

## CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Minutes: Regular Board Meeting  
Time: 6:30 P.M.  
Date: October 13, 2009  
Place: Goward House

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Dave Lynn

Present: Dave Lynn, Brenda Pare, Peter Eckard, John Sawka, Anke Venema,  
Mona Goode, Bill Dancer, Elizabeth Borek  
Absent: Irene Stewart, Eric Dahli, Deborah Dixon

Agenda: Agenda was amended and approved.

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Director Goode moved the Board approve the following minutes:

May 20, 2009  
June 1, 2009  
June 8, 2009  
June 29, 2009  
September 14, 2009  
Email Vote of October 6, 2009

Seconded by Director Pare  
Carried – Unanimous

Treasurers Report

Director Dancer reported the only change was the payment of the membership fee to Volunteer Victoria. We are paid to June, 2010.

Director Dancer will approach Saanich for the annual operational grant.

Reports of Standing Committees and Subcommittees

### 1. Emergency Preparedness Committee

Director Dancer reported the kiosk has been painted at a cost of \$33.89 for paint. Radios have yet to be purchased for EP.

The Committee is currently working on an exercise revolving around caretakers.

The Committee plans to participate more actively in the 2010 Cadboro Bay Festival with a little demonstration and inform residents of the progress and accomplishments of the Emergency Preparedness program in our community.

## 2. SCAN Report

Director Sawka reported: Focus of the meeting was the secondary suite issue. Guest speaker was Vivian Smith of Home Suite Home who reported the issues as follows:

- a) Single and/or elderly women represent the highest percentage of single occupancy dwellers.
- b) Legal issues: A landlord cannot refuse tenancy for arbitrary reasons, and eviction is a difficult and lengthy process, perhaps especially difficult for very elderly females.
- c) Secondary suites represent infill housing which creates more traffic and more cars.

Director Sawka was told CBRA was opposed to legalized secondary suites although CBRA has never taken such a position.

## 3. Traffic Committee

Director Eckard reported mobility, safety, and pedestrian unfriendly are all challenges on Tudor Avenue. One proposed amenity is the construction of a sidewalk or path.. However, terrain is difficult and the cost is prohibitive. A path may be a cost effective, acceptable alternative to the sidewalk. Saanich requires residents' approval and neighbors to pay for one half the cost. Roundabouts slow down traffic and also facilitate pedestrian crossing. Haro & Arbutus would benefit from a round about. A discussion highlighted two points: Not all residents are in favor of sidewalk or path on Tudor and there may be insufficient space at Haro & Arbutus to build a round about. Saanich must receive a formal proposal prior to February because the budget is set in February.

Director Sawka moved the Traffic Committee put together their proposal to improve traffic safety which they would put forward to Saanich and present to the board for review. The proposal is to include a poll of residents regarding a path.

Director Pare seconded the motion.

Motion Approved – Unanimous

## 4. Fact Finding Committee

The Fact Finding Committee presented their report in camera.

## 5. Sewage Subcommittee

Director Dancer reported the highlights of the Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee (CALWMC) meeting of Oct. 7, 2009:

- i) Four citizen presentations were made to CALWMC, all opposed to siting a plant in Haro Woods and/or the entire project. Presentations were made

by Bill Dancer on behalf of CBRA, Dr. Shawn Peck, Deborah Dixon, David Langley and Elizabeth Borek

- ii) CRD must submit a business plan complete with specific sites and environmental survey no later than December 31, 1009.
- iii) The sites were all ranked on the triple bottom line; i.e., cost, social and environmental; and there was virtually no difference in the total ranking between the different sites.
- iv) Despite the virtually equal ranking of all sites, CRD staff is recommending Haro Woods be the chosen site for a large treatment plant. CRD staff proposed the Saanich portion of Haro Woods be used because of existing facilities, such as tanks, already existing there. Staff proposed CRD trade its portion of Haro Woods for Saanich's portion of Haro Woods. CRD staff was instructed to contact Saanich to ascertain the availability of the Saanich portion of Haro Woods for a treatment plant.
- v) After questioning CRD staff and Chair, CALWMC admitted U Vic has never been formally approached to determine if there was a site on U Vic grounds that would produce benefits to both U Vic and CRD. U Vic has asked CRD what the CRD wants but CRD staff has never responded. CRD staff was instructed to formally approach U Vic.
- vi) CRD member Desjardins of Esquimalt served notice to the CALWMC that Esquimalt will likely join the ranks of Colwood and Langford in withdrawing from the CRD's plan to treat sewage because they disagree with the plan being presented by CRD staff.
- vii) Staff was instructed to move forward with the environmental assessment of Haro Woods required by the province prior to designating it as a site.
- viii) Effectively, Haro Woods is one step closer to being a sewage treatment site although it has not been formally designated.

Director Borek recognized absent Director Dixon for her role in alerting the Board of the CALWMC meeting and assuring a CBRA presentation.

During discussion Director Borek reported Saanich Counselor and CRD member Bryce requested confirmation from CRD staff that it was the responsibility of Saanich administrative staff, rather than Saanich Council, to decide and approve the Saanich owned portion of Haro Woods would be used as a sewage treatment site. Mr. Kalynchuk replied the decision to approve Saanich Haro Woods must come before Saanich Council. Director Borek produced a copy of a petition of approximately 1,000 signatures presented to Mayor, Saanich in May, 2008, petitioning Saanich to rezone Haro Woods and designate it Saanich Park – Public Parkland.

Saanich Counselor and CRD member Derman is advocating a U Vic site with state of the art technology and resource recovery.

Counselor Goode moved CBRA make a presentation to Mayor and Saanich Counsel making the following points:

- 1) Citizens/taxpayers do not want a sewage treatment plant in Haro Woods, either in the Saanich or in the CRD portion of Haro, as evidenced by the petition presented to Mayor in 2008 with about 1,000 signatures.
- 2) CBRA supports a site on U Vic grounds as it will facilitate technological innovation and resource recovery.
- 3) Saanich ask CRD to give to Saanich the CRD portion of Haro Woods in return for CRD use of the Saanich portion of Haro Woods for the existing tanks and pipes.
- 4) Saanich then designate and zone the entire Haro Woods as Public Parkland.

Director Pare seconded the motion.

Motion Passed – Directors Borek, Goode, Venema, Sawka. And Pare in Favor  
Directors Eckard and Dancer Abstained

Action: Director Dancer will prepare a draft presentation to submit to Saanich to be reviewed by the Board.

Director Goode recommended CBRA, via the CBRA- U Vic Liaison Committee, promote a U Vic site for sewage treatment stressing the environmental advantages. VP Lynn volunteered to contact absent Director Dahli, who is a member of the Liaison Committee, to that effect.

#### 6. By Laws Committee

Director Goode stated she will report the progress of the Committee at the next meeting.

#### 7. Land Use Committee

Director Borek had nothing to report but asked each board member to email her with what the most important issue was in their opinion.

The Board requested Director Borek report the important issues in the Institutional Lands process currently in progress.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Pursuant to the discussion re a sewage treatment site, Director Borek moved John Sawka, on behalf of CBRA, contact Don Gunn, President of Gordon Head Resident's Association to arrange a meeting between our two organizations for the purpose of creating a united front to move the treatment site to U Vic.

Director Goode seconded the motion.

Motion Passed – Unanimous

2. Director Eckard formally presented his plans for development of his property at 2590 Arbutus Road and asked for the Board's feedback. His goal in developing this property is to not only save the original house but to create a new residence which embodies the concept of small footprint, low impact and density which is in keeping with the surrounding properties. He advised he has presented his proposal to all of his

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neighbors who has shown no interest, and after adjusting his plans to accommodate their feedback, Mr. Eckard has the unanimous support of his neighbors with the exception of the one neighbor who had no interest in speaking to him.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 p.m.