

EAST PORPOISE BAY RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
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2011 Annual General Meeting
March 10 2011 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm Pebbles Restaurant, Sechelt

In attendance: 32 people and one guest. Seventeen voting cards were issued.

Call to order: President, Val Morris called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Voting on Changes to the Association By-laws: A copy of the proposed bylaw is included at the end of the minutes. The proposed changes to the by-laws would extend membership to all residents of the area, including renters. Val Morris explained that the directors feel that this could increase our influence with the DOS, as well as showing a more democratic face as each renter and owner would have a vote.

It is felt that interests of tenants and owners vis-à-vis the DOS would normally be the same. It was also pointed out that all the other associations in the Sechelt area were open to all residents as equals, even if some of them were still named as "ratepayers" associations.

Discussion was opened up to the floor, and comments were heard, in summary as follows:

- Concerns that renters could override owners in voting.
- Unfair that owner and renter in one property would have two votes.
- Renters could be members but without votes.
- No need to change the by-laws as renters can request proxies from landlords.
- Renters can approach directors even though they are not members so they do have a voice.

After a fair amount of discussion, motion was made by Tom Morris and seconded by Robert Redford that the changes to the by-laws be adopted.

Motion Defeated 21 for, 10 against. 70 % required. There were 10 yes proxies and 4 no proxies submitted prior to the meeting. At this point, having previously said she would resign in the event the motion failed, Val Morris left the room. Lorraine Gallant assumed the chair.

Guest Speaker: Lorraine Gallant welcomed John Henderson, a local businessman and resident of EPB who made a presentation in which he indicated that a high grade sewage treatment facility, rather than a biosolid plant as presently proposed by DOS, was feasible, and that funds are available to accomplish this. He indicated that he expected to address Council in this regard at their April 6th council meeting.

The subject of new sewage facilities is currently a hot topic in Sechelt, and in particular in EPB, since DOS is proposing to build it in an area very close to some of our member's homes.

After fielding questions from the floor, John was thanked by Lorraine on behalf of all, and presented with a thank you card. An honorarium in John's name will be sent to the Happy Cat Haven.

President Val Morris had previously indicated that in the event of a defeat of the

bylaw changes, she would resign as president and director.
At this time, the chair was taken by Lorraine Gallant.

Approval of Agenda: It was moved by Bill MacKinnon, and seconded by Roy Warner that the agenda be approved. Carried

Approval of Previous AGM Minutes of March 31, 2010: Moved by Paddy MacKinnon and seconded by Roy Warner that the minutes of the March 31, 2010 meeting be approved. Carried

Finance Report: Lorraine reported that balance as of Mar 10 is \$1,140.26 and petty cash is \$30.33

Membership Report: Lorraine reported that we have 26 paid up members for 2011. Plus those dues received at tonight's meeting.
Last year's membership stood at 46.

Social Committee Report: Last year's picnic was under budget by \$68.25 and \$96.00 earned from a 50/50 draw was donated to the food bank.
Last year's committee of Lorraine, Ameena Wearmouth, and Sally Watson are retiring so a new slate is needed.
Pat Smit put her name forward as one of the organisers.
Motion to budget up to \$300 for the 2011 picnic was proposed by John Henderson, seconded by Bill MacKinnon. - Carried

G8-SCAF Report : One of the directors will be needed to replace Val in attending these meetings.

Elections : Director Michael Watson had previously indicated his decision to stand down as a director after 8 years. With the departure of Val Morris there are three vacancies for directors. Lorraine will also be standing down as soon as the OCP has been signed and approved by Council.
Lorraine asked for nominations from the floor.
Bill McKinnon, David Miles and Serge Planidin agreed to stand. There being no further nominations from the floor after three calls, Serge Planidin moved that nominations close. This was seconded by Bill MacKinnon. Carried

Members thanked Michael and Val for their past years of exemplary service to our association. In particular there was recognition of Val's hard work in the past few years as a regular attendee of Council and committee meetings, and keeping our Association members well informed.

Old Business:

-OCP Committee Report – Third and fourth readings are hopefully due in the next two months.

-Constitution Wording changes made in 2010 - Serge has some concerns regarding differences between wording of the constitution in 2006 and 2010 Editions. As the Chair did not have a copy of the 2006 Constitution it was suggested that this be addressed at the next director's meeting.

New Business:

Noise in the Neighbourhood -Specifically noise from the Swanson Plant at Burnett road and from float plane traffic.

There seems to be a perception among some residents that the noise from Swanson's has become worse of late. On a show of hands, about 50% were at times affected by the noise from the concrete plant.

As to the float planes, annoyance was mostly due to early morning take-offs, some as early as 6-30 am.

Both Roy Warner and Michael Siddall have spoken to Bruce Haynes about this. It was agreed that these matters would be taken up at the next Board meeting.

Target Marine By-law Amendments. – Tuwanek Ratepayers Association has asked us if we should support their stand against the request by Target Marine to spot re-zone for limited fish processing at their fish farm site, (400 T per annum). Comment from the floor was overwhelmingly in favour of such support, expressing opposition to any zoning changes. It was pointed out that re-zoning has occurred previously to allow the present operation to continue.

Motion against spot-zoning by the District was proposed by Jeanette Bernard, seconded by Tony Wearmouth. Carried. Although this was presented as a negative motion the intent was clear that we are against the District spot zoning.

Possible Poisoning of Raccoons on Marmot Road. -Heather Blackwood has found evidence of this near her home. It is not known who might be responsible. Those with pets should be concerned.

New fence along East Porpoise bay Road Blocking Path. -Lorraine explained that 12 of the lots along Sechelt Inlet Road extend from the bay to east of the highway. When the path was built some property owners signed a waiver allowing the District to cross their land. When a tree fell blocking the path and damaging an owner's fence, DOS refused to defray costs of clean-up. The owner took matters into his own hands and erected a fence.

Recording of Correspondence sent to Directors. -Serge Planidin asked if e-mails sent to one director are copied to the others, and he felt such correspondence should be recorded. Lorraine replied to the effect that if sent to her, they would be noted and brought to the attention of the directors at their next meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Serge Planidin at 8.55 pm.

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Proposed By-law change

Proposal to change by-law from:

PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership in the Association shall be limited to those who own property within the area defined and registered as "East Porpoise Bay Ratepayers'

Association District". Each registered property is entitled to only one vote. In the event that a member owns multiple properties they are still entitled to only one vote.

- b) Members may proxy their vote, in writing and subject to guidelines specified by the Board, to a resident tenant who has resided on the property for not less than six months.

To:

PART 1 - MEMBERSHIP

- a) Membership in the Association shall be limited to those who reside or own property within the area defined and registered as "East Porpoise Bay Ratepayers' Association District". Each registered property is entitled to one membership per resident household; and one membership for a non-resident owner when applicable. No household or individual may have more than one membership, regardless of multiple ownerships and/or residencies. Each membership is entitled to only one vote.

- b) A resident household is defined as all the individuals living within a legally defined residential unit. An owner is defined as all the individuals named on a property's title document. A non-resident owner is eligible for membership if none of the individuals named on a property's title document are eligible for a resident's membership.