

**CALGARY SIGNAL HILL ELECTORAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Spruce Cliff Community Hall
3375 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary AB
Monday, January 22, 2018
Minutes**

1. Call to Order and introductions from the Chairperson: 7:10 pm

The meeting was called to order by David McKenzie, President of the Calgary Signal Hill EDA, who welcomed those in attendance and acknowledged the EDA Board members and the members of the Executive Committee present. He also introduced Marilyn Elliott, National Councilor and Chris Carlile, who would be the Chief Returning Officer for the evening. David noted that Ron Liepert was tied up in a meeting; however, he would be coming as soon as he could.

2. Singing of O Canada

3. Reading of Notice of Meeting:

David McKenzie asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting.

A **motion** to dispense with the reading of the Notice of Meeting was made by Sadiq Valliani and seconded by Ernst Kubitz.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

4. Approval of Agenda:

There being no additions or deletions requested to the Agenda, David McKenzie asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

A **motion** to approve the agenda was made by Cynthia Williams and seconded by Sadiq Valliani.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

4. Approval of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting:

There being no issues with the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting, which had been available for review on the EDA website, David McKenzie requested a motion to approve the Minutes.

A **motion** to approve the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting was made by Ted Carruthers and seconded by Harold Gutek.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

5. Presentation of President's Report including Election Readiness Plan.

David McKenzie reported that the board had met 6 times in 2017 and had held a strategic planning session in April. It is believed that the EDA did fairly well in reaching out to our members and in offering value for their memberships, as well as maintaining contact with other EDAs. It was noted that we had organized a get-together/fundraiser in conjunction with the leadership election. In addition, under the leadership of Cheryl Durkee, we had hosted a second annual Stampede Barbecue. The fund-raising activities of the EDA were deliberately restricted as we did not want to be constantly contacting members to donate and were limited to a couple of appeals during the year. As a small fund-raiser, we have offered Christmas ornaments and ear buds for sale, which are still available through our EDA website. The Membership Committee, led by Joanne Birce focused on contacting lapsed or lapsing members to try to re-engage their interest in the EDA, and we are pleased that we currently have about 2300 members. The Youth Committee continues to try to engage younger members. The Policy Committee under the leadership of Steven McLeod held 2 policy engagement sessions with our members in 2017 that were well attended. The committee also put together a number of policies that we have submitted for further consideration at the Alberta Congress in February, where we will also be sending 10 voting delegates. We will then be heading into a National Convention in Halifax in August.

The Board also voted to provide a loan/gift of \$7500 to assist with the election costs of our Conservative candidate in a by-election in Bonavista-Burin-Trinity in Newfoundland. Although the candidate lost, the results were better than in 2015 and we will be receiving back 60% of our financial assistance (\$4500

approximately) through the reimbursement that will be received from Elections Canada. The balance of the funds advanced will be treated as a gift.

Until now, the focus of our election readiness has been to ensure that we raise the funds we will need for the next election; to maintain our membership base and to ensure that we are seen as offering value for memberships.

6. Presentation of Financial Statements:

Lee Raffey, the Financial Agent, reviewed that EDA Statement of Receipts and Disbursements and Balance Sheet that were posted on the EDA website. He indicated that the EDA was in a pretty healthy financial situation. He noted that donations were down a bit from 2016, and that we had received \$2550 from ticket purchases from our members to the Heritage Stampede Barbecue. The statements also reflected the reimbursement we expect to receive back in the amount of \$4500 from Bonavista-Burin-Trinity from monies loaned to assist them in their by-election campaign. Lee also indicated that the funds received from Head Office included funds owing dating back to 2016 as well as 2017 and that we had received in 2017 the reimbursement owing to us by Elections Canada for election expenses in 2015. It was noted that after the 2019 federal election, the EDA will only actually receive half of the sixty per cent reimbursement of costs from Elections Canada and the other half will be retained by the national party.

7. Presentation of Nominations Committee Report:

Ted Carruthers, Chair of the Nominating Committee reported to those in attendance that he, Joanne Birce, and David McKenzie had made up the nominating committee. He indicated that there were 15 positions to be filled for a two-year term (being one-half of the 30-member board) and there were 10 returning board members and 5 new candidates standing for election. In addition, he noted that there were some resignations of directors unable to complete their two-year term so there were one-year vacancies to be filled.

A **motion** was then made by Ted Carruthers and seconded by Michael Smith to approve the slate of candidates standing for election for two-year terms.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

8. Election of Directors:

There were three calls for nominations from the floor. Melissa Ellis asked to stand for nomination to fill a one-year term.

Chris Carlile, the Returning Officer, asked for a motion to waive the requirement that the candidates present speeches as there was not a contested election.

It was moved by Sadiq Valliani and seconded by Ryan Ellis that speeches from candidates be dispensed with.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

Chris Carlile then asked for a motion that the ballots be destroyed.

It was moved by Sadiq Valliani and seconded by Ryal Ellis that the ballots be destroyed.

The vote was unanimous; motion passed.

10. Report from the Member of Parliament:

David McKenzie then introduced our Member of Parliament, Ron Liepert. Ron thanked the retiring members of the board for their services on the board and welcomed the new members. He spoke briefly on a number of topics of interest to the members, including economic issues, our new leader, and the new rules regarding reimbursement of election expenses commencing with the 2019 election that will see half of EDA election cost reimbursements being remitted to the national party. He is of the view that we may be facing a federal election in the spring of 2019 rather than the fall, so that we have to be ready and the importance of having a positive campaign to put forward, including an environmental policy. He reported that the Alberta Caucus has been meeting with energy representatives to put together an Alberta position to better coordinate communications to Canadians about the importance of the energy industry. Ron then answered a number of questions from those in attendance.

15. Motion to adjourn:

A **motion** to adjourn was made by Lee Raffey and seconded by Steven McLeod.

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

“David McKenzie” David McKenzie, Chair

“Glenda Graham” Glenda Graham, Recording Secretary