

Armstrong Green Space Society

February 8th, 2019 Minutes of the Board Meeting

Meeting opened at 2:00 p.m.

1) Board Responsibilities

President is Lindsay Thachuk

- organize and chair meetings
- manage the armgss.com website

Vice President is Don Cominetti

- organize and chair meetings in the absence of the President

Treasurer is Sue Stewart

- looking into organizing a Society bank account
- manage the Society funds

Other directors are Ron Smeeth, Bill Lee, Keri Podschadly, Lee Bannister, Steve Tattrie with roles to be assigned.

2) Finalization of Society requirements for BC Government registration:

Approved Purpose of the Society:

The purpose of the Armstrong Green Space Society is to let the residents of the City of Armstrong and District of Spallumcheen work together to protect the green space in their communities for the benefit of the whole region.

Registered directors will be the President, Vice President and Treasurer

The Model Bylaws were adopted as supplied by the BC Government Society website

Motion to use \$100 to pay for the registration was made by Lindsay, seconded by Don and was passed unanimously.

3) Strategies moving forward

There was a lot of discussion about moving forward and a lot of questions were answered to get everyone on the same page with regards to the community and the role of the golf course.

Steve Tattrie will check with the Legion re renting a block of space on the Legion's regular advertisement in the Okanagan Advertiser.

Don Cominetti will check with some society members who might be able to use their expertise

on Social Media to promote our cause to the community. He will also get information from the School Board with regards to the capacity of the local schools to handle the additional student numbers if the proposed development is encouraging families to move to Armstrong. Don will also check with Vernon Morning Star and Beach Radio re having a notice of our meetings being included in their Community Events Calender.

Sue Stewart will check with local financial institutions about opening a Society bank account.

Lindsay Thachuk is still waiting for the City to provide the necessary details about the Bylaw(s) that are curretnly in effect to zone the Royal York Golf Course land as Recreation/Commercial. Once that is done, a draft petiton will be created for all the members to approve. There was some discussion how we will attract the interest of residents to sign the petition. A proactive approach is preferred as once the application is submitted to the City for rezoning there will only be a short period of time to obtain signatures.

4) Individual actions were discussed that included encouraging all residents who have concerns about potential flooding from the stormwater runoff on the property, loss of a valuable tourist attraction, devalued properties in the area surrounding the golf course, and an amenity for all residents which include the 41% of the population that is over 55 in Armstrong. It was felt we need to keep the process in the headlines by submitting letters to the newspapers expressing individual concerns with proposed development.