

French Creek Residents Association
Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025, at Oceanside Place Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Vice Pres Williams

Board members present as noted (quorum 3 or more):

Rob Williams - Vice President

Judy McHale - Director

Mike Cook - Vice President

Lyle Hollingworth - Director

Barb Riordan - Treasurer

Mike Butler - Director

Agenda:

Adoption of the agenda.

M/S Treas Riordan, Dir McHale - carried

Minutes:

Adoption of October 2, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes.

M/S Dir Butler, Dir Hollingworth - carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treas Riordan reported no transactions for the month of October. Current balance as of October 31 is \$1,399.61.

M/S Treas Riordan, VP Cook - carried.

Old Business:

1. Minutes

Minutes for this meeting will be taken by VP Cook. Minutes for December 4th by Treas Riordan.

2. Sign Boards

VP Williams advised he reported the two stolen sign boards to the Oceanside RCMP for information purposes. He also checked in-person with the RDN Bylaw Dept to see if they had picked up same. We suspect they were taken and to be repurposed.

3. RDN Taxpayers Alliance Update

VP Williams attended an RDN Taxpayers Alliance Meeting via Zoom on Monday November 3rd and the RDN Five Year Financial Plan has been released. The RDN Taxpayers Alliance will be conducting information meetings at all the resident associations over the next few weeks. Our meeting will be cohosted by San Pareil and FCRA on Sunday November 23rd from 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Parksville Community Centre, 223 Mills Street, Parksville (poster attached). There will also be a petition to sign (copy attached). VP Williams will be sending out an email to all FCRA members this Sunday with information and attachments.

4. Columbia Drive Traffic Lights

Discussion on the project with a scheduled completion date of November 28, 2025. The installation of the lights appears to be moving along well although we had hoped it would be a roundabout. There are flaggers present and wait times are 3-to-5-minutes due to the construction and traffic volumes. FCRA was a main driver in getting this traffic control installed at this dangerous intersection as we had previously been for both Lee and Johnstone Roads intersections.

5. Hamilton Marsh

Treas Riordan provided background on the history of the percentage of managed forest lands on Vancouver Island. Group discussion on purchase at approximately 30 million dollars and the debt that will be incurred by all RDN taxpayers. The RDN Board passed a by-law in July of this year approving a 21.5 million dollar loan

towards the purchase of the marsh. VP Williams mentioned the RDN will evidently also be paying the cost for rezoning and legal expenses which could be as much as \$350,000. Usually, this cost is paid by the seller which would be Mosaic Forest Management. The loan is amortized over 20 years and is estimated to cost Area G taxpayers about \$22.21 per average property per year for 10 years and will then be renewed for a further 10 years. RDN taxpayers/residents were not consulted on this proposed purchase and debt.

New Business:

1. Facebook Pages

Discussion on the two FCRA Facebook Pages both public and private. All Board members were in favour of closing both pages. VP Williams will contact the former Director Smyth who is the admin to do so.

2. Rack Cards

VP Williams provided the history on the last rack cards that we had purchased several years ago. VP Williams ordered 1000 rack cards from Vista Print for a very reasonable amount of \$162.00 for door-to-door distribution by Dir Butler and his wife Alana when the weather is better. Dir Butler will also place our remaining signboard out in the neighbourhood while he is distributing the rack cards.

Pending to a Future Date

- Governance Study Area F or G
- Dalmatian Drive Culvert

Closed Session

None

Announcements/Notices

All Business being completed the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Meeting Schedule for 2025 & early 2026 -

Dec 4	Jan 8
Feb 5	Mar 5



YOUR VOICE - YOUR TAXES

Tired of rising property taxes year after year? You're not alone.

Permanent Cap on Annual Property Tax Increases

Find out more at an RDN Taxpayers Alliance Presentation

Sunday, November 23rd

1:00 to 3:00 pm

Parksville Community Centre

223 Mills Street, Parksville

donations at the door would be appreciated to help with facility rental

**Be part of the movement to protect our community and
sign the Property Tax Cap Petition at our presentation!**



**RDN
Taxpayers
Alliance**

<https://rdntaxpayersalliance.ca>

Supported by the French Creek Residents Association

<https://frenchcreekresidents.ca>



PETITION

PETITION TO THE FOLLOWING: The Chair and Directors of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN)

WE, the undersigned residents, property owners, and taxpayers of the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), hereby petition the RDN Board to take immediate steps to implement a permanent formula to cap annual property tax increases.

WHEREAS, over the past several years, property tax increases within the RDN have significantly outpaced both the rate of inflation and average wage growth. The RDN's 5 Year Plan calls for an increase of 65% over the next 5 years, a rate more than six times that of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), creating unsustainable financial pressure on residents, families, seniors, and small businesses.

We believe this trend is unacceptable and inequitable. Responsible fiscal governance must reflect the economic realities faced by the citizens it serves. We are calling for a return to Sustainable Fiscal Balance.

THEREFORE, we respectfully request that the Regional District of Nanaimo cap annual property tax increases and implement a Property Taxation Cap Formula policy whereby:

Annual property tax increases shall not exceed the rate of increase in the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus the percentage growth in the RDN's overall property tax base for the previous fiscal year.

This policy would allow for fair and predictable tax increases while ensuring that the RDN does not outpace residents' ability to pay. Further it creates an overall budget planning ceiling to govern the rate of spending by each department within the RDN. Exceptions, if any, should only be made through a voter-approved referendum.

PETITIONING ORGANIZATION: RDN Taxpayers Alliance:

Arrowsmith Residents Association, Fairwinds Community Association, French Creek Residents Association, Meadowood Residents Association, Northwest Nanoose Residents Association, Protection Island Neighbourhood Association, Qualicum Beach Residents Association, San Pareil Owners and Residents Association, South Forks/Nanaimo River Community Association.