

**SECHELT SENIORS ACTIVITY CENTRE
5604 TRAIL AVENUE, SECHELT, BC**

General Meeting DRAFT Minutes

Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 1:00 pm, Auditorium

Board: Richard Ward, Alison Kowalewski, Bert Carswell, Susan Grenville, Jay Alexov, Gail Riddell, Lisa Brown, Karen Madsen, Birgit Stefani, Val Galat (recorder) Regrets: Mark Patterson

1. Welcome. 1:05 pm
2. Call to Order and Singing of O Canada.
3. Moment of silence for those who have passed.
5. Confirmation of Voting Member Quorum: 34
6. Introduction of the Board of Directors.
7. **MOTION** to adopt Agenda. Moved by Alison Kowalewski, seconded by Karen Madsen. Passed with 1 abstention.
8. **MOTION** to accept 2024 AGM Meeting minutes. Moved by Gail Riddell, seconded by Jay Alexov. Passed unanimously.
9. **MOTION** to accept the proposed Constitutional and Bylaw amendments. Moved by Val Galat, seconded by Bert Carswell. Passed with 1 abstention.
10. Ratification of new board members. **MOTION** to ratify the new board members

Karen Madsen, Birgit Stefani, and Mark Patterson. Moved by Val Galat, seconded by Susan Grenville. Passed unanimously. Birgit was sworn in.

11. Executive Reports:

- 1) **Treasurer's Report** - Alison Kowalewski: [SSAC Proposed Budget 2025](#)
Staffing and cost of living have been a major factor in our increase in expenses. The Centre is in good shape financially. **MOVE** to accept the

budget for 2025. Moved by Sally Watson, seconded by Petra Haas. Passed unanimously.

- 2) **President's Report** - Richard thanked the Volunteers that keep us running and generating the income that we need. Over \$650,000 in income is required to meet our expenses. This is achieved from memberships, activity fees, food sales (in-house and frozen entrees), rental-income, grants and donations. The Donations have been vital to meet these financial demands. The Sept 2023 to Sept 2024 donation campaign brought in \$46,982.00 for general revenue, \$8547.20 for the affordable lunch program and \$16959.41 for the endowment fund. Since Sept 1st, 2024, we have already received \$10,000 donations each from Louise Parker and Bob Mackie, plus a \$10,000 USD donation from an anonymous member. We thank them very much. We are victims of our own success in that we have over 2000 members in the system and 1600 active members using the SSAC. This puts a huge demand on kitchen services and the limited physical space we have in all parts of the building. We are currently working on solutions. We are in great financial situation. We own the building and land with an assessed value of \$2.74 million. Our checking account is sitting at \$115,000, We have a contingency fund with >\$77,00 in it, and a Gaming account containing >\$13,500. Currently SSAC has a 2-year mortgage, with \$123,962.30 owed, and a monthly payment of \$983. We are embarking on a new income generation initiative; a province wide online 50/50 monthly draw. The income made would be for supporting Seniors of the Sunshine Coast battling FOOD INSECURITY and Social Isolation. ASCEND Fundraising Solutions will run it and take 10% of the revenue; with 7% for card fees; the winner getting 50%, and SSAC would receive 33%. Our promotion team consists of Bev and Brian Coxford, Nancy Cardinal, and an ASCEND Customer Success team. Once our license comes through, (hopefully by December 2024), we can launch the lottery in January 2025. A hand-held device will be available at SSAC for those who are unable to go online to purchase tickets. The draw is made electronically, then we present the cheque to the winner. According to BC

Gaming rules board members, staff and volunteers cannot participate, though their immediate family can.

12. **MOTION** to approve the purchase of a 2024 Ram 2500 ProMaster Smart Floor Wheelchair Accessible Van, with the capability to carry 4 wheelchairs, with a \$39,000 downpayment and a 1-year fixed rate mortgage for the balance with the Sunshine Coast Credit Union; **provided that \$20,000 (SSAC portion)** has been received from the Sunshine Coast Seniors 50/50 lottery by March 1st, 2025.

[Proposal to Purchase a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle](#)

Moved by Lee Gabriel, seconded by Karen Madsen. 26 for, 7 against; motion passed.

13. Any other business – there was none.

14. Adjournment and refreshments. 2:39 pm

