

**Corcan Meadowood Residents Association -
Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2012**

Elaine Pelligren, President	Carmen Culford, resident
Gerry Anderson, Vice President	Dave Jones, Information Officer
Alf Jablonski, VP Parks, POSAC rep.	Julian Fell, Area F Director
Diane Anderson, Treasurer	
Ramona Jones, Secretary	
Tim Peligren, resident	
Annie Donald resident	
Bob Donald, resident	

Meeting called to order (6:35pm) by Elaine, Dave approved and Gerry seconded. November minutes adopted. Tim approved, David seconded.

Diane reported that \$6084.59 is the current bank balance for CMRA.

Julian Fell briefed us on talks with the RDN regarding our community park. We have significant government support, due the letters written by residents and preparation done by our POSAC (Parks and Open Spaces Committee) members. With a \$5000.00 commitment from our association, we will receive priority for funding. \$100,000.00 has been applied for to be spent over several years. A consultant has been hired to draw up a plan for our park.

We are hoping to obtain provincial cooperation for highway access through Partnership BC. Partnerships British Columbia is a company responsible for bringing together ministries, agencies and the private sector to develop projects through public-private partnerships. As a company registered under the Business Corporations Act, Partnerships BC is wholly owned by the Province of British Columbia and reports to its shareholder the Minister of Finance.

Julian is actively promoting the needs of our area in his new role as Area F Director.

Annie Donald reported on our very successful Halloween celebration. We obtained a \$1500 grant from the Regional District to hold our fireworks display in 2011. 200 people attended with a 2 week prep. period. Way to go, team. This year, we will aim for more lighting and make other improvements.

Lighthouse Community Hall is the home of our big meetings. To support upkeep there, donation of 120.00 to be made to advertise CMRA on Lighthouse website. Dave motioned. Gerry approved. Annie seconded.

Julian passed out schedule for Parks development. We pay taxes of \$90-100k yearly, so what is our result? The Regional District decision to buy Moorecroft set us back. There is no parks budget by electoral area, so Julian is tracking our money to see where it is spent. Reg Nosworthy is also working on this.

Elaine has contacted Scott Fraser, MLA about the condition of our roads. Emcon Services Inc. 1-866-353-3136, holds the maintenance contract for our area. We are encouraged to write letters of complaint for the Transportation Manager, Kirsten

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Pedersen, Executive Director and District Manager. Kirsten.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca. Our Minister of Transport is the Honourable Blair Lekstrom, PO Box 9055 STN Prov. Govt. Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Congestion at Ashling and Meadowood bus stop is a problem. No place for cars to wait. As many as 22 waiting. No stops at the village or the store. Kids walk to the stop in the dark, on the road. One boy saw a cougar last year. Tim said buses could have access through the LQRV gates for turn around. Gerry will follow up with the school board and Dave Edgar, planner, to see what changes can be made. **Action: Gerry**

We will set up an account at the Qualicum Bottle depot to help fund CMRA activities. If you wish to donate, go to **Qualicum Bottle & Recycling Depot**. (250) 752-8884. 4-141 E 4th Ave, Qualicum Beach, BC. **Action: Dave**

Thanks to Elaine, our community has received a safety grant of \$1450.38 to buy lights, flares, signs, first aid kit, and next year, we can apply again. All of this comes in handy for community events or evacuation. A generator would be an item to aim for.

The CMRA has prepared a book to present to the Ministry of Transport outlining our plan for Highway Access. This government session has just opened so Scott Fraser will draft a letter to the Minister to post on our website. Scott will request a meeting with Mr. Lekstrom to discuss our needs. **Attention: Scott**

In February our area experienced strong winds sending power lines down and stranding residents in and out of our area until BC Hydro could fix. Discussion ensued. Our highway emergency exit is open if one has the key. Fire trucks need permission to use the private road given liability issues. Scott Fraser would like letters from residents affected, as this kind of problem is part of our need for highway access. Letters will be submitted to the Ministry of Transport.

Attention: Trish, Rob, Candace P., Marilyn S.

On Dini Owslanski's suggestion, Dave has set up a Facebook account for the CMRA. Someone has already used that to post a babysitting job. Corcan Meadowood Residents Association **Attention: all**

Alf initiated discussion on regional park trail. We want a trail from LQRV to the community park site near the store. Wicklow West may provide an easement on land designated for lot development. Branden Lake Correctional Facility can provide a 30 man crew for 90 days to build trail. In the next POSAC meeting committees will be struck and Alf is our POSAC member, but needs one more CMRA member to help. Dave volunteered. What should be built in our community park? We discussed options. (playground, gazebo, washrooms)

Action: Dave, Alf

Next meeting will be March 12 at 6:30pm.

8:05 pm: meeting adjourned. Gerry motioned, Alf seconded, Rob passed the motion.

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