

NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 26 at Bob de Buysscher's

In Attendance;

Lewis Vermeulan;	President
Bob de Buysscher	
John Hardman	
Ken McCready;	Secretary
Don Stewart	
Neil Watson;	Treasurer

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.02 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes of July 2008.

As the minutes had been pre-approved they were passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported \$2247 in the current account and \$4400.73 in the savings account.

4. Water Issues

A) John reported on his recent discussion with the RDN. Of the two wells on Fairwinds' property on Northwest Bay Road one is awaiting a pump before being utilised and the other has been cleared by Health Authority. Both should be on stream within two years. The well on Claudette has tested well and approval has been given to drill an 8" borehole.

B) Watershed Study

The RDN has indicated that they intend to go ahead with the Referendum as planned. John *recommended that the Board not support the current proposal for reasons relating solely to the scope and price to our members of said proposal* and introduced a motion to that effect which was seconded by Neil. Considerable discussion followed which resulted in the clarification that the Board was not against such a study but objected both to the cost and the extensive scope. It was felt that confining the study to the Englishman River watershed and/or requiring the participation of at least Parksville and Qualicum Beach in the funding would be required before the Board could recommend support. The original verbal motion was then amended and the following formal motion was passed unanimously;

That the Board of the NNRA, in response to adverse initial reaction to the Proposed Watershed Study expressed by members at the last AGM, has deemed it necessary to better inform ourselves of this proposed referendum matter. From two separate presentations on this subject, we now consider that the high cost of the present proposal as an unreasonable imposition on the rural areas of the RDN. Unless the cost is shared more evenly across the whole of the RDN or the Scope of the Study is restricted to the Englishman River Watershed, we must recommend to our members to vote against the Proposal in the upcoming referendum.

It was agreed that we notify Ross Petersen of the motion before its publication on the website.

C) Drainage at Wallbeach

Concern was expressed that water leakage and drainage problems at the Camelot construction site between Ballenas and Wallbeach have necessitated the expansion of the existing surface drainage system to an extent that is detrimental to the parking area for public access to the Beach. There are safety issues as there is no longer space to turnaround so cars will have to reverse out into a blind corner. **John will approach the Ministry of Transport with our concerns.** *Subsequent to the meeting John spoke to Debbie O'Brien of Ministry of Transport. She advises that, regarding the road right of way at the end of Wallbeach Rd. , the state of the construction is not what was agreed to. She is concerned about this and will require Camelot homes do remedial work. The agreement was for a sandy berm in order to facilitate turn around traffic. She agrees with the traffic risk problem as things currently exist. Her thinking is that the culverts should be extended all the way through the depth of the right away and covered to facilitate traffic on top of them.*

4.Sewers

Neil reported that this is an issue at the provincial rather than RDN level. There is a new Minister responsible and our MLA, Ron Cantelon, has agreed to approach him on behalf on the basis that our application was in before the rigid enforcement of the one hectare minimum lot size. He is not, however, optimistic that the Minister will agree. Ron has been invited to attend George Holme's October 17(?) meeting. The province has also raised health issues and **Neil has requested details of these including the standards against which current levels will be compared.**

5.Incorporation Study

There has been little progress although it was noted that George Holme has raised it as the major issue for the area in the forthcoming election. **Lewis will continue to liaise with Fairwind's Association** which has the lead on this issue.

6.George Holme's Meeting

The main issue raised was the upcoming need for a new firehall at Red Gap. The Board was invited to visit the Firehall to be informed of their needs. **Lewis will contact the Firechief to arrange a date.**

7. Website

John raised the question of the relevance of the Working Committees heading. It was agreed that this was no longer relevant. **Lewis will ask the webmaster to delete the section and add details of Board members' responsibilities to the Board of Directors section. This will include the exclusion of Social activities as it was agreed that the Association has no role in this area. Diane Hill will be listed as Member Registrar.**

8. New Issues

A) Missing Bench at Madrona Point.

The Board was informed that it had been taken away by the donors for refurbishment.

B) Lot at Madrona Point

The Board was informed by Neil that the property is on the market for \$1.3 million. It is private property and not a park. It is not currently accessible by road and any owner has the right to request the Ministry of Transport to provide a route for vehicle access. There are a number of issues about the site including an eagle perch tree and questions as to the legal boundaries on the water side, which are the responsibility of the provincial government. It is not anticipated that these will be resolved in the near future.

9. New Board Members.

No one has shown any interest in joining the Board or assuming responsibility for social events.

Next Meeting

The September meeting will be held in conjunction with the visit to the Firehall with the date to be determined.

The October meeting is to be held on October 22 at Neil Watson's House.

The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm.