

Telecommunities Canada

Annual General Meeting 2017-18

Teleconference
September 4, 2018
1:00 - 2:00 EST

Attendees: Chris Cope, Garth Graham, James Van Leeuwen, Fred Campbell, Katherine Carruthers, Shelley Robinson, Clarice Leader, Marita Moll

Agenda:

1 Approval of minutes of the 2016-2017 AGM

Discussion: none

Moved to adopt by: Chris Cope

Seconded by: Garth Graham

Carried: Yes

2 President's report

Discussion: The report was distributed online prior to the meeting. Marita went over the report and indicated she would keep the board informed as to any new developments. There were no questions.

Moved to adopt by: Garth Graham

Seconded by: James Van Leeuwen

Carried: Yes

3 Financial report

Discussion: The report as distributed online prior to the meeting. Chris Cope went over the report. Marita indicated she had paid the required fees to maintain our non-profit status. Chris noted that Peter Frampton had made a donation to Telecommunities and asked that members

consider doing the same as no one has made a contribution recently. This can be done by check or via the PayPal button on the TC website.

Moved to adopt by: Garth Graham

Seconded by: Fred Campbell

Carried: Yes

4 Director's reports

Fred Campbell: volunteer FM Radio has a network which posts a schedule of events and links to other organizations. It would like to include Telecommunities in the links. Internet radio was supported by Gareth Shearman on a personal basis and Shelley Robinson comes from the milieu as well. The synergy is good between these organizations. Fred also indicated that Telecommunities consider making a skype call into the Newfoundland Conference as they need a grassroots Canadian base at their conference. If a small blurb on the history of Telecommunities could be prepared that would be appreciated. This group will be meeting in early October.

James Van Leeuwen: The work on the community fibre networks has slowed down as there is no strategy or plan for using it. The current group involved are good people but tend to operate from the top down with little community involvement. There is no strategy for leveraging the network. Bottom-up initiatives are severely lacking.

The application of broadband at the Pincher Creek Centre for Arts and Culture (RCADE) is slow moving with little parental involvement. Unlike hockey, where parental involvement moves it forward it is hard to do that in this situation because there is so little involvement. Technical talent is needed.

Katherine Carruthers: has been working with Marita in enabling the livestreaming of the ICANN Outreach Program -- next iteration, planned for late November/early December.

Shelley Robinson: Reported on a number of on line learning programs she is involved with. Once called Save with a Click included ten workshops that focused on how people could save dollars by

accessing free entertainment, internet security, spam and virus apps as well as many others. Twenty five people applied to be part of the workshops. Another program assisted low-income people to access forms and programs online. This included some information on post-secondary on-line education and other sites with access to skills instruction handbooks and how to get more out of these sites and feel more comfortable with online learning.

Chris Cope: reported that with the advent of 5G there are many pilot programs in Ottawa and that he is keeping an eye on them.

Clarice Leader: reported on the CIRA survey completed on behalf of LIFE INC. a disability support organization of which she is a board member. The survey was related to the use of technology and the internet. The completed survey led to a phone interview and then a video interview. The video is available for viewing on the CIRA website as is the report which includes some quotes.

Garth Graham and James Van Leeuwen also reported that community based networks were now basically non-existent in BC and Alberta.

Clarice Leader also reported that Tracey Axelsson in BC had received funding to deliver and modified YI program for Western Canada. In a e-mail to the advisors list Tracey announced that VCV would be leading the DS4Y program across Western Canada. This is the revised and renewed CAP/YIP youth internship program supported by the federal government through ISED. This 2-year, \$2.4M will see VCN place 160 16-30 year old, under-employed, post-secondary youth into career building jobs.

Marita Moll reported that she had recently talked to Bev Collins of the Pacific Community Networking Association who indicated that this organization was no longer operating due to funding problems. Garth Graham reported that only the First Nations Technology Council, which formed part of PCNA is currently operating. Clarice Leader indicated that there was also now a vacuum in Manitoba with only the Broadband North group still operating as a community broadband network. James Van Leeuwen wondered what we should be learning from this history and experience.

Moved to adopt reports by: James Van Leeuwen
Seconded by: Chris Cope
Carried: Yes

- 5 Election of directors: the following slate of directors for the board was presented: Clarice Leader (Manitoba)
Chris Cope (Ontario)
Garth Graham (British Columbia)
Fred Campbell (Newfoundland)
James Van Leeuwen (Alberta)
Dana Perry (Nova Scotia)
Marita Moll (Ontario)
Tracey Axelsson (British Columbia)
Brian Beaton (New Brunswick)

Discussion: The slate was tabled, no additions were identified.
Moved to adopt by: Fred Campbell
Seconded by: Chris Cope
Carried: Yes

6 Other business

Discussion: Marita thanked Peter Frampton for making it possible for us to hold this meeting.

7 Adjournment

Moved by: Garth Graham
Seconded by: Clarice Leader
Carried: Yes