

**French Creek Residents Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting**

Thursday, November 2, 2023, at Oceanside Place Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 07:05pm by Past Pres Williams

Board members present as noted (quorum 4 or more):

Rob Williams - Past President

Pat Weber - Director

Mike Cook - Vice President

Lyle Hollingworth – Director

Jervis Swannack - Vice President

Brian Coath – Director - Absent

Barb Riordan - Treasurer

Dan Goodfellow - Director

Agenda:

Adoption of amended agenda.

M/S VP Swannack, VP Cook - Carried

Adoption of Minutes of Sep 2, 2023 Board Meeting

M/S Dir Goodfellow, Treas Riordan - Carried

Treasurer's Report

Treas Riordan reported a balance of \$1,982.51 with no interest paid.

No transactions in October.

Motion to receive the Treasurer's report M/S Treas Riordan, VP Cook - Carried.

Old Business

1. Minutes

VP Cook volunteered to take minutes at our next Board meeting (December).

2. FRCA Logo

VP Swannack reported one of the two Coast Salish artists was available but did not respond to his email. Dir Weber will touch base with his FN contacts, Dir Williams found software for designing logos and will look into it further, and Treas Riordan will contact Kelly at Divanti Designs to see if she designs logos.

3. Dalmatian Drive

MLA Walker has not received a letter from MOTI Director Pearson stating they are not moving forward to replace the culvert at this time. Dir Williams will write a letter to our membership informing them of our efforts to engage with MOTI regarding the culvert on Dalmatian Drive and MOTI's decision to not replace the culvert. This lack of action means homes on Dalmatian Dr and Juan de Fuca Blvd are at risk of flooding when the culvert eventually collapses.

4. French Creek Magazine

Dir Williams spoke with Charlotte Crowley, Publisher of the magazine. She said their contractors get a free advertising spot to promote their own businesses. A photographer is not using her spot, so she is allowing FCRA to use her spot for our advertisement at no charge.

5. Boulton Park

Dir Goodfellow reported on the RDN Parks Department lack of response regarding the dead grass on both sides of the walkway from winter road salt. He will contact Elaine McCulloch, Senior Parks Planner.

6. Sandpiper Streetlights

Dir Goodfellow reported that the old light on Ormonde Drive has finally been replaced.
COMPLETE

New Business

1. Columbia Beach Streetlights

Through one of our members in Columbia Beach Dir Williams learned that the RDN sent a letter and is conducting a survey of 92 residents on Admiral Tryon, Dalmatian, and Juan de Fuca regarding 14 very old wood streetlights that need replacing. They are poorly sited so provide inadequate lighting and are leaning. The cost of replacing is very steep so residents may just ask for them to be removed rather than replaced. RDN Deb Churko will be providing the results of the informal survey in mid-December. Director Hollingworth lives on Dalmatian Dr and stated he did not receive the RDN letter but had discussion with neighbours who were not in favour of spending funds to replace the lights.

2. Communications

Dir Goodfellow asked if he should be copying Board members on all his emails with the RDN or just forward the response by the RDN to the Board. It was agreed that he did not need to copy the Board on all his emails to the RDN. There was also a discussion about having FCRA members as liaisons between the community and the Board so we are aware of community concerns. It was determined this needs further discussion.

3. AWS Water Service

Dir Goodfellow has been discussing AWS with RDN Murray Walters concerning the funds sitting unused allocated to French Creek. French Creek retains an interest in the AWS dam as a joint venture partner but does not participate in covering operating costs and will never be a recipient of water from this source. Residual funds should be utilized elsewhere.

Pending to a Future Date

- Governance Study F or G

Closed Session

None

Announcements/Notices

1. FFCCS 1236 Island Hwy

Dir Weber reported that a meeting occurred with Greg Keller and Rob Wood of the RDN regarding the private property that was purchased by the FC Wastewater Treatment Plant for expansion of the plant. The property has a house currently being used as an office by the engineers working on the expansion, including well-kept grounds, that the FFCCS would like to have turned into a Nature Interpretive Centre after the expansion is complete. Since the area where the house is located is being rezoned to Industrial, it can't be shared with the public. However, a portion of a community park on Lee Rd contains a road being used by septic trucks to dump their trucks at the Wastewater

Treatment Plant. A motion was made at a POSAC meeting to swap the area of park on Lee Rd being used by the Treatment Plant for the area with the house and surrounding grounds so that the public can access the house and surrounding grounds. The house has been included in the rezoning amendment needed for the Treatment Plant expansion which is going out for public consultation.

2. Development Proposal Wembley/Church Rd Public Meeting Nov 6

Dir Williams reported a public meeting is being held at the Technology Building at Parksville City Hall on Nov 6 at 1:00pm regarding the proposed development of a 4 storey multi-family building at Church and Wembley behind Saveon Foods at Wembley Mall. This is in the City limits so not something FCRA can be directly involved in but the topic is of interest due to possible traffic congestion which would affect French Creek residents.

All Business being completed the Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec 7 at 7:00 pm, Oceanside Place meeting room.

Meeting Schedule 2023

Dec 7.

Minutes prepared by Treas Riordan and vetted by Past Pres Williams.