

Cambrian Heights Community Association

Annual General Meeting, June 27, 2023

Cambrian Heights Community Hall

Directors present: Daryl Connolly, Andrew Connolly, Jennifer Manns, Barb Milne, Spencer Cutten and Ian McKinnon. Betty Bacque from social committee also attended.

### **Call to order: 7:45 pm**

Jennifer said 20 CHCA members were present at the meeting and formed a quorum.

### **Approval of minutes from previous AGM held on June 28, 2022:**

Motion moved by Daryl and seconded by Barb. Motion passed.

### **President's Report**

While audited results for 2022 had not been finalized in time for the meeting, Daryl Connolly presented draft numbers as part of his presentation reviewing highlights from the past year. The association remains in a strong financial position with roughly \$95,000 in unrestricted funds and almost \$96,500 in restricted funds. Achievements in 2022 included the introduction of a family bike day, the painting of a mural on the north side of the Community Hall and the installation of new signage outside the facility. He noted that the May bike event was more popular this year and that an evening of Irish dancing (ceilidh) in March 2023 became the first event in recent memory to sell out. Daryl said the ceilidh was organized by the three-person social committee and none of the trio is a CHCA director, showing residents can have an impact on community events and programs without joining the board. He encouraged audience members to propose ideas that will draw together the residents of Cambrian Heights and increase usage of the Community Hall. The association's healthy bank account enables it to react quickly and support new initiatives, he said.

Preliminary figures show the CHCA generated about \$91,500 in revenue and grants in 2022 and spent almost \$94,000. Government grants (20%), hall rentals (36%) and proceeds from a 2021 fund-raising casino (32%) were the top sources of funds last year. Three capital projects – a new sign outside Community Hall, the mural and a new ice-sweeping machine to maintain skating surfaces in the winter – totalled about \$12,000.

Daryl moved a motion, seconded by Spencer, to appoint Nancy Murdoch as auditor for 2023. Motion passed. Murdoch works with the Federation of Calgary Communities, which helps reduce the cost of the CHCA's annual audit, the president said.

Concerns about speeding traffic and infill housing developments remain top issues for many residents. Based on feedback from City officials, the best strategy is for residents to flood the 311 hotline with calls as the City often bases its actions on this feedback, Daryl said.

Retiring directors Susan Bromley, Barb Milne, Dan Story and Christine Breed were thanked by Daryl for their efforts. He noted that Barb had served as a director for more than two decades and volunteered for numerous events over the years. Following the meeting, he presented her with a \$200 gift card as a token of the association's appreciation for her work.

The redevelopment of the off-leash dog park is on hold for the moment as volunteers are waiting to meet with representations from Calgary Parks on proposed signature feature, the meeting place shelter, said Daryl Beattie, a former CHCA director overseeing the project. He said the cost of the proposed wooden structure hasn't been finalized, in part because it is not known how much support will be received from Calgary Parks, which will affect the estimated price of \$30,000. The department in the past year has planted more than 50 trees, installed benches and picnic tables, and provided logs at no charge to the association. Daryl said \$3,000 has been raised to date for the park's redevelopment, with \$2,500 coming from the CHCA and \$500 from Rosemont Community Association. An account has been registered with Parks Foundation Calgary for the off-leash park, meaning donations will be tax deductible.

Daryl Connolly wrapped up his remarks by encouraging AGM attendees to get active in the association, to read the monthly newsletter and to visit CHCA social media sites. He pointed out the board is down to five members and Jennifer Manns is the lone woman. Daryl moved a motion, seconded by Barb, that the five individuals named in the AGM's notice of motion be elected as directors and executives for the next year. Motion passed.

Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

### **Invited guest and other speakers**

Lizette Tejada, MLA for Calgary-Klein,

The recently elected MLA said she previously managed two constituency offices for the New Democrats and is very experienced with helping constituents access government programs, providing assistance to groups applying for grants and writing letters of support and commendation. Daryl said the CHCA has a history of good relationships with elected representatives regardless of political party and wished her success in her new role.

John and Jayne Bertram

The couple used the AGM to introduce themselves as dance instructors who plan to run classes on Scottish country dancing on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Community Hall starting in September at a cost of \$2 per person. Participants can be of any age, don't have to have a partner and the first lesson is free, they said.

### **Other Business**

Following the AGM, the five directors met briefly to unanimously approve of the following motion: Be it resolved that past officers of the Cambrian Heights Community Association, namely JoAnne Dorval-Dronyk, Susan Bromley and Kevin Outhet, be removed from signing authority on all bank accounts at ATB Financial. In addition, Ian McKinnon, as the association's Secretary, be added as signing authority to both of the association's bank accounts at ATB Financial.

Daryl also advised that his wife, Sonya Hnatiw, is assisting him in nailing down information sought by the auditor to complete the review of 2022 activities. Daryl said that Sonya is volunteering her time and has no signing authority for cheques.