



## AGM Minutes

### December 28, 2023

At the NATC

The Meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by the President, Mike Waberski. There were 74 properties represented, with 118 homeowners and 2 guests in attendance, for a total of 120 people.

The Executive board members were introduced, with Mark Chapman sending regrets.

#### **Adoption of the Agenda:**

MOTION: to approve the agenda as circulated. M/S/C

#### **The Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

MOTION: to approve the Minutes of the 2022 AGM as circulated and posted via a link to the website.  
M/S/C.

#### **The President's Report:**

The President's Report was presented with the following highlights:

##### Community Issues –

FireSmarting Silver Star Road

- Silver Star egress wildfire egress risk reduction - FESBC has delayed project until Spring of 2024  
Thank you to Brad Baker and Michel Woodman for their help in successfully getting the grant money of \$474,600.

Silver Star Fire Department

- Disappointment was expressed in the recruitment drive for assistant paid on call members to join forces with the Fire Department in order to assist in duties that may be required other than actual firefighting.

##### Community Efforts –

Wildfire Preparedness - The Chair recognized the donations from Powdr's Play Forever fund (\$18,000) and Banister GM (\$5,602) for the purchase of a Tohatsu Portable Pump for the Fire Department.

A successful highway clean-up was completed again this year, with thanks to Patti Wild who coordinated the program and to Alison Crick of SSMR who provided lunch for everyone at the Red Antler.

Silver Star GIS Project – The project for the development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for Silver Star was outlined, describing the benefits and the various uses. This was a joint effort between Destination Silver Star and the SSPOA.

#### Your SSPOA Governance Volunteers

A special thank you went out to all the volunteers who work so hard on behalf of the Association and its members, including the Board of Directors, the Board of the Sewer Action Fund, and the various committees.

#### **The Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer's Report was circulated to all registrants. Sheryl Bolton went over the Financial Statements, the year-end Financial Report, and the Proposed Budget for the coming year.

MOTION: to accept all of the financial information as distributed. M/S/C

MOTION: to accept the Proposed Budget as distributed. M/S/C

#### **Member Engagement**

Loreen Ruault reported on the successful launch of the new website in January. Along with a new look that is more user-friendly, the new membership renewal process was received well, and we will continue in this manner going forward.

Loreen reported that the SSPOA has been actively communicating with the membership throughout the year. There were 8 newsletters produced and posted to the website, as well as other newsworthy items being communicated. The homeowners were reminded that simply receiving our e-mails does not mean you are a member. All homeowners must be registered on the website, with their annual dues paid in order for them to access the full content of newsletters, minutes, and other communications.

The SSPOA currently has a member base of 622, of which 122 are residential owners with the remainder being strata owners. There will be a push in the new year for more residential owners to sign up, as well as to pursue those whose membership expired in 2023 and did not renew.

Important information for homeowners from the RDNO, is that they now have an online platform that requires you to sign up for. You will be able to access your water utility account, sign up for online

billing, and most importantly the RDNO will be able to communicate effectively with you in the event of an emergency. Everyone is urged to go to their website and sign up.

### **Safe Communities**

Maura McCarthy gave a presentation on the following topics:

FireSmart – we are a recognized FireSmart Community, and the efforts of the FireSmart Committee were described, including organizing 70 home assessments and the 2023 Chipping program. Maura reminded homeowners again what they can do to FireSmart their home and property as an ongoing effort in Wildfire Preparedness.

Block Watch – As Maura mentioned last year, the RDNO has been lax in supporting the program, and this past year didn't see any improvement. Maura announced that after consultation with her committee, this program will be disbanded and a letter will be sent to the RDNO explaining the reason.

### **Utilities Services Committee**

Mike Waberski presented information on the purchase of Silverhawk Utilities by the RDNO. The presentation outlined the new Sewer Service Area and the \$4.5 million borrowing that has been approved. The limited ratepayer cost benefits for the first 4 years, post purchase, were presented as well as the projected results for the rates in year 5.

### **Executive Nominations & Election**

The Board consists of 9 members, each with 2-year terms which expire in alternating years for continuity. The members who have one year remaining on their term, and who will continue for 2024 are:

Loreen Ruault

Maura McCarthy

Mark Chapman

One board member, Jack Buziak has stepped down.

The members whose terms are expiring at the end of 2023 are:

Mike Waberski

Sheryl Bolton

Lindsay Brennan

Eric Dickie

Ross Foden

Mike Waberski agreed to take on the 1-year term left vacant by Jake Buziak. The other members all agreed to let their name stand for re-election of a two-year term.

There was one nominee to fill the one vacant two-year position – Theresa Makelki.

There were no other nominations from the floor, and thus the Board Members were acclaimed.

**MOTION: to close nominations and those members above be voted in by acclamation. M/S/C**

Board and Committee positions will be decided at the first Board meeting of the New Year.

**Guest Presentation – Amanda Shatzko from Area C**

Amanda had been invited to speak, but she had to cancel her presentation at the last minute due to illness.

**Guest Presentation – Herwig Demschar, Managing Director for SSMR**

Herwig described the improvements undertaken by Powdr this year and the difficulties with the snow levels so far.

Mike thanked everyone who took the time to attend the AGM, and reminded everyone to look for the first newsletter in the New Year where we will be asking homeowners to sign up on the new website and once again send in their \$20 registration fee for the coming year.

The meeting was terminated shortly after 6:00 pm with thanks to all who attended.