

GABRIOLA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL ASSOCIATION

GENERAL MEETING

October 17th 2021

Today's meeting is being held at the Gabriola Island Community Hall in the main hall to seek approval of borrowing for interim project financing

Attendance: Joyce Babula, Ute Ewert, Elizabeth Iachelli, Giovanni Iachelli, Erik Johnson, Laura-Jean Kelly, Kees Langereis, Laurie McDonald, Gordon McDonald, Anna Paletta, Mike Pelzer, Rob Plowright, Randy Rauch, Maria Scarfone, Franco Scarfone, Lawrence Spero, Julie Stewart, Judy Storness-Kress, Annette Warwick, Tom Whalley, Charles Wilson, Susan Yeend
22 members in attendance.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm with President Joyce Babula in the chair

Confirmation of Quorum: Laurie McDonald, confirmed that the quorum of 20 had been reached. Speakers can stand and remove masks when speaking if necessary in order to be clearly understood.

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Elizabeth Iachelli , Seconded by Laurie that the agenda be approved.
Carried

Background information (Q &A): Elizabeth expanded on the background of the project with information about the application and submission process, the introduction of our bookkeeper Julie Stewart, and Laura-Jean Kelly, our pre-design project manager. Laura-Jean informed the meeting that this stage of the project included an assessment of trees in which 8 were identified as needing mitigation or removal. Site selection, and the design process will lead to conceptual plans to be displayed to the community during the consultation phase of the project. Questions from the floor regarding the tree assessment and mitigation of sound from the new venue were addressed. A report from the arborist is on hand today, to be viewed by those interested. The Community Hall board is aware that sound mitigation, as much as is possible is an important consideration and investigation of that is included in the design stage of the project.

Details of Interim Financing by Treasurer: Rob Plowright, shared details of proposals for interim financing, including using GICHA reserve funds. He explained the two resolutions on today's agenda, and the request to make a friendly amendment to Resolution #2, which arose after Lawrence Spero from the Gabriola Community Investment Co-op contacted the Hall board in response to our Notice of Meeting which was distributed October 2.

A meeting between the Investment Co-op and Hall executive followed, leading to the proposed friendly amendment introduced today.

Resolution #1: Moved by Gordon, seconded by Anna,
Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Gabriola Island Community Hall Association is hereby authorized to open an unsecured line of credit in the amount of \$25,000 with Coastal Community Credit Union for the sole purpose of undertaking Project #IV0127 under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program {ICIP}-COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream. **Carried.**

Moved by Joyce, seconded by Laurie that the meeting approve the addition of the following amendment to Resolution #2 to our Agenda:

Introduction of a Friendly Amendment to Resolution #2:

Be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the Gabriola Island Community Hall Association is hereby authorized to obtain an unsecured loan in the amount of \$30,000 from the Gabriola Community Investment Co-op for the sole purpose of undertaking Project IV0127 under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program {ICIP} – COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream. **Carried**

Moved by Rob, seconded by Julie that the meeting approve the Friendly Amended Resolution #2.

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Before adjourning, more questions from the floor concerning sound mitigation, tree assessment, and availability of storage were met with assurance that these issues are all being considered in the design phase of the project.

Motion to Adjourn: At 2:35 Randy Rauch moved that the meeting adjourn. The motion was seconded by Laura-Jean Kelly. **Carried.**

Submitted by: Laurie McDonald