

Hornby Island Community Economic Enhancement Corporation
Annual General Meeting
June 1, 2020 by Zoom

Present: Board: John Heinegg, Chair; John Grayson, Vice-Chair; Jack Hornstein, Treasurer; Katherine Ronan, Secretary; Jim Bulmer, Carlyn Bishop, Jeff Zamluk

Staff: Karen Ross, Economic Enhancement Officer; Caroline Sneath, Administrative Assistant; Reina LeBaron, Recording Secretary contractor

CVRD Director: Daniel Arbour

Members: Arifin Graham, Arne Olafsen, Bernhard Weiss, Bree & Ashley Stotts, Brenda Cha, Claire Burke, Darren Bond, Doug Bouey, Dwayne Ford, Jake Berman, Jan Kennedy, Jan Radford, Janet Leblancq, Jim Garton, Joanne Ovitsland, Judith & Arn Coleman, Karen Young, Kim Fagerlund, Lance Geselbracht, Laura Chalfin, Lynn Nunley, Martin Cree, Mary MacKenzie, Michael Williams, Patrick Lui, Peter Mills, Peter Wardle, Rachelle Chinnery, Ray Therrien, Sheila McPherson.

Introduction: Karen Ross welcomed everyone, reviewed Zoom information and acknowledged First Nations Territory.

Quorum: Secretary Katherine Ronan confirmed quorum (minimum 10% of membership).

Call to order: 7:08pm

President John Heinegg chairing. It was noted that current HICEEC bylaws do not allow for fully electronic meetings. There was a suggestion to amend the bylaws given the Covid pandemic restrictions.

1. **Agenda:** Agenda was approved by general agreement (poll).
2. **Introductions of Board members.**
3. **Minutes of June 2, 2019 AGM:** Minutes were read aloud by Karen Ross and approved as presented by general agreement (poll).
4. **Chair's report:** Received. Presented by John Heinegg. It was noted that Covid has impacted plans and initiatives for 2020. HICEEC is currently focussed on community business survival and keeping businesses connected to government supports. Phone in members can ask for a copy of the Chair's report (also publicized in the First Edition).
5. **Treasurer's report:** Received. Presented and reviewed by Jack Hornstein. Report will be posted on HICEEC.org web-site.
M/S/C John Heinegg/John Grayson "That the 2019 Financial Statements be accepted as presented." (poll)
6. **Staff reports:** Received. Presented by Karen Ross. Priorities for 2019: Diversify and strengthen economy; fiscal prudence; advocate for improved internet; optimize community transportation; collaborate with other groups and government agencies; facilitate skills development; support environmental protections; update Hornby Vision and Economic Action Plan. Statistics shown. A lot of business capital improvements begun in 2019.
7. **Approval of new members:** Membership is for life unless member requests removal or moves off Hornby.
M/S/C John Grayson/Katherine Ronan "That new members be approved." (poll)

8. **Approval of annual dues:**
M/S/C John Heinegg/Katharine Ronan “That the annual membership dues for 2020 be set at zero.” (poll)
9. **Appointment of accountants:**
M/S/C Jack Hornstein/John Grayson “That Tara Smith of Courtenay be appointed to complete a Notice to Readers for the 2020 Fiscal year to be presented at the 2021 AGM.” (poll)
10. **Elections (run by Katharine Ronan):** As HICEEC seeks to recruit Directors with particular skills, nominations must be pre-approved. Nominations from the floor require the support of 5% of members present.
John Heinegg and John Grayson’s terms have expired and both are willing to stand for re-election. Jason Griggs has resigned. Peter Wardle applied for election to replace Jason.
M/S/C Katharine Ronan/Jeff Zamluk “That the nominations of John Heinegg, John Grayson and Peter Wardle to the Board of Directors be approved.”
11. **Open question/comment period:** CVRD Director Arbour appreciated HICEEC’s work and HIRRA and HICEEC for organizing community meetings by Zoom during the Covid pandemic. Looking forward to reflecting on and updating the Hornby Vision statement. CVRD and Trust are putting together an official pamphlet for distribution at Buckley Bay regarding Covid protocols and information specific to the islands. It is currently under review by Hornby and Denman Covid Community Response groups.
Appreciation for all the volunteers on committees. Appreciation for Karen’s work as staff. Karen noted that some large construction projects are still going ahead in 2020 that will maintain employment on Hornby (Beulah Creek housing, school, Arts Center).
Question (via chat) about Peter Wardle’s interest in being on the HICEEC board. Peter is interested in promoting covenanted housing projects on Hornby and getting back Hornby tax monies from the CVRD for community projects.
Appreciation for everyone’s participation and good will.
Appreciation for the 2019 HICEEC Board members.
12. **Spark:** Letter from Spark received. Appreciation of HICEEC for financial support. Spark is interested to partner with HICEEC to store bus and possibly have shared office space.
13. **Adjournment:** Adjournment approved by general agreement at 8:12pm (poll).