

## Rutland Residents Association Meeting Minutes

**Monday, October 19, 2020 @ Rutland Seniors Center from 6:30 to 8:00pm**

**Present: Peter P., Sharlene D., Roxanne C., May L., Lynn J., Lorena M., Bruce O., Evelyn V., John V., Mary B., Dave N., Leanne N., Gwen B., Marianne B., Gene C., Tania G., Christopher B.**

1. Call to Order at 6:35pm by Peter P.
2. Adoption of the agenda for this meeting
  - 8.a – R. September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting Report.
  - Add Item 10.1 'Directors/Officers Insurance'
  - Moved by Roxanne, 2nded by Leanne, to adopt as amended. CARRIED
3. Roll call – Quorum established - 17 voting Members Present
4. Welcome to all members and visitors.
5. Adoption of Minutes from the September 21, 2020 General Meeting.
  - Moved by Gwen, 2nded by John, to adopt the minutes as read. CARRIED
6. President's Report – Peter P. noted final phase of Centennial Park and sent letter noting progress of long-awaited work being completed. BC Elections coming up and noted importance of exercising our franchise. Peter stated that the other items will be talked about later. Thanked Lynn for putting election information on website.
7. Treasurer's Report – Lynn S.
  - Lynn reported that we had a total of \$2,779.49 in assets as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - Moved by Bruce, 2nded by Roxanne, to adopt the Treasurer's Report as presented. CARRIED
  - Sharlene stated that Gaming Account financials should also be included on the financial statements in the future.
8. Committee Reports
  - a) Heathstone Committee September 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting – R. was given time during our meeting to discuss R's perspective on the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. R cited the ongoing problems that continue to occur in the area. These situations have taken a personal toll on R. and others that are in proximity to this area. R. mentioned the continuing situation in which closing one problem residence only moves the criminal activity to other areas. Thus, the problem never really gets resolved it only gets transplanted. R. also alluded to the escalation of criminal activity and though police are sympathetic they are constrained by what they can do to remedy the problem. All in all, R. welcomed the new communication and access to prominent city and police personnel which was a positive outcome of the September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
    - Tania suggested setting up another meeting regarding what has been done on their end. Bruce noted possibility of closing off walkway in the area where constant issues. Gwen also suggested learning more on what the RRA can do to be more proactive in bringing our situation to the attention of the general public,
    - Bruce brought up no community policing vehicles out – Why? Noted the need for people policing the streets. Member noted that they have been told that just because it doesn't appear like anyone's watching, doesn't mean this is true.

b) General Research on Low Barrier Housing Committee - Christopher – Nothing to report at the moment.

9. Old Business:

9.1 Grant/Fundraising Committee - Sharlene and Chris reported on several fundraising ideas. Ideas relating to Gaming and City of Kelowna were brought forward. Some suggestions included: - Columbia Bottle Depot Fundraiser and possibly a 50/50 just before Christmas. Sharlene noted that the Bottle Depot Fundraiser was free to set up and individuals could just bring in items – The RRA would then receive the funds that would go into the General Account. This fundraiser doesn't require any work on our part as they do the work. It was noted that any monies associated with Gaming must be accounted for and deposited into Gaming account. Chris will look into a few options including T-Shirts. A number of other ideas were brought forward but we will look at those in more detail for Spring/Summer.

9.2 Safety in Rutland – All. Sharlene noted safety issues including fires. Gwen suggested someone from our organization go to the media. Group discussed what they are seeing and hearing more frequently throughout community.

- Motion that the Rutland Residents Association write a letter to Darren Caul and City Council expressing grave concern regarding the mass increase in criminal activity and escalation of aggression in Rutland and demand the reinstatement or improving of the community policing vehicle patrols for night shift. Tania moved and Roxanne seconded.  
**CARRIED**

- Member noted loitering law with teeth that move people away from businesses.
- Shopping cart Bylaw.

9.3 Emergency Housing for Seniors – Sharlene noted that at the last meeting this had been discussed and a letter was being drafted as per the members direction. Noted that this had stemmed out of an experience with a senior who had been left with nowhere to go after tenants had been evicted and a house boarded up as a result of actions of the Property Standards Compliance (PSC) team.

9.4 COHS Heritage Picnic – Peter stated no report as our participation had been cancelled. Heritage Week will be Feb 15<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>. RRA to participate and more details will be provided at a later date.

9.5 Upcoming Elections – Info posted on website at the following link:  
<http://www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca/2020election.html>

10. New Business:

10.1 Director's/Officer's Insurance.

Moved by Sharlene, 2nded by Tania that the RRA pay \$750 to cover the cost of the Directors/Officers insurance. **CARRIED**

11. Motion to adjourn the Meeting. Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm

**NEXT MEETINGS: Monday, November 16, 2020 & December Meeting TBD**

**\*Memberships - \*Please Renew & We Welcome New Members**

- Applications can be found here:

[http://www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca/application\\_for\\_membership2020.pdf](http://www.rutlandresidentsassociation.ca/application_for_membership2020.pdf)