



# Elders Council for Parks In British Columbia

**19<sup>TH</sup> Annual General Meeting  
December 7, 2023  
Held virtually by Zoom**

## **Minutes**

The President called the Annual General Meeting to order at 7:00 pm

**Present:** 18 members.

President Wayne Stetski welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted that we were meeting on the unceded territory of several First Nations.

### **1. Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion:** to approve the agenda as previously circulated. **Moved:** Ric Careless **Seconded:** Bill Henwood. **Carried**

### **2. Approval of the 2022 Annual General Meeting minutes**

**Motion:** to approve the 2022 minutes as previously circulated. **Moved:** Nancy Wilkins **Seconded:** Bev Ramey. **Carried**

### **3. Reports**

#### **President – Wayne Stetski**

The President reviewed the past year, highlighting the Council's accomplishments. His full report is attached.

Wayne highlighted our involvement with senior provincial and national government members and senior government officials, focusing on the 30 by 30 initiative

**Motion:** to accept the President's report. **Moved:** Ric Careless, **Seconded:** Mark Haddock **Carried**

#### **Treasurer – Bill Henwood**

Bill Henwood reviewed the 2023 financial report (Statement of Financial Position) from Invictus, our pro bono accounting firm, for the Society's General account and the Gaming account.

**Motion:** to accept the information in the 2023 financial report. **Moved:** Ric Careless,  
**Seconded:** . **Carried**

#### **4. Appointment of Invictus to Prepare Statement of Financial Position**

The President noted that Invictus has offered to continue to provide a statement of financial position services as required by our CRA charitable status on a pro bono basis.

**Motion:** to re-appoint Invictus as service provider. **Moved:** Bill Henwood, **Seconded:** Bev Ramey. **Carried**

#### **5. Motion to Restrict Funds**

The outgoing Executive identified four priorities for the upcoming year:

- Capital repairs to Heritage Centre cedar siding \$7000
- Support to Collections program \$1000

In addition, the Council has applied for a \$17,300 Gaming grant to further the Outreach Program and Collections Program.

**Motion:** That funds from the General Account be internally restricted in order to support the two discussed priorities.

**Moved:** Mel Turner, **Seconded:** Bill Henwood .**Carried**

#### **5. Election of Directors**

The following members have indicated that they are prepared to act as directors for 2023. Bob Peart, Ric Careless, Bev Ramey, Bill Henwood, Mel Turner, Mark Haddock, Wayne Stetski, Kaaren Lewis, Gail Ross and Nancy Wilkin.

The President asked if any of the other members present wished to stand but none indicated.

**Motion:** that the identified directors be elected. **Moved:** Wayne Stetski, **Seconded:** Ric Careless. **Carried**

#### **7. Membership Engagement.**

Colin addressed the issue of the future of the Council and the need to address outdoor recreation needs on protected areas and the non-protected areas.

#### **8. Adjournment:**

**Motion:** to adjourn. **Moved:** Richard Hankin, **Seconded:** Bev Ramey **Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.