

Stave Gardens Community Association (SGCA)

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 5/2021

ZOOM MEETING

1. **Call to Order:** **7:05 pm**

Directors in Attendance:

Phil Cooper (late arrival)

Greg Cowan

Birgit Keys

Bruno Wissman

Colleen Beland

Tony Reid

This zoom meeting will be recorded and uploaded as soon as we can

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

General Meeting from: 2020/04/07

Motion to Adopt: Birgit

2nd: Tony

AIF: Yes

3. **Presentation on Block Watch - *Rimmi P Coordinator*** ***Crime Prevention Office***

The Block Watch program has seen a revamping recently to address the need for more effective interaction with the community and to help in bringing information, education and tools that can help to benefit residents in their efforts to create and maintain safe neighborhoods.

The Block Watch program is delivered through the Crime Prevention Office in cooperation with the District of Mission, Mission RCMP and the Block Watch Society of BC.

They are committed to building safer communities through support, guidance, training, grants (for block watch party) and resource materials to develop and operate Block Watch programs.

The Mission CPO is endeavoring to gain two commitments that will enhance safety from the community:

1. Be aware of and concerned about your neighbours and their property.
2. Be committed to reporting suspicious and criminal activity to the RCMP and to neighbours

Discussion: there had been some interest in a BW program but as soon as COVID hit, it all

fizzled out. Up-take for the program at this time has been a challenge.

Rimmi suggested that she would be happy to provide information and materials that could help with community awareness and would be willing to come out to support recruitment activity. Things like letters, laminated signs for the mailboxes, sign up drives and education and information efforts.

4. Speeders/ Road Safety in the Stave Falls area

Tony gave a summary of how excessive speeders are impacting the residents of Stave Falls. There are many examples of near collisions on blind corners and blind driveways. Weekends are the most difficult because of the increase in recreational traffic coming from outside our community.

- There are no deterrents to speeders and enforcement is non-existent
- Bikes often ride between 80-150 km/h
- We are a popular ride destination for car clubs/ bikers and drifting enthusiasts
- There is no RCMP presence. They have come out a few times during the week, but the weekends are the biggest issue
- Pedestrian safety is a huge concern as visitors park down near Hayward along DTR and are on the roads at the same time as bikes and cars that are accelerating and passing slower traffic up DTR from Hotties to Pilgrim

Discussion: Rhonda D mentioned a need for crosswalks, signage for kids' crossings and high collision/crash areas. Specifically, DTR & Rolley Lake Road and DTR & Bell.

Several folks on this meeting were able to relay their own experience and stories of near misses and the potential for collisions in Stave Falls.

Overwhelmingly, the issue is the excessive speed of all motorized vehicles.

As our area becomes busier either from recreational visitors, area densification and increased commercial traffic this will only become more of a concern.

Rimmi will take the following actions:

- immediately reach out to both the General Duty Members and the Traffic Unit to inform them of our concerns, and request increased patrols, specifically on the weekends.
- She did indicate there is already increased resources for patrols for the summer
- She can arrange to have volunteers come out to do speed boards and education programs in our area. They can track detailed data on traffic patterns and speeders.
- plate information from speeders will be sent to ICBC and letters will be sent to the registered owners. These letters will be informational and not punitive. But ICBC will have the information and further infractions could result in fines and penalties.

Birgit will be in contact with Rimmi to provide clarification on high collision areas.

Candace K from the Steelhead Community Association messaged within the meeting that they

had met with the DOM regarding traffic in our areas. Further, she has a seat on the DOM Traffic Committee. That's great news.

5. Poll the Community regarding sea-can storage update

A FB poll was conducted on the Stave Falls page and from the respondents they were overwhelmingly in favor of allowing sea-can storage. There were some who would like to see them permitted with restrictions and a few who think they should be prohibited.

****added to these minutes to provide exact numbers****

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook poll interface. It features three options, each with a checkbox, a text description, and a vote count. The first option is selected with a blue checkmark. Below the options is a text input field labeled 'Add an option'.

Option	Vote Count
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sea-Cans are a great storage solution and should be permitted	64 votes
<input type="checkbox"/> Sea-Cans should be permitted with restrictions and/or guidelines	20 votes
<input type="checkbox"/> Sea-Cans should be prohibited	3 votes

6. Treasurers Report

We have approximately \$260K in the bank

2 cheques cleared since the last report: one for the stones for the outdoor class at the school and the other for hall rental fees for the Steelhead Community Hall for a general meeting in March.

7. Meet the Mayor – set an agenda, send an official invitation

We need to meet with Mayor Horn and should go as a delegation from the SGCA.

Topics we need to chat with him about include but are not inclusive of:

- development plans for the area of Stave Falls
- Sea-Can storage

Discussion and Action: Colleen will create an invitation and layout of what we need to discuss and email all directors for their input. Once approved we will send this off to Mayor Horn.

8. New Business and Food for Thought

Many thanks and congratulations to Courtney C. for not only arranging but successfully completing the community cleanup on Sunday, May 2/2021

Over 1455 pounds of garbage was picked up by volunteers and taken to the landfill.

We had been challenged by Steelhead and totally kicked their butts.

Discussion: We should do this on a regular basis. All agreed.

Rhonda D inquired whether we could perhaps petition BC Hydro to open the overflow parking at Hayward Lake. Closing it off from the public has not prevented high volumes of people from coming to the lake and has in fact had the serious effect of creating dangerous conditions on DTR in the areas surrounding the lake.

Discussion: It was generally agreed that opening the overflow would be a good thing. Rhonda will sleuth out who at Hydro would oversee that.

Tony mentioned that our Directors insurance, on its expiry this year can be shopped out again. The policy was for three years, and this is the final year.

We can look at our options as we get closer to the renewal date. (*added for accuracy* our renewal is in November 2021**)

Does anyone know when the rocks we donated are to be installed at the school?

Candace K indicated that it's still in the works. A date has not been provided

9. *Date of Next Meeting:*

Wednesday, June 2/2021 at 7:00pm

If this is to be a zoom meeting, the meeting code will be sent out one week prior to the meeting date:

If this is to be an in person meeting, an invitation will be forwarded

COMMUNITY NOTICE:

All ZOOM meetings can be accessed by requesting an invitation and login password from:
stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com

10. *Meeting Adjourned:*

7:53pm

Please send any corrections or amendments of these minutes to the SGCA at
stavegardenscommassoc@gmail.com