

MINUTES OF THE
NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
7:15 pm Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Call To Order at 7:20 pm by Kirke MacMillan

Meeting attended by approximately 40 residents, including residents from Timberstone, Madrona Heights, Wall Beach and Delanice Way.

The AGM was also attended by: Michelle Stillwell, MLA for Parksville/ Qualicum Beach and Marc Pelletier, RCMP Staff Sergeant Parksville area

NNRA Board of Directors

Kirke MacMillan Chair
Lewis Vermeulen Treasurer
Michael Kosich Acting Secretary
Colin Springford
David Jamieson
Sherilene Chycoski Not available

Guest Presentations

Michele Stillwell, MLA

- Discussed the close past election and the importance of the Nanaimo bi-election scheduled for January 30th, which could result in a tie.
- Commented on their support of affordable housing and the location concerns being raised in both Nanaimo and Parksville
- Expressed concern with the wasteful cost of the defeated proportional representation vote (\$13mill.) which could have been better spent on education, medical facilities, housing, etc.
- Noted there was a shortage of Doctors in the area which needed to be resolved.

Marc Pelletier, RCMP Staff Sergeant

- Covered a number of topics including traffic, crime, drugs, etc., and provided the following comments/suggestions.
 - speeding in school zones continues to be a major concern and is being addressed
 - while crime/theft in our area has not been serious, home owners are encouraged to call the police if they notice suspicious people or activity in their area. They are also encouraged to keep cars, homes, sheds, etc., locked, and to engrave or photograph costly items.
 - Block Watch is very beneficial in fighting crime in your respective area.
 - Drug use is prevalent and is continues to be a serious cause of theft. Deaths from Fentanyl in B.C. in 2018 reached 1500. Residents are urged to avoid any physical contact with users of this potent drug. Dog owners must also protect their pets from hidden or discarded stashes.
 - He is highly concerned regarding schoolyard cleanup by the students. Disposed needles and Fentanyl residues are too big a risk for the students to handle.

Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes

Copies of the minutes were made available, and attendees were reminded that they are available on the website @ www.nnra.ca

Moved to accept by Don Stewart and seconded by Roy Spires. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report Lewis Vermeulen

Coastal Community Credit Union account: \$2836.80 Checking account
\$0.88 Savings account

Review of 2018 Activities

NNRA Board of Directors Meetings

March 1, 2018

November 7, 2018

December 4, 2018

RDN Functions:

March 15, 2018 Water Project Update Meeting

March 28, RDN Grant Program

May 1, Director's Interactive Forum

November 1, 2018, Let's Talk: Going Forward 2018-2022

Beach Access Update: (See Addendum Note at end of Minutes for background)

- Ongoing discussions with Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resources
- October 30, 2018 NNRA letter to Nick Donnelly, Senior Authorization Officer, Crown Land Authorizations
- November 20th, e-mail response from Nick Donnelly referring NNRA concerns to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and the RCMP.
- November 26th NNRA e-mail response to Nick Donnelly advising that response did not in any way address our concerns and that copies of recent correspondence were being sent to Ministry staff in Victoria.
- December 3, 2018, Regional Executive Director, Ministry Forest Lands & Natural Resources, West Coast Region, located in Nanaimo, forwards file to Enforcement Group in Port Alberni for review.

Liaison with Nanoose Fire Protection Society & Nanoose Volunteer Fire Dept.

--In 2009, Neil Watson, an NNRA Director at the time, was requested to join the Nanoose Fire Protection Society by George Holmes, RDN Director Area E, to represent the interests of our area.

--Neil has provided us with a "Brief Fire Summary Report for 2018. Copies are available.

Fairwinds Community Association

--We have been working with FCA directors over the past few years on a number of matters including the beach access issue.

--We have recently been advised by Crystal Ironside, current FCA President, that she will be leaving in April 2019.

Other Issues

Question was raised re the new traffic concern at the Franklin Gull /Northwest Bay intersection, now that the new subdivision thru road is open. Many members at the meeting shared this concern. It was noted that this was a City of Parksville traffic matter and that letters to Parksville City council would be appropriate. The NNRA agreed to help try and find a solution to this issue.

Election of Directors

The following indicated they would continue on the Board of Directors

Kirke MacMillan	David Jamieson
Lewis Vermeulen	Colin Springford
Michael Kosich	

New Directors appointed by the BOD:

Sonya Kwiatkowski	Stonelake Drive
Robin Phillips	Delanice Way

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM

Addendum Note:

The Northwest Nanoose Residents Association and the Fairwinds Community Association are not in favor of any commercial group activities occurring through any of the 66 Beach Accesses in Nanoose Bay that are located adjacent to or in close proximity of residential areas. We fully support the Regional District of Nanaimo's "MAY 2001, A PARKS AND OPEN SPACE PLAN FOR NAMOOSE BAY" recommendations regarding the intent and use of our Beach Accesses. We acknowledge that our Beach Accesses are open to the general public.