

MINUTES OF THE CLCA EXEC. MEETING OF SEPT. 8, 2009

PRESENT: Barry Cornfield, Lewis Kirkness, Joanne Henderson, Gary Sainiuk, Dave Clyne (chair), Margie Wilson, Helen Pauls, Jane Monesmith, Virginia O'Brien

REGRETS: Lorna Griffeth, Rachel Litchfield

1. Call To Order
 - the meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - addition under New Business: 16.2 Memorial for Kevin
 - amended Agenda approved by consensus
3. Appointment of Executive Positions and Terms
 - LEWIS/GARY: that the current people in the Executive positions of President, Vice President and Secretary remain in those positions. CARRIED
 - BARRY/LEWIS: that the appointment to the position of Treasurer be deferred to the next meeting when those members who are absent can be present and that Lorna remain as Treasurer until then.
 - After discussion, this motion was withdrawn
 - HELEN/BARRY: that Rachel be appointed Treasurer. CARRIED
 - It was noted that Jane would be available to assist Rachel
 - We are going to switch the Treasurer's Report format to Excel
 - BARRY will meet with Rachel, Lorna and Jane to arrange for this transition to the new format
 - LEWIS/BARRY: that Jane hold a 1 year position and that this position then become for 2 years. CARRIED
4. Approval of Minutes of Aug. 18, 2009
 - Change in the Treasurer's Report, Market in the Park section: where it says "Grant" for \$750 – this should read "Grant from CLPB for Newsletter"
 - DAVE will make this correction and send to Barry for posting on the website
 - Barry suggested that the Newsletter should be a separate account, showing a transfer of funds from Market in the Park
 - HELEN/JOANNE: that the Minutes be approved as amended. CARRIED
5. Business Arising from Minutes
 - 5.1 Flood Meeting Follow Up
 - Brain Nokleby (CLPB Chair) and Ron Campbell (CLP CAO) met with Mayor Sharon Gaetz and Peter Monteith, then Brian met again with Sharon to discuss CL concerns
 - Ron also met with the FVRD re a grant to study flood mitigation

- FVRD approved the grant request; approval from the Province may not be known until Nov.
- There will be a meeting with Lakeshore Dr residents re Munroe Dr waterfall
- Some improvements have been made: enlarged holding pond and flume
- Next will be a trash rack above waterfall, road to trash rack to clean it out, cement wall on road beside the flume, cement dividers on the south side of Munroe to divert water from the houses below
- Concern was expressed about the narrowing of the road by these dividers and whether this would impede access for emergency vehicles and garbage trucks
- Lynn Orstad from FVRD will be conducting training for CLPB staff re emergency response and evacuation procedures; they may develop a sub plan specific to CL
- It was noted that there are some trees and a hydro pole that seem to be in a precarious position
- Dave will be meeting this week with Ron, Brian and resident Bob McRae
- It was noted that the retaining wall on Munroe is 4 feet deep and that a lip/drop system has been installed ; however there was no excavation near the mailboxes because of the size of the equipment (too big)
- There needs to be 2 new culverts to cross Lakeshore
- At the request of DFO, cement was removed from the waterfall, by the road and at the bottom of the flume

5.2 AGM Debriefing

- the meeting was professionally run and went very well
- over 30 responses to the Parking Task Survey were handed in
- Lewis thanked the Exec for the presentation made to him at the meeting
- It was suggested that the Election of Directors should occur at the start of the meeting
- Having Governance near the end helps to keep people at the meeting
- The draw prizes donated by FVRD ESS were greatly appreciated
- Because Barry was unable to attend the AGM, Dave presented him now with a card of appreciation for his work on the Website, Newsletter, and COP Operations Manual

6. Treasurer's Report

- deferred

7. Park Board Report

- Barry indicated that he is not able to attend for a while: MARGIE will take over this responsibility

Aug. 26, 2009

- there was a presentation from a resident about parking; recommendations were included
- this was referred to the Parking Task Force

- there are capacity issues for parking
- a report on reserve funds indicated that the rules for access had not been properly followed in the past
- Community Hall insurance issue: more information required
- A revision to the Grant in Aid policy and form was adopted

8. Governance Update

- the next meeting is Sept. 17 at 2:00 pm in the Community Hall
- this meeting plus another one should see the completion of all Fact Sheets

9. Community School Update

- deferred

10. Website Update

- VIRGINIA will send AGM Minutes of 2008 to Barry for posting
- Barry has posted the updated list of Exec members
- The following dates were set for 2010: Spring General Meeting – April 25; AGM – Aug. 22

11. Community Safety Update

- it is too early yet for a report from the Park Patrol
- COP ended on Labour Day
- There were 295 patrol hrs and 150 Administration hrs for a total of 395 hrs
- Of the patrol hrs, 80 were bike hrs over 17 nights and 165 were foot patrol hrs over 24 nights
- We had a total of 34 volunteers
- The CLPB chair did ask if COP might be able to work during the day on the Sat and Sun of long weekends
- We are waiting for an official request, then will have to look at liability issues

12. CLPB Cmte Updates

- the Design Cmte meets next on Sept. 24
- other Cmtes are waiting for their Terms of Reference
- the Parking Task Force is ready with recommendations for the parking lots
- next they will look at residential parking, parking in the school yard
- they will use the survey results plus the submission made by a resident to the Board, to help them in their thinking
- the next meeting is Sept. 28 at 9:00 in the PB office

13. Market in the Park

- this was a very successful year
- Lewis is retiring from doing the lime marking of the spaces for vendors
- So a replacement is needed; he will train a new person

14. Newsletter Update

- deadline is Sept. 15
- Barry already has some articles ready
- Joanne submitted an ESS article
- MARGIE will arrange with Lorna about who will contact businesses about having an ad or offering to publish winter hrs for a cost of \$10
- We publish winter hrs for free for those businesses who advertise with us regularly
- MARGIE will contact businesses at Vedder Crossing (eg. South Gardens, Moon Lily, Sleepy Hollow Gems, Coopers) about placing an ad

15. Items for Next PB Meeting

- DAVE will raise Stop 21 issue, Newsletter deadline, and ask about when some Cmtes will be meeting

16. New Business

16.1 Stop 21

- Dave went to a meeting on Aug 26
- It was called by a Chilliwack River Action Cmte concerned about plans to alter the Forest District Unit in our area

Background:

- In 1996 the NDP enacted a new Forestry Code which was very strict
- This was revised in 03/04 to the Forestry and Range Practices Act, which is less strict
- That is what Forestry works under now
- BC Timber Sales is part of Forestry; it was set up to make money for the government
- They have suggested an amendment (21) to the Act to increase the area in the Chilliwack River Valley and Cultus Lake/Columbia Valley which can be logged
- Currently logging companies lease cut blocks from BCTS
- This amendment would enable companies to expand the perimeters of their cut block if they encounter environmentally sensitive areas (eg. spotted owl, ungulate grazing), without having to go to a public process
- This expansion would be for a corresponding amount of area
- The maximum amount allowed per year would be the same
- It would last 5 yrs, renewable for another 5 yrs.
- There are currently 6 cut blocks in the area
- BCTS placed 6 ads in the Progress from June to Aug. 28
- Deadline for public input was Aug. 29, but has been extended to Sept. 18
- Today FVRD passed a motion for BCTS to extend the deadline to Nov.1
- BCTS also contacted various stakeholders, including CLPB
- A presentation was made
- They propose 2 areas on south west Vedder Mtn to be logged

Meeting Aug 26

- Terry Sullivan of BCTS made a presentation

- Residents of Chwk River Valley expressed concerns about impact on slides, flooding, etc.
- Dave called Terry Aug. 27 and suggested a public meeting in Sardis; he seemed agreeable
- He indicated that the onus is on the public to inform themselves and provide written input
- Groups such as ours can ask to put on a stakeholders list
- After this meeting, another was held with CRV; proposed cut blocks for Lindell/Columbia Valley and Slesse Park were removed

Meeting Sept. 9

- this was at FVRD, with Terry Sullivan again doing a presentation
- FVRD expressed concerns as follows: resident safety re mudslides, flooding; cost of evacuation; values of recreation and fisheries; sheer size and vagueness of process; cumulative effects of runoff, visual, water retention, aquifers

Meeting with District Forestry Manager, Allan Johnsrude

- concerns expressed
- Allan confirmed that the public process has been identified as a weakness
- Registered Professional Foresters are responsible for ensuring that logging is done responsibly
- Allan can only reject an amendment or proposals if the public presents evidence that something is illegal or is not consistent with Forestry objectives
- He indicated that a First Nations group has presented a similar amendment (20); but it likely does not include CL/Vedder Mtn

Suggestions:

- that CLCA send a letter to BCTS re: agree with FVRD to extend deadline for public submissions to Nov.1; ask BCTS to organize 2 public meetings in Sardis and Chilliwack to present info on amendment 21 with question period; concern with minimal public process; include Allan Johnsrude in meetings; work with FVRD re their watershed and logging maps; include CLCA as stakeholder; cc to Barry Penner, CLPB, City, Allan Johnsrude, CLASS, CRV Ratepayers Assoc., Ministry of Forests
- that CLCA send a letter to Allan Johnsrude, Forestry and FVRD encouraging a closer relationship among Forestry, FVRD, BCTS re maps and watershed findings; also expressing concerns about public input process of the Forestry Act; cc to above
- that CLCA send a letter to ministry of Forests asking for improvement in the forestry Act to strengthen public information sharing component; same cc to above
- re cc list: add John Les and Chuck Strahl
- JOANNE/JANE that the 3 letters as suggested by Dave about amendment 21 be written. CARRIED.
- Re the increase in perimeter: how would the public find out that this had occurred?

- Re: west/south end of Vedder Mtn: this would not have impact upon our flooding risk, but it might if the perimeter were expanded
- DAVE will contact Columbia Valley Ratepayers Assoc. re having BCTS do a presentation to the Executives of ours and their group and then to the residents of CL and Col. Valley

16.2 Kevin's Memorial

- the Park arborist is now back at work
- MARGIE will contact Nancy about any progress re Kevin's tree

16.3 Grant in Aid from FVRD

- Lewis requested that we think about this and discuss at the next meeting: whether we should apply for a Grant in Aid for the Newsletter
- COP has received a Grant in Aid for the past 3 yrs and will apply again

16.4 Blasting

- if you hear any blasting in the early morning hrs, please report to RCMP

17. Next Meeting

- Oct. 13 09

18. Adjournment

- meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm