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GONZALES NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

2020 Annual General Meeting

Via ZOOM Tele-conferencing Capability, Victoria BC

Saturday, November 28 11:00 AM – 12:55 PM

Attendance: Approximately 25 people (Zoom Statistics)

Opening remarks by Chuck Shawcross, Chair

Guest Speakers: Stephen Andrew, Stephanie Hardman, and Sean Lietenberg who were all candidates for the Victoria City Council By-election for 12 December 2020

PANEL DISCUSSION

Candidate Panel Discussion for Victoria City Council By-Election held 12 December 2020

Prior to the normal business of the Annual General Meeting, (AGM), a panel discussion was held with three of the candidates for the Victoria City Council By-Election held 12 December 2020.

The candidates were given four preselected questions the day before the panel discussion. In addition, a number of questions were taken from attendees after each candidate had answered the preselected questions. The full video of this portion of the meeting is available at:

<https://www.gonzalesna.ca/our-documents>

CALL TO ORDER at 12:25 AM by Chair Chuck Shawcross

1. ESTABLISH QUORUM: declared by Chair Chuck Shawcross.
2. MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA: *moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Hector Bussiere to accept Agenda. Motion Passed.*
3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (16 November 2019): *moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Hector Bussiere to accept the minutes. Motion passed.*
4. TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Lynn Phillips. *Moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Hector Bussiere to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.* Note that the financial documents are available at:

<https://www.gonzalesna.ca/agm-and-meeting-minutes>

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT Susanne discussed the two initiatives of the Association that have been undertaken over the past year: 1) the Mapping Project and 2) the work undertaken to create a separate recognized Neighbourhood Association for Gonzales.

1. The mapping project has been underway for two years now. Videos of the work done so far were presented to City Council on December 10, 2020 by University of Victoria Geography students Bridget Piller and Joshua McStravik and can be found at the Gonzales website.

The intent for the spring of 2021 is to use all the information gathered over those years and create a map of Gonzales that shows the wonderful places and people that live in the neighbourhood. This will require a small core group of people meeting regularly in a central place like the St. Jean Baptiste church. Fundraising still needs to occur to raise some of the funds needed to print the map. The aim is to distribute a map to every home in Gonzales.

2. The Association continues to advocate for a separate neighbourhood association for Gonzales. There are many reasons for doing so; some of which are listed in the letter submitted to Council which can be found on our website. A recent development re-affirms the need for our own neighbourhood association: the Fairfield Gonzales Neighbourhood Association (FGCA) is being audited for a second time in 5 years. Our understanding is that the FGCA is carrying out activities contrary to their mission. The FGCA is not set up now to effectively represent the neighbourhood's interest and instead is primarily a child care organization:

<https://fairfieldcommunity.ca/wp-content/uploads/2014/07/2017-Constitution-member-approved.pdf>

6. ELECT OR APPOINT DIRECTORS FOR 2020 – 2021 (11 positions available)

President: Susanne Rautio, Vice President: Nic Humphreys, Treasurer: Lynn Phillips, Directors: Norm Fiegi, Chuck Shawcross, and Hector Bussiere

New Proposed Director: Alan Dibb

Slate of officers to be accepted: *moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Hector Bussiere. Motion passed.*

7. NEW BUSINESS, QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR COMMENTS:

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING: *moved by Norm Fiege, seconded by Hector Bussiere to adjourn meeting. Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 12:56 PM