



Fairwinds Community Association

Annual General Meeting - Minutes

11 September, 2022

EXECUTIVE PRESENT:

Barry Nicholls.....	President	Faramarz Bogzaran	Vice-President
Mike Smith	Treasurer	Kim Rasmussen	Director
Lisa Collins	Acting Secretary		

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:12 pm in the Arbutus Room at the Fairwinds Golf Course. A quorum was confirmed based on twenty-three households.

President Barry Nicholls introduced the executive of the FCA. He also noted that Crystal Ironside is spearheading the Association's communication efforts, including managing the website. In addition, Caryl Wylie is the administrator for our membership. He extended special thanks to both of them.

2 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A call was made for changes or additional agenda items. Mike Smith noted that in his Treasurer's Report he would be presenting two years' financial statements for approval. The agenda as amended was approved.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Adoption of the 2021 AGM Minutes was moved by Lisa Collins and seconded by Dawn Campbell. The motion was passed.

4 PRESIDENTS REPORT

The President provided a summary of the Association's activities and accomplishments in the past year including the following:

- Continuing open engagement with our community, membership, local agencies and other key stakeholders, such as Fairwinds Enterprises, Seacliff Group and the Regional District of Nanaimo, on matters of relevance or importance to our community;
- Providing assistance on issues relating to Fairwinds Restrictive covenants and Architectural Guidelines;
- Promoting awareness of RDN bylaws within our membership and the Fairwinds community;
- Continued support for local neighbourhood emergency preparedness groups. The FCA was successful in a grant application to the RDN and received a grant of \$2000 for the purchase of emergency responses equipment for Fairwinds Emergency planning groups. There are six active groups within Fairwinds coordinated by Sheila Cruikshank;
- Communication through our quarterly newsletters, Facebook page, and emails to members;
- Meetings and communications with local government officials and Fairwinds management. This has included considerable engagement with Area E Representative Bob Rogers regarding the Ravensong Pool taxation matter;
- Support for the Schooner Ridge Trail improvement project.

Details of these and other activities are available in this year's Annual Report which is posted

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on the FCA website.

The FCA membership is currently around 170 households. The Board is planning further initiatives to increase membership.

5 TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Summary of Results

- The Association ended the fiscal year (March 31, 2022) with a surplus from activities of \$688 (as opposed to the budgeted deficit of \$730). Expenses were lower than budget principally as a consequence of the pandemic which shut down many of the group oriented activities.

5.2 Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2022

- Current cash balance was \$14,480 at fiscal year end. The Board of Directors has designated retained funds of \$6,000 reserve for operations and \$2,000 as a reserve for legal expenses.

5.3 Statement of Receipts and Disbursements as of March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022

- The Treasurer reviewed the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the two fiscal years ending March 31, 2021 and March 31, 2022. Questions were asked and answered.

Adoption of the annual financial statements for the year ending March 31, 2022 was moved by Mike Smith and seconded by David Campbell. The motion was passed.

6 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Parks and Green Spaces Update

6.1.1 Schooner Ridge Pathway Park improvement project

- The decision has been made by the RDN to proceed with the improvement of the Schooner Ridge Pathway Park trail. The funds in the 2023 RDN Area E budget will be used to survey the park property and find out definitively where it is relative to the golf course and the neighbouring homes.
- The funds will also be used to create definitive plans for the path and what infrastructure is needed for it and what can be constructed.
- The plan would then to use funds in the 2024 budget for the building of the pathway in that year.

6.1.2 Jack Bagley Community Park

- Construction is ongoing but a little delayed. Initial bids for the project came in at much more than expected, they had divided this into 2 phases.
- Phase 1 is underway with the building of the courts. With the federal grant of \$500,000 awarded this summer, Phase 2 will now proceed, which involves building the washrooms and the covered gathering area.

6.1.3 Nanoose Pump Track

- This was a former off leash park for dogs, now converted to a bike park for young children. Work is almost complete. Quite a bit of volunteer labour was involved.

6.1.4 Blueback Community Park Expansion

- The purchase of the adjoining lot has been completed.

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- There are plans to demolish the cottage that is on the lot, also removal of some vegetation, addition of picnic table.

6.1.5 Brickyard Community Park

- More split rail fencing is to be added to provide tree protection and to keep walkers to certain pathways.
- Plans to do additional tree planting and removal of holly.
- Garbage bin to be replaced with bear safe bin.
- New signage planned.
- RDN will study the possibility of creating some parking and adding a toilet. For this they will seek public input.

6.1.6 RDN Area E: Beach Access Properties

- The RDN Area E Parks Committee is going to be doing a tour of some beach access properties.
- This is a complicated issue because these properties are crown owned and under the authority of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure
- The RDN has no authority over them.
- Speakers at the September POSAC meeting ranged from wanting restrictions on users of the beach access, to those wanting signage on the properties so that they could better access the beach.

6.2 Membership Drive

Faramarz Bogzaran talked about the need for the Association to increase its membership. With an increased membership, the FCA can have a more impactful voice on matters that are important to the Fairwinds community. He reported that the FCA will be looking at ways to increase membership. A suggestion was made that local real estate agents be contacted and encouraged to make sure home buyers are made aware of the FCA and membership in it.

A question was asked and answered regarding the community border for membership in the FCA.

6.3 Ravensong Pool Taxation

The FCA has been actively opposing the proposed taxation of Electoral Area E residents for Ravensong Pool operating and capital costs. We believe a referendum for only Electoral Area E should be held to gain our approval, and that a more equitable taxation model should be used.

Various members of the FCA executive have spoken with our RDN Director, Bob Rogers, about our concerns, and have made a presentation at one of the RDN Directors meetings. We also voiced our opposition at Bob Rogers' June public forum. We will continue our efforts on this matter.

7 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Nominations for the Board of Directors were presented. There was a call for nominations from the floor. No other candidates were nominated. The following slate of officers was elected by acclamation:

Elected for a two year term:

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- Mike Smith

Directors continuing on the board:

- Barry Nicholls (term ending at the 2023 AGM)
- Lisa Collins (term ending at the 2023 AGM)
- Famarz Bogzaran (term ending at the 2023 AGM)
- Kim Rasmussen (term ending at the 2024 AGM)

8 ADJOURNMENT

The AGM was adjourned at 4:02 pm.

Attendees enjoyed social time after the meeting, including food and refreshments. There was a quiz about the history of the community with prizes awarded, as well as a draw for a door prize.

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