

**North Quadra Community Association (NQCA)**

**NQCA MINUTES - - adopted (with amendments) at 22-Feb meeting of NQCA Board of Directors**

Thursday 25 January 2018 @ Saanich Commonwealth Place (“SCP”) at 19:00  
Meeting of the Board of Directors (12/15 present: Quorum achieved)

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

**MINUTES**

- A. The President called the meeting to order at 19:05.
  
- B. **Motion:** Adopt Minutes of the last Meeting of the Board (27-Nov)  
... with accepted amendment of changing “...any alternative” to “eager to accept alternatives”  
from resident member Beverley Elving via Facebook group.  
Moved: **Jeff**. Seconded: **Michael**. Approved: Unanimous.
  
- C. **Motion:** Adopt Agenda for this meeting  
Moved: **Jeff**. Seconded: **Graeme**. Approved: Unanimous.
  
- D. **Old Business / Action Items**
  - 1) **Haji:** Response to Luke Mari regarding Beckwith Ave / Peninsula Bulldozing local area boundary adjustment from Blenkinsop to North Quadra LAPs (no opinion at this time). DONE.
  - 2) **Trevor:** Correspondence with Saanich regarding Peninsula Bulldozing grandfathered legal non-conformance. DONE.
  - 3) **Trevor:** Website Updates, Deferred.
  - 4) **Trevor:** Bank Signatory paperwork. Appointment next week. [this has since been DONE].
  - 5) **Trevor:** submit receipts for reimbursement from August – ASAP!

## E. New Business

### 1) 789, 795 Lily Avenue

- a) Haji has requested meeting with Saanich staff. Looking beyond this simple "yes" toward what's really coming next, and concerns.
- b) Haji has sent/conveyed Harald's email/concerns to Saanich.
- c) RS-8 (all) -> unchanged (no rezoning)
- d) Haji to Mention: Trees, Servicing, etc.
- e) **Motion:**
  - (Jeff, Michael 2<sup>nd</sup>) :  
*NQCA to respond to Saanich question with "Generally have no objection" but with suggested changes or concerns [see action below].*
  - Motion carried UNANIMOUSLY.
- f) **Action:**  
*Haji to outline concerns regarding Future plans at the Lily/Kincaid south block... Trees, Servicing, Access, Drainage, etc.*

### 2) Saanich Governance Report (aka "integration not necessarily amalgamation")

- a) General Discussion and timeline context.
- b) Highlights (of recommendations) included:
  - i. Regional Policing (SCAN comment)
  - ii. Mayor writing to Premier, re: Citizens' Assembly on Amalgamation in Duncan/Cowichan (SCAN comment)
  - iii. Engagement between Council and Community Associations  
e.g. assigning rotating councillors to CAs (as City Victoria does)  
... getting a "wrong councillor" could actually be a great thing: learn more about/from each other!
  - iv. Term Limits: 6 years for citizen advisory committee members;  
2-3 terms for councillors/mayor.
    - While some found the latter to be undemocratic, others felt it was a valid idea, especially in light of data showing that incumbents have an advantage; and that now-a-days with new "Ban Big Money" fundraising and spending rules for local government elections, breaking through will likely become even more difficult.  
There was also some pro/con debate between the value of experience/continuity and the value of "fresh blood", new ideas, passion/enthusiasm.

3) Saanich Strategic Facilities Master Plan

- a) Public Works Yard seen as the largest single site/issue, and the most germane for #NorthQuadra
- b) Disaster Risk lens (and climate change Impacts) on that site (seismically unsound asbestos construction, creek, contamination, etc.)
- c) Plus such Redevelopment Potential (also true at Lumberworld/BordenMercantile/Telus/etc)
- d) Big Challenge: find another appropriate site for these operations.  
- this also evoked some refraining concerns about the bike lane, traffic at intersection of Bordon/McKenzie/Trail, etc.

4) Mayor's letter of January 10, 2018 to SCAN [as per 2(b)(iii-iv) above]

- a) Community Engagement
- b) Assign Council Liaisons to the Community Associations that rotate on a regular basis.

5) AGM-related preliminary discussions

- a) Preferred date = Thursday 24 May @ Church of Nazarene, 730pm
- b) Backup date = May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- c) **Action:**  
*Haji to contact church to book space.*
- d) SPEAKER
  - i. Lana Popham? (MLA & Minister, e.g. AGRI/cannabis... PR Referendum)
  - ii. Paul Thorkelsson? (CAO, e.g. Saanich's Emergency Response Plan)
  - iii. Sewage systems expert? Transportation planner/engineer?
  - iv. ...Haji (no formal action) to make some inquiries, raise again in February.
- e) **IDEA: NQ Community Night, 5:30-7:30pm before the AGM**
  - i. **Action:**  
*Trevor to put together a proposed plan, which may include: music, BBQ, bouncy castles, community group booths, etc.*

f) NEWSLETTER

- i. Lauraine (implicit actions) hopes to increase back to 8 colour pages.
- ii. Details of any 5pm/Community Night Event
- iii. *Date is set for Beckwith "Music in the Park" for July 17, 2018*
  - *Pony Ride/Petting Zoo? ...costs \$100/hr per pony, \$300 for petting zoo , plus transportation for a total of \$900 but did raise \$300 from onsite donations, plus \$400 for "Saanich Canada150Grant". The rest was covered by past year MIPark savings . Questions: Can we afford to repeat this popular event for 2018 MIPark event? Group felt it is was possible if we sought extra funding partners.*

**Action:** Lauraine and Amy to investigate.
- iv. Discussion about soliciting Business Donations:
  - e.g. in-kind, prizes, lending equipment, people, etc.
  - sponsorship money (incl. acknowledgement in the Newsletter)

6) Paul Thorkelsson available to CAs

- a) The Saanich CAO is making himself available to Community Associations
- b) **Action:**  
*Haji to follow up, potentially Paul addresses NQCA for our February meeting of the Board of Directors, regarding Public Works Yard, and answer our questions.*

7) Community Grant Application 2018

- a) Sharron Waite (Treasurer) missing, so Haji to follow up
- b) **Action:**  
*Haji to contact Sharron regarding Community Grant Application 2018.*

8) NQCA Dinner for Board Directors and guests

- a) Suggested a new venue (another local business): Artisan Bistro, Broadmead.
- b) Suggested Thursday 12 April.

9) Vic Derman Park + other cleanup parties (Lauraine)

- a) Geocachers and other volunteers have been eagerly organising and supporting efforts and clean-up work parties. Great work has been accomplished, incl. 45 people early on New Years Eve at Vic Derman Park.
- b) Vic Derman Park doesn't yet have a specific steward, but does have plenty of helpers signed up.

F. **Adjourn** until **THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY** 2018

[9:25pm, Jeff, Michael]

## Summary of non-standard Motions and Actions

MOTIONS	ACTIONS
E (1)(e) Moved Jeff, 2nd Michael, Passed/Carried NQCA to respond to Saanich question with "Generally have no objection" but with suggested changes or concerns	E (1)(f) <b>Haji</b> : to outline concerns regarding Future plans at the Lily/Kincaid south block... Trees, Servicing, Access, Drainage, etc.
<b>ACTIONS</b>	E (5)(c) <b>Haji</b> : to contact church to book AGM
E (6)(b) <b>Haji</b> : to follow up, Paul Thorkelsson (CAO), NQCA February's Board meeting, discuss Public Works Yard, answer Qs	E (5)(e) <b>Trevor</b> : to propose 5pm pre-AGM plan, which may include: music, BBQ, bouncy castles, community group booths, etc.
E (7)(b) <b>Haji</b> : to follow up, Sharron Waite (Treasurer), Community Grant application.	E (5)(f) <b>Lauraine &amp; Amy</b> : to investigate additional funding partners for Music in Park in order to bring back the Pony Rides / Petting Zoo again this summer.
<b>OLD BUSINESS: Trevor</b> : Website updates <b>Trevor</b> : Bank signatory + Reimbursements	(+ Lauraine as Newsletter Committee Chair) (+ Lauraine, Music in the Park Committee Chair)