

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
Minutes  
FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Attendees: Guy Laflam; Patty John; Jeannie McIntosh; Sarah Davies-Long; Sue Wells; Angela Davies; Madelaine MacLeod; Alison Nicholson; Anthea Archer

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

Approval of the minutes of the community meeting of November 24 moved by Sarah. CARRIED

Approval of the minutes of the directors' meeting of January 24 moved by Patty. CARRIED.

Approval of the Agenda with the addition of the following:

Old Business: 6. Transit  
7. Forest Practices

New Business: 4. Green Space grant opportunities for school site

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. School Site: Madelaine reported that three contacts have been made looking for letters of intent for use of the site. Follow up will continue. Also reported that Sarah received an email note from Steven Watson, former CS teacher, who offered suggested use of school site as an outward bound cum teaching space for students from the city.
2. Village Centre: SIGNAGE. Angela reported that the new sign colour has been selected (#180 Pantone) – sign should be done in the next few weeks. No further information has been received from Kim T. regarding the Ministry of Highways providing additional signage. Patty has offered to pick this up if necessary.
3. Parks: Sue reported that the next Streamkeepers course will be, at the earliest, in May. Will be revisited closer to that time. Also signage for the church will be funded out a grant from Parks and Rec's budget.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Funding for rail station. Madelaine reported that despite two letters and three emails, there has been no response to request for restoration/preservation funding for the station. She will continue to follow up.
2. Proposed commuter train. Sue provided a copy of letter to be sent to Leigh Sifton requesting inclusion in any decision making opportunities. To be included in future correspondence with above letter requesting funding.
3. Emergency preparedness. Guy reported that he again contacted the petroleum manager for Island Co-op (Nanaimo) who indicated that they are in the process of putting some detailed plans in place. Appears that similar idea/request for access to fuel during power outages is also being done for CVRD. Also contacted local SUN-FM radio station regarding public

notification during such times. Indicated that they were disorganized, so we should not expect their help. Will be contacting Victoria stations re same idea.

Question was raised about the water supply in the tank at the school: Is it potable? What kind of access is there to it in an emergency? Can it be an emergency common water supply? Madelaine to get Guy contact information for follow up.

4. Church signage: Angela reported that Dawn and John have given entire package to Angela to run with. She is getting two quotes on the sliding signage, and David (husband) has offered to design housing for it. Sight lines have been taken to determine best location. Existing sliding sign will be replaced. Existing church board will be relocated on Hall building and some historical signage for the Church itself will also be provided. Sue indicated she had spoken to Brian Farquard (Manager of Parks) who indicated \$2000 available (although she still believes it is \$1500). \$1500 from a grant, and \$500 from P & R to advance and repay by CVRD. After discussion it was decided that will be bill CVRD directly. Quotes for signage will be directed to CVRD c/o Brian reference CSAA grant.
5. Trail network. Sarah reported that she wrote to Loren and Brian requesting that we (Cowichan Station Area) would like CVRD/Parks to develop a master plan for Area E. Response was that there is a 1 year time from start to finish; that there needs to be an allocation of funds from P & R to Area E for consultations. After some discussion, it was agreed that we need to link with Glenora and continue dialogue with Loren.
6. Transit. Sarah reported that she had emailed Johann and Joe Barry requesting results or any information gathered from the survey done last fall. Loren indicated that the process has moved slower than he had hoped, however it will be on the agenda of a CVRD meeting March 11 and he suggests that CSA should be there.
7. Forest Practices info. Anthea reported that she contacted John Horgan, but today has had no responses from him and several others that she has contacted. Will continue to pursue.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Upcoming community meeting ideas. Suggestions that next community meeting included results of the Conversation #2 (Environment), trails network, sign unveiling, and well testing Motion that Madelaine invite the “well guys” to give 10 minute presentation at the next community meeting. CARRIED. Community meeting date March 16 or 23 7:30 at the Church Hall.
2. Village development concerns. Lots of discussion around concerns of density and potential over-development of village centre. Impacts on ground water supply, river, traffic flow, subdivision of lots, etc. Question arose if the OCP can control density. Motion by Anthea that Sue inquiry in writing to the CVRD inquiring as to land use of old (historic) lots to control density. CARRIED.
3. Update on recent community meetings. Madelaine expanded on her comments sent out earlier to the CSAA elist from three meetings she recently attended. Concern was raised specifically about the delay in pursuing moving certain Area B residences into Area E. It was decided that Madelaine will write to Minister Kruger and cc all political people concerned to determine what our next step is apart from the Governance Study. Suggestion that a door to door campaign be done to get a firm handle on community’s desire. Sue raised the point – what about Area E residents asking us to join? Perhaps a campaign for their support as well. Need to clarify what “Supplementary letters patent” are.

4. Green space program. Madelaine read from the LANDS document about grants that are available for ecosystem restoration of school lands as well as a place to give teach students about food security through organic food gardens. Discussions about how big the school lands potential/limitation/liabilities are. Suggestion that school lands be part of all dialogues (trails, sustainability, emergency preparedness, etc.)

Next meeting March 23, 2009 at 7:30 at St. Andrew's Church hall for the community. Madelaine will make flyers and post at mailbox sites. Sue to check church availability.

Adjourned at 9:40 pm.