

MINUTES OF SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD ZOOM MEETING HELD SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022.

ATTENDING: Kelly Kitchen, Acting President; Barb Muir, Acting Secretary; Lorna Adams (audio); Susan Anthony-Anderson; Lili De Capite; Juergen Dankworth; Beverly Gray (audio); Peter Harvey; Richard Carton; Jennifer Garden; Aoiff Murphy (audio); Cathy MacCartney (audio); Ann Watson (audio) ;

ABSENT: Andy Evans; Randy Knill; Bruce Woodburn

Kelly confirmed there was a not a quorum and commenced the meeting with discussion of the agenda items,

Short Term rental bylaws update. We heard from planning department that they are working on the TUP program rollout and will present to council September 7th. Essentially the STR program will involve a consideration of in-home, on-property and whole-property rental. What is yet to be determined is how many of the whole-property rentals will be permitted and how will regulation be delivered and enforced. This will be the key part of presentation to Council in September to seek policy direction. Peter wanted to know what SHCA's stand was on the issues. Kelly responded that a subcommittee of both board members and community members was formed to create a survey in February to gather input from the community. There were 80 submissions from the community, and the results were compiled and submitted to the district. Since then, the SHCA has been forwarding information to the community email contacts and submitting all input and feedback from the community to the district contacts. Richard said he did not think DoS was listening to SHCA survey results. Kelly replied that there were several areas from the survey results that are reflected in the proposed bylaws such as the requirement of onsite parking per bedroom, the cap on commercial STRs, the use of licensing fees for regulation of the bylaws, the requirement to post a business license on all advertising platforms to operate. Further, recent feedback from the community requesting a manager of each STR be made publicly available has been updated in the most recent update. Juergen reminded everyone that decisions will be made on the 7 September. It was suggested that a letter Mayor and Council setting out the concerns raised in the meeting, specifically Temporary Use Permits (how they will be allocated) Onsite Parking Requirements (changed from one spot/bedroom to two spots/bedroom) and total number of Commercial Short Term Rentals that will be allowed in the district (recommended 15 max changed to 30 max).

Proposed zoning bylaw changes update: September 8th will be the public hearing for Zoning Bylaw 580, which is set to replace Zoning Bylaw 25. The zoom link and location of the in person meeting and time is posted on the district website. They district continues to track comments and input and prepping for the public hearing and follow up staff report. The best way to provide comments is still to email the planning inbox: planning@sechelt.ca. Those emails will get forwarded to the right planner or other staff member who can best respond.

Update on use of Skookumchuk Road for access to clear cut: We had heard from the contractor that there were findings from the archeological survey that would mean there would be no more logging in the clearcut area, however, we had not had any further updates or confirmation. Kelly contacted Jasmine Paul at the Shishalh Nation. She said that they are working with the developer but have remaining concerns. There is currently no confirmation from the developer that they will cease logging, but they are hopeful. They need to come to some agreement and an implementation plan for the protection of the Heritage sites before they would consider opening up the road access from Sechelt Inlet Road.

Transportation Plan Update: Richard attended the 21 July Master Plan Workshop and gave a detailed report including: how to improve local transportation, lowering cost of buses to lower income; teenagers and people with special needs; the Handidart system is not working as well as it should; 30% senior population feel isolated with resulting diminishing quality of life; safety on highways; traffic calming difficult for emergency vehicles on narrow roads; as well as some discussion of having public transportation three times week here. Richard urged us to provide feedback on suggested highway changes to the Minister of Transport and the input is needed by 31 August. Richard was thanked for attending on our behalf.

Hidden Grove Issue: Richard informed the group that an issue has arisen in the Heritage Forest site at which Michael Davidson and his wife have volunteered to watch over since the 80's. There is now an unauthorized personal use of the Heritage Forest involving a trail with a bicycle park including ramps and jumps in the in the community forest and signs advising people that they are not authorized to go into this section of the forest. Kelly noted that there currently is no zoning in this area, but the Zoning Bylaw changes intend to turn it into park land at which point there will likely be procedures in place to deal with offences.

Picnic Structure at Tot Park. Randy was not in attendance but did indicate that he had nothing to report at this meeting.

Bears and garbage collection: Barb suggested that although residents are asked to have the green waste out by 8:30, pickup was not made until afternoon causing some of the problem. Kelly agreed and has contacted Waste Management to suggest same without success in having them change their route. In the meantime, a bit of Pine-sol might be a deterrent and when the Waste Management contract is up this should be added to the conditions. Peter suggested we find out when the current contract for waste management services ends and advocate for changes then.

There have been some suggestions from community members to help the situation: Posters for the community boards letting people know about the garbage collection notifications email/apps. Kelly has asked board members to print and post at their local community board.

Yellow bins used in Whistler – current bins not working – we'd need to contact the district to determine if they would pick up as they now have specific bins designed to be picked up by the trucks. It would also be helpful to have a drop off station for garbage.

Community water drainage issues: Kelly noted SHCA will have to make a submission to the DoS fall budget meeting and asked if any members would take the lead on this. It was suggested that Andy was directly impacted and might take this on. Jennifer has a video of the drainage problem. The submission should include photos, videos, and details of what is needed by us including temporary measures. Richard previously mentioned that as well as the drainage issue - we have other neglected problems - lack of street cleaning, the need for a street sign at the corner of Seaview and Skookumchuk, culverts must be cleaned etc.. Aoiff suggested water meters might be useful to determine where leakages may be. No one volunteered to prepare a case for the fall budget planning meeting.

Membership Tracking: Cathy volunteered to work Lili to keep the membership record updated and maintained. Jennifer suggested "meet and greet" similar to 'Sandy Hook Days' and it was agreed that September 10 would be a good date. Claytons helped with donations and may help again. Jennifer will approach them on our behalf. We should also consider a Halloween party.

AGM date and location: Susan agreed to contact the Arts Centre for a date in November.

Sandy Hook Sign: A resident suggested solar lights be placed around the Sandy Hook sign. This was dismissed because of star-viewing concerns.

Speeding on Sandy Hook Road: This continues to be an issue of concern on Sandy Hook Road and in the community in general. Previous discussions of solutions were brought up again, such as traffic calming speed bumps, but it was noted these are not allowed as they impair emergency vehicle access. The SHCA previously bought a radar gun, but it is not clear how this would be used. There were no further suggestions.

Parking by beach accesses: It was raised by a community member that parking has become problematic for residents on Coracle Place. It was suggested that residents report the issue on the website using the service request on the district website.

Treasurer's Report: Barb confirmed that the August 21 current account balance is \$1,029.89 with two GICs of \$2,201.50 for a total of \$3,231.39. The two GICs expired August, 2022 and will be rolled over. We might want to consider a further \$500.00 GIC at the next AGM.

The meeting then adjourned. The next meeting 11 September, 2022.