

# Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting  
Dinter House  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
Minutes

**7:00pm**      Call meeting to order – Grant

**7:01pm**      Board members and Guest –

*Board Present* : Cavin, Al, Grant, Jerrod and Dewar.

*Board Absent*: Garry, Rod M, Declan, Magen, Rod G., Brandon and Earl

*Guests*: Barane, Laird Carruthers

**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. Action: Al will attend Crimestoppers next board meeting (e.g. Sept 29<sup>th</sup>) and discuss potential options, and get back to us.

**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.

Calvin also referred to some proposed funding coming to the SRA from the Area Director...to help pay for administrative costs like printing costs, etc.. Dewar confirmed no monies have been received to date. Action: Calvin to confirm the status of these monies –Done, and Dewar has received.

- Calvin spoke with Sonia about the properties along south entrance, past the industrial park, which seem to be getting worse in appearance. The question being what is the CVRD able or willing to do, and how can she, or we, help. – Calvin sent an email to Ross Blackwell GM Planning and Development, CVRD (in charge of by-law enforcement) sending pictures and asking the status of these properties. Calvin advised that as a result the metal bin in gone, but pallets are still there and living accommodation seem to

- properties. *Calvin* advised that as a result the metal bin is gone, but pallets are still there and living accommodation seem to be set up. **Action: Calvin** will continue to pursue and advise. - Some work has been done...this is an ongoing item.
- *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. – discussions have occurred and amendments to the website are expected by mid July.
  - 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. – Al is still trying to make contact with the Land Remediation Office.
  - 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 interest in more than just the fight against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed. Action Calvin will keep us informed, and advise how the SRA can help. – this was the focus of our guest...see above.
  - 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. – No update as Garry was not at the meeting.

**8:10pm**

**Committee reports -**

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    - Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
  - No updates at this time
    - Finance Committee – Dewar
  - No updates at this time
    - Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
  - The local Anglers Association has placed our contaminated dumping issue on their website, given the potential impact on fish habitat. Jerrod anticipates that another article will be written shortly and put up on their website to renew awareness.
  - Jerrod will be attending a meeting next Tuesday with the MOE to discuss water sampling...which initially was only to include surface water...i.e. no testing of ground water or sediments. Jerrod is the board's rep on this issue and will press our need for more than just a limited number of surface water testing.
  - Jerrod suggested fish fry coming out of the south Shawnigan creek may be trapped and transferred to the north Shawnigan creek, to avoid predation on their normal journey through the length of the lake...often by invasive species like small mouth bass.
    - Water Committee – Grant
  - 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 intention 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 17<sup>th</sup>) 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 against the dumping of contaminated soil in our watershed.
    - Municipal Status Committee – Al
  - No updates at this time
    - Communications Committee – Al
  - Sonia was looking for a volunteer to ride with her on the upcoming MS event.
    - Government Liaison Committee –Garry
      - No update at this time
    - Student Committee –Megan and Declan
  - No update at this time

**8:30 pm** Adjourn

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