

SPORA BOARD MEETING

Minutes

March 12, 2026

In attendance: Barbara Lowden, Janet Webb, Teresa Fankhauser, Peter Staton

With regrets: Jeet Mann

Meeting started at 7:05 pm

ITEM #1 TREASURER'S REPORT:

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| Chequing account | \$5110.57 |
| Saving account | \$ 9.71 |
| Maple Lane Park | <u>\$ 946.46</u> |
| Total | \$6066.74 |

Note: Barbara has given the RDN Park Services a cheque for the Clarke Gourlay bench in the amount of \$2100.00. \$1200.00 from the Savings Account and \$900.00 from the Maple Lane Account. The cheque has not been cleared yet.

ITEM #2 LETTER TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT:

Barbara has sent a letter to MOTT dated February 26, 2026 asking for information on the following:

- Phase Two of the Plummer Road and Hwy 19A Intersection.
- Move the speed sign on Hwy 19A showing the 50 KMH sign back towards the Log Cabin.
- Reduce the speed from 50 KMH to 40 KMH within San Pareil.
- Replace the white Dividing Posts entering San Pareil.
- Install a sign along Plummer Road, Expect Deer On Our Roads

To date no response has been received from MOTT.

ITEM #3 COMMEMORATIVE BENCH FOR CLARKE GOURLAY, FORMER RDN AREA G DIRECTOR:

Barbara and Roy Alexander met with Nancy Gourlay, whereby she chose the location for the Commemorative Bench. The wording for the bronze plaque has been submitted to RDN Park Services along with a cheque in the amount of \$2100.00.

Barbara to email RDN Park Services for confirmation that payment has been received.

ITEM #4 LIST OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING 2026:

- Barbara has prepared a draft Rack Poster for further discussion. **Edits to rack card are in progress.**
- AGM confirmed for June 18, 2026 at the Parksville Legion. The rental fee is \$100.00 and a cheque has been delivered to the Parksville Legion to save the date. **Doors will be opened as of 6:30 pm. The bar will be operational that night for individual purchase. Meeting will start at 7:00 pm and go to 9:00 pm.**

- Lehann Wallace has confirmed she will attend and is asking residents to send their questions to her. **SPORA will put out a Facebook post a month in advance and compile a list of questions to be forwarded to Lehann in advance of the meeting. (Teresa to do the Facebook post)**
- Suggestions for speakers: Lehann Wallace, Mott, RDN Park Services, RDN Water Management.
- Need to prepare posters looking for new SPORA members. To include information outlining the various SPORA roles, to give everyone a better idea of what being a Board Member entails. **A draft has been put together and will be posted on the Facebook page and the SPORA website.**
- Need to ask the question of San Pareil Residents: What do you want SPORA to work on during the coming year? Facebook poll? **Item placed on April Agenda.**
- Emergency Preparedness. The Committee needs to get more community involvement. The three or four emergency supply kits need to be opened up and reviewed to determine if items are still useful or still functioning. **SPORA will be inviting the past/current emergency preparedness committee member to the next SPORA meeting to get an update and to confer with how to proceed. We will also be asking for volunteers at the AGM to form an official committee.**

Other Outstanding Ideas:

Update on the San Malo First Nations green space.

Peter will gather information.

- Clarification on Mariner Park: when will the park be open to the public? **Barbara to contact Tom Reid for an update in late March.**
- Removing alders along Plummer Road to prevent potential road closures when they fall. **Teresa to contact Tom at Mainland Roads.**
- Ask ICBC or MOTT to give directions on how to safely turn left from Hwy 19A to Plummer Road. **Jeet to contact ICBC.**

Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday April 5th. Determine the amount of money to give from the Maple Lane Park Account to Barbara Neumeyer to purchase candy. Barbara has already asked the residents to give donations.

SPORA has unanimously agreed to donate \$150.00 out of the Maple Lane Park fund to go towards the event.

Next meeting to be held on April 2, 2026 at 700 pm. Teresa to host