



September Minutes

Tuesday September 10, 2024 – 10:00am

Meeting held Via Zoom

In Attendance: Wayne Stetski (President), Mel Turner, Bev Ramey, Bill Henwood
Nancy Wilkin, Mark Haddock, Ric Careless,

Gallivanting: Gail Ross, Kaaren Lewis, Bob Peart

Guest: Colin Campbell

President Stetski thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

1. Approval of the Agenda

*Moved by Bill, seconded by Ric, that the agenda be approved. **CARRIED***

2. Approval of June Minutes

*Moved by Bev, seconded by Mark that the minutes be approved. **CARRIED***

3. Treasurer's Report

Bill reported that the General account had just over \$1100 cash and a \$10,200 term deposit, and the Gaming account had about \$2800. \$1200 has been committed to the fall engagement program from the Gaming account.

4. Elders' Projects

a) Wayne asked everyone for an update from the directors.

Wayne led off, noting that the maintenance standards had deteriorated in parks he visited. Bev commented a similar concern. She noted that the younger staff had a more positive attitude. Nancy echoed the lack of maintenance at Montague Park. Mark commented on his efforts at Pinecone/Burke Park to move on the management plan after 30 years. He also noted the increase in park use.

Ric opined about the lack of fundamental maintenance due to lack of commitment at the executive and political levels. Ric also expressed concern about the imbalance with reconciliation efforts and the lack of nature emphasis. Ric also noted the importance of meeting the needs of new Canadians.

b) Wayne asked about next steps. Bob suggested that we identify 2-3 asks for the new government.

Mel suggested an early meeting with the new minister responsible for parks. Nancy noted that the same concerns in (a) were with the wildlife sector. She noted that there was no engagement strategy.

Discussion ensued about the Elders sponsoring an op-ed.

Ric, Bob and Wayne will prepare a media letter on the importance of future designation, existing sorry state of the provincial parks and public engagement and how the message will be delivered to be part of the upcoming election.

5. Next Meeting

Next meeting October 8, 10am.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.