

Century House Association Chairs Activity Meeting

Open Meeting May 1st 2024

Attendance:

Groups/Members: Lynn Bittner-Jobson, Blood Pressure Clinic (meeting Recorder), Patricia Dunnett, Fitness; Joanna Dupras, CH Players; Claudette Campbell, CH Players; Annette Oakes, Thursday Ukelele; Patricia Smith, member; Richard Nazarewich, CH Walkers; Wenke Hogg, Bursary Committee; Kathy Lynn, Parkinsons Group; Mary Gagnon, Bid Euchre; Linda Kenning, Carpet Bowling; Alice Yuen, Table Tennis; Ten Shin, Table Tennis; Barry Latimer, Quilting; Laura Anstruther, Quilting; Debbie Tommila, CH Singers; Shirley Miller, Ukulele; Wanda Madokoro, Conversational English; Tim Hicks, SET; Barb Moore, Tuesday Crafts; Mannie Canton, Pickleball; Tony Wall, Darts; Donna Milligan, Readers Theatre. Via Zoom: Pauline Joyce, Conversational French; Dianne Lewis, CHA Squares; Elizabeth Christie, Wednesday Crafts.

Executive: Bill Harper – VP (Meeting Chair); Curt Albertson - Member at Large; via Zoom: Anne Ladouceur – President. Regrets: Pat McDonald - Treasurer

Staff: Erica Mark, Hannah Glavin.

1. Call to order by Bill Harper at 10:58 AM following presentation by guest speaker, John Stark, City of New West Planning Department
2. Land acknowledgment by Bill Harper.
3. Adoption of minutes Apr.3rd meeting
mover Kathy Lynn, seconder Laura Anstruther *Carried*
4. Applications for the vacant executive positions have been received
5. **Old Business:**
 - a) Bill repeated the call for volunteers for land acknowledgment and Inspiration quotes at Chairs meetings.
ACTION: Debbie Tommila agreed to do the quote in Sept and Oct.
 - b) **ACTION:** The CHAE had selected Sat 25 May as a possible date for the Leaders Orientation but will look into other options and get back to the chairs ASAP. Important that all groups and committees attend. * *subsequently set at May 22 and June 15*

6. **Treasurer's Report:**

The CHA monies are in Term Deposits and the Executive approves the reinvestment of those Terms as they become due. Term Deposits are "safe" and not subject to market fluctuations. Investments are in compliance with the TRUSTEE ACT, [RSBC 1996] c 464, s. 15.2 *In investing trust property, a trustee must exercise the care, skill, diligence and judgment that a prudent investor would exercise in making investments*

Treasurer is on holiday from April 26 to May 5, 2024

Bookkeeper is on holiday until May 3, 2024

NOTE: if you want to be reimbursed for monies spent, please provide a written request and a receipt.

7. **Standing Committee Reports**

Bursary – Wenke Hogg reported three students selected to receive CHA bursaries. Names will be announced at awards ceremony in June.

Events planning - Anne Ladouceur reported Comedy Event on 19 June will be a licensed event.

Governance – no report this month

Curt Albertson outlined recent changes to the Clarion, and summarized the current editorial procedures.

8. **Bazaar Committee:**

Lynn Bittner-Jobson reported that the committee decided that it was too late to have the event before the summer break. Some options for the fall were mentioned. Fall craft sale will still happen.

Break

9. **Hyack Parade**

Chairs expressed interest in participating in the 25 May Hyack Parade.

ACTION: Bill Harper will coordinate. Watch for more information. * *this is underway*

10. **Staff Report:** Erica Mark, Manager, Recreation Services and Facilities

a) **United Way Update:** Grants of \$50,000 for food program, \$75,000 and \$100,000 for community service position to connect seniors with services they need.

b) We have received the new round tables. They are on site and ready for use

c) **Activity Group Scanning:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the pilot of the scanning for Activity Groups. We have been working through some technical challenges. Once the challenges have been resolved, we will look to rolling out the scanning for all activity groups. The benefits to the scanning process is that we will be able to gather statistics on attendance easily. These statistics will help the City and CHA assess spacing needs, program interests, etc.

ACTION: Please encourage your members to either scan in 30 minutes before their group or

right after their group ends. It will be important for us to have accurate attendance in order for the statistical data to have meaning.

d) Staffing Updates: Staff Recruitment:

We currently have the following Seniors Services positions available:

Program Coordinator - Community Connector (TFT)

Assistant Program Coordinator - Century House (RFT)


Assistant Program Coordinator - Citywide (RFT)

Recreation Worker 3 – Auxiliary

e) Program & Services Updates: Office Volunteers

We are happy to inform that our valued and appreciated Office Volunteers are back!

f) Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Engagement

The City of New Westminster is updating its [Parks and Recreation Plan](#) to guide future priorities and investments in parks, recreation facilities, services, and programs for the next 10 years, and beyond. As a resident, your voice is crucial in shaping this plan, which will impact the parks and recreation offerings across the city that serve us all. There are several ways for you to share your experiences and ideas:  Online Survey: Fill out the survey by May 28, 2024, for a chance to win one of 30 ten-visit passes to New West recreation facilities. [Click here to take the survey.](#)

g) Pop-Up Events: Join the City at one of several pop-up events in various locations throughout New Westminster. These events are family-friendly, with games, snacks, and other activities. Stop by and stay as long as you'd like to share your input.

- Ryall Park & Queensborough Community Centre: May 9, 2:00-5:00 pm
- Sapperton Plaza: May 11, 12:00-3:00 pm
- Simcoe Park: May 15, 2:00-5:00 pm
- Farmers Market (Tipperary Park): June 6, 3:00-7:00 pm
- Online Public Workshop: Join an interactive online workshop on May 22, 7:00-8:30 pm. [Register here](#)

11. Seniors Week Proclamation: June 2-8. Proclamation at Council on May 27.

12. Inspirational Quote: By Debbie Tommila.

13. Next Meeting Wednesday, June 5, 2024

14. Adjournment moved by Claudette Campbell

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