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Camosun Community Association

Zoom Conference – February 9, 2023

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. Present - Meralin Young, Leigh Urquhart, Vicki Sanders, Jamie Dopp, Mike Kory, Vernon Lord, and Pat Walker

Approval of Agenda: Meralin motioned and Jamie seconded.

Approval of January 12, minutes: Jamie motioned and Meralin seconded.

Reports:

Treasurer: Vernon

- o Bank balance is \$1400
- o Brings forward the need for the treasurer to access our membership list, tracking current and past and dues current and in arrears and up to date email lists.
- o Jamie suggests new fundraising opportunities, i.e. a Park event, and reviewing our membership due structure with the aim of not only maintaining our base but also growing the membership. Leigh suggested adopting a model membership structure used by another community association specifically QCHCA. that has volunteered to assist.

Communications:

- o Evan and our webmaster Tom Celuzsak are creating a shared group drive on Google for the board members to access. Typical information would include web expenses, BC society obligations, membership accounts, financial institution data and more. Having this will hopefully enable current and future board members to carry on our work seamlessly.

SCAN (Saanich Community Association Network): Leigh

- o Monthly meeting Feb. 1 at Saanich Commonwealth – 12 associations attended with Trevor Barry as president. Guest speaker was **Lindsay Chase [New Planning Director](#)** who is the new director of Saanich Planning. Lindsay outlined the organization changes in the department with all the new hires as planners and front end staff and moves within staff departments. Sustainability and Climate Action has been separated from planning. Trevor Hurst is the new Chief Information Officer [CIO](#)
- o Development applications will be approved faster along with an information package sent to applicants and being able to see online progress and at what stage a development applicant is at. Lindsay said she refers to the Regional Growth Strategy and the Urban Containment Boundary for her direction.
- o Saanich has invested heavily in new software to handle email, large electronic files as well as cyber security protection.

- o Lindsay presented Saanich's housing strategy base on new census stats, inclusionary zoning strategy for affordable units and the move from Local Area Plans to focus on Centers, Corridors and Village concepts. Current projects are the Quadra/Mckenzie master plan, Overall Community Plan updates, implementation of Saanich Housing Strategy, defining community amenity contributions into a final concept from the present interim policy. Also in the planning is a tenant assistant policy and inclusionary housing.
- o The SCAN board discussed feedback on Pets and Parks policy from a Jan 31 open house
- o Senior management has been repopulated with Brent Rheems being the new CAO and Trevor Hurst as the new chief information officer
- o SCAN is looking for a new rep for Healthy Saanich Advisory Committee [Healthy Saanich](#)
- o Discussion on speaking time allotted at council meetings for individuals and Community Associations and on public hearing requirements.

Land Development:

- o Review and discussion of the Rainbow development and the well organized resident group that has serious opposition to many aspects of said project.
- o Meralin gave an update on the renovation to the Saanich Alliance Church on Townley. The church has been positively listening to neighbours concerns regarding parking, height and possible rezoning.
- o Allenby Park playground is nearing completion after an eight month closure. Past CCA vice president and nearby resident Tim Janzen has invited the CCA to a walk about with Saanich park manager Paul de Greef – time and date TBA. Pat and Mike are interested.
- o The progress of the SD61 land sale at Lansdowne South to Victoria Hospice Society was discussed.
- o Leigh spoke on the Feb. 1st BC Hydro grant/native habitat restoration event at Kings Community Nature Space. Children from Lansdowne's Eco-Ed class gathered with Saanich staff to plant 233 native species. Big thanks to BC Hydro for the donation and to all the volunteers – more planting and pulling weed events to come. For updates contact Deanna Pfeiffer at pfeifferdeanna@gmail.com
- o The 1661Freeman and Shelbourne project still requires work from the CCA to represent the community views past and present. The February 27 meeting of the whole council meeting will hear the application and planner's report Community amenities discussed.

Adjournment

Next meeting is March 9