

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Zoom Conference
Thursday October 14, 2021 7 P.M.

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. Present - Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Lisa Timmons, Angus Whitmore, Vernon Lord, Evan Fryer and guest Ian Graeme

Approval of Agenda: Angus and Vernon second.

Approval of September 9 minutes: Angus with Vernon second.

Reports:

President: Lisa

- o Introduced guest and Camosun resident Ian Graeme who is a director for the Friends of Bowker Creek. Ian has been active with initiatives to enhance and restore the creek since 1996 and this society is distinct from the Bowker Creek Initiative.
- o Ian- talked about SD 61 3rd reading to dispose of a portion of Lansdowne North School property to the Francophone School District 93, pending final approval by the Minister of Education. This sale does not involve Saanich council and letters of concern should be sent to the Saanich planning department approving officer. Ian is concerned that the language in the Bowker Creek blueprint and daylight feasibility study shows that this property can store a significant amount of overflow water at present. Also the LAP (Local Area Plan) shows this area of Saanich is deficient in green space. He noted that there is a statutory right of way on the Western boundary adjacent to the Parkwood Place retirement center. Discussion ensued over the proposed sale of triangle shaped 1.9 acres of land at Lansdowne South Middle School campus to the Victoria Hospice Society for a new Centre of Excellence for Victoria Hospice, with space for expanded services including grief support, community education. SD 61 will host a Zoom information session at 7PM November 3rd for the public to see the proposal and speak to school board directors and the Victoria Hospice Society CEO.
Ian noted that in 2006-2007 SD 61 tried to sell the entire Richmond Elementary (now Lansdowne Campus South) property but was unsuccessful due to public outcry to keep the land in the public domain.
- o Lisa suggests that the CCA place an survey on our Facebook page and website for residents to express their views. October 21 is the deadline to send letters to the Saanich approving officer regarding the sale of the Lansdowne North property.
- o In early October we received correspondence from the Mt. Tolmie Assoc, about increased police calls and theft near Mt. Tolmie hospital, a 200% increase.

- o SCAN 2022 municipal appointments to advisory councils will be upcoming
- o Some changes by made Abstract Developments to their McRae Ave proposal were approved but not the requested height variances.
- o For this year's AGM, Vernon will place an ad in the Saanich news with the same format as last year.

Treasurer: Vernon

- o The Island Hosting invoice \$87 is paid as well as \$50 to Evan for the Facebook advertising. No more revenue to report. Current bank balance is \$3200.

Communications: Evan

- o Fall newsletter is being prepared and a new advertising campaign through Facebook. We will do a lottery draw for a \$25 Bolen book gift certificate at the AGM for those participating.
- o Tom is working on the software required to link our website posts with Facebook posts.
- o Evan will design a Facebook survey regarding the Lansdowne South Campus land sale completes with the recent news releases. The question will be to approve or disapprove.
- o November 6 will see a mass email to our members about the upcoming AGM.
- o The board agreed that an ad should be placed in the UVic student media for a student representative on our board.

Land Use:

- o Discussion ensued around updating of the Local Area Plans. On October 25 there will be 2 new Saanich Council reports to evaluate.

AGM:

- o Duration will be a maximum 1 ½ hours. Leigh will send our guest speakers contact information to Lisa, Vernon and Evan. A motion was passed to make a donation to the salmon introduction project through the FOBC. Lisa motioned and second by Leigh – motion passed.
- o Evan will co-host the meeting and Angus will conduct the election of officers.

CALC (Community Association Liaison Committee) – Meralin

- o The Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association (QCHCA) donated money to the Kings Rd Nature Space
- o The Deans' Lecture Series is currently online so that you can stay connected to what's going on at UVic. Research is continually reshaping the way we live and think. In these free online lectures, you'll hear from distinguished members of the

faculties at the University of Victoria and learn about their research interests. [Dean](#)

- o The Vaccine passport is now required for campus events in any auditorium. There's no policy for community education- staff promised to find out before next meeting" (Dec). Students and staff must make a self declaration of vaccine status until Sept 26. Weekly tests for those not fully vaccinated, or who refuse to disclose status. There are vaccine clinics on campus
- o An addition is being built to the dental clinic, which is open to the public.
- o All other construction continues: Indigenous law addition, engineering expansion, transit exchange expansion, cycling path to Gordon Head Rd, student housing. 162 beds were demolished. The new buildings will have more than 400 beds. Students are having problems finding housing. Community members can post on UVic website if they have a room to rent.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting November 8