



**Sunshine Valley Ratepayers Association  
Directors Meeting  
November 2, 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 7:01 pm.*

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**GUEST SPEAKER**

*Arne Zabell, Fraser Valley Regional District Area B Director*

Arne provided the board with an update of Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) Area B activities that may be of interest to Sunshine Valley residents.

• **High-Speed Internet**

The community of Yale is live with wireless high-speed internet. The wireless internet is being provided by Chilliwack based Lookie-Loo. The transmitting antenna is located at the fire hall and a mountain top repeater will soon be installed. Residents are experiencing up to 3.5 Mbps upload/download speeds. Partners include the Yale Ratepayers Association, FVRD, the school board, and local First Nations. It is estimated that by January 2008 the repeater will be operational. Lookie-Loo is looking into whether it will be possible to install additional repeaters in order to bring high-speed internet to other communities, including Sunshine Valley. High-speed internet packages from Lookie-Loo start at approximately \$35 per month per subscriber.

• **Cell Phone Coverage**

Telus is installing a transmitting tower at Yale that will provide cell coverage from Yale to Dogwood Valley. Arne expects that as soon as wireless is available in all areas of the Highways 1 and 5 corridors, then companies such as Telus will begin to expand their coverage along the Highway 3 corridor.

• **Cascade Lower Canyon Community Forest**

Now that Mt. Potter is officially part of the new community forest, Arne encourages the SVRA to work with the community forest committee members to identify and work on common goals. The committee will be meeting with the Skagit Environmental

Endowment Commission. Kate has addresses for the community forest committee members.

- **Debris Removal from Trite Creek**

Residents should look to the FVRD for watershed mapping of Mt. Potter and Trite Creek. The Ministry of Highways is responsible for any debris removal from the creek which could cause flooding of roads under their jurisdiction. Residents who experience any road flooding due to run-off from Park Hill or Trite Creek should contact the Ministry of Highways Communication Centre.

- **Removal of Second Bridge along Sumallo River**

Arne suggests that the SVRA send an e-mail to Kerry Grozier of the Chilliwack Forest District requesting a cost estimation for installing either a foot or two tonne bridge to replace the one that was removed. He also suggested that the SVRA contact the Reserve Engineers in Chilliwack to see if they would be interested in partnering on such a project.

- **Sumallo Silvertip Regional Park and proposed Recreation Area**

While the application to designate 10 hectares of Crown Land south of Sunshine Valley as the Sumallo Silvertip Regional Park was approved by the Ministry of Forests, the second application to designate the entire Sumallo River Valley was not. In the application to the Ministry of Forests, the parcel of land was misidentified by the Integrated Land Management Bureau as a park instead of as a recreational area. The FVRD is now spearheading a renewed effort to designate this area as a recreational area.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: *Approve the minutes from the Directors Meeting held on October 5, 2007.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

## **BUSINESS**

- **Junior Lifeguard Program**

Barb reported that the SVRA sponsored two Junior Lifeguard courses this year, one during the Spring and one during the Fall. Barb explained that usually the SVRA only sponsors one course. Because of the fact that the SVRA sponsored two courses this year, the Sunshine Valley youth recreation fund at the Hope and District Recreation Centre fell short by approximately \$700. The \$1500 annual youth recreation fund is generated from taxes that are paid. Efforts were made to help reduce the cost of transportation, including the use of school buses to transport students from School to the Recreation Centre. However, it was learned that school buses could not be used for this purpose and instead a decision was made to use taxi service. The board agreed that in the future grants should first be pursued to help cover costs.

MOTION: *Approve up to a maximum of \$700, payable to the Hope and District Recreation Centre, for the Fall 2007 Sunshine Valley Junior Lifeguard program.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

- **Active Communities**

A regional roundtable meeting was held in the Fraser Valley for BC Active Communities. Sunshine Valley was represented by Dave and Tova Vanderveen and Kate Zabell. Sunshine Valley is one of four groups in the region that are selling pedometers to raise money for projects that promote physical activity. Several SVRA members will be selling pedometers for \$5 each to help raise money for local projects that will promote physical activity. The Sunshine Community Co-operative Club (SCCC) will also be selling pedometers. Three hundred pedometers are available for purchase. Phase two of the project will begin on November 17th where a grant application will be submitted for an additional \$5K. The grant application is being made for planning costs of building a trail network in Sunshine Valley. Once a plan is in place and approved, additional grants may be pursued in order to cover the costs of building the trail infrastructure.

- **Spirit of BC Week**

Spirit of BC Week is February 8-16, 2008. Activities this year will include free books for children, public readings by distinguished authors, a free skate at the Hope and District Recreation Centre on February 15th, and a volunteer appreciation gala the night of February 9th in Hope. A Spirit of BC broom hockey event is being planned for Sunshine Valley on February 16th. All volunteers in Sunshine Valley are invited to attend the volunteer appreciation gala. More event information will be provided as soon as it becomes available.

- **Sunshine Valley Homecoming 2008**

To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of when British Columbia became a Crown Colony, a special Sunshine Valley homecoming event is being planned for the August long weekend in 2008. A grant application is being made to help cover the cost of this event. Grants are available to any organization that is planning a celebration to commemorate BC's 150th anniversary.

MOTION: *The SVRA will administer the funds received from the BC 2008 grant application through its BC Lotteries Commission (BCLC) Gaming Account.*  
SECONDED AND PASSED.

- **BCLC Direct Access Program Grant**

In response to a request for a copy of the grant application that was received in June by BCLC, fourteen pages of information were sent back. Several reasons were given as to why the grant application was denied. Beata will work with Kate on this project.

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

*Meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.*

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