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Annual General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
7:00 pm, Multi-purpose Rm
Southdale Community Centre

Meeting Called: 7:08 pm

Board Members In attendance:

Kevin Dickson, Tom McCarthy, Salem Woodrow, Miriam Robern, Cindy Little

Board Members Not In attendance:

Karine Drobko

1. **Land acknowledgement** (Tom McCarthy)
 - i) A formal land acknowledgement was made, recognizing both the land and the Indigenous Peoples who were the original stewards of the lands on which we now live.
2. **Introductions** (Kevin Dickson)
 - i) Kevin introduced members of the Board to the assembly
 - (1) Kevin Dickson – Chair
 - (2) Tom McCarthy – Treasurer
 - (3) Salem Woodrow – Director at Large
 - (4) Miriam Robern – Communications
 - (5) Cindy Little – Secretary
 - (6) Karine Drobko – Vice Chair
3. **Review and approval of 2025 Annual General Meeting Agenda**
 - i) Approved as written. Moved by Salem Woodrow; seconded by Tom McCarthy.
4. **Review and approval January 17, 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes**
 - i) Approved as written. Moved by Salem Woodrow; seconded by E. Chouinard (member of the assembly).
5. **Chairperson's Report** (Kevin Dickson)

The Southdale Residents Group was officially established on January 17, 2024 at a Town Hall meeting where an election for the current board members was held and the constitution was approved.

A public profile was created with a Southdale Residents Group website as well as Facebook and Instagram profiles to meet our biggest challenge: getting the word out that we exist and are here for the community.

Activities in 2024 were organized and manned mostly by board members. We really are in need of volunteers in order to maintain and expand community activities going forward.

i) 2024 Activities/Events

- (1) **Community Spring Cleanup** - A well attended event with approximately 80 to 100 people/families coming out to help clean up the community. We also received good support for donations and prizes from the local businesses for event participants.
- (2) **Homelessness/vagrancy in the area** – Hosted an outdoor event with Miriam Willis, Executive Director of Street Links, to speak about the situation and address residents’ concerns, and provide us with resources to call.
- (3) **Community Market Harvest and Garage sale** – A resident event that was piggybacked onto the end of garden harvest season and the fall city giveaway weekend. Fourteen resident homes participated and had their garage sales added to the map.
- (4) **Purple Loosestrife cleanup** - a group of volunteers worked to remove purple loosestrife from Southdale lakes’ edges. Purple loosestrife is an invasive species which can displace native vegetation and alter water quality, reducing habitat for fish, wildlife and native plants.
- (5) **Southdale Residents Group Logo contest** - A contest was held within the community to create a logo for the Group. The winner was local artist Arianne McKeever.
- (6) **Online Auction** – This was held as a fundraiser for future SRG activities. All auction items were donated.
- (7) **Holiday Light contest** - Residents were invited to enter their homes into a holiday light contest. Winners were determined by online vote for the most festively decorated house. Winner was the Latta family on Beaverhill.
- (8) **Co-operative Skate and visit with Santa** – This event was held in conjunction with the Southdale Community Center’s free skate. The event was well attended and received positive feedback.

ii) 2024 Milestones

- (1) **By-laws** - created and approved.
- (2) **Business Name Registration** – The “Southdale Residents Group” was registered with Business Manitoba by due process.
- (3) **Certificate of Incorporation** – Having the Southdale Residents Group incorporated allows more opportunity to apply for possible funding grants be it civil, provincial, or federal.

Going forward into 2025

Apply for possible funding grants - be it civil, provincial, or federal - to continue supporting improvement and maintenance of Southdale through non-profit activities

including fundraising, social events, local business support and community beautification within the neighborhood boundaries.

- Continue with the activities that we have done this past year as the feedback we got was positive.
- Continue to work with the Southdale Community Center on future collaborative events
- Continue communications with the Chairs/Presidents of the various residents groups in the Southdale/Lagimodiere Provincial constituencies, which includes Island Lakes, Royalwood, Sage Creek, Southdale, Southland Park, Windsor Park, with the intent to learn from other groups and see what we can do collaboratively.
- The formation of several Committees, with the participation of residents, to support the community. These are
 - (a) **Safety Committee** – this is probably the number one item on peoples minds as can be seen by the Facebook page “Southdale Crime Watch and Patrol” where we are currently at 754 members. Those not familiar with it, we have been taking peoples posts on crimes withing the community and posting the locations on a community map – so you can see patterns etc. There will be formation of public patrols (will need volunteers) and we have applied to the COPP “Citizens on Patrol Program “who will train and help in properly educating community patrols.
 - (b) **Beautification Committee** – will include the community litter cleanups, purple loosestrife removal, and bringing other ideas to the board to help enhance the overall community.
 - (c) **Fundraising Committee** – this would include Market Harvest/Garage sale, online auctions or other ideas put forward. To secure grants, we will require matching funds.

6. Treasurer’s Report (Tom McCarthy)

- i) Business Account was established (requiring two signatories)
- ii) Net Cash Flow statement was presented
 - (1) Income (grants and fundraising) \$1,420.00
 - (2) Operating expenses \$607.51
 - (3) Cash flow as at January 22, 2025 \$534.59

7. Directors’ Reports

- i) Communications: Miriam Robern
 - (1) A website has been created (www.southdale.online)
 - (2) A Facebook page has been created (Southdale Residents Group)
 - (3) An Instagram account has been created (Southdale Residents Group)
- ii) Secretary’s Report: Cindy Little
 - (1) Nothing to report

8. Election – Director(s) at Large

- i) Nominations for two directors-at-large will be accepted as they are presented.
 - (1) A Director-at-Large role involves participating in Board meetings, providing input on key decisions, and contributing expertise or guidance on matters relevant to the organization's mission and objectives.

9. Round table, open discussion

Q. Matt Allard: Is there a requirement to audit under the Articles of Incorporation?

A. Tom MacCarthy: No, as there is no profit.

Q. Kevin Dickson: Are there funds or grants available from the city for upcoming SRG projects?

A. Matt Allard: Capital one-time funding up to \$10K may be available for worthwhile project(s) involving city land and/or capital.

Discussion: Matt provided examples of what was requested in River Heights for these funds

- (i) A reporting and follow up system for residents with safety concerns/incidents
- (ii) An appeal for more resources with City of Winnipeg, Winnipeg Police Services
- (iii) Area Lighting

SRG members cited simple projects initially, such as park benches, median planters. Will discuss at upcoming meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:53