

North Quadra Community Association (NQCA)

NQCA MINUTES - - adopted at 23-Nov meeting of the NQCA Board of Directors

Thursday 26 October 2017 @ Saanich Commonwealth Place ("SCP") at 19:00

Meeting of the Board of Directors (13/15 present: Quorum achieved)

Attendees	(Role)		
		Michael Moore	(Director-at-Large)
Haji Charania	(President)	Amy Teucher	(Director-at-Large)
Jeff Bray	(Vice President)	Graeme Weir	(Director-at-Large)
Trevor Barry	(Secretary, Registrar)	Evelyn Woodward	(Director-at-Large)
Sharron Waite	(Treasurer)	Guest	
Mary Beaumont	(Director-at-Large)	Rick Williamson	(NQCA Member)
Stan Brygadyr	(Director-at-Large)		
Lauraine Derman	(Director-at-Large)	Regrets	
Rita Haehnlein	(Director-at-Large)	Sean Burns	(Director-at-Large)
Sharon Leonard	(Director-at-Large)	Susan Marcotte	(Director-at-Large)

n.b. Rick had attended hoping to hear a presentation from Luke Mari / Peninsula Bulldozing Site (regarding 980, 990, 1000 Beckwith Ave) – which did not get scheduled – but he stayed for the entirety anyways. Thanks Rick. *n.b. Jeff arrived a tad late at approx. 19:30.*

MINUTES

- A. The President called the meeting to order at 19:10.
- B. **Motion:** Adopt Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board (28-Sept)
Moved: **Sharon.** Seconded: **Michael.** Approved: Pass.
- 1) *NB. There was a discussion regarding the approach to the minutes, and style:*
- a) *It would be inappropriate to include personal attribution to opinions, especially since Minutes are published online.*
 - b) *The length of the Minutes (compounded by tardiness in receiving them) was seen by some as a challenge to reading/reviewing (prior to motion to adopt).*
 - c) *Generally the feeling was that Minutes could be shorter, quicker, less detailed.*
 - d) *There was some confusion regarding formats: content style/structure, digital file extensions (DOC vs PDF vs Pasting in-line into an email message impacting bulleted lists), as well how and where these files are stored and presented (e.g. Dropbox URL hyperlinks caused some confusion by some recipients)*
- C. **Motion:** Adopt Agenda for this meeting
Moved: **Jeff.** Seconded: **Graeme.** Approved: unanimous.

D. Old Business / Action Items

- 1) Haji (and Trevor) reported back on other municipalities' CAC policies via email
- 2) Haji followed up with SCAN, re: supporting Swan Lake (boardwalk project)
- 3) Haji invited Luke Mari to present in October, and offer is still on the table
- 4) Stan did further research into CRD blue *bags*: replacements available free of charge at 304 John street site (hence, he will not write a letter)
...as for blue *boxes* new residents can be issued a single one for free, thereafter they may add/replace blue boxes by purchasing from stores (similar size, colour optional).
- 5) Trevor has not yet submitted receipts for \$90 in reimbursements
- 6) Trevor has not yet gained signing authority on NQCA bank account
- 7) Haji still needs to let us know: "do UCB issues require referendum (how?) or e.g. just approval by (all/majority?) member municipalities"

E. New Business

- 1) Peninsula Bulldozing Site (etc) at 980, 990, 1000 Beckwith Ave
 - a) Luke Mari did not RSVP to present. Also note that Sean Burns unavailable tonight.
 - b) However, NQCA Member Rick Williams in attendance tonight as a guest.
 - i. Increasing noticeability of activity, e.g. Rock crusher at 8:00am.
 - ii. no known engagement with neighbourhood by proponent.
 - c) A question was raised:
 - i. The grandfathered nature of the property, "legal non-conforming use": what does it mean exactly? If there were grandfathered to move soil for years, is it copacetic for them to now switch to rock-crushing?
 - d) **ACTION:** Trevor to request from Saanich: a copy of the "legal non-conforming" agreement (or whatever it is) for that site from their records.
- 2) Don Mann Site (4098 Lochside Drive)
 - a) Haji, and a few residents of the neighbouring strata complex attended last week with the proponent team
 - b) They have moved the buildings around as discussed with us earlier this year
 - c) Recall: they are beautifying streetscape + \$20k in-kind to PennStreamsSoc
 - d) Haji may follow up with nearby residents to gage response
- 3) Website Discussion
 - a) There has been some concern with the timeliness of having updates made to the website, <http://NorthQuadra.ca> .
 - b) Whereas Arun Joshi – who while a NQCA member in (very) good standing, no longer serves as a Director-at-Large – is no longer as well connected to NQCA

business and activities of the Board, and the website infrastructure that he has built does not require that he himself specifically manage content...

- c) Therefore, **MOTION**: “Trevor take on the role of web content publisher” (underneath the role of Webmaster, maintained by Arun Joshi)
Moved: **Jeff** Seconded: **Evelyn** Approved: **Unanimous**
- d) It was agreed that Trevor & Haji would approach Arun to discuss
- e) It was agreed that Lauraine would serve as “content editor” by default / as requested.

n.b. Arun, Haji, Trevor, Lauraine planning meet to discuss over long weekend

4) Governance Report

- a) Jeff and Haji attended recent Saanich Council meeting on the topic
- b) The report left a lot to be desired; one substantive recommendation was to apply term limits (Board directors’ opinions varied on the idea).
- c) There was some discussion regarding whether CRD Directors (at large, but from member municipal councils) is inherently flawed, e.g. perhaps CRD should simply be given democratic authority (i.e. directly elected Directors) over matters of its jurisdictions.
- d) NQCA Members encouraged to inform themselves on issues and recommendations, and provide any input to Council.

n.b. An interesting tangential discussion arose surrounding “Zero Base” budgeting.

5) Environmental Development Permit Area

- a) Diamond Head Consulting - report with 15 recommendations.
- b) Haji attending Saturday town meeting – to speak either as CA or as Individual.
- c) Jeff recounting the anti-EDPA main points ... asserted by “Skreez”
- d) Recall: temporarily suspension indefinitely for single family zoning
- e) **MOTION**: “Haji to speak on behalf of NQCA Board on Saturday”.
Moved: **Jeff** Seconded: **Stan** Approved: **Unanimous**

6) Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan

- a) Trevor recounted status, and how the topic was bumped from Council Agenda from October to November
- b) **ACTION**: Trevor to inform NQCA Board about when issue goes to Council, and to also attend and report back.

n.b. Date is now set: 7pm Monday 6 November.

7) #MovingSaanichForward (Active Transportation Plan)

- a) Notice that final public open house = Sat 4 Nov @ 11am-2pm @ Pearkes.
- b) Survey is available online, Members encouraged to engage in either/both.

c) **ACTION:** Trevor to attend and report back.

8) Salvation Army (Douglas street) – new digital display Sign

- a) Requesting sign variance in height/size.
- b) Note the new sign replaces non-electronic, non-lit sign in same location, between two trees that some feel may compromise natural aesthetic of area.
- c) Light pollution an opposing concern.
- d) **MOTION:** “NQCA has no objections, but with concerns related”
 Moved: **Jeff** Seconded: **Stan** Approved: **Pass**
ACTION: Sharron to write independently as a citizen, share with Haji for his response on behalf of NQCA (re: “concerns” in motion above) and report back

F. **MOTION to Adjourn** at 21:40 until THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER: *(n.b. not the 30th)*
 Moved: **Jeff** Seconded: **Trevor** Approved: **Unanimous**

Summary of non-standard Motions and Actions

MOTIONS	ACTIONS
	1(d) Trevor to request from Saanich: a copy of the “legal non-conforming” agreement (or whatever it is) for that site from their records
3(c) “Trevor take on the role of web content publisher” (underneath the role of Webmaster, maintained by Arun Joshi)	
5(e) [EDPA] “Haji to speak on behalf of NQCA Board on Saturday”	
	6(b) [Uptown-Douglas Corridor Plan] Trevor to inform NQCA Board about when issue goes to Council, and to also attend and report back
	7(c) [#MovingSaanichForward Active Transportation Plan] Trevor to attend and report back.
8(d) [Salvation Army digital display sign on Douglas Street] “NQCA has no objections, but with concerns related”	Sharron to write independently as a citizen, share with Haji for his response on behalf of NQCA (re: “concerns” in motion above) and report back

+ outstanding items from September = HAJI (UCB votes?); TREVOR (\$90 receipts; Bank signatory)