

**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
P O Box 2104, Hope, BC V0X 1L0  
www.sunshinevalleyratepayers.org**



**Directors Meeting October 6, 2006  
Sunshine Valley Recreation Centre**

**MINUTES**

**Directors present:** Rick Gagnon, Beata Korabek, Marc Porter, Norm Bell, Barb Bell  
Kate Zabell

Rick called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm

**AGENDA:** APPROVED

**MINUTES:** September 1, 2006 minutes: APPROVED and PASSED

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** Rudy Kehler – SEEC  
Rudy is a contract employee of the Skagit Environmental Endowment Commission (SEEC). Rudy gave a slide presentation. SEEC is an education, recreation, research stewardship collaboration. It has funded over six million dollars US. It is in partnership with B.C. Ministry of Environment, US National Park Service, Washington North Cascades Educational Program, Washington Student Conservation Association and Seattle City Light.

The purpose of SEEC is to conserve and protect wilderness and wildlife; enhance recreation opportunities on the Skagit; acquire mineral or timber rights for conservation and recreation purposes; conduct studies for needs of projects to plan for; construct hiking trails, interpretive displays and the like; to look after the shoreline of Ross Lake; and to monitor the water quality above and below Sunshine Valley. They also propose to re-establish the “Ghost pass trail” in Manning Part. To find out more, including research and documents of work that has been done to date, go to [www.skagiteec.org](http://www.skagiteec.org).

Arne Zabell – FVRD Area “B” Representative  
Arne gave a report on the proposed power generation station to be located at the waterfall on Potter Creek (near second bridge on Sumallo River Forest Service Road). If you wish to obtain more information on this issue, contact Arne for website address. The

Sunshine Valley Waste Transfer Station position is to be reposted. The Regional District is looking for a new manager for the recreation centre in Hope. The Sumallo Silvertip Regional Park application is sitting on the Ministry's desk for approval. The Community Forest Board of Directors are meeting on Thursday, October 12th.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Nothing new other than additional \$10.00 for membership renewal

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Rick received a phone call from Shayne Ralston in regards to water utility issue. Motion: That Rick will do a tour of the water utility on behalf of community. **SECONDED and PASSED.**
- Letter from FVRD in regards to request for grant. Grant was denied and will be put forward to next year.
- Thurber engineering report received in regards to the Valley and will be passed on to the webmaster for posting.
- Letter went out in regards to having a tour of the water facilities.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- **Bear Aware:**  
Donna gave a brief report on what has been done up to date. Donna and Charlie Russell will give a final presentation to the community on November 12th at the Rec. Centre. This will be a fundraising event with books written by Charlie Russell & Maureen Enns available for purchase. A hazard assessment has been done for Sunshine Valley and permanent signage is needed.
- **FM 90.1:**  
We need to get a RFP out to the community to see if there is any interest and to get someone to take on the portfolio of the radio station. The social enterprise contact wishes to come out to our next meeting. We need to contact Bernd and Marilyn Hendrichs to attend as well. Kate gave a report on "Center of Leadership & Entrepreneur Leadership" training. The training will run for six months for twenty people. There has been interest from outside the Valley, and they would like to join us in this training, including some from the First Nations community. This will be an ongoing service for a few years. We need for the community to get passionate about something they are interested in. Closing date is October 11th.
- **Community Water Update:**  
A letter is going out to the Water Board. We are asking for more information. The community has a right to know what is happening. Kate stated that there will be information coming out to us in the next month.
- **First Response Building:**  
Rick will be looking for someone to work with him on this portfolio.
- **By-Laws:**  
The Bylaw book is about to go to print, a sample of the layout was shown to the Executive. They may be ready for our December meeting, but definitely for the January meeting. A request went out for a picture for the front of our book—one of the Valley.

- **Healthy Communities:**

Volunteer Appreciation Night and Chocolate Extravaganza will be February 13, 2007. An advertisement will appear in the Hope Standard. Tickets will be available. Action B.C. is still looking to work with us on building trails and interpretive centres. We are looking for someone to handle this project.

- **Adopt-A-Highway:**

Norm thanked everyone who came out to help on our last cleanup for the year.

Motion: To send a letter to Emil Anderson in regards to what support we could get for traffic control while doing the job. Motion DEFEATED. Norm will contact Loretta Carison in regards to what type of assistance we should be receiving from Emil Anderson in regards to traffic control.

- **Jr. Life Guards:**

Continued SVRA support for this program was requested from the community. We will contact the Recreation Commission to see if they will help out again this year with the transportation costs. We will also contact the Hope taxi company to see if they will do the same in regards to providing transportation this year.

Before wrapping up, Rick said he would not let his name stand for SVRA President this next year. He has a lot on his plate and does not have the time for the commitment. If anyone has a submission for nomination to the Board, please forward it to Don Bender.

### **Member's Participation**

Members are requested to limit their questions and discussions to matters that have been placed before the directors and on the agenda. Questions will be answered after the directors meetings.

Motion: to adjourn the meeting. SECONDED and PASSED.

Adjourned at 8:50pm.

Next Directors Meeting is Friday, November 3, 2006  
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC  
**Everyone Welcome to Attend**