

COWICHAN STATION AREA ASSOCIATION
DIRECTORS' MEETING
February 22, 2011

Attendees: Jeannie, Patty, Jill Thompson, Angela, Alison, Cheri, Madelaine, Sue, Anthea

Introduction and welcome to Jill

Approval of Agenda by Angela. CARRIED

Approval of Minutes by Cheri. CARRIED

BUSINESS

1. Treasurer's Report: Account now sits at \$15, 093.32, now includes grant-in-aid from Area B. Still waiting for AAP process, but will add another \$5,000.

2. School Site:

Grants: Heritage Canada's "Celebrate Canada" party grant application submitted – for \$1600 plus promotional stuff. Need lease document

Evergreen's "Rebuilding Nature" grant to remove invasive species and restore site submitted – for \$3,000 cash plus \$2,000 gift certificate to Home Depot. Need lease document

>Alison advises that Bob Harper will provide a letter indicating lease in process that we can use instead of lease document for these and other grants.

>Initial plan was to partnership the grounds project with CVRD Parks. **ACTION**: Alison, Patty and Sue to contact and with Brian Farquard to follow up with partnership vision.

Next Steps:

>Draft lease should be available shortly. CSAA to have a legal expertise to review. **ACTION**: Jill Thompson will ask if her father would be willing to do so.

>Need to move forward with tenant options. **ACTION**: Alison to draft an expression of interest for a newspaper advertisement. Any expressions of interest should be forwarded to Rick cc Madelaine (for CSAA records)

3. Village Committee:

>ABC Precast donated the cement pads for the train station. The pads were bigger than had planned so some minor tweaking/adjustments will be done by Richard Cooper. ABC would like notice in local paper in exchange for donation. Suggest instead, write letter to editor that thanks all those who have had a hand in its restoration. **ACTION**: Madelaine will write letter.

>Jan is starting on the bench this week

>**ACTION**: Cheri will contact CVAS regarding possible construction of trusses for gym roof

>**ACTION**: Madelaine will contact Hillside Gravel for donation of fill for ditch at station

>**ACTION**: Angela will pick up train station signs from Linda Berry. Has contacted Leon signs to do lettering. Will need two pieces of 2 x 12 cedar x 5' long. If unable to source as donation, approval to purchase.

>Plan for extra paving rocks was to use to wrap station; not enough so need more – difficult to match up. Instead of stacking, idea for mason to build a rock wall. Decision to postpone until spring weather permits this work.

4. AGM – Set for April 6. **ACTION**: Madelaine to book hall and place newspaper advertisement
Change time to 7:00.

>Agenda items to run 7-7:30

-Constitution revisions (a) purpose, and (b) dissolution wording (these are in response to requests from Revenue Canada for our charitable status request)

-Elections

-Committee Updates

-Guest speaker/activity 7:30-8:30

>Madelaine proposed that school site item might be becoming viewed as our only initiative and need community to recognize that the CSAA is working on other projects. Suggested someone be invited from Kinsol project as that is nearing completion. Discussion of proposed guest speakers/topics. Kinsol Trestle (2), Fairbridge Community, Citsaslow (Cow Bay), local agriculture/farmers (3), Bright Angel, Brian Farquard, Maureen Alexander 1). Action: Sue will invite Maureen Alexander to speak on community historical projects. If she is unable, Sue to contact people involved in Kinsol restoration project.

>Further discussion and recognition that we need to host two other meetings in the near future

1. Bright Angel Park (needs upgrading and renewed support)

2. Workshop on planning and land use bylaws (Mike Tippet offered a few years back)

Next Meeting: March 15, 2011 (same time same place)

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 pm