

SHOREWOOD/SAN PAREIL OWNERS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (SSPORA)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING JUNE 15ST 2023

PARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE 223 MILL ST.

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

Confirmation of a Quorum: A quorum was confirmed with 21 paid members in attendance.

Board Chair Betty Price called the meeting to order at 7:00 and set the following ground rules:

- 1) Only paid members are eligible to vote.
- 2) Voting will be by a showing a red card (yes or no).

All board members were warmly acknowledged and thanked for their hard work and dedication.

Community members were thanked for their attendance and support for their community association.

Barbara Lowden introduced Lehann Wallace (RDN AREA G Director).

Ms Wallace walked the audience through a series of slides that covered the following topics.

- 1) An overview of Area G
- 2) Maple Lane Park
- 3) The Plummer Rd intersection

Please see the attachments supplied by Lehann Wallace which covers her presentation.

Cindy Shelest introduced Tiffany Moore (RDN Financial Officer).

Ms Moore's presentation explained the property tax notice as it pertained to Area G residents.

San Pareil residents were encouraged to go on the RDN website, and participate in the Get Involved site for feedback.

Please see the attachment supplied by Tiffany Moore which covers the above.

Murray Walters (RDN Water Services Manage) covered a range of topics concerning our water supply.

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Questions from the floor:

Q) Is there risk to our water supply from development above our community?

A) No, there is an abundance of water. A chemical spill is the only potential threat.

Q) The water flow rate is supposed to be no lower than 1.6 m³/sec. This is not always true. What is being done to maintain the 1.6 water flow rate?

A) The provincial ministry controls the water, the RDN releases water from the dam when instructed. The Ministry is in the process of reevaluating flow rates on the Englishman River.

Q) Water leaks between the meter and residential homes have been an issue for a few homes in San Pareil. What is the expected lifespan of this supply line?

A) A properly installed PVC supply line should last 80 years.

Poor installation can result in leaks and also, Polybutylene pipe used in some installations during the 1990s are prone to cracking.

Q) Why are we seeing large increases in hospital and fire protection taxes?

A) The hospital board has a plan to build a cancer clinic, reduce overcrowding and replace aging equipment and infrastructure.

The Parksville Fire Department is seeing an escalating number of call outs.

Equipment, training and staffing costs are going up.

Q) Will the fire tax continue to increase?

A) No, not for the duration of the contract the RDN has with the Parksville Fire Department.

Q) Lehann Wallace was asked to comment on area F's request for a change in Governance.

A) Members of Area F are not satisfied with the governance they receive from the RDN. In reaction to this dissatisfaction a structured process has begun that will explore this issue. Upon completion of this process Area G will be subject to the same process.

Interested members are encouraged to view the Area F Governance and Services section on the RDN website.

Q) Why are property taxed higher in San Pareil when compared to similar properties in other localities of area G.

A) Services received are the main factor. Lehann Wallace will forward a link that will expand on this subject.

Q) With people living in the wooded areas around our community there are concerns a wild fire potential exists. Are there regular patrols in the area to minimize this possibility?

A) There are no patrols. If you have a concern a homeless encampment or a fire, phone either the RCMP, the Fire Department, 911 or Nature Trust.

THE BOARD CHAIR COMMENCED THE BUSINESS PORTION OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

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

A vote was taken to accept the AGM minutes of 2022. All members were in favor.

A copy of the AGM minutes can be found on the SSPORA website.

Chequing Account: \$3140.00

Saving Account: \$721.50

The treasurer's report will be finalized at the end of the fiscal year (July 1st 2023) and posted on the website.

Jo suggested the new SSPORA council look at consolidating both the chequing and savings accounts due to the low interest rate return on the savings account.

Jo moved the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Betty Price seconded, all members were in favor.

Jo moved that the AGM take place in April of 2024 and each year thereafter and also move the fiscal year end to coincide with the AGM.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF THE 2023/24 BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Director Iain Donaldson oversaw this portion of the meeting.

The members were reminded a code of conduct had been created which each Director asked to read and sign prior to the first board meeting.

Current Director's standing for re-election: Betty Price, Barbara Lowden and Peter Staton.

Nominees for position of Director: Jeet Mann, Sarah Recksiedler and Gerald Clerx.

Nominations from the floor: Teresa Fankhauser.

Iain moved the nominees be elected.

Seconded by Jo Dunn.

Carried unanimously.

Nancy Westward thanked and commended the retiring Board Members, Cindy Shelest, Iain Donaldson and Jo Dunn for their dedication and devotion to the community.

POTENTIAL ASSOCIATION NAME CHANGE DISCUSSION AND VOTE.

Betty Price explained to the audience that Board Members felt using SSPORA as the title of our association was not being recognized by many people as a good representation of the San Pareil Community. Board members proposed **exploring the idea** of changing the association name to one that is more identifiable.

By a show of the red voting card, members were asked if they were in favor of the association board members exploring the pros and cons of an association name change.

15 voted yes

6 voted no

The Board will follow up with the community once they have completed their research.

COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

Sean Wood spoke to the hospital and fire protection tax increases.

While Sean spoke as a community member and wasn't attending in an official capacity, he currently serves as a Parksville City Councilor and sits on the RDN board as an appointed Director for the City of Parksville.

Sean supported Tiffany Moore's presentation and added the following information.

Regarding the hospital tax increase: The 60 year old Nanaimo Regional Hospital requires a number of service upgrades: The upgrades include a catheterization lab, a long-term care facility and a new patient tower. The provincial government will pay 60% of the estimated 1.8 billion dollar cost to upgrade the Nanaimo Hospital if the communities that rely on the hospital raise the remaining 40%.

Regarding the fire protection increase: As Tiffany stated, fire protection tax increases are reflective of a significant increase in call volumes and added staffing costs, plus training costs and equipment replacement

Following up with Sean about his comments, he recommended always emailing the RDN with questions, as they are excellent at providing the information you need.

<https://www.rdn.bc.ca/contact-us-hours-of-operation>

The Hospital Board goals can be found on the following hyperlink.

<https://www.rdn.bc.ca/hospital-district>

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

All in Favor