

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: September 8, 2008

Place: Goward House

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Irene Stewart.
2. **Present:** Irene Stewart, Bill Dancer, Brenda Paré, Keren Graham, Dave Lynn, Mona Goode, John Sawka.
Absent: Dave Lynn, Eric Dahli, Paul Starita, Peter Eckard, Leah Kinarthy.

Guests: Harry Drage

- 3.1 **Agenda Approval:** Board Approved Agenda as presented
- 3.2 **Approval of previous minutes.** John Sawka moved to accept minutes of June 8, 2008, seconded by Keren Graham.
3. **Haro Woods Park Initiative Update – Harry Drage:**

Harry updated the Board with the Haro Woods Park Initiative.

Harry mentioned that there were over 1,000 names on the petition to have Haro Woods designated as a park from the community residents. The petition was presented to the Mayor in April.

Harry advised the CRD has 1st option to purchase and has exchanged money between the CRD and QA for their parcel of land representing 1/2 of the site. The Mayor has advised that the Saanich portion of Haro Woods will be covenanted as public park land.

Harry asked the Board how the Board might envision pulling all three parties (UofVic, QA, and Saanich together to discuss greenspace and a master plan for maintaining Haro Woods. His suggestion was also that the topic of Haro Woods might be beneficial to bring up at the All Candidates Meeting scheduled in November.

It was recommended that we keep the sewage issue separate from the park initiative issue.

Harry suggested the Board respond to the Mayor's letter received in response to the petition by outlining our actions with respect to engaging stewardship and partnered initiatives to support and maintain Haro Woods as a park. Saanich is looking for partnership as they do not have the funds or resources to fully support another Saanich community park. Harry will bring a proposal and action plan forward for the Board's consideration in responding to the Mayor

John thanked Harry on behalf of the Board for all his hard work on this project.

Harry mentioned there is also a website “Save Harowoods.ca “for interested parties to view.

4. **Executive Reports**

President’s report

Irene presented the Board with an email from Jason Fox (Citta Construction) who is requesting our support for re-zoning of his client’s property on Ten Mile Point. Rezoning from RS-16 to RS-12 is requested to accommodate retention of an existing “heritage” shed with the addition of a possible new separate garage. The shed would have to come down in lieu of a new garage building if the property is not rezoned. The Board re-iterated their approach to rezoning which is consistent with Policy 7.2 of our Local Area Plan. Rezoning is not supported in the LAP and if supported would be precedence setting Irene will respond with the Board’s position

Irene received an update from BC Transit re their route expansion. The expansion has been implemented and the new services will commence in the fall through Cadboro Bay Village.

Irene presented a letter from Pamela Morgan, a resident in Cadboro Bay. Her concerns were the bus stops and cross walks in her neighborhood. Pamela had forwarded a letter to Saanich and received an unfavorable response indicating that they are unable to provide a crossing at Dawe Street due to lack of public crossings at this time for this particular location.

Irene presented an offer from the University Speakers Bureau to the board. They have offered to come and speak on various subject matters. The board received this invitation positively and felt this would be beneficial to network with UofVic and proceed with this opportunity.

Irene also presented an offer from UofVic Business Law Clinic. They have offered their services to provide legal council to CBRA. The board agreed that this would be helpful going forward with some of the larger issues in the community.

Irene passed around a poster on the upcoming Climate Change Forum to be held at Spectrum School September 17th 7:30 – 9:30pm. This is to be posted on the community board.

Irene reported that the new Official Community Plan is now ready at Saanich. John will pick up copies for the Board members.

Vice President's report

No report at this time

Treasurer's report

Bill reported that there is a current balance of approx \$10,000 in the bank. Dues of \$2,020.00 have been collected and donations of \$360.00 have been gratefully received.

Bill presented the Board with detailed current expenditures

Secretary's Report

Brenda reported that she has made attempts to contact Jackie Horton to obtain the secretarial documents and AGM minutes without success. Brenda will try to reach Jackie through her business. Brenda also mentioned to the board that the draft of the minutes were sent out in due time, however they were not approved until the evening prior to the current meeting. Going forward minutes will be sent to the President for proofing and emailed to members of the Board well in advance of the monthly meetings. The agenda will also be sent out in advance by the President, Irene Stewart.

5. Committee reports

Membership

Dave reported that we have 202 members to date.

UVIC Liason

No report at this time. Eric Dahli was representing the CBRA at the Saanich Council Meeting. Next meeting at U of Vic is scheduled for September 25th.

Trails & Parks

Bill reported that the group meets twice a week; Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bill also acknowledged how pleased the group was with the new Saanich Parks Urban Forester, Corey Manton who has taken the time to come out on site, The Board was invited to volunteer their time to physically assist with the invasive plant clean up of Konucksen Park.

Emergency Preparedness

Bill reported that the committee did not meet over the summer and would be commencing their meetings September 9th at 7pm at Goward House.

Newsletter

Irene reported that Leah has finished a graphic artist course which will be beneficial to the production of the quarterly newsletter. Leah has advised Irene that all submissions should be made to Leah by October 10th to be proofed and edited for November 1st distribution. Mona will approach the retailers in Cadboro Bay Village to purchase advertising in the newsletter. John will also be including Notice of the upcoming All Candidates Meeting in this issue of the newsletter.

SCAN

John reported that he would like to propose that we look at supporting the notion of SCAN having a new mandate as one entity representing all associations on issues that cross reference to everyone in Saanich. The current mandate of Scan is as a forum for representatives from each Residents Association primarily to discuss and exchange ideas amongst each other and report back to their respective boards. The new mandate proposed is “one force, one unit, supporting each association when they need support. The new mandate would allow SCAN to take a position on issues with council. The Board had a brief discussion regarding John’s proposals and decided to let him go back to the SCAN meetings and come forward with a formal proposal and update the Board once his meetings resume this fall.

6. Old Business

Traffic calming issue was brought up by Irene and was suggested that a sub committee be formed to work on these concerns to the community. It was suggested that we include in the newsletter, an invitation to the residents of the community to participate on this committee.

Irene advised that the CBRA website is badly in need of updating. She would appreciate input to community events and current issues as well as other content suggestions.

Bill mentioned that we have not officially decided as a Board to support the Saanich Civic League.

Motion: To support the Saanich Civic League and pay a membership fee of \$75.00 for the CBRA. Moved by Brenda Paré, Seconded by Keren Graham.

Board moved to accept the motion, with the exception of John Sawka.

John announced the dates of the All Candidates Meeting being hosted by CBRA.

Date: Wednesday November 12th, 7 – 9pm at Queenswood Centre

It was agreed that the bulk of the advertising of the meeting would take place after the Federal Election October 14th. Advertising will take place in the Saanich News as well as the UofVic Marlette. Mona will provide the schools and retailers in the village, flyers /notices of the All Candidates Meeting.

John asked for volunteers to be at the centre by 5pm to assist with the set up.

Irene will update the Board contact lists in the next meeting agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm