



**Falaise Community Association**  
Growing a stronger community together

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting – December 4, 2025

7.00 - 8:20 pm Saanich Commonwealth Place  
To Be Approved at November 2026 AGM

Meeting chair – Stuart Macpherson

Call to Order

**Welcome and Opening remarks:** Stuart Macpherson

1. Housekeeping items / format of the meeting
2. Adopt agenda
3. Speaker introduction

### Part I - Guest speaker Presentation

***Policing in Saanich – Its Challenges*** – Dean Duthie, Saanich Chief Constable

1. Chief Duthie has a strong belief in the value of face-to-face communication
2. Sean Dhillon– police board member was in attendance.
3. Chief Duthie offered a brief bio: he has been with Saanich 30 yrs and has witnessed a lot of change in the municipality.
4. The force is currently comprised of 122 police officers, 67 administration staff, 31 reserve officers (volunteers) and 35 additional volunteers for community engagement assignments.
5. The organization involves 2 deputy chiefs (operations and administration). Within the organization there are frontline officers (patrol division), a traffic safety unit (substantial resources are devoted to this) and a detective division.
6. Saanich is currently involved with 12 integrated units with other police departments. This results in cost savings as the costs are shared with the other departments.
7. Challenges:
  - a) Some parks allow overnight camping – this need monitoring to ensure that they are vacated in the morning.
  - b) Recruiting is one of the biggest challenges; this is a North American wide problem.
  - c) Retention is another challenge: more demands on police officers, increased stress, and more negative perceptions of police officers affect the numbers of those who desire to make a career in policework. The Wellness unit is a major focus in Saanich with a mandate to increase retention.
  - d) Changing society and ever-changing requirements for specialized training (e.g. Mental Health responses) is also a financial and personnel resource challenge.
  - e) The growth of the community also strains the budget and resources. Increased infrastructure, increased population, more technology/cybercrime and more complex calls which are time consuming and personnel intensive significantly impact the department. It is

- important that the police department growth continues to keep pace with the community growth.
- f) Increased demands on officers allows less time for debriefing, paperwork, etc. and has contributed to police resignations (21 this year).
  - g) Mental health calls use significant resources. Saanich Police is advocating for an integrated MH team with Island Health but at this point Island Health has declined due to financial constraints. Saanich Police is creating their own specially trained Mental Health team of 2 in the interim.
  - h) Block Watch is still functional but may be inconsistent dependent on captain's experience/training. The Block Watch main organization does not appear to have been sending out flyers/information. Chief Duthie will have someone check into this.
8. Takeaway: The overall crime rate is fairly stable in Saanich right now. There has been an increase in violent crime but a decrease in property crime. Saanich is a safe community (low end of crime rate).

Break

## **Part II Annual General Meeting**

Quorum was established – 23 in attendance

### **Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes**

Motion: Move to approve the Minutes from the 2024 AGM.

Motion to approve: Stew Vinnels    Seconded: Nikki Stone    Approved: unanimous

**Business arising from 2024 AGM minutes** - none

### **New Business**

1. President's report – Stuart Macpherson
  - a) Started with 7 directors – one resignation in Oct. due to change of residence.
  - b) All Board Meeting Minutes are posted on the FCA website.
  - c) Community support for the FCA: Lana Popham's office prints our newsletters; Royal Oak Burial Park has been watering the trees by the highway, donations from Thrifty Foods and Starbucks for our social events.
  - d) The Focus points for 2025 were updated (developed through community survey).
  - e) Road safety concerns continue to be monitored and communicated to Saanich.
  - f) Held social events throughout the year (February, May, August, September, October)
  - g) Updated the road mural this year (by Falaise Park)
  - h) Falaise Park continues to be maintained by our Park Steward and several committed volunteers.
  - i) The Little Free Library is still very popular and well-used.

Motion to approve: Holly Holt    Seconded: Bob Lucy    Approval: unanimous

2. Treasurer's report – Carl Ross

- a) Three slides were presented that explained revenue and expenditures throughout the year. A graph compared this year's finances compared to previous years.

Motion: Move to approve Year-to-Date Financial Statement

Motion to approve: Bob Lucy    Seconded: Matthew Paxman    Approved: unanimous

3. Financial audit report – Matthew Paxman

- a) Audit was completed by Matthew Paxman and Cyril Kelly.
- b) Conclusion: All conditions were met and all transactions have been done in good faith.
- c) Thank you to auditors: card and \$30 Thrifty Foods gift card each.

Motion: Move to accept the auditor's report for 2024.

Motion to accept: Stew Vinnels    Seconded: Nikki Stone    Approved: unanimous

4. Membership report – Glen Schoepp

- a) Slight decline in membership this year due to several members moving out of the neighbourhood but overall it has been relatively stable.
- b) Most members are using e-transfers to pay their membership dues. For households that have not taken advantage of the e-transfer option, we follow up with house-to-house canvassing.
- c) More young families are moving into the community.
- d) The social events have been very popular, especially the Family Day, Summer picnic and Halloween events.

Motion: Move to approve Membership report.

Motion to approve: Sue Maitland    Seconded: Marion Nanton    Approved: unanimous

5. Membership fee for 2026 – Carl Ross

- a) Recommendation that 2026 membership fee remain unchanged at \$10 per member.

Motion: Move that the FCA maintain its \$10 membership fee for 2026.

Motion to approve: Mac Nanton    Seconded: Bob Lucy    Approved: unanimous

6. Election of 2026 Board of Directors – Holly Holt

- a) Five incumbent candidates put their names forward as potential directors: Stuart Macpherson, Mac Nanton, Carl Ross, Graham Stone, Glen Schoepp.
- b) Three community members agreed to let their names stand for directors' positions: James Halliday, Matthew Paxman, Nikki Stone.
- c) Nominations from the floor: none
- d) The eight candidates were acclaimed.
- e) Directors will decide on individual roles at the next Directors' meeting.

Motion: Move to acclaim all candidates (leaving 1 vacancy on the Board)

Moved: Bob Lucy    Seconded: Sue Maitland    Approved: unanimous

7. Draw for door prizes – Holly Holt

a) 2 x poinsettia plants: Catherine Mustafa and Alice Lou were the winners.

Motion to adjourn: Stew Vinnels    Seconded: Matthew Paxman    Approved: unanimous

### **Part III – Housing Density Concerns – Community Meeting (8:20 – 9:15 pm)**

Attendance: 23

Overview Provincial Housing regulations

- a) Timeline from 2023 (government eliminated single family zones with no community input) to 2025 (Private Members bill proposed would eliminate municipal staff input/responsibility).
- b) Can currently build multi-unit (up to 4) housing on single-family lot with no community input.

Recent and Planned developments in our Community:

1. 855 Falaise Crescent – lots A and B: this subdivision is advertised for sale as suitable for one fourplexes on each lot for a total of 8 units.
  - a) New owner would have to go to council to obtain approval to cut down trees to build fourplexes (not a given).
2. 928 Falaise Cres – duplex built 2025 – has led to parking and road safety concerns.
3. 930 Falaise Cres – fourplex permit has been issued and work has started.

Generic Concerns:

1. Increased street parking along the road narrows useable road width. This will be even more hazardous during winter snow season. (Currently an issue at 928 Falaise Crescent.)
2. Pedestrian safety concerns due to increased traffic. We have no sidewalks so increased traffic increases walking risks.
3. Loss of privacy as mature trees are cut down to accommodate building footprints.
4. Shading of homes/yards due to large buildings.
5. Overload of service infrastructure.
6. Flooding risks due to drainage issues from more houses and saturation issues from loss of trees.
7. 2023 – 2033 projected growth for Saanich – increase in population 9.6% (on Saanich website).
8. The currently built/proposed homes in our community are not affordable housing.

Options for community action:

1. Need to stay informed as infrastructure will be negatively impacted. This may result in increased costs to homeowners (new water pipes, increased fire department/policing costs, etc.)
2. Write to our MLA Lana Popham, Christine Boyle (Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs) and Premier Eby.
3. Obtain a copy of the letter Saanich Council sent a letter to Premier Eby concerning a review of Bill 44 impacts.

4. Our association has already sent letters to Lana Popham and Christine Boyle. Circulate these letters to the community.
5. FCA to send out the link to the province-wide petition advocating to include municipalities and communities in decision-making to the Falaise community.
6. FCA to send out background links re government legislation.
7. Continue to advocate for sidewalks to improve walking safety along Falaise Crescent.
8. Send letter to council, etc. re parking problems along Falaise Crescent by the new developments (928, 930).
9. Send out an email to the community with view to setting up a FCA Task Force to monitor and coordinate responses to address these community issues.

Adjournment