



**Silver Springs Community Association
2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
January 16, 2020 7:30 pm**

Minutes

1. Opening Remarks: Cydney Elofson welcomed the community members, guests, staff and board to the meeting.
2. Call to Order / Confirm Quorum

Cydney Elofson called the AGM to order at 7:46
Current Board Members were introduced and thanked for their work over the past year.
Ike Zacharopoulos (Vice President of Scenic Acres Board of Directors) confirmed quorum and that proper notice of the AGM had been provided in Silver Springs Spirit, on the SSCA website and with additional signage as per bylaws.
Minutes will be taken by Monique Tambay-Roest (Board Secretary)
3. Introduction of Guests: MP Pat Kelly with Kelli Taylor (Director of Operations) MLA Jason Copping, Councillor Ward Sutherland, and Heather MacKay
4. Approval of Agenda: Kay Wilford moved to approve the agenda as presented, Karen Bradshaw seconded. Motion Carried
5. Minutes from 2018 AGM (January 17, 2019): Scott Chomistek moved to approve the 2018 minutes as presented, Monique Tambay-Roest seconded. Motion carried.
6. Business Arising from the 2018 AGM Minutes:
 - a) No business arising
7. President's Report

Cydney Elofson thanked and recognized the work and dedication of the office staff, and the volunteers for the events, PSAC, the rink, and the BGSS

Cydney thanked and recognized Jason Copping (MLA) and Pat Kelly (MP) for their attendance at the AGM, and additional functions and for their continual support.

Cydney thanked and recognized Councillor Ward Sutherland and his staff (Ralph Smith, Christine Louie, and Tomi Neilsen) for their support and direction.

Cydney thanked Heather MacKay for and acknowledged her hard work and dedication on behalf of both the Board and Community.

The SSCA remains in a financially strong position.

See President's Report (attached)

8. Featured Committee Reports:

- a. Edible Gardens Group: Introduced Liz McKay (co-chair of EGG). 2020 is the 10-year anniversary of EGG. Looking into expansion, benches/seating, and a little library.

In 2019, EGG laid down 52 cubic yards of topsoil, and built a base for a shed. This spring they will complete stage 2, building the shed, trellis, seating, seed sharing box and the library. The EGG received a grant from The Calgary Foundation to help cover the costs of expansion. EGG has been overwhelmed with donations of materials and labour from community members. The new area will be open to all community members (outside of fencing) to harvest. Inside the fencing will continue to be exclusive (for harvesting) for individuals who have paid for a box. EGG continues to engage community members, including students from the community schools, and co-hosting a Speaker Series with the Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs. EGG will be hosting an event in June to celebrate their 10-year anniversary and the grand opening of expansion.

- b. Indoor and Outdoor Facility Expansion Project: The development permit for the a 48x40 foot facility expansion is with the city. The two-floor expansion includes additional storage spaces, additional rental spaces, a 2-level Zamboni garage, a heated viewing area and bathrooms, and new, indoor vestibule for SOKO. The development permit should be approved by February, the SSCA can then apply for a building permit.

9. Guest Reports

- a. **Pat Kelly (MP):** Pat thanked the volunteers on the Board, and within the community (pool, rink, etc.) for their work. His office is in the Crowfoot

shopping area. They can help people having challenges when dealing with government departments, such as, Service Canada, Canada Revenue Agency, federal employees affected by Phoenix, and Immigration and Employment, etc. Pat is serving as a member of the Opposition Caucus, as an Associate Shadow Member for Finance. He serves on the Committee on Public Accounts (Office of the Auditor General) that examines how public money has been spent. Andrew Scheer has announced his intention to resign, there will be a leadership vote to replace him.

- b. **Jason Copping (MLA):** Jason thanked everyone for attending in the cold weather. He is the MLA for Calgary-Varsity, was elected in May 2019. To reduce costs, he is sharing an office with another MLA in Varsity.
- c. **Ward Sutherland (Councillor):** Ward thanked all the volunteers for their work. To reduce spending, the City of Calgary has adjusted the 4-year budget. The 2020 budget includes a 7.5% property tax increase for homeowners. The increase in residential property taxes, bring Calgary in line with the national average (3:1 for business: residential property taxes). Councillor Sutherland voted in favour of this budget change, and he voted to bring in an independent financial firm to review budgets and administrations, to look for additional savings.
- d. **Heather MacKay (Neighbourhood Partnership Coordinator, City of Calgary):** In 2019, Silver Springs was a *This is My Neighbourhood* community. As a result, the SSCA received some extra funds and was able to introduce additional community events. Heather thanked the Board for their work, and recognized Rita and Sherry for their work in the office.

10. Audited Financial Statements to August 31, 2019

Scott Chomistek (treasurer) acknowledged the SSCA staff, especially Deb Hall for her work handling the day-to-day financials, the reports and working with the Auditors.

The SSCA had a clean audit report on the 2018-2019 Financial Statements from Auditors. As of Aug. 31, 2019, the SSCA had:

Approx. \$210,000 unencumbered cash

Approx. \$44000 in profit, due to running swimming pool and increasing rentals.

Highlighted note 9 in the financial statements which outlined the SSCA partnerships with Crowchild Hockey Association, Crowchild Twin Arenas, COSPA, and the Botanical Gardens of Silver Springs (BGSS).

Scott Chomistek moved to approve the 2018-2019 Financial Statements as presented, Kay Wilford seconded. Motion Carried.

11. Appointment of Auditors for 2019 – 2020

Scott moved to appoint Czechowsky, Graham, & Hanevelt: Chartered Professional Accountants, to audit the financial statements for the 2019-2020 financial year, Karen Bradshaw seconded. Motion Carried

12. Nominating Committee Report

Cydney introduced Darren Bourget, Chair of the Nomination Committee
Darren thanked Karen Kirnbauer and Kay Wilford for their work on the Nomination Committee this year.

In 2019, both our former President Jeff van Wyck and Director Stephanie Reid stepped down from the SSCA Board of Directors, Darren thanked Jeff and Stephanie for their contributions. In Jeff's absence, Cydney Elofson (former Vice-President), moved into the role of President, Jennifer Dotchin (former Board Secretary) became Vice-President. Scott Chomistek remained on the Executive in his role as Treasurer, and Monique Tambay-Roest, Director of Safety, joined the Executive as Board Secretary.

Five current Directors are standing for re-election: Cydney Elofson, Jennifer Dotchin, Scott Chomistek, Monique Tambay-Roest, Jeremy Gukert. Jérémie Bourqui is standing for election to join the Board as a Director.

13. Election of Directors

All nominees have been elected to the Board of Directors for the term 2020-2022 by a majority of voting members present.

14. Ratification of Actions and Decisions by the Board

Jeremy Gukert moved to ratify the actions and decisions by the Board in 2019, Jennifer Dotchin seconded. Motion Carried.

Darren Bourget moved that the ballots from the election of the Board of Directors for 2020-2022 be destroyed, Scott Chomistek seconded. Motion Carried.

15. Closing Remarks/Adjournment

Jennifer Dotchin moved to adjourn the AGM at 9:09pm, Liz McKay seconded.
Motion Carried