

Newcastle Community Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

March 2, 2021

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Karen Kuwica at 7.06 pm.
2. Members present: Karen Kuwica, Michael de Champlain, Fred MacDonald, Phil Morris, Peter Giovando, Nancy Mitchell, Sandy Bartlett, Peter King, Sandra King, Priscilla Lockwood, Janet Buechler, Belinda Climenhaga, Suzanne Groulx, Renee Cooper, Donna Reid, Terry Usher, Robb Squire, Niki Mitchell.

A quorum was established for the meeting.

3. Approval of the Agenda: The agenda was approved on motion from Janet, seconded by Suzanne.
4. Minutes of the last General Meeting: There was no previous annual general meeting. The association began informally at a meeting held at the Travelodge Motel on March 3, 2020. Over the past year, those present at the original meeting came together to form the association and conduct business on behalf of the neighbourhood.

Karen reported on the association's activities over the past year. This work included:

- Organizing the NCA and holding regular business meetings
- Organizing an active Block Watch for the neighbourhood and hosting a large public safety meeting with RCMP at the Yacht Club on March 11, 2020.
- Organizing political action to stop the province from moving the Wesley St. encampment into the Travelodge Motel.
- Lobbying the City to remove illegal encampments from the neighbourhood.
- Participating in the City Social Planning Department neighbourhood questionnaire
- Providing active NCA participation on the Newcastle Place CAC.
- Providing major input to the City and BC Housing on the proposed permanent supportive/social housing project for 250 Terminal Ave.
- Providing focused input into the City's Reimagine Nanaimo initiative.
- Amending and clarifying the boundaries of the NCA.
- Working with other neighbourhood associations in the Nanaimo Neighbourhood Network on common areas of interest.
- Writing grant applications and receiving funding for the NCA.
- Proving the leadership for a highly successful Illuminight holiday light initiative.

The association members expressed their gratitude to Karen for her tireless work and dedicated leadership to the NCA during this crucial first year of operation.

5. Annual Financial Report

Fred presented a financial report on the NCA's first year of operation. It was moved by Peter and seconded by Priscilla, that the financial report be approved. Motion approved.

6. Election of Directors

The nominating committee presented a slate of directors who have agreed to be nominated for the following positions:

President: Karen Kuwica

Vice President: Fred MacDonald

Secretary: Robb Squire

Treasurer: Fred MacDonald

Directors at large: Nancy Mitchell, Peter Giovando, Phil Morris

There were no further nominations from the floor.

It was moved by Suzanne and seconded by Michael that the nominated directors be approved. Motion was approved unanimously.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 pm