

WEST HOWE SOUND COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION – DIRECTORS MEETING, Jan. 10, 2011

1. Call to order by MHiltz, 7:40 p.m.
2. Minutes of directors meeting Nov. 15, accepted after correction to typo “Esperanza”. RHopkins, D Holding.
3. Treasurer’s report, tabled by D Holding.
4. Correspondence:
 - a.) MHiltz sent email to Mark McMullen Dec. 14 re the Integrated Transportation Study (ITS). (Proposed transit transfer; concerns about safety at Forbes and Port Mellon Highway; importance of PM Highway in the study; need for effective highways maintenance; question about Reed Road being arterial bypass since its part Gibsons and part MoT.
 - b.) Notice from Mark McMullen re three public meetings in Jan and Feb on the ITS. Discussion followed about the ITS; decision made to write letter expressing our concerns, and taking steps to alert the community to some of the proposals, including traffic calming on Marine Drive and traffic circles on Reed Road.
5. Business arising from minutes.
 - a.) Cottage Farms/mental-health facility at Kiwanis. LTurnbull said still no application from Cottage Farms; LMasters to check ownership of land; JYoung to try again to reach Nicholas Simons to get his views on the C.F. proposal. VCH is not supporting CF proposal.
6. Possible speakers for Feb. 9 general meeting. MHiltz will ask SCR D for speaker re ITS and will see if Fire Chief Bob Stevens is available to talk about proposed new provincial and local fire regs. Possible topics for future include Brian Shoji on aquifer (but he says assessment of quality and quantity of water won’t be finished until late summer or early fall.); illegal dumping and how the association might help Area F with cleanup now that spring pickup has ended; PEP, and SCR D on zero-based budgeting process.
7. Other business/LTurnbull’s report
 - b.) Burnco’s McNab Valley sand/gravel project. Environmental assessment is underway. JKenly checking and will update us on a recent decision that the company is appealing.
 - c.) BC Ferries footpath - website says it will be finished end of December.
 - d.) OCP. The proposed Langdale housing development and the future of ALR lands still being discussed. Reminder about surveys needed at Feb. 9 meeting.
 - e.) Granthams water line, work continues. JKenly will check on this, reservoir lid and fencing.
 - f.) Granthams Hall upgrades have been completed; Langdale water tower almost done.
 - g.) Granthams wharf, donations will yield tax receipt. See Jeanne Fike on Central.
 - h.) Garry Nohr is new SCR D chair.
 - i.) LTurnbull expressed concerns about funding for Sechelt Aquatic Centre vs Gibsons pool. JKenly will write to SCR D inquiring about the portion of taxes spent on each.
 - j.) Consultants. Concerns raised about the number of consultants hired by the SCR D recently and whether their reports have been useful.
8. Motion to adjourn. Next directors meeting March 7. `