

Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association

Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Tuesday, Aug. 24th, 2017 @ 1621 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach, B.C.

Attendees: Chris Burger, Alf Jablonski, Gerry Anderson, Elaine Peligren, Allyson Wight, Tim Peligren, Bob Donald, Annie Donald

Via Telecom: Dwayne Miller

Call to Order: The regular meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Annie Donald moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Gerry Anderson moved to approve Minutes of previous meeting held July 12th, 2017, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Elaine Peligren reported the following Bank balances as of July 31st, 2017:

General Account: \$5,506.60 Highway Access Project Account: \$31,229.39

Grant monies from the R.D.N. Recreational Grants and Safety-Grant-In-Aid Grant have been received and deposited this month which will significantly increase our Operating Account balances in August. Bob Donald moved we accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Allyson Wight, Carried.

Highway Access Report: Gerry Anderson is working towards meeting with government stakeholders and our M.L.A. to get responses to our Highway Access project proposals.

Park Progress & Community Centre: Alf Jablonski reported very favourable news from the Regional District of Nanaimo on the New Community Park property purchase from the School District #69 of a parcel adjacent to the existing Meadowood Community Park playground. Copy of the R.D.N. News Release is attached as Exhibit "A". This will give R.D.N. Parks & Recreation the ability to build a new Community Centre on this newly acquired property. Alf will be in communication with the R.D.N. to ascertain an estimated time-line for the Community Centre build project.

Special Events (Canada Day & Halloween): Halloween preparations are under way for our annual Corcarnival Halloween event. The Scary Walk will be bigger & better! Event will begin at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, October 31st, with Fireworks planned for 8:30 pm. Discussions surrounding the Canada Day event resulted in suggestions we should postpone hosting any future Canada Day events until we have a proper facility and more volunteers to help. Allyson Wight made a Motion to postpone the Canada Day event until further notice, seconded by Dwayne Miller, Carried.

Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness: Residents are reminded to remain vigilant during this high risk, dry summer season. Things are extremely dry with little hope of rain in the near forecasts. Please check out Risk Warnings issued by:

BC Wildfire Service <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/wildfire-status> and
Dashwood Volunteer Fire Department: <http://www.dashwoodvfd.com/>

Fundraising: Elaine Peligren reported the special “Dinner” Raffle ticket sales are slow at the moment. Venues/times have been set up at high traffic places to promote ticket sales. Tickets are available at the Meadowood Store. This draw will take place at the C.M.R.A. A.G.M. on October 1st at 3:00 p.m..

Details on the Christmas raffle project will be issued in the fall.

Media & Communications: Allyson Wight advised there is nothing to report at the moment.

Old Business:

Annual General Meeting: The 2017 Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1st at the Arrowsmith Golf Club Restaurant Meeting Room. Registration will be from 1 pm to 1:50 pm with the Meeting scheduled for 2 pm sharp to 3 pm. Draw for the Dinner Raffle will take place at 3 pm., then any further business can be finished up afterwards. Coffee/tea service will be available.

Membership Registration: An “Open Letter to all Residents” is being sent out next week to bring folks up-to-date on what has been happening in the Community as well as information on the upcoming Annual General Meeting. Membership forms and instructions will be enclosed. Residents are encouraged to attend the A.G.M. to learn more, and become involved in the future of our community.

New Business:

Sign at Corcan Rd. & Dorman: Annie Donald made a Motion to spend up to \$550. on replacement signs (double sided) for the large sign board at the bottom of Corcan Rd. at Dorman; seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried. The sign will advertise for the Annual General Meeting & Fundraising, with the reverse side advertising for the Halloween Corcarnival event. The double sided sign should be ready in about a week so it can be mounted on the board next weekend.

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. @ 1621 Meadowood Way, Qualicum Beach.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting: Alf Jablonski moved to adjourn regular meeting at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried.

EXHIBIT "A"

News Release - August 23, 2017

New Community Park for Electoral Area F

Electoral Area F is getting a new Community Park at the Meadowood site in the Little Qualicum River area. The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) is purchasing 1830 Galvin Place from School District 69 Qualicum for the price of \$150,000. The purchase was approved by the Board at the August 22nd Regular Board meeting.

"This is a long awaited and valuable addition to the Meadowood Community Park. We are grateful to the RDN and SD69 officials who have enabled this transition. It is now possible to make long-term plans for the Park to be developed into a centre for the Meadowood community," said Julian Fell, RDN Director for Area F.

The acquired land has been managed by the RDN as a community park since 2014 through Licence of Use agreement with School District 69. The 2.03 hectare property will be added to the adjacent Meadowood Community Park lands which has a recently developed adventure playground and sport court.

"We are pleased to have reached an agreement to sell this property to the RDN. We are thrilled that the Meadowood site will remain a publically held asset which will bring value to this community in future years," stated School District 69 Superintendent Rollie Koop.

The land acquisition is funded from the Electoral Area F Community Parks budget. The purchase meets the RDN's current Strategic Goals of increasing parks and open spaces, protecting the environment and securing recreation amenities as a core service.

Community engagement on development plans for the park including potential design and construction of a community recreation centre on the site will commence in 2018.

For more information on RDN Parks and Trails, visit www.rdn.bc.ca/parks

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