

Newcastle Community Association – Annual General Meeting

March 1st, 2022, 7 PM, zoom meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Kuwica at 7:05 PM.

1. **Elect an individual to chair the meeting:** Nancy Mitchell proposed Karen Kuwica to preside the meeting, seconded by Darrel Gyorfi.
2. **A quorum was achieved for the meeting.** We have 82 paid members at the time of the AGM meeting, 21 attendees. As per the NCA bylaws “a quorum for the transaction of business at the annual general meeting is 3 voting members or 10% of the voting members, whichever is greater”.
3. **Approval of the AGM Agenda:** The agenda was approved on motion from Peter Giovando and seconded by Priscilla Lockwood.
4. **Approval of the minutes from the last AGM dated March 2nd, 2021:** the minutes were approved on motion by Nancy Mitchell and seconded by Janet Buechler.
5. **Unfinished business from the last AGM:** no unfinished business.
6. **Receive the Director’s report on the financial statements of NCA for the previous financial year:** Fred MacDonald shared the financial statement via zoom. The statement was reviewed (see below). A motion to accept the financial statement was made by Nancy Mitchell and seconded by Bill Scott.
7. **Receive any other reports from Directors’ activities and decisions since the previous AGM:**
 - **Nancy Mitchell** indicated the city’s Re-Imagine plan draft was released today for comment by April 8th, 2022. The association is creating a sub-committee to review the draft and assess the potential impact on our neighborhood. Volunteers are welcome to join, email Nancy Mitchell if interested.
 - **Karen Kuwica** reported on the association’s activities over the past year. This work included:

- The association achieved its goal to increase membership. From 41 last year we now have 82 paid members.
- Lobbying for 4 lighted cross walks on Stewart Street
- Participated in a neighborhood safety audits. It improved safety and strengthen relationships with city employees and the RCMP. Also, an increase in involvement with the Community Policing, bylaws assistance, fire prevention related to vacant properties, encampments, social disorders.
- 7 Block Watch signs were installed in the neighborhood perimeter.
- Member of the executives met individually with each member of the city council to advocate lower occupancy for the Newcastle Place at 250 Terminal.
- Karen Kuwica and Nancy Mitchell met with the city council and the Nanaimo Neighborhood Network (NNN) on engagement of neighborhoods and to bring forward recommendations.
- Organised a neighborhood information session in September 2021 to provide an opportunity for resident interaction and discussion related to the 250 Terminal upcoming permanent development.
- Worked with city bylaws and other officials to address issues at 475 Stewart.
- Organised a zoom session with RCMP and Community Policing for our Block Watch community.
- Organised a successful block party and the second annual Illuminight.
- Proposed 2022's NCA objectives will be focusing on emergency preparedness protocols at home in event of disasters. To be better prepared to help each other.
- Thank you, President Karen Kuwica!

8) Elect and appoint Directors.

Directors who have agreed to be nominated for the following positions:

President: Karen Kuwica

Vice President and Treasurer: Fred MacDonald

Directors at large: Nancy Mitchell, Peter Giovando, Belinda Climenhaga and, Darrel Gyorfi

Secretary: Suzanne Groulx

There were no further nominations from the floor following 3 calls.

A motion to approve was moved by Nancy Mitchell and seconded by Claudette Howlett. Motion carried unanimously.

Congratulations to the 2022 NCA Executives members.

Phil Morris is unable to carry on, we thank him for the great work as a board member and wish him well.

9) Deal with new business, including any matters about which notice has been given to the members in the noticed of meeting.

None

10) General Discussion.

President Karen Kuwica provided an update on the Caledonia Park Drop-in Center and its recent budget allotment of \$15,000. Following several presentations by NCA Members at a Regular Council Meeting held on February 28th with the Mayor and council members, President Karen Kuwica, on behalf of the NCA, sent a letter to the Mayor and Council previously raised concerns. The letter urges staff to consider important items to be built into the contract with the 7/10 Club to mitigate unintended consequence of their operations. It addresses impacts to the surrounding neighborhood, management of waste generated from the daily operations and clean up, maintaining communication with city bylaws and RCMP about unlawful camping surrounding.

11) Terminate the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM

Next regular general meeting: April 5th, 2022, at 7PM

Submitted by Suzanne Groulx

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Financial Report January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2021

A. Balance forward from December 31, 2020: \$501.19

B. Income

| | |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Memberships | 470.00 |
| Donations | 819.00 |
| City of Nanaimo grant | 2000.00 |
| Illuminight sales | 142.00 |
| Total Income | \$3431.00 |

C. Expenditures

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|---------------------------|------------------|
| Curling Club rental | 126.00 |
| Illuminight expenses | 2140.13 |
| Bank fees | 22.50 |
| Total Expenditures | \$2288.63 |

D. Surplus (deficit) for the year \$1142.37

E. Cash on hand (carry forward) + (surplus) = \$1643.56

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Budget January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022

A. Carried forward from December 31, 2021: \$1643.56

B. Income

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| Memberships | 350.00 |
| Donations | 1000.00 |
| Total projected revenue | \$1350.00 |

C. Expenditures

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Website development | 1000.00 |
| Web domain and hosting | 400.00* |
| Web security | 40.00 |
| Email distribution system | 160.00 |
| Illuminight | 1000.00 |
| Bank fees | 60.00 |
| Total projected expenditures | \$2660.00 |

D. Projected Surplus (deficit) for the year: \$336.56

(Carry forward + revenue) –
(expenditures)

Note* Web domain and hosting is for a three year period ending December 31, 2024