

SUNSHINE VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION, DIRECTOR'S MEETING – April 1st, 2005
c/o Dawn MacDonald, Secretary, 71655 Leaf Lane, Hope, BC, V0X 1L5

Directors present – Bernd Hendrichs, Jim Benbaruj, George Bonney, Beata Korabek, and Dawn MacDonald.

President, Bernd Hendrichs, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

CARRIED - Agenda accepted as circulated

CARRIED - Minutes of March 4th meeting accepted as circulated.

CARRIED - Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated

Correspondence - None

Old Business –

Adopt-a-Highway – The application is almost complete except for information on Insurance Coverage, which is being confirmed by Bob Hacking, Ministry of Highways and the volunteers waivers.

First Response Building – Fraser Valley Regional District is pursuing the acquisition of a 10 acre parcel in Sunshine Valley for the “Sumallo Silver Tip Regional Park”. This park will cover the area from the Gate to the Border, and Manning Park to the Skagit Valley Park. A workshop was held regarding the potential recreational opportunities in the Skagit Valley Watershed. The Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC), an American based commission, was set up to fund recreational areas and was very interested in Sunshine Valley with Manning Park, Skagit Valley Park and south of the border, in the Ross Lake Recreation Area, as well as its easy access to Highway 3. The partnerships with Forestry, Highways, Medical, Fire Protection and Recreation in the Building and on the property will have the effect of this being a community facility for the use of everyone in the Valley. Ideas wanted for the use and purpose of this parkland.

Governance: - An EASC, Executive & Parks Committee Meeting is scheduled for April 12th, at 9:00 AM at the Regional District Offices. All interested are asked to attend this meeting as well as the Board Meeting, on April 26th, at 7:00 PM at the Regional District Offices. These discussions concern you and your property.

Canada Day Celebrations in the Valley: - Funding for this event has been applied for and as July 1st is on Friday, we will have the weekend to celebrate. Our usual Children's Activities, Street Dance, BBQ, socializing and most importantly, Flag Waving, are all part of the fun. Suggestions for additional patriotic activities will be gratefully accepted.

Web Site Up-date: - We have one volunteer who is going to learn the operation of a Web Site but could certainly use one or two more volunteers to work with.

New Business –

WATER – To make the most efficient use of watering our gardens, they should be watered in the AM when the ground is the coolest. Watering in the afternoon/evening leads to evaporation on the hot ground, which makes for wasteful usage of water and mildew on the plants. If you keep your water barrels full, you can then hand water at your convenience and get the most efficient usage. The water barrels are available from any ESS Member. We are inquiring with the Land and Water Ministry of other conservation measures we can take and will relay this information to the entire Valley.

“BC Hotspots – Slide” This Knowledge Network television show regarding the probability of slides in Sunshine Valley and other BC Hotspots, will be rerun on Friday, April 22nd, at 12:30 PM on the Knowledge Network. Preview on their website www.knowledgenetwork.ca

Discussion regarding the Log Trap on the Sumallo River, the problem of standing water and MOSQUITO'S.

Motion for adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Next Directors Meeting is May 6th, 2005 at 7:00 PM
At the Hope Recreation Centre, Mezzanine Floor
EVERYONE WELCOME