

**Corcan Meadowood Residents Association - Meeting Minutes for December 16,
2010**

Elaine Pelligren, President
Gerry Anderson, Vice President
Dave Jones, Information Officer
Diane Anderson, Treasurer
Ramona Jones, Secretary
Tim Peligren, resident
Jutta Mainland, resident

Rob Roberts, resident
Ozzie Jimmo, Information officer
Sylvia Jimmo, resident

Minutes for September 28, 2010 Adopted - Ozzie, Diane seconded

\$1777.28 is current bank balance for CMRA..

Gerry left a message for Joe Stanhope, to discuss letter from Paul Thorkelsson of the RDN stating that the Official Community Plan does not need revision to allow highway access to the Corcan Meadowood area. No discussion is needed. Below is an excerpt from the October letter.

Please note, that this letter does not constitute the Regional District of Nanaimo's support for the Corcan Road interchange proposal. A formal letter of support may be requested from the Regional Board by making a request to the Board at one of its regularly scheduled meetings. The Board may or may not support such a request.

Where do we go from here? Next step is to find a way to fund the highway, given that the Ministry of Transportation has expressed interest in partnerships but does not have money set aside for our highway access. We need to put our referendum on the RDN ballot in November to find out if residents are prepared to help fund the highway access. To do this, voters need to know exactly what it costs to travel from home with or without the access. Would travel costs saved exceed extra taxes incurred? According to Ozzie, who has done a lot of research already, travel costs would be halved with highway access.

Dave wants to do thorough research into costs, based on type of vehicle, exact length of popular routes, cost of gas, maintenance and depreciation. Commercial vehicle calculations need to be done. With this information, each resident can create a personal scenario and make individual calculations. We will use our bank balance to fund a mail out with this information. All sources for information will be cited. This research needs to be done quickly so we can get info out by March, and then start moving forward with the November 2011 referendum. **Dave to action.**

Scott Fraser will be contacted so he knows we are planning to take a tax increase to referendum (term and amount to be negotiated with MOT) to find out if we can enter a funding partnership with the Ministry of Transportation. **Elaine to action.**

Gerry has heard that the federal infrastructure incentive program is back (this is the program that helped fund the roundabout in Qualicum Town) He and Rob will contact Dr. James Lunney to find out how to apply for funding. **Rob and Gerry to action.**

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We need to know how much our access would cost. Gerry will discuss this with Dave Edgar. **Gerry to action.**

Discussion took place pertaining to fund raising. Elaine would like to raise money to fund our continuing efforts. We need to know how many people have paid for membership. Diane will compile list of current CMRA members. Suggestion was made to have a second BBQ in the spring. This discussion will resume on January 14, date of next meeting. **Diane to action.**

Thank you letters are in order for those who have helped us along. We now have a usable parking lot on Meadowood to use while in the Little Qualicum River Regional Park. Our centre line has been repainted on Meadowood. Quality Foods has been very generous with contributions for our meetings. All will be acknowledged. **Trish and Ramona to action.**

Only a charity can issue tax receipts for charitable donations, and needs an identification number for this purpose. This issue is relevant to any fund raising we do. Therefore, we need to set up a charity. We will ask Trish to clarify. Most of our funds have been collected from membership dues. **Trish to action.**

Our current list of executive members needs to be posted on our website. **Dave to action.**

Ozzie moved to end the meeting, Diane seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm