



## March Minutes

Tuesday March 9, 2021 – 2:00 pm

### Meeting held Via Zoom

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

**Gallivanting:** Rick Searle, Betty Davison, Gail Ross, Bill Henwood, Bob Peart.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Bev seconded by Bill, that the Agenda be approved. CARRIED*

#### 2. Approval of February Minutes

*Moved by Bev, seconded by Tory, that the Minutes be approved. CARRIED*

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General account had about \$22,000, including \$15,315 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account had about \$12,000. \$5000 in the General account has been budgeted for support to the Parks and Climate Change initiative.

#### 4. Previous Issues

Colin chaired the review of the follow up items.

i) *Parks and Climate Change Committee*

ii) Tory reported that invitations were sent out for the first dialogue and some 60 people have responded for the discussions. March 31<sup>st</sup> is the initial meeting.

iii) *Meeting with PS Greene and Minister Popham*

Colin reported on the meeting held with PS Greene and Minister Popham. Colin encouraged Minister Popham to advocate at the Cabinet table. He also said he would be providing background information to the Minister. With PS Greene, Colin reported that the meeting was positive. He followed up with a letter outlining the meeting, offering the Elders Council assistance to deliver her mandate.

iv) *Ecological Reserve Program*

Mel tabled a draft letter to the Premier on commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the *Ecological Reserves Act*. The Friends of Ecological Reserves are supportive and will sign the letter. Mel will amend the proposal and send to

Colin for signature and then to the Friends and BC Nature for signature and then forwarding to the Premier.

v) *Recognition Event*

Bob had sent out the criteria used for previous ceremonies conducted by the Lieutenant Governor to recognize British Columbians who made a significant contribution to parks and protected areas.

Bob noted that the Lieutenant Governor is interested in holding an event in the Fall to recognize prominent British Columbians and their contribution to protected areas. At the next meeting, a discussion will occur on the criteria and potential candidates.

## **5. New Business**

Mel reported on the initiative to engage the Lieutenant Governor for the dedication of the picnic table at the Heritage Centre later this year and a boat trip up Indian Arm to become familiar with provincial parks next to major urban areas.

## **6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 2:00 pm.

## **7. Adjournment**

Meeting be adjourned at 3:00.