

# Riverside Park Community and Recreation Association

## Annual General Meeting

Date: Oct 03, 2018 | Meeting Location: Riverside Churches, 3191 Riverside Drive

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### **Present**

Bonnie Oakes-Charron, Secretary  
Craig Searle, President  
Carolyn Gauthier, Vice-President  
Barb Squire, Treasurer  
Catherine Newell, Director  
Gillian Wintonic, Director  
George Brown, Director  
Travis Croken, Director  
Andrew Wintonic, Director

### **Recording Secretary**

### **Regrets**

Eduardo Bailetti, Director

### **Others Attending**

Riley Brockington, Councillor  
Donna Grant, RPNS

### **1 Call To Order, Welcome, and Introduction of Directors at 7:00**

Quorum was confirmed. The meeting was called to order on Oct 03, 2018 at 07:07 PM

### **2 Approval of Agenda**

On motion of Joel Duff, seconded by Allan Kuszel, the agenda was approved as amended.

### **3 Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 AGM**

On motion of Kate Cuthrie, seconded by Eleanore Benesch, the minutes were approved as circulated.

### **4 Business Arising from the Minutes**

None arising.

### **5 Other Business**

President Searle first thanked David Hutchinson, past president, for all his contributions including ongoing help with the association's IT needs. He also thanked Sandra Kearns, who

contributes all of our membership coordination, and has been overseeing the elections for the past few years. He also thanked Carolyn Gauthier who has contributed 20 years, and Barb Squire who has contributed 21 years, respectively, to the association. He also acknowledged the three years devoted by Bonnie Charron to the role of Secretary, and thanked all the new directors who stepped up to join the board in June.

He next reported on the highlights of the past year's work:

- the year began with only 4 directors, we investigated folding, but launched a recruitment drive and got a great response with many new directors who have great experience to contribute.
- 4 major real estate developments in the area: Canoe Bay for which we are waiting on the site plan approval with the next step being the developer applying for a building permit; Youth Services Bureau construction for the new building which has begun and it will continue into 2019; Norberry apartments (no timeline yet for the new buildings); and 770 Brookfield (anticipating a student residential development).
- lots of activity at Mooney's Bay: new bike repair station, sun-charging station in the works (need to find sponsors), Sue Holloway fitness park under construction to be completed by October 22nd, new trees to be planted at Sue Holloway park and at the new playground.
- Other: naming of the Wendy Stewart reservoir, Councillor's Movie Night at the Community Centre, Councillor's Fireworks Night where we sponsored a sleigh ride, and George Brown is working on a project with the Boys and Girls Club to shuttle kids from the Norberry area over to the Boys and Girls Club for recreation.
- Skating rinks: Pauline Vanier (a city standard) and Arnott Park were active this year.
- Next big project: Mooneys Bay pavilion renovation where there is a needs assessment underway.

Members asked questions about the follow-ups to the consultation on Mooney's Bay, where Mr. Searle answered that Councillor Brockington would be best placed to provide the results of the consultation, but that the consultation was an initial effort, and there will be more opportunities for residents to contribute ideas including a Working Group. He added that the new Board will be in charge of distributing the results of the survey to RPCRA members, but his expectation is that it will be made available likely on the website.

## **6 2017-18 Report from the Vice-President - Carolyn Gauthier at 7:15**

Carolyn Gauthier reported on her activities as Vice-President, noting that she has been in touch with the City regarding 770 Brookfield, and that it should come before Planning Committee before Christmas, with construction mid-2019. She also informed the meeting that from Flannery to Riverside they are re-doing the watermains, so to anticipate some disruption. She thanked George Brown for bringing the Boys and Girls Club to the Norberry area. She noted that the RPCRA's sponsorship of a child to go to a sports camp this summer was greatly appreciated by the parents and that the act of sponsorship inspired others to sponsor children too. She concluded by reviewing her 20 years of service, her roles on every Committee, and stints as President, Vice-President, and Secretary, and many years of overseeing festival season and other activities in the neighbourhood. She thanked everyone indicating it has been a pleasure to serve the community.

## **7 2017-18 Report from the Secretary - Bonnie Oakes Charron at 7:20**

Ms. Charron reviewed two opportunities for service, available to either a board member or an association member next year - serving as a liaison to the Federation of Citizens Associations or as liaison to the Hunt Club Riverside Park Steering Table at the Community Centre. Both activities offer a great way to meet like-minded people, get new ideas for programs and activities in our community, and participate in city-wide initiatives for building better neighbourhoods. She encouraged any interested persons to speak to a board member in 2018-19 for more details, and thanked everyone for a great three years of participating in the community's development.

## **8 2017-18 Financial Report from the Treasurer at 7:25**

Barb Squire presented the financial report, noting that the income from the rinks is the biggest asset we have. She reported that there is \$1300 of deferred revenue this year to cover a badly-needed snowblower in Arnott Park. She reviewed the usual annual expenses indicating there is nothing out of the ordinary this year. She reviewed the cash flows, focussing on the net assets being \$19, 408, however reminding the meeting that \$10000 of that money is in an investment savings account. She added that most of the \$9000 of available cash flow comes from the rinks over the past few years.

Members asked questions about the banner and whether the Association has changed its name, dropping the 'Recreation'. Carolyn Gauthier responded that it was a space issue, and since the Association does less recreation programming than in the past, if any, it should be considered to formally change the name. There was also a question around where the sponsorship for the camp appeared in the financial statements and how did we select the child. Carolyn Gauthier reviewed the process for selecting the child (assisted by school principal), and Barb Squire indicated that it can be found under 'donation'.

On motion of Carolyn Gauthier, seconded by Andrew Wintonik, it was approved that the membership accept the financial statements as presented.

Lastly Barb Squire reviewed her 21 years of service, indicating that she had held all the officer positions except Secretary, and has devoted more than a decade to managing the rinks. She noted that her years of service allowed her to meet many many people in the community, have fun, deal with the frustrations of windmills and off-ramps among other things, and that she thanks all members of the association and the board.

## **9 2017-18 Financial Report from the Treasurer at 7:25**

### **9.1 Slate presented by Sandra Kearns, Nominating Committee**

Sandra Kearns read the procedures to be followed for the election. Mark Staz presented a bit about himself, and there being no floor nominations and no other nominee for Revelstoke, he was acclaimed. Ms. Kearns announced that Bobbi Sturby will not stand for election as indicated on the election slate, but it will be George Brown instead. There being no nominations from the floor for Riverside Park West, he was acclaimed. Ms. Kearns announced that for Riverside Park Southwest, Joel Duff and Barbara Haines are nominated. She added that Barbara Haines was unable to be here, but invited Joel Duff to present a bit about himself. There being no floor nominations, they were both acclaimed. Ms. Kearns announced that for Riverside Park Southeast, there is one nominee and she invited Terry Wood to say a few words. He presented a bit about himself, and there being no floor nominees, he was acclaimed. For Riverside Park East she announced that there are 3 candidates and invited them to say a few words. Gillian and Andrew Wintonik each presented a bit about themselves, and Travis Croken was not present. There were no floor nominations and Ms. Kearns proceeded to hold a vote, assisted by David Hutchinson for the counting of the ballots.

### **9.2 Vote by RPCRA Members**

Ms. Kearns announced that Andrew and Gillian Wintonik will represent Riverside Park East. She added that she would advise Travis Croken that he can stand for Riverside Park East or Revelstoke. She concluded by reviewing that there is still one vacancy. No one came forward.

## **10 Remarks by Councillor Brockington at 7:50**

Councillor Brockington thanked the current board of directors, also thanking the new board members who are stepping into director roles for 2018-19. He provided an update on Mooney's Bay pavilion noting that the summer consultation was a preliminary consultation to probe community needs and to help the city to determine whether a renovation or a rebuild is the best route. He added that there were 109 respondents to the Canoe Bay park

consultation, and 1110 responses to the Mooney's Bay consultation. He thanked the RPCRA for submitting comments, and reviewed the top requests from the consultation for the new hub: bathrooms, fountains, picnic areas, canteen, more trees around beach, docking facility, swimming lanes, permanent volleyball courts, better wayfinding, ecosystem education, etc. Challenges identified were: parking, cost of parking, inaccessible paths, and lack of outdoor shower. He concluded the issue by informing the meeting that the concepts identified in the preliminary consultation would be used to create illustrations as a backdrop for further consultation in 2019. He gave a brief report on festival season and development updates on Brookfield, Norberry, Youth Services Bureau, and Canoe Bay. He discussed next steps on the Canoe Bay Site Plan, noting that he has informed all concerned parties to be prepared to go to Planning Committee on November 20, 2018. He is reviewing site plan issues logged by residents with the City, and if they are not resolved to the satisfaction of all, he will lift delegated authority and proceed to the Planning Committee meeting. Members asked when the list of issues would be ready and he replied likely within a week. Members asked if the list could be put on the RPCRA website, and Mr. Searle indicated that this would fall to the new board. The Councillor outlined the next steps after Planning Committee and Council, that is, application for a building permit and rescheduling of the construction plan. He concluded his remarks with information about coyote sightings, and thanked the board again. Craig Searle thanked Riley for his service, his attendance at our meetings, and taking our questions.

#### **11 Remarks by David McGuinty, MP at 8:00**

David McGuinty was delayed at a meeting, and was unable to deliver his remarks. He had been slated to present certificates of appreciation to Barb Squire and Carolyn Gauthier, for their long years of service and contributions to our community. Craig Searle presented the certificates in his absence, thanking both long-serving directors of the RPCRA.

#### **12 Riverside Park Nursery School Update (Donna Grant) at 8:10**

Donna Grant thanked the current board for our community service and welcomed the new directors. She reviewed that the nursery school has been located in the Churches for 40+ years. The space is inadequate to meet current standards in the industry, and must be setup and tore down daily with only morning programs available. She noted the lack of spaces in our area, and the desire to offer full day programs. The RPNS approached Canoe Bay with the idea of including a childcare centre as part of the development. The RPNS would be a new building project. Funding was announced last spring from the province for capital projects in child care, and if successful, and the RPNS gets funds, they plan to build between Holy Cross church and school. She indicated that they will consult the community as the project moves forward, and that Canoe Bay likes the idea of intergenerational learning on the site. She added that nature schools are very popular in nursery school programming, and that the Canoe Bay site would provide this type of green space.

### **13 Other Business**

Travis Croken arrived at the meeting, and was invited to say a few words. He agreed to represent Riverside Park Southeast on the new board of directors.

### **14 Adjournment (TBD)**

Meeting adjourned on Oct 03, 2018 at 09:02 PM

On motion of Carolyn Gauthier, seconded by Barb Squire, the meeting was adjourned. Craig Searle told the assembled members that it was an honour to serve the community, and thanked them for supporting his term as President.