**Rutland Residents Association**

 **General Meeting Agenda March 18 , 2015**

**7:00 pm, Pool Room, Rutland Centennial Hall**

**Call to order** 7.10\_ PM by John Vielvoye

**Roll call** 7 members present, 4 Visitors

**Adoption of Agenda** as Circulated Approved by all

The chair pointed out the excellent article about St. Aidans historic church in the Kelowna Courier by Ron Seymour.

**Guest** Peter Chataway, reviewed part of the history of the “old” St. Aidans. (there is a “new” St. Aidans built after the congregation left the “old” church.) The church and site will be purchased from the City for $ 100,000 by a local Buddhist organization called Okanagan Buddhist Cultural Society. The City has consolidated the three lots that make up the property into one lot and will provide services to the lot property line. The building will be relocated further into the property, moving it away from Mugford road. The society currently has about 25 members. Plans are to restore the church to its 1938 appearance on the outside and inside and to expand the building to 1578 square feet by adding washrooms at the back, and a small board room. A traditional oriental garden will be added. Parking will be at the rear of the property. The site has been visited and blessed recently by the Buddhist Monk from Edmonton in a special ceremony. Peter circulated various plans for the building. Permit applications will start in April with construction scheduled to start in September.

**Minutes of the Feb. 19 meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting had been sent to members, but several members reported that they were not able to open the attachment to the notice of meeting. As a result, details of the last meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections or objections.

**Motions made at the Feb. 19 meeting and actions taken:**

1) Motion: That RRA discuss Rutland heritage at the June meeting and that RRA have a position on Rutland heritage by September.

Action

In order for members to prepare for the June meeting, John Vielvoye mentioned that the City of Kelowna has started a review of its heritage policy. Endorsement of the Terms of Reference for the Heritage Review: are on the City Web site at item 5.7 in the council minutes for March 16

<http://www.kelowna.ca/CityPage/Docs/PDFs/Council/Meetings/Council%20Meetings%202015/2015-03-16/Regular%20PM/Agenda%20Package%20-%20Regular%20PM%20Council%20Meeting_Mar16_2015.pdf>

**John mentioned that in 1997 there were 13 buildings located in Rutland on the register. In 2000 there were 7 and there are 6 today plus 1 building in Black Mountain and 1 in the Belgo. The description of buildings on the City of Kelowna Heritage Register can be viewed on the City web site at** [**http://apps.kelowna.ca/iHeritage/hc001.cfm**](http://apps.kelowna.ca/iHeritage/hc001.cfm)

2) **Centennial Park** Motion: that President John Huston and Peter Paglocchini would meet and write the letter on behalf of RRA expressing the results of the poll and feeling of RRA towards the long term master plan.

**Action**

John Vielvoye read the letter that was sent to Mayor and Council and staff to the meeting. All thought it was a very good letter. John also reported on results of the Rutland Centennial Park Master plan questionnaire conducted by the City that is available on the City web site at

][Public Information Session Survey Results - City of Kelowna](http://www.google.ca/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=2&ved=0CCoQFjAB&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.kelowna.ca%2FCityPage%2FDocs%2FPDFs%2F%255CParks%2F2015-RCP%2520Public%2520Input%2520Summary.pdf%3Ft%3D125246534&ei=PF4QVYnRG5DLoASI24KIBw&usg=AFQjCNHfDJxWIQvjVOFSED4lMfhdbvGczA&bvm=bv.88528373,d.cGU)

 3) **Bylaw Changes** Motion: John Vielvoye to write up the discussed bylaw changes as required for the registrar and submit the changes to the registrar for approval.

**Action**

John has sent the bylaw changes to the register, but there has been no reply received to date.

**Treasurer:** Evelyn Vielvoye reported a bank balance of $ 3554.15 Move acceptance Peter Hershanin/Mary Luttmerding. Carried.

**Present at the meeting** were Hon. Steve Thompson, MLA Kelowna-Mission ; Hon. Norm Letnick MLA Kelowna –Lake Country and Hon. Ron Cannan, PM Kelowna-Lake Country. All were invited to speak.

Mr. Thompson spoke on behalf of himself and Mr. Letnick briefly outlining his involvement with Heritage including $ 100,000 provided to the Grist Mill in Keremeos, funding for Kilby House near Chilliwack, support for the administrative responsibility of Cottenwood House near Barkerville to be transferred to Barkerville, support for the use of the CN rail line as a community trail, Bee pollination garden by UBCO students at the Brents Mills site in Kelowna and various other projects.

Mr. Cannan spoke briefly of several project he is involved with including the widening of Hwy 97 and safety issues involving bicycle lanes.

John Vielvoye read a notice from the Central Okanagan Heritage Society announcing a fundraising concert with Mask at the Benvoulin Church, Saturday April 11, 2015 at 7 PM

**50/50 draw**: won by Peter Chataway.

**Next Meeting Scheduled for** April 16

**Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM**