

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

BOARD MEETING Minutes 2009

Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00pm at Rupert Clark's

Board Present: Rupert Clark, Harold Fletcher, Paul Manson, Jude DaSilva and Melanie Vallieres.

Absent: Ivana Cappelletto and Peter Harvey.

Guest: Michael Davidson.

It was decided that the official call to order and official business of the board should await the arrival of Paul Manson who was detained by other obligations.

Meanwhile our guest, Michael Davidson, was introduced and invited to speak about the Hidden Grove Plan 2008. Michael gave us an overview of the history of Hidden Grove from its inception in 1999. The name "Hidden Grove" he credited to Bob D'Arcy, who, together with Michael and Gertrude Pacific formed the core of the Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee. Michael showed us a thick file folder which contained the bulk of the material on the website www.hiddengrove.info and he urged us all to visit the site for information on Hidden Grove. He informed us of the progress of the new "northern loop trail" which is being worked on (weather permitting) each Saturday and Wednesday morning from 9:00am til noon. Work on the parking lot has been delayed by the unexpected shutdown of quarrying operations by Construction Aggregates in Sechelt. So now Michael and Bob are negotiating with Stockwell's to supply the gravel base; and the work is expected to be done at the earliest in February 2010.

Michael read out the following statement from the Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee which he requested to be included in the minutes of our meeting.

"As suggested by the Sandy Hook Community Association Board of Directors in the minutes of their November 17, 2009 meeting, Bob D'Arcy will continue to act as Chair of the Hidden Grove Plan Steering Committee with the Committee acting and speaking on behalf of the community for the Hidden Grove. We welcome the appointment of a liaison as a communication link to and from the Board. We also encourage all Board members to visit www.hiddengrove.info for regular updates and archival information."

We thanked Michael for his informative presentation. He departed and we continued with discussion of proposed elementary school closures until Paul Manson arrived and the meeting was called to order.

1. Meeting called to order at 8:00pm.
2. Adoption of the agenda, M&C Clark/Manson.
3. Adoption (confirmed) of minutes of November 17th meeting, M&C Fletcher/DaSilva.
4. Paul Manson was briefed on the presentation by Michael Davidson.
5. **Officer Reports**
 - 5.1. **Vice President** - Melanie Vallieres had nothing to report.

5.2. Secretary - Peter Harvey was absent.

5.3. Treasurer - Harold Fletcher presented us with updated copies of the balance sheet. He also presented us each with a copy of rules and principles for conducting board meetings. Harold informed us that the SHCA account (which is held by the Royal Bank in Sechelt) has as signing authorities Peter Harvey, Sue Jackel, and Bob D'Arcy. He informed us that a letter needs to be sent to the Royal Bank on SHCA letterhead, signed by two of the current authorized signers, giving instructions to the bank as to who should be appointed and who should be withdrawn as signing authorities. Following discussion it was moved and carried that the authorized signers be Harold Fletcher, Peter Harvey, Paul Manson and Melanie Vallieres. It was suggested that Peter should write this letter and get it signed also by Sue.

6. Business Arising from minutes or Unfinished Business

6.1. Persons to represent SHCA at G8 meetings were volunteered by Melanie Vallieres and (in absentia) by Peter Harvey.

6.2. Tot Park Gazebo. A letter needs to be written by Peter before the end of 2009 to request Ken Tang to hold the funds (\$5000) for 2010. Also to confirm 2010 funds (\$150,000) for shoring up the subsidence along Deerhorn Drive.

6.3. Meet and Greet. Abeyance arrangements til January board meeting. Possibly invite the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator from DoS as guest speaker.

6.4. Jude's status. We are sad to report that Jude has been told by Canada Immigration that she must leave Canada by February 8th 2010. She can appeal for an extension beyond that date since she has no place arranged to send her belongings to in the U.K. She would like us to help spread the word that her small house will be available for rent (fully furnished) to suitable sensible sensitive persons from March or April of next year.

7. New Business

7.1. Hidden Grove. It was decided that we would continue to support the HG Steering Committee based on the 2008 plan. Clark accepted the position of liaison.

7.2. Elementary school closures. It was decided that a letter (written by Clark) should be sent to the school district expressing SHCA concern that at least one of the schools in Sechelt and (preferably Sechelt Elementary) should remain open. The deadline for submissions was December 10th. A little research showed that the closure of both the schools in Sechelt was not under consideration and it seemed extremely unlikely that Kinnikinnick would be chosen to remain open in preference to Sechelt Elementary. Clark decided therefore that a letter was unnecessary.

7.3. Graffiti has appeared recently on the mailbox on Sandy Hook Road (south of Klahanie). Vallieres volunteered to investigate remedies with Post Office personnel.

7.4. Newsletter. Cappelletto will create a template for the newsletter. We all need to supply copy material. For delivery it was decided that email would serve the majority of residents; those who do not have internet access (or those who like a printed copy but whose printer has died) can pick up a hard copy from any of the notice boards. DaSilva volunteered to seek out a suitable receptacle for newsletters from local realty offices.

7.5. Board vacancies. Need for a President and need for new board members. Moved by Clark/DaSilva to strike the word Vice from Vallieres' title and replace it with the word Interim,

carried unanimously.

7.6.Referral from DoS. Redevelopment at 5775 Tillicum Bay Road deemed to be of no great concern for the neighbourhood.

8. Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday, January 13th 2010. At 7pm

At Harold and Susan Fletcher's house:- 5937 Skookumchuk Road, Sechelt, tel.885-4433

9. Adjournment: Moved and Carried at 9:10pm.

NOTE: approved by vote of the Board 2009.12.21