



September 18, 2024
AGM Minutes

In attendance:

Patrick Giroux
Shelley Wark-Martyn
Sally Samuel
Mike Pasma
Justin Dabu
Sarah Ferguson
Joylynn Matheson
Darvin Zuch

Jason Todd
Nancey Yip
Keith D'Souza
Jim Clement
Doreen Robertson
Guest #2 (senior newcomer to McKenzie Towne)
Guest #3 (senior newcomer to McKenzie Towne)
Cole Andrew (Tom Kmiec office, MP for Calgary Shepard)

Called to order at 19:45.

President's Report

- Shelley shared her 2023 President's Report.
- Shelley made a motion to pass report. Patrick seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Shelley made a motion to pass the 2023 year's activities approval. Mike seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Patrick made a motion to pass the Treasurer's Report. Sally seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Dar inquired whether financials be published on website, to which Shelley replied that the new President can respond to in the future.

Elections

- The nomination portion of the meeting was turned over to Joylynn Matheson to moderate.
- Shelley nominated Sally for President. Patrick seconded. No other nominations, all in favour, motion passed.
- Shelley nominated Mike for Vice-President. Sally seconded. No other nominations, all in favour, motion passed.
- Sally nominated Justin for Secretary. Patrick seconded. No other nominations, all in favour, motion passed.
- Shelley nominated Patrick to remain as Treasurer. No other nominations, all in favour, motion passed.
- A call was given to ask if anyone wanted to be nominated as a Director At Large. Darvin nominated himself. All in favour, motion passed.
- Nancey Yip asked if someone has to be an MTCA member to join the Board. Patrick responded affirmatively; membership is required to join the board as long as there are vacant positions.
- Nancey Yip nominated herself as a Director At Large. All in favour, motion passed.
- A request was made for a motion to be passed to accept the nominated candidates. Patrick made the motion. Jason seconded the motion.

Items for Business

- Dar made a motion to lower membership age requirement to 14 instead of 18, amending bylaw 3.3.1. Motion was denied because it failed to meet our current bylaws requiring advanced notice at least twenty-one days, specifying the intention to propose a resolution (bylaw 2.1.25 and Article 8. Amendments, 8.1).



- Discussion ensued:
 - His reason for motioning was that he felt youth in the community are under-engaged, and that allowing for full MTCA membership is an opportunity to increase participation.
 - Alternative ways to increase youth engagement (youth advisory committees, non-voting membership rights, cap of 30% of directors can be youth, etc.) were shared by executive MTCA members.
 - Concerns raised included that MTCA's Director's Insurance doesn't cover youth, and a high number of youth Directors could overpower spending decisions.
 - The MTCA executive committee and Directors agreed to table this item.

Tom Kmiec Update

- Cole Andrew from Tom Kmiec's office shared that parliament is back in session until Thanksgiving, after which it will go until November 12.
- He reminded the attendees that his office is here to help with any concerns related to the CRA, immigration, or passports.

Meeting adjourned at 21:03.