

Event: Sandy Hook Community Association Regular Board Meeting
Meeting Date: Monday 2nd May 2016 – 7:00pm
Location: 5922 Sandy Hook Road

In Attendance: Susan Soux, Neil Edmunds, Valerie Nash,
Kara McDougall, Melanie Vallieres, Jennifer Garden, Laurel
Ennis, Charles Ennis (guest)

Minutes of Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair, Susan Soux, called the meeting to order at 7:10pm

2. Review and approval of April 4th 2016 Minutes and May 2nd 2016 Agenda

The minutes and agenda were unanimously approved.

3. Regular Business

3.1 President's Report

Susan attended the April 19th 2016 SCAF meeting and reported on the following:

Davis Bay:

- Had a speaker from the Sunshine Coast Conservation Society glass sponge conservation group give an overview of the glass sponge reef off of Davis Bay. It is of international significance.
- Starting to discuss plans for a September picnic
- Sandcastle competition looks likely to go ahead again in July 2016
- Arbor Day on April 22nd and 29th removed blackberry plants and other invasive plant species from Mission Point Park

East Porpoise Bay

- Councillor Lutes attended the last meeting and discussed affordable housing and the importance of the inlet
- Issue with the private lot at Burnett Road and Sechelt Inlet Road that is being used as an illegal dump site. Council is now addressing the issue and has set a deadline for the owner to respond to notice of clean-up costs.
- Looking at erosion on trail up to Burnett Falls.
- The association is planning to clean up Willow Point Beach.
- Continuing to support the SSC development.
- Supporting the Allen Road beach access. Work is in progress to open the access to the public.
- Looking at a neighbourhood watch program.

Tuwanek:

- Continuing to review the SSC proposal.
- Trying to find ways to reduce speeding drivers through their community.
- Rebuilding the Tuwanek sign.

West Sechelt:

- Concern over Wesbrooke development, primarily building height and the pathway.

New Business:

- Supportive of the Water Conservation Meeting on May 15 being organized by SHCA.
- Bryan Shoji, General Manager of Infrastructure Services at the SCRD, has been invited to the next SCAF meeting to discuss water supply issues and answer questions.

3.2 Vice President's Report

Valerie had nothing to report.

3.3 Secretary's Report

Kara had nothing to report.

3.4 Treasurer's Report

There are two new members.

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4. Ongoing Business

4.1 District and Council Meetings

Neil attended the District meetings on April 6th 2016. Of note were the following items:

- Engineering report outlining that the water treatment plant needs expansion in 5 – 10 years.
- Delegation from S&M Medicinal Sweet Shop (marijuana edibles producer) – RCMP arrested them, dispute with neighbour, upset that they are being prosecuted by other businesses are going ahead in Sechelt with similar operations. Susan asked whether Sechelt permits licensing of marijuana shops. Neil said the District does not license.
- Council debated what to do with the sculpture "Regeneration" dedicated to John Phare that fell down outside the Seaside Centre. There

- was a debate as to whether the sculpture should be moved to allow space in the square for events.
- SSC development – received first reading approval. The District will hold public consultations and has demanded an updated geotechnical report and a traffic impact study for Sechelt Inlet Road.
 - Councillor Sieger wants legal advice on urban containment boundary re: OCP and SSC. Council recently decided that SSC was to be excluded from the boundary but OCP states that it is to be included.
 - Wesbrooke development – height of buildings and path are the two issues.

4.2 Water Conservation Meeting

Susan booked the Davis Bay Hall – audio is the only outstanding item. Charles suggested that SHCA could borrow the Astronomy Society's projector if needed.

The hall is booked for 1:30pm, the event starts at 2:30. SHCA board members were asked to help with set up.

Three speakers confirmed: Swinzie Chauhan, SCRCD, on water conservation; Paul DeRoy, Rain Farmers, to discuss rain water storage options; and Paddy Wales from the SC Botanical Society, who will discuss garden tips.

The youth poster project is currently being promoted in classes. Posters will need to be put up around the hall as part of the event set-up. The children could stand next to their poster during the break if they'd like. Val will pick up the posters from the DoS on May 10.

Kara will distribute and put up event posters around Sechelt.

Melanie will advertise in the CR and Local Weekly. Valerie suggested to ask if the ads could be placed for free.

The Mayor was invited, no response yet.

4.3 Newsletter

- Close to being done, waiting for Valerie to finish an article.
- Melanie to send Laurel photo of kids kayaking in ditch.
- The Water Conservation event is on the SHCA website.
- Laurel will add the AGM to the website and include in the newsletter.
- Valerie will do a write up on the Coast Dance Society's success at a Vancouver competition.
- Laurel to post a recruitment piece for the SHCA Board's Secretary position. Kara to send Laurel a brief outline of key duties.

4.4 AGM

- The date is set for Saturday, June 4th, 4 – 6 pm at the Seaside Centre.
- Melanie and Valerie will coordinate food and wine.
- Melanie will confirm the venue booking.
- A speaker is still needed. Valerie will reach out to Jack Pope and Sue Jackel. They could co-present or a discussion on the theme “Ageing in Place” could be facilitated if neither speaker is available.

5. New Business

5.1 Sandy Hook Resident Update

Charles Ennis attended the meeting to update the SHCA about a nearby resident who is in need of support and to make the SHCA Board aware of the situation.

Charles has been helping this resident and is concerned for his physical, mental and financial well-being. He noted that the resident's house is in need of repair and asked if any Sandy Hook residents would be able to help out with physical labour and other ways of supporting.

Board members agreed that the resident's privacy was first and foremost and may not want people showing up to help without a prior relationship. As Charles has formed a trusting relationship with this individual, SHCA members should contact Charles if they would like to help.

Jenny suggested posting a call-out to the coast community on the Facebook group “Sunshine Coast Community Concerns and Issues” page. Laurel said she would post the request on FB.

Other suggestions to support this resident included the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation grants (ask an occupational therapist), contacting the BC Senior's Advocate or contacting MLA to advocate for provincial resources that are available to this individual.

5.2 Board Openings – Secretary Position

Kara will be unable to continue long term as Secretary due to family responsibilities but will fill the position temporarily until a long-term replacement is found. Kara will consider staying on as a Director.

5.3 BC Societies Act

Susan will notify the Board of any changes that need to be addressed. Charles will get Laurel to share his notes from the Astronomy Society with the SHCA Board.

5.4 SCR D Bike/Walking Paths Meeting

Kara notified the Board that the SCR D is hosting an open house on bike and walking paths in the region on May 18th, 4 – 7pm at the Seaside Centre. The open house will cover current paths and future plans. Kara will attend the open house and will ask if there are any plans to connect Sechelt Inlet Road to the planned coast-wide cycling route from Langdale to Earl's Cove. Currently the inlet is not included.

Susan asked Kara to send the event information to SHCA members.

5.5 Star Gazing party

Charles to determine the best night for the star gazing party.

6. Adjournment

Susan Soux called the meeting to a close at 8:45pm.

Date for the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th, 2016. Location TBD.