

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Special Board Meeting

Time: 7:00 pm

Date: June 29, 2009

Place: Goward House

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Irene Stewart.
2. **Present:** Irene Stewart, Bill Dancer, Leah Kinarthy, Elizabeth Borek, Deborah Dixon, Anke Venema, Mona Goode, Dave Lynn, Eric Dahli
Absent: John Sawka, Peter Eckard, Brenda Pare
3. **Guests:** Harry Drage; David Landley Sewer Sub Committee members.

4. **Order of Business**

A. Residents Association Role and Responsibilities.

The President considered the major role of the Association was to keep residents informed on issues that may have an impact on the neighborhood. Its responsibilities were to take actions in the best interest of the community including members and non-members of the Association in situations and to deal with issues in an impartial manner. The Board was largely in agreement with the role of the Association. A long brisk debate followed on whether the Boards present and past actions have been in the best interests of the residents and therefore the Board was not meeting its responsibilities.

The key issues in this debate directly related to the accommodation of residents and format of the June 22 meeting.

Report on June 22 Meeting

The Sewage Treatment Outreach Committee (Directors Borek , Dixon and Goode) reported: Although CRD staff had been notified more than once that resident turnout for this meeting would be extremely high and had been asked to accommodate a very high turnout, an estimated 250 – 300 people had been turned away from the meeting by CRD staff. CRD staff in blue uniforms turned away many residents in their cars at the entrance to the property and their names and contact information had not been recorded. Many other residents were turned away at the entrance to the building but their contact information had been recorded so that they could be notified of additional meetings . Although CRD advertising for this meeting did not require residents to register, CRD staff justified turning away 250 – 300 people on the basis the residents had not registered for the meeting. About 25 - 30 people were admitted immediately prior to the meeting and a few seats remained empty during the meeting. A second major event was an announcement by Janette Lovey at the beginning of the meeting that, contrary to CBRA advertising, this was not a town hall format meeting. The Outreach Committee had advertised a town hall meeting based on a statement by the President that senior CRD

bureaucrat Dwayne Kalynchuk had agreed in early June that the meeting would take a town hall format

Harry Drage explained that he had attended the June 22nd Workshop and participated in the Q and A session. He did not consider it to be a Town Hall session as break out sessions were held concurrently so that not all residents could participate in the Q and A session and alternatively not all residents could participate in the breakout session. He said questions in the Q and A session were limited to one per person. He said the two additional workshops would not help this situation as attendees at the 22nd Workshop could not register for these additional Workshops.

Bill Dancer said he had participated in the breakout session. The format had six residents around each of a series of tables with a facilitator. Residents were asked to comment on the three sites identified individually and to list the pros and cons. They were also asked to identify any site not identified that they felt should be looked at. Finally, they were asked to raise any question or concern they may have of the overall sewerage project. Verbal input was recorded on flip charts and the CRD Question form could be filled out if you wished to do so. Bill explained that, at his table, opinions and concerns were varied.

A strong debate followed involving in the main the following points. Did the June 22nd CRD Workshop deliver what was expected as a result of previous discussions between the Board and CRD regarding a Town Hall format Q and A? Did the June 22nd CRD Workshop meet the intent of the motion passed at the CRBA AGM of May 11th that the CBRA ask CRD for a Town Hall format public meeting? Was it the lack of clarity by the CRD regarding registration and CRD failure to adequately plan for a very large turnout that caused so many people to be turned away from the meeting? Did the actions taken by the Board in advertising the CRD Workshop cause confusion among residents as to the intent of the CRD Workshop and therefore was an apology from the Board to either the CRD or the residents required? Was it the responsibility of CBRA to advertise "Registration Required", or was it even appropriate for CBRA to do so while CRD was advertising "Registration Requested"?

The Board remained divided on all points. Directors Goode and Dixon left the meeting @ 8:30. Director Goode returned @ 8:45. Director Dahli left the meeting @ 9:00

C. Remaining scheduled CRD workshops

Discussion centred on the two additional workshops that earlier in the day the CRD had advertised on their website. The Workshops were scheduled for July 7th and 9th with a registration deadline of July 1st. It was noted that, again as in notices for the June 22 meeting, CRD notices said "Registration Requested", not "Registration Required", inviting the same unfortunate set of circumstances that occurred June 22. The board noted that the registration deadline was extremely tight particularly July 1st being a public holiday. It was suggested that the President contact CRD to see if the deadline could be extended given the first meeting was on July 7th.

Following this discussion the following motions were proposed.

Proposed by Director Venema Seconded by Director Lynn

Motion: The CRD be asked to extend its registration deadline and to accommodate the CBRA's request to have a full participation Q and A session, that the following be posted on the Village notice board and the CBRA website: "To accommodate those residents who were unable to attend the CRD's first Workshop on June 22nd, there are now two further Workshops at Emmanuel Baptist Church 2121 Cedar Hill X Road on July 7th and the Queenswood Centre 2494 Arbutus Road on July 9th. REGISTRATION FOR BOTH WORKSHOPS IS REQUIRED by July 1. Registration can be made on line on the CRD website or by calling Heather Raines at 250-360-3001. The CBRA encourages all residents to register to attend one or the other of these Workshops and make your opinion known in regard sewerage system siting. NOTE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED" Motion passed.

Proposed by Director Goode Seconded by Director Dancer.

Motion: When a Board vote is taken the names of Directors both for and against a motion and those absent be recorded when so requested by a director. Motion passed

Proposed by Director Goode Seconded by Director Borek.

Motion: The President ask the CRD in writing to have the Workshops of July 7th and 9th accommodate a Town Hall format/Qand A session involving all attendees present and then proceed with separate breakout sessions. Motion Passed unanimously.

D. New Business:

The President was concerned that Board members e-mails had been circulated to member of the Core Area Liquid Waste Water Management Committee and action was needed. Director Goode while agreeing that this matter was of concern, felt that all incidents involving Board members should be dealt with in a consistent and fair manner. Board members felt that this item should not be dealt with at the end of a long tiring meeting.

Proposed by Director Goode and Seconded by Director Lynn

Motion: That all correspondence including e-mails between Board members concerning Board business must be kept in strict confidence until the Ethics Committee reviews the subject. Motion Passed unanimously.

David Langley reminded the Board that the final site selections are made as a result of a triple bottom line process (Financial, Environmental and Social). Since Haro Woods site is the least cost option there would have to be a good case made regarding environmental and social aspects of the triple bottom line.

E. Meeting Adjourned 9:50.

