

**Mature Action Community Society  
Draft Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. 2017  
Our Lady of the Mountains, 6299 Lorimer Road, Whistler**

**1a. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM by President Stacey Murl

**b. Opening Remarks:** The Chair Stacey Murl was pleased to extend a warm welcome to all members attending the Annual General Meeting.

**c. Introductions:** The Chair presented those seated at the Head Table:  
Directors Joan Richoz, Bob Calladine, and Robert Murl.

**2a. Notice of the Annual General Meeting**

Article 77 of the New BC Societies Act says:  
“Written notice of the date, time and location of a general meeting must be sent to every member of the society at least 14 days before the meeting.”

This was done on: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017

**b. Establishment of a Quorum:**

**Quorum:** Part 4 item 16-3 of Mature Action Community By-Laws states that  
*“A quorum is 20 percent of registered members in good standing present”*.  
(the New By-Laws will amend this to 10 percent of registered members)

The Chairman of the Credentials Committee Joan Pitman reported that 40 active members in good standing from a total of 150 active members were in attendance.

**MOTION:** “Resolved that the list of voting members be adopted as the official roll of voting members for this Annual General Meeting of April 24, 2017.” Moved by Joan Pitman, seconded by Bob Calladine. Carried.

The voting body for this AGM was established.

**3. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION:** “Resolved that the agenda be approved”. Moved by President Stacey Murl seconded by Peter Shrimpton. CARRIED

#### 4. Approval of the 2016 Minutes

The Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting were adopted as circulated and published on the MAC website.

#### 5. Annual Reports

##### a) **Financial Report**

Copies of the Financial Statements for the 12- month period ending January 31, 2017 were posted on our website and were reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held February 27, 2017

Treasurer Rosemary Cook presented the Treasurer's Report – Financials available on the website.

##### b) **President Stacey Murl's Annual Report**

#### **Who we are and what we do!**

**Vision** – “a welcoming supportive community where Whistler residents 55+ comfortably age in place and are valued for what they do.

**Mission** – “Identify Opportunities and advocate for policies and programs that will move our vision into reality.”

#### **Our Strategic Plan**

- ▶ 1. Advocate for seniors' programs and services
- ▶ 2. Represent our constituency with a collective voice
- ▶ 3. Generate public awareness
- ▶ 4. Provide social interaction
- ▶ 5. Create partnerships

#### So how did we do this year?

##### **1. Advocate for Seniors' Programs and Services**

- ▶ The Community Foundation of Whistler – Non-Profit Network
  - ▶ A Community Needs survey was developed for Non-profits to investigate their most important concerns.
  - ▶ Over 40 Non-profits answered the survey and our needs are varied but the point is we now have data about exactly what those needs actually are with this input.

From our point of view – a space is the highest thing on that list for us and for some other non-profits as well.

We are now a part of this network and as a group we have a louder voice.

Where it takes us only time will tell

- ▶ Two grant applications for a Seniors' Weekend submitted to:
  - ▶ Whistler Blackcomb Foundation
  - ▶ Squamish Savings

- Both of these grant applications couldn't have happened without the work of Kathy White whose ideas started it and who did most of the work. In the end, they were not successful but we learned a lot.

▶ BC Seniors Living Association Conference

Garry Watson, former board member, attended and paid ½ of the greatly discounted fee he negotiated. Maintaining contacts within the BC Ministry of housing and keeping our hope of eventually having Supported Independent Living in Whistler alive.

- ▶ A presentation to municipal council followed our year-end.

**2. Represent our constituency with a collective voice**

- ▶ Overhaul of our Constitution and By-laws to conform with the new Societies Act which came in to force November 2016
- ▶ Whistler Housing Association – Bob Calladine and Gord Leidal attended meetings.
- ▶ Non-Profit Network Member – attended meetings
- ▶ Vital Signs Research participant – attended meetings

**3. Generate Public Awareness**

- ▶ Whistler Mature Action Community Group Facebook Page
  - ▶ Any member can post activities or meetings – but they have to be approved by administrator before the public sees it – our security is protected by our website and Facebook administrator
- ▶ Seniors Directory -
  - ▶ Published annually and supported by advertising from Sea to Sky Corridor businesses and organizations
- ▶ Articles in the Question by Joan Pitman featuring Seniors and MAC
  - ▶ What retirement looks like for Whistler seniors
  - ▶ Are you ready for a retirement community?
  - ▶ What is the province doing about seniors' housing?
  - ▶ A history of the Mature Action Community
- ▶ MAC Website upgraded to be easier to navigate
  - ▶ New members joining online regularly so it must be working!

**4. Provide Social Interaction**

- ▶ Summer Pot Luck and Barbecue
- ▶ Christmas Party at Nicklaus North  
Shades of Grey Painting Group  
Joint participation by MAC members and Pemberton Valley seniors

**5. Create Partnerships**

- ▶ Sea to Sky Community Services – Better at Home
  - ▶ Seniors Directory
  - ▶ Workshops
  - ▶ Grant applications
- ▶ Whistler Housing Authority

- ▶ New Seniors Housing
- ▶ Housing Survey
- ▶ Community Foundation of Whistler
  - ▶ Working together on Workshop planning
  - ▶ Working together on Not-for-profit networking group
- ▶ Pemberton Seniors Group
  - ▶ Painting groups
- ▶ Whistler Library
  - ▶ Helping with workshop planning
  - ▶ Provided them with our furniture
- ▶ Whistler Museum and Arts Whistler – worked together to make our film with the New Horizons Grant
- ▶ Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church
  - ▶ Storing our tables and chairs and our Barbecue for free
- ▶ Pique and Question Newspapers
  - ▶ Articles and stories about seniors
- ▶ Nesters and other businesses have been very supportive over the past year with food for our Barbecue and prizes for our events.

### **Summary**

- ▶ Whistler’s population is increasing – 20% from 2011 to 2016.
- ▶ We must assume that as Baby Boomers – that’s us - retire, there will be more of us. As it becomes more difficult for young people to buy into this market, our presence and our needs, in order to stay here, will become more important and apparent to the community.
- ▶ We will continue to follow our strategic plan.
- ▶ We need more MAC members to help come up with ideas and implementation of those ideas. Whether it is something we could apply for a grant for, or helping to run a workshop, or an idea for a workshop or a purely fun social function we could organize, please come forward or just send us an email
  - ▶ [info@whistlermac.org](mailto:info@whistlermac.org)

### **▶ Social Committee Report**

Chair Janice Lloyd presented the Social Committee Report.

Summer Barbecue - Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church  
 Christmas Party – Nicklaus North – very successful and we will continue this event  
 Next Event – Spring Fling at Alpine Café

### **▶ Membership Report**

Chair Robert Murl presented the Membership Report

- ▶ As of April, 2017 active membership was 150 (with 104 expired/outstanding over past 12 months) as compared to 194 in 2016, 226 in 2015 and 210 in 2014 with 99 in 2013. Along with existing member renewals, we have seen new members joining based on referrals from

several directions – existing members, newspaper announcements (like the AGM and seminars we did in conjunctions with Whistler Community Foundation and Sea to Sky Community Services) and from Whistler Housing Authority (WHA) due to interest in seniors' housing.

- ▶ We did a major software upgrade of the website design to stay current. This allows us to use more off-the-shelf programs to minimize long term custom support costs. Sometimes there are issues with the website that we try to address as quickly as possible but some things can be quite complicated based on all the different technology – Windows, Apple, mobile phones and other mobile devices – software being used (eg: virus detection), screen sizes ... so hard to test out every variable – before we add anything new to website, we test it out on an offline system but only based on my personal technology (windows 10, laptop, desktop, Apple and Android smartphones). If you do see problems, please let us know because I don't always see the problem based with my technology. Email us [support@whistlermac.org](mailto:support@whistlermac.org)!
- ▶ Email issues – when you change your email address we have no idea until mail gets rejected! Tell us or login to your account on the MAC website and change your email address yourself.

Please check your information on the website – email address, phone numbers.... If you don't remember userid/password, send an email to [support@whistlermac.org](mailto:support@whistlermac.org) (in CONTACTS) and we can help!

## ▶ **Housing Report**

Chair Bob Calladine presented the Housing Report.

The 'raison d'etre' for MAC, was and still is for the creation of housing for seniors in Whistler. As there is an interest in expanding this concept into some form of 'assisted type of seniors housing', the committee expanded from 3 to around 10 individuals in order to create a survey for this purpose. We managed to work this into ten questions to see if this concept is wanted by Whistler seniors, had the questions formally passed by the board, and were ready for public dissemination this January. This got put aside as a strong proposal for Seniors housing at Rainbow emerged. A gift grant of \$2 million from BC Housing for Seniors rental housing goes a long way in concentrating the mind! So, we will be getting a Seniors Rental Housing project:

Lot 10 of the Rainbow properties.  
8350 Bear Paw Trail.

This project was awarded to Design-Build team of Kindred Construction, Murdoch & Co., Architecture and Terra Housing to work together with the Mature Action Community and WHA on this new affordable rental housing project. They hope to break ground in August and finish 18 months later. The new building will target mature tenants and be approximately 18,000 sq. feet comprised of a mix of compact studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom units (550-900 sq.feet) with elevator, parkade, and storage. The building will be constructed in accordance with the current zoning. Affordability and energy efficiency will be primary objectives for the development of this project. No specific seniors assisted care is anticipated for this project.

I must thank all the members of the Survey committee for putting both their time and passion into the project. I feel that their hard work may well be put to good use in the future to perhaps help create a seniors' place on the Holborn property sometime in the future. However, when Garry Watson attended a conference here in Whistler discussing senior living in BC there was a realization that due to some limitations in Whistler, distance from a fully equipped hospital being the main one.

A change in terminology created a limitation in funding from the provincial government. Supported independent living and not 'assisted living' also changes the dynamics from the RMOW as this then, becomes a private enterprise and free crown land would not be available. This makes it a financially improbable proposition. I would like to acknowledge and thank Garry for all the work he has done with this and his long standing work in the municipality with employee and seniors housing.

Gord Leidal has worked tirelessly on our behalf and is now formally retired from the board. I thank him for all that service. He was a great mentor to me.

Housing markets: There are over 600 people on the WHA purchase list and more on the rental lists; there isn't therefore, too much movement in real estate. There is simply just nowhere to go. The WHA are now primarily concentrating on building rental units. This autumn will see the first ready for occupancy with two more slated for 2018 and a 4<sup>th</sup> in 2019. With more and more people wanting to live in Whistler as well as the success of Whistler selling itself, it is hard for seniors to find anywhere to go.

WHA: 55 plus Restricted housing- a wait list will be established but we haven't started it yet. As soon as it becomes available, MAC members will be informed. Please remember that we have almost 2 years until this new project is ready. The criteria is on the MAC web site for those who would like to review it.

MOTION: "Resolved that all reports be accepted." Moved by Stacey Murl and was seconded by Bob Calladine. CARRIED

MOTION: "Resolved that appointment of Auditor be waived" Moved by Stacey Murl and seconded by Bob Calladine. CARRIED.

## **6. New Constitution and Bylaws**

Joan Richoz introduced two Special Resolutions with changes to the MAC Constitution and Bylaws which will make them comply with the new BC Societies Act which came into effect November 2016.

i) Special Resolution # 20170424-1

MOTION: "Resolved as a Special Resolution that the existing Constitution of the Mature Action Community Society be deleted and that the form of Constitution included in the agenda be adopted as the Constitution of the Mature Action Community Society in substitution for and to

the exclusion of the existing Constitution.”. Moved by Joan Richoz and seconded by Doug Wylie. CARRIED

ii) Special Resolution # 20170424-2

MOTION: “Resolved as a Special Resolution that the existing Bylaws of the Mature Action Community Society be deleted and that the form of Bylaws included in the agenda be adopted as the Bylaws of the Mature Action Community Society in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Bylaws.”. Moved by Joan Richoz and seconded by Bob Murl. CARRIED

Please refer to the new constitution and bylaws on the website.

## **7. Election of Directors**

A call for nominations to the board was published on the website March 31<sup>st</sup>. We did not receive any other nominations by the April 7 deadline.

a. The following Directors will serve a three-year Term:

- Janice Lloyd (filled in for Wendy Aitken for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2016)
- Bob Murl (agreed to stand for another three-year term)
- Joan Pitman (agreed to stand for another three-year term)

There being no other nominees, these three nominees are voted by acclamation to the three director’s positions.

\*\*\*2017 MAC Board of Directors

Joan Pitman	3 years
Bob Murl	3 years
Janice Lloyd	3 years
Stacey Murl	2 years
Bob Calladine	2 years
Rosemary Cook	2 years
Sue Lawther	1 year
Dawn Minett	1 year
Joan Richoz	1 year

## **8. The floor was opened for questions, comments or new business.**

President Stacy Murl noted that all Committees are always looking for members to participate. Please contact her if you have any ideas you would like to bring forward.

President Murl thanked all of those members who have assisted with the organization and preparation of the AGM and also thanked all the members for their attendance and cooperation at this meeting.

## **9. Adjournment:**

There being no more business to come before this assembly, and without objection, President Murl declared this meeting to be adjourned at 7:47 PM.