



Falaise Community Association

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Minutes of the Directors' Meeting

Where: Berwick Royal Oak Retirement Community, 4680 Elk Lake Drive.

When: Wednesday, 12-Feb-20, 7:05 pm to 8:30 pm

Attendees: Cynthia Hawksworth, Sandrine Lio, Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Stew Vinnels, Gary Weeks

Absent: Carl Ross – with apology

Guest: Mayor Fred Haynes

Agenda:

1. Issues Discussion - Mayor Haynes
2. Review and adopt financial report
3. Tannis Warburton memorial bench plaque
4. Falaise Park restoration
5. Family Day planning
6. Membership drive 2020
7. New Business

1. Issues Discussion- Mayor Haynes

Green Saanich Initiative

Mayor Haynes provided a high level explanation including One Planet Saanich. He distinguished between the corporate goals for Saanich as a corporation and the municipal goals for Saanich residents. The municipality has direct control over implementing and meeting its corporate goals but indirectly over Saanich residents' goals. In that case various incentives can be used. Bob suggested a subsidy or buy-back for switching from gas-powered tools, lawnmowers, leaf blowers, etc. to electric.

Highway Barrier

We voiced our disappointment that Saanich has not advanced this initiative by requesting that the province access The New Building Canada Fund application (evenly split municipality/ province/federal ; estimate of \$1.8 million). The municipal share might come out of the roads and sidewalks budget, as Falaise does not have sidewalks. We had provided a draft letter asking that council sponsor this application to the province - it appears to be languishing. Stew mentioned he had a conversation with the CAO Paul Thorkelsson last December and he mentioned he understands what needs to be done, but he needs political direction.



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Mac provided some background about the time the highway was upgraded north of Mackenzie and the Royal Oak Overpass was installed. Douglas street residents had a soil berm constructed but for some unexplained reason the Falaise section was ignored.

Lana Popham is supportive but hasn't been helpful in advancing our interest. Pat Bay Highway may be eventually widened in which case a noise barrier would be constructed but there is no timeline and the community need a barrier now. The mayor said he was totally supportive.

The engineering and design can follow once funding is secured - there are several options including a glass wall – which might satisfy McCalls visibility concerns

Action: the Mayor summarised by saying let's get a meeting with Saanich to review and advance this initiative. He requested we send an email to his office requesting a meeting – he hoped this might be within the next 3 weeks.

Funeral Home Parking

Spill-over illegal parking the length of Falaise Drive and beyond continues to be issue. The No Parking signs are unenforceable. It is more of a problem for McCalls than Royal Oak Burial Park. This might be alleviated by road widening and fish bone parking spots -tied in with the Highway Barrier installation. Fred wondered if McCalls would contribute.

Action: the mayor asked we send an email into Saanich describing the issue and requesting a meeting.

Lot 855 Falaise Cr Subdivision

We advised the Mayor on the community meeting of Jan 18th with the developer and owners. They have made some concessions; i.e., saving the largest Garry oak tree and agreeing to look at a shared drive way. But assurances of a covenant to protection vegetation along the back boundary and on street parking are outstanding issues.

Saanich would widen the road from 7.0m to 8.5m which permits on street parking which make it very tight for an emergency vehicle to get through. Considering that there are no plans for a sidewalk people will still continue to walk up the road to enter Falaise Park – safety concerns remain a significant issue.

In response to the Mayor's question we do not know when the developer intends to resubmit the application to Saanich.

Crematorium Smoke Emissions

This is a longstanding issue. It has been exacerbated recently as First Memorial have cut down 4 large pine trees along the boundary with Adeline properties - removing the visual screening of the crematorium the smoke plume is now fully visible. The Mayor was shown a video of smoke plume rising into the air when the crematorium is operating. Bob said there are no provincial smoke emissions



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standards specifically applicable to crematoriums. The mayor was shocked and said he will raise the matter with Lana Popham.

Action : The Mayor requested we send him an email describing the issue and request the province look in it.

Stew offered to alert Sheila Malcolmson – Parliamentary Secretary for the Environment BC.

2. January 8 2020 minutes

The minutes were accepted, subject to a change clarifying Jan 18 Lot 855 community meeting and preliminary plans for Family Day on Feb 17 at Saanich Women's Institute Hall.

2. Financial report

A financial report was not available. Two invoices paid. Sandrine will order new cheque book. As she receives e-transfer fee payments she will notify Mac

3. Tannis Warburton Memorial

Saanich recently installed a new park bench with a bronze plaque in her memory at the top. The Warburton family covered the cost of the plaque.

Stuart presented an agenda for an unveiling ceremony. He advised that it meets the approval of the Warburton family who will be attending. The date was set for Sunday March 8 at 1.00pm.

The agenda was agreed to and Stuart was asked to proceed with organising - inviting guests etc

The tent will be set up at the top and a table to display Tannis's paintings.

Refreshments – Starbucks coffee carafes and cookies. A budget of \$75 was approved.

4. Falaise Park Restoration

Stuart reported that the Park has come through the winter wet period in good condition. The plant order has arrived at Saanich Parks and should be available for planting at the end of the month. Stuart will make arrangements for planting with the volunteer park crew.

5. Family Day planning

Confirmed for Feb 17th 2-4pm at Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall.

Budget - \$200 Name tags, door prizes for kids.

Bob - M/C proceeding with assistance from Stuart.

Mac - have a membership sign up desk and get snacks and cookies.



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Carl - setup music sound system.

Gary - organise square dancing demo.

Holly will set up painting and drawing activities for kids.

6. Membership Drive 2020

Mac intends to kick off the 2020 drive after Family Day. There was some discussion on whether to collect a 5 year membership for \$20 or two years for \$10. This would avoid the annual door- knocking. Bob pointed out that this would require a change approval at the AGM. The annual door is an opportunity greeting of citizens of the community. Decided to defer for consideration until next year.

7. New business

None

Next meeting

March 11th 2020 at Berwick House.

Summary of action items:

Gary :

- Get coffee urns and tea, milk for the Family Day event.

Bob:

- E-mail letter to Saanich concerning meeting with Mayor and staff re Highway Barrier.
- E-mail to Saanich re crematorium smoke emission.
- Tent and table for Tannis Warburton plaque day.

Stuart:

- Organise Tannis Warburton memorial plaque unveiling on March 8th.
- Contact MOE for update on Crematorium smoke emission regulations.

Mac:

- Snacks and drinks for Family Day and the Tannis Warburton Memorial event.
- Membership Drive 2020 kick off.

Stew:

- Contact Sheila Malcomson re Provincial Crematorium smoke emission regulations.