Falaise Community Association
Growing a stronger community together

Minutes of the Directors' Meeting- April 9, 2025

Location: Saanich Commonwealth Place **Time: 7:00 – 8:50 pm**

Attendees: Stuart, Holly, Carl, Glen, Mac, Graham
Zoom: Hardeep

Opening remarks (Stuart): Guest speaker today.

Business Meeting:
Additions to Agenda:
Minutes from Mar. 12/25 meeting:
Approved as written.
Motion to approve: Graham Seconded: Glen Approved: unanimous

Correspondence: Meeting invitation Saanich Fireside Grill vacant land

Business arising from minutes
Status of action items from last month:
Stuart: to do - obtain speed reader data
Carl: done
Holly: done
Graham: done
Glen: done
Hardeep: done
Mac: continue to monitor parking concerns; check on obtaining gravel for parking by park

Financial Report: Carl
Financial report dated April 6, 2025 was submitted for approval.

a) New members – 180 as of April 6th (178 paid and 2 complimentary memberships)
b) Expenditures – up to date except for invoice from McCalls – just received but not paid yet; paid BC Society Registry to add Holly to the board of directors; website maintenance bill was received today and is outstanding

Motion to approve: Stuart Seconded: Holly Approved: unanimous

Committee reports / actions:

1. Highway barrier project (Stuart)
   a) Lana came onsite to view the completed screen

b) Stuart to contact ROBP to confirm details around watering of trees

2. Membership (Glen)
   a) 2025 Membership – Hardeep has some canvassing outstanding; Glen will arrange for completion
   b) 199 members as of April 9th – funds to be forwarded to Carl to deposit/record
3. SCAN (Mac) – April 2nd meeting
   a) Presentation by Chief Constable Duthie outlining the structure and scope of the police force
   b) Rifflandia (Sept. 2025) will give us a 15% commission if residents buy tickets through a designated FCA code. Details to follow.

Old Business

1. Membership survey update (Carl)
   a) Went out April 2nd and is live until April 21st: 56 have responded to date
   b) Stuart to send out reminder
2. Change AGM date from November to January? (Carl)
   a) Check with Societies Act: can we change AGM to January (one year would be missed) – Holly to submit question to BC Societies
3. Federal election All-Candidates meeting (Stuart)

   ***Note: all items below are now cancelled as All-Candidates meeting has been cancelled (post Directors meeting)**
   a) April 21st at Claremont School: 3 out of 4 candidates will attend (Conservatives have declined)
   b) FCA will participate
   c) Stuart to send email to residents soliciting questions
   d) Stuart to check if Saanich News will provide a notice as a public service
4. Lot 855 Falaise Crescent construction plans (Stuart)
   a) No new information at present
5. Vacant Board of Directors position (Stuart)
   a) Laura Molloy unavailable
   b) Holly is reinstated to 2025 Board of Directors retroactive to Dec. 9/24
6. Garage Sale planning: May 10 (Graham)
   a) Flyers are being done
   b) Stuart will send out email to residents “save the date” with registration details to follow

New Business

1. Little Free Library maintenance (Graham)
   a) Maintenance has been completed and will be put back in old location this week
   b) Anne Brydon to check with organizers to determine if they wish to carry on; if not, she has agreed to do it

2. Spring newsletter preparation (Carl)
   a) Mid-May publication anticipated
   b) Articles are in progress
3. Highlights from public meeting Fireside Grill land (Mac)
   a) 103 people attended
   b) Purpose: To review development concept for development of 2.7 acres by Fireside Grill (owned by Saanich)
   c) Proposed 400 units with little parking– attendees were concerned about the size: Saanich to revise and set up another consultation meeting
4. Calendar update for May/June (Holly)
   a) Garage sale May 10th
   b) May meeting to be cancelled – important or time-sensitive information can be vetted via email
   c) Next meeting will be June 11th
5. Resident inquiry re First Memorial upgrade rumor (Stuart)
   a) They are considering replacing the existing crematorium with a state-of-the-art technology which will further reduce emissions.

Guest Speaker:

1. Mark Harper (resident) with historical information on original sidewalk plan for Falaise Crescent:
   a) 1988: services were first proposed – had a development plan to fill in the ditches on one side of the road and put in a sidewalk. This was paid by residents (15 year plan) but never completed.
   b) Drainage problems have since occurred at corner of Falaise Crescent and Falaise Avenue due in part to filling in of one side of the road.
   c) Approx. $80,000 was left in residents' fund that they paid for via property taxes for 15 years (Storm bylaw 5872). The question to ask Saanich: How were these surplus funds dispersed? Also, check with Saanich if funds can be used for future improvements? – e.g. sidewalk (original plan shows curb /sidewalk going along Falaise Crescent toward park).
   d) Asbestos drainage pipes were installed mid 1950s and should now be replaced (50 year life term)
   e) Recommendation: FCA write a letter to Saanich re completion/fulfilment of the original commitment to fill in ditches and put in a sidewalk.

Other Business

1. Round table: need to discuss succession planning at June meeting

Motion to adjourn: Glen Seconded: Graham Approved: unanimous

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Next Board Meeting: June 11th, 2025 Location and time: 7:00 pm Commonwealth

Action Items:

Stuart:

- Obtain speed reader data from Teale
- Send out reminder to community re completion of online survey
- Contact ROBP to firm up watering plans for trees planted by the highway
- Send out a "save the date" email to the community re the Garage Sale May 10th
- Draft a letter to Saanich (with Mark's input) re funds left over from original FCA resident-funded Storm bylaw 5872

Carl:

- Post approved March minutes on the website
- Post approved April Financial Statement on the website
- Prepare / coordinate articles for the Spring Falaise Focus newsletter

Graham

- Act as administrator and moderator for the new FCA Facebook group
- Continue planning/organization for Community Garage Sale – May 10

Glen

- Continue to monitor / welcome new residents
- Assist with completion of canvassing campaign

Mac:

- Attend next SCAN meeting
- Continue to monitor community parking concerns
- Check with Saanich re filling in parking area by park with gravel

Holly:

- Send March minutes to Carl for posting on the website
- Send out draft of April minutes
- Check with Societies Online (BC) re possibility of changing our AGM to January 2026 (would mean there would be no AGM in 2025)