# SAN PAREIL OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> 2024

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First Nations Acknowledgment: We in the San Pareil neighborhood acknowledge our presence on the unceded ancestral land of the Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations.

Board Chair Barbara Lowden called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and the following meeting rules were announced:

Only paid members are eligible to vote.

Voting will be by a showing of a red card (yes or no).

Board Members were introduced and warmly acknowledged for their hard work and dedication

# **Confirmation of a Quorum:**

A quorum was confirmed with more than 27 paid member in attendance.

Director Gerald Clerx thanked those in attendance for coming and introduced the RDN's area G Director Lehann Wallace.

# **Lehann Wallace's presentation:**

Lehann spoke to the following:

Community report, Maple Lane Park survey, Plummer Road Intersection, Nature Trust and the Wilson property at the end of Mariner Way.

Lehann's report can be seen in it's entirety by clicking on the attachment.

# **Questions from the audience:**

Q. The RDN has set in motion a process to look at the possible restructuring of Area G. Will this initiative result in San Pareil being annexed by Parksville?Ans. RDN staff will engage with the Governance and Structure Branch of the of

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs to conduct a preliminary exploration process for a restructure and service delivery study of Electoral Area G.
- Q. Fortis is starting a major upgrade to its piping system along Highway 19A, will measures be taken to ensure residents of San Pareil have safe and seamless access to the highway?
- Ans. If problems do arise phone MOTI at (250-387-1978) or Fortis BC (250-751-8300)
- Q. Will a traffic circle be part of the new intersection project for Plummer Road and Highway 19A?
- Ans. A traffic circle is not being considered for the intersection project. There has been conversation around that intersection recently. Ultimately the new intersection will probably not be finalized until the Greig Road development is sorted out.

### **RCMP Presentation, Sergeant Worth and Mike Garland:**

### 1) Home Safety within San Pareil.

Sergeant Sean Worth (RCMP) and Mike Garland representing Oceanside Community Safety gave the following recommendations:

Perform a 9:00 pm walk around your property. Lock houses, sheds and car doors, secure windows, secure trailers and RVs. Additionally, for added security install motion lights and consider dusk to dawn lighting. If you see a crime in progress phone 911. Use the nonemergency phone number for all other calls to the RCMP. 250-248-6111.

# 2) Speeding in San Pareil

Oceanside Community Safety under the direction of the RCMP has a program called speed watch. It involves a speed activated sign that informs the driver of their speed as they pass by the sign. Free training will be provided to anyone in the community interested in operating this equipment in our community. Phone 250-248-6111 or 250-954-2223.

Community members are encouraged to report speeding vehicles to the RCMP with a description and plate number. Non emergency number (250-248-6111).

RCMP members will make an effort to pull these vehicles over and discuss driving habits with them.

Sergeant Worth stated the RCMP would be monitoring the speed of vehicles in our community in the coming weeks.

Oceanside Community Safety has speed reduction signs available. Contact them at 250-954-2223.

Roy Alexander thanked Sergeant Worth and Mike Garland for attending the meeting and for the work they do in the community. Mr. Alexander also suggested residents should lobby MOTI for a reduction of the speed limit from Resort Drive to the Orange Bridge as well as a reduction of the speed limit within the San Pareil Community.

#### **Road Repair in San Pareil:**

Director Teresa Fankhauser is asking community members to report directly to her the location and if possible a picture of potholes within the community in need of filling. Teresa will contact MOTI once a month if needed to initiate repairs. Teresa's email address is: <a href="mailto:Teresa.fankhauser@sspora.ca">Teresa.fankhauser@sspora.ca</a> or via personal message over the San Pareil face book page.

# Sean Wood, Councilor, City of Parksville.

Sean is a member of our community and a Parksville City Councillor and sits on the RDN's Board as a representative for the City of Parksville. He also is a director with the Union of BC Municipalities, and is a committee appointee on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Mr. Wood emphasized a respectful advocacy approach be taken when communicating needs and concerns of the community. Letters and emails sent to Government personal or Ministries are more likely to be acted upon if the content of the communication is polite and courteous.

In answer to an earlier question Mr. Wood stated the City of Parksville, to his knowledge, currently has no intention of trying to include San Pareil within Parksville.

On the question of road maintenance Mr. Wood stated the contractor had limited funds for a very large area which is the area between Nanaimo and Gold River. Mr. Wood again stressed that advocacy is the approach we should take.

When asked for his opinion on the installation of speed bumps within the community Mr. Wood commented that based on research done they do not serve the purpose for which they were intended therefore he does not recommend them for our community.

#### **Business portion of the AGM Meeting**

Barbara Lowden made a motion to accept the AGM agenda.

Seconded by Peter Staton

A vote was taken to accept the Agenda, All members were in favor.

Gearld Clerx made a motion to accept the 2023 AGM minutes.

Seconded by Teresa Fankhauser.

A vote was taken to accept the 2023 AGM minutes. All members were in favor.

A copy of the AGM minutes can be found on the SSPORA website, (SSPORA.ca)

## TREASURERS REPORT, Sarah Recksiedler

Please click the attachment to review the report.

Barbara Lowden made a motion to accept the financial statement.

Sean Wood seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

# **Election of Board Members;**

The following Board Members have stated they would stand for re-election: Barbara Lowden, Betty Price, Teresa Fankhauser, Sarah Recksiedler, Jeet Mann, Gerald Clerx, and Peter Staton.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Jo Dunn moved that those standing for re-election be elected.

Bob Price seconded the motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Change of Association Name:**

During the 2023 AGM the Board was tasked with exploring options for a name change for Shorewood San Pareil Owners and Residents Association. The reasoning behind this initiative was to create a community name that more recognizable and easier to convey outside our community.

The following three options were suggested as options:

- 1 San Pareil Neighborhood Association. (SPNA)
- 2 San Pareil Association. (SPA)
- 3 No change. (SSPORA)
- A fourth option was suggested from the floor (San Pareil Owners and Residents Association). (SPORA)

A vote was taken, the results are as follows:

Option 1 2 votes
Option 2 4 votes
Option 3 3 votes
Option 4 15 votes

Option 4 received the most votes and will be used going forward.

**The Wilson Property:** The former art gallery on Mariner Way.

Gerald Clerx read a statement provided by Tom Reed of the Nature Trust.

Click the attachment to read Tom Reeds report.

The Board took a few questions from the floor regarding the Wilson property which will be followed up by a board member. Information gathered will be published on the SSPORA website.

The following are concerns expressed by members of the audience: Parking spilling out into the community, how much parking on the property, will the park be closed at night, will the property be gated.

# **Bear Aware:**

The following suggestions were made as a way to safeguard local black bears.

Contact the RDN if you would like to exchange your existing garbage container for a lockable container. Bear safe garbage containers are a cost to the property owner.

Put kitchen scraps in your freezer or a building until pickup day.
Please click the attachment to read the full Conservation Officer Service Message:

### SSPORA Board accomplishments during the past year.

Please click the attachment to read the past years accomplishments.

# **Questions from the floor:**

- Q. What is happening with emergency preparedness in San Pareil?
- A. The Board will be looking into this in the coming year and will report back.
- Q. Who is responsible for painting the centerline of the roads within San Pareil?
- A. Mainroad Mid-Island Contracting contracts to Moti for road maintenance for a large area of the mid island. Lehann Wallace explained that Mainline Contracting has a budget for this entire area. There is not a specific budget for

San Pareil. Unforeseen emergencies often adversely affect regular maintenance throughout the mid island.

The Board Chair made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 pm