Minutes of the Directors' Meeting

Where: Virtual meeting using WebEx and hosted by Bob Lucy.

When: Wednesday, 13-May-20, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Attendees: Cynthia Hawksworth , Sandrine Lio, Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Carl Ross,

Stew Vinnels (audio only), Gary Weeks

Absent: none

Agenda:

1. Review minutes

- 2. Review financial statement
- 3. SCAN meeting
- 4. Membership drive
- 5. Noise wall report
- 6. Noisy vehicles
- 7. Lending library

1. Minutes

No changes to the minutes were proposed. Gary moved, Bob seconded, that the minutes be accepted. All in favour.

2. Financial report

Sandrine circulated a financial report, but in LibreOffice format, so not everyone could open it. During the meeting, she sent out a pdf version which allowed everyone to view it. The Saanich grant has come but Bob has not yet put it in the bank so it does not show up on Sandrine's report. Bob asked about the petty cash entries in the LibreOffice document, and Sandrine said that she has not distinguished between chequing account and petty cash entries as intended. Bob and Carl will review the spreadsheet with Sandrine. Cynthia moved, Carl seconded, that the financial report be accepted. All in favour.

3. SCAN meeting

Mac reported on the recent SCAN meeting which dealt with the issue of how to hold public hearings during the virus threat. Council may want to waive public meetings altogether, or hold them via video link. There was a general feeling that public hearings should not be waived. Bob and Cynthia will draft an email to Council supporting the need for public hearings.

4. Membership drive

Either 117 or 119 members have paid their dues for 2020. Is it time to resume door-to-door canvassing? There was a general feeling that it was too soon and that we should review the situation in one month.



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5. Noise wall report

Mac arranged for Clair Wakefield of RWDI Consulting Engineers to give an opinion on a noise wall along the Pat Bay Highway. Clair sent an email to Mac outlining the options and estimated costs. This information will prove valuable when it comes time for Saanich to apply for funding. Cynthia pointed out that there is a yearly cycle to apply for provincial funding. Stew indicated that the deadline is the end of November.

6. Noisy vehicles

Carl raised the issue of noisy vehicles. These are generally "souped-up" cars or large motorcycles that you can hear for km after they take off. Bob pointed out that there are many gas-powered appliances, such as lawnmowers and power washers that also contribute to noise pollution. Carl asked Councillor Chambers about the issue but has yet to get a reply. If the police were to issue a few tickets, it might help to discourage offenders. Carl will follow up.

7. Lot 855

Bob reviewed the situation regarding the development of 855 Falaise Cr. The developer contacted the neighbours regarding a covenant for vegetation along the boundary of the property. She has agreed to a request for a native plant hedge. Stew suggested that we should circulate Denise's email to all Directors. Bob has drafted a letter to Saanich regarding the FCA position on the rezoning and development. Gary asked that a sentence be added about the parking. It should state that if the roadway cannot be widened as requested, then no on-street parking should be permitted in front of the property. Bob is concerned about the Garry oak tree near the street if it is widened too much. Gary is going to measure where the edge of the road would be relative to the tree.

8. Lending library

Carl asked about creating a small lending library in the Falaise community, similar to those throughout the region. He suggested that it might be placed on the edge of the Park. Gary pointed out that these units need to be sponsored by a resident who agrees to have it on their property. Generally, they would be responsible for constructing and maintaining it. Several Directors suggested that it would not be used because we are so close to a main library branch.

Next meeting

June 10th 2020 via video link.

Summary of action items:

Bob:

- Circulate the email regarding the covenant for 855 Falaise Cr.
- o Complete the letter re the FCA position on Lot 855.
- With Cynthia, draft an email to Council regarding the importance of public hearings.



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Mac:

o Contact Royal Oak CA re Elk Lake Dr. development (carried over).

Sandrine:

Revise the financial spreadsheet regarding petty cash entries.

Carl:

- o Follow up on noisy vehicles.
- o Try contacting Block Watch captains (carry over).

Gary:

o Check the vulnerability of the Garry oak in front of 855 if the street is widened.