

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION  
DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 16, 2010

Attendees: Sarah, Angela, Madelaine, Patty, Guy, Sue, Rick, Anthea, Jeannie

Meeting called to order at 7:06 pm at St. Andrew's Church (Shrove Tuesday pancakes)

Approval of Agenda with addition of the following items under New Business:  
BC Centre for Social Enterprise, Food Charter for Food Security, and freight train traffic concerns. Moved by Guy. CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of previous meeting. Moved by Angela. CARRIED.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's

Bank balance of \$3447.51 less \$75.00 for Sue's attendance at BC Rail workshop.  
Reminder that \$3000.00 is earmarked for work at school site.

Village Committee

Angela provided "official" proposal for upgrades and repairs of the train station and surrounding area that will be presented to CVRD. Included estimated budget costs.  
MOTION/ACTION: Sue to write cover letter to CVRD (Cowichan Valley Economic Improvement Commission) requesting appropriate grant funds for improvements as laid out in package. Moved by Guy. CARRIED.

Parks Committee

Nothing to report

School Site

Sue and others who attended updated those directors who were not in attendance at meeting with CVRD's Arts, Culture & Recreation meeting. Explained that CVRD requested we include in our proposal CSAA's expectation on how to run Community Hub, include budgeting for personnel, and proposal for partnering. Overall response from all was positive and supportive.

**ACTION:** Rick to follow up with Brian Farquar regarding our delegation status at Electoral Area Representative meeting March 9; CVRD meeting March 10.

**ACTION:** The following directors' are to set up and meet with Area reps prior to CVRD March meeting to give them a "head's up" on our project. Common theme to simply let them know what we are planning and positively suggest CVRD assume some involvement with the project.

Area B (Ken Cossey)	Sarah with Madelaine
Area C (Gerry Gilles)	Angela with Patty
Area D (Lori Iadinnaro)	Sue
Area E (Loren Duncan)	Madelaine with Anthea and Rick

Sarah provided budget for school site work: estimate dollar value \$897,000 for total wish list; of course looking for donations and volunteering!

Patty will provide Alison with information on Shawnigan pre-school.

Madelaine has provided Alison with information on Parkside Academy.

**ACTION:** Madelaine to follow up with Parkside regarding their application to the Min of Children for childcare funding grant as it was due February.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Web Site

Patty has started on it but looking for some help to complete information.

**ACTION:** Patty will send out her list of items she is looking for help with; director's to respond directly to her.

##### Jackie Barker contact list

As there has been no follow up on this, Madelaine offered to take it on.

**ACTION:** Madelaine will follow up with Jackie Barker to get on her email list to ensure CSAA has information that is important to the community.

##### "Get on the Train" workshop

Sue reported back on her attendance at the workshop at the end of January.

- Nanaimo has a "Friends of the Railroad" organization.
- Of interest to CSAA is suggestion that rail stations be linked to another site use through a lease (ie post office). This increases pedestrian traffic (ie post office) and helps maintain site as well as lessens vandalism opportunities.

Jeannie mentioned her concerns about possible increase in freight train traffic if industry on North island starts transporting goods to Victoria.

**ACTION:** Sue to check with ICF/BC Rail regarding freight train plans

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### CVRD Meeting

(see School Site report above)

##### St. Andrew's Church

John Dunbar reported on the possible closure of St. Andrew's by the Anglican Diocese. He explained that any decision will come at the Synod meeting March 8 so nothing to be done until such time. Indications are that if this happens, the church buildings and land would be sold or leased. The cemetery is run by a provincial "Cemetery Board". Discussion within the congregation whether to leave the Anglican Church and stay at the site, or leave the Anglican church and leave site. As this is a 104 year old ministry, the former is preferable for most. Madelaine indicated concern that no comment has come from the valley's Historical Society or the CVRD as the site is important to the community, founders of Cowichan Station buried in its cemetery. Asked that the CSAA write a letter supporting that the site remain in the community. Discussion that it is not CSAA business what happens to privately owned property, and decision to wait until

March 8 to see what transpires. Sue suggested that individuals could write letters as they felt necessary.

### BC Centre for Social Enterprise

Workshops offered to train people to set up business/not for profit social enterprises. Cost for workshop is \$100 for first person/\$50 for others. No firm date but believe it is in Nanaimo in March. Sarah and Angela indicated interest to attend. Motion that the CSAA pay for one ticket for Sarah. Moved by Sue. CARRIED.

### Food Charter for Food Security

Jeannie brought up concerns about local food security, and how a Food Charter can help protect it. CV's Women's Institute is working on something and would like to present ideas to CSAA. Sue asked Jeannie to follow up and would include discussion at next meeting.

**ACTIONS:** Jeannie to follow up with written information on Food Charter idea.  
Madelaine to include in agenda for next meeting.

### Freight Train traffic

(see under Rail Corridor workshop)

### Additional Directors

Sue requests that people keep their ears and eyes open for potential directors for next AGM

**NEXT MEETINGS:** regular **director's meeting: March 16 @ 7:00 (place TBA).**

Madelaine promised to work with Sue to have the agenda sent on the Wednesday prior.

As we are anticipating discussion on Cowichan Station school site to be on CVRD's agenda on March 10, and due to the importance of school site project, March 16 may be strictly on the School Site.

Tentative plan to hold community open house on March 26.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm