

CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held June 16th, 2016 at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, B.C.

Attendance: Elaine Peligren, Bob Donald, Alf Jablonski, Gerry Anderson, Allyson Wight, Annie Donald and Dwayne Miller (via teleconference).

Regrets: Tim Peligren, Diane Anderson

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Alf Jablonski moved to approve Agenda, seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Alf Jablonski moved to approve previous minutes, seconded by Allyson Wight, Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gerry Anderson presented the following Bank balances as at May 31st, 2016:

General Account: \$7,881.85 Highway Access Account: \$31,211.19

Annie Donald moved to approve \$18.90 be paid in administration/postage expenses, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

Highway Access Report: Gerry Anderson reported we received the Highway Access Project Engineering Plans late in the day on June 3rd, 2016. Development of one additional small portion of these plans needs to be completed prior to presenting to the Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure. Arrangements are being made to set up a special meeting to include all the Government stakeholders involved, and to include the Engineer and C.M.R.A. Board members.

Park Progress and Community Centre: Our Director will be meeting next week with the General Manager of Parks & Recreation with Regional District of Nanaimo. This meeting will address the vandalism at the Meadowood Community Park with recommendations for replacement of damaged fixtures, security issues and Park maintenance and upkeep. Annie Donald made a motion to approve a maximum of \$600. towards the purchase of a concrete picnic table to replace the vandalized wooden one, seconded by Elaine Peligren, Carried. Community Centre Hall project has been delayed, following the R.D.N. Board Meeting of May 24th, 2016 when the Request for Proposals for this project was voted on, as indicated below:

Results of Request for Proposals, Design Build Services –Meadowood Community Recreation Centre .

16-393 MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director McPherson, that in accordance with section 4.1 of the General Conditions to the Regional District of Nanaimo Request for Proposals Design-Build Meadowood Community Recreation Centre of February 18, 2016, the Regional District of Nanaimo rejects all proposals and terminates the Request for Proposals process on the basis that it did not receive properly compliant responses to its Request for Proposals process. CARRIED

16-394 MOVED Director Fell, SECONDED Director McPherson, that staff be directed to bring forward a report that provides further options on providing a community recreation centre to be situated within the Meadowood Community Park. CARRIED

Thus, we are on hold until we receive further information on this project.

Special Events: **Canada Day** – Preparations are being finalized for the Canada Day Celebration being held at Meadowood Community Park on July 1st, 2016 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Canada Day celebrations will be held inside the fenced area of the Playground at the Park, as much of the activities are geared towards families and children. Details for this event are on the attached poster. Note – we are hosting this event during the daytime, as we are not able to present Fireworks due to higher risk fire and safety concerns during this hot, dry season. This does not interfere in any way with the Bluegrass Festival which begins Friday evening.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness: We suggest that residents to be extra careful during the dry summer season, to conserve water usage and be prepared in the event of emergencies (fire/earthquake, etc.). Fire Smart Manuals are available through Neighbourhood Preparedness <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=1274> or contact Annie Donald (250) 752-6728 for further information on Emergency Preparedness in the local area.

Fundraising: We have been extremely fortunate the last couple of years to have received the generous donations of refundable cans and bottles towards our fundraising efforts from the Meadowood Convenience Store. We are very grateful for their exemplary support for our community initiatives. Recently there has been a cutback in donations to only include certain refundable items. This means we will be conducting a couple of massive community bottle drives each year, in addition to the collection of refundable items at the Meadowood Store each first Saturday monthly. We anticipate our next "grand" bottle drive will be in September. Meanwhile, watch for the pick-up parked out in front of Meadowood Store each FIRST SATURDAY of the month to collect refundable items, which proceeds are used to fund events, Park equipment, and eventual Community Hall fixtures. Thanks to all the wonderful residents who support this program with your generosity. And a huge Thank You to Meadowood Convenience Store for their ongoing support.

Media & Communications: Posters for the Canada Day Event will be posted within the next week. An insert for the Community Events advertised in the PQB News will be submitted for publication prior to July 1st in their community notices.

Cancellation of June 4th Community Info Session: The C.M.R.A. called a special meeting on Sunday, May 29th, 2016 to discuss the planned June 4th Community Information event at Meadowood Store. As we had received absolutely no new or updated information to present to residents at that time, we found it necessary to cancel the event. A motion was made by Bob Donald to cancel the June 4th Community Info session, seconded by Tim Peligren and Carried, with 6 Board members voting (all in favour). This motion is hereby ratified at this regular meeting.

Bluegrass Festival: It has come to our attention that some local residents seem to be under the impression that the upcoming Bluegrass Festival was authorized by the Regional District of Nanaimo at the request of the Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association. *This is not true.* When the Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival organizers heard that there were plans to potentially have a Community Hall at Meadowood Community Park, they approached the C.M.R.A. to ask if they could rent the Hall for their festival. The Bluegrass Festival organizers received their ratification to hold their Festival at Meadowood Park directly from the Regional District of Nanaimo, Parks & Recreation Dept. We support their efforts and wish them well. However, we are not responsible for requesting or authorizing any use of a Nanaimo Regional District Community Park. We (the C.M.R.A.) are hosting a Canada Day celebration at the Meadowood Community Park earlier in the day between 11 am to 2 pm, and prior to the start of the Bluegrass event on Friday evening, July 1st. For further information on the Bluegrass Festival, please check out their website: <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousebluegrass/>

Next Meeting Date: Scheduled for Wed., July 20th, 2016 – 6:30 p.m. at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: Bob Donald made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Dwayne Miller, Carried.

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION



FRIDAY JULY 1st 11:00am - 2:00 pm

**LOCATION: Meadowood Community Park Playground
1810 Galvin Way, Qualicum Beach**



**BOUNCY CASTLE, BALLOON ANIMALS,
MUSIC, FLAG RAISING AND FREE
HOTDOG BARBECUE, CAKE & DRINKS**



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your comfort!**

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