

## CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

### Minutes: Special Board Meeting #2

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: June 1, 2009

Place: Goward House

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Irene Stewart.
2. **Present:** Irene Stewart, Bill Dancer, Brenda Paré, Dave Lynn, Eric Dahli, John Sawka, Peter Eckard, Leah Kinarthy, Mona Goode, Elizabeth Borek, Anke Venema, Deborah Dickson, Harry Drage, David Langley  
**Guest:** Janette Loveys: CRD Parks Manager, Community Development & Visitor Services

### 3.1 **Introductory Remarks**

President Irene Stewart expressed concerns that the Sewage Treatment issue is taking over all the other community duties and work of the CBRA. She mentioned that there are other issues that must be dealt with such as reviewing the CBRA constitution and land use issues. The board was reminded that the Sewage Treatment issue is to be decided by the citizens of Cadboro Bay and they are to make the final decisions. The board was reminded that the CBRA attempts to look at the “bigger picture” and perhaps should not expend all its time and resources on a single topic. The CBRA board was asked to think carefully about its role within the community and to be careful not to compromise this role.

### 3.2 **Welcome to Guest** : Janette Loveys

Janette Loveys currently has 2 jobs at the CRD- She is the manager of Community Development and Parks and is working with the CRD in a new public engagement program. Previously she has done public engagement work in Ontario for the city of Guelph. She is aware that decisions on sewage treatment will be made by the CRD board at their meeting at 8 am on June 2, 2009 and the decisions made will give the CRD the authority to move forward.

### 3.3 **Questions**

Janette was asked to clarify the purpose of the CRD meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> .

The meeting's purpose was to determine initial sitings for sewage treatment plants. It was asked why the format for the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting had changed. It was mentioned that there has been confusion as to the number of plants- 1 or 2 or 5 plants and that the CRD needs to clarify and make a series of recommendations. It was mentioned that the East Saanich proposal is 1.5 hectares and a possible location for a sewage treatment plant. Janette clarified her role as to public engagement and that she is not an engineer and therefore cannot answer technical questions. She referred technical questions to Dwayne Kalunchuk (CRD Engineer). It was suggested that there is

confusion whether there will be 3 or 5 plants and the meeting on June 11<sup>th</sup> appears to have no public engagement around those options.

It was suggested that the public engagement could be a workshop format within the context of neighbourhood advisory groups. Would the workshop format have neighbourhood influence or would it be only as a consultation? Janette suggested that CBRA members could look on the CRD website for the public engagement report. It was stated that a Saanich East plant is suggested in all 3 options presented by the CRD. What options are available as to the sitings and will they be decided on June 2<sup>nd</sup>? Janette responded that there will be public engagement and that potential siting locations will be brought forward.

Is the CRD receptive to changing the format of the June 11<sup>th</sup> meeting? It was mentioned that the perception for many is a lack of transparency and public consultation by the CRD. It was suggested that the CRD consultation at this point in time was not acceptable. CBRA members felt that the public would benefit from a question and answer period. Therefore, a Town Hall meeting format has been requested.

Janette responded that the June 11<sup>th</sup> format and date were no longer applicable at this point in time. A CBRA board member mentioned that there is a need for widespread education workshops and more open houses. Janette felt that an Open House format would provide the public with more information than a Town Hall forum. The Open House would have visual information and architectural drawings. So far, 2 locations have been scheduled for CRD Open House programs to inform local residents – located in Cadboro Bay and Gordon Head towards the end of June.

Janette was asked to report the opinions of the CBRA and the results of this meeting to the CRD. Janette suggested that there be one person officially responsible for communication. She responded to questions about the CRD protocol that their board can overrule the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) but that the CRD would not overrule the committee's recommendations.

**A town hall format** was determined to be the best opportunity for the facts on the proposed sitings of sewage treatment plants to be presented to local residents. A lengthy discussion followed as to the proposed Town Hall meeting, date, time and format. It was suggested that the Town Hall meeting should have a plan and presentation format. Sample questions for the Town Hall meeting were proposed for example; Why is there a plant proposed for Saanich East? Why is Haro Woods selected to be a potential site? Could there be a better site that would decrease the flow to Clover Point? It was mentioned by that there is a feeling of disempowerment and that it is pervasive throughout the community. The public consultation by the CRD to date was mentioned to be "pathetic" and that an information session at the end of the month may possibly be sped up. It was also mentioned that the CRD did not answer questions and needs to consult with the immediate neighbours in the potential siting areas. It was also mentioned that First Nations should be consulted. It was mentioned that the CRD has a backwards

public consultation process- squeezed in too short a time. Timelines have been changed by the CRD but that final decisions have to be made by December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**Key decisions and Open House** schedules with dates are currently on the CRD website. Janette endorses the work plans of the CRD consultants with timelines. Key decisions are on the CRD website and must be endorsed. It was suggested by a CBRA board member to put key decisions in chronological order on the CRD website. More technical information would be available by contacting the CALWM Committee. Janette suggested that the CBRA develop any technical questions and direct them to Judy Brownoff ( Chair of the CALWMC).

Janette was thanked for her attendance and it was mentioned that the CBRA and the entire executive attended the meeting which demonstrates the importance of the Sewage Treatment issue in the Cadboro Bay community. Janette left the meeting at 7:45pm.

**Identify Next Steps:** It was suggested that the CBRA determine the format for a Town Hall meeting and to have a neutral moderator present at the meeting.

**MOTION:** Debra Dickson motioned that a letter from the CBRA be distributed to the CRD board members on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 outlining a Town Hall meeting proposal followed up by attendance at the June 10<sup>th</sup> CRD meeting.

Seconded by Mona

Motion Carried unanimously.

A lengthy discussion followed as to the format for a Town Hall meeting. It was determined that there should be a series of key questions and that there should be CRD engineering present to answer technical questions. It was suggested to have Saanich Council members and CRD board members attend.

**MOTION:** Leah Kinarthy motioned “We request qualified personnel from the CRD board members and for those qualified representatives to attend a CBRA Town Hall meeting based on a series of questions developed by the CBRA board to answer a series of additional questions from the floor.

Seconded by Eric

4 in favour

5 opposed

motion defeated

**Amendment** proposed by Anke Venema

To request the chair of the CALWMC attend a Town Hall meeting as above

Mona seconded

Unanimous

Motion passed with amendment

It was suggested that the Town Hall format be conducted as an information session and that CBRA would provide a moderator. The presentation would address a seated

audience with opportunities for questions- repeated by a moderator. An audio visual presentation, a sign in sheet and an exit survey was suggested. A venue was discussed and the availability of audio visual equipment.

**ACTION:** It was decided to have a CBRA board member create 10 pertinent questions for the Town Hall meeting.

**ACTION:** It was asked that sufficient notice be presented by the CRD for the Town Hall meeting to be held in June.

**ACTION:** A letter will go out to the CRD on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> and will be delivered to the CLAWMC for the Town Hall meeting request to be included in their agenda. A draft copy of the letter will be sent to the CBRA board for input and approvals.

**MOTION:** John Sawka motioned- A letter will be sent to Saanich Council to invite members to the Town Hall meeting presented by the CRD and the CBRA.

Seconded by Elizabeth

Passed unanimously

Informing the public with media contacts was briefly discussed. The point was made that it is important to inform the media with one voice- with Irene as the media contact for the CBRA. It was decided to table discussions on media outreach, newsletter and publicity until the CBRA board meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm