

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association
Director's Meeting Minutes
Sept 27, 2024 @ 2:00 p.m.
1478 Madrona Dr.,
Nanoose Bay, B.C

Chairman's Call To Order: 2:08 pm.

Roll Call For Quorum: All 8 Directors Present.

Review/Approve Aug 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Moved by Bill Marsh, seconded by Gina Marchi and unanimously approved, as circulated.

Treasurers Report: Bill Marsh reported \$302.54 in chequing, \$31.38 in savings and a \$4,000 one year GIC @ 2.75% maturing 09/25/25. Moved by Neil Watson, seconded by Gina Marchi & unanimously approved, as presented.

Membership Report: Gerry Theberge reported 1 new 3 year membership since last report. Total membership now: 105.

Priority Committee Reports

#1) Property Taxes: Wayne Stark & Rick Ehlers summarized their Committee's current findings, discussions with other Rural Areas & Resident's Assoc and final recommended NNRA course of action, see attachment #1. Board Approval of action granted

#2) Water: (Rudi/Neil/Gina) No Report Pending Advice of RDN Alternate Approval Process

#3) Beach Accesses: Neil Watson & Diane Springford reported:

MOTI: On August 22, 2024 Neil Watson & Diane Springford requested to meet with local MOTI reps. Absolutely no response to date.

This Committee now seeks Board guidance if and how this matter should be "escalated".

RDN: No further actions known by the RDN towards water-sport promotion. POSAC Nov 13th meeting still pending as is the NNRA Delegation Status requested.

- This Committee advises having also reached out to the Craig Bay Community Association to discuss and share concerns regarding the RDN's intent with beach access #66 (foot of Coastal Place) which is shared by this Community.
- This Committee is supportive of RDN promotional efforts towards #E-56(End of Seahaven Rd.), #E-57,(Foot of Seahaven Rd hill) & #E-65 (End of Terrien Way) only. Is this the will of NNRA BOD?
- This Committee will continue questioning the RDN to provide proof that our originally defined "neighborhood" accesses are in fact "public" beach accesses.

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#3 Beach Accesses- Cont'd

A heated discussion ensued hinging on impatience with both MOTI & RDN. This Committee was subsequently directed to advise the RDN via POSAC that there will no longer be any support of RDN strategies to promote certain accesses for watersports. This final position to be reiterated by Delegation Status attendance at next POSAC meeting on 11/13/24. Neil Watson undertook to draft this formal position pertaining to Beach Access #54 to #66, only . Final letter for next meeting's report.

#4) Pools in Oceanside:

Rudi advised the RDN is now requesting a referendum to borrow \$30m to upgrade and expand the Ravensong Aquatic Centre. A discussion ensued culminating in Rudi Widdershoven requesting approval of a draft letter to AED Bob Rogers, see attached #2. Neil Watson seconded and unanimously approved.

Sign Boards: (Gina/Neil)

Nil Report- prototype for Board consideration not yet built but a "definite maybe" for next meeting 😊 Neil Watson will be applying to PQB Foundation for a maximum grant of \$500.

Old Business:

Steve & Paula Chase- Both are taking a break and further discussions with them held over to next meeting.

Strategy Session 09/19/24- Minutes of that meeting submitted by Bill Marsh, see attachment #3.

New Business: Provincial Hospital costs now representing significant property tax increases and thus to now be included Property Tax Committee's realm of analysis and discussion.

Correspondence & Communications: None

Next Meeting: Oct 24, 2024 10:00 a.m. @ Rudi Widdershovens.

Motion To Adjourn: 3:30(?) Gina Marchi, seconded by Gerry Theberge and unanimously approved.

Refreshments and appies hosted by Rudi & Trish Widdershoven.

Strategic Plan Objectives

Hold the RDN Leadership Accountable for 'Fiscal Balance' and 'Economic Sensitivity' Toward the Tax Paying Citizens'

1. Create Transparency of the Budgets, Spending, and the RDN leader's choices and behaviour.

- Be present for key RDN Meetings.
- Review and access RDN Budgets and Budget Development Processes.
- Present as a Delegation when needed & Support RDN Board Members who are sympathetic to our cause.
- Provided summaries of Decision that demonstrate the RDN's lack of 'Fiscal Balance', Economic Sensitivity, and True Leadership and share them with the public while also recognizing when they are being accountable and good economically sensitive leaders.

2. RDN Coalition of Tax Payers

- Apply Public Pressure from all corners of the RDN
- Multiple points of pressure.
 - Overall lack of 'Economic Sensitivity' regarding citizens ability support tax increases.
 - Lack of fiscal balance with spending running far ahead of inflation and income growth,
 - Unfair Rural / Urban Voting Power
 - Unfair Allocation Approaches on Specific Service
 - Non Democratic Approaches to Some Spending (Hospital/Fire)
 - Lack of Transparency of total tax increases
 - Speculative Property Assessment Approaches
- Show up at Significant RDN Budget Meetings & Present as Delegations from Various Areas.

3. A NNRA petition of RDN Rural Areas affirming their agreement to #1 & #2 above and solicitation of their joining on" to this Coalition.

#2

Draft re email to Bob Rodgers re the Pool

Hi Bob,

In looking at the video of the Oceanside Electoral Services Committee that was held on Monday, September 23rd I noted the following:

That you voted in favor of proceeding with preparation of Referendum for the spring to authorized the borrowing of \$30m to expand Ravensong Aquatic Centre due to the fact that you promised your electorate to have a voice;

and

That you opposed the vote on reinstating the \$1.3m contribution to Reserves for the Ravensong Aquatic Centre commencing in the 2025 tax year;

As a result I commend you for opposing the implementation of the \$1.3m Reserve contribution until such time it was determined if a referendum for expansion was successful to carry on with the expansion.

However I am unclear as to why you think there needs to be a referendum for you to determine whether your electorate would be in favor of the pool expansion. I believe it has been quite clear that your electorate is not interested in an expansion of the Ravensong Aquatic Centre given all the information, and presentations, received during discussions of funding for the existing facility. If there was a decision to move forward with a Parksville pool facility I could understand the desire to get your electorate's input, however that is not the case.

We are wondering if you can clarify for our residents your rationale for voting in favor and the electorate needing to spend substantial money on a referendum?

Thank you,

Rudi Widdershoven
NNRA Chair

cc Tom Osborne, Doug Holmes, Oceanside Electoral Services Committee, San Paniel Property Owners and Residents Association, French Creek Residents Association, Fairwinds Community Association

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NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

#3

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

PLANNING SESSION

19 September 2024

1478 Madrona Drive, Nanoose Bay, BC

1. Call to order @ 10:00. Attendees: Rudi Widdershoven, Diane Springford, Gina Marchi, Bill Marsh. Rick Ehlers, Wayne Stark (late and breathless).
2. Discussions:
 - a. Water Supply RDN expenditures.
 - i. Clarification: DCC's paid by developer at time of subdivision. None collected to date by RDN.
 - b. Communications with other RDN areas initiated with French Creek and San Pareil.
 - c. Beach Access: Against proposed RDN enhancements to Park Status with Boat Launch facilities.
3. Wayne Stark updates:
 - a. Contact initiated with 14+ RDN areas wanting to share Wayne's tax analyses.
 - b. Build RDN taxpayer coalition:
 - i. Create list of neighbourhood association lists & link with their communications
 - ii. Present tax analyses at their AGMs
 - iii. Set up petition
 - iv. Rally at City Hall.
 - v. Keep communications open for follow up.
 - c. Build connections to all area representatives' Facebook pages:
 - i. List all pages
 - ii. Facebook groups: liaise with contacts to share information
 - iii. Track responses via associations.
 - iv. Build list of Users for each site
 - d. Wayne Stark will build rapid assessment spreadsheet
 - i. Template for teasers
 - ii. Template for fact sheet
 - iii. RDN decision assessment template
 - e. Research linked calendars listing activities and coordinating communications
4. Board members to attend all RDN meetings and report
5. Adjournment at Noon.