

Victoria West Community Association

Annual General Meeting

Vic West Community Centre Gym

7:00 p.m. Nov 29, 2011

1. At 7:09 pm the annual general meeting was called to order by President Nan Judd. Nan reported the membership of the association to be 412 and of those members 41 were in attendance comprising a quorum for the meeting.

Directors present: Audrey Whittall, Mike Medland, Grant Keddie, Nan Judd, Louise Wood, Bernie Gaudet, Joy Illington, Jack Meredith, JO-Ann Youmans (past president) and Reuben Bronee.

2. Call for approval of the Agenda for Nov 29, 2011

Moved by Grant Keddie to approve the AGM Agenda; carried

3. Call for Approval of AGM minutes of Feb 23 and March 1, 2011.

Moved by Jack Meredith to approve the February 23 (no quorum) and March 1, 2011 AGM minutes; carried

4. New Business from the Floor

a) resolution to rescind Bylaw #25:

A quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of members will consist of 10% of full members of the association, to include five members of the Board of Directors of which two are Executive members.

and adopt the following bylaw:

A quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of members will consist of 25 full members of the association, five of whom are members of the Board of Directors, two of whom are Executive members.

Moved by Joy Illington to approve the resolution as circulated to members.

Discussion ensued about the need for member participation. A suggestion was proposed to eliminate the need for Directors to be part of the quorum. This was opposed.

An amendment was proposed to eliminate the word "any" annual meeting and replace it with "the" annual meeting.

An amendment was proposed to eliminate the word "full" members and replace it, for clarity with the word "voting" members.

Eric Burkle moved that Bylaw #25 be rescinded and replaced by the following:

A quorum for the transaction of business at the general meeting of members will consist of 25 voting members of the association, five of whom are members of the Board of Directors, two of who are Executive members.

Motion carried: 37 in favour/ 7 opposed.

b) Membership fees 2012

Moved by Nan Judd that the membership fees for 2011 be zero dollars; carried 34 in favour/2 opposed/5 abstaining.

5. Reports were posted to the Association's website victoriawest.ca and available at the meeting

a) Presidents Report – Nan Judd

Nan spoke of the accomplishments of the Association over the past year and expressed thanks to the outgoing board of directors. No questions or comments.

b) Treasurer's Report- Mike Medland

Mike outlined the financial status of the Association for fiscal year Nov1, 2010- October 31, 2011. There was one question in reference to partnerships.

c) Centre Co-ordinator's Report- Suzette Delmage

Suzette spoke of the centre activities over the last months since the centre's opening in September 2010. The number and breadth of programming has increased significantly in 2011.

6. Committee Reports were also similarly distributed as a package.

a) Communications Report- Rueben Bronee and Louise Wood

Rueben Bronee focussed on the increased use of the web site and potential to use social media as a way to stay in touch with our members.

b) Transportation Report-Jack Meredith

Jack reviewed the requests by the community and the responses received from the City to date.

c) Community Projects and Capacity Building- Grant Keddie

Grant noted that the Vic West Fest and Corn Roast this year had increased attendance, he commented on the success of the community potlucks, and he thanked those who had volunteered to make these events happen. He also acknowledged the Grow- A Row project, and the Vic West Urban Farmers as examples of projects that were attracting new participation, fuelled by the energy and leadership of Patti Parkhouse and the Vic West Food Security

d) Community Centre –Mark Fournier

Mark noted that a business plan was being created to assist the planning for the Centre. After the strategic planning session, the Board was aiming at the goal of having the Centre being used like the livingroom of the community.

e) Land Use- Bernie Gaudet

Bernie highlighted the issues surrounding the Johnson St Bridge approaches as one of the major projects, along with the proposed yacht marina and its' land use impact as some of the more contentious issues that had been to Land Use Committee.

f) Harbour-Audrey Whittall

Audrey described some of the highlights of the work that the Harbour Committee has done to ensure safe navigation both of the Gorge Waterway and of the harbour.

g) Nominations Committee Report-Joy Illington/Bernie Gaudet

The Committee was formed by Joy, Bernie and Grant Keddie. Jack Meredith was thanked for his recruiting activities as well. 25 people were approached and two new candidates have been recommended, Brooke Hayes and Brittany Gamble-Simms. Their brief bios had been circulated along with incumbents Mark Fournier, Bernie Gaudet and Audrey Whittall- all of whom were standing for a two year term. Brittany was not able to attend the AGM. It was noted that once elected, directors will determine among themselves who occupies which position.

Grant Keddie moved a motion to receive reports as made; carried.

7. Election Of Directors- facilitated by Jo-Ann Youmans (past President)

Nominations were requested from the floor three times. There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed.

Nominations as recommended for a two year term to include Mark Fournier, Bernie Gaudet, Brittany Gamble-Simms, Brooke Hayes and Audrey Whittall.

Hearing no further nominations, the candidates named were declared elected.

Jo-Ann thanked the outgoing members of the Board- Louise Wood, Grant Keddie and Marne Jensen and Megan Parrish (who had resigned earlier) for their contribution to the Vic West Community Association.

This brings an end to the formal business meeting of the Annual General meeting.

8. Announcements

Dec 21 Solstice Potluck dinner will be held at the Centre.

9. The Vic West Vision Award is given infrequently to individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the positive vision of the Vic West neighbourhood. It was the unanimous

decision of the Board that Patti Parkhouse should be honoured with this award. She has helped transform our neighbourhood through her leadership on sustainable gardens, community mapping, her many food security initiatives, a community kitchen and being the energy source for the annual Corn Roast and Vic West Fest just to begin to name a few of her activities. The Board has taken the advice of Geoff Johnson to provide her with a couple of native plants and is pleased to provide her with the Vic West Vision Award for 2011.

A number of community members and partners have attended the meeting in order to pay tribute to Patty. Most of these were written in a scrapbook, also delivered to her.

Mike Medland moved to adjourn the annual general meeting; carried.