



## February Minutes

Tuesday February 9, 2021 – 2:00 pm

### Meeting held Via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Colin Campbell (President), Kim St. Claire, Mel Turner, Bob Peart, Tory Stevens, Bev Ramey, Nancy Wilkin, Bill Henwood

**Gallivanting:** Rick Searle, Betty Davison, Gail Ross

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

*Moved by Kim, seconded by Bob, that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED*

**2. Approval of January Minutes**

*Moved by Kim, seconded by Bob, that the Minutes be approved. CARRIED*

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Bill reported that the General account had \$22,000, including \$15,315 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account had \$12,620.

**4. Previous Issues**

Colin chaired the review of the follow up items.

*i) Parks and Climate Change Committee*

Tory reported that the dialogue on climate change is underway and invitations have been sent out.

*ii) Planning for the Meeting with PS Greene and Minister Popham*

A 30-minute meeting has been arranged to discuss issues significant to the Elders including an increase to BC Park funding, climate change and a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The intent is to introduce the Parliamentary Secretary to the Elders and arrange a follow-up meeting to discuss the initiatives in more detail.

Bob noted that it is important to have a follow-up letter on our meetings with Ministers. Bob also noted that we should inquire about the provincial position on the Federal Government's 2025/2050 program. Bill will follow-up with Parks Canada on the nuances of the Federal program.

Colin has engaged his MLA to discuss our priorities in the next few months and suggested that we further engage other Cabinet ministers.

Colin and Mel met with Wayne Stetski who may consider engaging his former colleagues for provincial park support.

iii) *Parks Expansion*

Bill reported on some of the Federal initiatives on park expansion.

iv) *Ecological Reserve Program*

Mel noted that suggested the Friends of Ecological Reserves have reached out to consider a joint submission for a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Ecological Reserves Act*. Mel will bring a proposal to the next meeting.

**5. New Business**

There was some discussion on further recognition of pioneers and builders. Bob will look for the criteria for recognition.

Colin spoke on the passing of Tom Lee, former Director of BC Parks and Parks Canada, and his influence on parks.

**6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday, March 9 at 2:00 pm.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting be adjourned at 3:00.