

Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 18, 2018 @ Rutland Centennial Hall 6:30 pm

Agenda

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to Order at 6:40
2. Roll call (Quorum 10% of membership): Present at this meeting were Peter P, Sharlene D, Lynn J, John V, Evelyn V, Lorena M, Marianne B, Mary L, Lynn S, Carolina R., Gwen B., Rolli C. (Total:
3. Welcome to all members and visitors: Two new members: Anna Jacyszyn and Lynn Stevens. Thank you for joining our organization. Also our guest speaker Ben Petkau speaking on Proportional Representation: Speak in about 20 minutes, once we get through the formal part of the Agenda.
4. Minutes of the September 20th meeting. Will be circulated at the meeting.
 - Any errors or omissions. Move to accept: Gwen Seconded: Marianne Carried
 - Sharlene noted 2 items to be added to the agenda: BC Registry Access as Item 7.1 & Grant Opportunities (City of Kelowna & Gaming) as Item 7.2
5. President's Report: - Thank you to all of our volunteers that pulled together to make the October 2 Forum a strong success. Take a few minutes to do a post forum critique: Include the points as part of my report. (10 minutes)
 - John suggested Thank you letters to RPS, URBA, IGA & Save On. Sharlene to draft.
 - Sharlene noted candidates happy with the forum as laid out except one who felt it unfair that candidates on the outside were allowed banners but council candidates weren't as they were in the center.
 - John noted that radio stations weren't contacted. Suggest contacting editors and writers and/or news tips people prior to event.
 - Move to accept the report: Lynn Seconded: Lorena Carried
6. Treasurer's Report: Evelyn V.
 - > Community Builders \$ 574.77 > Grant Account \$2151.80 = Total Assets of \$ 2,726.57
 - > Donations from forum \$ 81.86 > Forum expenses = \$ 107.51 = Deficit of \$25.65
 - Move to accept: Marianne Seconded: Lorena Carried

7. New Business:

- 7.1 BC Registry Access: Sharlene noted spoke to BC Registry. Best practice would be to have 2nd person as contact and with access to the account in the event something happens and to ensure others have access in the future.

Gwen moved to have 3 people sign onto BC Registries with Sharlene, Peter and John being listed as contacts.

Moved: Gwen 2nded by Lynn Carried

Noted Lorena and Sharlene not on Directors list with BC Registries. We will wait until AGM to change list of directors.

- 7.2 Grant Opportunities: Sharlene and Peter and Lynn. Email will go out to group pending discussion.

8. Motion to adjourn the formal part of our Meeting > Marianne... Seconded: Lynn Carried

9. Welcome to our Guest: Mr. Ben Petkau - Proportional Representation

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2018

Ben Petkau – off campus liaison UBCO speaking to proportional representation

- Voted for someone who wasn't favorite but voted for them anyway.
- Voted if candidate didn't win.
- Voted but didn't represent you as a voter.
- Often people vote but person voted in doesn't have any real position to influence decision making
- Only 53% had their vote help elect someone
- Idea is no matter where you live your vote counts!
- Currently, 40% of the votes elect with a majority govt
- 1/2 people who voted didn't have a say
- Switch to system that
- 7 ridings in central Okanagan...last election 50% voted for liberals, etc.
- 47% of voters don't have someone in office that represent their same views/opinions
- Noted referendum and 3 different system options proposed. All 3 keep local representatives.
- Mixed Member: most BC voters support. 60% of ridings still be local representative and regional (top up) seats in each region. 2 votes – local and regional votes.
- Elections BC determines regional and the areas included in each local and regional riding.
- Rural Urban – favored by 25%...Mix of 2 systems. Different values between rural and urban. 3 urban ridings = 1 big riding elects 3 seats. Over 1/3 considered elected...
- Dual Member Proportional: least support overall. Confusing. 2 neighboring ridings merged and elect together. 2 candidates paired and pair with most votes gets 1 elected local and 2nd would determine regional seats.
- One of the most important votes we'll have for a length of time.