

WHSCA General Meeting 2011 April 13

1. Call to Order at 7:35 pm by president M.Hiltz ; 15 members & guests
2. Agenda accepted as circulated
3. Minutes of general meeting Feb.9, 2011 accepted as circulated.
J.Lockwood, T. Saigeon, carried.
4. Treasurer's Report: \$1,139.61 in the bank. Grant in aid for Shirley Macey Park playground paid in full; SCR D to be advised by letter.
5. Correspondence: Steve Carney, traffic engineer, expects traffic light at Reed and North Rds to be installed by early summer. The association sent a letter to Carney with concerns about whether local traffic on Reed Road will be halted by a red light until all ferry traffic has passed by Reed and North. The traffic circle proposal is on hold because there is no money to purchase property to construct a roundabout.
6. Business: M.Hiltz introduced the drainage issue, referred to the Delcan Integrated Storm Water Management Report, 2005-2009. It identified action needed to fix major problems, but MOTI and SCR D say there is no money to act. The WHSCA will lobby the Transportation Minister to address these issues.
 - a. Lot at the Gibsons end of Point Rd in Hopkins has had major drainage problems from upslope for more than 39 years. The culvert has eroded and is now an open ditch which overflows during heavy rains and erodes the land. Resident Betty Kiloh said she's lost most of her septic field and worries that the ditch is a danger to those walking alongside it on a path to the beach.
 - b. Ditches and culverts around Point Rd mailboxes have not been cleared and thus clog up and overflow.
 - c. The Twin Isles Rd subdivision, which MOTI approved for development despite ongoing drainage problems, was identified by the Delcan report as the worst problem between Squamish and Powell River. Owners of one property have spent more than \$80,000 trying to protect their house and land that is being washed away. They're being sued by neighbours because water comes through their land. Both MOTI and SCR D deny responsibility.
 - d. The culvert from Marine Dr to Point Rd is a half culvert with metal reinforcing struts that must be cleared by hand, but MOTI does not do that. Water is no longer going into the culvert and Hopkins Rd is being washed away. Residents have complained but don't recall MOTI ever visiting the site.
 - e. Water continues to rush down Reed Road, creating a huge gorge leading to Soames Creek. No action from MOTI to fix.
7. Jason Scott proposed an annual WHS event to bring neighbourhoods together. He's looking for ideas and a committee.

8. Concerns raised about greenwaste disposal at Henry Road. Residents can drop off waste for free, but not if they hire a commercial truck to deliver it for them. That amounts to discrimination against some of those - the elderly and infirm - unable to deliver waste themselves. A possible solution would be SCR D forms to be signed by residents attesting that the waste is their own and not commercial.
9. Announcement: All-candidates meetings will be held April 18 at Gibsons Heritage Theatre and Ravens Cry Theatre.
10. Regional Director's report:
 - a. Tax increase of 2.52% for WHS residents, probably more for waterfront.
 - b. Solid waste management. As the Coast is subsidizing the Pender landfill, SCR D hopes Pender will accept a transfer station.
 - c. Joint use of SCR D/School District facilities, works well in Pender Harbour, Roberts Creek but Cedar Grove and Langdale not part of program.
 - d. Docks functions. SCR D is trying to get church camps to assume responsibility for their docks. Meetings planned to discuss.
 - e. OCP wants more protection for ALR and are looking at density in Langdale.
11. The Langdale School PAC requested WHSCA support of its grant in aid needed for start-up money to fund an after-school program and the PAC has until April 15 to send in the application to the SCR D.
12. Motion to adjourn.