



Senior Citizens' Association of British Columbia



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66th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Canoe

May 2 to 4, 2019

MINUTES

May 2nd Registration 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – Canoe Seniors Centre

May 3rd The 66th Annual General Meeting and Convention of the Senior Citizens' Association was called to order by President Gale Detta at 9:00 a.m.

The assembly sang O'Canada followed by the Seniors Prayer. A minute of silence was observed in honour of deceased members and friends.

Introduction President Gale Detta introduced the Executive and Board members.

Invocation – Pastor Myron Crown

Host Welcome – John Lund, President Branch 92 Canoe Seniors

Address of Welcome from President Gale Detta

Greetings from the Mayor of Salmon Arm, Allan Harrison

Greetings from Member of Parliament, Mel Arnold.

Greetings from Member of Legislative Assembly, Greg Kylo.

President Gale Detta reviewed the Ground Rules for Convention.

Adoption of the Agenda for the 66th Annual General Meeting.

M/S/C that the Agenda for the 66th Annual General Meeting is adopted as presented.

Adoption of the Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting.

M/S/C That the Minutes of the 65th Annual General Meeting held in Fruitvale be accepted.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:30 a.m. – President Gale introduced guest speaker Isobel Mackenzie by reading the following BIO: *Isobel has over 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, community services and volunteer services. Isobel led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency, serving over 6,000 seniors annually. In this work Isobel led the pioneering of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice. She led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among many other accomplishments. Isobel has been widely recognized for her work and was named CEO of the Year for the Not-for-Profit Sector and nominated as a Provincial Health Care Hero.*

Prior to her appointment as the Seniors Advocate, Isobel served on a number of national and provincial boards and commissions including the BC Medical Services Commission, the Canadian Homecare Association, BC Care Providers, BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation.



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Isobel received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Victoria and has a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto. Isobel lives in Victoria.

Ladies and Gentlemen, Isobel Mackenzie.

Following Isobel's talk, she answered questions from the floor. The outline of Isobel's presentation has been posted on the website.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

1:00 p.m. – The Speaker scheduled for this time was unable to attend, so the meeting was adjourned and a Tour of the Recline Ridge Winery was available for all who wished to take this tour.

6:00 p.m. – Host Night Dinner.

7:00 p.m. – Entertainment supplied by Barb Gray on Piano and Neil Making on Violin (Fiddle)

May 4th Meeting reconvened at 9:00 a.m. with the singing of O'Canada.

9:00 a.m. – The scheduled speaker did not show, so we went to the next speaker, John Lund who gave a brief history of Canoe. Following John's talk, he introduced a friend of his who was a Commercial Fisherman and he spoke on the current situation regarding the commercial fishery. We then were given an explanation of Lapidary from Warren Collinson of Branch 11 Cranbrook.

10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. – Coffee Break.

10:30 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Marilyn Bjorkman from the Seniors Resource Centre in Salmon Arm. Marilyn explained what the Seniors Resource Centre does for seniors in the Salmon Arm area. This talk was very informative.

11: 15 a.m. – President Gale Introduced guest speaker Zoe Stevens, Notary. Mrs. Stevens gave a very informative talk on Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney and Representation Agreements. She recommended to those present that all seniors should have these three documents.

Lunch Break – 12 to 1 PM.

Roll Call of Branches - The Roll Call was taken by Wilbur Wostradowski

Delegates 27 Board 6 Proxies 7 Total 40 Visitors 14

Treasurer's Report Secretary/Treasurer Ralph White reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the year 2018. As this report has not been audited, it is accepted as circulated.

Resolutions were presented by 1st Vice President Arnold Amonson:

Provincial Resolution Number 1:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia through the Medical Services Plan, cover the cost of the Shingles Vaccine for all seniors over the age of 65.

Moved by Branch 92 Canoe, seconded by Branch 46 Castlegar. Carried.



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Provincial Resolution Number 2:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia through the Medical Services Plan, provide an annual free service for eye examinations for all seniors age 55 and over.

Moved by Branch 71, Nakusp, seconded by Branch 11, Cranbrook that we change the age of 55 to the age of 65. Carried.

Provincial Resolution Number 2 as Amended.

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia through the Medical Services Plan, provide an annual free service for eye examinations for all seniors age 65 and over.

Moved by Branch 71 Nakusp, seconded by Branch 95 Falkland. Carried.

Provincial Resolution Number 3:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia through the Medical Services Plan, provide a subsidy towards the cost of purchasing hearing aids for all seniors age 55 and over.

Moved by Branch 71, Nakusp, seconded by Branch 117, Midway that we change the age of 55 to the age of 65. Carried.

Provincial Resolution Number 3 as Amended:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia through the Medical Services Plan, provide a subsidy towards the cost of purchasing hearing aids for all seniors age 65 and over.

Moved by Branch 44 Beaver Valley, seconded by Branch 46 Castlegar: Carried.

Late Resolutions: - As per Article 82 of the Constitution and Bylaws, "With consent of a majority vote of the members, resolutions may be submitted from the floor provided that copies of the resolution are available for the delegates.

Moved by Branch 46 Castlegar, seconded by Branch 11 Cranbrook that this assembly accept 3 late resolutions as distributed for discussion and vote. Carried.

Late Provincial Resolution No. 1:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia, through the Medical Services Plan, cover the cost of Dentures for all seniors over the age of 65.

Moved by Branch 117 Midway, seconded by Branch 95 Falkland. Carried.

Late Provincial Resolution No 2:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: ICBC covers the cost of doctor's fees for medical certificate to drive after the age of 80.

Moved by Branch 44 Beaver Valley, seconded by Branch 129 Kitimat, that the wording be changed as follows: remove ICBC and replace with The Government of British Columbia, through the Medical Services Plan. Carried.



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Late Provincial Resolution No 3 as Amended:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Government of British Columbia, through the Medical Services Plan, cover the cost of doctor's fees for medical certificate to drive after the age of 80.

Moved by Branch 107 Salmon Valley, seconded by Branch 44 Beaver Valley. Carried.

Late Provincial Resolution No. 3:

Therefore Be It Resolved That: The Environmental Ministry of B.C. undertake an awareness and educational program on an effective system of recycling, through the different news Medias.

Moved by Branch 107 Salmon Valley, seconded by Branch 129 Kitimat: Carried.

The 6 Resolutions passed will be forwarded to the appropriate Government Ministers.

OLD BUSINESS: None

Website: Lorraine Bradford, 2nd Vice-President and Website Administrator presented an overview of how the Website Works and how Branches can access the Website and get involved with the Website.

Elections *President* – Nominated - Gale Detta Elected by Acclamation.

1st Vice President – Nominated - Arnold Amonson Elected by Acclamation

2nd Vice President - Nominated – Lorraine Bradford Elected by Acclimation

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The Delegate from Branch 129 Kitimat read a letter from their President to those present. This letter will be sent to President Gale Detta for a response.
2. Place and date for 2020 AGM: - Sandy Zeznik, President of Branch 11 Cranbrook informed the members present that Branch 11, Cranbrook would be happy to host the 2020 AGM from April 30 to May 2, 2020.
3. Place and date for the 2021 AGM: - Anna Maria Coletto, President of Branch 49 Powell River informed the members present that Branch 49, Powell River would be happy to host the 2021 AGM from May 13 to 15, 2021

Evaluation Sheets were handed in.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Thank you Canoe for a Great Convention