



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Annual General Meeting  
January 13, 2007  
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Rick Gagnon, Beata Korabek, Marc Porter, Kate Zabell, Barb Bell, Norm Bell, Hazel Boyd

*Rick Gagnon called the meeting to order at 10:20am.*

**PROCEDURE OVERVIEW**

Roberts Rules, Sec. 27 constitution

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addendum to agenda proposed by Kate Zabell to add Local Motion funding and Homeowners Grant update to the agenda.

MOTION: *Approve the updated agenda as proposed.*  
SECONDED and PASSED.

*Quorum for General Meeting was verified as per the Association's bylaws that require at least ten members in good standing be in attendance.*

*Welcome by Rick Gagnon, SVRA President*

Rick thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the Executive for all their hard work this past year. He also thanked the volunteers who donated their time and stressed the need for more volunteers. Stacy Barter and Chuck Strahl sent their regrets for not being able to attend the meeting. Arrangements are being made for Stacy to speak at a Directors Meeting in the near future.

Rick cited the SVRA governance manual as a big accomplishment this past year and thanked the Executive for their work. The manual is available to all members. The manual contains the Association's certificate of incorporation, bylaws, Societies Act, Schedule "B" and Canada Not for Profit Act. Kate thanked everyone who submitted photographs to be included in the manual.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Arne Zabell, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Representative*

Arne gave an overview presentation on the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD), how it operates, the services it provides, taxation and financing levied by the District, its relationship with the regional hospital district, and its relationship with the regional park system.

Arne also provided an update on the Community Forest and how this designation will make for huge improvements in the amount of input the local community will have on issues such as

logging. The Community Forest will be managed by a board that will consist of three people from Area B, three people from the District of Hope, and one person from Yale First Nations that will also have three votes. The Community Forest plan will include all of Mt. Potter near Sunshine Valley. The plan is currently sitting on the Minister's desk waiting for approval.

Arne also provided an update on the designation of the 34,000 hectares in the Sumallo Valley as a community recreational area in addition to the 10 hectares that were already approved. After some initial concern by the Ministry of Forests in how this might impact logging interests, the Ministry finally gave their full support for this designation. A final decision is pending.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from the January 14, 2006 Annual General Meeting and the July 2, 2006 Semi-Annual General Meeting as distributed.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Christmas cards were received from the United Way of the Fraser Valley and the Hope District Recreational & Cultural Services. Additional correspondence consisted of new memberships & renewals and a society registration renewal from the Ministry of Finance.

### **BUSINESS**

- **Community water update**  
Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd. has hired the services of H. Reed Consulting Ltd., Hydrology Services for a professional engineering assessment of the water utility, including a review of the hydrological information of the area and potential sites for well tests. The Deputy Comptroller for Water Rights will be writing the utility company in due course as to whether or not the consultant's proposal complies with their office's request for an engineering study of both water systems.
- **Social Enterprise/Radio Station**  
As voted on by the membership at the July 2006 General Meeting, the SVRA Board of Directors investigated the merit of an FM radio station in Sunshine Valley. It is of the opinion of the Board that this is something the SVRA should move forward on. After seeking public input in finding an operator for the radio station, only one party has come forward expressing an interest. Stacy Barter of Social Enterprise has agreed to assist the SVRA in applying for a grant to cover the cost of budgeting and implementing a business plan for the operation of the radio station. Stacy is currently available to attend the next Directors Meeting in February. The estimated cost for the capital equipment is between \$11,000 and \$12,000. Stacy will assist the SVRA in finding funds to help cover these

costs as well. The SVRA is extending an open invitation for the public to participate in a working committee to get this project off the ground.

- **Governance Manual**

Rick stated the SVRA has strived to be as professional and transparent as they possibly can. Part of that is letting people know how the SVRA operates and how the SVRA resolves issues. The Governance Manual is available to any member in good standing and may be borrowed for non-members.

- **Policy and Procedure Manual**

This manual is currently a work in progress. It should be completed before the July General Meeting.

- **Website**

The new website is complete. The address is [www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org](http://www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org). Website traffic has increased more than ten-fold this past year. The SVRA website has a number of new features, including up-to-date weather conditions, online classified ads section and online community forums.

- **Call for Volunteers**

Rick stated that the Executive and Directors of the SVRA do a lot of work and contribute many hours of volunteer time. One of the long-term goals Rick envisions is for the SVRA to become financially self-sustaining and not have to request any funding from the FVRD. He hopes the next Executive will adopt this goal. The SVRA has several projects that are in need of volunteers. All members are asked to get involved if there is a project that they passionate about.

- **Junior Lifeguards/Swim Program**

There are currently eight youths enrolled in the Junior Lifeguards program. Students with Junior Lifeguard training have employment opportunities during the summer, and it is something else they can include in their résumé. The SVRA encourages all students of age 9 and up to take advantage of this free program. Free transportation is provided courtesy of the Hope District Recreation Commission and the FVRD. This is a program the SVRA will continue to sponsor.

- **LocalMotion/Spirit Squares/Towns for Tomorrow**

Kate announced that in December 2006, Premier Gordon Campbell announced three new programs at the 2006 Union of BC Municipalities: LocalMotion, Spirit Squares, and Towns for Tomorrow. All of these funds are cost-sharing grants where the Province will provide a portion of the funding for approved projects.

- LocalMotion is a new \$40 Million fund to help communities across British Columbia build cycling and pedestrian pathways, improve safety and accessibility, and support children's activity programs in playgrounds. Maximum project cost \$1M; Province pays 50%.
- Spirit Squares is a new \$20 Million fund to help communities across British Columbia build or enhance outdoor celebration spaces. Maximum project cost \$500K; Province pays 50%.
- Towns for Tomorrow is a new \$21 Million fund to help small communities across British Columbia fund infrastructure projects such as water quality improvements, recreational and cultural amenities, environmental energy improvements, protective and emergency services infrastructure, and community development. Maximum project cost \$500K; Province pays 80%.

Some of the projects in Sunshine Valley that were proposed that might be eligible for these funds include:

- The building of a first response facility, library, visitor centre or other multi-purpose building on public land near the entrance to Sunshine Valley.
- Construction of recreational and pedestrian trails in the community.

Since these funds are in the form of cost-sharing grants, the SVRA does not have the means or resources to contribute the matching funds of any approved project. Therefore, Kate suggests that the SVRA approach the FVRD to see if this is something they would be willing to assist the community with.

**MOTION:** *Request that the FVRD be approached to pursue the grant money for Local Motion, Spirit Squares and Small Communities (Towns for Tomorrow) for the research, planning and building of the Sunshine Valley Spirit Center and Spirit Trails Network.*

**SECONDED AND PASSED.**

- **Homeowners Grant Update**

Kate stated that the Province announced this past week that the threshold for the Homeowners Grant will increase from \$780,000 to \$950,000. The basic grant entitles a homeowner to a maximum reduction in residential property taxes of \$570. An additional grant of \$275 is available if the owner is over 65, or permanently disabled, or eligible to receive certain war-veteran allowances. Also, Kate mentioned that the Bear Aware grant is up for tender on January 31, 2007.

- **Election of Officers**

Each January at the SVRA Annual General Meeting, the current Board of Directors resigns, and a new Board is elected by the general membership. The Board is made up of seven directors. It was suggested by the membership that a poll be taken of the exiting Board to see which board members are willing to let their names stand for nomination and re-election. The following members are willing to let their names stand for nomination and re-election: Barb Bell, Kate Zabell, Beata Korabek, Norm Bell. The following board members wish to resign: Hazel Boyd, Rick Gagnon, Marc Porter. New nominations were: Ben Barnett, Sharon Bender, Linda Carter.

*Call was made for additional nominations or anyone else who would like serve on the Board. No other nominations were made.*

*SVRA Board of Directors for 2007: Barb Bell (President), Beata Korabek (Vice-President), Ben Barnett (Secretary-Treasurer), Kate Zabell, Norm Bell, Sharon Bender and Linda Carter.*

*Special announcement was made about Spirit of BC Week, February 9 – 17; and Spirit of BC Annual Volunteer Appreciation Night, February 10th at the High School in Hope. If any volunteers are interested in attending, please contact Kate Zabell.*

**MOTION:** *To adjourn the meeting.*

**SECONDED AND PASSED.**

Meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm.

**SUNSHINE VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION****Financial Statement as of December 31, 2006**Chequing Account

|                                 |             |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2005 |             | \$ 1,081.99 |
| Credits to December 31, 2006    | \$11,250.57 | \$12,332.56 |
| Debits to December 31, 2006     | \$ 6,255.11 | \$ 6,077.45 |
| Transfere to Bear Aware Account | \$ 4,000.00 | \$ 2,077.45 |
| Balance as per Bank Statement   |             | \$ 2,077.45 |

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Regular Class A Equity Shares

|                                 |        |          |
|---------------------------------|--------|----------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2005 |        | \$ 31.23 |
| Dividends                       | \$ .98 | \$ 32.21 |
| Balance as per Bank Statement   |        | \$ 32.21 |

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Petty Cash

|                                 |         |          |
|---------------------------------|---------|----------|
| On Hand as of December 31, 2005 |         | \$ 11.27 |
| From Chequing                   | \$ 5.00 | \$ 16.27 |

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**Bear Aware Account as of December 31, 2006**Chequing Account

|  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Opening Balance on June 14, 2006-Loan From R.P. Chequing |             | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Credits to December 31, 2006                             | \$ 4,118.11 | \$ 5,118.11 |
| Debits to December 31, 2006                              | \$ 5,117.83 | \$ 0.28     |
| Balance as per Bank Statement                            |             | \$ 0.28     |

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Regular Class A Equity Shares

\$ 5.00

SVRA CHEQUING

Income and spending

01/01/2006 through 31/12/2006

Category Total

| Income Categories             |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Donation                      | 5.00      |
| Education/reimbursement grant | 100.00    |
| grant                         | 400.00    |
| grant in aid                  | 8,000.00  |
| Income/Interest               | 1.93      |
| Membership dues               | 110.00    |
| Membership dues/new members   | 200.00    |
| Other Income                  | 2,352.44  |
| Refund                        | 21.00     |
| Swim Porgram                  | 60.00     |
| Total Income Categories       | 11,250.37 |

BEAR AWARE CHEQUING

Income and spending

01/01/2006 through 31/12/2006

Category Total

| Income Categories       |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Donation                | 116.80 |
| Income/Interest         | 1.31   |
| Total Income Categories | 118.11 |

| Expense Categories       |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Bank Fees                | 5.00     |
| Entertainment            | 313.00   |
| Gifts-prizes             | 335.98   |
| Groceries                | 135.00   |
| Miscellaneous-w.wagon    | 75.00    |
| Mortgage/Rent            | 75.00    |
| printing expence         | 393.15   |
| Training/Iformation      | 154.71   |
| Travel and Expenses      | 3,630.99 |
| Total Expense Categories | 5,117.83 |

| Transfers       |          |
|-----------------|----------|
| SVRA Checking   | 4,000.00 |
| Total Transfers | 4,000.00 |
| Grand Total     | -999.72  |

| Expense Categories       |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| Canada Day supplies      | 671.05   |
| Cash Withdrawal          | 5.00     |
| Charitable Donations     | 500.00   |
| Education                | 1,330.01 |
| Entertainment            | 150.00   |
| Groceries                | 85.63    |
| Insurance                | 300.00   |
| leagal-Port Fees         | 290.00   |
| Loan                     | 1,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous            | 50.00    |
| Mortgage/Rent            | 128.00   |
| office supplies          | 116.31   |
| office supplies/expences | 560.64   |
| postage                  | 11.79    |
| printing expence         | 48.21    |
| Training/Iformation      | 485.00   |
| Utilities                | 523.47   |
| Total Expense Categories | 6,255.11 |

| Transfers           |           |
|---------------------|-----------|
| Bear Aware Checking | -4,000.00 |
| Total Transfers     | -4,000.00 |

|             |        |
|-------------|--------|
| Grand Total | 995.26 |
|-------------|--------|