



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
Uptown Rutland Business Association
Held at Valleyview Funeral Home – 165 Valleyview Rd Kelowna**

March 8, 2017

Attendees:

Voting Members: Mike Koutsantonis, Dan Van Norman, Dawn Thiessen, Nick Aubin, Jamie Needham, Mark Beaulieu, Shelley Kvamme-MacDonald, June Forman, Sheila Elhert, Denise Andre, Deb Lynn, Kamal Shoralick, Curtis Fieseler, and Ruby Dulay

Non-Voting Members: Shawndra Bodkin, Kevin MacDougall, Brad Sieben, Ken Carmichael, and Al Hadden,

Staff: Amy Wentworth, and Laurel D'Andrea

Welcome & Introductions:

Call the Uptown Rutland Business Association AGM called to order at 6:30pm and a quorum is confirmed.

1. Motion to adopt agenda as circulated

That the agenda be adopted.

MOVED by Dawn Thiessen /SECONDED by Nick Aubin – All in Favour

2. Special resolution for the Association's Constitution and Bylaws

Moved that the existing Constitution & By-laws be rescinded in full and be replaced by the Constitution & By-laws placed before the membership today March 8 2017.

MOVED by Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED by Shelley Kvamme-MacDonald – All in Favour

3. Motion to adopt the minutes as circulated

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on March 9 2016 be adopted.

MOVED Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED by Dan Van Norman – All in Favour

3. Motion to adopt the president's report as read

Presidents Report 2017

As another year goes by, I can proudly say that much has been accomplished. We have a very strong and engaged Board of Directors who have been very proactive in making Rutland a better place to work, live and play. Our membership is forever changing and growth continues to happen within the BIA. To date we have just over 200 businesses and 100 landowners in our BIA. We are seeing new developments that are encouraging University Students to come and live and experience what Rutland has to offer.

Our relationship with the City of Kelowna keeps growing stronger, and they are eager to listen to our thoughts and ideas on the future development of Rutland. The reformation of the TRUST (The Rutland Unified Stakeholders Team) group and upcoming meetings will focus on what the stakeholders of Rutland would like to see happening in our community.

Our Governance Committee worked hard to produce a Governance package so we can we move forward positively and respectfully, allowing ideas to flow unencumbered by negative criticism and bigotry. The committee was also responsible for updating our Constitution and Bylaws.

The signature events we hosted this past year to encourage people who live, work and play here to support local business were a huge success! Spring Clean-up, 1st Annual Grub crawl, where over 150 tickets were sold, Car Show, Scarecrow Festival, and Christmas Light Up. Thanks to the local businesses for their sponsorship and support, we saw thousands of people in attendance.

The hiring of our summer students Nick and Camille through a government sponsored program was a great addition to the team. They had some progressive ideas (Grub Crawl) and were involved with helping at events and distributing materials to our members. They were ears and eyes on the streets and it gave us an opportunity to hear more about what our members want.

URBA was also instrumental in getting the Provincial Grant for the new trees in Rutland Centennial Park, URBA also helped in hosting the memorial of Rutland's Honorary Mayor and good friend Ben Lee.

Our Business After Hours keeps growing and our other networking events such as Nine & Dine, Business Walks and Small Business Expo were also well attended. Our Board members are out in full force at these events so our membership has access to them. The Board is there to network and listen to what our members want to see happen when it comes to promoting business and beautification in Rutland.

URBA's monthly newsletter is sent out electronically and thanks to our partnership with Pathways Abilities Society, it is hand delivered to each business in our BIA. Our web site has also seen increased volume since a year ago.

As I look forward to the coming year, I am confident that this momentum we have created will continue to grow. Our focus is to the continuing growth and beautification of our business community. I am honored to sit on a board that is forward thinking and proactive, and look forward to the continued growth of Rutland.

2018 is URBA'S year to go to renewal with the City of Kelowna. Over the next several months, URBA be out gathering information from the members. The main objective is to receive your feedback on our proposed five year priorities so we can better support your business' success

Mike Koutsantonis
President
Uptown Rutland Business Association (URBA)

That the president's report be accepted as read

MOVED by Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED by June Forman – All in Favour

4. Motion to adopt the financial statements

That the financial statements of the Association, together with the report from BDO Canada , for the year ending December 31, 2016, be received and approved.

MOVED by Shawndra Bodkin /SECONDED by Dan Van Norman – All in Favour

5. Motion to appoint an accountants

That BDO Canada of Kelowna, BC, be the appointed accountants of the Association until the next Annual General Meeting or until a successor is appointed at a remuneration to be fixed by the Directors.

MOVED by Shawndra Bodkin /SECONDED by Shelley Kvamme-MacDonald – All in Favour

6. Motion to declare the nominated persons elected as Directors

Read out the slate of officers attached.

Shelley Kvamme-MacDonald has 1 year remaining in her term as Director.

Directors wanting to return for a 1 year term: Mike Koutsantonis, Garry Benson, Dawn Thiessen, Mark Beaulieu, June Forman, and Shawndra Bodkin

Nominated Directors for 2 year term: Jamie Needham, Kamal Shoralick, Curtis Fieseler, and Ruby Dulay

The Directors Nominated tonight have written bio's if you wish to read them.

Director placement will be decided, at our next Board meeting on March 15.

That the persons nominated be declared duly elected as Directors by the Society.

MOVED by Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED Dawn Thiessen – All in Favour

7. Motion to adopt the 2017-18 budget

That the budget be taken as read, and adopted.

MOVED by Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED by June Forman – All in Favour

New Business

Nick Aubin – Because I will be taking a hiatus, I just wanted to say thank you very much and best of luck. I will still help with renewal as I have been through it before, and I will be back next year.

Mike – Thank you to those who are leaving and welcome to the new and returning board members.

8. Motion to adjourn – at 6:45pm

MOVED by Mike Koutsantonis /SECONDED by Nick Aubin – All in Favour