

MAC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 19, 2010

Monday, April 19, 2010

Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church

Whistler BC

Present: 52 members representing 140 paid up members, more than required for the 20% to provide a quorum.

1. Sue Lawther, Vice President called meeting to order 7:05 pm

President Gord Leidal was traveling so Sue Lawther welcomed the members, introduced Doug Deeks, treasurer, Jessie Pendygrasse, secretary/nomination committee chair and previewed the agenda: Annual General meeting: 7:00 - 7:45, Age Friendly Community Initiatives -8:00, Rainbow Senior Housing update by Rod Nadeau and Shelagh Weightman Of Innovation Building Group 8:45 pm. Refreshments were served before the Rainbow update.

2. The required quorum attended. 31 members were required, 52 attended. Notice of meeting was published in 2 local papers, circulated to members and published on the MAC website, in the prescribed time before the meeting.

3. Minutes from previous AGM, March 26, 2009 were approved.

Discussion:

Garry Watson clarified that Lot 10 Rainbow Senior Housing had been taken over by the RMOW. Senior housing will be built on the site by the RMOW instead of Innovation Group at Rainbow. Innovation will build and sell Lot 11 as planned.

Holborn update: Holborn's intentions to continue with senior housing on the tennis club redevelopment seem less likely now than earlier in the rezoning of the site.

Moved-Betty McWhinnie Seconded-Ross Walker Carried

4. Reports:

President's report by Gord Leidal read by V.P. Sue Lawther Accepted

Moved- Bruce Hawkshaw Seconded- Mark Watson Carried

(see text of report as given by Sue Lawther)

Treasurer's Report: Doug Deeks Accepted
Moved- Judy Bonn Seconded- Mark Watson Carried
Treasurer's report -see Doug Deeks

Nominating Committee: Jessie Pendygrasse
Nominees are: Doug Deeks Sue Lawther Gord Leidal Betty McWhinnie
Marg Pallot Jessie Pendygrasse Marnie Simon Garry
Watson Mark Watson Freda Cook

Moved that nominees be accepted; Bruce Hawkshaw Seconded-David
Oakes Carried

The audience gave a resounding round of applause for Luise Zinsli who stepped down from the board this year. Her long term work as Membership Chairman was appreciated by the membership and the board.

6. General Discussion & Questions

Peter Alder asked if MAC had looked into senior housing with a level of care in Whistler.

Garry Watson: Such facilities are owned by private for profit companies. Land costs in Whistler are high and such a site is difficult to find.

Sue L. One example is the new facility in Squamish called Renaissance. The facility is considered expensive and has not been fully subscribed to date. In Whistler such a facility would be operated by a private, commercial operator and would carry a high monthly fee.

The focus group could move forward with further research into assisted living in Whistler.

Peter Alder suggested this be done.

Motion to Adjourn Moved- Mark Watson Seconded Linda Mc Kean.
Carried

7:40 Special Discussion: Age Friendly Communities Sue Lawther

Sue presented the work of the Focus Group on needs of seniors in Whistler. Results were presented Nov.2009 at Millennium Place. Sue reviewed the outcomes and introduced Lorna Van Straaten, administrator of Whistler

Community Services.

Sue and Lorna discussed the immediate hiring of a new part time Senior Needs Action Planner (SNAP) by WCSS to co-ordinate and build awareness of programs for seniors in Whistler. The position will be funded by a \$17,000 grant through the RMOW available from the UBCM. MAC and WCSS were successful in acquiring the grant to fund the new position. The website will be redefined as part of the funding. A search is ongoing for a temporary senior centre.

WCSS has re-named the Elizabeth Manso Visiting Volunteers service. It will become Helping Hand, co-ordinated by Melissa Deller through WCSS. This service may be used by seniors in Whistler.

Report Card: Sue L. and the Focus group plan a report card to be printed through a partnership between MAC and the Whistler question. The booklet will create further discussion on senior needs.

8:05 The members thanked Sue and her group for the diligent hard work they performed to create outcomes that will be helpful to seniors in Whistler.

Marnie Simon reported on a New Horizons grant that has been applied for in the amount of \$20,000. Success of the application should be known by September with money to be allocated by October, 2010.

Discussion continued regarding the request for funding from the Whistler Foundation and/or the Blackcomb Foundation. The committee replied that the local requests for funds would be made after the grants outside the community have been successful. It was suggested from the floor that membership dues could be increased to provide more resources for projects.

8:15 Break for refreshments

8:30 Innovation Group by Rod Nadeau and Shelagh Weightman

A presentation was made by Rod, supported by Shelagh, with photos and overviews of the current success of Rainbow and its completion including the Woods at Rainbow on Lot 11, senior housing. June 2010 the first of senior units will begin excavation. Plans have been well circulated in the senior community. The balance of the subdivision was given a time frame and the members were given a question and answer opportunity with Rod

and Shelagh explaining any details asked for.

8:55 Ken Nickerson recognition. The long term devotion of the late Dr. Ken Nickerson was recognized by the members at large. Doug Deeks recognized his spirit and loyal community service to a home that he loved for many years. The members joined in a hearty round of applause in memory of a wonderful friend of Whistler. He will be missed.

9:00 Sue thanked members for attending the AGM and asked that members join the Focus Group by calling her or any of the members.