

## Summary of Sechelt Community Association Forum Meeting

Tuesday, April 15, 2008 at SCACL

The meeting was chaired by Doug Smith – Village

Minutes by Bob D'Arcy – Sandy Hook

Communities represented as noted.

- 1) **Call to Order:** at 7:32  
Introduction - Welcome Linda Buckingham from East Porpoise
- 2) Call for Additions to this agenda: as noted – M/C
- 3) Approval of minutes/report of February 19, 2008 - M/C.
- 4) **Round Robin Report from community representatives and guests**
  - a) **East Porpoise Bay** (Val Morris and Linda Buckingham) –
    - i) AGM – was Feb. 26 at Arts Centre. In lieu of a guest speaker a presentation regarding all the potential changes along the east side of the Inlet – 4500 more people projected.
    - ii) The board now has a full slate of 9
    - iii) The Anderchek development is being resisted
  - b) **Sandy Hook** (Bob D'Arcy, Gray Waddell) –
    - i) Inquired if others had an emergency response person who manned a CB as in Sandy Hook this program has been active but now needs a new 'operator.' Waddell will report again next meeting.
    - ii) AGM to be at Arts Centre on June 6<sup>th</sup> and looking for some new directors –up to 12.
  - c) **SHORA** – N/A
  - d) **Tuwanek** (Linda Williams) – N/A
  - e) **The Village** (Doug Smith, Alice Janisch) –
    - i) Reviewed C5 zoning situation regarding proposed Vietnamese restaurant
    - ii) Informal semi-annual meeting coming up and a newsletter going out
  - f) **West Porpoise Bay**(Bob Ware) –
    - i) AGM was March 10 and about 40 persons in attendance. Speaker was Constable Taylor (based in Gibsons) who gave excellent presentation on Home Safety
    - ii) Have a full contingent of 5 directors
  - g) **West Sechelt** (Ken Matheson) –
    - i) Successful opening of Walter Burtnick Park
    - ii) Support extension of Neptune Road establishing first ever alternate road (from the Highway) into West Sechelt.
    - iii) Lots 6 & 7 project is first one really based upon the Visioning cluster plan and with 67% green space and provides a linear park.
    - iv) Concerns expressed about need for new president in West Sechelt as Ken moving off coast once house is sold.
  - h) **Other Guests** – none in attendance
- 5) **Business arising from minutes/unfinished business**
  - a) Visioning – review of where we are at now – as a group and as individual associations
    - i) Discussed at length including some funding reviews.
    - ii) Agreed to add to item for discussion at next DoS meeting
  - b) DoS/CA Meeting – discuss and what for May 13<sup>th</sup> – no confirmation letter has been received so agreed:
    - i) Chair would inquire and confirm date and place.
    - ii) Chair will ask DoS to get items in for agenda
    - iii) Members are to submit their items for agenda to Secretary by April 25<sup>th</sup> so that proper full agenda may be made up and distributed.
  - c) Watershed logging – Letter has gone and is posted on website
  - d) (Repeating Item)-Prime objectives for SCAF members in the next twelve months (“to be forwarded to Bob for discussion next meeting”) any new ones? Agreed to continue tracking for future work. Agreed leave on agenda for future additions.

- e) The new DoS referral process – Both the notes from the CA/DoS meeting and letter from Planner Parfitt were reviewed:
  - i) Agreed the Chair will meet with Parfitt to try and set a new revised process acceptable to him.
  - ii) Item 1 should include drawing in the Coast Community Builders Association initiative somehow
  - iii) Members should submit their ideas for changes to the Secretary by Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at the latest so the Chair may proceed in the next week.
  - iv) “Unofficial Finalized” process after review with Planner would be an item for the DoS meeting and it would be suggested that the Planner attend the DoS meeting for just this item.
- f) Motion by Bob D’Arcy and seconded by Val Morris: Whereas the Chair and attendees at SCAF are strictly voluntary, and, whereas from time to time some unwarranted and unjustified issues may arise which require or recommend that legal counsel be utilized, be it resolved: that SCAF will approach its association membership to assist in a fair way in indemnification of any legal expenses incurred by the volunteer officers or member representatives with each instance to be determined on a case by case basis and by a vote that does not have to be unanimous but neither must be binding on all. Tabled until next meeting again.
- g) SilverBack – discuss and is there a second life? No firm answer was clear. Some suspicions that it will come up again after the election.
- h) Shanks latest letter, March 18 – discussed and filed

## 6) New Business

- a) Outdoor burning, the absence of useful regulations, and the impact on human health (Waddell) – explained how the Clean Air Society was struggling right now but the smoke problem was not going away. Needs complete review to: enforce no backyard burning, stop or mitigate slash burning, burning permits seem to be governed by nearest air monitor which is in Qualicum Beach and has no relevance to Sechelt; DoS seems to be out of the program for cash rebates for upgrading wood stoves.
  - i) Agreed: That each member is to discuss and review with their boards and ascertain if a common SCAF submission is warranted and can be advanced. To report at next meeting.
- b) Pacific Spirit update – Janisch had sent out report to all so it is wait and see
- c) Coastal Community Builders Association – excellent meeting and no doubt that builders wish to get ‘heads up’ on issues in the community before proceeding with development plans. Hopefully relationship can be expanded upon, in part, through the referral process. Chair will look into having a representative speak to SCAF at a future meeting.
- d) D’Arcy (from Sandy Hook motion) - Call for it to be recorded that everyone who is at a meeting and who receives a copy of minutes for fixing of errors and omissions is equally responsible for the minutes and how they read. This generated renewed discussion on handling of minutes as clear that when minutes are reviewed and corrected by all in attendance the criticism later cannot fall and should not fall solely on the secretary who just makes the changes requested by members. Agreed:
  - i) As now, the first draft will go to the chair only for review and changes as needed
  - ii) The corrected draft will be sent out to all who attended a meeting for review and changes
  - iii) All attendees would respond within 10 days or it is assumed they have no comment.
  - iv) The finalized version would be posted on the website but clearly marked as DRAFT ONLY – as agreed by Chair.
  - v) The minutes would be adopted as official at the next meeting and then the DRAFT status would be removed.
- e) Car Pooling – D’Arcy gave a brief report on program being investigated for Sandy Hook with input from a councillor in Qualicum Beach. Idea might be useful for other communities but review can wait until Sandy Hook survey of interest completed. Members will be able to

review program and survey on line shortly once the newsletter for it is posted on the SCAF website.

- f) BC Healthy Communities Seed Grants – this was introduced and copies of a portion of ‘Seed Grant Backgrounder’ were handed out. Might provide some funds for some joint community efforts in future.

- 7) **Next Meeting:** Next scheduled meeting to be the DoS meeting on Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with agenda to be sent out.

Next Regular scheduled meeting of SCAF to be May 20<sup>th</sup> at SCACL at 7:30

- 8) **Adjournment:** at 9:16 pm