**Annual General Meeting Minutes**

**Rutland Residents Association,**

**January 22, 2015**

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

**Call to order** 7:05 PM by President John Huston

**Roll call** 11 members present **1** visitor (Guest; Tracy Gray City of Kelowna Councilor)

**Guest: City of Kelowna Councilor** **Tracy Gray** addressed the meeting briefly, thanking President John for the invitation and offered to be of assistance whenever she could. She participated in the meeting afterwards with suggestions how we could better communicate with the City.

**Adoption of Agenda** as Circulated Shirley Schmidt/ Peter Harshenin, Carried

**Adoption** of February 20,2014 AGM meeting minutes. Andrew Powell/George Harshenin

**Reports**

**Treasurer** Evelyn Vielvoye provided a detailed report which showed a bank balance of

 $ 3,522.58, down $ 73.38 from the year ending balance of 2014.

Adoption of treasurer report Mary Luttmerding/Peter Pagliocchini Carried

**Presidents** John Huston Report:

The 2014 year was highlighted by the All Candidates Forum in November, A very successful function that epitomized our purpose as a Residents Association, We did Rutland a great service, and have created a Legacy for the Future. “Want to know what event to attend for the Civic Election.. Attend the one in Rutland!” Through the combined efforts of the RRA the Park Society and URBA, we have moved Rutland to a greater level of notoriety to City Council and to Citizens of Kelowna. Creating relevant awareness of the RRA to the City is a key value that fosters focus and attention to Rutland. We will need to again be active in these areas to maintain momentum into 2015. We successfully expressed our concerns and desires to the City and to Provincial Government. Our Web page [www.rutlandra.com](http://www.rutlandra.com) continues to grow in depth and in visits. We are one of the Few Areas of Kelowna that have their own webpage.

Adoption of presidents report Andrew Powell/George Harshenin : **Carried**

**New Business**

**1) Transit Exchange Architectural Impressions** McElhanney Consulting (Architectural Firm), designed the Rutland Transit Exchange project and asked for feed back from the RRA on the Architectural Design of the Transit Exchange. The Request aims to seek RRA approval for the design and architectural layout of the Exchange for the purpose of providing background for a submission to the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) for their Annual Award of Excellence.

 ‘We (McElhanney Consulting) are hoping to obtain testimonials or evidence that this project has enhanced the community, revitalized public space, and/or been beneficial to Rutland residents in any other way. Our hope is that with a successful award submission we can promote future transit upgrades in Rutland while showcasing the existing Rutland Transit Exchange’. They would like know if we are able to provide a written testimonial.

Discussion. In general the meeting expressed satisfaction with the facility but we should ask if shelters are going to be provided for waiting passengers and if there is future consideration for shelter, and what would the shelters look like (group cited the attractive ***designs*** on Hwy 97),

- low shrubbery, floral areas to promote vegetation aesthetics, to ***soften*** the concrete

-a placard or something that would explain the historical significance of the area. (Relevant to the agricultural history of the area)

- Further discussion revolved around the functionality of the area,
We wonder if double decker buses can use the facility, if buses can turn around to exit onto Dougal Road and if there are any plans for retail space in the area” (e.g. coffee, newspapers etc.) Again it was raised as to why it is necessary to use the park as access and not an alternate route, President to write a letter supporting the facility’s Architectural Merit. Questions raised during the discussion will also be submitted to McElhanney Consulting. Over all the RRA expressed approval of the design but also commented that the area has not been utilized to its designed usage and as such it is difficult to assess some aspects of the functionality of the Exchange. Include the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects (CSLA) for their annual Award of Excellence

**2) Funds to support our web site.**

**Motion**  That approval be given to the president to spend $ 26.00 for the annual fee to support our web site.. Peter Harshenin/Peter Pagliocchini Carried

3) **Regular meetings** President expressed that there is value to having Regular Meetings scheduled for the benefit of persons seeking to attend RRA meetings, and also expressed that the nature of his work makes it difficult to maintain Regular meetings. President expressed he will make efforts to attend 3rd Thursday of every month, and if schedule conflicts, the meeting will either have to be canceled or chair handed over chair to another executive member.

4) **Information** recent newspaper article stating that the City traffic calming budget of $ 260,000 will be spent in Rutland on speed bumps on Dougal Road South and two other areas in North Rutland was investigated through inquiries of City staff by JohnVielvoye. City Staff have permission to develop plans, hold public meetings and after due consultation, design and construct speed bumps in these areas.

5) **Unsightly lot on the corner of Rutland Road and Hwy. 33** has been used on weekends as a parking lot for commercial trucks and various items for sale. Inquiry by John Vielvoye at Bylaw office shows that these are non approved activities and the lot is not zoned for these activities. Bylaw will send a letter to the property owner informing that these activities should stop.

**6) Bylaw, quorum, signing authority**

Discussion to alter the minimum number of members present at meeting from 7 to 5 or 3. Ron Vander Brink suggested it be changed to 3 members and that this would comply with the Society Act. Motion will be brought to the next regular meeting.

Discussion to alter the membership requirements to include a item that would permit grandfathering of a membership for people who move out of the Association Boundaries that have been members and who would like to continue to be members of the Association. A motion to be brought to the next regular meeting.

**Signing authority** for our account at the Interior Savings Credit Union Rutland Branch needs to be altered because Bradley Dunlop is no longer a member and has died and Mary-Ann Graham is no longer a member. John & Evelyn Vielvoye will remain with signing authority.

**Moved** That Bradley Dunlop and Mary-Ann Graham be removed from signing authority for the Rutland Residents Association and that John Vielvoye and Evelyn Vielvoye continue with signing authority and that John Huston and Mary Luttmerding be added as signing authority.

**Elections of Officers for 2015**

President John Huston

Vice president

Secretary John Vielvoye

Treasurer Evelyn Vielvoye

Directors Peter Harshenin, Shirley Schmidt, Mary Luttmerding Jill Siebert,

Peter Pagliocchini

Discussion over some of the Goals the RRA should undertake for the 2015 year were brought up.

-President expressed that having a greater presence with the City of Kelowna Leadership should be undertaken, also maintaining a strong presence within Rutland Leadership regarding initiatives in Rutland

-Expressing RRA initiatives and concerns through the City of Kelowna website. Tracy has added that the e format used by the city is the best way to communicate issues with the city as the fomat is easily processed and inventoried. E formats are easily assessed and delegated quicker and easier then analog formats.

-Roxby Park and the upcoming Rutland Market in April, RRA will need a delegate be a part of the proceeds.

Evelyn Vielvoye reported on **Heritage Weeks Kick off breakfast. Feb. 16 at 8 AM at 1st United** **Church** on Bernard Ave. in Kelowna and events Feb. 21st on Bernard Ave. RRA will look after the Royal Ann room from 11 AM to 2 PM Sat. 21 Feb.

5-.50 draw won by Caroline Robertson

Meeting adjourned Moved Ron Vander Brink/Peter Harshenin

**Next regular meeting Thursday Feb. 19 same time, same place**