

## CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Held April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, B.C.

**Attendance:** Elaine Peligren, Bob Donald, Allyson Wight, Dwayne Miller, Gerry Anderson, Alf Jablonski, Annie Donald and Tim Peligren

**Regrets:** Diane Anderson

**Call to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:37 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Tim Peligren moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Alf Jablonski moved to approve previous Minutes, seconded by Tim Peligren, Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Gerry Anderson reported the following Bank balances reconciled to Bank statements as of March 14, 2016:

General Account:       \$4,795.16       Highway Access Account:       \$31,208.59

**Highway Access Report:** Gerry Anderson advised the Engineer has been delayed in his assessments. There will be 2 to 3 different suggested designs being developed for presentation to the Government stakeholders involved. We expect these to be ready in the near future.

**Park Progress & Community Centre:** Alf Jablonski and Tim Peligren reported jointly on recent activities for the Community Centre. The Request for Proposal for a "new build" Community Centre closed on April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. We await the R.D.N.'s review process to be finalized soon, when selection of a contractor will be presented to the Board of Directors for potential approval of this project. Gerry Anderson moved to approve payment of \$240.00 for 12 large used collapsible tables for the Community Centre, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

**Special Events:** **Canada Day:** We have received approval from Heritage Canada for our Grant submission for \$1,000. We have not yet received any indication from the Regional District of Nanaimo on our application for Grant for this event. All other preparations are under way for the festivities at our Canada Day celebration at Meadowood Community Park.

**Halloween:** Grant proposal application to be submitted shortly for our Halloween event.

**Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness:** A "N.E.P.P." information table will be set up at our Community Event on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Meadowood Store - (further details below under Community Information Day).

**Fundraising:** The upcoming "Beer 'n Burger Nite" event on April 23<sup>rd</sup> is a fundraiser for our ongoing community projects and initiatives. **Last call** for tickets .... Contact Annie Donald @ 250-752-6728 or drop by the Meadowood Store – first come .... first served.

**Media & Communications:** Copies of 2 recent Newspaper articles attached.

**Bluegrass Festival:** July 1-3, 2016 at Meadowood Community Park – visit their website for all the details and ticket information: <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousebluegrass/>

**Community Information Day:** Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Meadowood Store – the C.M.R.A. will be hosting a variety of Community information updates, presentations, Bottle Drive,

**BBQ, entertainment and appreciation/recognition formalities. All residents are invited to drop by for a FUN event and the latest news!**

**Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for Wed., May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 6:30 pm at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, BC**

**Adjournment of Regular Meeting: Dwayne Miller moved to adjourn regular meeting at 9:05 pm, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.**



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Flyover by CFB Comox Squadron dropping streamers for children on Canada Day at Meadowood Community Park.

ALLYSON WIGHT, DIANE ANDERSON, ANNIE DONALD & ELAINE PELIGREN OF CMRA

## Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association

*If you build it, they will come.*

It can be said that the Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association members have made a major positive impact on the 700+ families living in the Area F community of Meadowood. The key issue of access to the Inland Island Highway for the residents of the Corcan Meadowood area (currently the only exit and entrance for all of the residents is the Old Island Hwy) was the impetus behind the creation of the CMRA in 2009, but for the 40+ active members of this community organization, there have been far many more exciting and rewarding accomplishments to celebrate in the past seven years.

At the end of Corcan Road lies a vast cleared area beside the Meadowood Store that stretches as far as the eye can see; part of the 22-acre piece of parkland that the CMRA and RDN are developing. One can see the impressive new Dashwood Fire Hall, and beside the playground - what will be a new

Community Hall. The building itself will be 4000sqft on the main level, featuring a large hall and kitchen, with a 2000sqft mezzanine above. With the tendering process currently underway, 'if the world is perfect,' some of the established community events will be hosted in the new Hall by the end of November 2016. Phase I of the park development in partnership with the RDN has seen the opening of a playground area with picnic tables and gazebo - Phases II and III will see the development of trail systems through the wooded area and along the river.

Community events are widely supported by residents of the area, with hundreds attending the Corcarnival Halloween event, Christmas celebrations and the popular Canada Day celebration. Recently, the CMRA was approached by the Mid-Island Bluegrass Society; the producers of the Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival, who have been forced to relocate their weekend-long festival July 1-3, 2016, due to

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the redevelopment of the baseball fields at the Lighthouse Community Centre. Pleased to host this popular event featuring international bluegrass artists and over 1500 visitors who come to camp for the weekend, the Association has been busy with plans to have the area prepared for the visitor camping, recreation, stage and performance area needed for the Bluegrass Festival. It promises to be a well-organized and very successful event in Meadowood.

To say that the ladies of the CMRA - Elaine Peligren, Annie Donald, Allyson Wight and Diane Anderson - are excited about the development of the park area and community hall, is an understatement. It is clear that the plans for use of the park and community hall are varied and ambitious and will include many activities that this community of 700 homes will undoubtedly support; bingo, card games, exercise programs, dinner & movie nights, with rentals for private and public events to name a few. The nine-

member Board of the CMRA and 20+ dedicated active members of the Corcan Meadowood Residents Association always welcome new members to the Association - the annual membership fee of \$20 covers costs for administration and events and will also include a discount for members who wish to book the new Community Hall.

A Beer & Burger fundraiser for the CMRA is coming up on April 23 at Deez Bar and Grill in Qualicum Beach and will raise money toward the Community Hall and new park equipment. Tickets are \$20 each - contact Annie Donald at anniedonald@telus.net or visit the CMRA website at [www.meadowoodresidents.com](http://www.meadowoodresidents.com)

With the highway access issue on a back-burner but still a committed focus for the residents of Meadowood, events and community building are now an integral and important part of the busy work of the CMRA. This vibrant, new community in Area F has many exciting developments ahead.

## Rec centre, big festival coming to Meadowood

• by Auren Ruvinsky - Parksville Qualicum Beach News

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There's a lot going on in the Corcan-Meadowood area southwest of Qualicum Beach.

There's a community recreation centre in the works, right beside one of the region's newest parks, which will also be home to the re-located Lighthouse Country Bluegrass Festival this summer.

After five successful years on the Lions Way field behind the Lighthouse Community Centre in Qualicum Bay, the event is moving to the new park where they hope to have around 200 RVs or campers and as many as 3,000 people, said co-ordinator Linda Thorburn.

The festival has received special concession to allow camping in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) park, though attendees will have to "camp in the rough," supplying all their own water and power and removing all their own garbage and sewage.

"We do behave, Cigarette butts are non-existent. We're the tidiest, best-behaved group of people you'll ever see," said Thorburn in response to at least one local resident who contacted The NEWS with concerns about the lack of infrastructure for a large crowd.

"It's not like a country music festival with their rough and rowdy ways," Thorburn chuckled. "We have acoustic music, there's no electric guitars or anything, so you can fall asleep by it, or wake up to it and it doesn't make you want to grind your teeth at all."

She said she fell in love with the music 35 years ago at the unrelated Coombs Bluegrass Festival. She took up the banjo and has been trying to get others to appreciate the music ever since.

She said that after five years of helping make the Lions Way field a popular place for activities they were bumped out and happened to find the Meadowood location at the same time as the local resident's association was looking for a Canada Day weekend activity to replace the traditional fireworks which were cancelled last summer due to the extreme fire hazard conditions.

"And everything just fell into place within about four days."

This year the festival is excited to welcome co-headliners Jeff Scroggins & Colorado and The Foggy Hogtown Boys out of Toronto, who Thorburn called possibly the best bluegrass band in the world. Watch The NEWS for more information closer to the Canada Day festival.

Google "Lighthouse bluegrass" for a lot of information and a link to online tickets on their website. (\_\_\_For online link: <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousebluegrass/lighthouse-festival-2016>)

Meanwhile the former gravel pit around the Dashwood Fire Hall #62 (Meadowood hall) now includes the 22 acre RDN Meadowood Community Park which is half forested and half gravel with an extensive playground area.

The RDN board is currently waiting for the results from a \$450,000 design and build tender request for a prefabricated metal building for an indoor recreation facility.