

NWCA Annual General Meeting

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Starting at 6:30 pm

Killiney Beach Community Hall

MEETING AGENDA

1. Registration & Refreshments (11:15AM)
2. Call to Order (11:30AM) 11:45am start
3. Attendance
Quorum of plus 10 was established.
4. Opening Remarks
Josh Galloway welcomed and thanked audience members and reminded them that meeting decorum was expected and that everyone would have an opportunity to ask questions and speak. He added that the meeting was advertised 2 weeks in advance by way of NWCA website and NWCA Community Bulletin Boards.
5. Approval 2024 AGM Agenda
That the Agenda of the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the North Westside Communities Association be approved as circulated.
Motion: Wayne Carson Seconded: _____ CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
6. Invited Speakers – RDCO Area Director Wayne Carson
Wayne says:
 - RDCO administrative overheads are causing tax increases i.e. 35% fire department increase. Finances are not a fair process with 4 municipalities offloading costs onto Electoral Areas. Municipalities dominate the regional district. They take care of themselves. Kelowna has 6/12 seats and might have more in 2025.
 - Provincial funding no appeal process. "Growing community fund" \$1,300,000 should have come to Central Okanagan West, instead EA West has 36% increase to fire department with no consultation, and pushed through by municipalities. "Gas Tax" \$4,300,000 allocation to WFN push through by municipalities.
 - Regular RDCO board meeting and service meetings are taped and available on regional district website. Look at November 16, 2023 to see where the money was lost (item 7.1 and 8.1).
 - Third and final governance study to bring regional district out here for a town hall meeting.
 - Designations to the Electoral Area Committee: request forms are on regional district website. Put your delegation requests into a formal email and Cc Wayne and Director Kraft. Wayne wants to know when delegations have been turned down. Regional district may not want to hear from you but Wayne does. Transfer site is 40 years old. If NWCA brings forward a transfer site delegation then Wayne can put it forward to the regional district. In

the past 600-800 used to only need garage and now the communities has grown and the transfer station also handles recycling.

- Stephen Johnston, former MLA candidate, is on RDCO board. Good person, understands Westside issues, and potentially a Westside advocate.

7. Adoption of Minutes from the October 10th, 2023 AGM

That the Minutes of the Oct 10th, 2023, Annual General Meeting of the North Westside Communities Association be adopted as circulated.

Motion: Brandy Allison Seconded: Wendy Waters CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. Chair's Report:

1. Easter and Canada Day were a hit with great community participation. Special thanks to thanks to Wendy and Andrea for making it all happen.

2. Provincial Election All-Candidates Forum: the NWCA was the only group to host an All-Candidates Forum for our new provincial riding. It came together in just four days. Josh handled MC duties, Scott Graham helped keep things organized, and Mat O'Flynn came through to record and share the event online. Fantastic experience.

9. Treasurer's Report - 2024 Financial Statements and 2025 Budget & 5-Yr Plan (Handouts circulated)

Connie provided discussion and overview 2024 financial statements and the 2025 Budget & 5-Yr Plan. This year \$700 was used for community bulletin boards. Copy of 5 year plan can be found online. RDCO takes approximately 20+% of total Tax requisition for administrative costs / fees when funding NWCA. In 2025 NWCA hopes to seek funding for upgrades to the hall (BC gaming grants).

Resolution:

That the Treasure's reports be received as circulated.

Motion: Cathay Young Seconded: Brandy Allison CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

10. Director Reports

Wendy: All 50-50 money raised this year is going to kid initiatives. \$1700 raised this year. Basket draws were designated for community projects. Every raffle or draw goes back into your community. Canada Day is a true community event. All residents and groups came together including the RDCO. Build strong roots in the community (tagline).

Scott: Recap Governance study with Josh and Wayne. Efforts to move the North Westside to RDNO instead of RDCO which is primarily Kelowna based. RDCO/Loyal Wooldridge have created a Kelowna-serving Services Committee which doesn't bring meaningful change to our area. Working towards roads improvements and funding directed to schools here in Vernon rather than Kelowna. Trying for money for rusty bin replacement at transfer station and Killiney Beach.

Josh: Discussed major upcoming projects (hall siding, transfer station). Siding was planned for 2025, however, because of moratorium on gas tax couldn't. Siding will be a

priority when funding becomes available. BC Grants Funds may be available for “provincial cooling centers” (AC plans). Won’t unless convinced the whole community wants this. NWCA will do more polls and surveys for definitive action to fight on our behalf.

Andrea: Library director had a really good year. 2nd annual polar bear plunge. 13 km roadside cleanup. Summer reading challenges (book clubs) and art classes. Plan to continue literacy workshops and classes over the next 12 months. Check out the library if you haven’t already. Welcoming haven for existing and new members of the community. Note: Carson applauded Andrea’s efforts. NWCA has the only unaffiliated library branch and is putting other library to shame with her amazing programs and efforts.

Brian: Making people aware of parks and free amenities while we pursue funding for pickleball, etc.

Mat: Supported director efforts. Putting together hall AV system for future rentals and events.

Andrea: Wolfpasck sports - big thanks to everyone who stepped up. 10-20 kids came out for Wednesdays. In need of a manager and more coaches to step up.

11. Special Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of the Association and introduce:

4.16 Property Created by Board Members for the Association

4.17 Code of Conduct:

Resolution to adopt the changes:

Motion: Wayne Carson Seconded: Clayton Kam CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

12. Election of Board of Directors

Call for nominations:

All nominated positions were filled by acclamation as follows:

1. Election of Officers: 4 Executive Officers (1 Year Term)

President – Josh Galloway
Vice President – Mat O’Flynn
Secretary – Christina Seitz
Treasurer – Connie Rauch

2. Election of Directors: 5 available (2 Year Terms)

News Director – Brandy Allison
Parks & Recreation Director – Brian Arquilla
Hall Maintenance Director – Lawrence ____
Community Hall Director - Vacant
Sports Director - Vacant

Note: Existing Directors carry forward with 1 Year term remaining no vote required.

Community Participation – Sheilla Brown

Events Director – Wendy Waters

Library Director – Andrea Kveton

13. Invitation for Volunteers

14. Appointment of Audit Committee (2 Members) **(1 Year Term)**

Resolution:

That, Scott Graham and Donna Green, be appointed to review the books of the Association 2 months prior to the next Annual General Meeting (2025) and report the results to the Membership at the AGM.

Motion: Brandy Allison Seconded: Wayne Carson

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15. Community Engagement

- Q&A / Open Forum / Community Priorities

Judy says the audio visual system should be the number one priority.

Christina Kam asked if Wildschool Play could use the hall for free (non-profit).

Wayne – Cautioned that RDCO administration has indicated they may want to own the Hall which is currently owned by the NWCA. This would provide no benefit to the association. RDCO can't put a grant on a private building, so administration see ownership as a potential community benefit. Joe Rich and Ellison did this and regret it because they now have a slow landlord who gets the final say on paint and everything else. 15 year lease. Cautioned don't sign lease or lose ownership on the building. Killiney Beach Resorts Ltd. at one time owned this land but then decided to sign the land over to the regional district to maintain. Wayne prefers the community association owns the building. The community will get around the funding aspect but get ready for the heat to come on by RDCO. Wayne pointed out that the Association is at the maximum tax revenue mill rate (\$0.05/\$1,000 of total assessed real estate value) and he supports the funding plan to maintain max mill for the next 5 years; however, the association is required to keep the Hall budget request below this allotment. Connie - At \$0.05 mill rate we are squirreling away \$24,000 each year.

Wayne – Delegations, delegations, delegations! As Director, he will get 10 minutes to advocate for an initiative at the Board when community members come forward with a delegation and petition (100 signatures?) or when the NWCA prepares a delegation. Wayne supports a transfer station delegation.

Josh: NWCA will prepare RDCO Delegations for chickens (Kams want 25) and transfer station improvements.

16. Closing Remarks

Thanked all in attendance and welcomed Board members for joining the efforts for improvements on the North Westside.

17. Adjournment