

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

July 31, 2007

7:00 pm – 1641 Acacia Road – (Dave Jamieson's Home)

IN ATTENDANCE

President	Vacant
Vice-President	Vacant
Treasurer	Vacant
Secretary	Dave Jamieson

Directors at Large	Bob de Buysscher John Hardman Ken McCready Don Stewart Neil Watson
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Regrets	Mary Jane Bowie Lewis Vermeulen
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Guests	Ryan Pettersen – Chair – Waste & Water Committee Kirke MacMillan – Past President
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(Note: These minutes have not been formally approved and are subject to change)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The meeting was called to order by Dave Jamieson at 7:02 pm. This meeting was held to address some concerns about BOD processes and mandate by Director Ken McCready

2. CURRENT EXECUTIVE AND BOD MAKEUP

- Currently, the positions of President, Vice-President and Treasurer are vacant. At the AGM meeting, the membership agreed to give the current BOD until early September to fill the Executive positions. Absence of volunteers for the vacant Executive positions may lead to the NNRA entering a dormant status.
- Neil Watson volunteered to be Treasurer for the next year, and was accepted by the BOD for this position, leaving the positions of President and Vice-President still vacant
- The current BOD members are listed above and are now shown on the NNRA Website

3. UPDATE ON MRIF GRANT APPLICATION

- Neil Watson has been acting on behalf of the NNRA on the Madrona Sewage and Grant issue
- Minister Penner, Ron Cantelon, MLA, and George Holme met to discuss our application. The rejection of our application centres around the lack of a 1 hectare zoning for all of the RDN

Electoral Areas, which must be resolved before the application can proceed. The lack of credibly documented septic failures is a secondary deficiency which must be addressed as well.

- The Ministry of Community Services has not responded to the RDN's request for clarification of the 1 hectare rule in a letter sent July 9, 2007 to the Ministry
- Barklay Crescent recently received a special grant from the B.C. Government to assist residents in funding their sewer initiative. Neil will pursue this possible opportunity with Cantelon and Holme

4. MRIF GRANT STRATEGY GOING FORWARD

- the BOD will formally request that RDN Chair Joe Stanhope and George Holme lobby the RDN and the UBCM at its next annual meeting(September 2007) to have the B.C. Government change the 1 hectare rule to apply at the Electoral Area scale rather than the RDN Area as a whole. As well, Stanhope and Holme must lobby the representatives of all the RDN Electoral Areas to see if consensus can be reached on the 1 hectare zoning rule
- the Comox-Strathcona Regional District recently received permission to split into two distinct Regional Districts in order to solve the differing rural and urban priorities of residents. This may be a topic of discussion with the RDN in the future
- the NNRA is increasingly frustrated in our dealings with senior RDN staff due to the disconnect between staff priorities and those of the NNRA residents. More direct interaction with Carol Mason, the head administrator, is proposed to bridge this gap
- any further grant application initiative must include a clean and complete application, reviewable by the NNRA BOD prior to submittal. Prior to any new application, the 1 hectare rule and septic failure documentation issues must be resolved. As well, the BOD will attempt to get copies of some representative local successful grant applications for review.
- The BOD will investigate the interest of the local press in discussing our sewage initiative and the lack of our success in receiving financial support from government in solving this environmental issue

5. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE NNRA BOD

- Ken McCready had notified the other BOD members of some concerns regarding the roles and responsibilities of the NNRA BOD. The discussions followed:
- the AGM resulted in the resignations of several BOD members, including the President, Secretary, and Treasurer. At the AGM seven NNRA members agreed to stand as Directors and were appointed as such. Subsequent to the AGM, John Hardman volunteered to serve as well and was accepted by the BOD as a Director. The website has been updated to show the Executive and BOD structure as at July 20, 2007
- the role of the BOD, in addition to its membership's mandate to serve its interests and to act on priority issues, is to provide members for the Executive, and to oversee the various Committees formed to address local issues. Various BOD members, as available, also accompany and assist the President or the Committee Chairs in meetings and discussions with RDN Staff and elected officials.
- In the recent past the spokesperson for the NNRA in discussions with the RDN and politicians has been the President, after consultation and agreement with the BOD on issues and strategies

- The NNRA has a long standing opposition to any amalgamation or annexation with or by the City of Parksville. All analysis shows that an unacceptably large increase in taxes to NNRA residents would result from such a change, with little or no service level improvement. The BOD has been advised by representatives of Pacific Shores that due to the lack of contiguousness to Parksville because of the location of Pacific Shores, the annexation of the Madrona area into Parksville, is extremely unlikely(possibly illegal) despite any provision of sewage services that may occur.
- If the interests of NNRA members are not better served by the RDN, it may be necessary to investigate incorporation of Electoral Area E(Nanoose) into a distinct municipality, similar to Lantzville. Any initiative would require the support of the RDN Chair, Joe Stanhope, and Electoral Area E Director, George Holme as well as the other local residents' associations. A government funded feasibility initiative would have to be requested of the Ministry of Community Services and subject to a positive feasibility result, a referendum by residents would have to be completed
- The ongoing role of the NNRA BOD, as envisioned by the current BOD, is to continue to represent its constituents on matters of major concern, which at this time centre on the water and sewage issues

6. BOD COMMUNICATIONS POLICY

- the view of the NNRA BOD is that external communications are controlled by the President, after consultation with other BOD members. This usually involves vetting proposed correspondence through the BOD in order to support the content and/or tone of such correspondence

7. COMMUNITY WATER

- a major aquifer has apparently been found by the Fairwinds Corporation on property near Northwest Bay Road, which they recently acquired. Rumor defines the sustainable quantity of water as between 500-1000 gallons per minute, and makes it one of the larger capacity wells ever found in the area. Since the Arrowsmith bulk water initiative apparently delivers only a maximum of 250 gallons per minute of interruptible supply to Nanoose residents, at a huge current cost and unknown but increasing future costs, the BOD believes that the RDN may now have more cost effective water delivery options for Madrona residents. Discussions will be initiated to ascertain more information on this situation

8. NEXT MEETING

- the next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2007 at Don Stewart's home: 1403 Madrona Dr., at 7:00 pm

9. ADJOURNMENT

- the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

