

Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting
Dinter House
July 19th, 2016
Agenda

7:00pm Call meeting to order – Grant

7:01pm Board members and Guest Present –

Board Present ? : Cavin, Al, Grant, Jerrod and Dewar, Garry, Rod M,
Declan, Magen, Rod G., Brandon and Earl
Guests Present ?:

7:03pm Guest Laird Carruthers from Crimestoppers gave a presentation on how
the

program worked. The SRA board is interested in creating a partnership with Crimestoppers to try and address some of the illegal dumping that occurs at “road ends”, crown land, forest property etc. Discussion included: putting up Crimestopper signs at trouble areas, or areas that would help create awareness around what we are trying to achieve and how; advertising through article in the paper (e.g. Focus); seeking funding from affected companies (e.g. TimberWest); supplementing the maximum reward offered by Crimestoppers (i.e. \$2000), through donation, where the consequence to the environment; company; or whistle-blower is more severe; having a SRA board rep on the Crimestoppers board.

7:25pm Approval of Previous Board Minutes – May minutes were approved.

7:46pm Review outstanding actions :

- The board had previously approved the SRA brochure. *Calvin* advised 200 copies were produced as an initial run, and are available at the coffee shop, and Dewar’s accounting office. Jerrod would like the next edition to include more emphasis on fish and their habitat – **Action: Jerrod** will draft some language and make a suggestion to *Calvin* on where the language could be placed in the next edition of the brochure, so all is ready when more brochures are needed.
- o *Calvin* presented the need for a calendar of event on our website, and the need to upgrade the architecture, or “platform” on which our website is built. The current application is no longer supported. The board approved up to \$2000 to be spent on both. **Action Calvin** will work with Jonathan to effect the change and report back to the board on the status and timelines, expected by mid July.
- o Bill Hook spoke to the need to know specifically on what contaminants are in the soil being dumped in our watershed in order that residents with nearby wells can test for the appropriate

substances. **Action: Al** is still trying to contact the Land Remediation Office, MoE to see if this information can be made available on a regular bases to the public. – Al will renew his efforts to get this data and/or make it available to Bill in his interests, and other affected residents.

- o Calvin brought up his efforts to promote a “stop illegal dumping campaign” using “Crime Stoppers”. Private and public property is often used by some to dump their garbage. This campaign is designed to elicit the public’s help through crime stoppers. The board supported this initiative, in part to demonstrate our interested in more than just the fight against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed. **Action: Al** will attend Crimestoppers next board meeting (e.g. Sept 29th) and discuss potential options, and get back to us.
- o Save on Septic – **Action: Garry** is continuing to pursue. The issue relates to Save-on-Septic not being paid for work they did at Shawnigan Station, under the direction of the CVRD, but to be paid by SIA.
- o Rod G’s email to the board sparked some discussion. In short, Rod is on both the SRA and SBS board, and also reported on MoE’s intension to just focus their water testing on a few surface areas. SBS suggested this was totally inadequate and also agreed with the SRA board that testing should also include ground water and sediment. SBS invited a water sampling company (i.e. LBL) to give a presentation (June 17th) to the SBS board to discuss options. Rod’s intent with the email was to alert our board, and explore the option of SRA offering up some funding to conduct this added testing. SRA board definitely supports more testing than initially suggested by MoE but is committed to using our funding efforts to paying down our legal debt obligations. The board discussed option like encouraging new members to join the SRA, and get a discount on water testing of their wells, or lake water sources etc.; encourage people to target heavy metals like cobalt, mercury and lead. **Action: Calvin** will discuss with Rod G. and Jerrod how we can get on the same page with SBS and work cooperatively towards a similar end, while still meeting our own obligations around funding the legal fight again the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed.

8:10pm **Committee reports** -

- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
 - o Update ?
- SRA Governance Committee – vacant
 - o Update ?
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
 - o Update ?
- Finance Committee – Dewar
 - o Update ?
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
 - o Update ?
- Water Committee – Grant

- Updates ?
- Municipal Status Committee – Al
 - No updates at this time
- Communications Committee – Al
 - Updates ?
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry
 - Updates ?
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
 - Updates ?

9:00 pm

Adjourn

Next Meeting:

Tuesday August 16th , 2016