



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association
Directors Meeting
September 7, 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 7:08 pm.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: *Approve the agenda as circulated.*
SECONDED and PASSED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION: *Approve the Treasurer's report for the months of July-August 2007.*
SECONDED AND PASSED.

CORRESPONDENCE

The SVRA received copy of a letter dated July 30, 2007 from Philip Morris to 783567 BC Ltd. informing them of the decision to not approve the company's application for aggregate removal from lands near the Hope Slide.

A letter dated September 3, 2007 was sent from Barb Bell to Len Blackstock at Cattermole Timber regarding the bridge removal from West Fork Road (second bridge).

An e-mail of reply was received on September 6, 2007 from Len Blackstock stating that Cattermole Timber was not responsible for removing the bridge from West Fork Road (second bridge) and advising the SVRA to instead send a letter of complaint to the Ministry of Forests since they were the ones responsible.

A letter dated August 29, 2007 from the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch was received informing the SVRA that the application for a Direct Access Program grant has been reviewed and denied.

BUSINESS

- **Removal of Second Bridge**

Based on the response from Cattermole, a letter of complaint should be sent to Kerry Grozier at the Ministry of Forests regarding the bridge removal. Kerry is scheduled to be at the Community Committee meeting on September 8th; however, it has been conveyed that he does not plan to address issues outside of the agenda. Len Blackstock and the Sunshine Valley Forest Advisory Steering Committee should also be copied on the letter of complaint. Barb believes that the steering committee plans to also send a letter.
- **Community Water Update**

Kate had telephoned Rick Couroux, Deputy Comptroller of Water Rights, regarding the ongoing issue of the water rate application made by Sunshine Valley Developments Ltd. (SVDL). Talking points from her conversation were distributed via e-mail. Key points were that Kerry Rawlick is the owner of SVDL, Urban Systems is the company performing the engineering studies of the Trites Creek and Huckleberry water systems, the engineering studies will be completed in mid-September and it will probably take until mid-December for the studies to be reviewed by Mr. Couroux's office, Martin McLeod of the Fraser Health Authority is working collaboratively with SVDL and the Comptroller's office to ensure that both water systems satisfy the requirements under the Drinking Water Protection Act and will wait until the engineering studies are complete before implementing a timeline for additional treatment options. Kate will check with the Comptroller's office in mid-September to see if the engineering studies have come in from SVDL.
- **Web Site Report**

Ben reported that the number of visitors to the SVRA web site has for the most part stayed the same through the months of June, July and August. Kate reported that a group from Princeton has been reviewing our web site. The group has been looking at our Policy and Procedures manual and are preparing to start a Ratepayers Association in Princeton.
- **Provincial Elections**

Norm asked the board to lobby Victoria to change the laws so that everyone in Sunshine Valley can have a vote in provincial elections where there are taxation/money issues being decided. After some discussion among board members and with Arne Zabell, it was determined that the laws are currently set up to prevent people from having two votes. Voters are allowed to transfer their vote to Sunshine Valley from their previous or other place of residence, but are not allowed to have two votes in provincial elections.
- **Active Communities**

In late August, Kate noticed a grant opportunity to receive pedometers from Active Communities that had a deadline of August 31st. Because of the short notice, Kate applied for 100 pedometers on behalf of the SVRA. Under the rules of the grant, the SVRA will be selling the pedometers in order to raise money towards a community project that promotes physical activity. The pedometers are valued at approximately \$40 each. Kate proposes selling the pedometers for \$5 each. Robyn Hobbs has agreed to sell the pedometers. All money raised will be put towards a community project in Sunshine Valley. Project can be anything from trail building, benches, signage, etc. The community project must be on public land. Kate also proposes that the SVRA look for

corporate partners to assist in fundraising for such projects and to ensure that these corporate partners are recognised in some manner. Phase two of the Active Communities grant is to assign someone the task of promoting physical activity in the community. In order to apply for phase two, a workbook that Kate has must be completed. The deadline for phase two is September 30th.

- **First Response Building**

The file for the first response building cannot be located. Barb states that we must reconstruct the file. Barb proposes that we work with the Sunshine Valley volunteer fire department to see if they would be interested in a dual purpose facility. With community support this can be a FVRD service area referendum, but before that can happen, there needs to be plans drawn up, an agreed upon location and public hearings.

- **Area B Report from Arne Zabell**

Arne Zabell, FVRD Area B Director, was asked by Barb to give a report on FVRD issues affecting Sunshine Valley.

COMMUNITY FOREST - Arne reported that there will soon be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new community forest. The community forest includes all of Mt. Potter and stretches northward beyond Hope. Volunteers and advisory communities will be getting involved.

QUARRY APPLICATIONS – The application for removal of aggregate material at the Hope Slide was denied due to the historical significance of the location. The application for gravel extraction near 11 Mile Creek was approved. The application is for the removal of 50,000 cubic metres initially, and could be expanded later on.

TIMBER HARVESTING – Hazel Boyd of the Sunshine Valley Forest Advisory Steering Committee will be reviewing the amendments made by Cattermole Timber to their forest development plan and reporting back to the committee.

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES – New proposed provincial electoral boundaries are up for public review. A meeting will be held on September 11th in Abbotsford from 6:30pm to 11:30pm for public comment. Comments may also be submitted to their web site. Under the proposed changes, a new electoral district will be formed called Chilliwack-Hope.

- **Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup on September 29th**

Norm announced that the next SVRA Adopt-A-Highway cleanup will take place on September 29th. Volunteers should plan to meet at the entrance to Sunshine Valley beginning at 9:45am, with the cleanup beginning at 10:00am.

- **Junior Lifeguard Program**

Barb reported that the Junior Lifeguard Program will resume at the Hope-District Recreation Centre this fall. Funds for Sunshine Valley youth have already been allocated. Students between the ages of 9 and 16 may register at the Recreation Centre front desk. Transportation costs have yet to be determined. Kate Zabell will look into whether the school bus can drop students off at the pool after school. Kate will provide the board with further details. Kate noted that September 15th is the 10th anniversary of the Hope and District Recreation Centre.

Further discussion took place concerning the denial by the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the SVRA's direct access program grant application. One of the reasons given for why the application was denied was because our bylaws require members to be in good standing

for a period of 6 months before they are eligible to vote. Apparently this was a sticking point for a non-profit organization such as the SVRA to require this. The only way to resolve this is for the SVRA to change its bylaws regarding voting privileges. Doing so would need to be brought before the membership at an annual general meeting (AGM).

Kate Zabell and Barb reported that a couple people in the community have come forward to be part of the organizing committee for the BC 2008 Sunshine Valley homecoming event. The committee will be spearheaded by Kate and will possibly include members from the Japanese community. Kate said that she would prepare a handout for circulation.

MOTION: *To adjourn the meeting.*
SECONDED AND PASSED

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

**Next Directors Meeting is:
Friday, October 5, 2007 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm
SCCC Recreation Centre, Sunshine Valley, BC
Everyone is welcome to attend!**