

Strawberry Vale Residents' Association
Minutes: Annual General Meeting May 25, 2009

At Strawberry Vale Hall

Chair: Barbara Meek

Minutes: Anne Stack

Board Members Present: Barbara Meek, Paul Frost, Monike Frost, Sue Henry, Lisa Martin, Adam Ustik, Mike Fischer

Absent: none

Total attendance: 24

7:10 pm Welcome by Barbara Meek

Barbara Meek welcomed the members and introduced the guest speakers: Councillor Judy Brownoff, chair of Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee, and Tony Brcic, Project Manager, Wastewater Treatment

Judy provided an overview of the history of liquid waste management in the Victoria area from the 1960's to the present. She outlined the goals of the CRD Core Area Wastewater Management Program: protect public health and the environment; manage wastewater in a sustainable manner; and provide cost effective wastewater management. She also briefly explained how wastewater treatment works and provided examples of treatment facilities. A "Report Back on the Community Dialogues Through the Validations Sessions" will be presented to the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee on May 27.

She referred members to the following website for further information:

www.wastewatermadeclear.ca

Following the presentation and during the refreshment break, Judy and Tony answered questions from members

8:00 pm Refreshment Break

8:10 pm Call to Order of General Meeting

1. Agenda Approval

Approval for the agenda was moved by Mike Fischer and seconded by Paul Frost.

2. Reading and approval of 2008 AGM minutes

Minutes from the June 10, 2008 AGM were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Don Fischer and seconded by Mike Fischer.

3. President's Annual Report

Barbara reviewed events of the past year including: the increasing use of the SVRA website, the Newsletter produced by Lisa Martin, the Pocket Market, SVRA co-sponsoring of an All Candidates Meeting prior to the November municipal elections, and meetings attended by SVRA board members. She

encouraged participation in the SVRA as a way to make a difference in our community and expressed her appreciation for her contacts with residents, members of SVRA, Saanich staff and Board members during her past two years as president. A copy of her complete report is attached.

4. Treasurer's Annual Report

Total income for the year was \$1362.84 and total expenses were \$2538.19

Bank Balance is \$2726.48

A copy of the annual report is attached.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mike Fischer and seconded by Leo Van Dyk.

5. Unfinished Business

(1) Development: Cherry Rd. Holland Ave., Panama Flats

These developments have yet to be advanced to Committee of the Whole.

The original Holland Ave. development plan was withdrawn and a new plan brought forward. The revised plan could not be supported by SVRA due to concerns about infringement of the Urban Containment Boundary.

(2) Traffic:

North Rd – Four Corners Area, consultant's report:

Bunt and Associates, Traffic and Engineering Consultants, contracted by Saanich to assess and make recommendations regarding traffic problems at the Wilkinson and Interurban Roads intersection and connected regional traffic, previously met with the SVRA board and are nearing completion of their report. They will meet again with the SVRA board before holding a public meeting sometime between June 11-14 at Strawberry Vale Elementary School.

Wilkinson Rd. sidewalk extension

The plan to extend the sidewalk on Wilkinson Rd. between Tulip St. and West Burnside Rd. was included in the Saanich budget for this year and was passed.

6. New Business

(1) Urban Forest Strategy

Sue Henry reported on a workshop she attended related to this Saanich initiative to develop an Urban Forest Strategy for the municipality. An Open House will take place on Thursday June 11 at the Pacific Forestry Centre on West Burnside Rd. from 6:00 – 9:00 pm.

(2) Parking Issues: Layritz and Copley Park Areas

Barbara outlined the parking problems in the roads surrounding Layritz Park resulting from the overflow from Camosun students and the Pacific Sports Centre. After being contacted by a group of neighbours in the affected area, SVRA sent a letter of support to the Mayor and Engineering and Parks Department. This has

resulted in Engineering and Parks posting Residential Only parking signs in street areas adjacent to Layritz Park. Also, signs restricting parking to two hours between 8:00am and 5:00 pm in the Layritz parking lot have been posted, which required a bylaw amendment to be passed by Council. There is concern that there will be a parking spillover to other nearby streets and this situation will continue to be monitored.

The parking problems at Copley Park consist of haphazard parking that was blocking exit from adjacent streets during football games at the park. The Engineering and Parks Dept. is considering rescheduling games and restructuring the field to help to alleviate parking problems.

Barbara noted that in cases where on-street parking does not contravene the Parking Bylaw, Saanich encourages residents to discuss problem situations with their neighbours.

(3) Secondary Suites

Barbara explained that there is a pilot project underway to collect more information about legalizing secondary suites and to bring this information to Council. Six community associations are involved as follows: Mt. Tolmie, Quadra/Cedar Hill, Camosun, Mount View Colquitz, Rainbow Park, and Gorge Tillicum.

The SVRA Board sent a letter to Saanich in favour of legalizing secondary suites through an application process with the provisos that off-street parking be made available for suites, on-street parking not be allowed and that there be a requirement for inspection of upgraded and new suites. The subject of secondary suites was referred for discussion by the membership at the June AGM.

After a brief discussion, the following motion was put forward by Adam Ustik: **The Strawberry Vale Residents Association supports the legalization of secondary suites provided that the issues raised in the pilot project are satisfactorily addressed.** The motion was seconded by Denham Meek and passed with one abstention.

7. Nomination Committee Report and Election of Officers and Directors

Paul Frost read the names of the candidates for the 2009 SVRA Board as follows:

President: Sue Henry

Vice President: Mike Fischer

Secretary: Anne Stack

Treasurer: Monike Frost

Past President: Barbara Meek

Directors: Paul Frost, Marlene Todd, Carol Liggett

There being no further nominations, a motion to accept the Board Nominees was made by Don Fischer and seconded by Mike Fischer.

Adjournment: 9:05 pm