

# Minutes of the Directors' Meeting

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

When: Wednesday, 10-Jun-20, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Attendees: Cynthia Hawksworth , Sandrine Lio (joined 7:45 pm), Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac

Nanton, Carl Ross, Stew Vinnels (joined at 7:30 pm)

**Absent:** Gary Weeks

# Agenda:

- 1. Review and adoption of minutes
- 2. Review and report on action items (incl. mtg with Mayor, membership drive)
- 3. Review and adoption of financial report
- 4. SCAN update
- 5. Problem dog enquiry fr. Mt. Doug
- 6. Member's CWF suggestion
- 7. other business

### 1. Minutes

Bob noted that "track changes" was enabled. No further changes were proposed. In the future, the draft minutes will be sent to everyone as soon as completed. Bob moved, Mac seconded, that the minutes be accepted. All in favour.

### 2. Review of action items

### Bob:

Covenant re Lot 855: Denise circulated an email describing the proposed covenant. The neighbours (Bob and Stew) find it acceptable. Bob will talk to Belinda to see if she would like the covenant extended to include their property.

FCA position re Lot 855: Bob circulated a revised draft, taking into account Gary's comments. No further changes were suggested.

Email to Council: Bob and Cynthia concluded that there was no longer a need to send a letter regarding the issue of public hearings because Council has adopted a satisfactory policy.

# Mac:

Elk Lake development: The Royal Oak CA does not attend SCAN meetings and Mac has not had a chance to contact them re their position on the proposed development.



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Membership drive: There was a general consensus that it was safe to restart our door-to-door membership drive. Mac will prepare a protocol for the canvassers to follow. Bob pointed out that he has lots of receipt books available.

Honorarium: Clair Wakefield provided us a detailed report, at no cost to the FCA, regarding the design and cost of a noise wall. Mac proposed that the FCA provide him with an honorarium in appreciation of his efforts. It was agreed to get him a \$100 gift certificate to Golf Town in Langford.

# Sandrine:

Revise the spreadsheet: Sandrine has completed the revisions.

# Carl:

Noisy vehicles: Councillor Ned Taylor was contacted and he sent a detailed reply. Carl proposed that we send a letter to the Police Chief re noisy vehicles on the Royal Oak on-ramp.

Block Watch captains: Carl has not gotten the names of any more Captains.

# Gary:

Garry oak in front of 855: no report from Gary.

# Stew:

Meeting with the Mayor: It should now be possible to schedule our postponed meeting with the Mayor and staff regarding funding for the noise wall. Bob will send a letter to the Mayor requesting a date for the meeting and pointing out that we have a consultant's report regarding the wall.

### 3. Financial report

Sandrine circulated the financial report. Our Saanich grant has now been deposited. Stuart had a number of questions: a) What is the Saanich Grant column? Bob pointed out that this used to be required to apply for our grant. It is no longer needed, so could be removed from the spreadsheet; b) Why isn't the report done at month-end rather than an arbitrary date? Bob pointed out that it is meant as a snapshot of our financial position at the time of our meeting. We could add year-to-date to the heading. Stuart will prepare some comments as to how we might modify the summary report. Carl moved, Cynthia seconded, that the financial report be accepted. All in favour.

# 4. SCAN meeting

Mac reported on the recent SCAN meeting. He covered three issues: a) Saanich housing strategy. Cameron Scott, Saanich Planning, has established a task force on housing that will present to Council on 22-Jun. SCAN has asked to have a representative on the Task Force. B) Insurance. Some CAs carry no



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insurance. There was no mention of any COVID exclusion on insurance coverage. c) Music in the Park. Jason Jones, Saanich Community Programmer, is planning music events in Saanich parks. Mac suggested that we might be able to combine one of these events with our summer picnic.

# 5. Dog problems on Mt. Doug

There have been problems reported with dogs in Mt. Doug Park. Bob was asked if our CA has any issues with dogs. This generated considerable discussion about dogs and dog owners and their interactions with walkers. In the end, it was concluded that there are no dog problems that impact the FCA.

# 6. CWF proposal for insect flyways

The Canadian Wildlife Federation has proposed that Canada's networks of right-of-ways be used for wildflowers and vegetation that can support pollinators. Bob and Stuart are in favour of the initiative but Gary (in a written response) raised concerns about fire hazards if these areas are not mowed. Cynthia pointed out that groomed areas are also needed, for example, to support sports fields. Because Gary was not able to attend the meeting, further discussion was postponed to a later date.

#### 7. Other business

None proposed.

# **Next meeting**

July 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 in Falaise Park, weather permitting.

# Summary of action items:

### Bob:

- Send a thank you letter to Clair Wakefield.
- o Inquire about the insurance invoice.
- Send a letter to the Mayor requesting a date for the noise wall meeting.
- o Send a letter to the Police Chief re noisy vehicles.

#### Mac:

- o Contact Royal Oak CA re Elk Lake Dr. development.
- Prepare a protocol for door-to-door canvassing.
- o Purchase a gift card for Clair Wakefield.

# Carl:

- Get a list of all the Block Captains.
- o Draft a letter for Bob to send to the Police Chief re noisy vehicles.

### Gary:



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 $\circ$  Check the vulnerability of the Garry oak in front of 855 if the street is widened.

# Stuart:

 $\circ\quad$  Make suggestions for how to improve the monthly financial statement.