



SUNSHINE VALLEY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

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

DIRECTOR'S MEETING – October 7th, 2005

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

President, Bernd Hendrichs, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

CARRIED - Agenda accepted as circulated

CARRIED - Minutes of September 2nd meeting accepted as circulated.

CARRIED - Treasurer's Report accepted as circulated

Correspondence –

Received information regarding Cell Service and High Speed Internet from Telus. We are forwarding the signed petitions to: John Webb, phone 250 – 952 – 0671, please phone or e-mail him your requests for this service. john.webb@gems8.gov.bc.ca

Guest Speaker –

Constable Kurtis G. Bosnell, of the RCMP, spoke to us about Grow-Ops, Meth Labs, and Smuggling. They have taken down 35 grow-ops in the past five years in Hope. There are many dangers in these operations such as fires, toxic chemicals, etc.

SPOTTING A GROW-OP – Sunshine Valley is vulnerable. Watch for a combination of these signals:

- Boarded up windows or curtains that are closed all the time.
- Brown Outs, if your lights dim at the same time every day. This is because the lighting is on a timer and so much power is needed that the surge when the lights come on, dim the lights in your home.
- Potting soil around the yard or thrown away, with the small white pellets in the soil.
- Beware of Dog signs, but no dog.
- Toys in the yard, but no kids live there.

If you are concerned or suspicious about property in your neighbourhood the call Constable Bosnell at 604 – 869 – 7783 with the address, or if a vehicle is suspicious call with a description and a licence number. This is your home and family you are protecting.

Meth Labs – similar signs as grow-ops, but also the smells of almonds, black licorice, or strong cat urine. These are what the chemicals smell like and they have to be handled with great care. Notify the RCMP and let them do their job, but we must be their extra eyes and ears.

Smuggling - Watch for helicopters (some without ID numbers) flying into the valleys or hikers with backpacks going into the mountains and coming out with full backpacks. Report licence numbers or addresses to the RCMP.

Old Business: -

Storage of Equipment – We have contracted till the end of January, but are looking into building our own storage shed that will be constructed and portable.

First Response Building – There should be an announcement by the end of October regarding the land.

Adopt-A-Highway – waiting for the signage to be installed and the go ahead from Ministry of Highways.

Water Rates – We have had a response from Rick Couroux that a decision regarding whether or not to conduct an oral or a written public hearing will be made by the middle of October. Mr. Couroux requested a committee of 2 or 3 people to represent the Utilities customers.

Shuttle Bus Service – Healthy Communities will be hiring a co-ordinator in November or so and we hope to have this service up and running shortly thereafter.

New Business: -

Applications for New Subdivisions in Meadow (22 lots) and Cedar (17 lots) have been submitted to Ministry of Transportation.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these developments, you should contact Mike Neill, Ministry of Transportation Development Approval, 45890 Victoria Ave., Chilliwack, BC, V2P 2T1, or via e-mail: mikeneill@mot.bc.ca . Also, if you have any concerns about the Water, Land or Air for these developments you may contact Sisto Bosa at the Ministry of Water, Land and Air or Howard Hunter, at the Ministry of Transportation.

Policy and Procedure Manual is progressing slowly but surely.

Nominating Committee – We are looking for Directors for the 2006 year. Don Bender was nominated Chairman, as he was not in attendance at this meeting.

Spirit of BC - There is a grant application for a Large Screen TV to pick up the Live Feed of the 2010 Olympics.

Within the next few weeks, we will be holding a meeting to begin the process of managing the 10 acres and building the First Response Bldg. If you are interested in joining this process please let a Director know. Time and date of this initial meeting TBA.

We are in the process of requesting a Grant-in-Aid and will discuss this at the FRB meeting as well.

We have been given another Go-Kart Kit to be built. We did such a good job on the first one. Any volunteers or new ideas for design? Let a Director know of your interest.

The FVRD is presenting Sunshine Valley as a location site to the BC Film Commission. Contact is Gordon Hardwick at the Commission. Do you have any ideas for film locations in the area?

Do you have a photo of it to submit?

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

**NEXT DIRECTORS MEETING IS November 4TH, 2005
AT THE HOPE ARENA, MEZZANINE FLOOR**

**EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND
especially NEW members**

