



## **SUNSHINE VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION**

c/o Dawn MacDonald, Secretary,  
71655 Leaf Lane, Hope, BC V0X 1L5

DIRECTOR'S MEETING – May 6th, 2005

Directors present – Bernd Hendrichs, Jim Benbaruj, Beata Korabek, Kate Zabell and Dawn MacDonald.

President, Bernd Hendrichs, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

CARRIED - Agenda accepted as circulated

CARRIED - Minutes of April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting accepted as circulated.

CARRIED - Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated

### Correspondence –

Letter and Minutes from the Hope Ratepayers Association received. We will write a letter of agreement and forward a copy of these Minutes for their information.

E-mail letter from Barb Bell, requesting our agreement to allow the Emergency Social Services to put up a tent for the display of videos and information at our July 1<sup>st</sup> celebrations. Also, permission to hold a 50/50 draw with the funds raised going to ESS for much needed articles for their reception centre.

### Old Business –

Adopt-a-Highway – Waivers were handed out for signature and Jim B. will be getting in touch with the volunteers who were absent tonight. He will also be arranging training sessions for the volunteers as soon as possible.

First Response Building – Copy of the letter “RE: REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP FOR APPLICATION FOR CROWN GRANT”, sent to MCAWS. This includes the proposal for the property for the First Response Building and the proposed Sumallo Silvertip Regional Park. A motion was passed to send a letter to MCAWS on behalf of the Ratepayers expressing our support of the proposed park, etc.

Web-Site Update: We are up and running with additions and corrections to come. Beata Korabek and Marilyn Hendrichs will be our “Web Mistresses”. If you have any photos or writings you would like posted on our Web-Site, please contact them. The Web-Site is:

[www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org](http://www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org)

Governance Study: - Draft is completed and will be released on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005. This is a draft only and there will be meetings and consultations with those interested. A delegation will be assembled to attend the FVRD Board Meeting in Chilliwack, The date to be confirmed. This bulletin board will carry any notices regarding the final proposals.

Highway Corridor Survey: - being done by the Ministry of Highways within the next few weeks. This survey will establish the rights-of-way in Sunshine Valley.

**Canada Day Celebrations** in the Valley: - A Grant from Heritage Canada has been submitted for Celebrate Canada funding. Our celebrations will be held on Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. The ESS info tent will be set up in Ruth Hedstrom's driveway and accessible to all. The Celebrations Committee includes Kate Zabell, Barb Bell and Kathy Bonney. Please contact these terrific volunteers with your contributions, suggestions and assistance on Canada Day. We are in discussion for a "Street Closure Permit" on the first block of Branch Bend, for the Safety and enjoyment of all those attending the Children's Events, BBQ and Street Dance.

**All are welcome to join in the festivities. More information and programming will be posted on the SVRA Bulletin Board.**

Community Forest: - this program is moving forward very quickly. A series of meetings to set up the Committee with representatives of Yale First Nations, District of Hope and Area "B", is being formed. SVRA will nominate our representative for the Committee in the near future. After we receive the final OK, we will have 120 days to complete the formation of the Corporation. This will be a medium sized corporation, with a possible 12 – 25 employees, in the Yale/Hope/Laidlaw/Sunshine Valley area. We have had a few names suggested but would like some input from the Sunshine Valley Owners/Residents on those interested in working on the Committee.

A knowledge of business, forestry, or accounting, etc. would be helpful. Please consider putting your name forward for this important and essential group on behalf of Sunshine Valley.

New Business –

Mosquitos – a letter to the Fraser Valley Health Authority regarding information and assessment of the mosquito problem expected this year in Sunshine Valley. We should all be watching for dead birds such as stellar jays, crows and ravens and report them to 1-888-WNV-LINE (West Nile Virus Line) or [www.bccdc.org](http://www.bccdc.org). DO NOT PICK UP OR TOUCH THE BIRDS, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

Pamphlets titled, Your Guide to the ONE-TONNE CHALLENGE were handed out to those in attendance. Sub-titled "Take Action on climate change. Use less energy, save money, improve air quality and protect our environment". Very good information for all of us.

NOTE: A summer newsletter will be coming out shortly.

A motion for funds for the Canada Day Celebrations to a maximum of \$300.00 was made and carried.

The Fraser Institute Report on Elementary Schools, ranked the Coquihalla Elementary School in Hope as 665/1013 within all schools in BC. A motion was made for a letter to the local school board to request the strategies and programs in place to address the ratings.

The Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association would like to say a very special "THANK YOU" to **Arnie Day** for his many contributions to the Sunshine Valley Volunteer Fire Dept. and the people of Sunshine Valley. We are sorry to see Solange and Arnie leaving the Valley. They will be greatly missed, but we hope to hear from them often, no matter where they are.

We will be sending letters to the Boards of Sunshine Valley, inviting their members to our Canada Day Celebrations.

Motion for adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

**Next Directors Meeting  
June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2005 at 7:00 PM  
At the Hope Recreation Centre,  
Mezzanine Floor**

**EVERYONE WELCOME**