

Summary of Sechelt Community Association Forum Meeting

Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at SCACL
The meeting was chaired by Doug Smith – Village
Minutes by Bob D'Arcy
Communities represented as noted.

- 1) **Call to Order:** at 7:33
- 2) Approval of minutes/report of October 23, 2007 - M/C
- 3) Call for Additions to this agenda: as noted – M/C
- 4) **Round Robin Report from community representatives and guests**
 - a) **East Porpoise Bay** (Lorraine Gallant and Val Morris) –
 - i) ONNI project is going ahead it seems with design review underway
 - ii) Stockwell just keeps clearing more
 - iii) AGM coming up in February
 - b) **Sandy Hook** (Bob D'Arcy, Gray Waddell) –
 - i) Amending website to include picture and bio of board like West Sechelt did
 - ii) Toured some cutting sites with SCPI and advisory board. Was good production. Being pressed to help fill CF advisory board.
 - iii) Reviewed Capital Works/Finance meeting in December and recommended all communities attend when they can. Opportunities for input and was well run giving a chance to maybe change priorities or at least confirm them.
 - iv) Noted that at last minute Davis Bay had phoned in to ask for the Sechelt Inlet Road money to be transferred to a hitherto unknown need on Field Road. Was oddly supported by Steeves but rejected by Shanks.
 - c) **SHORA** – N/A
 - d) **Tuwanek** (Linda Williams) – N/A
 - e) **The Village** (Doug Smith, Alice Janisch) –
 - i) Reported on first visit under the so called new referral process. In spite of Village members having most of the material Angela Letman insisted on detailing every bit of the Pacific Spirit project again. Appears only change is to flatten part of roof. Rumour that they are after 4th reading then will sit on it for a year. Suggests a flip in progress!
 - ii) Mayor offered the choice of Seaside Centre or the Library room for Village meetings at no charge. All wonder if they can use for larger meetings and for SCAF too.
 - f) **West Porpoise Bay**(Bob Ware) –
 - i) Described 'speed trap' process when new 30K sign went in near Duck Pond. It was pointed out to DoS that signs throughout West Porpoise have contradictions and inconsistencies to such a degree that speeding tickets handed out might not be enforceable.
 - ii) North Gale in need of fixing of dips and bumps. Workers were seen to measure and then just dump some material in dips to reduce the depth a bit.
 - g) **West Sechelt** (Ken Matheson and Ron Harrington) –
 - i) 42 unit project before them along with another sub-division. Have had good results from meetings with Planning and council over works in progress so far.
 - ii) Another proposal wants to make more lots out of a parcel than the OCP allows and there is pressure to drop resistance to enforcing OCP.
 - iii) Are trending towards a guest speaker at every second meeting as it gets residents out and helps promote memberships. Mayor Reid at last meeting was well received with election looming.
 - h) **Other Guests** – none in attendance
- 5) **Business arising from minutes/unfinished business**
 - a) Judicial Review – update. Janisch advised that the review is still being held open to use when needed.

- b) Visioning – Where is it? The District staff has been instructed to offer a copy of the visioning document to all developers. Considerable discussion seemed to indicate that mostly lip service right now while a consultant is hired. Clearly a huge project to integrate into OCP.
- c) Watershed logging – update. After considerable discussion regarding the conflict of interest between owning SCPI and wanting all the watershed protected (see LRMP matter below) it was agreed unanimously (assuming Tuwanek said yes) that the Chair should draft a letter for circulation. The letter would be to the Mayor and Council expressing concern that since the voters/residents of Sechelt are the shareholders of SCPI through the council then SCPI should respond to the wishes of Sechelters.
- d) SilverBack rumor – that's all there is right now but it appears that this has been dropped as a solution to the sewage issue. Ken Matheson gave a run down on his insight into the sewer issue and it was not pretty. There seems to be a lack of solution or resolve but maybe something will happen soon.
- e) What happened with West Porpoise Bay STR. Ware reported that the bylaw officer had tracked down the home owner and had it confirmed that if the house was to be used for STR again they would fully comply with the license requirements. Good!
- f) Prime objectives for SCAF members in the next twelve months (“to be forwarded to Bob for discussion next meeting”) – one received – (SH, Visioning). Sewage and Community Forest added for now.
- g) LRMP – review of recent logging letter and the Mayor's response. Where are the communities on this now? This matter was mostly covered in the prior discussion relating to the watershed and the LRMP issue should be incorporated in the agreed letter.

6) New Business

- a) The new DoS referral process – After discussion it was clear that each had been replying and suggesting revised procedures to the DoS independently. It was agreed that some sort of united SCAF positive letter with suggestions for a ‘workable’ process should be drafted by the Chair and after circulation, sent to Brown and Mayor and Council. Some of the items noted were: a) written information should still be sent; b) information should be expanded to include what developer or other is proposing at earliest stages; c) where at all practical, email/PDF distribution should be used as then it could be easily forwarded to other board or association members; d) staff time should not be wasted by re-telling all of the detail – only changes since the latest information forwarded; e) staff time should not be wasted with a meeting where the association replies in reasonable time waiving any objections or clarifying minor ones; f) with forewarning meeting the might be a regular one of association or its board instead of special one g) consideration must be given to having a meeting with more than one association at once where a matter impacts more than one (e.g. all three east inlet groups for anything along East Porpoise Bay/Sechelt Inlet Road; h) there must be adequate time after any meeting for the association to ponder the project and consider their position; i) if after consideration the list of issues on a project is substantial then a follow-up meeting must be considered to clarify the issues.
- b) Anything to do about the blasting issue – it appears DoS May be taking action against the blasters on Clayton's property
- c) Spirit Square and ‘our’ share of the dollars – noted with some dismay by all. Appears to be another example of DoS applying late for funds from outside sources instead of being first in with best chance.
- d) SEA opportunity to address associations and boards as information exercise – SEA would like opportunity to have a guest speaker at any general meetings of associations. This would not declare the association political but would be informative for members – just like having the Mayor speak at meeting or the fire chief or whoever. SCAF members will bear this in mind and contact SEA with the date if they want guest speaker.
- e) Capital Budget input process? Already discussed by Sandy Hook above but some rehashing revealed that it is very unclear what the proper process is.
- f) Pacific Spirit delay? Reported by Village above

- g) DoS/CA – (minutes) Next Meeting – to be at venue to be set by SCAF and a precise day could not be selected now so it was agreed that it would be in mid-February, 2008. SCAF would consult and advise with the DoS.
 - i) Agreed that the Chair would write to the Mayor suggesting a date of Tuesday, March 4th, 2008 and ask for the Library Committee Room.
 - ii) On basis of March 4 date ALL members to have their agenda items into the secretary NOT LATER than February 18th – FOR SURE.
 - h) Censorship – Sechelt Style. The apparent situation with the Coast Reporter only selecting letters to the editor which are not critical of the current Mayor and council or the Community Forest specifically was outlined and discussed. With the Reporter having such a dominant role in the local media this seems to be against reasonable democratic principles. Concern over the viability of the alternate, The Local, was expressed. All are to do some investigation on their own and then the matter will be more thoroughly discussed at the next meeting.
- 7) **Next Meeting:** Next scheduled meeting to be Tuesday, February 19th at 7:30 at SCACL.
- 8) **Adjournment:** at 9:43 pm