

NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

February 18 at Lewis Vermeulen's

In Attendance;

Lewis Vermeulen	Chair
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 7.01 pm.

2. Adoption of Minutes of November 2008.

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

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that on Dec 31 there were \$2,152.56 in the Chequing account, \$4565.94 in the Term Deposit, and \$249 in the savings account. He reported receiving an application for membership and the Chair noted that we can expect to receive an invoice for mailbox rental.

Neil moved acceptance of the report, seconded by Bob; approved.

4. Sewer Issues

Neil reported on the on-going discussion with the RDN through both George Holme (Area E Director) and Carol Mason (CEO RDN) about our area's interest in getting mains sewage installation subsidized. Ms Mason has advised the NNRA that "the Board of the RDN has directed RDN staff to hold a public information session and to invite residents of both Madrona and Wall Beach communities." The intent is to review the updated sewer cost study, the potential financial impact on homeowners, answer questions and gauge support for proceeding to petition. There was considerable discussion about the merits of this and an e-mail from Dave Jamieson was read to the Board members. The general feeling was that as there appears to be no prospect of imminent implementation of the 1ha rule across the RDN, and as the revised estimate for construction has already been available to residents, there is little need for such a meeting unless representatives of the province and RDN participate. It was agreed that Neil should write to Ms Mason indicating our views and adding that our interest in pursuing the incorporation study would be on hold given the federal and provincial governments' current policies of investing in infrastructure.

5. Water Issues

John reported that the Madrona #7 well on the Heringa property (owned by Fairwinds corp.) will be operative within 2-3 weeks (this well previously supplied the Madrona area a number of years ago). A second well on that property has been approved for use subject to the expansion

of the Fairwinds development. A pumping station and chlorination plant will be installed as these wells are activated. The Claudet well is developed and awaits approval by the Ministry of Health and should be on line in about 1 year at 160 – 200 gpm. The increase in water rates for 2009 will be 2% and that is likely to be the annual rate of increase in the foreseeable future. The Action For Water initiative that was approved by referendum will likely receive \$300,000 over three years from the province and will be initiated in about a month. No additional funds from the urban municipalities has yet been committed. Mike Donnelly of the RDN is keen to meet with the Board again in the Fall to report progress. Snowpack and precipitation have been about 50% of normal although reservoir supplies are adequate. Parksville reports that there has been no deterioration in the quality of water supplies since they started recording and the water is totally suitable for drinking.

6. Incorporation Study

This initiative has been put on hold pending discussions with the province and RDN on their sewage initiative priorities.

7. Other Business

a) Membership Drive.

A potential membership secretary has been identified but has not yet moved to the area. The Board deemed that no membership drive should be initiated until a membership secretary has been appointed.

b) Nanoose Fire Protection Society.

The Board discussed sending a representative and decided against if for the time being subject to a review at the AGM. Neil proposed a resolution to this effect, seconded by Don: Passed

Neil left the meeting at 8.46.

C) Correspondence

An e-mail from a resident requesting information about the Te'Mexw treaty (the aboriginal land claim affecting Nanoose) was discussed and the secretary was asked to respond indicating that the Board had no recent information.

D) AGM Date

The Secretary was asked to book a room at the Nanoose Centre on Wednesday of the third week of June.

Next Meeting

At the call of the Chair.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 9.07

Subsequent to the meeting the Secretary has confirmed the reservation for the AGM in the Multi-purpose meeting room in Nanoose Place on Wednesday June 17, 2009