

**NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION  
B.O.D MEETING MINUTES**

August 28, 2007

7:00 pm – 1403 Madrona Drive(Don Stewart's home)

**IN ATTENDANCE**

President	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant
Treasurer	Neil Watson
Secretary	Dave Jamieson
Directors at Large	Bob de Buysscher John Hardman Ken McCready Don Stewart Lewis Vermeulen
Regrets	Mary Jane Bowie

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- The meeting was called to order by Dave Jamieson at 7:08 pm.

**2. MINUTES OF THE JULY 31, 2007 MEETING**

- the minutes of the July 31, 2007 meeting were adopted as reported, motion by Neil Watson and seconded by Don Stewart

**3. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Greg Field downloaded the computer files of the NNRA financial data from Frank Herman's computer and printed the current financial statements for the Treasurer, Neil Watson. Due to the simplicity of the NNRA transactions the Treasurer may maintain a hard copy ledger of future transactions rather than purchase Simply Accounting software. Neil was unable to contact Diane Hill to confirm the membership dues status but will follow up

**4. EXECUTIVE POSITIONS**

- Lewis Vermeulen, Dave Jamieson, and Ken McReady volunteered to accept the Executive positions of President, Vice-President, and Secretary respectively. The BOD unanimously accepted these individuals for these positions

**5. MRIF GRANT APPLICATION**

- the RDN has been advised that our MRIF Grant Application has been formally rejected for funding this year due to the lack of an RDN wide 1 hectare subdivision bylaw
- Ron Cantelon, MLA committed to arrange a meeting with Joe Stanhope in September to discuss strategy going forward
- The special grant awarded to the Barclay Crescent residents for sewage infrastructure was essentially a correction of a procedural error by RDN staff that resulted in a late submittal for moneys previously approved, that was rejected due to its timing
- If the RDN is unwilling or unable to implement the 1 hectare bylaw region wide, then it is unlikely any MRIF Grants for sewage could be approved in the RDN
- It may be necessary to investigate incorporation of the Nanoose area in order to comply with the 1 hectare rule, as Electoral Area E has the 1 hectare rule in its OCP and it is unlikely all RDN Electoral Areas would agree. A study of the merits of incorporation can be requested of the Ministry of Corporate Services provided the Chair of the RDN, Joe Stanhope, and the Electoral Area E Director, George Holme, agree to support the request. There is no cost to residents for the study and there is no obligation to proceed with incorporation after the study is completed. A study typically takes two-three years to be completed within the schedule of Ministry staff. Neil Watson will contact the other residents' associations to gauge interest in pursuing this option, at least to the Ministry of Corporate Services analysis stage

## **6. COMMITTEE MAKEUP**

- the Budget and Finance Committee lacks members with sufficient accounting experience to credibly review the complicated RDN financial reporting processes. Until we can find an NNRA member with suitable background who is prepared to lead this Committee it will be inactive
- Lewis Vermeulen and Dave Jamieson will accept responsibility for reviewing any OCP type issues that may arise
- Ken McReady will head the Neighbourhood Issues Committee
- Neil Watson will be the Director responsible for the Water and Waste Committee
- Mary Jane Bowie will be asked to head the Membership and Social Committees as the only activity of the Social Committee is to organize the Annual Barbeque which been done for 2007
- The committee heads will be responsible for confirming committee membership

## **7. NNRA ANNUAL BARBECUE**

- Kirke MacMillan and Rhonda Lott met with Pacific Shores and arranged the annual barbeque for September 23, 2007, starting at 4:00pm with dinner at 7:00pm. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, payable in advance to Rhonda Lott at 1344 Madrona Drive(ph 468-9969)

## **8. BACKYARD BURNING**

- a NNRA member wrote the BOD on the issue of excessive and unacceptable outdoor burning in his immediate neighbourhood. The family has a member who is severely asthmatic and can tolerate no smoke. The member feels there should be no outside burning permitted and is dismayed to find there are no bylaws in the Nanoose Area forbidding such activity. His discussions with his neighbours on the issue have had no effect. With or without NNRA support,

the member is prepared to make a representation to the RDN BOD to have bylaws enacted. After much discussion, the NNRA BOD decided they are uncomfortable supporting a blanket RDN ban on any outside burning, which would likely include barbeque beach fires and occasional spring and fall vegetation burning. The real issue appears to be a lack of neighbourliness on the part of the member's immediate neighbours, despite the seriousness of his concerns. After a number of similar issues in recent years including animal behaviour, the BOD decided it was imprudent to get involved in disputes between neighbours. The BOD is prepared to publish an article in the next newsletter on the issue and to support an initiative to fund a private sector semi-annual garden debris pickup program. Dave Jamieson will contact the member to discuss our decision

## **9. ANDY PEARSON UPDATE**

- Bob de Buysscher has provided Andy Pearson of Pacific Shores with documentation related to our sewage initiatives in order to keep him up to date on any progress. Mr. Pearson has provided advice and some legal opinion on a number of NNRA issues in the past, and his counsel is appreciated.

## **10. NEXT MEETING**

- the next meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2007 at 7:00pm at 1662 Acacia Road( Mary Jane Bowie's home)

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

