

CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MINUTES

Held Sunday, October 21st, 2012 at Lighthouse Community Centre, Qualicum Bay

C.M.R.A. Council Members presiding:

Elaine Peligren, Gerry Anderson, David Jones (Moderator), Tim Peligren

Guest Speakers:

Scott Fraser, B.C. Member of Legislative Assembly; Julian Fell, Area F Director, Bill Veenhof, Area H. Director

R.D.N. Parks & Recreation Presenters:

Dave Palidwor, Presentation for Little Qualicum River Regional Park Management Plan for 2013-2023

Elaine McCullough, Presentation for Meadowood Community Park Plan

Hall was opened to the public at 8:00 a.m. for Pancake breakfast, musical entertainment and Silent Auction.

Meeting convened at 10:10 a.m.

Approval of Agenda – Moved by Cathy Haywood, Seconded by Scott Haywood – carried

Approval of Minutes from 2nd Annual General Meeting of October 22nd, 2011 – Moved by Tim Peligren, Seconded by Cathy Haywood – carried

President's Report – Elaine Peligren see Exhibit "A" attached

Treasurer's Report – Gerry Anderson

C.M.R.A. has \$3,415.21 in Bank, as of October 18th, 2012. This is NET after expenditures for Fireworks Event, A.G.M. expenses and donation of \$5,000. to R.D.N. Parks & Recreation for Meadowood Community Park project.

Bus Stop Report – Gerry Anderson

District #69 had discontinued all school bus services to the Little Qualicum River Village Gate. This created a dangerous situation where children had to be taken to a pick-up/drop-off at the corner of Meadowood & Ashling with cars, parents & children amalgamating on a busy sector of roadway, often in the dark. This situation was brought before the School Board for reassessment and further consideration. District 69 priced the extra stops for all 3 buses at \$8,000. This was not in the budget. They agreed to have one bus for the youngest age group go to the Gate and stop at Galvin Road (by Meadowood Store) instead. Full service for all 3 buses is anticipated to be included in next years' budget. We plan to follow up on this in July, 2013.

Approval of 2012-2013 Annual Registration Fees – Fees to remain the same at \$5.00 per household per year

Presentation on Little Qualicum River Regional Park made by *Dave Palidwor* of Regional District of Nanaimo, Parks & Recreation refer to RDN website "<http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2768>" for complete presentation details.

Presentation on Meadowood Community Park by *Elaine McCullough*, RDN Parks & Recreation please refer to RDN website "<http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=2768>" for detailed explanation, drawings, maps and outline of

various phasing of overall plans. A critical component of her presentation was the partnering opportunities between RDN and local volunteers to complete many phases and tasks of these plans together. This could reduce costs and take the completion of these projects to next levels for earlier execution of the plans.

R.D.N. Parks & Recreation have worked tirelessly throughout this year to arrive at the proposed plans through a series of planning workshops involving community residents. This process was an excellent method of arriving at a professional design and consensus of all partners in this joint project. Once final approval of the proposals is authorized, work on these projects should commence in 2013, possibly in late spring.

As part of the commitment of the C.M.R.A. to this very worthwhile project, a donation of \$5,000. was formally presented by Elaine Peligren to Elaine McCullough of R.D.N. Parks & Recreation. This donation, coupled with the Grants, will be utilized to fund the Meadowood Community Park development.

Guest Speakers: (In order of appearance)

William (Bill) Veenhof, Director, Area H, explained the Union of B.C. Municipalities may have possible grants available for infra-structure projects in 2014. A series of qualifying criteria could provide a slim opportunity to investigate this avenue for application. Further information will be required to determine eligibility. He explained how different sectors of government bodies seem to work in separate frameworks. Gradually they are attempting to work these sectors together for more cohesive communication and cooperation.

Scott Fraser, Member of Legislative Assembly, has attended all our A.G.M.'s and been instrumental in making great progress with government bodies in our quest for Highway access. He complimented the C.M.R.A. on its' great progress. He indicated we have had unusually positive responses from both Provincial and Regional government bodies on our proposals. He complimented our members for dedication and remarkable progress.

Julian Fell, Director, Area F, discussed further grant potential. He explained in great detail how we may have a chance at applying for grants if we incorporated into our own Improvement Service District.

Presentation by David Jones on the proposed Corcan-Hwy.19 Interchange See Exhibit "B"

Questions from the Floor:

Query was raised regarding the safety of driving on our access roadways (Corcan, Meadowood, etc.) with the very faint yellow lines. Council will look into contacting the appropriate parties to initiate action on this concern.

Questions about planned procedures on Highway access, with costs of this project being an important consideration, were handled very well by David Jones. He explained step by step how we would attempt to raise an initial sum of money to start the engineering process to obtain exact costing of the various phases and options of the Highway Interchange project. If enough interest is generated by way of this "first step" request for funding of the engineering portion, once the costing is determined, a referendum may be initiated to obtain residents' input and authorization to proceed. If interest is not forthcoming to proceed at any time in the process, then the project will be shelved.

Election of Officers and Council Members: Requests were put forth for volunteers to fill three vacant positions. Interested volunteers were asked to contact present Council members.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

EXHIBIT "A"

President's Presentation at the 2012 AGM

It is hard to believe that this is our third Annual General Meeting. The last four years have gone by so quickly and we have accomplished so much. This community has made it happen!

We would like to personally thank the staff at the Regional District of Nanaimo; the Ministry of Transportation; POSAC – Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee; Scott Fraser our M.L.A.; Julian Fell our Area F Director; and Bill Veenhof our Area H Director; for all their continued support and encouragement.

These accomplishments have been carried out by a group of very dedicated, hardworking volunteers. Our Council Members, along with the Little Qualicum River Village Community Volunteers and other members in the community, have donated hundreds of hours of time to provide our area with more services.

Just a few of the many accomplishments: Lobbying to have the School buses pick up our children at more locations in the area; to have the use of the School property for parking (Gerry will address these two topics later in the meeting). We have been working with the Regional District towards obtaining the grants for the Meadowood Park as well as providing input on the design of the park. We moved the Annual Halloween Fireworks Event out of the Little Qualicum River Village into our proposed Community Park. We applied for and received three Regional District grants, two for \$1,500. each – for last years' and this years' Halloween Events and one for \$1,450. for the Safety Equipment Grant. Through our efforts we have helped the Meadowood Store obtain the ability to sell alcoholic spirits and our Website that Dave works endlessly to keep up to date.

Currently, we have two goals: The first is to complete Phase II and Phase III of our Community Park as soon as possible. We have the funds for Phase I. The second is to get to the point of finalization of the Highway 19 Corcan Access.

There is still so much more to do. We need money to accomplish all our goals for this community, lots of money! There are many ways that we can raise these funds: through financial donations from the community and businesses; through fundraising; through Government Grants; and through property taxes. We would graciously accept any free volunteer labour services or materials that could be used to help build the Park. Nothing is too small or too big. We appreciate it all.

In 2013, we are going to apply for a charity license so that we can provide an income tax receipt for financial donations. We are also going to apply for a B.C. Gaming Grant for Casino or Bingo events. We will need volunteers for these – let me know if you are interested in helping.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Businesses that have provided Silent Auction items today, all of you that have shown up today to support this organization and all the volunteer workers in the background.

Thank you all once again for coming today.

Elaine Peligren

EXHIBIT "B"

REPORT by David Jones

Preparation of 2012 Presentation Booklet posted on Website

March 29th Meeting with Blair Lekstrom Minister of Transportation

Scott Fraser Area MLA at the legislature in Victoria

Dave Duncan Assistant Deputy Minister, Kirsten Pedersen District Manager, Vancouver Island, Executive Director, Strategic Priorities. The minister agreed to consider the possibility of highway access to our area if we would look at ways to fund the project.

May Meeting with MOT in Nanaimo - No Tolls

We had a discussion with senior staff to figure out how we would like to get highway access and were told toll collection would not be allowed. Were we open to any other options?

We said that we were, and to let us know what they had in mind. The Ministry of Transportation then commissioned an evaluation of the project for us. (posted at back of the Hall)

Aug 17th Meeting with MOT in Nanaimo. Kirsten Pedersen Vancouver Island District Manager and her staff Julian Fell Area F Director

Evaluation of project completed, estimated cost of between 6.14 Million to 14.32 Million

Conversation turned to phased construction and MOT agreed to let us do On and Off to Nanaimo, instead of completing the entire interchange.

We are asked to complete engineering drawings and detailed study of the Interchange and for a sophisticated cost assessment.

Engineering and budget for the route, To and from Nanaimo, need to be fully complete.

To and from Courtenay Engineering and budget need to be 50% completed. Estimated cost for Total Engineering is \$250,000 dollars in total. An engineering firm must be hired to do this work for us.

Where we stand today:

We have met with one local engineering firm for a quote to complete design work. (The project was too big for them)

This firm referred us to another local firm that could do what we needed.

How will we pay for the work? Once we have a quote that is acceptable to all involved, from a company that is capable of working with the MOT, we will come to the community for money.

We are hoping to have an initial deposit of around \$50,000 dollars to provide information to show the community to see if the cost of the interchange will be something our residents will pay for.

What will this look like?

We need to pay for the Approximately \$50,000 deposit of the estimated assessment and proper engineering. Our residents association will come to community members looking for around \$100 from each property owner in the Corcan Meadowood area to proceed with this. The residents in our area, from Baylis road to the top of Little

Qualicum River village, will be asked to donate. If fifty percent of residents choose not to do this, we will not proceed with the project as it will show a lack of desire for highway access in our area.

If we raise enough money, we will get the high level assessment / engineering of our access route done and cost it out to within 10%. If we have that figure, we can take it to referendum. That means, our community will vote on whether to proceed with the highway project. Our goal is \$365 per property a year, or a dollar per day, per property.

Our goal is to keep everyone in the area informed and to make sure we all have a voice to say yes or no at each step of the way.