

# NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 26 @ Neil Watson's

### **In Attendance;**

Bob de Buysscher  
John Hardman  
Ken McCready;                      Secretary  
Don Stewart  
Neil Watson;                        Treasurer and Acting Chair

### **1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00 pm.

### **2. Adoption of Minutes of August 2008.**

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

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

There is \$2132.38 in the Chequing account and \$4565.44 in the Term Deposit.  
The website operator had received \$160 to cover expenses.

### **4. Water Issues**

John reported on the outcome of the referendum. In Area E the Action For Water referendum was defeated by 558 votes to 526 with a turnout of about 21%. Overall in the Rural RDN the resolution was narrowly passed. John noted that the Board was to be congratulated on it's stance in protecting the NNRA members from unfair treatment. Since the Board is only mandated with informing and advising it's members which are all in the general Madrona area, John felt that the Board had met the requirements and indeed we were successful in our voting area.

Neil has expressed concerns to George Holme and Joe Stanhope that the process of developing the resolution was undemocratic and had contributed to the low voter turnout. He intends to press, through the local media, to have the RDN report on the extent of urban areas' participation in the project by Canada Day 2009.

### **5. Sewer Issues**

Neil reported that he had received a copy of the updated estimate of the cost of installing sewers in the Madrona area. In 2004 the cost per household was estimated at \$13,500 and in 2009 it estimated it will be \$15,900. Homeowners' costs to attach to the mains are in addition to these costs. Without grants it was agreed that there would be little community interest and the topic is tabled until the AGM at which time a report will provide the updated figures for discussion. **Neil will provide a copy of the report to George Holme who will be asked to keep us aware of any developments at the regional or provincial levels.**

A resident has expressed concern about our areas' role in financing improvements at the French Creek Treatment Plant. **Neil will follow-up.**

## **5) Backyard Burning**

John reported that there were 481 votes against the resolution to ban backyard fires versus 407 votes in favour. The opinion was expressed that from the pollution perspective there is little difference between backyard fires and in home wood fires.

## **6. Incorporation Study**

Fairwinds has indicated that they wish to resume initiation of the proposed study and **the Board asked Lewis to follow-up with his Fairwinds' contact.**

## **7. Any Other Business**

**a)** The Treasurer reported that he had received two new applications for membership.

**b) Nanoose Fire Protection Society.** After some heated discussion at their Budget planning meeting four of the existing Board resigned. The new Board declared that they were a Board of Governance rather than a Board of Responsibility Fairwinds Residents' association is on the Board and we have been asked if NNRA wants to be represented.

**c) Drainage Ditch at Wallbeach.** It was reported that as a follow-up to the Board's earlier concerns about safety resulting from the changes implemented by Camelot Developments, the Ministry Of Transport had required the Developer to improve the area to permit the easy turnaround of vehicles. The changes are acceptable.

### **d) Letter to George Holme.**

The Board asked that a letter be sent to George thanking him for this stand on the Action for Water issue.

## **Next Meeting**

Wednesday February 18, 2009 at a location to be determined.

Topics for discussion; Membership Drive

Representation on the Fire Protection Society

