



West Porpoise Bay Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting of January 4, 2008 Time: 2:00pm

Held at Marilyn Charles' house at 6148 Highmoor Place.

Present: Bob Ware, Marilyn Kendall Smith, Lorraine Blakeman, Alan Pickard, and Marilyn Charles.

Previous minutes of August 30, 2007 were accepted by Alan Pickard.

Treasurer's Report: Balance on deposit remains unchanged at \$ 1,055.57

Membership: Lorraine mentioned we have 75 members from prior year and will be looking to attract new members from the upcoming AGM and from the newsletter that will go out prior to the AGM.

AGM Discussion: It was suggested that we ask Staff Sergeant Kevin Picard of the RCMP to be the speaker/presenter. We will set a date for the meeting that is convenient to him if he agrees to come.

An alternative speaker could be MLA Nicholas Simons.

The community church would have to be booked.

Directors that are coming up for re-election: Alan Pickard

Bob mentioned that he has several names of people that he will approach to serve as future directors for WPBCA.

It was felt that we should serve some refreshments after the meeting so as to facilitate attendees to mingle and perhaps bring up issues that are of concern. Lorraine and Marilyn C would be willing to do some baking for the evening and perhaps we could serve a hot apple cider/coffee as a beverage.

Lorraine agreed to work on a Newsletter that would go out before the AGM. She would need the information early in Feb. in order to have time to prepare it.

Updates:

Short Term rentals: Bob was contacted by the Bylaw Officer, Bruce Haynes (sp?). Bruce mentioned that he had finally tracked down the owners of 6550 Gale Ave. N. through the real estate agent and that the owners would be contacted about the license requirement for short term rentals.

Former Tong property in Sechelt, now called Pacific Sprirt, will be delayed for approximately a year.

Traffic, speeding, and signage continue to present problems in our neighbourhood, but a study is being conducted by the DOS regarding the signage from the "duck pond" to the arena. Road conditions remain unchanged.

Speed bumps/humps were discussed as a way to control speeding on local streets.

Beach access: has been completed at both locations. Alan expressed that the access at the end of Shoreline place could be a little more “senior friendly”, but generally most of us directors were satisfied with the Shoreline access. On the other hand, Marilyn and Alan both agreed that the paved “utility” beach access steps were very steep and they needed to be improved upon and perhaps a railing installed.

Mining update: no new developments

Trailer, Boats, RV's and Temporary Structures: Marilyn Kendal Smith brought to our attention the increasing number of these “eye sores” parked in the neighbourhood. It was suggested that the homeowners who have these things parked around their homes need a reminder that they are breaking existing covenants. We agreed that the first step in resolving this problem was to place a reminder in the upcoming newsletter regarding this problem.

Land Resource Management Plan: it seems the community is not going to get one. It will be replaced by the SLRP.

Strategic Land and Resource Mgmt Plan (SLRP): Bob Ware forwarded an email from Kathy Turner and the attached Summary of Meetings held in October 2007 for the purposes of making ourselves aware of this process and issues around it.

Vision Report: Sechelt has accepted this report and this decision will have an impact on OCP's into the future. The Vision Report is seen as a good thing for the downtown area.

Watershed: The SCR D made a decision not to file an Appeal in the matter of WFP and the SCR D local board of Health, however the local board of health will file a Notice of Appearance at the appeal being filed by the Sunshine Coast Conservation Assoc. along with others. This shows the SCR D supports gaining local control over our watersheds. This information was supplied by letter from Ed Steeves, SCR D Chair.

Correspondence received:

Ed Steeves letter re: watershed as above

Ken Tang letter: outlining the changes to the bylaws regarding mobile vending. These changes affect some of the locations in our neighbourhood, i.e. Kinnicknick Park, Hackett Park, and Arena surround.

Bill Brown letter: re: Proposed changes to the way community assoc input is gathered when new Development Applications are received. Bob Ware supplied a copy of letter to each of us. Bob will be responding by letter to this proposal and the problems that it creates.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:50 pm
Minutes prepared by Marilyn Charles

