

NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 18, 2008 @ 1545 Madrona Drive

In Attendance;

Lewis Vermeulen; President
David Jamieson; Vice-President
Don Stewart
Bob de Buysscher
John Hardman
Ken McCready; Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.01pm.

2. Reading and Adoption of January Minutes

The minutes were taken as read and after the correction of a couple of typos, were adopted as drafted.

3. Treasurer's Report

There was no report from the Treasurer.

4. Update on Sewer and Water Issues

The only update on sewer issues was that MLA Cantalon was reported as still being interested in finding a solution.

On water issues the Vice-President reported on a recent meeting between local residents associations and the RDN. There were two main issues;

a) **The proposed water filtration plant at Red Gap.** This is primarily intended for the improvement of the water quality in Fairwinds, but will treat all the Nanoose Peninsular water and ,if approved would be paid for by an annual average increase of \$175 in taxes. There was considerable discussion of the alternatives and **it was agreed that the Board would try and ensure that the Association members would be fully informed of the implications of the proposal prior to the RDN referendum planned for November. In addition the Board agreed to ask Mike Donnelly of the RDN for details of water quality by source.**

B) Global Watershed Analysis. The RDN has proposed an analysis of all water sources feeding the regional watershed. They have budgeted \$ 18 million to cover the cost. The Board is concerned that this is a far-reaching proposal that will take years and will be difficult to implement given the high proportion of the sources that are located on private land. The Board felt that this is a responsibility of the provincial rather than regional level of government. A November referendum by the RDN is also proposed to seek resident's approval of the initiative.

5. Incorporation Study

There was little to report as we need to await the official position of the Fairwinds Association which is probably dependent upon the outcome of the water filtration plant decision.

6. Membership Drive

The latest listing of residents was confirmed as being three years old and would only be up date manually during January 2009. Board members reviewed the list and confirmed the identity of as many residents as possible. The President undertook to try and contact those for whom no confirmation was possible. **It was agreed that membership fees would be \$5 per year or \$10 for three years.**

7. Newsletter/Website

It was agreed that rather than issue a full newsletter a newsheet would be prepared by the Secretary which would be used in approaching residents for membership.

8. Other Business

Other matters arising from the residents associations meeting with the RDN were;

A) Transfer Station tipping fees. Associations expressed concern about the large increase in tipping fees for garden waste. (From \$4/200kg to \$5/100kg.)

B) Electricity Rates. The Associations were concerned about the BC Hydro proposal to charge the base rate only on the average use per unit, with premium charges on use above that. This average includes condos and apartments, (many with central gas heating!) which ensures that the average is totally unrealistic for most single homes.

9. Date for Next Meeting.

On the assumption that the AGM will be held in September the next meeting was set for June 4 at David Jamieson's.

The President adjourned the meeting at 9.00pm.

Approved June 4, 2008