

2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Sunday, September 08, 2024

5 p.m.

In attendance : Southland Park Residents (total of 35 households); SPRA Directors: Michelle Friesen, Don Blasko, Jason Friesen, Adriana Suver

Regrets: Member-at-large Serhii Zautkin

Welcome and Introduction

Michelle welcomed everyone to the AGM, outlined the agenda for the evening, and explained the process of participating, voting and speaking at the AGM.

Michelle introduced the current Executive Board and thanked previous members who have resigned.

Approval of Agenda and 2022 AGM Minutes

Adriana motioned to have the Agenda for the meeting approved. Wendy Snook seconded. The motion was carried by a show of hands of residents in attendance. None in attendance opposed.

Jason Wallace moved to have the Minutes of 2023 AGM approved. Edmond Ruest seconded and the motion was carried by a show of hands of residents in attendance. None opposed.

President's Address

Michelle provided the President's Annual Report:

The new play structure is an ongoing project. There is space for more playground or adult fitness equipment for which a new committee could take on fundraising and advocating in the future.

A fall community garage sale will take place on September 21 2024.

A petition against Qualico's refusal to build a playground in Sage Creek Phase 3 (Precinct J) is available for Southland Park residents to sign. The petition will aid the city councillor to fight this issue at City Hall.

The ice rink equipment that was purchased by SPRA is available for a group of residents to set up and maintain this winter. As there was no interest during the meeting, Don made a motion to sell the equipment and for the money to go back to SPRA. Tom Suver seconded. There were none opposed and the motion carried.

Michelle discussed the CN noise complaints and a Settlement Agreement proposed by CN. A resident inquired about why CN wasn't putting noise reducing measures into effect at present time. Another resident asked for clarification about the location of the proposed noise barrier. Don provided additional information on the proposed settlement, which stems from many meetings with CN that he and Gerry Labossiere attended. Adriana motioned to accept the Settlement Agreement. Jason Wallace seconded and the motion was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

Financial Summary

Jason Friesen provided a review of the Operating Bank Account and presented a balanced budget for 2025.

Michelle moved to approve the 2025 budget. Jason Wallace seconded and the budget was approved by a show of hands.

Resolution

Adriana presented the resolution "Appointment of Auditors" and asked for a motion for the Corporation to dispense with the appointment of an auditor for the fiscal years passed. Bev McIntyre moved and Maren Gnall seconded. There were no questions and the motion was passed unanimously by a show of hands.

Open Mic

Michelle thanked residents for the continued use of the community space.

Maren Gnall thanked the SPRA for the organization of the community BBQ.

Gerry Labossiere provided additional information about the CN agreement. Gerry believes the measures will make a drastic improvement to the noise that Southland Park residents hear. The sound engineer working with Gerry and Don recommended that we accept the agreement. The agreement can be revised in the future.

Michelle thanked all volunteers, those who helped throughout the year as well as today's event.

Nominations and Elections

Michelle and Adriana spoke about the need for new SPRA executive members. Four Southland Park residents volunteered to join the Executive: Laurie Forrest, Jane Drexler, Maren Gnall, Dave Gowriluk.

Bev McIntyre motioned for Laurie to be approved. Adriana seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bev McIntyre motioned for Jane to be approved. Adriana seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Jason Friesen motioned for Laurie to be approved. Michelle seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Don motioned for Laurie to be approved. Tom Suver seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.