

A huge thankful welcome to our 24th Annual General Meeting!

It is such a blessing we can meet at the Lightbody residence in person.

FRAHCAS was formed in 1998 with the purpose to encourage the preservation of structural and natural heritage within the Abbott Street Heritage Conservation Area and to maintain its existing single and two family residential character. Kelowna was the fastest-growing metropolitan in Canada with 14% growth from 194k in 2016 to 22k in 2021. As you will appreciate, this has placed a strain on development in our beautiful neighbourhood .

As a result of the City encouraging higher density in the Core area, it is most important that we maintain a healthy relationship with the Mayor & Council as the OCP still incorporates a heritage boundary albeit as part of the downtown core. The city has approved the 39 unit rental apt building on Royal Ave between Long & Pandosy, although we strongly opposed this development, along with KSAN. The City saw this as an opportunity to provide affordable rental accommodation for hospital employees. Unfortunately, we will see larger lots subdivided to create perhaps 2 lots comprised of two residential components maybe a single family home plus a second dwelling such as a carriage home. It is known there are carriage homes in the neighbourhood that have a home office and not an actual residence.

In June, the City Planning Dept , namely Ryan Smith & Lauren Sanbrooks, attended our board meeting and explained the current process for heritage development projects, the future of our Heritage are with the new OCP and their thoughts on the value of neighbourhood groups. Excerpts of this meeting were distributed to the membership via email , if you wish a copy, please let one of our board members know and we will forward the information.

In February, Walley Lightbody received a COHS Distinguished Community Service Award. Each year, we submit nominations for the awards categories during Heritage Week.

In April, we hosted a “Mariettas Walk” covering Royal , Glenwood and Cadder avenue with 35-40 attendees followed by tea and goodies at 435 Glenwood Ave.

On behalf of our Board, I wish to thank you for your membership plus the donations from the friends and residents.

Wayne Ross