

2020 AGM MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Video Conference
Thursday November 19, 2020 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:00 PM by Lisa Timmons. Present were Meralin Young, Vicki Sanders, Leigh Urquhart, Vernon Lord, Andrea Gleichauf, Angus Whitmore, Evan Fryer as well as guests. Total of 14 attended.

Approval of AGM Agenda: Motion by Meralin, second by Leigh

Approval of 2019 AGM Minutes: From May 19, 2019 Motion by Meralin second by Vernon.

Welcome introduction from Lisa - outlining what the CCA is and about our activities and role in our community and to welcome our guest speaker for this AGM.

Guest Speaker: Glenys Verhurlst from the District of Saanich, Sustainability Planner on climate friendly incentive programs and trained One Planet Integrator. Previously, she worked at City Green Solutions, an enterprising non-profit specializing in energy efficiency in buildings. She has managed energy saving programs including the Oil to Heat Pump Incentive Program, and has experience with renewable energy, building science, efficient HVAC systems, and residential energy modelling programs, rebates, and educational and promotional campaigns.

Glenys presented a very informative 20 minute PowerPoint on the **Saanich Climate Plan**, which has goals of becoming a 100% Renewable Energy Community by 2050, reducing our Greenhouse gas emissions by 50% of 2007 levels by 2030 and to net zero by 2050, as well as how to prepare for a changing climate. Saanich was in September 2019 the first municipality to endorse accelerated climate action. Glenys answered questions from our Zoom audience regarding many initiatives including electric vehicles and bikes, green house gas emissions and home energy checkups, to list only a few.

For more information on the Saanich Climate plan, projects, resources and rebates please visit [Sustainable Saanich](#)

Reports

Vice President:

- Lisa Timmons outlined some of the CCA highlights since May 2019.
- An outstanding membership drive spearheaded by director Peter Gallagher's hard work resulted in 84 members.
- Successful communications newsletter via Saanich News in the Summer of 2019 along with 8200 people reached through Facebook through the effort of Kyle

Slavin our communications director. Kyle has kept our membership informed through e-mail campaigns using Mail chimp.

- Tom Celuszak our webmaster has maintained and enhanced our website with timely postings of our minutes and creatively editing new content for our members.
- On the environment side the CCA has strongly supported the creation of the Kings Park Nature Space. We also support the Bowker Creek Initiative and were a key stakeholder in creating the now passed in council Cedar Hill Park Master Plan for the next 20 years.
- Through Vicki Sanders our development director and Sandie Menzies – CCA president we have reached out to developers and the public to conduct surveys, organize meetings and address council in person or by writing regarding new projects or other developments that might concern our members.
- We have participated in monthly Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) where our representative, usually our President discusses with our peers from the other Saanich community associations matters that concern all member associations.

Treasurer: Vernon

- As of today we have \$2900 in bank account. Total revenue in 2020 was \$1380 comprising \$1100 grant from Saanich and \$280 in dues. We donated \$500 to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen and \$203.47 paid out in general expenses from our community meeting with Abstract.

Developments: Vicki Sanders

- Vicki spoke on how the Shelbourne Valley is opening up for development and about the application process and how we address council on these developments. There are presently 3 development applications on Shelbourne St. from Abstract – she noted that the 6 story projects are outside of the SVAP due to their location.
- Resident Erin Prescott on Freeman Ave. wishes to be part of the discussion on required amenities for developers for new projects. Saanich is working on a new process for new development amenities.
- Vicki organized a public Zoom meeting with the developer Abstract for 1161 Freeman. A survey of residents living nearby will be conducted by the CCA
- 1890 Townley small lot subdivision is still in application process and planning reported to Special Council on September 28th.
- Current applications in progress within our association boundaries can be viewed at Saanich Development Applications – Shelbourne [Applications in progress](#)
- 1971 Ernest Avenue - To vary the Subdivision Bylaw to permit the construction of a new single family dwelling with suite with a water retention system in lieu of a municipal storm water connection. Some homes on the Mt Tolmie slope are

experiencing flooding. The CCA is monitoring any concerns from concerned residents and is considering options within the mandate of our association. The CCA will conduct a survey for local residents to find out any concerns and forward that to council.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen: Vicki

- The kitchen has had a 200 % increase in demand since the Covid 19 pandemic . They have received national recognition for the services they provide. In March 2021, the kitchen expects to be moved to their new location. Online courses will be starting soon.

CALC- Community Association Liason Committee: Meralin

- We meet 4 times a year to share information. There are representatives from all the community associations near the University: Oak Bay, Cadboro Bay, Gordon Head, Quadra Cedar Hill, Mt. Tolmie and Camosun.

This year, we met in person on March 12, had an email update on June 11, a Zoom meeting Sept 17 and there will be another Zoom meeting December 10.

Recent topics discussed were new student housing, expansion of engineering and computer science building, National Centre for Indigenous law addition to the Fraser law building, seismic upgrading to the Farquhar auditorium, Campus cycling plan, the property at the southeast corner of the campus on Cedar Hill X Road and the new UVic website.

Recently, the University, in cooperation with Island Health opened a new Covid testing site in parking lot #10 off Gordon Head Road. Appointments must be booked through Island Health's call centre. There is no walk-in testing.

Kings Road Nature Green Space: Vernon

- There have been no updates from the fundraising committee or from Saanich Legacy Foundation who is applying for grants with Saanich and will hold all donations in trust. \$2.75 million is the required fundraising needed to avoid the sale of parts of the green space. Saanich now owns the property but committed only \$2.75 million toward the \$5.5 million dollar sale price.
- Saanich council has extended the deadline for fundraising until March 31, 2021.
- As the result of media exposing surrounding the death of at least three owls by rat poison in this space, Saanich council has now banned all rat poison in their facilities.

Bowker Creek

- A study on day lighting the creek is coming soon.

- One coordinator position has been lost. This position was co funded by Victoria, Saanich and Oak Bay.
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Election of Officers : Presided by director Angus Whitmore

- **President:**
Vernon put forward Lisa Timmons name and was seconded by Andrea. Lisa accepted and with no further nominations, Lisa is our new president by acclamation.
- **Vice President** : There were no volunteers at this time and the position is vacant.
- **Treasurer:** Vernon Lord accepted the nomination by Lisa and seconded by Vicki Sanders. Vernon is the treasurer by acclamation.
- **Secretary:** Leigh Urquhart by acclamation from nomination by Lisa and second by Vicki.

Election of Directors

- **Vicki Sanders** : Land Use –accepted the nomination and second by Angus and Lisa. Vicki is our land use director by acclamation.
- **Andrea Gleichauf** : Environment
- **Meralin Young** : UVic Community Association Liason Committee
- **Angus Whitmore** : Director at Large
- **Evan Fryer**: Welcomed as a new Director at Large - Meralin nominated, Vicki seconded.

Angus Whitmore declared the close of nominations

No new business

Meeting adjourned 9 PM
