of a large tent selling langos, water, pop and EHS T-shirts over a long and very busy three day opening. Each of the participants received $2200 as their share from net revenue results.

During the past year, the Alumni group has continued to work on a number of existing and newly created projects. Of interest, is a new program developed to formally recognize past alumni who have made notable achievements in their careers and/or in our community. The program is called OUTSTANDING ALUMNI AWARDS and a local group has volunteered to review and put forward suitable candidates to the Alumni Board for consideration. A formal ceremony to honour the selected candidates will be held in the early spring at EHS.
Our group continues to make improvements to the school archives and complete our recording and cataloging of school assets.
Alumni staff (thanks to Marilyn McCrimmon) also continue to produce a very newsy and interesting newsletter in the spring, fall and winter, featuring school and Alumni activities. They make for good reading.

Once again this year, and in keeping with our great respect for all military personnel who have served throughout past global conflicts and wars, I, along with two leadership students – OWEN OLSSON and ELIZABETH WALD – had the honour of laying a wreath in their memory on Remembrance Day at the Esquimalt Memorial Cenotaph.

We are pleased to be in a financial position to once again award education scholarships of $1,000.00 each to three deserving students selected by the school scholarship committee.

In closing, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to each one of our directors for their commitment and valuable volunteer service to the Alumni group.

Thank you and enjoy the rest of the program.

Barry Scott
President.

2024/2025 FINANCIAL REVIEW

Esquimalt High School Alumni Association

Ryan Richard, Treasurer

Statement of Review

November 17, 2025

I have undertaken a detailed review of the financial records for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025, for *Esquimalt High School Alumni Association*. This review consisted of an examination of all transactions processed by the *Esquimalt High School Alumni Association* for the fiscal year as well as other records deemed necessary.

At the completion of the review, I was satisfied that the financial records were in good order and accurately reflected the statement information presented for the period under review.

Respectively submitted,



Gary Moser

Statement of Account

Balance Forward (from Prior Fiscal Year End)	**$1,058.45**	***Previous Year Reconciliation***		
Revenue		**Bank Balance**		**$1,058.45**
Bank Interest		**Bank Shares**		**$5.00**
Membership	$20.00	***Less Outstanding Cheques***		
Donations	$620.00	*Cheque #*	*Payee*	*Amount*
Alumni Foundation Transfer				
Merchandise Sales				
Total Revenue for Fiscal Year	*$640.00*			
Expenses				
Administration	$(40.00)			
Events		Total		
Merchandise		**Ledger Balance**		**$1,058.45**
Good & Welfare		***Current Year Reconciliation***		
Donation Transfer	$(520.00)	**Bank Balance**		**$1,138.45**
Office Expenses		**Bank Shares**		**$5.00**
Esquimalt High School Request		***Less Outstanding Cheques***		
Alumni Foundation Transfer		*Cheque #*	*Payee*	*Amount*
Outstanding Cheques from Previous Year		36	Esquimalt High School	$(221.31)
Total Revenue for Fiscal Year	*$(560.00)*			
Bank Balance	**$1,138.45**			
Current Year Equity Shares				
Shares - October 1st	$5.00			
Increase in Shares		Total		$(221.31)
Shares - September 30th	$5.00	**Ledger Balance**		**$917.14**

Scholarship Account
(Held in Trust with Greater Victoria School Board)

Balance Forward (July 2024)	**$48,072.42**
Revenue	
Donations to Alumni Scholarship	$822.97
Investment Interest for 2025/2026	$3,751.10
	$4,574.07
Outstanding Scholarships	
Outstanding Alumni Scholarships	$2,000.00
Less Expenses	
Administration Fee for July 2024	$(192.29)
Alumni Scholarship Withdrawal (5 - $1,000 Scholarships)	$(5,000.00)
Administration Fee for July 2025	$(197.43)
	$(5,389.72)
Scholarship Balance	**$49,256.77**

Proposed Budget
For 2025/2026 Fiscal Year

Proposed Revenues	
Donations	$1,000.00
Membership	$100.00
Total Revenues	$1,100.00
Proposed Expenditures	
School Request for Funds	$(500.00)
Administration	$(50.00)
Total Expenditures	$(550.00)
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	**$550.00**

Motions

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Outstanding Alumni Recognition Update

The following is an update regarding one of the goals the Executive of the Alumni Association wished to carry out this past year – to begin a process to honour Outstanding Alumni Members who attended Esquimalt High School.

1) A committee of 4 alumni members along with a staff representative from the school was established in the Spring to develop criteria for the selection of Outstanding Alumni Members and to establish a list of about 12 or so alumni members who they felt met the criteria.
2) This committee met several times and each member provided names and rationale for their selection.
3) The criteria and an initial list of 14 nominees were established along with the rationale for nomination. This information was submitted to the Executive of the Alumni Association at their August meeting by the chairperson of the nominating committee.
4) The Executive members reviewed the list of nominees and narrowed the list to 8 people to be the first group of Outstanding Alumni Member to be recognized. Executive members did this at the October Executive meeting.
5) The Recognition Evening will take place in the late Spring of 2026. It is planned the evening will consist of a catered reception in the school cafeteria followed by a formal recognition of the 8 nominees to be honoured. This will be in the school theater. The evening will be open to any alumni members. Tickets selling for a nominal amount to cover expenses ($20 - $25) will be available. There will be some form of recognition provided to each nominee and a display will be set up in a prominent location in the school for students, staff and guests to the school to see.
6) It is expected that this type of recognition will occur about every 3-4 years and that there will be a nomination process developed to encourage alumni members to submit names of nominees for future Recognition Evenings.
7) Further information will be sent out in the Winter newsletter with the date for the first Recognition Evening and how tickets can be obtained.
8) Dave thanked the members of the nominating committee for their time and thoughtfulness in developing the information given to the Alumni Executive.