

EAST PORPOISE BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
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EPBRA meeting of Feb. 9, 2010 held at Bill MacKinnon's home
(Minutes recorded by Greg Deacon)

In attendance: Mel Bollivar, Greg Deacon, Lorraine Gallant, Karen Renfrew, Bill MacKinnon, Val Morris,
Peter Wooding
Regrets: Mike Watson

Call to order: President, Val Morris called the meeting to order at 1:05pm.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Lorraine Gallant and seconded by Bill MacKinnon that the agenda be approved. Carried.

Approval of Previous Minutes: Moved by Lorraine Gallant and seconded by Mel Bollivar that the minutes of the Jan. 12, 2010 meeting be approved. Carried.

Finance Report: Karen Renfrew reported that there was \$1,567.91 in the bank and petty cash was \$30.93.

Membership Report: Karen Renfrew reported that membership stands at 42, which is actually last year. Paid up members for the current year – 7!

G8-SCAF Report: The guest speaker was Brian Lucas on Dark Skies – email him at sbrianlucas@dccnet.com or check <http://stopitsechelt.com/dark/dark.html>. Mid Jan storms did lots of damage – looks like Pacific Spirit people want two 8 story buildings which is controversial to say the least.

Correspondence:

- Jan 12/10 – email from DoS re planting at Kontiki Road
- Jan 14/10 – email re status of OCP committee
- Jan 18/10 – reply to SHORA re saving the inlet and bay & acknowledgement
- Jan 19/10 – email from DoS re planting at Kontiki Road delay
- Jan 19/10 – email to DFO re barge at Mountain Marine property & response
- Jan 19/10 – email re CoastRide
- Jan 27/10 – sewer report version 2 from Paul Nash
- Jan 30/10 – reply to above
- Jan 30/10 – enquiry to Sunshine Coast Conservation Society re membership
- Jan 31/10 – cc of email from Brian Hardcastle to DoS re restoring his land
- Feb 2/10 – sewer report final version from Paul Nash and reply
- Feb 5/10 – emails with sewer report to: Mayor & Council, selected staff, Sewage Commission, Band, SCRCD, G8 – SCAF, Builders Association, our membership, the Local and the Coast Reporter (some to be followed with hard copy)
- Feb 5/10 – letter to the Editor of the Local and Coast Reported about sewer report

Referrals: It looks like a road access is being put in from Sechelt Inlet Rd to the new Stockwell subdivision. However, Angela Letman said that is not the case and access will be from Yew. The pond near Sechelt Inlet Rd will be part of a park eventually.

Old Business:

- OCP Committee report - Lorraine reported that the first meeting in some time will be this evening. She will report back.

- Industrial Property – Taxes –Some discussion on how to use this information. There was agreement to table this for the moment.

- Silting up of the Bay – Peter and Greg visited the SCRCD and were shown aerial photos of no name creek and surrounding area. The SCRCD suggested that the spit to the south of the subdivision may be contributing to silting up of the bay. Peter walked both no name and Angus Creek and reported that there appeared to be a lot more sand in no name creek. Peter's conclusion was that more research needs to be done before definitively concluding what is the cause of the silting.

-Sewage Treatment Plant – There has been good initial response to Paul's Sewage Report from some Councillors, the public and a newspaper. The report has been distributed widely and is available on our website. People are more than welcome to distribute it to anyone though our Association would like to be the ones to formally present it if that is required. For now we will wait for further response.

-Promotion of East Porpoise Bay/Road Clean-up –Eric has volunteered to coordinate monthly clean-ups. Hopefully, some way of notifying members in advance can be worked out. Also, it was noted that the pathway alongside Sechelt Inlet Rd could use some clean-up as branches and even trees have fallen on the path. Peter presented some of his thoughts on how East Porpoise Bay might be promoted and Val asked him if he might give a short presentation at the Annual General Meeting. Peter agreed. Karen suggested that Coast Cable might be a cost effective means for advertising. It was noted that one member objected to the promotion of East Porpoise Bay as they did not want to see any change.

-Incorporating our Association – There was some discussion on the wording of the bylaws and agreement on what needs to be presented to the Annual General Meeting.

-Annual General Meeting – The meeting will be held on March 31 at the Driftwood. It was suggested that Michael Weddle of LEDCOR might be a timely guest speaker. Val will contact him. It was agreed that the notice for the meeting will be distributed to all ratepayers of East Porpoise Bay.

-Kontiki Road – A Kontiki Road bylaw limiting public access and giving Mountain Marine rights to part of the road will be an agenda topic at the COW meeting tomorrow. Val sent a letter to the Mayor and Councillors re-affirming our Associations position.

New Business:

- It was reported that there has been a lot of gravel on the S-curve but has been cleaned up though not necessarily put in the right place.
- Bill MacKinnon announced that due to other volunteer commitments he will be standing down as Director.
- Karen Renfrew announced that she will stand down as Director after the Annual General Meeting as her future plans involve living off the coast for part of the year.
- Val will write a letter to the DoS regarding 'Burnett Park' – are there plans to reopen it?

Next Meeting: March 9, 2010 at Peter Wooding's home at 1:00pm.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 3:14 pm by Lorraine Gallant.