

NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF BOARD DIRECTORS MEETING

November 26, 2009 at Ken McCready's House

In Attendance;

Neil Watson	Chair & Treasurer
Bob de Buysscher	
John Hardman	
Ken McCready	Secretary
Don Stewart	
Lewis Vermeulen	

N.B. The Board has decided to rotate the Chair role between members, with the Director assuming the chair at a meeting acting as the representative of the association until the following meeting. The Secretary role will stay with Ken McCready who will be the contact for e-mail communications sent to NNRA@Shaw.ca.

1) Call to Order;

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm

2) Minutes of the last meeting;

Lewis Vermeulen proposed acceptance of the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded by Bob de Buysscher; Passed unanimously

3) Financial Report

Neil Watson reported that the chequing account was at \$2135.24 and the GIC was valued at \$4664, with \$2.49 in savings. The only cheque issued was \$25 for the Societies Act registration fee.

4) Water Committee

John Hardman provided the following reports;

a) Red Gap Treatment Plant;

The RDN is proposing to hold at least one public information session in February and will then present a proposal costing about \$1.4 million to The Committee of the Whole. Funding sources have not yet been identified and grants will be applied for if eligibility is established. Existing sub-regional contingency funds in the affected areas will be an initial source. It is expected that Area E residents will be charged \$12-24 per household per annum.

It was pointed out that grant eligibility is constrained by the same one hectare lot development requirement that prevented Madrona sewage grants.

It has been established that the plant will not benefit our area but the charge would be imposed in addition to the \$25 charge imposed for the Global Watershed Analysis. Our objection to the treatment plant is not about the plant itself but to our area being asked to pay for it.

B) Bulk System

The initial study has been done for about \$100,000. There will be a contract next year to develop design, location and construction cost estimates for about \$300,000. Initial estimates for the total project are about \$48 million to be shared by three levels of government. This will mean about \$8 million for the RDN for which borrowing authority has already been approved. Construction is due to be completed by 2015, although it may not be fully equipped by that date.

Its maximum capacity is proposed to be 48,000 cubic meters per day.

C) Local Water Situation

The Claudette well is producing 200 gals/minute . Health Ministry approval is expected by late summer 2010. A new Pumping Station is planned by next Fall for the Fairwinds (previously Heringa) Property close to the Springford Farm. They need to increase the head on existing pumps to get water to Fairwinds.

D) Global Watershed Analysis

They have appointed a researcher who is preparing an implementation plan for RDN approval in February. Nanaimo has contributed \$30,000.

E) Summary

The Water situation for NNRA members is in very good shape. Once the details of the Water Treatment Plan are made known we should have a NNRA Board meeting to ensure that a strong position is developed and made clear to the RDN.

5) Sewers.

Neil Watson recommended that the committee be placed in abeyance, but before doing so a memo to the RDN be prepared emphasizing our on-going interest in obtaining a grant if policies or politics change, and in the meantime we propose to host a meeting for residents for Septic System maintenance for which we would appreciate their help. Neil will prepare this.

7) Nanoose Firehall

There continues to be considerable controversy over the nature of the needs and the plans for the new firehall. Costs have risen to \$350/sq ft which would result in a levy of \$270/household/year. Residents' reps on the Firehall committee are pushing design changes to get costs down to \$225/sq/ft. Given that Parksville was ineligible for a grant it is unlikely that Nanoose will receive any. There will be public meetings over the winter and a referendum in the Spring.

8) Incorporation Study

Given the result of the Sewer vote there is a renewed interest in incorporation. The Board decided to invite a representative of Lanzville to the next meeting to discuss their experiences with incorporation. John will approach them with the invitation

9) Membership List and Member Communications

It was agreed to approach a secretary with experience with privacy issues to prepare a residents database. Bob proposed a resolution, seconded by John, to invite residents in the developments across Northwest Bay Road to join the NNRA. Passed unanimously.

10) Other Business

The need to think about an Emergency Measures Plan was raised by John and tabled until more info is available.

Next Meeting February 10, 2010

The next meeting will be at Lewis Vermeulen's house and will be chaired by John. In the meantime Neil will represent the Association and Ken will be the communication contact.

Meeting adjourned at 8.45 pm