# NORTHWEST NANOOSE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS MEETING

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 14, 2018, 7:15 PK

1391 Madrona Drive

In Attendance: Not Available

Kirke MacMillan Mark Thomson

Michael Kosich Sherilene Chycoski

Colin Springford David Jamieson

Lewis Vermeulen

Call to Order: by Kirke at 7:20 pm

#### Approval of the 2017 AGM Minutes

The minutes are shown on the website <u>www.nnra.ca</u> No issues were evident and the minutes were approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Lewis reported that there is \$ 2808.71 in the account with the Coastal Credit Union.

A deposit of \$ 75 will be shown on the next statement due to sale of additional memberships at the AGM.

# **Beach Accesses:**

Kirke reviewed the information contained in the January 20, 2018 letter from Nick Donnelly, Sr. Authorization Officer, Crown Land Authorizations, FLNRORD to Osborne, General Manager of Recreation and Parks, RDN.

With regards to the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations "Land Use Operational Police Adventure Tourism, the key points contained in the letter have been summarized below:

Low-impact commercial activities such as kayaking and diving, may be considered to be incidental use under this policy and would not require formal tenure.

Appendix 1: Incidental Use for AT Guiding Purposes confirms that these activities will not require Tenure if **all** of the following conditions are met:

- Belong to the appropriate recognized provincial on national association for the incidental activity, or at minimum comply with best practices for the activity.
- Obtain the appropriate liability insurance for the proposed activity.
- Adhere to the Backcountry Recreation /Tourism Wildlife Guidelines
- Keep the group size to a maximum of 15 participants to minimize any damage to the environment and disturbance to wildlife
- Avoid popular public recreation/tourism areas and trails
- Construct no improvements: and
- Notify AT Tenure holders in writing of the proposed Incidental Use activity within a reasonable time frame.

Following a general discussion on the above information it was agreed that Kirke would write a letter to Nick Donnelly to see if he could confirm that Adventuress Sea Kayaking complies with all of the above conditions. Kirke will also follow up with Bob Rogers on the appropriate liability insurance issue.

The February 28, 2018 response from Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation, to our joint letter with Fairwinds Community Association dated December 8, 2017 was then discussed. The response from the Minister was somewhat confusing as it referred to "public access to the lake", however it did state that "Ministry staff will continue to work with the Regional District of Nanaimo and the residents of Nanoose community to manage the existing public access to water." It also provided a new contact, Mr. Stefan Yancey, the local operations manager, should we have any further questions.

It was agreed that Kirke would contact Crystal Ironside to discuss FCA'S reaction to the response and to explore a possible joint meeting with Mr. Stefan Yancey.

It was agreed that Kirke would obtain minutes of the February 7, 2017 Nanoose Bay Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee Meeting for NNRA Board circulation.

<u>Electoral Area E Water Projects Updating Meeting</u>, March 15, 2018. Nanoose Place at 6:30pm

Some of the board members indicated that they would attend the meeting

Emergency Services EXPO to be held by the RDN on April 28 at the QB Civic Centre

## Regional District Name Change

The board members present at the meeting expressed disapproval.

# RDN Community Grant Programs and Opportunities

Bob Rogers will be scheduling a meeting to discuss the above.

## New Business Issues

The Nanoose Fire Department may in the future come under pressure from the RDN to move towards having full time paid employees.

Adjourn: Approximately 8:45pm