

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association

Director's Meeting Minutes
1478 Madrona Dr., Nanoose Bay, B.C

October 24, 2024 @ 10:00 A.M.

Chairman's Call To Order: 10:38 A.M.

Roll Call For Quorum: Rudi Widdershoven, Rick Ehlers, Bill Marsh, Gina Marchi, Gerry Theberge, Wayne Stark.

Review/Approve Sep 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes: Moved by R. Ehlers, seconded by G. Theberge and unanimously approved, as circulated.

Treasurers Report: Bill Marsh reported \$302.54 in chequing, \$31.41 in savings and a \$4,000 one year GIC @ 2.75% maturing 09/25/25. Moved by Wayne Stark, seconded by Gina Marchi & unanimously approved, as presented.

Membership Report: Gerry Theberge reported no change since last report. Total membership 105, 1 guest member and 1 life member. Rick Ehlers, seconded by Gina Marchi & unanimously approved, as presented.

Priority Committee Reports

#1) Property Taxes: Discussion:

- No RDN budget reduction without a petition.
- Gerry Theberge reviewed attempts to reach out to other organizations with little response.
- Bill Marsh queried status of linked calendar...Wayne suggested holding off given the lack of response from other organizations.
- Wayne Stark suggested changing outreach to web based information. Formalize coalition re: excessive taxation and RDN lack of process on web site, Facebook, radio shows, meetings

#2) Water: (Rudi/Neil/Gina) No update.

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#3) Beach Accesses: See Attachment #1

#4) Pools in Oceanside: Rudi advised the RDN is now requesting a referendum to borrow \$30M.

#5) Sign Boards: (Gina/Neil) Nil Report

Old Business: Steve & Paula Chase- Hold pending further developments.

New Business: Provincial Hospital costs now representing significant property tax increases and thus to now be included Property Tax Committee's realm of analysis and discussion. Hospital funding: we are disputing the stated 40% funding model for RDN taxpayers resulting in possible 120% tax increase in next 5 years. Delay development? Spread costs over entire north Island?

Attend RDN Meetings:

November 1 – reviewing agenda

November 5 – Review agenda

- Wayne Stark - Presentation to French Creek Board

- Meet with other associations October 28, 29 (to be confirmed)

-Book meetings with community leaders

Correspondence & Communications: None

Board Member Holidays: Rick Ehlers – November 1-4, 7-11, 25-30

Neil Watson- Nov 14 -21, Jan 18 -Feb 18.

Rudi Widdershoven – October 29 – November 12, December 18-27

Gerry Theberge – February 1-28

Next Meeting: November 19, 2024 10:00 a.m. @ Rudi Widdershoven's.

Motion To Adjourn: 11:42 Gina Marchi, seconded by Gerry Theberge and unanimously approved.

Attachment #1
2024 NNRA #3 Priority
Beach Accesses #E-54 to #E-66

Summary & 2024 Closing Report.
09/28/24

Background:

Priority status and effort was granted by NNRA BOD based towards members residing adjacent to these Provincial Rights-Of Way administered by MOTI. Some of these residents were experiencing danger trees, significant windfall and invasive species effecting their properties.

Contact established with local MOTI reps who advised they have no mandate or provincial directive to attend to such matters.

During this time, it was learned the RDN was also studying these seemingly orphaned provincial crown lands exploring their potential use for promoting: #1) water sports #2) their connectivity as inter-tidal hiking trails between accesses.

Actions Taken involving MOTI: All available adjacent property owners contacted to verify & discuss any concerns or threats to their properties. Many were found.

A self-help "who do you call" guide was prepared & provided to adjacent residents in the event of a problem.

Certain adjacent property owners were met seeking NNRA advocacy on their behalf. Local MOTI Reps contacted on their behalf with no further response from MOTI.

Conclusion: MOTI has a well documented & practiced policy *to not become involved* with these orphaned crown lands mandated amongst residential neighborhoods. James Miskulin & Cindy Corner from **MOTI, Nanaimo** have demonstrated they are, **at best; obstinate, non-responsive & uncaring.** No progress to a more satisfactory end believed possible from this "stonewalling" provincial ministry. Any impact of a potential change in government to be re-visited in early 2025.

Actions Taken Involving RDN: Communication with Bob Rogers, as Chairman of POSAC, has occurred primarily as fact finding to RDN's recreational promotional intent. Initial strategies of a collaborative approach by NNRA with POSAC has slowly digressed to a non-supportive NNRA position. Attendance to a June 12th POSAC meeting confirmed, ratified their intent and NNRA concerns.

Conclusion: RDN has now received NNRA's official response of "non-support" of any "promotional upgrading" of selected beach access(s), see attached.

RDN; Monitoring and attendance at upcoming POSAC meetings deemed prudent. Next POSAC meeting Nov 13th, 2024.

MOTI; Re-visited diary January 15, 2025.

Working File & All Supporting Documentation held by Neil Watson and passed on to successive Secretary of NNRA, in due course. Note; Retired Director, Diane Springford was instrumental at bringing this file forward to its current level and will be called upon in 2025, if necessary, due to her personal interests.

