



## February Minutes

Tuesday February 8, 2022 – 2:00 pm

### Meeting held Via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Colin Campbell (President), Mel Turner, Tory Stevens, Mark Haddock, Bev Ramey, Nancy Wilkin (3:00), Wayne Stetski (2:30-3:00) Bob Peart, Bill Henwood, Betty Davison

**Gallivanting:** Gail Ross

**Guest:** Andrew Day, CEO, BC Parks Foundation

The meeting started with director introductions.

#### 1. Approval of the Agenda

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

#### 2. Approval of November Minutes

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

#### 3. Treasurer's Report

In Bill's absence, Mel reported that the General account had just over \$18,500, including \$15,500 in a term deposit, and the Gaming account has about \$9,900. A further \$8500 has been allocated from the Gaming Account to Winter/Spring Outreach programs and \$1000 is available for the Collections Program.

#### 4. Previous Issues

Colin chaired the review of the previous items.

i) *Parks and Climate Change Dialogue*

Tory gave an update. A paper is being prepared and Tory wants to determine the appropriate audience(s) for the paper. Tory reviewed the present BC curriculum on references to climate change. There is little attention until Grade 7 in the core science curriculum and then disappears until Grade 11. There are no references in Social Studies or Geography. Tory compared that to Indigenous references which is now throughout.

ii) *BC Parks Meetings*

Mel tabled topics that the Director's suggested be discussed with BC Parks at the next meeting between BC Parks and the Elders Council. Colin will call a meeting in the next few days to discuss the suggestions.

- iii) *Park Pioneers and Builders Recognition Event*  
Bob has received 11 nominations and is organizing a review for a decision. The recognition ceremony will take place at Government House in March or April.
- iv) *Membership Promotion*  
Deferred to next meeting.
- v) *Archives Funding*  
Bob forwarded the \$5000 to UVic support and documented the tasks required for the grant. A copy of the agreement has been filed at the Heritage Centre.
- vi) *Lobbyist Act*  
Mark reported back on his conversation with the Registrar. As long as we are all volunteers, we need not register.
- vii) *Fortis Gas*  
Colin reported that he sent a letter from the Elders Council objecting to the education curriculum proposal from Fortis Gas. Mark asked if the Elders Council had criteria for supporting these types on initiatives. Colin commented that the Elders Council generally supported provincial issues. In this case, the letter was linked to the Elders Council support its climate change initiative.
- viii) *Recognition Ceremony*  
Bob reported that the nomination committee will review the suggestions and make a recommendation to the Directors. Dates are still being discussed with Her Honour. Bob suggested that we set aside \$2000 in the budget.  
*Moved by Bill, seconded by Tory, that \$2000 be set aside for the project be approved. **CARRIED***
- ix) *New Program Suggestions*  
Deferred to the next meeting.
- x) *Website*  
Rick Searle will be working with BC Nature to upgrade the website.

## 5. New Business

### *BC Parks Foundation Presentation*

Andrew Day gave a presentation on the Foundation including its background and Its priorities to date.

The Foundation has 3 main objectives: supporting enhancement, including acquiring key parcels for park establishment.and improving park infrastructure, supporting

community science to improve knowledge and management and supporting connecting people to parks such as the park ambassador program and the physician prescription initiative.

Wayne reported on a meeting he attended with the Friends of Ecological Reserves. He reiterated the continued frustration the Friends has with BC Parks. Wayne will continue to be a link between the Elders and the Friends.

**6. Next Meeting**

Next meeting March 15, 2022 at 2pm.

**7. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30