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Strathcona Community Council  
Annual General Meeting  
On Zoom

November 22, 2021  
Meeting Minutes  
(Draft)

Present on Zoom: Jason Morse (President), Ian Borsuk (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Chris Erl (Executive-at-Large), Denise Minardi (Executive-at-Large), Matthew Walker, Jennie Vegriss, Barbara Ledger, Gord McNulty, Ryan Price, Elizabeth H., Barry Diacon, Lennox Toppin, Barbara Williams, Ella Soza, Jeffrey Fowler, Sarah Edell, Jen Dawson, Tanis Comrie, Aurelia Shaw, Brett Espensen, Francesca Lobo, Kenneth Sherman, Barbara Mead, David Keane, Joshua Allen, Barbara Ledger, Kathy Wolsey.

Guests: Councillor Maureen Wilson, Stephanie Hilson (Community Engagement and Strategic Initiatives Advisor), Police Sgt. Asim Butt.

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called order at 7:12 pm with Chris Erl in the Chair.
2. Land Acknowledgement:

The Chair read out the following acknowledgement:

We take this time to recognize that Strathcona is situated upon the traditional territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Mississauga and Haudenosaunee. This land is shared between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy and the Anishinaabe, as acknowledged in the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt. The Wampum uses the symbolism of a dish to represent the territory, and one spoon to represent that the people are to share the resources of the land, and take only what they need.

3. Agenda:

There were no changes to the agenda.

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan Marion, seconded by Denise Minardi, that the agenda be adopted.

Carried with 86 per cent support.

#### 4. Adopting Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan Marion, seconded by Denise Minardi, that the minutes of the November 30, 2020 Annual General Meeting be approved.

Carried with 83 per cent support.

#### 5. Updates from Councillor Maureen Wilson:

Councillor Wilson said she will be back on a Zoom meeting on November 23 for an update on Victoria Park. She noted the splash pad has far exceeded its lifetime and needs upgrades. Two options will be presented. "I am confident the proposed upgrades will be accepted," she said.

She provided information concerning a pilot on a bike boulevard along Breadalbane Street. She also provided an update on the proposed Vrancor development at 354 King Street West. The hotel portion received approval from city council for an amendment to add two floors to its proposed 10-floor building. Vrancor has appealed the other 27-floor apartment building component to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

She further said city officials are looking at installing a "much needed" washroom at Victoria Park, and noted the need for traffic calming initiatives.

She announced three public meetings on the design of protective cycling infrastructure that was in the overall LRT project that went off the rails.

Councillor Wilson referred to the vacant residential properties around the plaza at Dundurn Street North and King Street West, where there was a fire in one boarded up house at 22 Dundurn North. Responding to questions from Michael-Allan Marion, she said her office is working on the problem but is constrained by the fact that the properties are private properties registered with Shoppers Drug Mart. She also referenced the need for a vacant properties tax. She noted an ongoing attempt to gain an increase in green canopy and green infrastructure, referring to Green Venture and the GreenerWard1.com You Tube video.

Barry Diacon said he was supportive of improving bike lanes on Dundurn. Joshua Allen asked if there is a plan to add protection to Dundurn bike lanes. Councillor Wilson said no, the focus is on adding bike lanes on Breadalbane.

Responding to a question from Jason Morse about the Tuck Route Master Plan project, Councillor Wilson said she sits on the Truck Route Master Plan subcommittee, and word on progress is coming. Stephanie Hilson supplied a truck route media agenda link to the master plan report.

#### 6. Crime Manager's Report:

Hamilton Police Sergeant Asim Butt presented a review of crime incidents and investigations in the Strathcona neighbourhood in 2021.

## 7. President's Report:

Jason Morse reported on the Executive's establishment of four subcommittees: policy and advocacy; governance, which undertook a review of the SCC constitution and bylaws; events; and communications. The objective was to achieve "a more business-like way of conducting ourselves," he said. He explained the workings of the four committees. He said the reforms would be submitted to the general membership for a vote of approval later in the evening.

Motion: Moved by Jason Morse, seconded by Ian Borsuk, that the President's Report be approved.

Carried by 65 per cent, with 35 per cent abstaining.

## 8. Treasurer's Report: (see agenda package)

Jason Morse delivered the report because the Treasurer's position was vacant due to a resignation for health reasons. Morse said the current account balance stands at \$1,472.22 with the only charge pending being internet-related fees.

Motion: Moved by Jason Morse, seconded by Aurelia Shaw, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried by 68 per cent, with 32 per cent abstaining.

## 9. Committees: (see agenda package)

Policy and Advocacy - Chris Erl reported on the subcommittee's activities. During the summer and early autumn.

Communications - Jason Morse delivered a brief report on efforts to establish communications and reporting channels.

Events - It was explained that the committee had begun organizing a Screen on the Green event, it had to call it off due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Governance - Ian Borsuk explained the group's meetings to review the bylaws and constitution and put together a package seeking approval from the general membership.

Motion: Moved by Michael-Allan Marion, seconded by Denise Minardi, that all four subcommittee reports be approved.

Carried by 79 per cent, with 21 per cent abstaining.

10. Amendments to Constitution: (see agenda package)

Ian Borsuk made a presentation in which he explained how the constitution had not been updated since 2017 (five years). The amendments are meant to clarify clauses that were causing some problems of interpretation for the executive, while others were meant to make terminology more inclusive. He said none of the changes is controversial. The amendments were accepted by the Executive and submitted to the general membership for approval at the AGM.

Motion: Moved by Ian Borsuk, seconded by Denise Minardi, that the proposed amendments to the constitution be approved.

Carried by 85 per cent, with 15 per cent abstaining.

11 Elections for Executive:

The following members were all acclaimed for the positions of officers and executive members at large for 2022.

President- Jason Morse  
Vice-President: Ian Borsuk  
Treasurer - Chris Erl  
Secretary - Michael-Allan Marion  
Members-at-Large - Denise Minardi  
Ryan Price  
Joshua Allen  
Jen Dawson  
Barbara Williams

12. Adjournment:

Motion: Moved by Ian Borsuk, seconded by Ryan Price, that the meeting be adjourned.

Carried.