

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2011**

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**From:** Lindsay [mailto:lindsay@motherloadtransport.com]

**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2011 9:57 AM

**To:** Hewitt, Nicole

**Subject:** registering South Wellington PAC as a delegate

Good Morning,

I would like to register South Wellington PAC to speak as a delegate regarding Patrick Olferts residence @ 2128 Minto Ave at the meeting tomorrow night.

Thank you,

Lindsay Arsenault

## Pearse, Maureen

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**From:** Mary Lynn Shiels <MLShiels@viningssenini.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 12, 2011 3:56 PM  
**To:** Pearse, Maureen  
**Subject:** FW: Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club

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**From:** Mary Lynn Shiels  
**Sent:** September 12, 2011 3:51 PM  
**To:** 'm.pearse@rdn.bc.ca'  
**Subject:** Gabriola Rod, Gun and Conservation Club

Good afternoon,

Further to our meeting this afternoon, this is to confirm that one of the directors of the above-noted Club will be presenting a delegation tomorrow night.

Regards,  
Brian Senini

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**South Wellington Elementary School PAC**  
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To: The Board of Directors of the Regional District of Nanaimo

Re: Property at 2128 Minto Ave., South Wellington, Electoral Area 'A'

Dear Board Members and Staff of the Regional District of Nanaimo,

We are writing to share our concerns about the property located at 2128 Minto Ave., South Wellington, and our hopes that at long last the Regional District of Nanaimo may be able to do something to improve the situation.

- 1) For many years this property has been the source of excessive noise, smell, traffic, and all around fear for the residents living around it.
- 2) This property and its occupants is a deterrent to young families wishing to purchase in the area.
- 3) This property is directly responsible for young families already in the area now considering selling their homes.
- 4) This property and its occupants create a serious health and safety hazard for our community; our children, their families, as well as for pets.

We strongly urge the Board to take the steps necessary to allow the Regional District of Nanaimo to have this property cleaned up so that it no longer poses a health and safety hazard to our community.

Yours Truly,

The South Wellington Elementary School PAC

*Kurt Seg*  
Chairperson

*Wayne*  
Secretary.

Regarding property at 2128 Minto Ave, South Wellington.

I have lived on Minto Ave since spring of 2007. Since this time I have been able to witness the effects and consequences of this derelict property in the neighborhood. When the main house caught fire in 2008, the family brought in a series of RV's and trailers to live in. The family also moved in a large "office" type mobile trailer to live in. Speaking with a few RDN bylaw officers, I know this type of housing is not approved and illegal. However, despite our complaints, 3 year later, the trailer is still there and occupied. Not only is it unsightly but I worry about the health implications involved. Recently, while walking along Minetown road which passes behind the Olfert property, I detected a strong sewage smell. I was told by several people that when the RDN stepped in to clean up the property, open sewage was found on the property. Considering that all of us are on well systems, what exactly is making its way into our water?

This property also seems to attract criminal activity. Drug dealing, copper wire stealing and burning; as well as other undesirable behavior, such as foul language, loud cars and motorcycles "screaming" out of the property, loud fighting, shouting, trash burning ect... The years while Patrick Olfert was in jail, a series of tenants would rent the trailer at the back of the property; some better than others. The neighborhood would be hostage to the whims of these "tenants". At one point there were people living in the trailer, in a camping tent and in a camping trailer. These tenants also had a sophisticated credit card fraud operation that was busted up last spring. The property is littered with old couches, car parts... just garbage in general. A utility trailer sits in the front yard filled to the brim with trash. This summer squatters were seen picking thru this trash. The police were called.

Minto ave has become a young family neighborhood for many. Children cannot play in their yards for fear of the foul language, and at worse a stray bullet. I am not exaggerating. Constable O'Brien of the RCMP can verify the seriousness of criminal activity from this property. I for one am quite fed up with this property. I am tired of the noise, the smell, the foul language. I am tired of having to shuffle my children indoors when they burn their garbage. I am tired the noise at all hours of the day and night, cars, motorcycles, mechanics tools, barking dogs non stop...I am fed up with looking at that burned house and trailer every time I walk passed it. I am tired of the increased traffic, the drug dealing. I am plain tired of living with the stress of having criminal activity in this neighborhood.

As a resident of Minto Ave, and as a parent, I plead to you, tear the place down and if possible, seize the property. Leave it a vacant lot, make it a park, or turn it into a community garden. I highly doubt that the property is safe for housing, considering mineshafts were never properly filled and the outbuildings are sinking into the ground. Young families are moving here, looking for a safe neighborhood. We did. A few years ago, we approached a realtor about listing our house. We were fed up with the Olfert property and its residents. The realtor told us to call him when the Olfert house was gone. We love our neighborhood, the school, the strong sense of community. We didn't really want to move, but our children's safety was our main concern.

I thank you for all listening to all our concerns and complaints over the years, but please, its time to clean up our neighborhood.

Thank you for your time,  
Minto Ave Resident