

NECRC Annual General Meeting
Tuesday, June 19th, 2008,
Norquay School

MINUTES

Present: See attached (to be provided by NECRC staff)

1. Welcome by President & E.D. & Dinner

2. Presentation by Honourable Gord Mackintosh (Minister of FS&H)

- The Minister provided a rousing speech mentioning his roots in the community and the importance of a coming back for business development. He commented on what community can do as evidenced in Pollock's Hardware Co-op Ltd. He highlighted that decline in property value discouraged the spirit but that housing development had recently resulted in a rise in property values.
- He noted that people are the change agents citing examples of the rejuvenation: LSP through the resource centre, the great start of the Community Financial Services Centre, the Ambassadors' Program, School Resource Officers, relationship with NEHP & others.
- Gord congratulated NECRC staff for their work with community. He presented a cheque for housing renewal from the Province of Manitoba. He drew for the first door prize.

The meeting called to order at 18:42. Consensus at the meeting agreed that John Wilmot would record Minutes with Levett Demchuk.

Motion #1: To approve the Agenda: Michael Buyachok, Seconded: Martin Landy. Carried.

Motion #2: After opportunity to read the minutes, to approve the Minutes of July 26, 2007 AGM: Larry Kinnear, Seconded: Myfanwy Cawley. Carried.

Motion #3: After presentation by Gerald Brown, NECRC's Treasurer and Marc Rivard (from the auditing firm BDO Dunwoody, to approve the Audited Financial Statements for NECRC and related corporation NERI, years ending March 31, 2008: Levett Demchuk, Seconded: Iona Patterson. Carried.

Motion #4: To appoint the Auditor for 2008/2009 as per the Board's recommendation: BDO Dunwoody: Michael Buyachok, Seconded: Gerald Brown. Carried.

Motion #5: To approve the By-law revision as presented. Discussion followed: What % approval need to pass? Answer: 2/3 majority. The following to be appended to Article 35 (b) "*The NECRC Board must be comprised of 50% plus one (1) Board members that live in the NECRC catchment base.*": Cornelius Buhler, Seconded: Iona Patterson. Opposed: Carla Belgin. Carried.

3. Elections (Garry Loewen presiding over) 19:07

- *Garry gave a Review of the process:* The Board is constituted from sector organizations in the community, The By-law, states that one seat each is reserved for: Aboriginal, Business, Community Service, Labour, Religious & Fraternal, Cultural, Special Appointment, and three

seats for Residents' Groups. The remaining seats (up to a total Board size of 13 members) can come from any of the aforementioned sectors, so long as any one sector has only one additional seat. The Special Appointment seat is selected by the Board, as are any unfilled vacancies at the time of the AGM or during the rest of the year. Additionally, as Board members are elected for prescribed terms, two (reserved) seats, Business and Community Service are not up for election this year.

- *The Four phases:* 1) Promotion of slate / floor nomination; 2) Reserved seats election; 3) Non-reserved seats election; 4) close of election & destruction of ballots.

- *Mechanics:* One representative (only) from an organizational member (only) may cast a ballot. A slate of candidates and short biographies thereof, separated by sector, are in AGM package. This will be supplemented by nominations received from the floor (three times called for).
 - o Of all the candidates at that point, for the Reserved Seat election, select one per sector eligible this year (with the exception of Residents' sector, for which three (3) selections may be made), and cast the ballot.
 - o More selections than this from eligible voters will spoil the ballot. Candidates not successful in the Reserved Seats election may let their name stand for the Non-reserved seat election.
 - o In the event that after the two (2) elections, the number of voted-for candidate(s) in any given sector exceeds the maximum allotment for that sector, the candidate(s) in those sectors with the most votes will win.
 - o Unusual this year, is that in one sector, two individuals from the same organization have been presented as candidates, thus effectively reducing each of their chances, as only one (not specified) of the pair can be voted for.

- *Questions from the floor:*
 - o Was there a nominating committee? Answer: Yes.
 - o Noting that one sector had no candidates, one person floated a proposal that she would otherwise meet the sector criteria, except that she was not herself endorsed by an organization, but could an unendorsed individual join the Board? Answer: The By-law does not support this. Another suggestion from the floor (paraphrased) was that since the desire of NECRC is to have the most complete filling of Board seats at the AGM, and since solicitations to at least one sector have resulted in no candidates, including nominations from the floor at this meeting, and since one individual has expressed a willingness to sit on the Board, but the By-law doesn't support that form of Board membership, that this individual be added to the candidate(s) for that sector, with the proviso, that should she be elected by regular voting in this election, she seek & successfully be endorsed by an organization in that sector prior to actually being able to serve on the Board. All of those component parts seemed reasonable to the membership, and it was allowed.
 - o Another question had to do with unrepresented sectors, specifically Recreation and Youth. In the By-law, a Board member must be at least 18 years of age, but otherwise, a process similar to last year in which the Cultural Seat was added must be followed. Effective date would be next year.
 - o Another query was about whether another one of the residents' organizations (Luxton), might, after the elections, have two (2) representatives elected. Answer was that the

sitting member's last meeting would be tonight, and election would produce maximum of one (1) for new term.

- *Nominations from the floor:* Some misunderstanding in the process resulted in one or more late nominations, which the membership felt were reasonable to accept. Also since one of the two duplicate nominations from the same organization was not present at the meeting, that nomination was subsequently dropped from the slate.
 - o After two rounds of elections, the results are as follow:
 - Business: Astrid Lichti, Mosaic Market BIZ;
 - Community Service: Mandy Richard, Oyata Tipi; Nona Pelletier, Ralph Brown C.C.;
 - Labour: Gary Swanson, CUPE, Local 500;
 - Religious & Fraternal: Father Michael Buyachok, St. Vladimir & Olga Metro Cathedral;
 - Cultural: Francis Dumaua, Filipino Seniors Centre;
 - Residents': Larry Kinnear, Dufferin; Nick Kulyk, Luxton; Levett Demchuk, William Whyte; Gerald Brown, Pt. Douglas;
 - Aboriginal: Marlene Wood
 - Special Appointment: Greg Johnson, Darcy and Deacon (law firm).

Motion #6: That the ballots be destroyed: Garry Loewen, Seconded: Levett Demchuk. Carried. New Board members were welcomed. 19:53 Elections end.

4. Question and Answer:

- Concerning the effectiveness of communication, some Organisational Representatives were elected tonight, how do non-elected organisation members groups find out about the activities of NECRC? Answer: By the elected representatives, NECRC staff, NECRC E.D., NA! etc
- One or more Storefront Enhancement Grants seemed to go to undeserving businesses, non-resident, poor corporate citizen, etc. Can criteria be changed? Answer: Current criteria states that the business be commercial and operating.

5. Program Summaries and Appreciation:

Board President & Executive Director both gave overview of the annual report and shared much thanks to the board and staff for their contributions. Program Managers introduced individual staff and the E.D. introduced members of the board. Special mention was made of our regrets on the passing of the late Wayne Wortman. Thanks and appreciation was shared for the support of Funders, Partners and the Venue provided for the event.

Motion to adjourn: Myfanwy Cawley. 20:08.

Signature: Board President

Signature: Board Secretary