



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Directors Meeting  
May 4, 2007  
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC**

**MINUTES**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Barb Bell, Norm Bell, Beata Korabek, Ben Barnett, Sharon Bender

*Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm.*

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Kurt Bosnell, Investigator, RCMP Hope Community Police detachment*

Kurt gave a PowerPoint presentation on how to identify illegal marihuana grow ops and methamphetamine labs in our community. The RCMP has dismantled more than 65 grow ops and labs in the Hope area. Kurt described the possible identifiers from an illegal grow operation that residents should be on the lookout for. The identifiers from a grow operation are very similar, if not the same, to the identifiers from an illegal lab.

Signs of a possible grow op include the appearance that nobody “lives” in the house (people coming and going at odd hours of the day and night), humming sounds coming from the house, heavy scent of fertilizer and potting soil, lights in the house are on a timer to make it appear that someone is living there, covered windows, extra home security measures, no snow on roof during the winter when neighbouring houses have snow on their roofs, power surges/brown outs (dimming lights) at regular times during the day and night, condensation on windows, and unkempt yards. For meth labs, signs also include chemical smells, large plastic containers, and Sudafed (ephedrine) boxes in the trash.

Grow ops and meth labs pose a danger to the community (i.e., risk of fires/explosions, booby traps, power outages, poisonous gases, structural and environmental damage). To file an anonymous complaint, contact the Hope Community Police at 604-869-7750 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: *Approve the agenda as circulated.*

SECONDED and PASSED.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: *Approve the minutes as circulated from the April 5, 2007 Directors Meeting.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the month of April 2007.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

One new membership was received in the month of April.

A letter was received from the Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) regarding an application by D. Fredlund Manley for the removal of feldspar rock material from the Hope Slide debris area. A copy of the letter and application is on the SVRA website for public review.

A letter was sent to Bernd and Marilyn Hendrichs informing them that the SVRA will not be purchasing their radio station equipment.

A letter of support was sent to LookieLoo regarding the use of Telus owned dark fibre between Hope and Sunshine Valley for the purpose of providing high-speed wireless internet to residents in Sunshine Valley. A copy of the 2005 SVRA petition to Telus was also included with the letter. Arne Zabell, FVRD Area B Director, was copied.

An e-mail was sent to Chris Weicht regarding confirmation of the June 3, 2007 date for the history presentation in Sunshine Valley. Chris responded to the e-mail stating that the date is still good. Chris also asked if someone would be available to sell books while he gives his presentation. Kate Zabell offered to assist Chris.

### **BUSINESS**

*Arne Zabell was invited to address the board with any news relating to Sunshine Valley. Arne stated that the FVRD is currently working with Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd. (SVDL) and with Emergency Social Services (ESS) regarding emergency flood protection in Sunshine Valley. Widespread flooding in Hope and the Fraser Valley is becoming more imminent and residents need to take action now to be prepared. Residents should have enough food, supplies and medicine for at least 72 hours AFTER an emergency is declared by the Government. The FRVD is still working on the terms of the Sunshine Valley Community Council. To date, 39 people have expressed an interest in serving. The FVRD will schedule a meeting for the people who have expressed an interest to provide them with additional information. The first item of business for the Council will be to develop a rudimentary community plan in about 3-4 months time.*

- **Community Water Update**

Don Bender reports that there is no news in regards to the SVDL water rate application. Repeated attempts in contacting Rick Couroux, Secretary to the Comptroller of Water Rights, have gone unanswered. Don stated he will draft a letter to Pieter Bekker asking what the current status is. Don will also ask in his letter for copies of documents that have recently been submitted to the comptroller's office by SVDL. There was discussion as to whether the user committee that Don chairs is an SVRA committee or a separate committee. After some deliberation it was determined that the user committee is a separate committee that reports to the SVRA and that the SVRA's role is to disseminate the information to the community and act as a liaison.

- **Planning for Canada Day 2007 Celebration**

Word was received from Canadian Heritage that the SVRA will receive a matching grant in the amount of \$500 for the SVRA Canada Day 2007 celebration. The SVRA can include contributions in kind towards calculating the matching amount. Kate has asked for displays and participation from the RCMP, local politicians, local press, forestry groups, Hope Search and Rescue, and others. An announcement regarding the June 30th celebration and barbeque will be made in the newsletter. Kate will be seeking newsletter contributions (200-400 words) from the board and membership.

- **Policy and Procedure Manual**

During the previous directors meeting there was discussion as to whether the SVRA policy and procedure manual should be published on the SVRA website. Beata mentioned that by having it on the website, people that are new to Sunshine Valley could look and see all the things the board does and is responsible for. In addition, it would be a valuable resource for anyone who is considering running for a board position to see exactly what is expected and how much work would be involved in being a board member.

MOTION: *To publish the SVRA policy and procedure manual on the SVRA website.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

- **SVRA Newsletter**

The spring newsletter will be sent to the printer on May 10th. Anyone interested in submitting an article for the newsletter, please get your article to Kate as soon as possible. Kate will circulate a draft for comment on Wednesday.

- **Chris Weicht History Presentation on June 3rd**

The board discussed what type of food should be served at the event. It was decided that we would offer deli meats, bread and condiments for people to make their own sandwiches. Bottled water, soda and cookies will also be provided. Kate said she would help Chris sell books during his presentation if Chris would consider providing two complimentary copies of his book. Barb and Beata will handle the food preparation. Food budget for this event is \$300.

- **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on May 27th**

Norm reports that the cleanup is still planned for May 27th – weather permitting. There was a question from the audience as to whether food would be provided to the volunteers. The board asked the members in attendance if anyone would like to volunteer making a lunch. Marc Porter volunteered to make a chilli.

- **Emergency Social Services**

Barb provided several ESS handouts and reminded everyone that they should be prepared for possible flooding in the coming month. Roads may be closed in and out of Sunshine Valley if a major flood were to occur, so residents need to stock up on food supplies, medicine, etc. A limited number of sandbags have been delivered to Sunshine Valley, but not enough in the event of a major flood. Norm reports that additional sandbags could be delivered in short notice if needed. Norm also stated that area ESS teams are planning to conduct a mock emergency event in Sunshine Valley on the second Friday of November this year. Further details will be announced at a later date.

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*

SECONDED AND PASSED

*Meeting was adjourned at 9:44pm.*

**Next Directors Meeting is Friday, June 1, 2007**

**7:00pm – 9:00pm**

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**Everyone is welcome to attend!**