



West Porpoise Bay Community Association

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held June 14, 2010 at the Sechelt Community Church Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm

Directors present: President: Bob Ware
Vice President: Alan Pickard
Secretary: Marilyn Charles
Treasurer: Lorraine Blakeman
Member at Large: Marilyn Kendall Smith

Approval of the Agenda: Moved by Terry Davies, 2nd by Bob Milton

AGM Minutes from March 10, 2009 were read by Marilyn Charles.

Motion: To have the Minutes of March 10, 2009 adopted. Moved by Bob Milton 2nd by Martha Ware.

President's Report: Bob Ware welcomed community members. He introduced the Directors:

Marilyn Kendall Smith: Director at Large.
She has been a director since 2007.

Marilyn Charles: Secretary.
She has been a director since 2007. For the last year Marilyn also has also been a member of the Greenways Committee for the District. Bob Ware asked her to give a brief description of the purpose of the committee. (See Appendix A)

Lorraine Blakeman: Treasurer
She has been a director since 2005 so is one of the longest serving directors.

Alan Pickard: Vice President
Alan has been a director since 2005 as well, but he began attending meetings in late 2004 so he qualifies as the longest serving member.
Alan has for two years served on a District committee that has been revising the OCP and he was asked to explain what it has been like to serve on this committee. (See Appendix B)

Bob Ware: President.

He began attending meetings in late 2005 and became a director in 2006.

Bob outlined Neighbourhood Highlights since the last AGM:

On the development side there has been some construction but subdivisions that have been previously approved have not moved ahead.

There are continuing problems of people speeding, doing donuts in our intersections, destroying lawns by spinning tires.

Dust control and potholes continue to be problems on the unpaved sections of Sandpiper, Heritage, Rimrock and Mason.

The mine site continues as a party site for revelers. We received mixed messages regarding who is responsible for maintaining order there.

Speaking of the mine, rumours continue to circulate that it will start again soon but we have no word from the District that this is so.

Bob surmised that there must be other issues as well but the ones listed above are the ones we know about.

He invited members of the audience to bring forth any neighbourhood concerns later in the meeting.

Committee of the Whole and DOS Council Meetings: Bob mentioned that one of the Directors usually attends these meetings, or if unable, reviews the agenda and minutes. It has been a successful practice, as Directors are able to speak to elected representatives and are generally well received. It has also been a good time to speak with administrative staff.

Membership has fallen to a very low level, making your directors wonder if there is sufficient interest to continue as an association.

Board of Directors

The constitution sets a minimum of 5 directors as the governing body for WPB. The five who now serve have all been directors for quite a few years and some are now indicating that they will no longer let their names stand for re-election at the end of their term in 2011. Bob requested that members consider putting their name forward as a Director. He felt that it was important to have Directors who can offer some continuity from year to year, so an increased number would permit this.

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine stated we have \$ 1,065.82 cash in the SCCU account, \$ 27.75 Class B Equity Shares, and \$ 47.25 in Class C Equity Shares for a total value of \$ 1,140.82. There have been no major expenses, but membership revenues have dropped dramatically this past year. Membership stands at 20 members to date.

Nominations: None of the Director's positions are up for nomination for 2010. Request for additional nominations from the floor were called 3 times, but the result was there were no new nominations for people to join the Board.

Other Business:

The District of Sechelt had just sent a referral to the Association regarding Back Yard Burning Bylaw's amendment. Bob invited the members to go onto the DOS website to obtain a copy or get one from the District's offices and to give us feedback.

Bob asked the attendees to share other neighbourhood concerns. They included:

Possible start up of mining activity by PPA

Speeding vehicles through the neighbourhood (particularly on Friday and Saturday nights)

Proposed Beach Access on the eastern side of Sea Watch development (by the District)

Automobile and truck noise (lack of proper mufflers)

Bus Route should be scheduled in such a way to co-ordinate with bus to ferry as well as a fare adjustment for short distance travel.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Coffee and cookies served and mingling was encouraged.

Respectfully submitted: Marilyn Charles

Appendix A

Marilyn's Report on serving on Greenways Committee:

Our Mandate: to advise Council on the development and expansion of an interconnected multi-use trail system for the Sechelt Area. These trails are for non-motorized users like walkers, cyclists, wheelchair users, and child strollers. We also advise on sidewalk and bike lane use on roadways.

We have been meeting since July, 2009

The committee is made up of members of the community that are mostly cyclists with the exception of my self, who is a trail walker. Councilman Fred Taylor is our Liaison to Sechelt's Council and Andre Boel and Mani Machado are our Liaisons to District of Sechelt's planning department and parks and public works departments.

In our first several meetings, we reviewed Sechelt's document "Parks and Open Spaces Master Plan", as well as the Active Transportation Plan that was being considered for the OCP revision. We then made 11 recommendations that were presented to the Director of Planning, who in turn, brought forward to Council for their consideration. Some of our recommendations would require budgetary consideration while other recommendations were planning related.

Some of our recommendations pertaining to our neighbourhood have already been implemented....Crowston Road Trail improvements including fencing at the 11th hole on the golf course to delineate the trail from the course and application of crusher gravel on the pathways.

In the near future, a trail connecting Shoal Way below the Arena over to Ripple Way and South Gale will be constructed. This will help cyclists avoid the steep hill up to the Arena and provide a safer route over to West Porpoise Bay Area. It will also provide a pleasant walking route for people walking towards Sechelt.

Thank you.
Marilyn C

Appendix B

Alan Pickard Alan's report on OCP Committee

Alan explained that one of the purposes for revising the OCP was for ease of reading, so that the document is more concise and therefore a better guideline for developers as well as for Councilors.

The most difficult provision in the OCP is in regard to "Containment Boundaries"...Even though this is a contentious issue it makes sense to limit urban sprawl and to develop density in areas where there is existing infrastructure. Stakeholders who bought properties with the idea of future development are extremely interested in where the boundaries will be delineated.

The OCP is not written in 'stone' or cement!

There should be wide spread support for such a document as it determines all of our futures in this area.