

## EAST PORPOISE BAY RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION

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### **2010 Annual General Meeting** **March 31, 2010 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Pebbles Restaurant**

In attendance: 24 members and guests

**Call to Order:** President Val Morris called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. She thanked people for their help this evening – Greg Deacon and Peter Wooding for collecting dues and assisting at the door; Michael Watson for counting votes; Lorraine Gallant for taking the minutes. A warm welcome was extended to those who attended.

**Changing our Association to a Community Association:** During discussion several points were brought up – some members were not sure of the benefit to the Association, suggestion of a one year residency clause, why is there a one vote per family versus two per household, and how would voting be handled when both renter and owner pay membership dues. *Motion defeated – 15 / 3*

#### **Incorporating our Association under the Societies Act:**

During discussion several points were brought up – if incorporated we are a legal entity able to enter into contracts, if sued only liable to the extent of Association bank account rather than all assets of each member, one time costs, annual cost and reporting requirements. *Motion passed – 17 / 1*

**Voting on Constitution and Bylaw Changes:** A number of changes to our Constitution and Bylaws have been recommended by the Board members. Copies of the proposed changes were mailed to members and residents of our area thirty days prior to the meeting. Voting and results as follows:

#### **Constitution:**

*Addition of #6 – To co-operate with other organizations whether incorporated or not, which have objectives similar, in whole or in part, to those of our society.* *Motion passed – 17 / 1*

#### **Bylaws – Part 2 – Meeting of Members:**

*New item f) A quorum is 12 members present at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.* *Motion passed – 17 / 0*

*New item g) If within 30 minutes from the time appointed for an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting must be terminated.*

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

*New item h) The first Annual General Meeting of the Society must be held not more than 15 months after the date of incorporation and after that an Annual General Meeting must be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 12 months after the holding of the last preceding Annual General Meeting.*

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

#### **Bylaws – Part 3 – Directors and Officers:**

*f) (with additions in italics) At the Directors meeting following the Annual General Meeting the Board of Directors shall elect Board members to serve as Officers of the Association. This will include three authorized signers for cheques and documents, and any two of the three authorized signers may authorize the transaction.*

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

Bylaws – Part 4 Duties of Officers:

New item c) V.) Maintain the register of the members unless otherwise advised by the Board.

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

d) I. (*with additions in italics*) Keep the financial records, including books of account of the Association necessary to comply with the Society Act.

*Motion passed - 18 / 0*

New Item d) III.) Maintain a register of members in lieu of the Secretary if so agreed by the Board.

*Motion passed - 18 / 0*

Bylaws – Part 6 – Bylaws and Constitution:

b) (*with additions in italics*) These Bylaws shall not be altered or added to except by a majority vote of 70% of the members at any Annual General Meeting, *providing a quorum is present.*

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

d) (*with additions in italics*) The proposed change to the bylaws shall be put forward within the first half hour of the start of any Annual General Meeting.

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

e) (*with additions in italics*) The Constitution shall not be altered or added to except by a majority vote of 90% of the members at the Annual General Meeting, *providing a quorum is present.*

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

New item f) It is recommended that the Constitution and Bylaws be reviewed every three years.

*Motion passed – 18 / 0*

**Guest Speaker:** Val welcomed Michael Weddle from Ledcor. He spoke on Municipal Wastewater Management using electro coagulation based treatment plants. The District of Sechelt recently joined in partnership in a four week trial period and results should be in shortly. We watched a video presentation that included three trial locations. There was a short question and answer period following.

A motion was made by Bill MacKinnon and seconded by Eric Katzer that a \$100.00 honorarium be given in Michael's name to the Senior's Activity Centre.

*Motion carried.*

**Agenda Approval:** A motion was made by Tom Morris and seconded by Jeanette Bernard to approve the Agenda as circulated.

Carried

**Approval of previous minutes AGM Feb. 11, 2009:** A motion was made by Rena March and seconded by Tom Morris that the minutes of the previous AGM of Feb. 11, 2009 be accepted.

Carried

**Introduction of Directors:** Val introduced the Directors who served in the past year and thanked them for all of their support on behalf of the members of our Association. They are Michael Watson, Eric Katzer, Lorraine Gallant, Karen Renfrew, Greg Deacon, Linda Buckingham, Serge Planidin, Mel Bollivar, Bill MacKinnon and Peter Wooding.

**President's Report:**

It has been a very busy year and Val reported some of the highlights: our website has been updated, we held our annual picnic and garage sale, a delegation presented a report to Council, following the

OCP, an exercise was done on property taxes, Kontiki by-laws, work parties, exploration of silting of the bay, exploring livability of the East Porpoise Bay.

**Finance Report:** Val reported a balance in our chequing account of \$1,435.41 and petty cash balance of \$30.93.

**Membership report:** Val reported that our membership reached 42 members last year. To date, prior to the meeting, we have 22 paid-up members for 2010.

### **Social Committee 2009 report – from Sally Watson**

Our Annual Barbecue was held on July 18, 2009 with 48 attending, and everyone had a great time. Expenses were \$ 290.80, \$ 84.20 under budget after collection from guests.

A motion was made by Rena March and seconded by Tom Morris that the Social Committee be provided with \$300.00 funding for the 2010 barbecue. Carried

The Barbecue will be held on Saturday July 17, 2010.

After a show of hands it was decided not to hold the Annual neighbourhood garage sale for this year.

**G8 - Sechelt Community Association Forum:** Val Morris reported that she attended monthly SCAF meetings throughout the year. The group provides an opportunity to learn what is happening in other communities of Sechelt general. Showing united support the G8 members often band together to send letters to the District of Sechelt on G8 – SCAF letterhead. There is greater strength in numbers! Please visit the site at [sechelt.net](http://sechelt.net) and have a browse around. Tillicum Bay is starting their own community association.

**Elections:** According to our Constitution there are a total of 9 Directors to be elected. We have a slate of 6 people allowing their names to stand:

-Val Morris, Mel Bollivar, Greg Deacon, Lorraine Gallant, Michael Watson and Peter Wooding

-Nominations were called from the floor, and repeated three times. Nominations closed and all Directors were elected by acclamation

-Our next Board meeting will be held on April 13th at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Val Morris

### **Old Business:**

**OCP** - Lorraine Gallant reported that since April of 2008 she has continued to sit on a committee with 11 other representatives from our community. Along with the facilitator, Susan Stratis we are re-writing the Official Community Plan, and incorporating the Visioning Plan and Neighbourhood Plans into the document. Our Board has also met with Susan a number of times. Some of the issues that are important to our neighbourhood are:

-the sewage treatment facility

-the business and industry designation being combined

-no definitions in the OCP for industry, light industry, marine industry, business, business park

-a new category of value-added manufacturing and processing, but again no definition or bylaw

-taking away from our current Neighbourhood Plan and designating the waterfront land from Dusty Road to the Onni property as business/industry with much of it becoming marine industry. On marine industry property we could have any business associated with marine, i.e. boat building. These marine businesses, on the upland, will be able to apply for commercial and foreshore leases

-on the bright side the OCP is recommending a more sustainable community in general, with more bike and walking paths, especially in our area

**New Business:**

Promoting the livability in East Porpoise Bay - Peter Wooding spoke on the livability in East Porpoise Bay, and made these comments:

-we have an idyllic location

-we are not against business and realize that some marine transportation and industry is necessary on our waterfront

-as things are changing we may drift more into a business environment in our area

-our area is looked upon as “the east is where you dump things”, such as the those things undesirable - sewage treatment plant and an industrial park

-we do have strengths – shallow water access, more hours of sunshine and good proximity to downtown

-how do we promote our area?

- Road clean-up, i.e. photo in local newspapers
- Place an advertisement to describe our area, especially where we are misrepresented
- Peter asked for suggestions from those in attendance and Eleanor Katzer suggested the sign at Burnett Road and Sechelt Inlet Road be painted and the garden be given a little tender loving care. A sign will be put up at the Heron Road mailbox asking for help organizing a work party

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Sally Watson and seconded by Paul Bernard that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments and socializing. Thank you for attending.