



West Porpoise Bay Community Association

Minutes for the Annual General Meeting held March 10, 2009 at the Sechelt Community Church Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm

Directors present: President: Bob Ware
Vice President: Alan Pickard
Secretary: Marilyn Charles
Treasurer: Lorraine Blakeman
Member at Large: Marilyn Kendall Smith

AGM Minutes from March 10, 2008 were read by Marilyn Charles.

Correction to the minutes: Ed Taylor name changed to Fred Taylor. (Apology for typo)

Motion: To have the Minutes of March 10, 2008 adopted. Moved by Bill Blakeman, 2nd by Martha Ware.

President's Report: Bob Ware welcomed community members. He noted the Directors are the same on the Board as last year. Bob Milton was also present as Past President.

The Directors dealt with various activities this past year.

We had 2 referrals from the District of Sechelt. The first referral dealt with the John Duff property that lies between Gale Ave. North and Gale Ave. South. John was in the audience and later in the meeting would provide an update on the status of his application to subdivide.

The second referral was from the Sechelt Golf Club., It was amending an earlier proposal with changes to the height and size of 2 buildings they were constructing. This project seems to be on hold.

We also received a referral regarding the by-law allowing secondary suites, and a referral that would amend By-Law 350, granting the Director of Planning more power when approving variances to subdivision servicing standards. The input received from various community associations indicated most people were against any change to By-Law 350.

We were successful in removing confusing road signage near the Arena after many of our residents received hefty fines. Bob acknowledged Alan Pickard's consistent effort in this accomplishment.

Our association, along with the West Sechelt Community Association and the Downtown Voters Association, organized and held a very well attended "All Candidates Forum" on October 20, 2008 prior to our municipal election.

We have met with Susan Stratis, Chair of the Committee who is updating Sechelt's Official Community Plan with integration of the Vision Plan. Alan Pickard is our representative on the committee, attending many meetings during the process. Alan gave us an explanation of the goals of the new OCP and why it was important for us to maintain our own neighbourhood plan. He mentioned that the Sechelt Indian Band was now participating in the new OCP creation.

Bob informed us that the Back Yard Burning by-law had more "teeth" bringing a fine of \$ 100.00 if homeowners caught burning.

Bob mentioned we have written a letter to Ministry of Mines to dissuade any application for further permitting by PPA.

Treasurer's Report: Lorraine stated we have \$ 1,160.86 in the SCCU account. We have 48 paid up members and an additional 9 people paid at our meeting. Membership is down this year. Attendance at the AGM was also disappointing, but could be due to weather conditions. (14 attendees)

Nominations: There were no new nominations from the floor and the present Directors were re-elected by acclamation. Motion to close nominations moved by Jason Herz, 2nd by Bob Milton.

Other Business: John Duff gave us an update on his subdivision proposal, stating that it is on indefinite hold.

Mike Bakst had researched into the possibility of extended transit bus service along Gale Ave. North. He asked for some feedback as to its usefulness and whether he should pursue the issue further.

Presentation by Bill Elsner: Bill has been the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (SCRD) for the past 3 ½ years. His presentation included pictures of recent emergency situations occurring here on the Coast. Our greatest risk most likely is forest fires, but we have experienced flooding, plane crash, hazardous material spills, and mud slide hazards.

Bill described some of the equipment caches that are stored on the Coast, but stressed that individuals must be prepared to look after themselves for an extended period of time, as help would be slow in coming. Preparedness includes having an emergency "grab" pack-sack. It would also include reducing hazards within our houses. Home will be the most likely place we'll stay in case of an emergency. It is recommended that residents form neighbourhood teams made up of individuals who would assume certain roles in case of disaster. Radio instructions would be broadcast over 91.7FM. Field Road office would be Emerg Operations Centre. Bill provided many informative handouts on preparedness. We thanked him for his excellent presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Marilyn Charles