



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association
Annual General Meeting
January 12, 2008
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC**

MINUTES

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Barb Bell, Norm Bell, Beata Korabek, Sharon Bender

Barb Bell called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

INTRODUCTION and WELCOME by the PRESIDENT, BARB BELL

VERIFICATION of QUORUM

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

PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW

Roberts Rules of Order

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *Approve the agenda as proposed.*
MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cal Stephenson, Director, Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest Corporation (CLCCFC)

Cal described the CLCCFC as having three partners comprising the District of Hope, the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and the Yale First Nations. Each partner has one share in the CLCCFC and must be a corporation (at present, the Yale First Nations is not a corporation). There are three directors for each partner. Two director positions are vacant for the Yale First Nations. The CLCCFC sees employment as its most important benefit to the community.

Currently the organization is bogged down in the process of organization, fundraising and filling vacant director positions.

Arne Zabell, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Director

Arne provided the following information and updates.

Communities such as Yale and Laidlaw are working on community plans.

There is a drive in the FVRD to identify resources in the District, for example, aggregate extraction.

The application by Argus for aggregate extraction (50,000 cubic meters) at the foot of the Hope Slide has been approved but the conditions of the license are still being resolved. Members present discussed potential noise and traffic problems, mineral rights and hours of operation.

Arne mentioned that the FVRD is being made aware important maintenance needed at the Hope Airport, pool and arena. It has been suggested that the Sunshine Valley transfer station be expanded.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: *Approve the minutes as circulated from the July 1, 2007 Semi-Annual General Meeting.*

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007.*

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE

- **Second Bridge over the Sumallo River**

A letter dated October 23, 2007 was received from Kerry Grozier, District Manager, Chilliwack Forest District regarding the removal of the second bridge over the Sumallo River. In the letter Mr. Grozier stated that a decision was made to remove the bridge after an engineering inspection showed that the bridge did not meet minimum load rating, safety and environmental standards. A wet crossing was left for emergency fire protection access.

- **Community Water**

The water committee has not received a response from Rick Couroux's office to the e-mail inquiry about the status of the water engineering inspection and rate application. The committee has given the Comptroller's office until January 1st to respond. If a response is not provided by that time the committee may seek resolution from the Ombudsman's office. A resident in Alpine sent Barb Bell an e-mail informing her that he also has commented to the Comptroller's office about the water situation. Barb will forward this e-mail to the water committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Community Water Update**

Don Bender reported that the Water Management Branch has a staff shortage thus no engineering review of the SV water system has been done.

The Provincial Health Department will report on water samples.

We still don't know if or how the money collected has been spent.

Kate Zabell requested that the Provincial Health Department water testing results be posted when they are received.

- **Sunshine Valley FM Radio Station**

Sharon Bender reported that the CRTC rules have changed and now require that an FM station must be a commercial system, not private. Since a Sunshine Valley system would be private, plans for a station have been put on hold as Gerry Bender looks into this operation further.

- **Sunshine Valley Junior Lifeguard Program**

Barb Bell reported that two sessions were held in 2007. Twelve attended the first session and seven attended the second session. Due to expenses, it is proposed that only one session be held in 2008.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2008 Sunshine Valley Homecoming Event**

Kate Zabell described the planned activities and status of grant applications. The goal is to gather current and past residents and their offspring.

- **Spirit of BC Family Broom Hockey, Feb 16, 2008**

Barb Bell reported that there will be snowshoeing and other activities in addition to broom hockey. There will be a concession stand and chestnuts roasting on the barbecue. It was suggested that snow golf could be set up if ice is not available for broom hockey. Extra snowshoes are needed for those want to try out this sport.

- **Active Communities Initiative**

Kate Zabell reported that 300 pedometers have been received from *Active Communities* and are for sale for \$5 to support Sunshine Valley trail development. Grants are available to support development of the SV trail network which will be tied into the 2008 Homecoming. SVRA will contact the Department of Highways for permission to establish a trail head in the garden area by the entrance to SV.

- **High Speed Internet**

Walter Rawlinson has sent a list of 53 names supporting high speed internet service to a contact he has at Telus. Walter's information is that Telus has old equipment that could be used in SV.

Arne Zabell stated that Yale has wireless internet.

Special Resolution Regarding Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association (S-38785) **Bylaw #28**

To amend the current bylaw that states: *Directors shall not be entitled to remuneration of the Society except by ordinary resolution by the general membership.*

To the following: *Directors shall not be entitled to remuneration of the Society.*
MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

**Special Resolution Regarding Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association (S-38785)
Bylaw #2**

To amend the current bylaw that states: *Only members that have been members in good standing for period of (6) six months are allowed valid voting privileges.*

To the following: *Only members that are in good standing are allowed valid voting privileges.*

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

**Special Resolution Regarding Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association (S-38785)
Bylaw #4**

To amend the current bylaw that states: *Only paid members of (6) six months may hold office and have valid voting rights at meetings. EXCEPTION TO THIS IS THE INITIAL EXECUTIVE THAT FORM THE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS PAID PRIOR TO JUNE 27, 1998.*

To the following: *Only members in good standing may hold office and have valid voting rights at meetings.*

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

Comments or Questions from the Membership

It was suggested that the SVRA meetings be promoted at the next large community gathering.

Election of Officers

The following board members have resigned from the Board: Ben Barnett, Treasurer/Secretary and Linda Carter, Director.

Barb Bell thanked the departing board members for their hard work in 2007.

Nominations: Mernie Jacobsen for Secretary and Beata Korabek for Treasurer.

The positions were filled by acclamation.

Adjournment

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.



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FINANCIAL REPORT JANUARY 1, 2007 – DECEMBER 31, 2007

Forwarded balance – Chequing (Jan. 1, 2007)		\$	2,077.45
Income			
Advertising		\$	5.00
Donations (from Canada Day)		\$	134.00
Fundraising (pedometer sales)		\$	125.00
Grant monies		\$	3,075.00
Interest earned		\$	1.89
Membership renewals		\$	240.00
New memberships		\$	100.00
Refreshments [†]		\$	<u>107.80</u>
TOTAL INCOME		\$	3,788.69
Expenses			
Administrative fees	\$	25.00	
Canada Day supplies	\$	824.25	
Education (Jr. Lifeguards)	\$	625.00	
Honoraria	\$	240.00	
Insurance	\$	175.00	
Meeting space rent	\$	250.00	
Office supplies	\$	443.26	
Postage	\$	149.94	
Printing and publishing	\$	942.30	
Refreshments	\$	316.56	
Website	\$	<u>257.21</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	4,248.52	
TOTAL INCOME MINUS TOTAL EXPENSES (NET LOSS)		\$	<u>(459.83)</u>
NET LOSS PLUS FORWARDED BALANCE (ACCOUNT BALANCE)		\$	1,617.62
PLUS REGULAR CLASS 'A' EQUITY SHARES AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007		\$	32.21
PLUS REGULAR CLASS 'A' EQUITY SHARES DIVIDENDS EARNED		\$	1.16
PLUS PETTY CASH ON HAND		\$	<u>16.27</u>
TOTAL CASH HOLDINGS		\$	1,667.26

[†] Reimbursement on cash advance