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## **Wildwood Community Association (WCA) Annual General Meeting Minutes April 24, 2017 7:00 p.m.**

### **In attendance:**

Kevin Phillips  
Shirley McIntyre  
Paige Martin  
Alison Laberge  
Cheryl Northey  
Tracy Smith  
Carolyn Smith  
David Smith  
Rose Infelice  
Jason Beck  
Allan Birce  
Robyn Birdsell  
Meredith Stacey

Sean Jeffers  
Marni Lingard  
Felicia Esposito  
Clive Watson  
Wil Watson  
Veronique Pelletier  
Judy Hawley  
Heather Gibbons  
Patty Munkittrick  
Debbie Dort  
Tanis Gatzke  
Jen Hird

### **1. Welcome**

Kevin Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:10, welcomed all in attendance and asked everyone to sign the attendance sheet and pick up the package of documents including an agenda, minutes and audited financial statements. Kevin introduced Heather Gibbons, our Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator and liaison with the City of Calgary and thanked Heather for her work with and on behalf of Wildwood. Other guests would be introduced before they spoke.

### **2. Approve 2016 AGM Minutes**

***Felicia Esposito moved that the minutes of the 2016 AGM be accepted as presented; Paige Martin seconded the motion. Motion carried***

### **3. Councillor's Report – Evan Woolley**

Thanks to Councillor Woolley for attending the AGM.

Douglas Fir Trail – there is a tender out for a trail builder and many people have come forward to volunteer to help re-build the trail.

The affordable housing project team is here to talk about the specific project, but as a result of that project there will be some changes to the 37<sup>th</sup>/38<sup>th</sup> Street and Bow Trail intersections, starting next week and through until about June 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a left turn prohibition from 37<sup>th</sup> Street into the alley (behind the RBC), that alley will be one-way going east, audible pedestrian tools installed, work on curbs and crossroads.

Playground Zones – the two playground zones on Spruce Drive will be joined. A question was asked if the signage would be repeated. Another question regarding the iSlow signs on 45<sup>th</sup> street was asked – they were installed in the wrong spot, it has been a year, which is the time period required before they are moved.

It was suggested that traffic concerns continue to be brought to the attention of Councillor Woolley and Levi Nilson, of his office.

The City is hosting a conference focused on making cities more walkable and will support micro projects (\$400-\$500 each) in communities through the City. Ideas for projects such as this in Wildwood are encouraged.

Question re Quarry Trail: what is happening with those improvements and when will the work be done. Evan committed to follow up on that.

Question re development application for Bow Trail and 45<sup>th</sup> Street: there were mistakes made in the application and the development permit was withdrawn. This led to a discussion about density and development of the inner city.

Question re the work done along Spruce Drive by Atco: Will this be remediated. Mike Pleiter has written an article for the next Warbler, which was agreed to by the WCA Board that will speak to this issue.

Question re Westgate/Westbrook Mall development: an agreement has been reached with a developer and the development around the Westbrook Station will be completed in four phases. A second piece of work is being done with studies on the Westbrook shopping centre and what that site should look like.

A new pedestrian bridge is being built over Bow Trail from Shagannappi Village to Westbrook. Heather will keep the WCA up to date re that project.

#### **4. Housing Development On Bow Trail –**

- **Kerri Souriol, Development Project Manager, City of Calgary**
- **Shawn Storozhenko Project Manger, Ellis Don**
- **Susan Sanderson, Project Manager Affordable Housing, City of Calgary**
- **Emily Martinson, Business and Policy Strategist, City of Calgary**

First, Kerri indicated that if there any questions call 311 and those calls will be forwarded to the project team.

Shawn discussed the milestones associated with the projects: starting excavation in May, removal of contamination from an old gas station that was on the site, framing in August through November, before winter weather and then drywall, electrical, mechanical etc. over winter months. In the spring the building envelope will be done and landscaping started. The project completion date is mid-August 2018.

38<sup>th</sup> Street will be excavated to tie in water, sewer and storm services, from the third week in May and into June, for a total of about 7-10 days.

Question: any thought of playgrounds etc in the development for the children in the complex? There is an open space in the centre of the complex. There isn't money for a play structure. The outdoor space will have 4 units open onto it so there will be people watching over the space.

The development still is three buildings with 16 units each. One-third will be rented at market value, one-third below market and one-third will be tied to income. The increased number of pedestrians is what led to the request for better pedestrian access and the changes that will be made at the two intersections.

Question: will the sound barrier be extended to 38<sup>th</sup> Street? There are no plans for that. The City could follow up to extend the wall as a safety issue.

#### **5. Spruce Cliff Lawn Bowling – Mike O'Reily**

The lawn bowling club facilities at Spruce Cliff is entering its second full season but the club has been in Calgary since 1922. They expect to be in this community for many years.

This club is one of five in Calgary, and at over 120 members, is the fastest growing in Canada. Mike encouraged people to show up – they supply equipment and coaching. It is a cross between bocce ball and curling and is easy to pick up.

The club offers lessons and there is a novice player night on Monday.

#### **6. Community Garden Vandalism/Security – Rachel Sawyer**

Rachel was unable to attend but the meeting was advised that the garden group is currently looking to CPS and their "crime prevention through environmental design" group for suggestions on how to make the garden less attractive to vandals.

#### **7. President's Report – Sean Jeffers**

It has been another busy year in Wildwood!

As a board, we are alive to how lucky we are to live in this amazing neighbourhood. However, we are also well aware of some of the challenges that face this community going forward.

We have had issues with vandalism, much of it centered on the garden area. We are exploring different ways to address this; everything from lighting to surveillance. Traffic continues to be a concern for many residents and particularly speed through our neighbourhood streets and play ground and school zones. Wildwood Drive, Spruce Drive and 45<sup>th</sup> Street tend to be the roads of the most concern for speeding but we are also pushing for safe access at intersections like Bow and 37<sup>th</sup> St.

We want to make sure that the Douglas Fir Trail is properly remediated and re-opened.

We want to stay involved and consulted on development within this community and on issues such as secondary suites and development permits.

Going forward, we are developing new ways to maintain and manage the community hall, this community's biggest physical asset. For the first time we have hired a facilities manager to manage rentals and stay on top of regular maintenance and repairs when necessary.

We have installed an AED in the hall and we are trying hard to reduce our waste and streamline our recycling and composting. We have installed new doors with an aim towards also updating the building access system.

We are also looking to streamline the online membership system and perhaps add a way to pay for events or programs.

This summer or fall you are going to see some long overdue maintenance to our parking lot and tennis courts, one of the largest projects we have undertaken in some time.

We are also looking at ways to work with the City to modernize the playground on Spruce Drive.

These are just some of the challenges and projects that have come up in the past year. But, these challenges and hard work notwithstanding, this past year has done nothing to change my overall opinion that we are very lucky to live in this amazing neighbourhood.

If you want to be reminded how lucky, come out tomorrow night for soccer night and witness hundreds of kids and parents, friends and neighbours, cover the field. Come out on a Sunday morning in January and watch kids and adults skate on our amazing rinks. Rinks created and maintained each year by the Rink Rats, volunteers made up of your neighbours and friends.

We are very lucky to have the infrastructure we do for sport and recreation in this neighbourhood. Tennis and pickle ball courts, soccer fields and softball diamonds, two rinks.

The garden continues to be one the real jewels in this community, becoming a focal point for this community's activity and spirit. Everything from allowing families to grow fruits and vegetables to hosting and providing educational workshops. We had another successful harvest festival this year. On a daily basis, the garden has become a place where kids and parents meet and play after school.

Social events continue to be a strong part of this community. Just a few weeks ago we had our first improv night organized by one of our own residents and it was a great success. Over the past year we have had beer and wine tastings, a Grey Cup potluck, Christmas artisan markets, and the Stampede Breakfast.

The Tour de Wildwood was highlighted in Avenue magazine as one of the 50 great things in 50 great neighbourhoods.

We continue to have the best playschool in the whole city, led by Mrs. Neil and Mrs. Fraser and volunteers lead weekly playgroups in the community hall.

The community provided volunteers for a casino night.

We had another successful and busy community cleanup with 60 volunteers and 18 trucks.

The Warbler keeps us updated on community news and events.

This is just a small list of what this community has to offer and our success as a community over the past year has allowed us to reach out to other communities as well, like Fort McMurray just under a year ago, with a donation to their recovery fund.

As so many of you know, we are very lucky to live in this amazing neighbourhood. Attend one of the social events or just go sit in the garden and watch all the activity involved there. Come out for the community clean up and see first hand as neighbours help neighbours.

We are very lucky. Wildwood is a terrific place to live and a terrific place to raise a family.

In order to best take advantage of that good fortune, we encourage everyone to become involved. Volunteer to organize or help run an existing event or bring us ideas for a new one. Join the board, bring out your pickup or just a pair of work gloves to the community clean up. Become involved in a scheduled event or bring us ideas for new one.

So to all of those who have volunteered their time and energy over the past year, thank you. And to those who are interested in becoming more involved, we always welcome new energy and ideas.

#### **8. Treasurer's Report – Allan Birce**

Allan has met with the FCC (Federation of Calgary Communities) auditor over the last several weeks and they have reviewed the financial statements line by line. They are confident the numbers are sound and the community continues to be in a sound financial position.

The Board approved the Audited Financial Statements by electronic vote on April 21, 2017.

**Allan Birce moved to appoint an auditor approved by the Federation of Calgary Communities for the 2017-18 year; Cheryl Northey seconded. Motion carried.**

### **9. Election of Executive and Directors**

Kevin introduced a slate of directors. While many of the incumbents are choosing to remain in their positions, new people are more than welcome. There is at least one vacancy (Community Events).

The following slate was put forward:

President:	Sean Jeffers
Vice-President	Jason Beck
Treasurer	Allan Birce
Secretary	Meredith Stacey
Past-President:	Robyn Birdsell

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Director</u>
Communications	Felicia Esposito
Community Advocacy	Kevin Phillips
Community Events	
Facilities Management	Robyn Birdsell
Grants	Lynn Brown
Garden	Sara Cross Moulton
Membership	Paige Martin
Sports & Programs	Tracy Smith
Volunteer Coordination	Jim Beswick
Directors at Large	Marni Lingard
	Alison Laberge
	Cheryl Northey
	Shirley McIntyre

Thanks to everyone for stepping forward and contributing to the board.

**Alison Laberge moved to accept the slate of directors as proposed; Clive Watson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Sean adjourned the meeting at 8:15