



Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 28, 2022 @ Rutland Seniors Center (150 Gray Road) from 6:30 - 8:00pm

Present: Nick A., Cindy. A., Peter P., Gene C., Gwen B., Lorena M., Lynn S., Christopher B., Roxanne C., Sharlene D., Marianne B.

Regrets: Lynn J., Evelyn & John V., Lynn J.

1. Call to Order: {Peter called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.
 - Peter welcomed everyone and asked everyone to take a moment to reflect on what's happening in the Ukraine.
2. Adoption of the agenda for this meeting
 - Add 9.5 Community Clean Up
 - Add 10.1 Department of TransportationMoved by Chris, 2nded by Roxanne to adopt the agenda as amended. CARRIED
3. Roll call/Quorum: Peter noted we have a quorum.
4. Welcome to all members and visitors.
5. Adoption of Minutes from the September 27, 2021 General Meeting.
 - Amend 'Roundtable' to 'Forum' in 10.1

Moved by Gwen, 2nded by Marianne, to adopt the meeting minutes as amended. CARRIED

6. President's Report – Peter P. noted T-Shirt sales. Showing up as a deficit rather than revenue. We will be working to sell more of these in the future. Will post on Facebook.

Peter noted development in Rutland area. Received correspondence from Arlene H. who noted that a development on Neptune Road was slated to be a 20 unit build with each unit available for individual sale. Subsequent to this, the developer entered into an agreement with the city to have 23 units with reduced parking. The developer also signed a 10-year contract with the city to change from purchase housing to rentals. This change was not what the neighborhood was told would happen and there exists a high level of anxiety with this new decision. It should also be noted, that the developer was to provide these units as so-called affordable rentals as part of his 10-year contract with the city. Unfortunately, the definition of affordable rent is defined as 3% below market value. Hardly what could be considered affordable given our astronomical rental charges. This was done by granting the developer a variance, and with his agreement to make it rental housing the developer was given a substantial rebate. Unfortunately, this seems to be a scenario that is being repeated on countless occasions in Kelowna. Lynn S. noted property

near her was allowed to build a house and joined to new house as well as a duplex on the same lot. This was done by utilizing a variance which provided the green light for the build.

Peter will be taking a 5-month hiatus and Lynn J. will take over for Peter. He will preside over the next meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report – Lynn S.

7.1 Overview: Lynn reported issue with bank regarding service charges for statements. Peter and Lynn went to the bank to cancel charges. Signed up for online banking and bank did remove service charges off the Gaming Account. Total assets at this time are \$1,213.00.

7.2 Review of Financials & Gaming: Sharlene noted she had reviewed books and thanked Lynn S. for her work. Noted Executive needed to discuss a few things and a few changes.

Moved by Roxanne, 2nded by Gene to adopt report as read. CARRIED

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Grant/Fundraising Committee – Sharlene has reviewed a few grant options and will set up a committee meeting. More info to follow after meeting.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Rutland Safety – All can discuss: Sharlene noted recent protests regarding sexual assaults at schools and issue of individuals following people as well as issues at work regarding transients and drug addicts coming/going into businesses in the Rutland area. This issue may get worse now that the weather is warming up. (Stay vigilant). Gwen noted bicycles on sidewalks still an issue – particularly Rutland Road and Highway 33. Nick noted City maintenance due to rock/dirt on the bicycle lanes. Peter noted enforcement issue and perhaps reporting may help.

Gwen suggested monthly guest speakers – may work to bring in more people.

Moved by Nick, 2nded by Marianne, that the RRA present to the City a request for safety signage regarding bicycling and pedestrians in the Rutland area
AND FURTHER THAT: the RRA recommend that the City work to complete the McCurdy Road bicycling corridor as soon and possible. CARRIED

- Gwen and Chris noted that Norm Letnick is launching the YeYe Society which will be dedicated to bringing affordable entry level housing to our community. It should be noted that YeYe means grandfather in Chinese. Chris to reach out to Wayne Broughton regarding new school in West Kelowna. Peter suggested reaching out to **Norah Bowman** who has Rutland as part of her portfolio. Maybe both can be invited.

9.2 Parking & Developments – All can discuss:

Moved by Roxanne, 2nded by Gwen, that the Rutland Residents Association instruct Peter to draft a letter to be sent to City council, city Planning staff, as well as media expressing concern over the lack of parking associated with new developments in the Rutland area and the expectation that individuals park on roads/take transit.
AND FURTHER THAT: The RRA also noted that planning should include sidewalks and lighting and parking to ensure the safety of all community members. CARRIED

9.3 RRA Community BBQ – Sharlene noted this had been put aside due to COVID and such. She will email invite out to members when a meeting date for this has been set. Noted that fundraising may not be allowed, however, also noted that the City does have other funding available that we may be able to tap into.

9.4 Member Check-In – All can discuss: Group discussed purpose of this on the agenda. Sharlene noted it was a means for us to check up on each other and help if/when needed.

9.5 Community Clean Up – All: Sharlene noted post in a FB group and Chris noted that would be happening again. Chris noted a little early but would be moving forward once it warms up. Norm and Tracy offered to participate again. Chris will set up and Sharlene will share the information to members/community through FB and Lynn J. via website.

10. New Business:

‘Ask the membership if there are any new issues they would like to talk about.’

10.1 Department of Transportation: Roxanne noted crosswalk at Mills and noted light takes forever to change for people to walk across. Not enough time to get across. Roxanne noted that you have to go directly to Minister of Transportation. Peter noted Letnick may be able to point her in the right direction. Update: Mills and 97 used to be Vecchio’s but this has been purchased by the Marriott.

Gwen asked about AGMs and it was noted that Memberships were carried over from 2021 due to lack of meetings as a result of COVID.

11. Motion to adjourn the Meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday, March 21, 2021 & April 25, 2021 (*18th is Easter Weekend)

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