

# **SSPORA BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 2022**

**In attendance:** David Kerk, Betty Price, Bruce deConinckSmith, Jo Dunn,  
Peter Staton.

**With Regrets:** Iain Donaldson, Nigel Gray, Nancy Westwood.

**Item #1** **Revised sspora Constitution and By-Laws**

Jo Dunn made revisions to the constitution from where we left off at the end of January's meeting. Section 3.13 through to section 5.15 were amended.

Regarding the section dealing with voting by proxy:

Betty Price volunteered to create a form that would be used by members wishing to send in a proxy vote.

Board members will attempt to complete the remaining constitutional updates during the March meeting.

**Item #2** **Community Improvement Project suggestions**

Betty and Peter submitted the following enhancement suggestions for Maple Lane Park:

Benches, picnic tables, and on site storage facility, an open air shelter, a fenced tennis/pickleball court.

Funding opportunities could include grants, RDN Parks and fund raising.

Dave Kerk will have information regarding the Mine Road Dyke and Estuary Boardwalk for our March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Item # 3** **Possible reference materials for SSPORA webpage inclusion:**

The board members made the decision to have David Kerk post on the SSPORA website all the information supplied in Julie Pisani's email regarding stewardship in the Englishman River Watershed. The information would supply community members with links to access volunteer opportunities and pertinent information about the watershed. Julie Pasani is the Drinking Water and Watershed Protection Program Coordinator. David will also include a link to the Stream keeper's website.

David Kerk reported the website pay button is being activated and the website will go live soon.

David also reported he has purchased the services of an email supplier by the name of Zoho Mail. The cost of \$15.00 was a promotional offer for two users for the year, which David personally paid. This will enable the routing of emails sent to the website to be dispersed to separated files. For example: Membership, Subscribe, Info, Etransfer.

#### **Item #4**

#### **Other Business**

Jo Dunn reported he had spoken to Leanne Wallace and was told the highway 19A upgrade in our area will probably be pushed back due to expenses the Department of Highways is facing because of the devastation to a number of the provincial roads.

Leanne also commented on the cost of maintaining the garbage can near the corner of San Malo and Mariner. \$1,800.00 a year comes out of our parks budget for that garbage can. That money could possibly be spent in a better place.

#### **Adjourned 8:15**

Note added upon revision (reported by Betty Price):

I would just like to add a short report on a meeting I attended with the Parks Advisory Board as follows.

Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February with the RDN representatives and the Parks Advisory Board. I had the opportunity to request that the RDN remove the surplus fencing left at the San Malo Park. This was agreed.

I also requested that if there are people who would like to donate a bench in honour to their loved ones that the Maple Lane Park could also be considered. This was agreed.