

VWCA BOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 24, 2020

7:00 P.M. Held virtually

With humility and gratitude, we acknowledge that the land on which we gather as guests is the traditional territory of the Coast Salish peoples, specifically the Lekwungen, also known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt nations.

Attendance: Justine Semmens, Mike Medland, Dar Purwall, Sean Dance, Patti Parkhouse, John Mullane, Laura Tate, Kent Verge, Supriya Crocker, Amanda Allan, Veronique Plante.

Regrets:

Guests: Michael Hill, Jeremy Loveday, Johanne Thompson, Julie Bull.

1. Call to Order - By Justine Semmens at 7:01PM

2. Adoption of agenda

Motion: Moved by Justine Semmens that the November 24th, 2020 VWCA Board Meeting agenda be approved. Carried.

3. October 27th, 2020 Board meeting minutes

Motion: Moved by Justine Semmens that the October 27, 2020 VWCA Board Meeting minutes be approved with amendments (change meeting minute dates). Carried.

Motion: Moved by Justine Semmens that the VWCA board of directors appoint Kent Verge as a director to the board. Carried.

4. City of Victoria Reports:

A. Jeremy Loveday (Councilor Liaison, City of Victoria)

- Vote in the by-election on December 12th
- Motion to the council for bail-out funding for the lawn bowling club due to the COVID pandemic.
- Budget process - what concerns/priorities does the VWCA have?

B. Michael Hill (Community Development Coordinator, City of Victoria):
Report attached.

- Governance review input wanted
- Virtual series hosted by neighbourhood group - growing trees.
- Sheltering expires March 31st, 2021
- Remember to vote on December 12
- Senior action plan has been approved.
- City staff is looking for a representative for the climate action committee. Recruitment will happen at VCAN.

Laura Tate requested an update for sheltering plans, citing the tents in Banfield Park. Parks with bathrooms have signs up for sheltering. Indoor shelter is hoped to be provided by March 31st, 2021 should the state of emergency lift.

Justine Semmens requested more information about the proposed shelter. The goal of this sheltering is to one day provide long-term shelter.

Laura Tate requested more information on the roles the Province and Health Authority are taken for those with serious mental health concerns. The provincial government and other bodies like the Island Health authority are trying to address the crisis to the best of their ability.

5. Executive reports:

- President:
 - City has approved Victoria International Marina totem pole raising project
 - Executive approved MGN mural project on Esquimalt Rd. With conditions.
 - Approached by Fernwood to see if we'd like to participate in an all-candidates debate. If anyone has questions, please submit them to Justine or Julie.
 - New minute taking procedures.
- Vice president:
- Secretary:
- Executive Director:
 - Progress is being made on the portables at Vic West Elementary. Potential spring opening date.
 - Fencing at Banfield Park - still needs to be completed.
 - Fitness classes have been temporarily suspended.

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the VWCA nominating committee be struck. Carried.*

Applicants for VWCA membership: Seth Wright (Fullerton Ave)

Motion: *Moved by Dar Purwall that these applicants for VWCA membership be approved and received into the membership roll. Carried.*

- Treasurer:

Motion: *Moved by Mike Medland that the VWCA Board approves the addition of 2 capital items to the 2010-21 provisional budget:*

\$5,000 for replacement of the centre photocopier, previously the Centre leased a refurbished photocopier, recent investigation by staff have provided an option to purchase a copier of similar quality at a lower overall cost.

\$20,000 for capital costs relating to the child care space in two new buildings on the Vic West Elementary School field, recent negotiation with SD61 indicate that they are over budget on the project in relation to the Province of BC grant and would not have sufficient funds to cover the child care operating capital requirements, they have guaranteed to provide \$30,000 from district funds if the VWCA covered the balance.

Carried.

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the VWCA board receives the September 2020 VWCA monthly financial statements. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that executive reports be received. Carried.*

6. Committee reports:

- **Executive:**
- **Finance:**
- **Communications:**
- **Community Centre**
- **Food Security:** Report attached
 - Committee members Kathleen Oddleifson, Tamara Bonnemaision, Louise Kelaher, Seth Wright
 - MGNG - COVID Recovery & Trees in the city communitiy wide campaigns.
 - Can logo be used for gift of good food campaign?
 - Letter to be signed by exec/Justine

Motion: *Moved by Patti Parkhouse that the Vic West Food Security Collective be approved. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved by Patti Parkhouse that staff time and office materials is allocated to support the VWFSCC Gift of Good Food Holiday fundraising campaign. Carried.*

Motion: *Moved by Patti Parkhouse the board approve the food security collective to campaign for the trees in the city challenge. Carried.*

- **Land use:**
- **Parks and Environment:**
 - Banfield Park Update - MGNG
- **Governance:**
- **Harbours:**
- **Projects and events:**
- **Transportation**

VCAN Updates for tomorrow night.

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that committee and project reports be received. Carried.*

7. Questions/comments from the floor

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

Motion: *Moved by Justine Semmens that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.*