

Falaise Community Association

Annual General Meeting

November 03, 2015

7-00 to 8-30 pm, Sequoia Gardens

Attendees: 25 people in attendance

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | Interim FCA President Sue Maitland |
| 2. Guest Speaker | Mayor Richard Atwell |
| 3. Speaker Q&A | Mayor Richard Atwell |
| 4. President's Report | Interim FCA President Sue Maitland |
| 5. Community/membership up-date | Terri Birmingham |
| 6. Community Picnic Update | Bob Lucy |
| 7. Christmas Celebration Update(2014) | Lucas Gerry |
| 8. Treasurer's Report | Bob Lucy |
| 9. Neighbourhood Enhancement discussion | All |
| 10. Election of Officers | Eric Maitland |
| 11. Meeting Closure | |

1. Welcome

Sue Maitland welcomed attendees to the meeting including our Mayor Richard Atwell. Sue then invited the Mayor and Guest Speaker Richard Atwell to give his speech at the onset of the meeting in view of the Mayor's busy schedule.

2. Guest Speaker

Mayor Atwell mentioned he was very pleased to attend our AGM and gave a summary of his background and experiences to date in the community and municipality.

He mentioned that he served on the FCA board in 2008/2009, and which whetted his appetite for civic duty in municipal politics culminating in his present mayoral position.

He stated that there were 18 community associations in Saanich.

The Mayor mentioned that Saanich council had recently created a 13 person Governance Review Citizen Advisory Committee. This governance review committee starting in January 2016 will spend a year meeting with residents, Saanich stake holder groups, Saanich staff, CRD and other municipalities. to listen and record their views,

He touched on other areas in which he had much interest including integrated police services, levels of safety, and the need for more transparency and accessibility for community members and Saanich Municipality.

Mayor Atwell also discussed the Environmental Development Permit Area (EDPA) adopted by Saanich on March 2012-see attached document. He stated that in view of out-dated mapping certain areas /properties were affected causing a reduction in real estate values, some quite significantly. On November 12th there will be a Saanich Town Hall Meeting to be held at Garth Homer Centre (813 Darwin Ave.) to apprise residents and stake holders of this by-law , and to ask attendees for feedback.

Sue, on behalf of the FCA, then thanked the Mayor for providing an interesting speech with invaluable insights into various community concerns, presenting him with a pen, as a token of our appreciation.

3. Speaker Q and A

Terry Birmingham was concerned that at council meetings small items last on the agenda were sometimes never heard or quickly dealt with to the dissatisfaction of the person presenting the issue.

Mayor Atwell replied that there was no set policy, and that he attempts to review the agenda prior to meetings, and ensure that the various items are dealt with satisfactorily.

An attendee asked as to the status of the on-going sewage treatment plant location. The Mayor was concerned as to the lack of progress to date with no location(s) yet finalized in spite of the fact that \$70 million had already been spent on various studies and administration, and was not sure when the CRD would have any concrete plans.

4. President's Report

Sue, our interim president gave a summary of her term in office.

- She mentioned that Franca La Bella(former president) and Marilyn Vogt (former treasurer) had tendered their resignations in February, and Roseanne Sovka in October 2015. Sue thanked them for their many years of service on the FCA executive, including Franca's diligent efforts in the the Battle of Falaise Gap inauguration. The interim positions of president and treasurer were then filled (up to the AGM) by herself and Bob Lucy.
- An update on the Mc Calls Development Event Centre. Adjacent residents were satisfied with their co-operation(Mc Calls) during the on-going construction phase.
- Battle of Falaise Gap 70th Anniversary Celebration held on August 20th ,2014 was well received and attended by 150 people.
- FCA-second oldest community association.

5. Community / Membership Report

Terri Birmingham gave a very spirited report on the community, an interesting membership drive and the following FCA Synopsis:

FCA is the smallest and second oldest community in Saanich with 183 homes, founded in 1959. Highest membership of any of the Saanich communities (due in no small part to Terri's efforts!). Watercourse between McCalls' development and Royal Wood Place residential area now part of Normandy Creek. Some of us on the Executive have had over the past year discussions with the Department of Highways and Municipality of Saanich regarding the recently completed joint pedestrian/bike pathway connecting Royal Oak Drive to Falaise Drive . We have had, and are continuing to have, discussions with Saanich regarding the need for a tree buffer between Falaise Drive and the Pat Bay Highway in the vicinity of Royal Wood Place/Falaise Drive intersection.

6. Community Picnic and Homecoming Update

Bob Lucy summarized this event held on August 15th at the Falaise Gap Plaque in the Park, with around 44 people (majority adults) attending. Bob, "the games man" was most instrumental in providing and organizing the various games which included crazy clues to BC city names, catapult, spider web, bean bag toss, blowing bubbles, ring toss, cross the river, badminton, stepping stones, Tower of Hanoi, devil sticks, and a scavenger hunt.

Bob also provided drawing sheets attached to the Park fence adjacent to the Falaise Gap Plaque for kids to paint. "Crazy clues to city names" provided lots of adult interest which subtly led to some community collaboration, and was lots of fun - one good way of meeting and picking your neighbours brains!

Lucas and Terri provided the hamburgers and hot dogs (FCA funded), with Lucas manning the barby.

Bob commented on few children turning out. This would suggest that we should be thinking of having it possibly in June before summer vacation starts, or possibly September after the kids return. Executive to review and assess.

(Bob also mentioned to me after the AGM meeting and for the record, and should be music to Terri's ears, 14 people/families paid their 2016 membership dues at the Picnic, and 2 more sent their dues with another member, even though they could not attend).

7. Christmas Celebration Update

Lucas Gerry discussed the Christmas Celebration held at his home /driveway on December 7, 2014. Prior to the event the FCA had sent round a flyer inviting our neighbourhood (FCA members) to join in the Festive spirit with hot chocolate and cookies, and were also asked to bring food items/and or a cheque, with proceeds going to the Mustard Seed Food Bank .