

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
Nov. 22, 2023 at 1:30 P.M.
1391 Madrona Dr., Nanoose Bay, B.C.

In Attendance:

Kirke MacMillan, Pres. Wayne Stark, Dir.
Neil Watson, Sec/Treasurer Dave Jamieson, Dir.
Bill Marsh, Dir. Rudi Widdershoven, Dir.

1) Call to Order: -1:35 p.m., quorum determined.

2) Minutes of Previous Meeting: Brief discussion about Nanoose Bay Community Day being previously discussed. Minutes moved by Kirke to be accepted as circulated. Approved.

3) Treasurer's Report:

Current bank balance-\$2389.76 (chequing) & \$31.09 (savings)=\$2,420.85
Membership Fees collected since March/23 recently received- \$100.00.
2023 Yr to date fees received-\$760.00
Expenses yr to date \$320.21- Sound system for last year's AGM
Treasurer's report accepted and approved as read.

4) Membership List Update:

Currently it is believed we have 76 Paid Households (\$760 div by \$10). A lengthy discussion ensued around the Association's Membership List, accuracy and need for updating. The next AGM, at the point of entry by attendees, was considered the most logical place to "freshen up" this database, collect & record all fees received. Action: Rudi & Neil to meet and review what is believed to be the most updated Excel spreadsheet containing this information and best prepare it for the AGM.

5) Director's Forum, Oct 26/23-"Let's Talk Water":

A heated and lengthy discussion ensued relative to the conflicting messaging as to which of the RDN or Province makes the final decision of ranking water restriction levels.

Short answer: Province recommends, Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) decide to accept those recommendations or not. In extreme drought, the Province can override AHJ's decisions. It was considered unnecessarily difficult to extract accurate and consistent facts around this important matter.

Once the mixed messaging discussion simmered down, the subject of apparent **unused** wells began and why would they not be used? Particular focus was then directed at the latest new and believed to be substantial well. It is referred to as the “Heringa Well” very near NW Bay Rd. It was agreed NNRA should expand discussions with the RDN specifically to better understand this subject of unused wells as a more accurate gauge of our membership’s perception of apparent water shortages in the summer. Action: Neil to write Bob Rogers to open discussions and better understand the subject of unused wells and our apparent shortage of water.

6) BC Government Densification Policy-Recently Announced Bill 43:

Dave Jamieson brought forward concerns on what, if any impact, this **proposed** legislation to increase residential density could have on our catchment area. It was agreed by all directors this was “one to watch”. No action at the present time.

7) Liaison with Other Residential Associations:

Wayne Stark raised the question: what are the merits or demerits of NNRA determining then seeking out discussion with RA’s outside of Area “E”? A brief discussion ensued relative to Fairwinds Community Association (FCA) now being very quiet. Beachcomber residents, despite 2 presentations by NNRA remain uncommitted. A similar short discussion occurred about possibly inviting those RA rep’s to our future AGM’s? No further action required at this time.

8) Annual General Meeting Dec. 5, 2023:

Agenda: Neil to Draft by 11/26/23 & circulate

Invitees: Bob Rogers, as a courtesy, not guest speaker. Any attendees be advised to direct their questions to Bob at the end of the meeting due to a tight agenda. Did we decide on FCA & Beachcomber invitees?

Director Review: Regretfully Kirke MacMillan announced his resignation as President and retirement from the Board. All 5 remaining directors indicated commitment for another year. A key note, a quorum to meet requires a minimum of 3 directors in attendance. It is believed our constitution states a maximum of 11. All agreed a significant push for new directors is needed and encouraged.

9) Other Issues:

Neil updated the Board regarding unkept and deemed unsafe Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure (“MOTI”) beach access right of ways. Two tours of these accesses by Area “E” Directors, RDN staff and NVFD Fire Chief acknowledged a need for improvement. NNRA requested a joint application for funding with the RDN under the provincial Fire Smart Program. MOTI had already advised their preliminary consent to work on their property subject to approval of those professional contractors, Fire Dept approval of work to be done to Fire Smart standards and costs will NOT be borne by MOTI.

A summary telephone call with AE Director Rogers advised that:

- the RDN would not support this “one off, one neighborhood” project undertaking. i.e. it would have to be all of the MOTI right of ways throughout the RDN or none.
- The RDN, as AHJ, would only be allowed to apply to Fire Smart for funding. The RDN’s 2023 Fire Smart allocation has essentially already been spent and that considerable pre-existing demand already indicated for 2024. Thus the earliest funding we could even anticipate: 2025.

Action Required : The Board believed it prudent to formally confirm and advise our concern of this unacceptable situation in writing to the RDN and MOTI. Neil to draft this letter for Board Approval.

10) Motion to Adjourn: 3:15 p.m.

11) Next Meeting: AGM- Dec.5th 6:00 set-up, 7:00-9:00 Meeting.

End