

SPORA BOARD MEETING

Minutes

February 6, 2024

7pm Start

Present: Barbara Lowden, Betty Price, Teresa Fankhauser, Jeet Mann, Peter Staton.

Guests: Wayne Stark and Rudi Widdershoven.

With Regrets: Gerald Clerx, Sarah Recksiedler.

ITEM #1 MEETING WITH Wayne Stark and Rudi Widdershoven:

Wayne Stark from the Nanoose Bay Residents Association has done an extensive review of tax increases in the Nanoose Bay area and came to the meeting to give a presentation about the work they have been doing. He has started an RDN Tax Alliance between all the Resident's Associations within the RDN. Wayne presented us with in depth presentations and has provided the following links.

[Northwest Nanoose Residents Association](#)

[NNRA-Dec 03 2024 RDN 2025-29 Financial Plan.pdf](#)

Motion by Betty Price: For the San Pareil Owners and Residents Association (SPORA) to join the RDN Tax Alliance in order to work with the other Residents Associations within the RDN.

Seconded by Peter:

Motion carried.

The SPORA Board have asked Wayne and Rudi to give a Presentation for the Residents of San Pareil, outlining how the RDN has structured our taxes and the roll of the RDN Tax Alliance.

Teresa will coordinate with Rudi to determine a few dates they are available for the presentation.

Teresa will contact the Boys and Girls Club administrator to determine suitable dates and pricing.

Next step will be a communication plan to advise the residents of San Pareil about this presentation.

ITEM #2 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chequing account \$ 3897.21

Savings account \$ 1208.43

Total \$ 5105.64

ITEM #3 SPORA Membership:

Ideas were presented at the January 9th meeting on how to increase SPORA Membership. We talked about how to get more community members involved.

Ideas mentioned were going door to door, looking at the yearly dues system, possibly making it donation based instead of a fee. Ask residents what they want from the SPORA Board.

Discuss a San Pareil campaign to determine if SPORA is wanted in the Community and if so, how to obtain a larger membership base.

Discussed having Membership sign-up sheet at the door at the upcoming Presentation on RDN Taxes.

SPORA Membership Fee structure will be \$10.00 per year, or \$25.00 for three years.

ITEM #4 REGISTERED LETTER:

A registered letter dated September 30th, 2024 was received by Barbara Lowden, addressed to the SPORA Board. A Revised Constitution was discussed and when approved by the Board to be voted on at the next AGM.

Barbara will work on revising the wording of the SPORA Constitution in light of joining the RDN Tax Alliance and will prepare new SPORA Bylaws.

ITEM #5 EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

There is approximately \$9,000.00 in grants available through the RDN for Safety Preparedness in Communities. Peter has sent out emails to Erica for guidance and advice to what the community may qualify for.

Glen Jamieson, our Community Emergency Preparedness Coordinator is looking for new and additional volunteers to get the Community Emergency Preparedness Group up and running again.

We will be posting on Facebook and sending a mass email out to search for additional volunteers.

No one responded back to our posts.

Agenda Item for SPORA meeting on March 6, 2025.

ITEM #6 SPEED WATCH:

Barbara has completed the RCMP Police Record Search as of January 6th. Once the Police Record Search has been returned to the Speed Watch Department, they will get in touch to set up training on the equipment for a speed monitoring system.

San Pareil residents will be encouraged to reach out if they would like to be involved in participating in the Community Speed Watch program. We will also be doing a Facebook post and an email out to ask for volunteers.

No one responded back to our posts.

Agenda Item for SPORA meeting on March 6, 2025.

ITEM #7 NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS:

Eight Public Beach Access points have been located in San Pareil.

See last page of the minutes for all the Beach Access name suggestions.

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ITEM #8 CONCERNS ABOUT THE SAFETY OF 5G IN SAN PAREIL:

After talking to at least two representatives from Telus, it has been confirmed that no 5G Microcell Transmitters are being considered for San Pareil. A Telus Representative has advised that the Microcells are very expensive and Telus would put up a cell tower if one was needed.

ITEM #9 Large Cement pylons along Plummer Roads

Barbara has contacted the owner of the property to inquire if the cement blocks could be painted. After consideration with the whole family they have decided that they are not supportive of having the cement pylons painted due to the continued cost of maintenance.

ITEM #10

TREES FALLING ACROSS PLUMMER ROAD:

**Teresa will be calling MOTI to find out who is responsible for managing the trees along Plummer Road
Teresa will also contact BC Hydro to inquire if they have any intention of maintaining the trees as they are the ones that attend the site when the trees fall across the road.**

Barbara has sent an e mail to Don Brittain, MOTI in early December and again in January asking to meet concerning trees and will send out a further e mail.

The meeting concluded at 9:10pm

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, March 6th at 7:00 pm in the Conservatory.

NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS

Eight Public Beach Access points have been located in San Pareil.

Some of the names suggested were "Grandpa's Beach" "Sunrise Beach" "Sunset Beach" "Blackberry Beach" "Eagle Beach"

Two positive responses:

What about inviting members of Snaw-naw-as and Qualicum FN for their ideas?

I was told and have since referred to one of the access points as "Red Chair Beach" since I moved here so it would be nice to see that official.

Suggestions

Access G5:

Pebble Beach Access

Another suggestion was to name the access for all the different birds that are seen in the area:

G01 - Eagle's Nest

G02 and G03 are home to the gulls and the crows

G04 is the site of three memorials (two benches and Gunilla's tribute)

G05 I've seen Sandpipers in the area between

G07 you'll be looking at a group of geese.

G09 I've seen Sandpipers in the area between

Numerous negative responses have been received from the San Pareil Facebook post.

What beaches?

Or no names and keep the traffic and attention down in our hood

No names I'd vote for. Just keep it private neighbourhood access it doesn't need to be named.

My vote is that if they get names, they get garbage cans so that if people increase in numbers, they don't just leave their trash

The one by the estuary should be called "Pot Hole beach access" or "kill your car tires beach access"

Fill pot holes before spending money on un needed signs...

Why would we name the beach accesses? And why does the RDN see this as an "opportunity" for us to do?

What am I missing?

Do they really need names. they are access points to one beach, in a quiet neighborhood!