

Columere Park Community Association

Minutes – Annual General Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Columere Park Beach Gazebo

Directors Present: Cameron Aplin (President), Mike Lelek (Vice-President), Amber Kirby (Treasurer), Karen Lillejord (Secretary), Andrew Richardson, Dierdre Kavanagh, Amber Kirby, Mark Duk, Colin Bigley, Kevin Hughes, Bruce Williams

Directors Absent: Amanda Price, Kurt Silbernagel

A list of members in attendance is attached to the official minutes.

1. Call to Order at 10:14AM MST
2. Quorum was declared, based on 61 voting members in attendance.
3. Agenda

Moved by Mark Thomas, seconded by Diane Jeffers THAT the circulated agenda be approved, as amended with the additions of FireSmart recognition and update from the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society. Carried.

4. 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes should reflect that the CPKC crossing agreement is between Columere Park Marina Ltd. not the Rae's and that the registered easements provide property owners with the right to use the beach and the CPKC crossing.

Moved by Gerald McHugh, seconded by Ken Joyce THAT the circulated 2025 Annual General Meeting Minutes be approved, as amended. Carried.

5. 2026 Financial Statements and 2026/27 Budget

Amber Kirby provided a review of the financial statements including revenue, expenditures and capital spending. There was discussion with respect to certain expense categories.

Moved by Bruce Littke, seconded by Judy Bragg THAT the 2026 Financial Statements be approved, as circulated. Carried.

The 2026/27 budget discussion included specific request to address future FireSmart initiatives for the Columere Park Community. Community members can view FireSmart information at: <https://firesmartbc.ca/prepare/>

Moved by Donna Rae, seconded by Mark Thomas THAT \$1,000 be included in the 2026/27 Operating Budget for FireSmart initiatives. Carried.

Moved by Bruce Williams, seconded by Judy Roggeman THAT the 2026/27 Operating and Capital Budget be approved, as amended. Carried.

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6. Board of Director Introductions

Cameron Aplin introduced the Board of Directors for the 2025/26 term.

7. Yearly Community Activities:

- a) Kevin Hughes discussed the upcoming beach clean-up scheduled for July 5, 2026 at 9:00AM. There was discussion in regard to the 2025 playground equipment inspection. All items raised were either addressed or will be satisfied during the yearly beach clean-up activities.

Cameron Aplin indicated that an email would be circulated to members with respect to use and care of the paddleboards and kayaks.

- b) Community BBQ is scheduled for August 8, 2026, organized by “The Good Vibes Network”.
- c) Bruce Williams presented Ken Joyce with gift certificates in recognition of the FireSmart activities he and the FireSmart team have spearheaded in the Columere Park Community.

8. Pickleball/Tennis Court Project

Kevin Hughes provided an update of the Pickleball/Tennis Court Project. It is expected that the courts will be available for use by the end of May 2026. Rules for use of the courts will be posted.

Community members were reminded of the project's one-time supplemental fee approved at the May 18, 2025 Annual General Meeting that is required to be paid along with the 2026 community fees.

Community members acknowledged Kevin Hughes' efforts and time in bringing this project to completion.

9. Columere Park Marina

Chris Rae provided an update as to the status of the marina dredging. The following is a link to the Columere Park Marina 2026 Newsletter: <https://columerepark.com/newsletter-2026/>.

10. Columbia Lake Stewardship Society

Mark Thomas provided information on the activities of the Columbia Lake Stewardship Society including “Casting for Conservation” which is scheduled for July 24 – August 3, 2026. Community members can access additional information on the Society's website: <https://columbialakess.com/> which has reports and data for the Columbia Lake water.

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11. Columere Water Works

Mike Lelek provided an update from Ron Rutledge. An email will be circulated to members reinforcing the community water restrictions. Community members were informed that Columere Water Works has applied for a water rate increase which has not occurred in many years and is necessary to ensure future adequate and safe water supply for the community.

Community members gratefully acknowledged the service that Ron Rutledge and team have provided to the community.

12. Board of Director Nominations and Election

Cameron Aplin indicated that there were 9 vacant director positions available for nominations. Keven Hughes was requesting to serve a fourth consecutive term which requires the term limit to be waived by community members.

Moved by Jim Ottenbreit, seconded by Kyle Boon THAT the term limit be waived for Board of Director Member Kevin Hughes. Carried.

Nominations and elections (by show of hands) were conducted by Cameron Aplin and the following individuals were elected for a term of two years:

Kevin Hughes
January Townsend
Colin Bigley

Mike Van Elsberg
Mark Duk
Leticia Aplin

Carol Marohn
Diane Jeffers
Harry Mitchell

13. Election of President

By acclamation, Mike Lelek was elected the President for 2026/27.

14. Other Business

- a) Kevin Hughes indicated that the pedestrian gate code would be changed on the Thursday prior to the summer long weekends. The code will be circulated by email to members in good standing.
- b) Dierdre Kavanagh informed the Members that a new e-mail for communications will be implemented going forward: columerecommunications@gmail.com.
- c) Mark Thomas recognized and appreciated Cameron Aplin for his service as President for Columere Park Community.

15. Adjournment

Moved by Kyle Boon, seconded by Omar Hajar THAT the Annual General Meeting of the Columere Park Community Association be adjourned at 11:39AM MST.