

# MINUTES

## Camosun Community Association

### Board Meeting – Zoom February 8, 2024

**Call to Order by Lisa:** 7:00 PM. **Present** – Lisa Timmons, Leigh Urquhart, Jamie Dopp, and Meralin Young. **Absent with their regrets** - Mike Kory, Vicki Sanders, Angus Whitmore, and Evan Fryer. Mike Ranfft – guest.

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**Approval of the Agenda:** Jamie motioned and Meralin seconded.

**Approval of January 11, minutes:** Jamie motioned and Meralin seconded.

### Reports:

**Guest presenter:** Mike Ranfft

- o The Shelbourne Medical Clinic (Shelbourne and North Dairy) is closing permanently, partly due retirement of one full time doctor and the landlord wanting a 5 year lease. Mike Ranfft, a longtime patient of the clinic spoke at this meeting outlining the concerns of his and a few thousand other patients who will now have to search for alternatives. Because of the lack of a “best practices” procedure from Island Health when a clinic closes in regard to informing patients, Mike decided to tackle the issue himself and engage with MLA Murray Rankin as well as informing the community. The Comox Valley has recruited 44 physicians to the area in just three years, drastically reducing the number of residents without a family doctor, says the doctor and city councilor who headed up a recruitment committee. Dr. Jonathan Kerr, chair of the doctor recruitment task force for the Comox Valley, said the number of residents in the region without a family doctor has dropped dramatically, from 14,000 in 2021 to about 2,000 — or 19 per cent to three per cent. See newspaper article here [Recruit doctors](#) Murray Rankin has invited Dr. Kerr and Saanich Mayor Murdock to speak at an upcoming meeting to meet to discuss strategies. Lisa attended a preliminary meeting on February 7 with Mike Ranfft and Murray Rankin where she stressed the urgency that the community has regarding the void left with the closing of the clinic. Lisa highlighted the build out of the Shelbourne Valley and how the area needs an urgent care centre. Mike encourages the community to get media attention. And utilize social media in order to prod Island Health into solving this crisis. A town hall meeting will likely be the next step in this struggle.
- o Meralin reported on her research into how the Jack Nathan medical clinic in the Hillside Walmart operates, as it is not a walk in clinic but does have 4-5

doctors that are accessible through a set procedure. The board discussed how we can put together an information guide regarding health providers on our social media.

**President: Lisa**

- o Request from Seba construction to meet the CCA in regard to their 1899 Cochrane project. Presently a 1946 single family home sits on a .27 acre lot. Vicki Sanders will do the meet and report back to the board.
- o *Notes from Leigh:* The meeting on February 5 at the SD 61 school board office with the trustees, SD 61 staff, along with Saanich Engineering and Parks reps, CRD Bowker Creek Initiative staff, Friends of Bowker Creek and CCA. The request came from Nicole Duncan, board chair. Nicole wanted to discuss with stakeholders the opportunities to collaborate on the future of the Lansdowne South Middle school property now that Victoria Hospice has backed out of the purchase. Leigh and Lisa represented the CCA in the one hour meeting. City of Victoria and North Jubilee Community association did not send representatives. Overall the discussion was very positive, informative to new trustees and a feeling that all groups were on the same page to preserve the property and move ahead with the goals of the Bowker Creek Initiative. Obstacles ahead are that although Saanich is behind the concept, there is no more money available for park acquisition. However several of those attending have experience with grant writing and offered their assistance, Nicole Duncan stated that the present board has no intention of selling the property but stressed that that could change after the next school board elections in 30 months time.. Further all public land is being examined by the Housing Ministry. The CCA made clear that we should organize activities on the land asap in conjunction with the Elementary school students to continue awareness and show that the space is being used. Lisa has reached out to the school offering our assistance and the trustees agreed to do the same.  
This group adjourned after planning to meet quarterly.
- o Saanich CAO Brent Reems has offered to meet with the CCA one on one or at a board meeting to discuss any matters of concern. The board discussed where and when we could set up to meet.

**Treasurer: Jamie**

- o Jamie is working on the community association grant applications. Our bank balance is \$455.15

**Community Association Liaison Committee: Meralin**

- o Attended a meeting where UVic outlined the future for their properties, notably the Ian Stewart Complex on Gordon Head Rd. to be designed as a walkable mixed use community See here [University District](#)

**Next meeting: March 14, 2024**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM**