

MINUTES
Camosun Community Association
Board Meeting – Zoom October 10, 2024

Call to Order: 7:00 PM. **Present** – Leigh Urquhart, Meralin Young, Lisa Timmons, Mike Kory, and June Whitmore.

Approval of September 12 minutes: Lisa moved and Meralin seconded.

Reports:

President:

- o Notice from Saanich re the 2025 Appointments to Advisory Committees, Foundation and Board. Anyone interested in being considered for such an appointment in 2025 must complete an application form and submit it with a resume to the Legislative Services Division by Friday, October 25, 2024, at 4:30 p.m
- The Municipal Council of the District of Saanich is pleased to announce its Inaugural Town Hall meeting, part of a commitment to public engagement as outlined in the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. **Meeting Information: Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2024. **Time:** 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Location:** Cedar Hill Golf Course Clubhouse, 1400 Derby Road. To preregister to speak at the meeting by Emailing: council@saanich.ca **Registration Deadline:** 12:00 p.m. (noon) on the day of the meeting.
- o The CCA AGM will be held via Zoom on November 14th at 7 PM. Our speaker will be Abiola Falaye a Saanich community planner to give a talk for our community on the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan update. One half an hour will be set aside for the presentation.
- o Lisa and Leigh had a coffee chat at the Roundhouse September 21 with councilor Teale Phelps Bonderoff. We told him our focus was on the Tree Protection bylaw and the loss of trees to development in particular the Big Pondy pine tree at 1899 Cochrane. This tree qualifies as protected status not for its specie but certainly on its size, however is labeled for removal in the developer's application.

- o Re the AGM,. Discussion ensued over the frequency and length of our meetings. Present board members should be thinking about staying on the board and their roles.

Treasurer: Jamie

- o Upcoming expenses for Island Hosting web page, domain name, Society Act, Membership draw and Webmaster will total approx \$375

Communications: Evan and Webmaster Tom

- o Up to date with posts to Facebook and our webpage. Evan will send out via Mailchimp our membership campaign notice at least 21 days before the AGM. Two prizes of \$25 each will be drawn for those who renew or are new CCA members.

Guest Ian Graeme:

- o Ian gave a summation of the successful Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day at Lansdowne South – well attended by the community as well as Saanich Mayor, SD61 chair and a few councilors. There were multiple information stations including UVic, CRD, SD61, community associations, music, food and more.
- o Ian highlighted the present process of updating the Bowker Creek Blueprint, a 100 year strategy which started in 2011 and is ongoing an update to take eight months. How this blueprint relates to the SVAP is critical to Bowker Creek restoration and revival. All three provincial leader candidates have been invited to a tour of the creek. The first Chum salmon that were reintroduced as fry are now expected to return soon.

Community Association Liaison Committee (CALC): Meralin

- o The meeting was short due to the absence of several members. Two main topics were discussed for UVic, one being their real estate strategy whose function is not just to create housing for faculty , staff and the public and will be a revenue generator as well as connecting UVic to the community. The second topic was-**The University District Master Plan** which is the development at the Ian Stewart Complex and property adjacent to the East of Gordon Head Rd. Planning and design is now underway with rezoning application coming in Spring 2025 is proceeding and will feature housing rentals, and retail food outlet.
- o The OCP permits 6 storeys in this area.
- o The Quadra McKenzie Study outlines this area as up to 18 storeys.
- o Housing would be available to entire community not just UVic community.

- o These units could be for purchase or could be rentals – this has not yet been decided.
- o The governance structure has not been decided yet.

See this link for the UVic 2023 Real Estate Strategy [Real Estate Strategy](#) UVic is planning to create a real estate strategy that incorporates residential, commercial and other amenities on lands close to UVic's Gordon Head (main) campus. The strategy is to establish a potential mixed-use University District that provides new housing opportunities to support a more vibrant campus and surrounding community. Ensure a financially sustainable model of development that generates revenue to support university priorities.

- o The six Community associations and UVic agreed at the Sept/24 CALC meeting that the final version of the minutes could be shared with the association boards.

SCAN: Jamie

- o Saanich taxes to increase by 9.3 % apparently due to employee wage costs, subcontracting work needed for new developments as well as admin costs relating to hiring more staff to process the development applications.
- o Capital Bike information group is pushing Saanich to have more interconnected bike routes
- o Re: Music in the Park events- Saanich Legacy Board manages the dates and revenue. After admin fee the funds transfer to the community association.

New Business:

- o Leigh made a motion to acknowledge the work of our webmaster through an E-transfer rather than other forms. Lisa seconded and the motion was passed.
- o Winner of the \$15 gift certificate to Bolen Books from our Bowker Creek Biodiversity Day Draw was- Andrea Careless. Congratulations to her.

Next meeting November 7, 2024

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM