

Wednesday, May 14, 2008
Minutes of Directors' Meeting
West Sechelt Community Association
6217 Oracle Road

Attending: Ken Matheson
Marguerite Johnson
Alexis Harrington
Ron Harrington-recorder

Regrets: Gail Riddell
David Johnston

20.1 The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm

20.2 The agenda was adopted as proposed

20.3 The Treasurer reported a balance of \$ 1370.60 in the Association's chequing account and a current membership of 100 households.

20.4 Minutes of Last Meeting:
Accepted as distributed (MJ, ACH)

20.5 Ongoing Business:

20.5.1 Task Group on Roads

Ken reported that he was gathering information from the District for a group under Frank May's leadership that will examine options for future road networks linking us to the village.

20.6 Correspondence :

20.6.1 Letter from DOS Engineering

Ken received an email from John Wild, the DOS Engineering Supervisor to advise us of Terrasan Gas' upcoming brush clearing program on their right of way (it follows the major Hydro lines in West Sechelt).

20. 6.2 Letter from the SCR D

The Association was advised of some upcoming speakers sponsored by the regional district.

20.7 Current Development Referrals

20.7.1 Lot 6 and 7 (Emerson and Tyler Roads)

This proposal has received first reading at Council and will now go to a Public Hearing. The project is as described to our members at our April 9 Meeting (A cluster housing project, 50 units, 5 affordable ones)

20.8 Association Newsletter

Alexis showed a template for the next newsletter's layout with some content. Previous content will be updated. RH to write a benefits of membership item.

20.9 New Business

20.9.1 Guest Speakers for June 10 Meeting

Ken will request a ' Bear Aware ' speaker from the SCRD. Marguerite will seek a presenter on behalf of the proposed Botanical Gardens **KM/MJ**

20.9.2 Neptune Connector Proposal

Village residents oppose the proposal to use an extension of Neptune Rd. as the first phase of an alternate road to West Sechelt. Our 'Roads' task group will review all options with a view toward a presentation of their observations to Council.

Mayor Reid reported that the \$ 1m that the District had put aside for a contribution to Hwy 101 upgrades east of the conveyor belt will now be used to create east / west connecting routes as an alternative to using Hwy 101 within the district.

20.9.3 SCAF

A discussion took place regarding our association's role within SCAF (Sechelt Community Associations Forum)

20.9.4 Meeting with Council and Associations

Ron reported on last night's meeting::

- Consultant Susan Stratis has been engaged to update the OCP and Vision. Planning want the OCP to be done first, then the Vision aspects.
- We are asked to review what isn't working in our current West Sechelt Plan
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- SilverBack is expected to get it's first phase sub division approval within 90-120 days. Financial benefits for the District will be triggered by that stage.
- Ken asked about applications for Infrastructure grants from senior governments For sewer upgrades. If they are approved it would be on a 1/3, 1/3,1/3 formula.
- A meeting will be scheduled with Sechelt's Director of Finance June 16 to review this year's budget and current capital priorities. Our next wish list will be due in July/August. A process for input to Council on future projects and their priority is being considered.
- A new process for input on development proposals (referrals) has been agreed to by Director of Planning, Ray Parfitt. We are using it already.
- The Provincial Government have mandated all municipalities to reduce their

Carbon footprint by 30% over 15 yrs.

- Ron asked about the District's apparent lack of success in securing grants from senior levels of government and made some suggestions re process upgrades. Administrator, Bill Brown produced a list of recent grants that was not less than a glowing example of success in this area.

20.9.5 Web Hosting

Alexis outlined her concerns over changes in protocol with our present arrangements for our association's web site. Her proposed solutions to the difficulties were endorsed by the group.

20:10 Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be for all members Tuesday, June 10, at 7pm in the library of the West Sechelt Elementary School.

20.10 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8: 17pm