

Date: May 28, 2019

Group: Full council meeting and AGM – in person

Present: Abra Brynne (staff), Nicole Schreiber, Tara Stark, Kim Charlesworth, Kevin Murphy, Barb Kingsland (guest), Melinda Foot - Secretary, Patrick Steiner – Vice President, Nelson Wight- RDCK staff, Mick Wilson, Hailey Trook, Elizabeth Quinn - Treasurer, Amanda Verigan, Ari Derfel- President, Alys Ford, Damon Chouinard (Shauna Fiddler alternate).

Meeting called to order by: Ari 10:09

Introductions

Minutes of last full council meeting read: Individually

Motion to adopt minutes by: Kim **Second:** Ari

Vote: Unanimous

Staff update: Abra elaborated on her written report

Farm Directory is out and looks great, 50% increase in participation this year. 1 page of recipes and 1 page of policy education included this year. Small scale cannabis growers could be considered for inclusion next year.

Evidence based policy – slowly but surely moving along, but the academic partners are coming up with good stuff

Looking for funding options, not a whole lot out there for Policy, educating and explaining why it is necessary

Annual General Meeting begins 11:00AM

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended: Kim **Second:** Mick

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes of last years AGM minutes read: Individually

Motion to adopt: Kim **Second:** Melinda

Vote: Unanimous

Report From Executive: Ari

Ari reflected on our formation, the 5 stages of development – forming, storming, norming, performing, adjourning.

Discussed Abra's roll change to Executive Director and it's benefits, acknowledged Patrick and Elizabeth stepping forward to join the executive.

Read and reflected on the Council Mission statement. Spoke about the impetus to and work on

Talks about our difficulties with former member and our review and improving of

our governance

Reviewed our 5 goals achieved, and outlined 5 goals set for 2019/20

Treasurers Report: Elizabeth

Discussion arising from report: question about the advertising income from the directory, is it paying for itself? Can we see a financial report from Pennywise? CBT has approached us to do a larger directory to cover the whole basin. Question as to whether the advertising can pay for Abra's hours put towards the directory each year? Determined that we should have a discussion with Pennywise in regards to the making of the directory. Abra welcomes anyone to participate with the maintenance of the directory, let her know.

Motion to adopt report by: Elizabeth **Second:** Tara

Vote: Unanimous

Bylaws amendments: Abra

Discussion about the rationale for a key bylaw change which involves revisiting the definition of a Director on the Council and limiting it to the Executive Committee.

Motion to adopt bylaw amendments: Elizabeth **Second:** Kim

Vote: Unanimous

Constitution amendments: Abra explained the proposal to amend our purpose c from "To evaluate and influence policy", to "To help businesses and local government in the Central Kootenay navigate the food policy landscape to foster vibrant food systems." This change will align our purposes more accurately with our practice and with charitable purposes.

Motion to adopt constitution amendments: Melinda **Second:** Tara

Vote: Unanimous

Appointment of new Councilors: Patrick

3 new members Alys Ford, Hailey Troock, and Amanda Verigan.

Motion to accept new members: Kim **Second:** Melinda

Vote: Unanimous

Election & Approval of Executive: Mick and Hailey put their names forward to join stand on the Executive Committee; Melinda withdrew from the Committee.

Motion to appoint Mick Wilson, Hailey Troock, Patrick Steiner, Ari Derfel, and Elizabeth Quinn to the Executive Committee.

Motion: Patrick **Second:** Tara

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to adjourn AGM: Ari **Second:** Nicole

Vote: Unanimous

Break for a wonderful lunch with a beautiful view

Policy training exercise: Abra

Discussion about our own personal food policy

Nelson Wight, from the RDCK reviewed the nuances of what an official community plan is.

Update from Council members:

Nicole – implement a few programs, market days, star belly and a fall festival of sorts

Juicing program, someone comes up to juice which then goes to schools and others who need it. If funding comes thru, will do some research of food banks for the future.

Tara – community food action grants finished tomorrow, funded the food policy council for the last 3 year, now moved to each year

IHA is working with ministry of Ag on our institutional food program

Kim – food cupboard back to normal, after school program, community dinner program, food skills program

New garden coordinator on Friday, old garden closed down, new garden on boulevard adjacent to community church

Kootenay boundary food coop wholesale only model of farmer, keep it in good standing, need the right people to step forward to make it successful

Eco society working on what food security would look like

Kevin – dealing with ALR applications, 3 year pilot project....adapting to climate

- KOGS has had a little growth, working with economic coordinator RDCK

Barb – working on improving the schoolhouse to support a weekly farmers market

Working on her own property with her produce while avoiding packaging

Patrick – Kaslo area, our area rep got a good grant for the next 2 years, farmers support, Wage support and financial infrastructure support. Food waste reduction

CBT board came to Kaslo, pick an organization, Kaslo food hub got to do a presentation

Food bank, food recovery program. On a provincial level, Save On Foods has committed to eliminate all food waste? They are having the food hub take the load and distribute it evenly throughout the area amongst the food banks.

Grant for increasing refrigeration capacity of food banks. Food hub now has a large walk in cooler

Nelson – updating area I OCP

Creston Valley ag advisory committee dropped off and haven't been reappointed.

Mick – farming like crazy. Second year of biowaste diversion, once full, taken for

2 years and then tested and then the matter is returned to the contributors.
There are 9 spread around the community, schools etc.

Working on the coop bakery

Pop up salad market, kids did about 90 salads last year, they make some money, teaches them work skills

Looking for a food hub space, similar to Kaslo

Hailey – 5 events coming up this year for the young agrarians

Sharing information is really big, as well as collaboration

Land matching is going really well, word is still getting out about them and who they are, working on 8 different lease agreements right now

Damon - Got a van to transport people and/or food, working on CBT ag conference at Red Mountain. With Food and buyer expo. On the board with kootenay united cannabis association

Elizabeth – Kootenay farms marketplace pilot program, buy local type of program. Found there wasn't a lot of food to buy, lots of demand but issues. Breaking down the problems to see if feasible to have it year around.

Mobile fruit press – making use of all the fruit that has flaws and doesn't meet the export standard. Juicing fruit and selling fruit juice in the winter.

Food recover program – hundreds of thousands of fruit gets used and shared with people that need it.

Food bank in creston – make profit of \$90,000 which they share around. There will be a large load of food to deal with, suggests a round table with other organizations in the region to trouble shoot what can be done to utilize it all.

Amanda - dealing with packaging at the co op.... coming up with challenges of availability

Updating buying guidelines, just did the meat packing...

Ari – reflects on the move the co op made and how it's affected the business, they seem to be over the hump. Minimum wages changing things, co op stays above the minimum but hope to increase that once the debt of the move is taken care of. Working on a smoker, coming out with a whole line.

2 commercial spaces that they are finishing up and figuring out how to best use off site warehouse, thinking of ways it can be used by the community, certified kitchen? Food storage?

Motion to adjourn: Melinda Second: Patrick

Vote: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned: 3:18

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Minutes adopted at the July 16th 2019 Meeting of the Council.