

# Shawnigan Residents Association

Board Meeting  
Dinter House  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
Minutes

**7:03pm**      Call meeting to order – Grant

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

*Board Present* : Cavin, Al, Grant, Jerrod and Rod M.

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

*Guests Present*: None

**7:05pm**      Approval of Previous Board Minutes – June minutes were approved.

**7:06pm**      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 . 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. - **Done**
- 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. *Calvin* will work with Jonathan to effect the change and report back to the board on the status and timelines, expected by mid July. – **Action Calvin**: reported work on the website is underway, including the “calendar of event”, and should be completed by August 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 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. 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. – **Action Calvin** will discuss with Sonia, to see if we can use political pressure (e.g. via Bill Routley) to have this information made available to the public.
- 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 29<sup>th</sup>) and discuss potential options, and get back to us. – it's in Al's calendar

- 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. –no update as Garry wasn't at meeting.
- 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 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. 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. – Jerrod attended a meeting with the MoE, SIA and consultants, to discuss the ongoing testing of the surface water. There doesn't appear to be any money for groundwater and sediment testing, and Jerrod believes perusing them at this time may "muddy" the issue, and distract from the proposed testing. **Action Jerrod:** will follow-up with the independent contractor that MoE hired (i.e. Associated Environmental Consultants Inc.) and provide the board timelines on testing, and reporting out their findings. The board will then discuss what to do next, e.g. relative to groundwater and sediment testing.

### 7:30pm Committee reports -

- Legal Action Committee – Calvin
  - o The appeal on the zoning is still scheduled for mid August, but is now scheduled to take place in Vancouver
  - o No word on our appeal, although it is estimated that ruling could come down anytime from now until October...based on the judges workload, and history of ruling delays in the past.
  - o The gauge on our website showing where we are at relative to fundraising for our legal fund obligations will shortly be amended to reflect earnings from the Culinary Wars event.
  - o **Action Calvin:** will pursue the idea of having a large gauge made up and displayed where the public can see it, i.e. somewhere in the Shawnigan Village.

- SRA Governance Committee – vacant
  - **Action Grant:** wording of our Privacy Policy will be changed (on our website) to reflect that AI is our Privacy Officer, who can be contacted by members if they have any concerns about information we are retaining.
- Membership Committee –Dewar / Julia McDougall
  - Update to follow.
- Finance Committee – Dewar
  - No Update
- Fish and Habitat Committee – Jerrod
  - Update provided, and action noted above in last action item.
- Water Committee – Grant
  - Basin Society have their new website up and running... shawniganwater.org
  - **Action Grant:** will provide the BC Lake Stewardship Society with a Seechi disk measure and complete the requested information...i.e. the “annual seechi dip”, which usually occurs each July.
- Municipal Status Committee – AI
  - No updates at this time
- Communications Committee – AI
  - No Updates
- Government Liaison Committee –Garry
  - No Updates
- Student Committee –Megan and Declan
  - No Updates

8:05 pm

*Adjourn*

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Action Grant:** will issue the draft agenda for the August 16<sup>th</sup> meeting a week before, on August 9<sup>th</sup>, and ask the board if they wish to: hold the meeting; cancel the meeting; or simply conduct any necessary business (e.g. reporting on action items) by email.