

**Meeting Minutes - Corcan -Meadowood Residents' Association,  
Annual General Meeting  
October 22, 2011 at Lighthouse Community Hall, Bowser**

Council members:

Elaine Pelligren, President  
Gerry Anderson, Vice President  
Diane Anderson, Treasurer  
Ramona Jones, Secretary  
David Jones, Information Officer  
Ozzie Jimmo, Information Officer  
Alf Jablonski, Parks and Open Spaces Action Committee

Invited guests:

Scott Fraser, BC Member of the Legislative Assembly

Candidates for Director (Elections on November 19, 2011)

Richard de Candole, Area F  
Samantha (Skye) Donald, Area F  
Julian Fell, Area F  
Leanne Salter, Area F  
Lance Pope, Area G  
William Veenhof, Area H

School District Trustee candidates

Julie Austin, Area F  
Barry Kurland, Area H  
Janet Touhy, Area H

RDN Parks staff

Dave Palidwor, Acting Manager, Parks service  
Elaine McCulloch

Meeting convened at 10:15 am. Hall was open to the public at 9:00 am, when members were signed up and auction items viewed. Approximately 85 people were in attendance. Dave Jones acted as moderator.

Motion to accept agenda as posted at the back of the hall and on CMRA website  
2nd Elaine Peligren Motion Carried

Motion to accept Treasurers report as posted at the back of the hall and on CMRA website  
2nd Gerry Anderson Motion Carried

Motion put forward to maintain \$5.00 membership fee for household to join Corcan Meadowood Residents Association. Alf Jablonski seconded motion and carried.

Motion put forward to elect Tim Peligren to CMRA executive council. Ozzie Jimmo seconded motion and carried.

Elaine Peligren was introduced and summarized CMRA activities for the past year. She thanked the membership for attending and commented on our growing area. We have 917 active mailbox addresses and most of our growth has taken place since 1996. Our lobbying has resulted in: New signage and parking lot at Little Qualicum Falls Regional Park, center lines painted on Meadowood Way to Corcan Road. Some pothole repairs done, RDN Parks staff have given a verbal commitment to plan our Meadowood community park in 2012 allocating funds for planning. We applied for a \$2400 community grant from the RDN to hold our first event in the Meadowood Park area on Halloween. We have received spoken confirmation of \$1500 to be applied against fireworks and other treats. We have applied for a \$1400 Community safety grant from the RDN for flashlights, signs, first aid equipment, etc. We maintained an active and informative website, We gave information to the RDN to help with emergency exit strategies in our area. We worked on a proposal to develop highway access.

Special thanks to Scott Fraser MLA, Dave Edgar, Tom Osborne, Marilyn Simms and Kim Longmuir, Thanks to CMRA members and Little Qualicum River Village Strata social committee and all other volunteers who have helped. Thanks to retiring Council members, Trish Curtin, Jutta Mainland, Ozzie Jimmo, Ramona Jones for their dedication and commitment over the last three years.

Thanks to all candidates for attending today and very special thank you to Bob Dendoff for providing us with info on emergency preparedness.

Scott Fraser spoke briefly. He commented on the good attendance at this meeting, mentioning that political apathy is not a good thing and complimenting the CMRA for its efforts.

All area candidates were allowed 5 minutes to air their views. Refer to the list of attendees. Here are some links for the individuals where their views are expressed.

Richard de Candole

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Elect-Richard-de-Candole-for-RDN-Area-F-Director/115697951870614>

Samantha(Skye) Donald

<http://www.area-f.ca/2011/10/23/corcan-meadowood-residents-association-agm/>

Julian Fell

<http://www.bcclocalnews.com/news/election/131834593.html>

Leanne Salter

[http://www.bcclocalnews.com/vancouver\\_island\\_central/parksville\\_qualicumbeachnews/news/131023523.html](http://www.bcclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/parksville_qualicumbeachnews/news/131023523.html)

Lance Pope

<http://www.lancempope.com/>

Three school trustees were on hand to share their views of education

Janet Touhey for Area H

[http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver\\_island\\_central/parksville\\_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/132274728.html](http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/parksville_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/132274728.html)

Julie Austin, for Area F

[http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver\\_island\\_central/parksville\\_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/131834148.html](http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/parksville_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/131834148.html)

Barry Kurland, for Area H

[http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver\\_island\\_central/parksville\\_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/132274553.html](http://www.bclocalnews.com/vancouver_island_central/parksville_qualicumbeachnews/news/election/132274553.html)

RDN parks employees were on hand to talk about parks development in our area.

Essentially, a plan must be made and approved by the RDN before construction can take place. The consultation process will happen from January to November. That is divided into 4 phases. 1. Take inventory 2. Consider issues 3. Site analysis 4.

Determine what community wants. Community can express opinions in a public workshop, by email or communication with POSAC (Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee) members. Park needs a planner and designer and cost analysis.

Questions were taken by Dave Palidwor and Elaine McCulloch, many to do with the length of time to achieve results and the lack of park facilities in the area.

### **Presentation By Dave Jones on Highway Access**

I have an update I would like to read to you on the status of our campaign for Highway access onto 19 from Nahmint and Corcan.

Our group along with Lou Biggeman area F Director and Scott Fraser our MLA met with Shirley Bond, the Minister of Transportation in 2010, it was a very productive meeting. She said that our interchange would not happen quickly, but they were interested in our proposal and that we needed to accomplish a few things before we could talk further.

We had to ensure that the majority of people in our area are in favor of the interchange project to ensure there are no massive protests on the legislature lawns if the government decided to go ahead with the Corcan Nahmint interchange.

The residents association has considered many different plans and talked to as many people as possible to ensure our plans would not affect any of our residents adversely. We did surveys to be sure everyone concerned has a voice.

You can never make everyone happy but we believe the overwhelming majority of residents are in favor of building the interchange!

The next item was to make sure that the official community plans would not conflict with our proposed interchange. We met with the Regional District of Nanaimo and after

much discussion and research on the RDNs part we received a letter from Paul Thorkelson General Manager of Development services RDN stating that The Regional District of Nanaimo Has reviewed the official community plans of electoral areas F, G, and H and determined that these plans do not contain any goals, objectives or policies that are inconsistent with the conceptual Corcan Rd interchange. Therefore should the Corcan Rd interchange project proceed, no amendments to these plans would be required.

With these conditions met, we had a discussion about putting together the next presentation in our campaign for highway access. The problem we kept coming up with was our population number. Why would the government spend millions of dollars on our small community when highways infrastructure was so desperately needed in Victoria and other parts of the province where an interchange would service 100,000 to 150,000 vehicles a day to our 2,000?

It was at this point, we did a poll to see if our residents would consider toll ramps with a charge of a dollar on and a dollar off

The result from 190 people taking part was 170 or 89% said yes they would pay a toll to access Highway 19.

The toll would not affect those who decide to take the old Corcan route making it fairer than having property owners pay for the interchange with taxes.

The residents filling out that poll also indicated that they were in favor of retaining our Village status as defined by the area F OCP. In other words, our area is zoned for sixty commercial lots in a village core.

Tolls open the road to investors who see a partnership with a governmental body to be a safe investment for their money. Members of our group have discussed the interchange with positive results from a venture capital group that was very excited about this opportunity. We feel funding this project will not be a problem.

We are in the completion phase of readying our presentation booklet with all of the facts and figures about the interchange and our area, We hope to meet with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and achieve Agreement in Principle by 2012 or proceed to the next step that the ministry requires to start design and construction of the Interchange.

Two announcements;

The Lighthouse Community Centre has a website and will display advertising for the cost of \$10.00 per month. This money is needed to run the Centre.

Please attend the November 14th, 7 to 10 PM All Candidates meeting for Area F at the Arrowsmith Hall in Coombs.

Question and Answer period commenced, then meeting adjourned at 12:13pm