

NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 3, 2022

11:00 AM

Held at 1391 Madrona Drive

Directors in Attendance

Kirke MacMillan

Michael Kosich

Dave Jamieson (via cell phone)

Sonya Kwiatkowski

1) Call to order:

11:10 AM by Kirke

2) Treasurer's Report:

Michael reported that the Checking Account with the Coastal Community Credit Union holds \$2053.72

Expenditures since the beginning of the year were:

Stationary, Printing & Waterproof Bulletin Holders \$225.57

Ross Peterson; Emergency Preparedness Funding \$200.00

Total \$425.57

3) Membership Initiative

It is evident that there is a need to initiate a drive for new NNRA members as paid membership has dropped significantly due in part to the Covid-19 issue and also in part due to a lack of "issues of concern" to the residents of the Northwest Nanoose area.

It was agreed that a membership fee of \$10.00 for the balance of 2022 and 2023 would be reasonable and that notices requesting fees would be posted on the NNRA Bulletin Boards in early November.

4) Ravensong Pool Taxation

a) Background

The Ravensong Pool Taxation issue was first brought to our attention by Bob Rogers, RDN Director, EA "E" on January 19, 2022. The tax requisition impact on Area E was forecast to be \$1.32 million between the years of 2022-2026. Area "E" residents currently account for approximately 4% of the Ravensong Pool usage.

On February 4, 2022, the NNRA sent a letter to Mr. Sean Grant, Inspector of Municipalities, formally opposing the Regional District of Nanaimo's decision to force residents of Electoral Area "E" to be a participant in the Ravensong Pool Service without providing Electoral "E" residents the opportunity to give their electoral approval or rejection in 2022. Copies of the letter are available on request.

At the September 6, 2022 RDN Board Meeting the existing apportionment of charges was changed from ½ usage and ½ home assessment value to 1/3 population, 1/3 home assessment value and 1/3 usage.

The fact that the charges would be based on 1/3 home assessment value is of concern since the average value of an Area "E" home is significantly higher than most, if not all of the other Regional Districts. Consequently, the financial impact on Area "E" home owners would be disproportionately higher.

The current Detailed Schedule for the Ravensong Pool Service Bylaw Amendment is as follows:

- 1) Involved Community Engagement: Mid November to January 27, 2023
- 2) RDN Staff Report on Results of Engagement Plan: February to March 28, 2023
- 3) Board prepares and proceeds with three readings of amended bylaw and sends to Ministry of Municipal Affairs for approval: April to July 2023
- 4) Referendum within 80 days of Ministry approval of bylaw: August to October 2023

We are co-ordinating our activities on this issue with the Fairwinds Community Association (FCA) and Bob Rogers, our Regional RDN Director.

5) 2022 Annual General Meeting Discussion

It was agreed that the 2022 AGM should be scheduled for mid to late November

6) Next Directors Meeting – to be discussed

7) Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM

P.S. Wall Beach Situation Update:

Subsequent to the Directors Meeting, Michael Kosich provided the following information:

Approximately 340 Kayakers came through this access from March 2022 through mid- September 2022. This reduction from previous years resulted in minimal blockage or disruption for the use of this access by area residents. This reduction was likely affected by the lingering effects of Covid 19 and the use of other kayak beach accesses such as Craig Bay.