

Quint Development Corporation

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Our History, Mission, Vision and Objectives

History

Quint Development Corporation (Quint) is a non-profit community economic development corporation that serves the needs of the core neighbourhoods in Saskatoon. Quint (meaning five in Latin) comes from the five communities it represents - Pleasant Hill, Westmount, King George, Riversdale and Caswell Hill. Quint is one of a growing number of community economic development organizations whose emphasis is on both “community” and “economics”. Quint was born in February 1995, and incorporated in June 1995. Community representatives from the five neighbourhoods formed the organization through which we work to improve our lives, our neighbourhoods, and ourselves.

Mission

Quint exists to strengthen the economic and social well being of Saskatoon’s five core neighbourhoods through a community-based economic development approach.

Vision

Quint has a vision for the future of our neighbourhoods. We see citizens who are caring, self-reliant, self-determining and have a sense of pride. We see a community that is safe, stable and caring, where all its citizens can participate and grow. We see ourselves challenging the larger economy in ways that build a healthy social and economic environment for all. We see a vital local economy that uses local resources and sustains jobs, businesses and community enterprise. We see neighbourhoods that are prosperous, beautiful, and environmentally sustainable. We see the community initiating and supporting cultural, recreational, educational and socio-economic opportunities for the good of all.

Quint’s Long-term Objectives

- To create opportunities and foster the provision of services by participating in and promoting economic revitalization by:
 - Facilitating and developing new community enterprises
 - Facilitating and providing loans to small business
- To improve the quality and availability of affordable housing for lower income residents.
- To build community participation and to facilitate socio-economic and cultural understanding.
- To help develop the financial, organizational, technical and research building blocks that supports CED.
- To provide or facilitate training and education opportunities that lead to sustainable employment.
- To develop an effective governing Board.
- To become a stable and increasingly self-reliant organization.
- To promote economic and social development by building equitable relationships with government, community and business.
- To develop the capacity of Quint’s Staff and Board members.

Our Development Philosophy

Community Economic Development is a more holistic approach than traditional models of economic development. It integrates economic, social, ecological, political, and cultural development as part of a strategy, and has the revitalizing and reclaiming of community as its primary aim. CED concentrates on the development of community organizations, which enable minority or low-income groups to pool their resources and talents to create community ownership, jobs, training and income for community members.

Community Economic Development strives:

- To be inclusive of marginalized groups and individuals who are often excluded from participating fully in the economy.
- To undertake economic development in a manner that is in keeping with community culture and values;
- To combine the development of an “enterprising culture”, based on a philosophy of self-reliance, creativity, and innovation, with a belief in, and commitment to, cooperation, equity, and equal opportunity.
- To develop community capacity, skills and resources;
- To ensure that social and economic resources remain in the community.
- To promote local ownership, community control over capital and resources, and local reinvestment to guarantee long term development.
- Develop enterprises that meet “multiple bottom lines” - economic efficiency as well as enhanced social and environmental conditions, and healthier communities.

Central to each of these objectives is the belief that community representation in, and control of, the economic development process will result in greater ultimate benefits than a strategy, which lacks community involvement. Only with such a community focus will the jobs and opportunities offered by economic development be advantageous to both the workers and the residents. Profits generated or assets acquired by the Community Economic Development Organization (CEDO) is then used for further development of programs, training, job creation and employment development initiatives in the core neighbourhoods.

Although our five communities face many challenges, we feel that a community economic development approach has the potential to build healthier communities - where people regain some measure of control over their day-to-day lives and where human and local needs take precedence over distant and corporate needs.

Meet the Board and Staff

Board Members

- Jacqui Barclay (Riversdale) – Chair
- Corey O’Soup (Riversdale) – Vice- Chair
- Tanis Talbot (Westmount) – Secretary
- Anne Hardy – Treasurer
- Randy Schurman (Riversdale) (resigned Spring 2007)
- Darcy Van Loon (Riversdale)
- Maxine Kinakin (Caswell)
- Darcy Bridges (King George)
- Cecile Smith (Pleasant Hill)
- Roland Duquette (Pleasant Hill)
- Don Kossick
- Sheila Pocha

Friends of Quint

- Kevin Fruhstuk – Saskatchewan Regional Economic and Cooperative Development
- Barb Lemon - Saskatchewan Regional Economic and Cooperative Development

Committees

Executive Committee

- Jacqui Barclay - Chairperson
- Corey O’Soup – Vice Chairperson
- Anne Hardy – Treasurer
- Tanis Talbot - Secretary
- Len Usiskin - Manager

“Our Core Communities Shine” Celebration Committee

- Jacqui Barclay
- Sheila Pocha
- Tanis Talbot
- Corey O’Soup
- Roland Duquette
- Don Kossick
- Len Usiskin
- Corinne Sonntag

Message From the Chair

Each year, Quint's Annual General Meeting provides the chance for us to come together and celebrate what is possible when community people join together to improve their lives, their families, and neighbourhoods. This year, Quint held the first ***Our Core Communities Shine*** Celebration and honoured 2 deserving local heroes – Maria Linklater and Rusty Chartier. Looking back this past year, Quint has been part of many accomplishments which have benefited and enriched our communities. This annual report highlights a number of community-based economic developments Quint has been involved in.

A key focus of Quint remains providing safe and affordable housing. Quint's Affordable Housing Program provides the chance for families to fulfill their dream of owning their own home. At present, 63 families are in housing co-operatives. By the end of 2007, 50 families will take ownership title of their very own homes. This is a phenomenal accomplishment these families should be proud of.

It is hard to believe just 4 years ago Quint took the plunge into affordable rental housing. In an attempt to counter the deterioration of housing, Quint totally renovated 136 Ave U S into a safe and clean apartment building with 22 rental units complete with a licensed day care right on site. Quint restored another 18 suite apartment building at 137 Ave T S.

Since it opened its doors, Quint's Male Youth Lodge has provided transitional housing to around 100 young men and ongoing supports to help improve the lives of young men struggling with homelessness. Pleasant Hill Place, provides housing for young single moms who want to further their education and job opportunities to better their lives and the lives of their children. Core Neighbourhoods At Work helps over 100 community residents each year gain access to employment or further their education. CNAW has provided residents with the chance to find meaningful employment and greater financial security.

Residents living within the core neighbourhoods have long voiced the need for affordable and nutritious food that is easily accessible. Responding to the basic need of food security, Quint and CHEP supported the creation of Good Food Junction, a community food store co-op. Guided by a dedicated board, Good Food Junction has developed into a dynamic initiative that continues to build towards the goal of providing healthy and affordable food. This food store is part of an exciting community enterprise centre known as Station 20 West.

With tireless effort and dedicated passion, Station 20 West has finally made the transition from dream to reality. In February of this year, the Provincial Government made an exciting announcement of \$ 8 million dollars dedicated to Station 20 West. Special recognition to Karen Archibald of CHEP and Len Usiskin and Don Kossick of Quint for keeping the Station 20 West vision alive. Welcome to Paul Wilkinson who accepted the challenge of Project Manager for Station 20 West.

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Station 20 West is a community renewal development within the heart of our city which promises to benefit the west side core neighbourhoods. Located on 20th Street and Avenue K South, this development brings together affordable housing; a food store co-op; a public library; a community health clinic; and primary and public health services. Station 20 West builds on community developments that address the health and social issues of families, children, youth, and seniors who live in the most marginalized neighbourhoods of our city.

To the tremendously gifted and devoted Quint staff, I want to voice my deep appreciation for your energy and heart. Quint is truly blessed to have such gifted and dedicated staff. I thank you all for the positive contributions you have made. A special thanks to Len Usiskin, our General Manager, who is our board's direct and constant link to the programs and services delivered through Quint on a day-to-day basis. Len you impress our board and so many of our partners within the community with your expertise, passion, and commitment.

To members of the Quint Board, I thank you for the sacrifices you have made to Quint and the core neighbourhoods. You are a gifted board with great compassion. It has been a true honour and joy to work alongside each one of you. Special thanks to Randy Schurman who served beside me as our Vice Chair but left the Quint board this year. Your wisdom and dedication will be missed by all. To our longer-term board members – Anne Hardy; Darcy Van Loon; Darcy Bridges; Maxine Kinakin; Tanis Talbot; and Don Kossick thanks for the tremendous contributions you continue to make. Your heart and dedication are deeply valued. To our gifted new board members from this past year – Corey O'Soup; Sheila Pocha; Cecile Smith; and Roland Duquette – you have all greatly strengthened our board. Thanks to Quint's partners for your support of Quint and commitment to the social and economic betterment of Saskatoon's core neighbourhoods. Our board bid farewell to Donna Peiris. Thanks to Kevin Fruhstuk and Barb Lemon, who sit on our board as Quint friends, for your generous sharing of advice and support.

Thanks to all the members of Quint for helping fulfill our vision. Quint grew out of the community. Quint has thrived because people from the community have believed in and guided our work in a positive way. It has been my honour to serve a fifth year as Chair of the Board. We can be proud of the community developments initiated to build safer, vibrant neighbourhoods within the heart of our city. Thanks to all who have given their energy and heart to be a part of Quint's sometimes challenging, many times wild, but always rewarding journey of development over the years.

Jacqui Barclay, Chairperson Quint Development Corporation

Affordable Housing

Neighbourhood Homeownership Program (NHOP).

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The NHOP enables low-income families to achieve affordable and stable homeownership within housing co-operatives in the core neighbourhoods. With support from Quint, the housing co-ops purchase and renovate existing houses and after the completion of 5 years as a co-op member, the family can assume home ownership. Quint provides support to the co-op members, developing workshops that address needs that have been identified by the participants.

- Purchased 2 NHOP houses
- 8 public NHOP information meetings held;
- Support provided to 7 Co-ops with more than 90 families with approx. 400 people
- 22 applications processed
- Placed 2 new families in vacant houses within existing co-ops
- Facilitate the transfer of ownership/title of house for up to 14 families

2007 - 2008 Goals

- In conjunction with SHC, develop a revamped NHOP program that addresses changing real estate markets in Saskatoon.
- Purchase and renovate the remaining 6 NHOP houses if conditions allow.

Pleasant Hill Place

Pleasant Hill Place is a safe and healthy housing alternative for student mothers and their families. Since May 2000, it has operated as a co-operative housing program for five student parents, all with young children, who are completing high school. The young women are able to help each other by living co-operatively while still having space for familial privacy. Part-time facilitation staff work on site to provide support to the women and help them develop their skills to better live independent and productive lives.

2006 - 2007 Accomplishments

- Continued to provide co-housing for up to 5 (16 to 21 year old) moms and their children - 10 individuals
- New staffing model included one full time facilitator and one live-in mentor.

2007 – 2008 goals

- Continue to operate PHP as a Co-housing opportunity for 5 moms and their children based on the needs identified in the assessment review carried out with DCR and schools
- Continue making links with partner organizations, social workers, and school staff

Affordable Rentals

Over the past three years Quint has purchased and started managing two apartments in Pleasant Hill. In addition to the 40 suites in the two apartments, there is also a childcare, family resource room and community garden/green space. Some of the goals for our rental revitalization are to:

- Purchase, renovate and manage of community focused rental housing that was previously run down and unsafe.
- Create a sense of ownership and support systems for renters.
- Incorporate energy efficiency and create social, green and daycare spaces.
- Leverage a significant amount of capital into community ownership.

2006-2007 Accomplishments

- Naming ceremony was held for both apartments
 - Paul Wilkinson Place (136 Avenue U South) 22 suites
 - Oskikamik (*New Home*) (137 Avenue T South) 18 suite
- Continued to support tenants association
- Provided employment for 2 tenants as Caretakers
- Worked with Community Development Co-ordinator to provide clothing/furniture exchanges, potluck suppers, income tax workshops, children's story time
- Received funding from RIC for initial development of eviction prevention program
- Completed the landscaping at Oskikamik

2007-2008 goals

- Continue to manage 2 apartments incorporating 'Family Friendly' practices
- Continue to create workshops and social events for tenants in both apartments
- Continue to create links between tenants in both buildings to make the most of kitchen, computer, gardens, and outside resources (e.g. folks who can come in to do workshops in the Family Room e.g. link to the CNAW program)
- Develop proposals to sustain/support rental housing research and housing personnel
- Continue to conduct the eviction prevention program

Male Youth Lodge

The Youth Lodge opened in January, 2003. The home was created in order to provide housing and support for 10 young men, ages 16-22. By providing safe and supported accommodations and round-the-clock staffing, it has been possible to make housing and living space where formerly-homeless young men have opportunities to seek training,

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employment or other support necessary to make changes in their lives for the better. The Lodge employs the equivalent of 6.5 full time staff.

April 1 to March 31, 2007 Accomplishments

- 42 young men lived at the lodge during the past year.
- 29 of the young men were successful in obtaining employment
- 33 of the young men were enrolled in school
- Operated Youth Lodge at near full capacity during this period
- Life skills training/Financial Literacy/Addiction Training/Parenting Training etc. for Youth Lodge residents.

2007-2008 goals

- Continue operating Youth Lodge
- Further develop vision/plans for next stage housing for male youth.
- To involve residents in the construction of a garage / workshop located at the Youth Lodge. This facility will assist the implementation of a business plan for self-sustaining business operated primarily by present and former residents.

Business and Community Enterprise Development

Small Business Loans

Quint facilitates and provides loans to small business through the operation of Saskatchewan Industry and Resources' Small Business Loans Association Fund.

2006 - 2007 Accomplishments

- Business planning, support and the facilitation of loans
- Administered 5 loans with an approximate total value of \$30,000

2007 - 2008 goals

- Increase the number of people receiving business planning support and the number of loans administered.

Community (Social) Enterprise Development

Social Enterprises are businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested in the business or in the community, rather than being driven by the need to maximize profit for shareholders and owners. Social enterprises tackle a wide range of social and environmental issues. By using business solutions to achieve public good we believe that social enterprises have a distinct and valuable role to play in helping create a strong, locally controlled and socially inclusive economy. Successful social

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enterprises can play an important role in enabling individuals and communities to work towards regenerating their local neighbourhoods.

Good Food Junction Co-op

Quint continues to actively support the co-op in its efforts to establish a full service grocery store at Station 20 West. Quint has administered two grants on behalf of the co-op that were received to support the development of the GFJC. Quint, in partnership with CHEP intends to continue to provide support to the new co-op during its development period. The co-ops volunteer board of directors have taken the business plan that Quint and CHEP developed and is working very hard to ensure that the store will be a reality.

Station 20 West Development Corporation

Quint and CHEP formed a partnership in the form of Station 20 West Development Corporation, a new not-for-profit corporation which will own and manage the community enterprise centre. The board of directors of the new corporation consists of 10 members – 5 appointed from Quint and 5 appointed from CHEP.

Over the past year and through the next year, Station 20 West Development Corporation will continue a major capital campaign to raise about \$12.5 million to build the 40,000 square foot enterprise centre. In February, 2007, we received a major boost when Premier Calvert announced that the Provincial Government would provide \$8 million for the capital costs of the community enterprise centre.

Since then, planning has shifted into high gear. A high level steering committee has been formed with representatives from Quint, CHEP, Saskatchewan Health, Saskatoon Health Region and Saskatchewan Community Resources. Station 20 West Development Corporation has hired a project manager, consultants to carry out a capital campaign and an architectural firm to do detailed building design. We are anticipating that construction of the enterprise centre will begin in the fall of 2007 and will be complete by late 2008 or early 2009.

(See the back cover of this report for more detail on the Community Enterprise Centre at Station 20 West)

Child Care Centre Development

Quint has assisted two community members in starting and operating child care centres in the core neighbourhoods through the development of space and provision of loans.

2006 – 2007 Accomplishments

- Continued to rent and maintain the Avenue L house to daycare operator
- Continued to rent and maintain the (136 Ave U) suite to daycare operator.

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- Provided a small business loan and administrative support for daycare at Avenue L
- Provided assistance and support for transfer of daycare business at 637 L S
- Supported Daycare expansion at Paul Wilkinson Place

2007-2008 goals

- Continue to rent and maintain the Avenue L house to daycare operator
- Continue to rent and maintain the (136 Ave U) apartment to daycare operator.
- Continue to administer Small Business Loan to one daycare operator
- Plan to develop a child care centre as part of Station 20 West

Employment Development

Core Neighbourhoods At Work

For the past 5 years the CNAW program has shown considerable success in helping neighbourhood residents connect to training and employment. In addition CNAW staff has developed relationships with many employers and businesses to assist in identifying employment opportunities. The program also developed numerous training programs that either helped overcome identified barriers to employment or helped people meet the labour market needs. In relation to these goals the following are some of the outcomes of the program:

2006- 2007 Accomplishments

- 114 neighbourhood residents found employment
- 35 neighbourhood residents enrolled in education/training programs
- Approximately 306 individuals registered as service users of the program
- Facilitated the Moving Forward Workshop (life skills training for adults)
- Continued to build upon partnerships with business in the community

2007-2008 Goals

- At least 100 individuals registered with CNAW with 80 finding employment and 25 enrolling in education/training programs.
- Organize driver's education training opportunities
- Expand work placements opportunities & build stronger relationships and awareness with employers
- Continue to facilitate the Moving Forward Workshop (life skills training for adults enrolled in CNAW)

Trades Training and Employment

Quint's Affordable Housing Program (AHP) also strives to incorporate employment opportunities, skills training and capacity building into the program. The AHP training program offers local residents the opportunity to learn carpentry and renovation skills, through the renovation of houses and apartments.

2006 - 2007 Accomplishments

- Provided employment for carpentry supervisor
- Provided short-term employment for 4 trainees

2007-2008 goals

- Provide employment opportunities for trainees on renovation projects
- Develop plan find/ create new shop space
- Continue work with CNAW to seek links for trainees to possible employers

Community Development

1. Community Outreach and Engagement

Quint continues to take a proactive outreach and engagement approach in order to enhance community involvement and to expand the partnerships and support needed for core neighbourhood revitalization. One of the challenges to good community economic development is to ensure that ongoing outreach and communications are just as important as developing and administering programs. We have learnt that we need to embed ongoing resources to informing the community about Quint and its work and in doing so maintaining good relationships in the community.

2006 - 2007 Accomplishments

- Produced 3 editions of QuintEssentials newsletter and distributed to 6000 households each.
- Expanded partnerships with CBOs, businesses and government agencies
- AGM held on June 22, 2006 at St. Mary's Community School

2007 - 2008 goals

- Produce 3 editions of QuintEssentials newsletter
- Organize and host the first annual "**Our Core Communities Shine**" Celebration focused on the positive work and attributes of the core communities
- Organize and host the 2008 Canadian Community Economic Development Network Conference
- Continue to organize and facilitate community events and workshops

2. Supporting Community Initiatives

Quint has been using its organizational capacity to partner with other organizations or groups that have complimentary development objectives.

Quint has always understood that in order to substantively improve the social and economic well being of the core neighbourhoods, it would require the creation of an infrastructure, consisting of a series of new partnerships and or organizations that support CED principles and objectives.

Some examples of this are as follows:

- Helped organize, facilitate and/or host the following community workshops:
 - Poverty Awareness Workshop
 - Media Awareness Workshop
 - Community Elections Forum
 - Jim Silver Presentation - “In Their Own Voices: Urban Aboriginal Community Development”
- **International Interdisciplinary Community University Student Practicum Program (IICUSP)** – Quint is one of four CBO’s who are partnering with a number of health colleges at U of S. to develop and implement a model of community learning practice. The intent is to bring institutions and communities together to provide students, faculty, and community partners with a joint sharing of experience, knowledge and skills development for students to be educated to work effectively with communities, and communities and institutions being able to engage together in social change analysis and initiatives. Over the past year we participated in about ten orientation sessions for health science students about the core neighbourhoods and the social and economic determinants to health. Quint also is the administrative/accountable partner for the IICUSP program.
- **Community University Institute on Social Research (CUISR)** – Quint was a founding community partner of CUISR and Len Usiskin continues to sit on CUISR’s management board and co-leads the CED research module. CUISR supports community organizations in building healthy sustainable communities through research support. Over the past two years, Quint partnered with CUISR and the **Centre for the Study of Co-ops** at the U of S on a successful application to research the social economy in the Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Northwest Ontario region. This project entitled “*Linking Learning and Leveraging: Social Enterprises, Knowledge Economies and Sustainable Communities*” is studying areas such as
 - Social Enterprise Development
 - Financing Strategies for Social Enterprise Development
 - Governance of the Social Economy
 - Measuring and Mapping the Social Economy
 - Developing Policy Frameworks for the Social Economy

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- **Saskatoon Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)** – is a non-profit organization with a mandate to develop new mechanisms and partnerships to address the need for affordable housing in Saskatoon.
- **Community First Development Fund (CFDF)** a charitable non-profit organization that is creating an investment pool that can be used to provide flexible patient finance to CED projects in Saskatoon. CFDF has agreed to partner with Station 20 West Development Corporation to assist in raising capital to develop the Community Enterprise Centre.
- **Rainbow Community Centre** – One of Quint’s staff continues to sit on the Rainbow Board in their efforts to transform St. Thomas Wesley United Church to a community centre.
- Quint is a member of **Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNET)** and the newly created **Saskatchewan CED Network** linked with the CCEDNET. Quint in partnership with the Saskatchewan CED Network will be hosting the national CCEDNet conference in Saskatoon in May, 2008.
- Other partners include: **Saskatoon Anti Poverty Coalition, Saskatoon Food Coalition, Cloth For Kids, Communities For Children, Core Neighbourhood Youth Co-op.**

Manager's Report

This past year marks another very active and productive year for Quint towards our goal of seeing healthy and sustainable west side core neighbourhoods. For the most part I am optimistic about the prospects for Quint and the core neighbourhoods but there is still a ton of work to do with some significant challenges to address.

Our major new initiative over the past year has been the development of Station 20 West. Our work has focused on two fronts - planning with the organizations that will co-locate at Station 20 West, and seeking support for the capital costs. On February 23, 2007, we were extremely pleased to hear Premier Calvert's announcement that the Province would invest \$8 million for the Community Enterprise Centre at Station 20 West. This obviously was a major boost to the project and meant that detailed design and planning could proceed with the aim of beginning construction this fall. We are also excited about continuing to support the excellent development work that the volunteer board of the Good Food Junction Co-op is doing. It is very rewarding to see these developments go forward.

The funding for Station 20 West came as part of a larger \$100 million commitment by the province to invest in inner cities and northern communities of Saskatchewan. This means more resources for affordable housing and post secondary education programs in Saskatoon core neighbourhoods over the next five years. We commend the Province for this level of funding to inner cities and I am convinced that if this level of support for community-based development is sustained over the next 20 years the core could be significantly transformed.

Our largest challenge in the next few years will likely be our ability to continue to deliver affordable housing programs. This is largely due to the rapidly increasing real estate market in Saskatoon. More and more we are seeing the negative effects this is having on people being able to access safe, affordable housing. The affordable housing community will have to come together like never before to address this growing problem. At Quint, we are currently working on revamping the Neighbourhood Homeownership Program so that homeownership can still be an option for low income families in Saskatoon. We are also planning on taking on more affordable rental revitalization projects in the community.

We were also excited to learn that Saskatoon was selected as the location for the Canadian Community Economic Development Network's national conference in the spring of 2008 and that Quint will be the local host organization. This will be a major organizing effort for our organization in the upcoming year but also one that will be very significant in promoting community economic development initiatives in Saskatchewan.

Appreciation

I want to thank every member of Quint's Board of Directors for their commitment to Quint and its vision for core area revitalization. What I have always appreciated about working at Quint is the staunch commitment by the organization to creating a strong social economy that is led by community residents and that responds to community identified priorities.

We would especially like to thank the one member of the Board who is leaving this year – Randy Schurman. Randy was first appointed to the board as the representative for Riversdale in 1998 after being involved with Quint's first housing co-op since 1997. Randy has been a staunch advocate for Quint both here in Saskatoon and at meetings across the country. Randy has become a reliable colleague and a good friend.

I also want to thank all of Quint's staff in their tireless effort and wholehearted commitment to Quint and the core neighbourhoods. You are making a very positive difference for many community members.

Respectfully submitted

Len Usiskin

Election of Directors 2007

Quint's bylaws (revised at the 2005 AGM), state:

6.01

(a) At each annual meeting or at each meeting called for the purpose of electing directors, the members shall be advised of the names of those seeking election to the board and then shall determine, by ordinary resolution, the number of directors required to constitute a full board provided there shall be no less than eight (8) directors and no more than twelve (12) directors that constitute a full board.

(b): The members shall elect from among the General Members or representatives of General Members, the number of directors needed to complete the board.

(c): Nomination of directors by general members must be submitted in writing fourteen (14) days in advance of the annual meeting.

(e): Directors will be appointed or elected for a two (2) year term. There will be rotation of terms to allow the election or appointment of a portion of the directors each year.

6.02 Composition of the Board

At least three-quarters (3/4) of the board of directors shall be residents of Quint service area: Riversdale, Westmount, Caswell, Pleasant Hill, and King George.

The following directors will be continuing in the 2nd year of a two year term:

- Darcy Bridges (King George)
- Darcy Van Loon (Riversdale)
- Maxine Kinakin (Caswell Hill)
- Corey O'Soup (Riversdale)
- Roland Duquette (Pleasant Hill)

We have received written nominations from the following seven individuals:

- Jacqui Barclay (Riversdale)
- Anne Hardy
- Cecile Smith (Pleasant Hill)
- Tanis Talbot (Westmount)
- Don Kossick
- Sheila Pocha
- Daniel Caswell (Caswell Hill)

(Randy Schurman resigned from the Board in Spring 2007)

As there were no other nominations received, the committee recommends that all five nominees be elected to the Board by acclamation.