

VERMILION & DISTRICT HOUSING FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)
VALLEY LODGE – Recreation Multipurpose Room
May 30th, 2024
3:00 PM

Attending: See attached sign in sheet

Attending Board Members: Stacey Hryciuk, Robert Snow, Joshua Rayment, Marty Baker, Marcel Berard, Barbara Sjoquist

VDHF: Carrie Kohlruss, Ryan Leahy, Brittany Bratrud, Tabitha Dykstra

1. Call to Order

Stacey Hryciuk called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Jim D. to accept the agenda as presented. CRD

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 AGM meeting minutes May 25th, 2023

Minutes unable to be approved as they were missing. To be approved in 2025

4. Introduction of VDH Board.

The Board members introduced themselves to the residents.

5. Old Business

5.1 DSL4 Update – It was explained that a grant was applied for at 90% of the build cost which is a similar concept to the new portion of the Lodge. It was stated that there were other communities in higher need than ours. We were not told who one the bids. The Board isn't sure which way to go with DSL4 as they do not want to put the Foundation into a deficit. AHS needs to step up their commitment.

6. New Business

6.1 Strategic Planning – Board reached out to Community Development to do a strategic plan so we remain focused with Lodge being number one and the managed properties number two. This helped to bring the Board Members together as a team along with the Management. Goals – communication strategy to improve communication, growing partnerships within our community, capital planning (setting money aside) and empowering our staff.

6.2 MLA Tour of Provincially Owned Properties – Barb, Rob, Stacey, and MLA Garth Rowsell were lead by Carrie Kohlruss, CAO on a physical tour of all properties that VDHF manages. They are beautiful properties but they need updating and some work. \$3.5M was noted in reporting to the government as Capital Maintenance Renewal requests – VDHF received approximately 10% of this. This wasn't good enough and we will continue to advocate.

6.3 Sponsor Visit – Stacey visited Agland in response to negative comments made with regard to a change in the purpose of the family dining room. Agland was appreciative just to know what was going on. Management manages the building and sponsors don't have a say. Asked residents to not let change light a fire about town and to help us spread the good word.

6.4 Town Chicken By-law – Rob told the audience that Lil Wilson and Carrie Kohlruss talked to council regarding chickens at the Lodge. The Council heard what we said and the chicken bylaw has been sent back to council to do more work. The council looks forward to seeing chickens in the community and encourages residents to attend council meetings. Council meetings are available via zoom.

6.5 Year Ahead – Update to the Ministerial Order – Discussed how municipalities pay requisitions and how the Directors are restricted by the terms of the Ministerial Order. The Board wants to ensure that the municipalities have the ability to choose their representatives. Public members gift their time to serve on the board and there are restrictions on the length of their term. VDHF wants to complete their strategic plan, review the business plan, ensure visibility of the Foundation in the community; further growth as a board and they are happy to be here today.

7. Comments from the Public

Lil Wilson – is there a committee in the town working on level 4 – Rob Snow, yes there is “me”. We support VDHF in their bid for DSL4.

Lil Wilson – there is a committee for Doctor retention

Cathy Nelson – Do you also distribute the budget as part of the agenda package – Stacey – we did not include the financials and they should be and will be available next year. The HMB package is available today, but the Lodge package will not be available until fall when it is approved. We are updating the website so that it will be available from there; if you want a copy today – ask the office.

Cathy Nelson – has staffing remained the same or increased? Carrie Kohlruss responded by saying that we have 10 less employees than when she started. The split between casual and full-time employees, and part-time employees is 50/50.

Cathy Nelson – why was the CFO position posted with a proof of vaccination required while the Clinical Director position was not? Stacey Hryciuk – we choose to keep the policy until recently when it was rescinded.

Betty Deschambeaux – DSL4 – People in the community don’t understand what we are doing and that people think we are shutting down the Lodge. Stacey said our grant was declined and we will do a better job communicating with the community.

Archie Trach – do we get financial statements at the Lodge – Stacey Hryciuk said to ask the front office staff and there is a standing invitation to join us at a Board meeting.

Public member – is the nursing home considered a level 4? Carrie Kohlruss replied that no it is a level 5.

Public member – is there another proposal being put forward by the Board for the DSL4? Stacey Hryciuk – there are things happening and we are having conversations about what the municipalities want to do. How can we make this available to the community? Does the community want us to do this? If so we must have some financial commitment. Lil Wilson is the poster child for the committee. We are committed to pursuing that level of care but at the same time, we are extremely discouraged that the DSL3 is half empty.

Verna Johnston – are the changes coming through AHS – will that affect our care here? Stacey Hryciuk – The Seniors Ministry increased LAP funding, AHS is in charge of Home Care and the changes have been made clear yet. Continuing Care is getting increased funding and looking to increase spaces. Rob Snow – you will see the changes more than we will. Makes sure you bring your concerns to administration, the Board and the MLA.

8. Adjournment 3:52 pm