

**Northwest Nanoose Residents Association
Minutes of Directors Meeting
January 8, 2024
1478 Madrona Dr.,
Nanoose Bay, B.C**

Introduction of guests: Diane Springford & Rick Ehlers were invited to provide a brief outline of their background followed by attending directors reciprocating.

Chairman's Call To Order: 10:07 a.m.

Roll Call For Quorum: Quorum of 5 Directors Determined.
Absent: Bill Marsh & Gerry Theberge

Review/Approve 12/13/23 Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of above meeting moved by Gina Marchi, seconded by David Jamieson to be accepted as circulated. Unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report: Neil Watson (for Bill Marsh) advised total bank balances as at 01/08/24-\$3,065.91 including new membership fees of \$45 received since last BOD meeting. Treasurer requested reimbursement of a pre-authorized payment of \$29.99 for retirement gesture of appreciation to Kirke MacMillan-\$29.99. Rudi Widdershoven moved & seconded by Gina Marchi the treasurer's report & request for payment be accepted as read. Unanimously approved. See attachment #1.

Membership Report: Rudi Widdershoven for Gerry Theberge reported membership gains were occurring slowly but surely. A brief discussion ensued regarding a continued push for both updated existing member info. and solicitation of new members need to occur. See attachment #2.

2024 Priority Committee Reports

#1) Property Taxes: Wayne Stark reported and lead a healthy discussion around what, in his opinion, the issues really are, what NNRA taxpayers should expect & what we need to do to formulate a non-combative response to the RDN. He then offered to host a further group discussion of any interested/available NNRA director(s) to formulate our position. It was agreed Rudi Widdershoven & Neil Watson (in Wayne's vacation absence) will meet with AE Director to seek clarification and further those NNRA issues with and through Mr. Rogers. See attachment #3.

#2) Water: Dave Jamieson submitted a series of questions to be posed to RDN. After hearing #1) Property Taxes (above) and his own Water Committee queries, he suggested the NNRA BOD establish contact with other rural Area Directors as an effort to determine common concerns, experience and remedies that have worked. A brief discussion ensued and Dave Jamieson agreed to reach out to Area "F" Director Leanne Salter & report his findings around water, taxation or any other elements pertinent and/or useful to NNRA, back to the NNRA BOD. See attachment #4

#3) Beach Accesses: Neil Watson advised having toured and assessed all 13 MOTI accesses in NNRA's current catchment area, RDN denoted as "E-54 to E-66". 3 of these MOTI accesses appear to have satisfactorily been maintained, likely by adjacent neighbors. Diane Springford, as an adjacent to a MOTI access property owner has asked to work on this committee. Neil Watson & Diane Springford to meet to:

- Identify all adjacent to MOTI access property owners.
- Reach out to them to discuss any concerns and give them an opportunity to hear out NNRA's concerns & efforts to adjacent residents thus garner their agreement or disagreement with them.
- Based on this feedback, determine the necessary support, if any, to further this seemingly uphill challenge.

Neil Watson also raised the question of: could the possible sale of Amelia Cr Community Park be used to fund MOTI access maintenance costs? This will also be included in upcoming discussions with AE Director Rogers.

#4) Pools in Oceanside: No update to report

#5) Sign Boards: Neil Watson & Gina Marchi advised not having really furthered this file. No update to report.

Appointment of Additional 2024 Directors: Paid-Up members Rick Ehlers & Diane Springford have requested a seat on the NNRA BOD. Neil Watson moved and Gina Marchi seconded they be accepted. Unanimously approved. A brief moment of celebration occurred that a historical record of 9 of 11 available director positions now being filled.

New Business: Neil Watson will now be completing B.C. Societies Act Annual filings.

Next Meeting: Feb 6, 2024 @ 10:00 a.m.

Host: Rudi Widdershoven,
1478 Madrona Dr.

Motion To Adjourn: 11:37 by Neil Watson.

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COASTAL
COMMUNITY

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Account Summary

Membership [REDACTED]

Account Name	Balance	Available Balance	Actions
Community Partner Package 00001	\$3,065.76	\$3,065.76	⋮
Business High Interest Savings 00001	\$31.15	\$31.15	⋮

\$3,096.91

001 Community Partner Package

Account Details



Direct Deposit and Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) Form

Date Range: 07/12/2023 -
07/01/2024

January 07, 2024

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Date	Description	Amount	Balance
06-Jan-2024	Interac eTransfer - Credit Payer: [REDACTED]	\$20.00	\$3,065.76
08-Dec-2023	Cheque # 10 Cheque Date 08-Dec-2023 Cheque Account Number 1521100009599455 View Cheque	-\$60.00	\$3,045.76
07-Dec-2023	Deposit	\$25.00	\$3,105.76

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NNRA Membership Update
January 8, 2024

To date we have 47 (48) households **paid** up for 2024+:

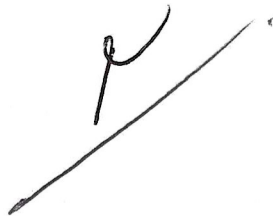
13 for 1 year

3 for 2 years

31 for 3 years (2024 – 2026)

1 Lifetime Honorary

Note that we have a new member from the greater Beachcomber area, Jon Waddel.

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Jan 8, 2024 ✓

RDN TAXATION

The Issue: The rate and scale of the RDN's Tax increases are excessive and economically insensitive given:

- 1) The current economic climate of significant inflation reflecting high food, energy and borrowing costs and a possible recession.
- 2) This is putting pressure on everyone, young families and retirees included.
- 3) There is a lack of awareness that our region has a high proportion of tax payers on fixed income or limited high paying job opportunities.

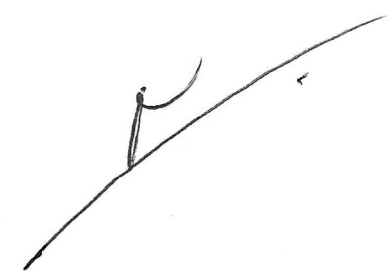
Key Facts:

- 1) Total taxes are planned to increase 66.8% over the next 5 years. That is an average of just over 11% per year or 4.4 times the forecast inflation rate of 2.5%.
- 2) In addition, the Debt Servicing Charges are expected to increase from \$7,246,644 to \$23,524,158 or 325%.
- 3) RDN wages and benefits will increase 39.5% over 5 years or 8.1% per year. This is 3.24 times the expected inflation rate.

The Root of the Problem

- 1) Economically insensitive RDN board member who lack true awareness of the economic capacity of the tax payers.
- 2) A budgeting process without spending limits and build in control of the 'Total Spending Level'.
- 3) A dramatically expanding Administration and its related costs.
- 4) A continued build-up of Capital Reserves while at the same time Significantly expanding taxation and debt tells us we are spending too much too fast!!!

What we Want!

- 1) Greater awareness, understanding and empathy for the true capacity of the tax paying citizens.
 - 2) Tax Increases capped to inflation.
 - 3) A total spending cap guideline driving the planning process each year,
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Our Approach

- 1) Engage Citizens
 - a. Messages
 - i. Facts that demonstrate the issues clearly (Facts that are outrageous)
 - ii. Stories of individuals and families who can't afford a 66% tax increase over the next 5 years.
 - iii. Examples of other jurisdictions who have caps.
- 2) Letters & Call
 - a. Provide talking points and a list of RDN and Department Heads to direct letters & calls to.
- 3) Leverage local traditional and social media
- 4) Attend RDN Meetings – Both Delegations and a rally of individuals.

Timing

- Tax requisitions will be adopted on or before March 31st 2024. Note the budget drives the tax requisitions and it was adopted December 12th, 2023.

Next Steps

Working group to be established to review the budget and develop messages and materials to support letter writing and media outreach. 3 hr kickoff meeting.

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#4

QUESTIONS FOR RDN STAFF RE WATER ISSUES - AREA E

A. Aquifers

- 1) how are RDN aquifers monitored - ie monitor wells, observation wells etc
- 2) How many aquifer monitoring sites in Area E
- 3) What was the average drawdown of the aquifers during 2018-2022, depth and volume
- 4) What was the maximum drawdown of the aquifers in 2023, depth and volume
- 5) What is considered a critical drawdown level for RDN aquifers
- 6) On average, when are aquifers recharged after a summer drawdown
- 7) What is the current status of aquifer recharge after the 2023 summer

B. Other

- 1) the reserve wells in Area E are unavailable for use due to lack of water treatment and other infrastructure. What is the plan to bring these wells on stream
- 2) We understand that the Englishman River Treatment Plant is in need of extensive and unexpected repair and upgrade despite being a new facility. Details please.