

October 17, 2000

Annual General Meeting

Members of the Board Present:

David Biggs
Riley Brockington
Peter Freamo
Carolyn Gauthier
Bob Stiles
Barb Squire

Members of the Board Present:

Douglas Beardshaw
Eric Berybusch
Grafton Ross
Elizabeth Burke
Erwin Dreessen
Gert Dreessen
Jennifer Wallis
George MacKenzie
Anna Pritchard
Ellwood Pritchard
John Singlehurst

Guests:

Derek Abma, The News
Reg. Coun. Wendy Stewart

Opening Remarks:

David Biggs, President of the RPCRA, opened the AGM at 7:25pm. David thanked the current board, as well as Coun Stewart and Bickford, and the many local businesses who assisted the RPCRA and community with various levels of sponsorship.

He highlighted the projects that the RPCRA got involved in and invited members to read the newsletter, which contains an account, in detail, of the projects.

Agenda:

The agenda was approved with one amendment; to allow Coun Stewart an opportunity to provide a brief Councillor's report.

MOTION: "That the agenda be approved, as amended".

P Freamo/A Pritchard. Carried

Minutes of 1999 AGM:

The Minutes of the 1999 AGM had one amendment proposed. Under the "Election of Officers" on page two, the names Bob Stiles and Peter Freamo be added as two additional members who were acclaimed to the Board.

MOTION: "That the minutes be accepted as amended".

B Stiles/B Squire Carried

Councillor's Report:

Regional Councillor Wendy Stewart highlighted various regional issues: Ridership at OC Transpo is up 7.7% over last year, which is resulting in unbudgeted revenues of at least \$1million. \$24million has been spent to purchase 37 new articulated buses for 2001, with 8 new buses also on order. Light Rail will be up and running next year, with service between Greensboro and Lebreton Flats. Upon a successful 2-year pilot project, the goal is to implement an East-West link.

A question arose regarding the need to maintain the urban forest, which is under pressure

by developers due to the growth within the city and environs. E Dreessen notified those in attendance that on Nov 2, the Mayoral candidates will debate Environmental Issues in the Regional Council Chambers at 7pm. Coun Stewart thanked the RPCRA for working with her over the year.

Q. Any news on the Windmill?

A. Nothing at all. Assume that the Windmill Corp is waiting until the new city is in place to make next move(if any).

Q. Will you stay involved on the issue of motorcycle racing?

A. Yes. RPCRA Trans Chair has received info from me. Two individuals from this ward are working with the police on this issue. Coun Stewart explained the problem that is occurring and made assurances that she will remain active on this issue.

With a light rail transit stop planned for the Confed Heights area, how will you get involved and make this service available to RP residents? A path from the Flannery/Brrokfield intersection could be built, bus stops along Heron could be relocated eastward towards the proposed light rail stop, and the sidewalk along Data Centre Road, which ends at the bus stops, can be extended for approx 150m from the bus stops to Heron Road.

If there is money there, we can do it, if there isn't any money, we can't. This is a pilot project. Although the stations that will be built will be functional, we aren't including elevators in them. If, after two years, this goes ahead, there will be additional infrastructure built.

Committee Reports:

At this time, the meeting was chaired by Grafton Ross, Chair of the Bylaws Committee. Grafton, John Singlehurst and Linda Seguin worked on the committee. There were questions for clarification, as well as praise for the evident hard and diligent work that went in to complete the bylaws. Some amendments were proposed to the bylaws as follows:

Under 9.3 of the proposed amended 2000 bylaws, that the addition of the following phrase be incorporated, $\frac{1}{4}$ majority vote of members present "or represented by proxy" $\frac{1}{4}$ Under 9.11 of the proposed amended 2000 bylaws, that the addition of the same phrase in 9.3 be incorporated.

MOTION: "That the addition of the words, "or represented by proxy" in section 9.3 and 9.11 be accepted".

G MacKenzie/J Wallis Carried

There was then some debate on 15.3 of the proposed amended 2000 bylaws. The fear was if the Treasurer was absent for an unexpected period of time, all cheques and other documents requiring the Treasurer's signature would be delayed until his/her return.

MOTION: "That the addition of the words "or designate" be included in 15.3 as such: $\frac{1}{4}$ shall be signed by the Treasurer "or designate" and countersigned by $\frac{1}{4}$ ".

G MacKenzie/ B Squire Vote Tied.
President voted in favour. Carried.

MOTION: "That 15.3 of the proposed amended 2000 bylaws, be replaced by the existing bylaw".

E Pritchard/B Stiles Carried

The second motion over rides the first, therefore 15.3 does not exist and is replaced by the current bylaw.

A motion was then put forward to the membership to accept the entire proposed amended 2000 bylaws.

MOTION: "That the membership of the RPCRA accept the amended 2000 bylaws".

B Stiles/E Dreessen Carried

In the RPCRA Newsletter that was published in September 2000, each committee gave a report on their latest projects. Information can be obtained from the newsletter.

Communication: There were 3 newsletters since Oct 1999-Oct 2000, delivered each time to 2500 residences.

Transportation: A transportation report was written and made available. Riley said that there may be even more up to date information regarding the motorcycle racing and if that is the case, it will be brought to the attention of the members in the next newsletter.

Finance: A Finance Report was made available to members. An independent financial accountant from RP reviewed the books for the RPCRA. G MacKenzie commented that last year's report failed to mention the term deposit that was on hand. He also complimented the Board for a good statement this year.

Q. What is the Community Projects account?

A. The expense account represents the expenditures for Paget Park and the Fire Station landscaping. These funds do not eat into the RPCRA general funds. Carolyn Gauthier, organizer of the two "improvement" events raised the necessary funds.

Q. The Operating Account has over \$7000 in it. Do we need this large amount in an operating account? Can we invest some of this in a short term, term deposit?

A. Bob answered that he will look into this. He doesn't want the balance to be too low. During his first year as Treasurer he was busy with the review of the books and getting things in order and wanted to play things safe. A comment was then made that since the summer is a slow season, a short term investment could be made.

MOTION: "That the Financial Report be accepted".

B Stiles/G MacKenzie Carried

Rinks: There were no questions from the floor for this committee.

Victoria Day Fireworks and Gala: Lucy Corbin wrote the report for the newsletter. A question posed to readers in the newsletter asked whether they preferred to move the date of the Victoria Day Fireworks and Gala celebration to the Sunday evening or keep it on the Monday. To date only 5 responses have come in; 4 to change, 1 to keep as is.

A vote was taken at the AGM and 9 voted to move the gala to Sunday, while 3 voted to keep it on Monday.

Website: Nothing has occurred with the RPCRA's website in a while. The website may be reinigorated with the addition of a new director who is competent in this field. David

proposed that we continue, until the new Board can meet and discuss this issue.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws:

Election of Directors:

At this time, the meeting was chaired by John Singlehurst, Chair of the Nominations Committee. John identified that Peter Freamo of RP East and Bob Stiles of RP South West were elected last year and are continuing with their second year of their term. Therefore eight positions were available to be filled. Nominations received prior to and at the meeting were:

RP East: Peter Freamo*, David Biggs, Douglas Beardshaw
RP West: Carolyn Gauthier, Jennifer Wallis, Erwin Dreessen
RP-South West: Bob Stiles*
RP South East: Barb Squire
Revelstoke:

All of the candidates were acclaimed. Two seats still remain vacant.

Other Business--Membership Dues:

A proposal was made to offer two types of membership dues. One would be \$5 for households with two or more individuals(family), 18 years of age or older and the second membership type would be \$3 for an individual membership. There was mild opposition to the proposal, based on the Association's healthy financial standing.

MOTION: "That the Membership fees be changed to become \$5 per family or \$3 per individual".

B Squire/A Pritchard Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15PM