

West Howe Sound Community Association

Directors meeting --- November 15, 2010

1. Call to order by R. Hopkins at 7:35 pm.
2. Minutes
  - 2.1 Minutes of Directors Meeting, Sept. 8, 2010, accepted as circulated J. Kenly, J. Lockwood.
  - 2.2 Minutes of General Meeting, Oct. 13, 2010, were reviewed and corrected. 5a, add Roberts Creek and Halfmoon Bay to final sentence
  - 2.3 Minutes of AGM 2010 were reviewed.
3. Treasurer's report. The total is \$1,081.78 less \$25 to Legion and \$25 to the Finance Ministry for Society Registration.
4. Correspondence
  - 4.1 From SCRD re Speranza Road. We will give Val Tkatschow, who lives on Esperanza, a copy of the letter.
  - 4.2 To Don Legault, MOTI re Port Mellon Highway speeds at Langdale.
  - 4.3 From RCMP re above.
  - 4.4 To SCRD re garbage bins at Soames Hill Park entrances.
  - 4.5 From SCRD re garbage bins, citing high costs. Richard suggested writing again asking them to put in the smaller cylindrical waste buckets as they have in Gibsons. The hole at the top of these is big enough to accept dog-poo bags but not larger garbage items. He also said that bears do not eat dog poo, therefore we don't need bear-proof bins. Judith will write.
5. Copy of private letter from a member to the SCRD re recycling
6. Business Arising from the Minutes.
  - 6.1 Granthams water mains are being installed.
  - 6.2 There are two bike storage bins in Gibsons (as of two weeks ago). Each bike/locker holds two bikes. The cost for usage is \$30/month. They are not being heavily used. Questions: What was done to ascertain the need for and utilization of these lockers? What is the cost of each locker? Where, out of the budget, did the money come from for the purchase and upkeep of the lockers?
  - 6.3 Cottage Farm. There will be another meeting on Sat. Nov. 20 at the Community Centre. There is a survey online re Cottage Farms. They will need rezoing to allow for 20-22 buildings on the ALR land. They hope the use they are proposing will enhance the ALR land. Comments: It sounds more like an institution than a farm. VCH seems to be distancing itself from Cottage Farms. Where does Nicholas Simons stand on this? Janet will check. Where does the board of St. Mary's stand?

Judith will check with Maureen Clayton. Was the property once owned by Jim Green? Lynn will find out who owns the land. What will happen to the clients in an emergency?

6.4 OCP update. 2010 draft was available at the open house, which was well attended.

7. Regional Director's report.

7.1 Burnco. The Fisheries Department has made a decision and Burnco is taking the department to court. Judith will check with David Raphael.

7.2 The request to sink a ship as a dive site in Halkett Bay was turned down by the Fisheries Department. The proponents are trying to have the decision reversed. Question: If it becomes a recreational dive site, will this hamper Burnco's plans for a shipping lane?

7.3 Squamish Nation. Wakefield has cleared the site north of Gibsons and at Granthams/Soames. Further activity has been stopped as artifacts were found on the site. The Squamish band is trying to work out some arrangement with Indian Affairs whereby "purchasers" of the residential units will have some title to the land. Even though the Squamish Band can do what it wants, it is hoped that the "owners" will contribute to fire, library and recreational services. Agreement will have to be in place for services.

7.4 Garbage. The Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) has taken the flawed survey off the radar. The disposal bins at the IGA mall will remain until a final decision is made re recycling. Lee is asking for a Recovery Centre. Will the final SWMP go out for bids?

7.5 The Economic Development people want more money for project development. The SCRDC doesn't want to spend more money.

7.6 Request for people to fill out the OCP survey.

7.7 Transportation Plan. Stop light at Reed and North Roads. Traffic circles? There is a suggestion that bus ridership would increase if the parking fee at the ferry were increased. Lee feels that this suggestion should be removed from the draft documents.

7.8 New ferry dock will go through the Alternative Approval Process. Insurance to be borne by Gambier/Keats residents.

8. Speaker for next general meeting. Topics suggested include aquifer mapping from Gibsons or transportation committee study.

9. New executive for WHSCA. President/Chairman, Mark Hiltz; Vice President, Verne McKenzie; Secretary, Janet Young; Treasurer, Don Holding. Directors: Richard Hopkins, Judith Kenly, John Lockwood, Lynn Masters, Tammy Saigeon.