

SSPORA AGM June 25th 2019 Minutes

Knox United Church, Parksville, B.C. 7:00 PM

Call to order by Roy Alexander, Chair 7:00 PM

Call for additions to Agenda: Financial Reporting to be added to agenda after approval of 2018 minutes.

Approve Minutes from 2018 AGM: correction to speed noted as 70 km to 60 km. Discussion: changes to speed limits will require the support of RDN & RCMP, both have been reticent. Motion to accept with correction: by J Dunn Seconded: _Bill Barnett

Treasury Report was given by Joe Dunn. Motion to approve Financial Report carried

Made by: J Dunn Seconded: Peter Staton

Motion to Set Annual General Meeting for 3rd Thursday in June

Made by: Jo Dunn Seconded: Peter Staton

Motion to change fiscal year to July 1st to June 20th

Made by: Jo Dunn Seconded: Peter Staton

Election of Directors All current directors standing

David Kerk Nominated as director, Seconded by Jo Dunn - approved

Gratitude to the late Clarke Gourley for his support of San Pareil initiatives by working to reinstate funding for Maple Lane Park and for assisting us to pressure a solution to the Plummer Road Highway exit problem . Condolences to his family and friends.

Highway Exit and Studies

Currently the MOT has engineers surveying and developing a simpler design to address the issues with the Plummer Road issues. This summer the increasing traffic congestion was also noted in Parksville as traffic to turn into San Pareil from Parksville became backed up to the bridge blocking traffic leaving the city.

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The first plan by RDN created over the past two year was subsequently declared to be too expensive. Funding has been secured for a safety study again, with SSPORA representatives requesting that proposed plans include a cost estimate. Currently, RDN is reviewing a less expensive option of re-routing southbound traffic to Resort Way and removing the 'pin-ball slot' dynamic resulting from vehicles darting out from the log cabin store exit. This was one of our original suggestions. Installing delineators on the existing south-bound turning lane on the highway is also being considered. There is very little to no chance of getting a light for our intersection in the foreseeable future, although traffic pressure continues to increase. SSPORA will hold a community meeting with MOT specific to the Highway issue when engineers complete. Our MLA has given us good support and pressured Hiway Minister to advance this.

Questions/Comments

Q.:A member asked why we need to know the cost at the planning stage. The reasoning is to try to avoid what happened previously, and give our MPS and representatives leverage to advocate for the costs to be included in budgets. Also what would the delineators be?

Discussion: This is currently under consideration by the Highway department engineers.

Q: Will the narrowness of Plummer Road also be part of the discussion?

Discussion: Directors have consistently pushed for these improvements. This is a separate issue from the Highway plan, but is a serious problem that should be addressed. Increased use by pedestrians and cyclers on stretches of the road is creating a potentially dangerous situation. The challenges in widening the road are many, including private land ownership. SSPORA and residents have been contacting the MOT to pressure for more frequent cutting of the grass along the side of the road so that there is a space for people to move over to, as well as increase visibility.

Q: Ramp from Bridge to Plummer :Another concern raised is the high speed of young cyclists coming down the ramp from the bridge to shot out onto Plummer. One interim solution suggested was to have a warning sign at the top of the path at minimum.

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Maple Lane Park

Parks had removed funding for improvements to the Maple Lane Park. This has now been reinstated. Maple Lane is slated to receive \$30,000 for this year and a total of \$80,000 over the next five years for improvements and infrastructure.

The parks department mentioned an increase in taxes for RDN parks, and SSPORA has asked how an increase will translate into services for our park as currently it is underserved with little ongoing maintenance. Much appreciation to Barb Niemeyer, San Pareil Park Committee and volunteers who cleaned the park in preparation for our annual Easter Egg Hunt Their group organized the event, which was enjoyed by many people in the community and guests. A collection was taken of Park ideas. The first phase of improvements will include benches and a play area for children under 10. A draft layout was provided by RDN.

Motion : Motion made to move the playground equipment approx. 15 ft.-20 ft , from where it is on the plan to leave room for a future picnic shelter/gazebo (to be determined) with hook-up for community events and residents use.

Motion made by Susan Banks Seconded by: B Price Further updates on the park are to be posted on the San Pareil Community Facebook site.

Emergency Preparedness Presentation:

Presentation by Liz Campbell and members.

Suggest checking email addresses via a blank mail out to begin to connect residents and as part of establishing an emergency communication strategy.

Q: Regarding possible exit via Rath Trevor: A: The Emergency Preparedness Committee has located the keys to the padlocks on the gates and is working with Parks on this.

Other Business

There will be a by-election for RDN Director on October 5th and it has been requested this be posted on the community Facebook page.

Concerns were expressed regarding the long-standing pot-hole on Plummer Road across from the Water Station on the turn in the road, as well as the overall condition of the road. This will be pointed out to Highways.

Motion to adjourn.

8:30 PM Meeting adjourned.