

ERLTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2014 APRIL EXTRA-ORDINARY Meeting **April 9, 2014**

Erlton Community Association (ECA) Extra-ordinary Meeting minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 by Bill Fischer (BF), Chair of the Planning Committee and Director of the Erlton community Association. (BF) indicated that the notice of the Extra-ordinary Meeting was distributed to the ECA members on April 2, 2014. (BF) declared that a quorum was present. (BF) Made a motion to accept J.B. Isaacs as a temporary Chair of the meeting. Seconded by ECA member Natalya Nicholson.

J.B. Isaacs is a chartered mediator and arbitrator, assisting in particular and debatable situations based on by-laws and Roberts rule of order. His prior experience covers parliament as well as US systems.

J.B. Isaacs intends to conduct an un-biased meeting in spirit of the registered (1979) by-laws. At times these bylaws may appear deficient in regards to specific guidelines and when necessary he will apply rules of natural justice and transparency. His understanding of ECA is that the membership is not hands on and the day to day tasks are conducted by the officers. ECA member Fred Richard requested further transparency with respect to J.B. Isaacs, i.e. is he volunteer or paid? J.B. Isaacs responded that he is a paid professional and his fees are paid by the City of Calgary.

J.B. Isaacs made a motion to be given the authority as a temporary chair just for the Extra-ordinary Meeting for the election of the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Directors. Motion moved by ECA member Bobbie Clark and seconded by ECA member Avery Jubb.

J.B. Isaacs stated that during the ECA general meeting on March 11, 2014 the remaining board members attempted a membership vote to fill the vacated seats. The directors who had vacated their seat stated that advance knowledge of the qualifications of the candidates was missing.

J.B. Isaacs explained the ground rules, the ECA members with good standing are given white cards allowing them to speak and vote. The ECA new members (less than a month) are given blue cards allowing them to speak only. Guests and observers were not allowed to speak.

J.B. Isaacs explained voting with secret ballot versus voting by show of hand (open). ECA member Thomas Smekal made a motion to vote with secret ballot was seconded by ECA member Avery Jubb. All in favour, motion was carried to vote with secret ballot.

J.B. Isaacs explained the simple majority (higher vote) versus parliamentary majority (50%+1). ECA member Peggy Kim made a motion for selecting simple majority, seconded by ECA member Bobbie Clark. All in favour, motion was carried for simple majority.

J.B. Isaacs explained the nomination types, self- nomination versus nomination/seconded (nomination by another person, seconded and candidate accepting) versus nomination absentees. ECA member Fred Richard made a motion for nomination/seconded type, seconded by ECA member Kasper Lund. All in favour, motion was carried for nomination/seconded type.

ECA member Peter Stapleton asked how to vote without knowledge of the candidate's qualifications. ECA member Kirt van der Woude made a motion for the candidate to give a one minute background information presentation, seconded by ECA member Heesung Kim.

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ECA member Matt Grace wanted to amend the motion to limit the background presentation to 30 seconds. ECA member Kirt van der Woude accepted the 30 second condition except for the candidate for president, seconded by ECA member Bonnie Fischer. J.B. Isaacs explained that amending a motion prior to it being seconded is premature and unacceptable. The motion based on one minute presentation time was put to vote and was carried.

J.B. Isaacs asked for nomination for president. ECA member Michael Kwadrans nominated ECA member Heesung Kim, seconded by ECA member Martina van der Woude. ECA member Sally Predika nominated ECA member Natalya Nicholson, seconded by ECA member Norma Brown. There was no more nomination. The candidates accepted the nominations.

ECA member Bob Wickens proposed that the non-elected candidate to be allowed to run for another position.

J.B. Isaacs suspended the presidential nomination in order to make a motion in support of ECA member Bob Wickens suggestion. Motion was made by ECA member Sharon Payne and seconded by ECA member Bob Wickens.

J.B. Isaacs re-open the nomination and invited ECA member Heesung Kim and ECA member Natalya Nicholson to give each one minute background information presentation. Subsequently voting through secret ballots were made, collected and counted by two scrutineers. ECA member Natalya Nicholson won by simple majority.

J.B. Isaacs explained the option of destroying ballots after each vote or at the end of election. ECA member Brian Kiers made a motion for destroying the ballots after the election, seconded by ECA member Avery Jubb.

ECA member Bonnie Fischer nominated ECA member Kasper Lund for Vice-President, seconded by ECA member Norma Brown. There was no further nomination and Kasper Lund won by acclamation.

ECA member Bill Fischer nominated ECA member Bobbie Clark for Secretary, seconded by ECA member Nadine Lemermeier. There was no further nomination and ECA member Bobbie Clark won by acclamation.

The election of directors have to be ratified by the membership. In the registered by-laws of 1979 Six (6) directorship types were suggested based on "May" and not "Must" be filled and with additional types added if so wanted by the membership. The bylaws stipulate that the number of directors shall not be less than five (5) including the officers. ECA member Norma Brown made a motion to defer the election of directors to the next Annual General Meeting in November 2014. ECA member Kasper Lund proposed an amendment to the motion so ECA could fill the Director of Parks & Recreation vacancy today but otherwise delay the election of Directors. ECA member Norma Brown accepted the proposed amendment. The revised motioned was seconded by ECA member Margaret Dodman. All in favour, one opposed and was carried.

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ECA member Natalie Kwadrans nominated ECA member Michelle Smekal for Director of Parks & Recreation, seconded by ECA member Bonnie Fischer. There was no further nomination and ECA member Michelle Smekal won by acclamation.

J.B. Isaacs invited the remaining elected officers and the director to give their one minute background information presentation.

J.B. Isaacs asked the elected Officers and Director if they agreed to take on the positions to which they had been elected; they so affirmed.

J.B. Isaacs suggested a motion to be made to destroy the ballots; motion moved by ECA member Kasper Lund, seconded by ECA member Bill Fischer.

J.B. Isaacs suggested a motion to adjourn the ECA Extra-ordinary Meeting; motion was moved by ECA member Bobbie Clark, seconded by ECA member Norma Brown.

Subsequently the Board of Directors met in a closed meeting to ratify the new board members, review new initiatives, ongoing activities, signing authority and expenditures.