

SPORA BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

November 20, 2025

Present: Barbara Lowden, Peter Staton, Janet Webb.

Regrets: Teresa Fankhauser, Jeet Mann.

ITEM #1

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Chequing account	\$3,420.41
Savings account	\$1,209.22 (this amount is set aside for a Park Bench)
Maple Lane Park	<u>\$1,846.01</u>
Total	\$6,475.64

ITEM #2

REDUCING THE SPEED FROM 50 KPH TO 40 KPH:

Recently posted a Poll on the San Pareil Facebook page on October 29th and also sent out an e mail to all addresses we have under SPORA.

QUESTION:

Do you support reducing the road speed limit in San Pareil from 50 km/h to 40 km/h to enhance safety, reduce accidents, and create a more peaceful community environment? Your support can make our streets safer for everyone.

As of November 17th the results are:

Yes: 100

No : 35

The SPORA Board supports asking MOTT to consider reducing the speed in San Pareil from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

Will ask that the Facebook Post be moved to the top of the posts and that a line to be added: One last chance to place your vote.

Barbara will draft a letter to MOTT including the stats from recent Speed Watch activities plus the results of the San Pareil Poll.

A suggestion was received asking for a sign to be erected by MOTT, "Expect Deer on our Roads"

Tom from Mainland Contracting has advised that a sign request has been sent to MOTT on November 12th.

Barbara will follow-up in January with Tom from Mainland Contracting.

ITEM #3

POSAC MEETING (Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee) within the RDN:

The final Master Plan has not yet been posted on the Maple Lane Community Park Get Involved project page. A RDN Maple Lane Community Park web page has not been developed yet.

Discuss ideas on how we can gather donations for a Storage Shed, four benches and a bike rack.

It was suggested to start requesting donations from local businesses to cover the cost of the four benches and a modest storage shed. We will need to determine if there are any builders in the neighborhood who would like to volunteer their time to help with these projects.

Peter will contact the RDN asking for their exact requirements for a shed, along with necessary permits, and then we can move ahead and look for donations and volunteers to build the shed.

Barbara will contact the RDN Department responsible for memorial benches to determine the exact cost of one bench and the location it may be placed in Maple Lane Park. At present there is \$1,209.22 (this amount is set aside for a Park Bench), plus \$1,846.01 that has been received from numerous garage sales in the neighbourhood.

A San Pareil Facebook post will be drafted, asking for donations to help fund the new park amenities and asking for volunteers to donate materials for the shed, and to help build the shed.

ITEM #4 RDN TAXPAYERS' ALLIANCE, (RDNTA), PETITION TO BE COMPLETED IN SAN PAREIL
RDN Taxpayers Alliance presentation is Sunday, November 23rd, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, at the Parksville Community Centre, on Mills Street.

Following the presentation, Barbara will organize a meeting and discuss with volunteers the process to follow when going door to door asking for signatures on the Petition. Please remember to only sign the Petition once.

ITEM #5 LIST OF ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED DURING 2026:

Ways to connect with new residents moving into the neighbourhood:

Barbara has prepared a draft Rack Poster for discussion and will present at the January, 2026 meeting.

AGM to be confirmed for June 11th or 18, 2026, discuss facility rental ideas:

Need to determine a date and venue at the January, 2026 meeting.

Ways to get more input from residents:

After the SPORA Board Meeting Agendas is prepared, they will be posted on the SPORA Website and San Pareil Facebook Page, welcoming residents to join the meeting.

- Update on the Plummer Road corner changes.
- Update on the San Malo First Nations green space.
- Clarification on Mariner Park: when will the park be open to the public?
- Removing alders along Plummer Road to prevent potential road closures when they fall.
- Ask ICBC to give directions on how to safely turn left from Hwy 19A to Plummer Road.
- Ways to get more input from residents
- Ways to connect with new residents moving into the neighborhood (door knocker?)

- Maple Lane Park upgrades
- Clearing tree/ bush growth around intersections to make it easier to see
- AGM to be confirmed for June 11th or 18, 2026, discuss facility rental ideas.
- Asking residents what they would like the SPORA Board to concentrate on

Reminder: SPORA Board Christmas Social: 6:00 pm, December 4th.

Next meeting to be held: 7:00 pm, January 8th, 2026, Barbara's House.