

# Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 6/2021, Zoom Meeting

### **1. Call to Order: 6:34 pm**

**Directors in Attendance:** Phil C., Birgit K., Roger C., Colleen B., Tony R., Larry W.

**Directors Absent:** Greg C., Bruno W.

### **2. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

General Meeting from: 2020/11/04

There were no corrections or additions requested

Motion to Adopt: Birgit K.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony R.

AIF: Yes

### **3. AGM and Annual Filing:**

Annual filing has been completed and we remain a society in good standing

### **4. Treasurers Report**

There are no significant changes from the last meeting

The only anticipated upcoming expense will be to compensate the accountant for having the Society's tax returns completed

### **5. Erecting a chain link fence on the 5-acre parcel of land adjacent to the school**

Phil – it has been brought to the attention of some in the area that recreational vehicles such as quads and dirt bikes are entering this environmentally sensitive land through a few access points and are causing damage to the riparian areas and stream.

To mitigate the damage being caused, it would be good if a fence and signage could be installed to prevent further trespass and continued damage.

Discussion:

- The land is owned by the District of Mission.

- Birgit noted that when District land was being illegally accessed in her area that the DOM made immediate efforts to block access points. Their solution seems to have worked.

- The general sentiment is that we do not want to pay for fencing and signage on land that does not belong to us. There may be some concern regarding our own liability for this.

- We would rather send a letter to the DOM informing them of the trespass and ongoing damage and request that they take steps to prevent that trespass.

Motion: Colleen B:

To send a letter to the District of Mission (DOM) informing them of the trespass and request that they block access to that land.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Tony R.

AIF: Yes

## **6. Proposed Name Change of the Association**

The proposed action items from the last meeting on this item were:

1. To ask the Community through a FB post for name ideas
2. To find out from the lawyer what the cost of doing a name change would be

Discussion:

When posted to FB the community, rather than a name change were largely in favor of seeing the Stave Falls Community Association and the Stave Gardens Community Association combine as one association.

The advantages to such an action would be as follows:

- united voice in our representation of and to the community and to others such as the DOM
- A single association would be less confusing

Some questions arose regarding the logistics of combining the two associations:

- What action must be taken to accomplish this?
- Is the Stave Falls Association an Association in good standing?
- What would the costs be?

Action:

It was determined that joining the two associations would be a good thing for the community in general. There is no objection to meeting with the Directors of the Stave Falls Association to begin talks and invite them to join forces with the Stave Gardens Community Association for the betterment and benefit of the residents of the Stave Falls Community.

Consultation with the lawyer to seek their insight would be helpful

Roger will get contact information for the Stave Falls Association and forward it to Colleen so that an invitation to meet can be extended.

## **7. New business and Food for Thought:**

- Tree Management Bylaw: This has been tabled until later in 2021. We will watch to see future movement on this bylaw
- Membership Dues: Due to COVID and the inability for in person meetings in 2020 and the uncertainty for the same in 2021 we will suspend membership dues at this time. Community residents will still enjoy the same right to have their voices heard on subjects of importance to them within the framework of our association.
- Neighborhood Watch Presentation: Birgit will arrange to have someone come to a future

meeting to give a presentation on NW.

- Stave Falls School PAC Presentation: A representative from the SFS/PAC will be attending our February meeting to give a presentation.

- Larry mentioned a concern regarding our representation of personal opinions in our capacity as directors for the society. We must guard against expressing our personal opinions while at the same time stating we represent the community.

**8. *Date of Next Meeting:***

Wednesday, February 3/2021 at 6:30pm

Because we are following BC COVID protocols, we cannot confirm whether we will be meeting in person or by ZOOM meeting.

We will endeavor to provide notice of meeting location at least 3 days in advance of the next meeting.

In person meetings will all be held at the Steelhead Community Hall located at:  
32972 Cardinal Street, Mission BC

All ZOOM meetings can be accessed by requesting an invitation and login password from Colleen at : beland.colleen@gmail.com

***Meeting Adjourned:***

7:20pm