

SPORA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

May 1st, 2025

In attendance: Betty Price, Gerald Clerk, Teresa Fankhauser, Peter Staton

With regrets: Jeet Mann, Barbara Lowden

Guest attendant: Janet Webb

ITEM #1

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jeet

Chequing account \$ 3869.48

Savings account \$ 1208.62

Total \$ 5078.10

ITEM #2

SPORA MEMBERSHIP UPDATE: Jeet

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

23 new members/households signed up at the recent Tax Information Presentation. Two members of the community have shown interest in joining the board. A campaign looking for new Board members will need to be undertaken.

ITEM #3

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAW'S UPDATE: Everyone

A copy of the revised SPORA Constitution and Bylaws have been sent out to Board members. Once approved by the Board the Constitution and Bylaws will be voted on at the next AGM. Moved to June's agenda with Betty and Barbara working on in the meantime. The board will formally review on June 5th ahead of the AGM meeting June 12th, 2025.

ITEM #4

DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Barbara

Date for the AGM is Thursday, June 12, 2025 pending securement of a rental space.

Once date is confirmed need to confirm the Jensen Center for the AGM. Shelly Rd center to be scouted before rental agreements are made.

Discussion topics were suggested: Moti representative about traffic, pot holes, projects that effect San Pareil (one starts in September). Fire preparedness, Teresa to ask Dave (a neighborhood fire safety professional) if he would be able to do a presentation.

ITEM #5

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS:

Four volunteers signed up at the recent Tax Information Presentation. Glenn Jamieson has received a list of the new volunteers. Discussion was had on how to connect seniors when weather events or emergency affect the area and on a general basis.

ITEM #6

SPEED WATCH: Barbara

Barbara and another volunteer have now completed their training with Speed Watch. It is anticipated that they will perform a Speed Watch event in the neighbourhood at least once every six weeks. Next anticipated Speed Watch event will be near the end of May.

During the Speed Watch events in the neighbourhood, records are kept of the numbers of vehicles that pass by and the number of cars going over the 50 kph speed limit.

Barbara would like to do conduct a survey in the neighbourhood, perhaps in early 2026 and determine if residents are interested in asking MOTI to have the speed limit in San Pareil reduced to 40 kph, from 50 kph. A Facebook post with supporting data will be presented to the neighborhood and a poll taken online to see what the neighborhood would prefer.

Two speed watch events have taken place. The highest speed observed leaving San Pareil was 62 KPH, the highest speed observed entering San Pareil was 59KPH. It was suggested to move to several other locations within San Pareil where higher speeds have been observed.

Deferred to June 5th, 2025.

ITEM #7 ASKING IF THE SPEED LIMIT ON 19A CAN BE REDUCED PRIOR TO PLUMMER ROAD: Barbara

Barbara has received the statistics following a Speed Watch event that was performed along 19A prior to Plummer Road. Do we want to write to MOTI advising them of the amount of excessive speed that was recorded and again ask for the speed limit sign to be installed prior to Greig Road, when driving towards Parksville.

The item has been deferred to the AGM, June 12, 2025, where discussion can be held.

ITEM #8 NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS:

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

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

Determine if we are going to make recommendations for the Beach Access names or not. If we are going to go ahead with naming the beach access, who will be responsible for preparing, installing and maintaining the signs?

A Facebook post was made asking the neighborhood what they think and it was determined by the Board that more clarification was needed in the next posting. This was intended to be a “cute neighborhood” initiative. Not an RDN initiative. Gerald is getting a sign made to show the community as an example. The board voted unanimously to fund the example piece. Estimated cost of \$100

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ITEM #9 ROADS IN SAN PAREIL: Teresa

Teresa and Barbara will review the roads in San Pareil this spring and report to Mainland Contracting if any potholes need to be filled.

Teresa and Barbara will review the beach accesses and mail box areas to request where more gravel is needed. **Project to be completed this summer.**

ITEM #10 EASTER EGG HUNT

This year’s Easter Egg Hunt will be the 51st annual San Pareil Easter egg hunt. The first Easter Egg Hunt was hosted in 1974. The Easter Egg hunt was a wonderful success; the Board would like to thank the Maple Lane Park Committee and all volunteers for their participation in making the event a success. Thank you to Peter for organizing and preparing the piggy bank project!

ITEM #11 ALTERNATE CHAIR FOR MAY 1st MEETING: Barbara

Barbara was absent on May 1st. Teresa stepped in for Barbara for the May 1st meeting.

Next meeting to be held on Thursday, June 5th, location to be confirmed.

NAMING PUBLIC BEACH ACCESS POINTS

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

A positive responses:

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

Suggestions:

G01- Rico's Lane Beach

Secret Beach

End of the Road Beach

Forest Beach

Driftwood Beach

Walking Trail Beach

Park Beach

Tree Root Beach

Wood Fort Beach

Blind Corner Beach

Sunrise Beach

Eagle's Nest

Parkside or Sunrise Beach;

(this beach access has never been accessible in the 50 years I have been familiar with San Pareil so I don't know if it is worth naming)

G02- Raft Beach

First Beach

Shorewood Beach

3 Sandbar Beach

Triple Sandbar Beach

Sandbar Beach

Sandpath Beach

San Pareil Beach

Low Tide Beach

Westhaver Beach

Stepdown Beach

Grandpa's Beach

David's Beach (after David Spearing)

D&D Beach (after David and Dianne)

SDS Beach (after Simon-David-Saul)

Dianne's Beach (she's been there over 50 years so far!)

Spearing Beach

(the last 5 names I would have to check with my Mom to see if she was OK with them but I think there are better beach names further up the list)

G03- Red Chair Beach

home to the gulls and the crows

Middle Beach;

Eagle Beach

G04- Gunnar's Beach

Third Beach

Memorial Beach

G05- Blackberry Beach

Blackberry Alley Beach

4th Beach

Pebble Beach Access

seen Sandpipers in the area between

G06- Estuary Beach

The Point Beach

Sunset Beach

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 neighbourhood !