

## Newcastle Community Association – Annual General Meeting

March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7 PM, Nanaimo Yacht Club

### Draft Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Karen Kuwica at 7:02 PM.

**1) Elect and individual to chair the meeting, if necessary.**

Nancy Mitchell proposed Karen Kuwica to chair the meeting, seconded by Peter Giovando. All in favor.

**2) Determine that there is a quorum.**

It was determined that a quorum of 10% of members was achieved. NCA has 100 paid members, 27 paid members attended the AGM.

**3) Approval of the AGM agenda**

Motion to approve by Peter Giovando, seconded by Michael de Champlain. Passed.

**4) Approval of the minutes from last year AGM dated March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.**

Motion to approve by Peter Giovando, seconded by Janet Buechler. Passed.

**5) Unfinished business from the last AGM.**

No unfinished business noted.

**6) Treasurers report on the financial statements of NCA for the previous annual general meeting.**

Fred MacDonald, Treasurer, shared and reviewed the financial statement. (See attached)

**7) Directors reports or activities and decisions since the previous AGM.**

Nancy Mitchell, Director at Large presented the followings review of development activities:

- Approval of City Plan, June 2022 with new Neighbourhood Designation (4 storeys) for Newcastle and reiteration of our heritage character.
- Support for two housing projects: 360 Stewart/345 Newcastle (17 units) and 515-635 Terminal (69 units).
- 921 Terminal (6 units) on hold.
- 1000 Stewart (12 storeys hotel) file closed.
- New Neighbourhood Association policy resulted in \$1000 Operating grant from city.

## 8) President's Report.

Karen Kuwica, NCA President, presented the followings accomplishment/initiatives of the NCA from the past year:

- The parking signage prohibiting overnight camping on Newcastle Avenue was corrected.
- Fred MacDonald, Nancy Mitchell and Karen Kuwica acted as the NCA advocates at the CAC.
- The NCA membership increased by 15%.
- The Chinese Memorial Gardens is going to be upgraded thanks to the involvement of interested parties.
- NCA executives shared common objectives with the NNN and other neighborhood associations.
- NCA worked with the city related to issues with the 1045 Terminal, property previously called Bino's, which has now been declared a nuisance property.
- Illuminight 2022 and the block party double in attendance and revenue.
- NCA website is up and running. Thanks to Nancy Mitchell for all the work on the house genealogy.
- Successful rally calling for safety reached the attention of the Premier.
- Sadly, the neighborhood experienced set back in loosing businesses, the most recent is Kiyo Salon & Day Spa corner of Stewart Avenue and Rosehill Street.
- Successful relationship with the owner of 210 Caledonian resulted in major clean up of the area. Huge thank you to Vancouver Island Cleaning Team and to Block Watch for being vigilant on illegal encampments.
- Plans to have a neighbourhood emergency preparedness program not achieved.
- The NCA executive determined that the winter block party is not financially feasible and elected to have a summer block party instead. Illuminight 2023 with evaluators will carry on.

- A 2023 summer block party is scheduled for June 25, 2023, at the Nanaimo Yacht Club.

**9) Elect or appoint Directors.**

- Nancy Mitchel nominated Karen Kuwica as President, seconded by Suzanne Groulx, carried.
- Nancy Mitchel nominated Fred MacDonald as Vice President, seconded by Peter Giovando, carried.
- Nancy Mitchel nominated Fred MacDonald as Treasurer, seconded by Peter Giovando, carried.
- Karen Kuwica nominated Belinda Cleminhaga as Secretary, seconded by Michael de Champlain, carried.
- Karen Kuwica nominated Karrie Brennan as Director At Large, seconded by Nancy Mitchell, carried.
- Karen Kuwica nominated Nancy Mitchell as Director At Large, seconded by Fred MacDonald, carried.
- Karen Kuwica nominated Peter Giovando as Director At Large, seconded by Renée Cooper, carried.
- Karen Kuwica nominated Daryl Gyorfi as Director At Large, seconded by Michael de Champlain, carried.

**10) New Business**

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next regular general meeting: April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Discussion of neighbourhood priorities took place while enjoying snacks and beverages.

Submitted by Suzanne Groulx, Secretary 2022