

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

Monday, June 3, 2024, at Oceanside Place Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Past Pres Williams

Board members present as noted (quorum 5 or more):

Rob Williams - Past President

Lyle Hollingworth - Director

Mike Cook - Vice President - Regrets

Brian Coath - Director - Regrets

Jervis Swannack - Vice President

Mike Butler - Director - Regrets

Barb Riordan - Treasurer

Kate Smyth - Director

Judy McHale - Director

The Chair welcomed our two new Directors, Kate Smyth and Judy McHale.

**Agenda:**

Adoption of the amended agenda.

M/S VP Swannack, Dir Hollingworth - Carried

**Minutes:**

Adoption of April 4, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes.

M/S Dir Hollingworth, Dir McHale - Carried

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treas Riordan reported a balance of \$2927.25 with no interest paid.

Deposit of \$45 membership fees.

Discussion of using PQB Community Grant funds for a BBQ membership drive in August

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report M/S Treas Riordan, Dir Hollingworth - Carried

**Old Business**

**1. Minutes**

Minutes for this meeting will be taken by Treas Riordan.

VP Cook was selected to take minutes at our next meeting in July.

**2. AGM May 8**

The annual Prov of BC Society Report re the AGM has been filed. Directors were reconfirmed.

Two new Directors (Kate Smyth and Judy McHale) volunteered and were elected.

**3. FCRA Logo**

No Update – Dir Butler/Alana Barager absent

**4. Facebook**

Dir Smyth will forward links for the FCRA public and members only pages to Dir Williams for inclusion with the monthly email sent to members with the Meeting Minutes. Dir Smyth will ask VP Cook to put the links on the website. Links will be shared with the Sandpiper and Columbia Beach Facebook groups.

**5. Columbia Drive Intersection**

A newsletter by MLA Adam Walker to Sandpiper and Columbia Beach residents contained a quote from the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, Rob Flemming, that the MOTI budget contained funds for installation of a traffic light at the intersection of Columbia Drive

and Hwy 19a. Evidently this would be completed by the end of March 2025. The RDN has no knowledge of the plan. Darren Marshall, Transportation Manager for the RDN, has tried to get confirmation of this information but MOTI has not responded. Dir Williams will followup with Area Director Wallace.

## **6. Dalmatian Drive Culvert**

Dir Williams and Dir McHale met MLA Adam Walker on Dalmatian Drive in Columbia Beach on May 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the lack of action by MOTI on replacing the culvert despite it having been previously scheduled and in their budget. MLA Walker stated he might use funds from his own budget for an engineering assessment on the risk of the old culvert collapsing. He also suggested he might submit a Freedom of Information request for the MOTI engineering report on the culvert that led to the scheduling for replacement in Dec 2020. Dir Williams will stay in touch with MLA Walker.

## **New Business:**

### **1. French Creek Pub & Property**

Dir Williams mentioned that at our AGM the new owners of the pub were in attendance and indicated they also own the old estate property at the marina and that their development plans for the property are not as aggressive as previously put forward by French Creek Estates. This means that the water requirement for any development will not be as heavy as anticipated.

### **2. Property Taxes**

Dir Williams noted that the 2024 cost for French Creek Sewer is \$668.64 for all residents in French Creek (except for the Sandpiper Barclay Cres residents who pay more) and is a 14.4% increase from 2023. It would be interesting to know what the residents of Parksville and QB are paying since they are users of the same service and whether French Creek residents might be paying more than their fair share. Treas Riordan said she would ask her contacts in Parksville and QB what they are paying.

Dir Williams also noted that his total property taxes had more than doubled since 2014 and that the annual RDN portion has increased substantially together with Pollution Control Centre costs.

## **Pending to a Future Date**

- Governance Study Areas F or G

## **Closed Session**

None

## **Announcements/Notices**

None

**All Business being completed the Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm**

## **Next Meeting Schedule**

For the balance of 2024 -

July 4	Aug - no meeting
Sept 5	Oct 3
Nov 5 (two days early)	Dec 5

Minutes prepared by Treas Riordan and vetted by Dir Williams