



SUNSHINE VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
January 15, 2005 at the Hope Legion

President, Peter Zazulak called the meeting to order at 10:15 am.

Procedure Overview: - Roberts Rules, Sec. 27 constitution.

The President stated that the SVRA has absolutely NO interest or concern with any legal matters which are occurring in the Valley.

The SVRA invited three speakers to our AGM and the topics were as follows:

Don Hunchuk, President of Princeton Energy, spoke on "Run of the River" power. 100% of the power generated would go to BC Hydro for distribution. Hunter Creek will produce 3.2 Megawatts, Berkey Creek 1.5 Mw. and deliver 50% of capacity. Potter Creek, which is 1km from the bridge at Alpine, will have a capacity of 1750 Kilowatts (1.75 Mw). This will boost the current lines from single phase to three phase. The intake will be at the second bridge and the pipeline will follow the existing road. It will be May, 2005 before BC Hydro issues the specs for these projects and decides which creeks will be harnessed. 1000 Kilowatts = 1 Megawatt = power for 750 homes. A power house will be built at the intake site, approx. a 30' by 40' concrete building. Don Hunchuk will keep the SVRA informed of his progress in the production of "Run of the River" power.

Greg Templeman, Community Forests Consultant, for the District of Hope, Yale First Nations and FVRD Area "B", including Sunshine Valley. Community Forests were the subject of the Sloan Commission Report in the early fifties. In 1999, District of Hope, applied for a community forest and were rejected. 21,000 Hectares / 40,000 cubic metres, 25,000 - 30,000 cubic metres is the average commitment. A logging truck holds approx. 30 cubic metres. Fraser TSA covers the area Bowen Island to Boston Bar. Community Forests have a fixed land base with an annual cut. 58 square miles, 5000 Hectares, would support an annual cut. We would pay stumpage and land taxes. If a default on the license, it would revert back to the Crown. The first stage Memorandum of Undertaking, a business plan, corporate structure, and ideas has been submitted. The attributes could be watershed protection, recreational use, and added value production, etc. The future task would be to gain public input and support as we have 120 days to complete the process.

Arne Zabell, Representative FVRD Area "B" spoke on several items.

Cellular Update - should have coverage by June, but it will only cover the same area as Sunshine Valley FM.

Communications - please link up to the FVRD Area "B" website and the Message Board.

Planning Grant - \$20,000.00 - a Consultant has been hired to survey and reintroduce Governance, zoning and planning in the area.

Public Parks - Areas are being searched for and are being planned for Hwy. 1, Coquihalla and Hwy. 3.

We should all write a personal letter to the Directors of the FVRD, and talk to your neighbours regarding the Sunshine Valley Governance and Planning Study.

CARRIED: -

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of January 10th, 2004 accepted as distributed.

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Treasurer's Report for the period January 1st to December 31st, 2004 accepted as distributed.

Old Business: -

We have not received a response from the Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. regarding the participation of all owners and residents in the SVVFD, and confirming that all firefighters would be given unlimited access to all property in Sunshine Valley.

New Business: -

Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association annual fees will remain at \$5.00 per annum.

Sumallo Lodge has been booked for the Director's Meeting, February- 4th, at 7:00 PM. If we are to continue holding our monthly meetings there, rather than in the Director's homes, we must have participation by the residents of the Valley at these meetings. We will also inquire if the facilities are available for holding social events sponsored by the Ratepayers. You do not have to be a member of the Ratepayers to attend any meeting or social event.

Don Bender volunteered for the position of Social Director and will look into having some community dances, etc.

Spirit of BC - Kate Zabell gave some background on this program. Please consult your Newsletter for more info and the website.

Adopt-a-Hwy - We have several volunteers for the area of Highway 3, through Sunshine Valley. Jim Benbaruj is chairing this project and the more volunteers we have, the more often we can do the clean-up.

Jack Rabbit Youth Ski Club - Kate Zabell is looking for three or four volunteers, especially Cross Country Skiers, for the supervision, etc. of the children. Non-skiers are needed as well to act as chaperones.

Emergency Social Services - Barb Bell is looking for volunteers to act as contacts in emergency situations. Part-time and/or full-time residents are required. Training and information are available.

First Response Building - Benefits are for everyone in the Valley. Everything has been done except find a piece of suitable property. This task has been passed to our Area B Representative for review. Check with your Insurance Company regarding the limits of replacement value on your homes. You could find yourself being underinsured as they did in Kelowna, Barrier, etc.

Election of Officers: - Don Bender/Hazel Boyd – Carried

George Bonney, Dawn MacDonald, Kate Zabell, and Jim Benbaruj allowed their names to stand for re-election. Nominated from the floor were Beata Korabek, Bernd Hendrichs and Linda Carter. Nominations were closed.

Motion to Adjourn

Director's met following the meeting and the following positions

were filled:	President -	Bernd Hendrichs
	Vice President -	Jim Benbaruj
	Secretary/Treasurer -	Dawn MacDonald