**QUADRA CEDAR HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**Executive Meeting**

**Cedar Hill rec Centre, Tues. 25 April 2017, 7 – 9 pm**

Present: Susan Haddon, Shawn Newby (to express apologies and attend another Saanich meeting), Art Beck, Peter Haddon, Noella May, Chris Bhopalsingh, Helmut Mueller, Chris Bartlett, John Schmuck, Dodie Fraser, Karen Dearborn and Jean Hodgson

Prior to the meeting, Adele ?Summers and Denis Andrews, resident s of Salsbury Way, spoke on a neighbour’s plans to erect a 50 ft tower with a 20 ft boom, at 3451 Salsbury, for ham radio use. Originally planned to be at the back of a yard, partially shrouded by trees, it is now planned close to a property line and out in the open, much closer to neighbours and with much greater visibility. It was suggested this may have cognitive and physical effects on people within a half mile radius and will affect property values. Adele has begun a petition. Saanich municipality has no say in this federal matter.

**Action:** QCHCA will write a letter of support to Industry Canada sharing the neighbourhood concerns.

1. **Agenda** approved as circulated
2. **Minutes** of Feb 28, 2017 moved by Jean and seconded by Peter. Approved.
3. **Treasurer’s report** – moved by Art and seconded by Chris Bartlett. Approved.

$1,100 received in membership dues. *Don’t have Art’s email with me to include current status of account as per usual!* ***Art’s email is art.beck@shaw.ca***

**Personal expenses** for QCHCA expenditures: often one’s own resources are used and are hard to expense. Following discussion, it was decided that if a large amount of a resource is used (such as paper or toner) then a written  application can be made to Art for a refund without a receipt.

**E-transfers**: there is no cost to receive e-transfers though there may be costs associated with sending them. Art will talk to the bank about their use within the association.

1. **Membership report** – Noella: 136 renewals and 8 new members totalling 144

Student membership and the Youth representative to the association – the age limit for these categories need to be reconciled with the new constitution.

Noella asked about the best use of the ideas included in new membership forms. Currently these are circulated in an email to the executive, and some have initiated action. Following discussion, it was decided Susan will send a follow-up thank you letter to recognize the contribution, copied to the area rep if appropriate.

Dodie has drafted in the past a section for the constitution on **Life and Honorary Membership** which she will forward to Susan for the organizational committee.

1. **Organizational committee:** Pam and Susan have completed a first draft of the constitution (by-laws) and it is ready to go to the full Organizational committee.

A section on ‘**Donations’** should be drafted for the constitution – *cannot remember what this was about and my notes are skimpy!!****I think Peter and a couple of other people said they’d draft a policy or similar about donations that they will bring back to the Executive for discussion***

1. **Newsletter** – Peter: the Spring edition is now out and delivered. The committee is considering mailing ‘unfolded’ newsletters at a slightly increased cost to reduce volunteer resources for an association activity already volunteer-resource heavy.

The website can list newsletter article titles (but not the whole article). *?2 volumes this time* (*for non-members)??*

John asked about distribution of an e-version**. Action: Discussion of alternative forms of distribution will be added to a future agenda.**

1. **Meeting Conduct:** following some ‘persistent’ questioning of the speaker at the last general meeting, Susan was concerned re meeting conduct. Following discussion, it was felt that an announcement such as ‘short, respectful questions will be entertained by the speaker’ would be sufficient to avoid such incidents, though most members felt this was handled well by Susan.
2. **Cedar Hill Park planning update –**Peter: 3 meetings have now been held by a committee that includes 6 reps from Parks and Recreation and 7 community associations, to discuss the future of the park.. Public engagement is sought through an Ideas Fair, June 8, from 4 to 8 pm *,* **Cedar Hill Rec Centre** along with a survey. The Working Group is hoping for more extensive public participation opportunities.
3. **Tolmie Park Celebration BBQ –** Shawn: a meeting among Saanich Parks and Recreation representatives and Shawn (QCHCA) discussed a neighbourhood focussed event to celebrate the new updates to the Park. Suggested activities include many that have been a part of QCHCA picnics in the past. Potential date is Sunday, June 18, Noon to 2 pm. Motion to support the celebration in principle, moved by Shawn and seconded by Chris Bartlett. Passed.
4. **Friends of CH Park –** Clean Up **is planned for April 28.  September 23 will be a** combined Canada 150 and CHP 50th anniversaries. There will be cake, balloons and two speakers (probably those who were most successful at last year’s CHP walk).
5. **No development updates.** QCHCA will write a letter of support for Rutledge Park updates as it appears there are no dollars in the current Saanich budget for what was planned by Parks.

Some discussion of a possible Kiwanis grant ($5-10,000) which together with a donation from QCHCA might kick start improvements in the Park (both a Splash Pad and washrooms).**Action:** Chris Bartlett to talk to Gary **Darrah** re Saanich’s current plans for Rutledge Park

1. **Speaker for next General Meeting:**  suggestions included –
* A CRD speaker on water/issues
* Horticultural Centre of the Pacific
* Sewage plans
* UVIC speakers bureau
* Deborah Curran, municipal government
* Active transportation plan update
1. **Other business:**
* The third party agreement with the Saanich Legacy Foundation is completed
* Music in the Park – Saanich will provide funding of $700 for both our events (previously supported only one night, i.e. $700, as this is all other associations receive but they present only one evening  of music)
* All Candidate’s Meeting sponsored by  Burnside-Gorge Tillicum CA, April 30
* Suggestion to incorporate our two ‘logos’ into one with QCHCA, the words, and our artwork, the tree.

Motion to adjourn – Noella. Moved.

**Key Dates**

* April 29 – Bowker Creek clean-up 9 – noon
* May 23 – QCHCA General meeting
* June 10 – Hot Dog sales, Lumberworld, 11 – 3 pm
* June 27 – QCHCA Executive meeting, 7 – 9 pm