

Manitoba Urban Forest Council Annual General Meeting Minutes

April 28/2022

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the Manitoba Urban Forest Council Inc. held via Teams on April 28, 2022, at 12 PM.

Shawn Dias chaired the meeting, and Kyla Maslaniec acted as secretary of the meeting.

1. INTRODUCTION

- Shawn Dias, Board of Directors Chair, called the meeting to order.
- The current Board of Directors introduced themselves to attendees.
- Matt Vinet vacated his position but will continue to support the council as part of the Advisory Committee.
- Previous minutes accepted.
- No additions to the agenda were made.

2. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Sima Feuer, Treasurer, presented MBUFC financial statements.
- Total expenses: \$323.88
- Total revenue: \$600.0
- Total funds remaining: \$
- Sima noted that due to Covid there was very little activity that would change the group's finances.

3. MBUFC YEAR IN REVIEW

- Membership update given by Carla Antonation:
 - Currently, there are 141 members with representation from municipal operations and government, industry (arboriculture and nursery), provincial government, and educational institutions.
 - 17 were added this year.
- Advisory committee update by Kyla Maslaniec, Advisory Committee Chair:
 - Committee approved by Board of Directors on July 20, 2021.
 - Purpose: Improve and grow organization by providing expertise, expand relationships, and provide opinions and feedback.
 - First introductory meeting was January 10th.
 - First working meeting coming soon. Topics to discuss include; Arboriculture Education initiative with the University of Manitoba, future workshops, and training needs.
 - There are seven members of the committee from MB Association of Landscape Architects, Canadian Institute of Forestry, International Society of Arboriculture Prairie, City of Winnipeg, Jeffries Nurseries, Canadian Urban Forest Network Prairie, and MB Hydro.
- Arboriculture Education Initiative sub-committee update given by Shawn Dias and Carla Antonation:

- Carla Antonation and Stacey Auld (City of Winnipeg) have been working with the University of Manitoba, School of Agriculture, to expand the current arboriculture short course into a suite of arboriculture related training courses. The intention is to build and deliver multiple courses over the next few years to better support arboriculture training capacity within the province.
- The MBUFC sub-committee's role is to provide course topics, content and to advise on industry needs, learning outcomes, accreditation requirements through ISA.
- To date, Carla and Stacey have been working on course content for a Tree ID course with planned delivery this fall.

4. ARBOR DAY PRESENTATION

- Sima Feuer gave a PowerPoint presentation about the history of Arbor Day, the purpose, and Arbor Day in Winnipeg.
- Kyla Maslaniec gave a PowerPoint presentation about Arbor Day in Brandon.
- Shawn Dias talked about Arbor Day in Morden.

5. MBUFC BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS

- Shawn Dias provided information on the nominations for the Board of Directors.
- There can be up to nine directors on the board and a minimum of three. Of the current eight directors, one was stepping down (Matt Vinet).
- Two nominations were received making a vote unnecessary.
- Mike McGarry and Shane Freeman were the nominees, and Shawn Dias welcomed them to the board and introduced them to the membership.
- Both new board members spoke briefly and introduced themselves to the membership.
- Shawn Dias asked them to accept the nomination and to serve a two-year term, and they both accepted.

6. MBUFC NEXT STEPS AND PRIORITIES

- Shawn Dias outlined MBUFC next steps and priorities, which include:
 - Establishing officer positions for the Board of Directors.
 - Advisory Committee
 - Arboriculture Ed Initiative with the University of Manitoba
 - In-person workshop this fall (planning, where, when, content and speakers)
 - Prepare and deliver webinars.

7. QUESTIONS

- Shawn Dias opened the meeting for questions.
- No questions were asked during the meeting, but attendees were advised that they could direct and questions they have to the MBUFC email.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.