

***Third Annual General Meeting  
Sidney Community Association (SCA)  
Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney, British Columbia***

***June 23, 2018 at 10 a.m.***

***Board Members:***

***Present:*** Bob Carey, Eric Diller, Jocelyn Gifford, Viv Harding, David Hughes, Patrick Killeen, Jane Lunt

***Absent:*** Steve Duck

***Welcome:***

At 10 a.m. Jocelyn Gifford, president of the SCA, welcomed everyone to the traditional territory of the WSANEC people before introducing guest speaker Elizabeth May, Member of Parliament for Saanich and the Gulf Islands.

***Guest Elizabeth May, MP, OC:***

Speaking to the topic “Democracy and Public Engagement”, she expressed the opinion that it is critical to our democracy that community associations exist. She spoke for 25 minutes, then took questions from the floor. Her entire presentation is available as a video on the website [sidneycommunityassociation.ca](http://sidneycommunityassociation.ca).

Thank you to Michael Doyle who videotaped it for SCA, and to Thomas Teuwen who recorded it for both Elizabeth May and the SCA.

***AGM Call to Order:***

At 10:50 a.m. Jocelyn Gifford called the meeting to order. She reminded members that the purpose of the Association is to provide a forum for dialogue and information sharing, and that the Association believes every Sidney resident is part of creating the future of our town.

She acknowledged the dignitaries present: Sidney Mayor Steve Price and Councillors Cam McLennan and Peter Wainwright and introduced two prospective candidates for the upcoming municipal election: Cliff McNeil-Smith, a mayoralty candidate, and Sara Duncan running for Sidney Town Council. She stressed that the Association is non-partisan and as such does not endorse candidates.

***Motion to approve the Agenda:***

It was moved by Eric Diller, seconded by Bob Carey that the agenda be approved.

**CARRIED**

***Establish a quorum (10% of 167 members):***

Quorum was established as there were 38 members present.

***Approve Minutes of Previous AGM:***

It was moved by Debbie Thorlacius, seconded by Dale Hazlehurst that the Minutes of the 2017 AGM be approved.

**CARRIED**

***Directors' Reports:***

**President's Report:** Jocelyn Gifford spoke to the top four priorities chosen by the membership in September 2017.

- (i) Election – the May 6<sup>th</sup> presentation on the “Municipal Election: electing our town council” brought in the largest audience to date. A video of this discussion can be accessed at [sidneycommunityassociation.ca](http://sidneycommunityassociation.ca)
- (ii) Housing Affordability – there were informative presentations and discussion at our general meetings.
- (iii) More Public Involvement in Municipal Affairs – this has seen the SCA actively support neighbourhood groups and is expected to encompass a role in the upcoming Municipal Election.
- (iv) Vision for Sidney's future – the Official Community Plan (OCP) is the official guide to policies that determine land use. Sidney residents have been working on a common vision, to be presented to the incoming Council, which could act as a guide in the anticipated OCP review, thereby ensuring the outcome is truly in the best interests of residents.

***Sidney Community Association initiatives:***

- letters and presentations to Town Council;
- Facebook – member Jeff Meyer suggested, and offered guidance on, a Facebook page as a way to connect with a different, non-senior, demographic;
- supporting Neighbourhood groups such as Robert's Bay, Lochside-Weiler and Reay Creek;
- Youth outreach – Eric Diller reached out to students at Parklands to both inform and involve these future voters on municipal matters;
- Jane's Walks - named for Jane Jacobs, whose life was dedicated to connecting urban design to the way people live, work and socialize, these walks saw several residents leading tours in different areas of our community.

***The President expressed her appreciation to the following:***

- those infrastructure committees that make everything possible:

*Membership* (chaired by Kathleen McMullin),

*Events* (chaired by Eric Diller),

*Council Watch Team* (Jocelyn Gifford, Dale Hazlehurst, Kathleen McMullin). As the future of this function is in doubt, the President asked interested parties to join her to explore better options for providing this service;

- Sidney All Care, Adam Olsen, Dale and Gail Hazlehurst, and Pacifica Realty for hosting SCA meetings;
- Starbucks for providing complementary tea and coffee;
- Michael Doyle for his videography skills;
- Council liaison Cam McLennan, for diligently attending all our meetings; and
- Outgoing Board members: Sara Duncan, Viv Harding, Dale Hazlehurst, Jane Lunt, and Kathleen McMullen. She thanked them for their varied contributions and hard work.

**Election Committee Report:**

Patrick Killeen stressed that the results of the upcoming election will set the tone and structure of Sidney for some time to come. He referred to committee initiatives such as advertisements at the Star Cinema, an information sheet to assist electors and an All-Candidates' meeting planned for October 2nd. He drew attention to sign-up sheets for letter-writing and door-knocking and repeated the importance of getting residents informed and out to vote.

**Financial Report:**

Viv Harding, Treasurer, presented the Financial Report for the Year Ended May 31, 2018.

<u>Revenue</u>		<u>Expenses</u>		<u>Reserve</u>	
Button Sales	41	Advertising	264		
Donations	1820	Directors Insurance	655		
New Memberships	350	Gifts	151	Contribution to Reserve	1692
Membership renewals	1620	Office Expenses	543	Beginning of Period	1351
		Post Office Box	174		
		Printing	188		
		Room Rental	164		
<b><u>Total Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>3831</u></b>	<b><u>Total Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>2139</u></b>	<b><u>End of Period</u></b>	<b><u>3043</u></b>

The Treasurer noted that upcoming expenses will include Directors' Liability Insurance and the rental of Bodine Hall for the All-Candidates meeting. She then asked for a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Moved by Eric Diller, seconded by Bob Carey

**CARRIED**

**Motion to Set the Annual Membership Fees:**

Eric Diller moved that the Annual Membership Fee remain at \$10.00. Seconded by Bob Carey.

**CARRIED**

**Presentation:**

Bob Carey stressed that a priority for SCA is keeping the membership informed of the discussion at Town Council. To this end members of the Council Watch team, Jocelyn Gifford, Dale Hazlehurst and Kathleen McMullin, have attended all Council meetings since April 2016, and distributed reports to the membership. Bob Carey thanked them for their dedication and presented each of them with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Association.

**Election of Board of Directors:**

Those in attendance were reminded that whilst our meetings are open to the public, only members in good standing may cast a vote at the AGM.

Sara Duncan announced the following board members who are running again: Bob Carey, Eric Diller, Steve Duck, Jocelyn Gifford, David Hughes and Patrick Killeen. Dennis Carlsen and Elaine Hicks have both agreed to run for a position on the Board.

Nominations were invited from the floor. None was put forward, so the following members were acclaimed: Bob Carey, Dennis Carlsen, Eric Diller, Steve Duck, Jocelyn Gifford, Elaine Hicks, David Hughes and Patrick Killeen.

**Collection Basket:**

A collection basket was passed around and \$390.30 received in donations.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

At 11:55 am it was moved by David Calveley, seconded by Marian Marsh that the meeting be adjourned.

**CARRIED**