



## **AGM 2026- NOMINATION REPORT**

### ***Background:***

The Nomination Committee ("Committee") was formed at the May 12, 2026 Board meeting to assist the Board of Directors ("Board") to determine the members of the Board who would be remaining for a further term and to assist in the recruitment of prospective new Board members. The two members of the Board who formed the Committee were Diana Whalen, Secretary and Eleanor Humphries, Vice Chair, assisted by Chair, Mary Ann McGrath.

The objective of the Committee was to ensure that the Board was sufficiently diverse with regards to the necessary capabilities, experience and knowledge in addition to reflecting the demographics and culture of the area where the BMBCL lands are located. The Committee acts in an advisory role regarding in putting forward candidates for consideration as potential Board members. A motion recommending these candidates for appointment to the BMBCL Board will occur at the 2026 AGM.

### ***Work of the Committee:***

First, the members of the Board were contacted individually to determine whether or not they would be reoffering. Following Mary Ellen Donovan's resignation from the Board in September 2025 there are nine (9) Board members. These remaining nine (9) Board members have indicated that it is their intention to reoffer.

Next, an analysis of the critical gaps in terms of the skills, demographics, diversity and community/geographic representation was undertaken to identify the potential gaps within Board as they existed both today and as we move forward through the next stages towards a National Urban Park. It

was discussed how these gaps could be filled and how we would source for them. We identified gaps in the area of youth, government relations, grant writing, engineering and cultural diversity.

Working in conjunction with Catherine McKellar and Mary-Ann McGrath an email “blast” was sent to all Friends of BMBCL inviting anyone with an interest in serving on Board to apply. In addition, contact was made to City Councillors and MLAs of the area, along with direct requests to five (5) individuals who met the criteria of the identified gaps.

Several potential candidates have been discussed and approached, but not all have been able to respond by today’s date. Those additional individuals can still be added to the Board by a Board vote later in the year if any wish to serve.

### ***Summary & Recommendations:***

The following slate of Officers and Board Members are reoffering in the following positions:

Chair	MaryAnn McGrath
Vice-Chair	Eleanor Humphries
Secretary	Diana Whalen
Treasurer	Carol Ann Roberts
Directors at Large	Todd Beal
	Wendy McDonald
	Mary Ellen Hamilton
	Dale Smith
	Raymond Plourde

The Nominations Committee is also recommending the following two (2) individuals for appointment to the Board as Members at Large:

**Mark Young** was a previous member of the Board and, most recently, has held roles in Stewardship and Hiking

**Gisele Gomez**, also a previous Board Member and a longtime supporter of BMBCL

The Nomination Committee nominates these 11 individuals as Directors and seeks the approval of their appointment at the 2026 Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Blue Mountain and Birch Cove Lakes.

Respectfully submitted by

Eleanor Humphries

Vice-Chair