

Saratoga/ Miracle Beach Residents Association (SAMBRA)

Minutes of Meeting

Held Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at Black Creek/Oyster River Fire Hall

SAMBRA Directors In attendance: Curtis Scoville, Chair, Liz Aldridge, Neil Ross, LeRoy McFarlane, Pearl McKenzie (recorder)

Guests: Ann MacDonald, General Manager of Planning and Development Services Branch and Brian Chow, Long Range Planner, Comox Valley Regional District

Note: names of the 22 people present who recorded their names on the "Sign-In" sheet are not included here to protect their privacy.

Call to order: Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Welcome: Bruce Green, Fire Chief, welcomed people to the Fire Hall, described recent calls and public education activities.

Minutes of Meeting held February 9, 2016 approved as read: M/S/C Liz Aldridge, Neil Ross.

Financial Report: Liz Aldridge, Treasurer, reported a bank balance of \$1,094.30 plus Member Equity shares approximately \$40.41. SAMBRA received a grant in aid from the Comox Valley Regional District in the amount of \$300.

Old Business:

- Black Creek/Oyster Bay Water Service (BCOB) – Neil Ross has been tracking problems with the water supply and is maintaining contact with CVRD staff as they attempt to address problems. Edwin Grieve reported that the CVRD is undertaking a feasibility study about incorporating the Watutco water system into the BCOB system. A final report will likely be available next spring. Edwin also noted that the BCOB system is leaking 15% every day; the lines need updating and/or replacement.

Committee Reports:

- Beach Committee – Paul Barnett thanked the members of his group actively engaged in looking after the beach area and the CVRD staff for their support. Paul noted the need for year around garbage collection, improved parking (possibly open up other accesses to beach), toilet facilities during the winter and dispensers for collecting dog waste. Contact Paul with questions/comments or to volunteer at paulbarnett@shaw.ca.

Agreed that SAMBRA will work on finding way to have weekly, year-round garbage pick-up.

Correspondence: Curtis reported inquiries and concerns about woodstove smoke and air quality control.

Saratoga and Miracle Beach Local Area Plan Review: Brian Chow and Ann MacDonald, Planning Services, CVRD, presented a PowerPoint overview of the draft Local Area Plan and took questions.

LeRoy McFarlane offered the following recommendations:

- Add more focus on walkways and trails
- Preserve one-way bridge over the Oyster River

LeRoy also noted that an increase in tourists will result in greater water usage.

For more information about the Local Area Plan:

- Come to a Draft Local Area Plan Open House on November 22, 2016 from 5:30 to 7 PM at the Oyster River Fire Hall
- Go to the project website at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/samblap to view the PowerPoint presentation, download the draft Local Area Plan and land use map and stay informed about this process.

Next Meeting Date (Annual General Meeting): Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Adjournment: M/C: Neil Ross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM

Note: Further Information about SAMBRA meetings and the Local Area Plan process can be found on SAMBRA's website at WWW.SAMBRA.CA.

Contact Curtis Scoville if you have items you would like placed on the agenda of the next meetings or have questions. Phone 250 337-1986 or email: YourSAMBRA@outlook.com