

Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 28, 2019 @ Rutland Seniors Center from 6:30 to 8:00pm

Present: Peter P., Sharlene D., Lynn J., Gwen B., Sven G., Johanne G., John V., Evelyn V., Karen C., R C., L S., Lynn S., Don M., Lynn M., Jill S., Marianne B., Christopher B., Tania G.

1. Call to Order: Peter called meeting to order at 6:35pm
2. Adoption of the agenda for this meeting.
 - Sharlene requested to add, under New Business, Item 10.2 Rutland Residents Association Annual General Meeting & Item 10.3 Constitution & Bylaws CommitteeMoved by R C., 2nded by LS, to adopt the agenda as amended. CARRIED
3. Roll call (Quorum 10% of membership): Quorum determined.
4. Welcome to all members and visitors.
5. Adoption of Minutes from the September 16, 2019 General Meeting.
 - Sharlene noted Gwen brought to her attention that there is an extra word in the 2nd paragraph, 2nd line of item 8.4...

Moved by Lynn J, 2nded by Gwen B., to adopt the minutes as amended.
CARRIED

6. **President's Report** – Peter noted letter regarding supportive housing and efforts to present at a Council meeting. Rob Munro, from newspaper, trying to help bring attention. Noted differences between 'dry' and 'wet' housing re-sent to Minister Darcy (Health and Mental Health) and hoping she'll respond. Also asked Selina Robinson for request to address. Asked if members could sit down with City Council to discuss issues. Peter thanked for efforts. John asked if sent to MLAs and Peter noted yes. Peter noted committee to address later. New MP Tracy Gray to be invited to participate in various activities of the Rutland Residents Association. Attended screening of 'Us and Them' with Chris and noted differences between what's happening here and in Alberta.

Moved by Jill S.. 2nded by Marianne B., to adopt report as presented. CARRIED

7. **Treasurer's Report** - Evelyn reported that we had \$ 3,126.82 in our account as of October 28, 2019.
 - **Sharlene noted she didn't donate \$20** – This was actually payment for 2 memberships.

Moved by Chris B , 2nded by Roxanne C., to adopt the Treasurer's Report as amended.

8. **Committee Reports**

- a) Heath/Hearthstone Committee: Corrected to Heathstone Committee. Noted where they live and results of low barrier housing in their neighborhood – Have seen increase in crime, drug use, prostitution and so on. Have contacted numerous entities including the City, CMHA, and no result. Noted they have been targets as a

result of speaking up. Know that a few were evicted but are still in the neighborhood. Ombudsman contacted and a report/complaint was filed. Requested to contact the City Manager and asked street to 'Red Zone' their street, community mailboxes, etc. Response was basically 'no' to everything. Next step is to supply City Manager with reply from City Hall. Met with Stephen Fuhr just before the election and noted connections with other possible contacts. Noted short, mid and long-term initiatives that have gone back to committee. Noted email to go out to Stephen Fuhr and Tracy Gray. Recommendations were noted.

Moved by L.S., 2nded by R.C., that the Rutland Residents Association submit a complaint to Jay Chalk, the provincial Ombudsman regarding low barrier supportive housing and its negative impact on Rutland residents and their neighborhoods.

CARRIED

- b) General Research on Low Barrier Housing: Chris noted reached out to number of Facebook groups and what's happening in the neighborhoods. Maple Ridge wasn't told at all about the facility going in – registered as dry facility and changed to wet w/o letting neighborhood know. Noted maps from 2014 to 2019 and the increase so great, roads were actually covered in red dots. Disturbances out front – kids not allowed out. Noted we have very valid concerns. No strategies yet to report, however, noted misinformation provided – neighborhoods not advised. Selina Robinson responses are very consistent with 'housing first' model. Suggested invite to Selina to see for herself what is happening.

9. **Old Business:**

9.1 Directors/Officers Insurance – Sharlene noted should happen shortly.

9.2 Grant/Fundraising Opportunities & Gaming Account – Volunteer can contact Sharlene.

9.3 Rutland Middle School Forum – Postponed until November: Peter noted planning has started for a Town Hall and we have scheduled the center for Monday, November 25th, 2019. Looking at similar setup to the Supportive Housing Town Hall except with School Board Trustees included on the panel of speakers. John noted spoke with Rolli Cacchioni and noted need 8 acres of land and instead request improvement to RMS. More details will follow once Trustees and other individuals have been confirmed.

9.4 Letter Re: Centennial Park Washrooms: Peter reported that he had received a two paragraph reply from Mayor Colin Basran.

10. **New Business:**

10.1 December Meeting: Peter noted that there had been discussion on having a very short meeting in December to address any outstanding business and possibly have a little bit of a social after the meeting. Noted that we have the Town Hall scheduled for the end of November and wouldn't be able to address any issues that arise as a result of this until February as we have the AGM January 20, 2020. Next meeting would take place on December 9, 2019.

10.2 Rutland Residents Association AGM – Monday, January 20, 2020: Annual General Meeting has been scheduled at the center. Elections will take place for all Executive positions and all members in good standing are eligible. Those interested in becoming an Executive Member should contact Peter

10.3 Constitution & Bylaws Committee: Sharlene noted that the current Constitution and Bylaws need to be reviewed and amendments made to reflect more recent/proposed changes to the Societies Act. Also noted that the Bylaws does not contain any language surrounding the roles/responsibilities of the Secretary and there are several housekeeping items that need to be addressed as well.

Move by Tania G., 2nded by Marianne B., that the Rutland Residents Association form a Constitution & Bylaws Committee to review the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Rutland Residents Association, including boundaries, and to bring forward a draft new version of the Constitution and Bylaws at the January 2020 Annual General Meeting.

11. Motion to adjourn the Meeting: Peter adjourned 8:01pm

NEXT MEETINGS: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019 & DECEMBER 9, 2019 (AGM)