

**MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:15 pm Monday, December 11, 2017
Nanoose Library**

Call to Order at 7:20 pm by Kirke MacMillan

Meeting attended by approximately 50 residents, including residents from Timberstone and Madrona Heights and Wall Beach, Delanice Way.

The AGM also had one uninvited guest, Director Bob Rogers, RDN Electoral Area E

NNRA Board of Directors

Kirke MacMillan Chair

Lewis Vermeulen Secretary/Treasurer

Sherilene Chycoski

Michael Kosich

Mark Thomson on vaction

Kirke reviewed the purpose of the Northwest Nanoose Residents Association as adopted for the formation of the organization in 2001. The four points are shown on the website www.nnra.ca

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as given.

Approval of the 2016 AGM Minutes

Copies of the minutes were made available, but attendees were reminded that they are posted on the website www.nnra.ca

Moved to accept by Colin Springford and seconded by Roy Spires. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report Lewis Vermeulen

The Statement of Accounts from the Coastal Community Credit Union showed \$3859.42 in the Checking Account as of October 31, 2017.

Expenditures for printing and postage for preparation for the AGM and rental for Nanoose Library reduced this to \$3055.00.

The report was accepted as given.

Activities 2016/2017

Kirke reviewed the various activities.

- Membership drive
- Repair of various NNR signposts
- Placement of Membership forms into plastic bins at the NNRA signposts at the mailboxes.

Sherilene, using a PowerPoint presentation, discussed further 2017 activities:

- Representation by a member of the NNRA on the Nanoose Fire Protection Society (Neil Watson)
- Sponsorship of the January 11 Earthquake Preparedness Workshop
- Initiation of a membership drive
- Attendance at Area E Director Rogers' Interactive Forums

Of great concern to Nanoose residents is that the 2001 Parks and Open Space Plan (May 2001) was recommended to be rescinded by Director Bob Rogers at the February 22nd, 2017 POSAC meeting without replacement. On March 14th 2017 the RDN Electoral Services Committee formally rescinded the Plan.

Rescinding of the 2001 POSAC Plan potentially allows the use of beach accesses for commercial operations.

Due to this action, residents are no longer protected from misuse of the beach areas, as had been outlined in the 2001 Plan:

“Residents adjacent to beach access have concerns about public use of these areas, including vehicle parking and access, garbage, sanitation, late-night parties, trespassing and loss of privacy.”

“Any use of beach accesses is sensitive to the concerns of adjacent landowners while providing opportunities for the water front by other community residents.”

Instead the RDN should “Encourage the use of Provincial Parks and Regional Parks, as destinations for higher use activities.”

As a result the following action was undertaken by the NNRA:

1. Met with Marlene Caskey, Chair Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC) Beach Access Committee
2. Made a presentation at the POSAC meeting on June 14 to Director Bob Rogers regarding beach access

3. Met with Director Rogers along with the Fairwinds Community Association (FCA) on August 28, 2017
4. September to December continued to liaise with FCA regarding a joint letter to Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) relating to beach accesses.

A lively and sometimes heated discussion ensued as members shared points of view in regard to commercial use of beach accesses. Director Rogers failed to clarify his motives for rescinding of the 2001 Plan. He claimed that he had sought input from Nanoose Bay residents regarding this action.

His comments were met with chagrin by the majority of the attendees.

It was apparent that the heated nature of the discussion caused some attendees to leave prior to the adjournment. The Directors ended the discussion in hopes of improving the tone of the meeting so as to move forward with the meeting.

Follow up Actions

The NNRA is pursuing further action such as encouraging the Ministry of Transportation (MOTI), who have jurisdiction over beach accesses, to work with the residents in the signage and maintenance of local beach accesses. Recognize the needs for privacy of the local residents and work with all stakeholders in reducing the social impacts of the beach improvements that are undertaken by the Regional District.

A joint letter with Fairwinds Community Association (FCA) was sent to MOTI December 9, 2017

New Business

It was recommended that kayaking launching facilities be built

Biking lanes and trails be considered

Require better road system in and out of all areas

Ross Peterson to hold a further Emergency Preparedness Session

Blockwatch be established

Facebook page be considered for NNRA

Election of Directors for 2016/2017

Don Stewart was asked to act as returning officer for the election of board members for the NNRA. It was hoped that each of the various NW Nanoose areas would propose the name of a director, but this was unsuccessful.

The following indicated that they would continue on the board

Kirke MacMillan

Michael Kosich

Lewis Vermeulen

Sherilene Chycoski

Mark Thomson

Colin Springford agreed to become a new member of the board

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm

Moved by Mike Gray, seconded by Mike Rich

Addendum

Subsequent to the adjournment, David Jamieson was approached by Kirke MacMillan to see if he was prepared to rejoin the Board of Directors. After consideration, David agreed to join the Board. Approval of David's appointment was sought and obtained from the other directors on December 22, 2017.

Note to NNRA Members

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation used at the AGM is posted on website

www.nnra.ca