

CAPITAL REGION MUNICIPAL AMALGAMATION SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1442 MONTEREY AVENUE, VICTORIA BC

JUNE 16, 2018

- 1) CALL TO ORDER. The President (Shellie Gudgeon) called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.
- 2) CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM. The President was advised that 15 members had registered at the meeting. The Society Bylaws stipulate that a quorum is 10 registered members or more.
- 3) APPROVAL OF AGENDA.
MOTION. It was moved by Marg Gardiner and seconded by Paulette Marsollier that the agenda be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.
- 4) TREASURER'S REPORT. The Treasurer (Sandie Menzies) tabled a financial statement for the Society from April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. The total income during that period was \$582.45 and the total expenditures were \$899.19 The Society bank balance on March 31, 2018 was \$745.52
MOTION. It was moved by Sandie Menzies and seconded by John Weaver that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried unanimously.
- 5) BOARD REPORT. The President remarked that the last 12 months had been very eventful and productive. Following a Citizens' Assembly process, the City of Duncan and the District of North Cowichan agreed to proceed with possible amalgamation. The voters will decide the matter in a binding vote on June 23, 2018.

It was noted that Karen Harper, former Amalgamation Yes Board Member was elected to Saanich Council in a By-election in September 2017.

The Mayors of Saanich and Victoria have met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the exploration of the two municipalities joining. The Province has agreed to fund one-third of the cost of a Citizens' Assembly process and the Technical Analysis. The two councils are meeting on June 26, 2018 to determine next steps.

Amalgamation Yes hosted two Town Hall meetings to inform the public on the Citizens' Assembly process and to stress the importance of public input to any discussions regarding amalgamation. On March 3, 2018, a meeting was held in Sidney, attended by approximately 90 people. On April 25, 2018, a similar meeting was held in Victoria, with approximately 120 people were in attendance.

- 6) **QUESTION PERIOD.** The President invited questions and comments from those in attendance. Those present asked questions and offered comments on a wide range of issues including the strategy of using the Citizens' Assembly approach, relations with the Province, the importance of a full analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of a union of municipalities, and the decision to move from a one city model to a three-city approach, and our focus in the municipal elections in October 2018.
- 7) **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** The Secretary (Earle Anthony) presented the Report of the Nominating Committee:

Board Members

The following Board Members will be completing the second or two-year terms in the next year:

President: Shellie Gudgeon

Treasurer: Sandie Menzies

Members at Large: James Anderson, Marg Gardiner, and James Legh

Elections were then held for the following positions;

- a) Vice President (two-year term). Nominee: Colin Nielsen. Confirmed by acclamation.
- b) Board Members at Large (two-year terms). Nominees: Bill Carver, John Ellis, Paulette Marsollier, Chris Fleming and Mary Sluggett. Confirmed by acclamation.
- c) Board Member at Large (one-year term.) Nominee: Doug Pascoe. Confirmed by acclamation.

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee (Tony Hemskeerck) will be completing the second of his two-year term in the next year.

The following members were elected by acclamation to the Nominating Committee for a two-year term:

- a) John Weaver
- b) Earle Anthony
- c) Carol Burman

8) **NEW BUSINESS:** None

9) **GUEST SPEAKER.** District of North Cowichan Councilor Al Siebring spoke to those in attendance. He began by reviewing the history of the municipal governance in the Cowichan Valley. He then spoke about the events that led up to the two municipalities deciding to engage the public in the discussion of municipal unification through a Citizens' Assembly. The issues that emerged from the process included community identity, the probability of better joint planning and decision making, but limited prospects of significant economic

savings from the union. He recommended that Amalgamation Yes continue with its incremental approach.

10)ADJOURNMENT.

MOTION It was moved by John Weaver and seconded by Jim Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Carried unanimously.

The chair adjourned the meeting at 11:40 am.