



Falaise Community Association

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## Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- February 9, 2022

**Location:** Zoom

**Time:** 7:00 pm – 8:10 pm

**Attendees:** Holly Holt, Bob Lucy, Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Barbara Ross, Carl Ross

**Regrets:** Stew Vinnels

**Opening remarks (Stuart):**

Lot 855 Falaise Crescent rezoning/subdivision has now been approved by council. Stuart reports that only one of the FCA recommendations were fully met. The other three were partially met.

**Additions to Agenda:** 1. Calendar. 2. Community Survey

**Correspondence:** None

**Minutes from January meeting:** Approved as written.

Motion to approve: Mac      Seconded: Bob      Approved: unanimous

**Business arising from minutes**

Status of action items from last month:

Stuart: done.    Carl: done.    Holly: done.    Stew: absent. Will continue to liaise with Dean Murdoch.  
Bob: done.    Mac: done

**Financial Report:** Carl

Financial report dated February 7, 2022, was submitted for approval. There were 78 paid members as of February 7<sup>th</sup>. There have been 5 since then that will be included in the report next month.

Motion to approve: Bob    Seconded: Barb    Approved: unanimous

**SCAN report:**

1. The deadline for Community Grant Applications has been lifted. Our application has been submitted.
2. There was a discussion with the mayor and the SCAN chair requesting additional lead time for issues that require a response.
3. There is a move away from local area plans and a move to increased densification in Saanich.
4. The decreased funding for Block Watch remains a concern.
5. Community Association meetings can be held at Saanich recreation facilities free of charge subject to availability.
6. There will be a municipal event celebrating cultural diversity at Uptown on July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. SCAN will host a booth.
7. Mac will respond to inaccuracies/omissions in the draft SCAN meeting minutes.



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## Committee reports / actions:

1. Noise Wall (Stuart)
  - a) Stew will continue to liaise with Dean.
  - b) It is important that we investigate applying for The New Building Canada Fund. Saanich will be working on their budget very shortly and they will need to include some funding in the municipal budget for us to access the federal funds.

## Old Business

1. Debrief of 855 Falaise Crescent Public Hearing of January 18
  - a) Stuart spoke for the FCA at the Public Hearing
  - b) The development was approved.
  - c) Falaise Crescent will not be widened.
  - d) Stuart will write a recap of the hearing for the next Falaise Focus.
2. Falaise Crescent Road Mural
  - a) A preliminary design was completed, and the artist was paid \$100.
  - b) The design incorporates the Yellow Montane violet flower.
  - c) A Community Building grant application was submitted to Saanich on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - d) If the grant is approved, immediate neighbours will be contacted, and the project will go forward if there is support. The grant is expected to cover all costs. As backup an application could be submitted to the ICBC community grant program
3. 2022 Membership Renewal campaign
  - a) One member paid twice. She has offered the second payment (\$10) as a donation to FCA.
  - b) Six new receipt books have been purchased.
  - c) The membership list has been updated.
  - d) Many residents are choosing e-transfers this year.
  - e) The door-knocking packages will be delivered to Board volunteers next week
4. Afghanistan refugee sponsorship response – private member initiative - Marlene Simmons
  - a) An email was sent to the community inviting community members to participate. Seven residents have expressed interest.
  - b) The FCA has agreed to facilitate a Zoom meeting for the group for an initial information session.
5. Falaise Drive / Royal Wood Place intersection safety issue
  - a) Saanich engineering has informed us that the line-of-sight fits within their guidelines and are unable to do anything.
  - b) The crosswalk is unmarked due to low usage. This is consistent with Saanich policy.
  - c) The FCA will ask neighbours to trim the bushes that obscure vision.
  - d) The FCA will attempt to locate free lawn signs requesting motorists slow down and place them on the highway side along the curve.
  - e) Mac will continue to research different solutions.



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## New Business

1. Calendar items
  - a) Family Day events Feb 21 have been cancelled due to COVID restrictions.
  - b) Door knocking will begin mid-month.
2. Community Survey 2022
  - a) Will be set up on LimeSurvey as in 2021.
  - b) Revisions to the survey will be discussed at the March meeting.

## Other Business

1. Additional Board Members
  - a) Speak to potential new board members during door-knocking campaign. It is important to have new board members for succession next year.
2. Round table
  - a) A community email will be sent out advising residents of the seed exchange program when the seed drawers are stocked at the Little Free Library.
  - b) Commonwealth Recreation Centre meeting room is available for March, April, May, and June board meetings (no charge). Mac will book the rooms.
  - c) The next board meeting may still be on Zoom depending on COVID restrictions.

Motion to adjourn: Barb      Seconded: Mac      Approved: unanimous

Next Board Meeting: March 9, 2022      Location and time: TBA 7:00 – 9:00 pm

## Summary of Action Items:

### Stuart:

- Prepare a recap of Lot 855 application process and result for future publication in the Falaise Focus.
- Speak with Stew and determine the status of the New Building Canada Fund.
- Send out a community email when the seed exchange program is operational.
- Speak to neighbours on Falaise Drive re trimming bushes and setting up “slow down” signs to reduce the Royal Wood intersection safety concern.
- Continue to monitor Road Mural project
- Circulate the preliminary road mural design to all Board members

### Carl:

- Post the January minutes on the website

### Holly:

- Forward the January minutes to Carl for the website



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**Stew:**

- Check on timeline for New Building Canada Fund grant deadline

**Mac:**

- Book meeting rooms at Saanich Commonwealth Place for Board meetings.
- Check into alternative solutions for traffic safety concern (Royal Wood Place and Falaise Drive intersection)
- Deliver door-knocking packages to Board members who need them.
- Respond to inaccuracies/omissions in the SCAN February minutes.

**Bob:**

- Notify Stuart when seed exchange program is operational so that an email can be sent out to residents