

**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

**7:10 PM**

***(RDN Board Chambers)***

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To: Board of Directors of the RDN.

From: Jack H. McLean,

1115 McLean Road, Hilliers

8 May 2016

Re: Complaints about land clearance burning.

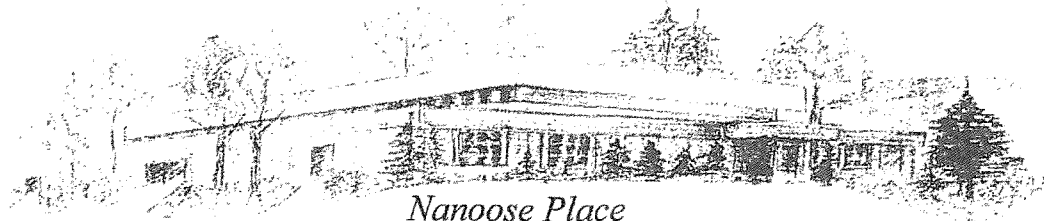
Mr Chair and Directors,

I have farmed on various lots in Area F for over 50 years. Some owned and some leased. One lot I farmed until 1965 has not been farmed since and now has trees up to 18 inches in diameter. It would require a D8 Caterpillar now to bring this land back to a farmable condition.

Land clearing and disposal of resultant debris is an on-going expense and requirement in farming. Realistically responsible burning is a necessary way to dispose of this material. Chipping and compost is too costly and can be more harmful to the environment than burning. Burning gets rid of materials within the debris that can be harmful. Certain woods contain toxic chemicals that can create a harmful black liquor that can render wells and aquifers unusable for domestic use. Wells in Area F have been rendered useless when chips have been used on lands. Composting does not remove seeds of invasive plants and helps spread them around.

The damage to potable water is worse than smoke from casual burning of debris. There are already too many costly regulations incurred by the farming community.

J. H. McLean



*Nanoose Place*

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Nanoose Bay  
05 May 2016

Mr. R.E. Rogers, Director  
Regional District of Nanaimo  
Electoral Area 'E'

Re: Community Works Fund – Contribution Agreement (NBARS:RDN)

Director Rogers;

The Nanoose Bay Activities & Recreation Society (NBARS) was incorporated as a not-for-profit, charitable society in 1987 (S-22415) to enhance and provide recreational and cultural opportunities for residents of RDN Electoral Area 'E', Nanoose Bay. The Society facilitated construction of Nanoose Place Community Hall in 1991 and has owned and operated the facility for the past 25 years. Under direction of the Board, Nanoose Place continues to act as epicentre for recreational, cultural and educational activities for area residents. The NBARS Board of Directors has identified two capital projects which will allow our society to improve program and service delivery to the community and increase the efficiency of operations by reducing energy costs.

**1) Conversion to Natural Gas - appliance replacement and related work: \$107,500**

Conversion to natural gas from propane is forecast to save over \$8,000/yr in fuel costs. This conversion is timely as the furnaces are original equipment and have reached the end of their utility cycle. The Board has engaged the services of a mechanical engineering firm, Rocky Point Engineering, to provide a preliminary project assessment, project design and specifications as well as supervising the bid tender process and project inspection upon completion.

The conversion from propane to natural gas also requires the conversion/replacement of hot water systems and kitchen appliances. Current propane water heater equipment is also at the end of duty cycle and will be replaced with more efficient natural gas appliances. Commercial kitchen appliances (range and deep fryers) will be converted to natural gas and refurbished as part of the contract price. Adequate hot water supply and an efficient and properly functioning food preparation facility will attract and satisfy the needs of organizations requiring kitchen use for events serving food.

**2) Public Address/Sound System - replacement and upgrades: \$20,000**

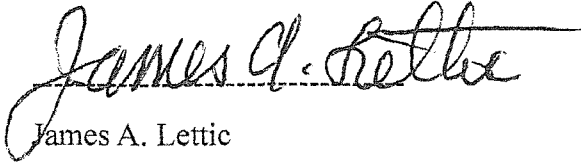
The second project identified as a priority by the Board is an upgrade/replacement to the public address sound system. The system provides sound broadcast for church services, social and recreational gatherings and local government meetings and workshops. Being able to provide an effective, fully functional sound system will assist in maintaining the credibility of Nanoose Place as a reliable venue for organizations requiring amplified sound delivery.

**Project Funding Source:**

The attached cost estimate table provides a summary of costs for each project as well as sources of funding to complete each project. The Nanoose Bay Activities & Recreation Society Board of Directors has actively solicited contributions from available sources to supplement our request for use of Community Works funds. The table indicates NBARS has secured **\$20,000** in funding, including a contribution from our operating budget, to be applied toward these projects.

Our society asks that you request the RDN enter into an agreement with the Nanoose Bay Activities & Recreation Society in 2016 to provide the amount of **\$107,500** from the Community Works fund program to complete the natural gas conversion and sound system projects identified in this correspondence.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Nanoose Bay Activities & Recreation Society,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Lettic". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

James A. Lettic

President, Nanoose Bay Activities & Recreation Society

**Nanoose Bay Activities and Recreation Society (NBARS)**  
**Projects: NG conversion & furnace replacement / PA Sound system replacement**

Revised:	2016-05-05	Estimated Costs	Funding Source
<b>1) Conversion to NG: appliance replacement &amp; related gas work:</b>			
A)	Fortis B.C. Supply line installation to building Engineering Design & Supervision	\$8,000 \$7,500	
B)	Gas system upgrade Furnace system replacement (4) Make-up air system replacement (1) Existing return air ducts (repairs)	\$3,250 \$27,000 \$37,500 \$3,000	
	Cost contingency 20%	\$14,500	
C)	Hot water tank conversion/replacement	\$5,250	
D)	Kitchen range/fryers conversion & reconditioning	\$1,500	
	<b>Total NG Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$107,500</b>	
<b>2) Public Address/Sound System replacement &amp; upgrade:</b>			
A)	Speakers x 4, amplifier/control panel, sound board	\$14,000	
B)	Labour & materials to re-wire/re-configure	\$6,000	
	<b>Total PA System Project Costs:</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	
<b>3)</b>	<b>Total NG &amp; PA system project cost:</b>	<b>\$127,500</b>	
<b>4) Funding Sources:</b>			
	NBARS + Nanoose Seniors (Design & Engineering)		\$7,500
	NBARS + Nanoose Seniors (furnace replacement)		\$4,000
	Fortis identified rebates (furnace replacement – 5 x \$1000)		\$5,000
	RDN District 69 Parks/Rec grant (PA/sound)		\$2,500
	Nanamo Ballroom Dancing Association (PA/sound)		\$1,000
	Community Works Fund		\$107,500
	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$127,500</b>



**URGENT**

**MR. DENNIS TRUDEAU,**  
Acting Chief Administrative Officer  
**REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO**

Fax: 250 390 4163

RE: REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO (RDN) ASSIGNMENT OF LIGHTHOUSE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL TO MEADOWOOD COMMUNITY PARK AT THE BEHEST OF THE CORCAN MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CMRA) WITHOUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Attached is the letter I faxed yesterday to the BC Ombudsman concerning the RDN decision to relocate a massive Bluegrass Festival to a gravel pit at Meadowood Way and Galvin Place. Ms. Susan Rasmussen telephoned me this morning to suggest that I contact your office as a matter of policy.

If you've seen the news about **Fort MacMurray ablaze and 80,000 people having to evacuate their homes and city and flee to safety through a raging fire along the highway** – then you must consider that the residents of the Corcan-Meadowood corridor may well share the same fate if this Festival is allowed to proceed. We have every reason to be concerned!

Sir, I must make the same request of you, *please*, that you cancel this festival at the Meadowood **gravel pit**, and assign it to another, more suitable and safer venue. Other Meadowood residents also share these legitimate concerns and have voiced their fears to the PQB News, as well as their frustration with the RDN *summary dismissal* of this critically important matter.

Given the gravity of this situation, if I do not hear from your office within the next week I will appeal directly to Minister Peter Fassbender, Community, Sport & Cultural Development & Responsible for TransLink to intervene, investigate and direct RDN operations accordingly.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

MR. JAY CHALKE, OMBUDSPERSON  
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03 May 2016  
Pages 13 incl. 13  
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RE: REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO (RDN) ASSIGNMENT OF LIGHTHOUSE BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL TO MEADOWOOD COMMUNITY PARK AT THE BEHEST OF THE CORCAN MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (CMRA) WITHOUT PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Dear Sir,

The RDN, in an internal meeting held 25 February 2016 (attached), decided *arbitrarily* to relocate the Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival, a massive event normally staged at the Lighthouse Community Hall (Qualicum Bay), to the Meadowood Community Park near Little Qualicum River Falls (attached). This, without any public consultation directed at the residents of the Corcan-Meadowood area.

Accordingly, the Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival organizers (<http://www.lighthousebluegrass.com>) admitted to being "bumped out" from their Qualicum Bay venue – inexplicably. *One wonders why?* However, this year they expect some 3,000 people to attend and 200 RVs or campers. There is absolutely no mention of how they plan to accommodate and manage a crowd of this size in either of the RDN or CMRA online posts; only that:

*"... The festival has received special concession to allow camping in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) park, though attendees will have to "camp in the rough," supplying all their own water and power and removing all their own garbage and sewage." PQB News 24 March 2016*

The Meadowood location is a GRAVEL PIT located behind a small grocery/liquor store (attached). The route is along 5 km stretch of four circuitous country roads, accessed from the Old Island Hwy at Baylis, that pass under Hwy 19, with several tight left/right turns along the way in a slow 50km/hr deer-strewn speed limit. Conversely, the Lighthouse Community Hall (Lions Way) is conveniently located right off the Old Island Hwy. There are several RV parks nearby and the Hall offers various meeting rooms, a large kitchen, and multiple washrooms. There are numerous restaurants and cafes located enroute and nearby that welcome annual RV/Camper traffic, and a large beach to accommodate summer visitors.

By contrast, the gravel pit has *nothing*. There is no water, no fire hydrants, no electricity, no public facilities, no RV pads & infrastructure. There is camping at the Little Qualicum River Falls, but this is limited to 66 camp sites which are already booked. Dashwood Firehall maintains an unmanned Station at Meadowood with only one *light attack vehicle* and one *tanker*. Otherwise, there are no resources to deal with thousands of people for three days/nights... and all that entails. For now though, I bet the Meadowood Store will be stocking up on hard liquor, pop and beer. *What could possibly go wrong?*

The RDN recently issued Stage 2 Water Restrictions; by July 2015 the RDN had already imposed a Stage 4 Ban. Water scarcity in summer is now a serious issue that reflects how hot and dry our summers have become due to climate change. By June 2015 the Coastal Fire Centre banned all campfires due to scorching 30°C weather. Last July the heat was unbearable, three wildfires burned simultaneously: Port Hardy, Sproat Lake, Port Alberni which left a pall of thick, yellow smoke over our area for weeks.



According to the BC Wildfire Service this year, *all the wildfires have been human caused*. This becomes the main concern of those with properties that border the gravel pit and beyond..... that campers and those attending this festival will surreptitiously light fires after dark to cook or keep warm; they'll drink booze, smoke crack or pot or something, flick cigarettes into the shadows, get a little drunk/stoned, have fun – get silly and.... break a few rules. Maybe there'll be an accident that'll spark a small grassfire leading to the forest.

So what about us Sir? These fun-seekers.... they can leave, go home – go elsewhere. We homeowners, however, will watch our houses burn while Dashwood fire fighters & Coastal Fire Service struggle to manage the carnage – that's if they can get thru the tangle of RVs blocking the road in the rush to evacuate.... while the gap wind rushes the fire uphill toward Little Qualicum River Village – where I live.

The other issue is one of SECURITY. Statistically, of the 3000 people the organizers expect, how many will be burglars, vandals and opportunists who usually infiltrate a crowd. It only takes a few. The residents of nearby Galvin Place and Ashling Rd. are especially vulnerable. The RDN, CMRA and event organizers have said *nothing* about providing security, surveillance and crowd control. According to a 2014 Justice Ministry report the BC property crime rate increased by 8.3%.

The gravel pit is also **not graded**, there are large rocks strewn about; in the heat, the sand becomes friable, soft and dusty – heavy vehicles can so easily sink in and get stuck. There are sand dunes of various elevations, and scattered clumps of bush and dry grasses leading into open forest and the river chasm that presents other dangers.

Ours is a RURAL community of secluded homes on acreage properties surrounded by fragrant, and highly flammable cedar/fir forest. The drive is lengthy and circuitous, yet we're all willing to bear with minor inconveniences for the privacy, peace and quiet – the *blessings* of country life. The CMRA and RDN, in their various schemes to develop this area, fail to consider the gestalt of this population; they fail to adequately engage in a credible public consultation process; they routinely ignore protests from residents. I respectfully submit the RDN do not SEEK INPUT, PROVIDE DECISION CRITERIA, DEMONSTRATE TRANSPARENCY, or DISPLAY INTEGRITY OF SERVICE. Frankly, the CMRA/RDN do as they please.... to the detriment of this community. The attached letter to the PQB editor from Mr. George Cowley reinforces this point. Accordingly, the RDN dismissed his query emails. As such, I appeal to your office directly, Sir, to stop this ill considered event before it becomes a major catastrophe.

The CMRA have also failed in previous attempts to organize a successful Canada Day Celebration at the same gravel pit (Minutes attached). I arranged the CFB Comox 442 Squadron C-115 Buffalo Fly-by Airshow in 2014 & 2015 to help them along. But, attendance was still minimal; people left early, the venue was plagued by oppressive heat, sudden hot, dry gusts and dust devils that blew down the few tents & kiosks. Some children suffered heat stroke. There was no shade cover for the stage and the musicians complained bitterly. The CMRA expected grand profits, but instead faced financial losses each year. (2015 AGM)

For now, I respectfully request your office order the RDN engage in a more transparent, inclusive and democratic approach. They must anticipate the needs of the community, plan well ahead (not just a couple of months), advertise their ideas through targeted mail outs, conduct surveys and invite public comment to gauge acceptance of their initiatives. Local government, in making decisions that affect rural communities, must do more than just post documents online and call that public consultation. The Case Summary "*You call that an ad?*" demonstrates your decision for a similar situation.

To wit: residents should not be expected to read through a plethora of webpages to find out what local government is planning; yet such is the expectation. Rather, for events like this, local government must mail questionnaires and surveys to all the households involved. Otherwise, it can't be assumed that people have been informed - RDN/CMRA cannot presume all residents have a computer or internet service, or the skills to access online postings. Nor can they rightfully assume that people actually read the local newspaper, several of which have already disappeared. In a rural community, the RDN must advertise their plans through direct mail to each household. The taxes, fees and dues we pay subsidize at least this much.

The CMRA made some perfunctory comments on this Festival in their February and March minutes (attached) but failed to discuss the *implications*: how this would affect local residents, what are the dangers (vandalism, arson, burglary), and whether there was any logistical planning to support an event of this magnitude. The RDN also failed to discuss the logistics in their posts. The attached printouts establish that neither authority adequately informed its public of their plans; they have yet to consider the implications and develop strategies deployed by event managers. Ergo, the urgency of this letter!

For now, given the real problems this badly planned, potentially disastrous Bluegrass Festival will cause our community, I respectfully request that you arrange to **cancel this event** at Meadowood Park and relocate it to a more appropriate venue. The gravel pit is not a suitable location for a summer show. Frankly, I doubt the campers will clean up before pulling out, and none of the stakeholders have offered to restore the area to its pre-event condition. It is unfair to expect the people of this neighbourhood to do the dirty work.

Yes, everyone loves Bluegrass, but an event of this scope needs comprehensive planning, more thorough organization, security controls and logistics management. It should be held at a venue with the capacity to offer basic necessities (water, food, waste disposal) and managed by experienced event organizers who can marshal the resources of trained staff and volunteers with enough lead time to ensure a successful outcome. The CMRA don't have enough personnel to handle a crowd of thousands and RVs by the hundreds. Following several dismal failures, they decided to cancel future Canada Day events (attached CMRA AGM 2015). The RDN hasn't listed plans to manage/supervise this Festival or provide security/crowd control, the Mid-island Bluegrass Society website have not posted their event management operations. No one's in charge here; and that puts all us residents at risk.

As such, your timely intervention would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,



• **NEIGHBOURS WANT TO BE NOTIFIED** Central Kootenay

<https://www.bcombudsperson.ca/documents/ncighbours-want-be-notified>

*"After its review, the regional district changed its bylaw so that it could give notice of a gravel pit application to property owners at any distance if it seemed appropriate. It also added a requirement that an applicant place an ad in a newspaper informing the community of the proposed gravel pit and giving people the opportunity to provide input to the regional district before it makes a decision on the application. These changes meant that in the future, a person in Joan's position could be notified of a gravel pit application and have the opportunity to provide input if she had concerns.*

• **YOU CALL THAT AN AD?** Prince George

<https://www.bcombudsperson.ca/documents/you-call-ad>

*"Local Government Act requires consultation with individuals that will be affected. To meet this obligation and to provide residents with information and an opportunity to contribute to the decision-making process, the city announced a public meeting. While the city advertised the public meeting in the local newspaper, the ads did not explain the scope of the proposed amendment...*

**REFERENCES**

Little Qualicum River Campground: [http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/little\\_qualicum\\_falls](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/explore/parkpgs/little_qualicum_falls)  
Lighthouse Community Hall <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousecommunityhall/home>  
Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival <http://www.lighthousebluegrass.com>  
Corcan Meadowood Residents Assoc. <http://www.meadowoodresidents.com>  
RDN Electoral Area 'H' Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/events/attachments/evlD7338evattID2659.pdf>  
RDN Meadowood Community Park <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=3165>

Dashwood Fire Hall Stations <http://www.dashwoodyfd.com/stations>  
RDN Water Service Area  
Watering Restrictions <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms.asp?wpID=938>

Hazy Monday: Three new Vancouver Island wildfires keep crews busy  
<http://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/hazy-monday-three-new-vancouver-island-wildfires-keep-crews-busy-1.2478666>  
Smoke dissipating over Island as wildfires rage in B.C.  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/smoke-dissipating-over-island-as-wildfires-rage-in-b-c-1.1990126>

The Beach Crime Articles  
[http://www.885thebeach.com/topic/related\\_content.php?contentType=4&catContentId=1588261&contentCategoryName=Law\\_Crime&tagType=0](http://www.885thebeach.com/topic/related_content.php?contentType=4&catContentId=1588261&contentCategoryName=Law_Crime&tagType=0)  
Parksville and Qualicum resorts targeted in break-in spree  
<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/parksville-and-qualicum-resorts-targeted-in-break-in-sprees-1.2080128>

**PQB News**

- Rec centre, big festival coming to <http://www.pqbnews.com/news/373374351.html>
- Meadowood <http://www.pqbnews.com/opinion/letters/375412901.html>
- Bluegrass: not in my backyard <http://www.pqbnews.com/opinion/letters/377442281.html>
- Family friendly bluegrass festival

Campfires now banned in Parksville Qualicum Beach region – temperatures expected to reach 30 degrees this weekend – June 2015 <http://www.pqbnews.com/news/309894541.html>  
RDN and Parksville issue comprehensive stage 4 watering ban – July 2015  
<http://www.cheknews.ca/nanaimo-and-parksville-issue-comprehensive-stage-4-watering-ban-108722>

# THE PARKSVILLE QUALICUM BEACH NEWS

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Bluegrass: not in my backyard

posted Apr 12, 2016 at 8:00 AM

I enjoy bluegrass music just as much as the next person, but now I have second thoughts after learning it will be taking place in our community of Meadowood on a large scale (*The NEWS*, March 24).

People are going to say that here is another example of NIMBY (not in my backyard). Well yes, it is normally not my style to rain on anyone's parade, but in this case I have to make an exception.

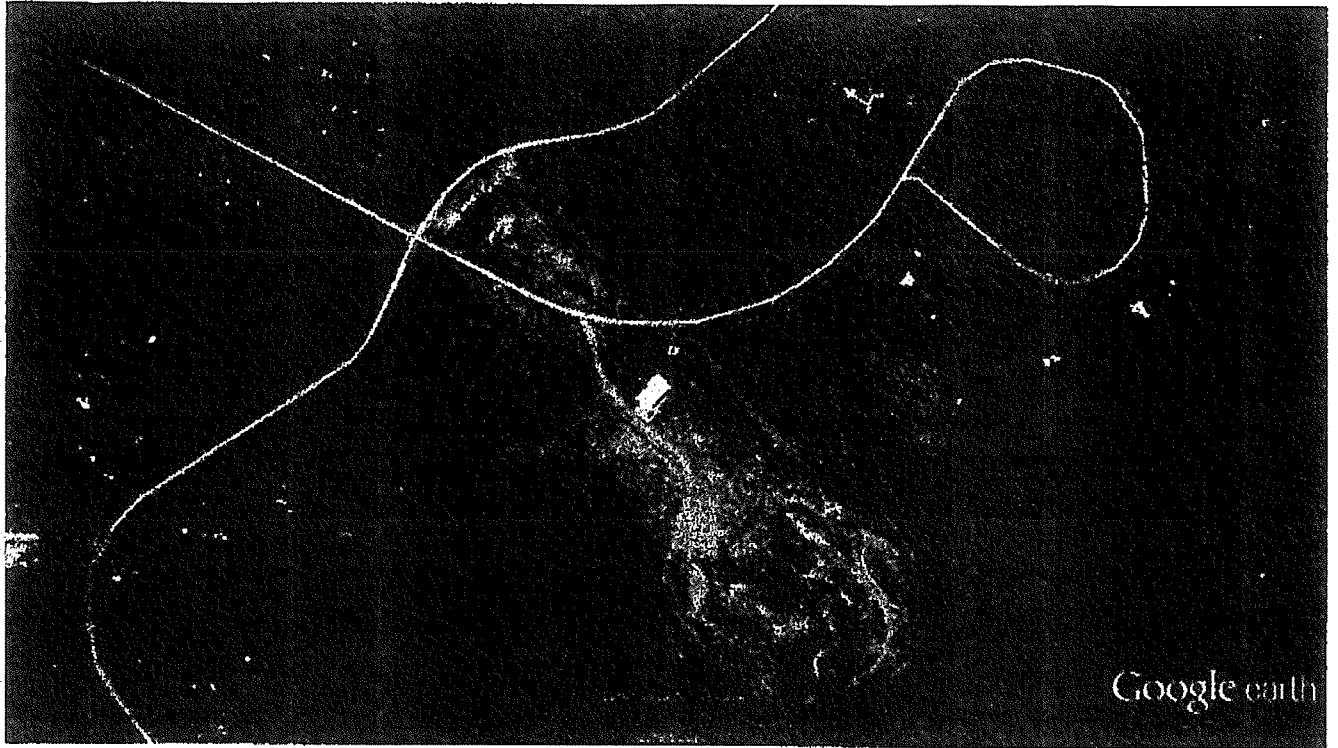
I have never seen anything as underhanded as this. Past e-mails to our RDN area director still remain unanswered. The one sign announcing this bluegrass festival was conveniently placed off road at Galvin Place and posters advertising this event were confined primarily to the Meadowood Store location long before any mention in the local newspaper.

Do the majority or the minority of the residents not have a democratic right to say as to whether or not they are in favour of this event? The RDN will post notices in the paper notifying the public of changes to bylaws and notices of rezoning and people are given the opportunity to voice their concerns. I for one, as well as my upset neighbours, do not appreciate the thought of potentially 3,000 people converging on our community, involving potentially 200 RVs and/or campers on the long weekend in hot and dry July.

Spokesperson Linda Thorburn chuckles and makes reference to only one person who has had offered an objection to this. We have enough traffic to contend with as there is only one road in and one road out and if people living on and off of Baylis Road, Dorman Road and Corcan Road had been better informed, I am sure that there would have been more than one objection.

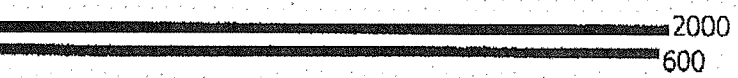
This could become an annual event involving increased numbers of people attending. Why should a few self-serving capitalizing individuals who are under the impression that they represent everyone in this community be in any position to make decisions of this nature affecting others in our community and putting our homes at risk in an effort to achieve their intentions with or without the approval of our illustrious RDN?

**George Cowley**  
*Meadowood*



Google earth

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REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO  
ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2016  
10:00 AM

*(Lighthouse Community Centre, Qualicum Bay)*

AGENDA

PAGES

CALL TO ORDER

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

DELEGATIONS

*Motion to receive delegation.*

MINUTES

3-6 Minutes of the regular Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held September 16, 2015.

*Motion to adopt the Minutes.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

CORRESPONDENCE/ COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Phase 2 Water Access Development – discussion

REPORTS

7-26 Monthly Update Regional and Community Parks & Trail Projects October 2015 - January 2016

27-31 Dunsmuir CP – Summary of Open House Feedback

Dunsmuir CP – Master Plan Design Direction

*Motion to receive Reports.*

BUSINESS ARISING FROM DELEGATIONS OR COMMUNICATIONS

NEW BUSINESS

Area C

- Confirmed with two groups aiming to stage 'Benson Grind' running events on the Witchcraft Lake Regional Trail and into Mount Benson Regional Park that it would be at least five years before such events would be considered since the lands are not in any condition to handle the ensuing impact.

Area E

- Met with a large group of SD69 teachers and teachers-in-training at Moorecroft Regional Park to review use of park for weekly outdoor classroom over the school year. Nanoose Elementary is SD69's pilot school charged with undertaking new outdoor classroom curriculum.
- Introduced SD69 First Nations Liaison Worker (from interior) to coastal Doug-fir biogeoclimatic zone reference material and bylaw regarding harvesting in parks.

Area F

- Worked with the Bluegrass Festival Society and Corcan-Meadowood Residents Association on a plan to relocate Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival from Lions Community Park in Qualicum Bay to Meadowood Community Park; confirmed can do and began planning discussions for Festival 2016.
- Completed firework forms and approved CMRA's permit for Hallowe'en party (fireworks, bonfire, approximately 400 people) at Meadowood CP.

Area G

- Worked with DFO and VIU on 2015-2020 spawner count and water quality and benthic invertebrate monitoring permit for side channel at Englishman River Regional Park. Review of eight years of data to be carried out in 2016.
- Began work with BC Conservation Foundation on proposal to undertake a complete review of all large woody debris (LWD) installations along Englishman and Little Qualicum Rivers. Province has declined to permit any new structures and existing ones have to be examined, and fixed or removed.



Manager of Parks Services



General Manager Concurrence

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**CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Held Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**At the Lion's Club Community Hall, 240 Lion's Way, Qualicum Bay, B.C.**

**Attendance:** Tim Peligren, Alf Jablonski, Bob Donald, Elaine Peligren, Annie Donald, Dwayne Miller and Allyson Wight

**Absent:** Gerry Anderson, Diane Anderson

**Special Guests:** Julian Fell, R.D.N. Area "F" Director

**Meeting Called to Order:** at 10:03 a.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Ozzie Jimmo, seconded by Marilyn Kopernick, to approve the agenda, Carried.

**Approval of Minutes from the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Sept. 13, 2014:**

Motion made by Kim Primeck, seconded by Kim Reay, to approve minutes from the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Carried.

**President's Report:** Elaine Peligren, President, gave opening remarks, followed by her Report, as per attached Exhibit "A".

**Treasurer's Report:** As Diane Anderson, Treasurer, was unable to attend, Elaine Peligren presented the Treasurer's Report. Bank Account balances as of August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 are as follows:

General Account: \$6,878.80 Highway Account: \$35,024.37

Income Statements & Comparative Balance Sheets are attached as per Exhibit "B" for both accounts up to and including August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (year-end for Corcan-Meadowood Residents' Association).

**Approval of the 2015-2016 Annual Membership Fee:** Motion made by Elaine Peligren, seconded by Ozzie Jimmo, to raise the 2015-2016 Annual Membership Fee to \$20.00 per household, Carried. These membership dues help to fund the basic administrative function of the Association to support activities within the community. The primary catalyst to raise the membership fees at this time is to support some of the administrative costs of the new Community Centre, scheduled to open next spring.

**Presentation on Proposed Highway Access:** In Gerry Anderson's absence, Tim Peligren presented updates on the proposed Highway Access at Highway 19 & Corcan Rd. interchange, as per attached Exhibit "C".



A few announcements:

- 1.) Our next community event will be held on Halloween, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and because we were not able to have fireworks at Canada Day the fireworks will be bigger and better this year. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and there is a sign-up sheet at the front door if any of you are interested in helping. This Halloween we will be having our live music, karaoke, kiddies game corner, our very scary haunted walk, concession and free treats for the kids, followed by the fireworks.
- 2.) You may have noticed the repairs to the road and the mowing that has taken place this year. We have been in contact with MoTI regarding the condition of the roads. They have assured me that the yellow lines will be painted by the end of October by LaFrentz Road Marking.
- 3.) As most of you are aware we had to cancel the fireworks display for Canada Day this year due to the extreme wild fire hazard. This was a huge disappointment to the community and we had a very poor turnout. As a result, as much as we would like to celebrate Canada Day on Canada Day, the biggest part of the draw for this event is the fireworks. Therefore we are looking at changing the Canada Day celebration to a Saturday at the end of April or early May.
- 4.) We plan to hold a Beer & Burger & Silent Auction in February or March next year and anyone wishing to contribute silent auction items should contact me to arrange for pick up.



## CORCAN MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Held Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum, B.C.

**Attendance:** Elaine Peligren, Allyson Wight, Bob Donald, Alf Jablonski, Dwayne Miller, Annie Donald, Tim Peligren

**Regrets:** Garry Anderson, Diane Anderson

**Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Tim Peligren to approve Agenda, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Tim Peligren moved to approve previous minutes, seconded by Bob Donald, Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** In the absence of the Treasurer, Elaine Peligren confirmed the following Bank reconciliation balances as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016:

General Account: \$5,079.08 Highway Access Account: \$31,206.03

**Highway Access Report:** Tim Peligren reported the Engineers have presented new ideas for highway access potential. They are in the process of preparing their report for presentation to the government stakeholders to ascertain approval prior to proceeding further.

**Park Progress & Community Centre:** Alf Jablonski reported the Regional District of Nanaimo Board of Directors, at their meeting of January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016, ratified the following motion previously approved by the Committee of the Whole as follows:

*"Meadowood Community Recreation Centre Alternative Construction Options. 16-049  
MOVED Director Stanhope, SECONDED Director Young, that the Regional District of  
Nanaimo Issue a Design/Bulld Tender for a building in the amount of \$450,000 for the  
Meadowood Community Recreation Centre to be situated within the Meadowood  
Community Park southeast of Dashwood Fire Hall #62 (Meadowood Fire Hall).  
CARRIED"*

Confirmation received verbally today that a "Request for Proposal" - RFP document, will be posted on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with a copy being forwarded to the C.M.R.A. The targeted amount is for \$450,000.00 with site meeting set for March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 (Time TBA). Proposals must be received at the R.D.N. by April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016. A report will be presented to the Board of Directors on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Construction could commence by the end of May, 2016 with date of completion estimated for the end of October. There may be an incentive for early completion.

**Special Events (Canada Day):** Elaine Peligren confirmed the Grant Application to the Regional District of Nanaimo has been submitted for this event. Plans are underway to host a mid-day Canada Day Celebration at Meadowood Community Park. Further details will be posted soon.

**Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness:** Nothing to report

## CORCAN-MEADOWOOD RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of Regular Meeting Held March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum

**Attendance:** Elaine Pellgren, Bob Donald, Allyson Wight, Alf Jablonski, Gerry Anderson, Diane Anderson, Annie Donald, Tim Pellgren

**Regrets:** Dwayne Miller

**Guests:** Ozzie Jimmo, Harry Oppenlander, Randy Bacigalupo

**Meeting Called to Order:** Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Gerry Anderson moved to approve Agenda, seconded by Tim Pellgren, Carried.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** Diane Anderson moved to approve previous minutes, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Diane Anderson reported the following Bank balances as at Feb. 29, 2016: General Account: \$4,939.12 Highway Access Account: \$31,207.27

**Highway Access:** Gerry Anderson and Tim Pellgren reported on the Highway Access project. Alternative options are being investigated with the Engineering firm for preparation and presentation for approval with relevant government stakeholders.

**Park Progress & Community Centre:** The Regional District of Nanaimo (R.D.N.) issued the Request for Proposal (RFP) on Feb. 18, 2016 for new Meadowood Community Centre. The RFP closing date is April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 with a decision anticipated at the May 24<sup>th</sup> meeting of the R.D.N. Board of Directors.

**Special Events (Canada Day & Halloween):** Elaine Pellgren reported Grant application was submitted for our Canada Day celebration. Preparations are well under way for this event. Halloween event: Bob Donald moved that we approve budget of \$5,000. for the Halloween 'Corcarnival', seconded by Gerry Anderson, Carried.

**Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness:** Nothing to report.

**Fundraising:** Elaine Pellgren presented the posters and tickets for the upcoming Beer 'n Burger Nite taking place at Deez Restaurant on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Lots of great prizes, contests & games will make this evening a FUN event. Tickets available at Meadowood Store or contact Annie Donald (250-752-6728). Details on attached poster.

**Media & Communications:** A newspaper article will be coming out in the PQB News soon, under the Arrowsmith Community semi-annual publication for Programs and Events in Area "F". This article will feature Meadowood Community with all the progress and development being made in our community.

→ **Bluegrass Festival:** The Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival being held at the Meadowood Community Park this year will welcome lots of new folks into our area over the 3 day event (July 1-3, 2016). Visit their website for all the details and ticket information: <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousebluegrass/>

**Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 6:30 pm at 1670 Meadowood Way, Qualicum

**Adjournment of Regular Meeting:** Gerry Anderson moved to adjourn regular meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Alf Jablonski, Carried.

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## NEWS

### Rec centre, big festival coming to Meadowood

by Auren Ruvinsky - Parksville Qualicum Beach News  
posted Mar 24, 2016 at 9:00 AM

There's a lot going on in the Corcan-Meadowood area southwest of Qualicum Beach.

There's a community recreation centre in the works, right beside one of the region's newest parks, which will also be home to the re-located Lighthouse Country Bluegrass Festival this summer.

After five successful years on the Lions Way field behind the Lighthouse Community Centre in Qualicum Bay, the event is moving to the new park where they hope to have around 200 RVs or campers and as many as 3,000 people, said co-ordinator Linda Thorburn.

The festival has received special concession to allow camping in the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) park, though attendees will have to "camp in the rough," supplying all their own water and power and removing all their own garbage and sewage.

"We do behave, Cigarette butts are non-existent. We're the tidiest, best-behaved group of people you'll ever see," said Thorburn in response to at least one local resident who contacted The NEWS with concerns about the lack of infrastructure for a large crowd.

"It's not like a country music festival with their rough and rowdy ways," Thorburn chuckled. "We have acoustic music, there's no electric guitars or anything, so you can fall asleep by it, or wake up to it and it doesn't make you want to grind your teeth at all."

She said she fell in love with the music 35 years ago at the unrelated Coombs Bluegrass Festival. She took up the banjo and has been trying to get others to appreciate the music ever since.

She said that after five years of helping make the Lions Way field a popular place for activities they were bumped out and happened to find the Meadowood location at the same time as the local resident's association was looking for a Canada Day weekend activity to replace the traditional fireworks which were cancelled last summer due to the extreme fire hazard conditions.

"And everything just fell into place within about four days."

This year the festival is excited to welcome co-headliners Jeff Scroggins & Colorado and The Foggy Hogtown Boys out of Toronto, who Thorburn called possibly the best bluegrass band in the world. Watch The NEWS for more information closer to the Canada Day festival.

Google "Lighthouse bluegrass" for a lot of information and a link to online tickets on their website. (For online link: <https://sites.google.com/site/lighthousebluegrass/lighthouse-festival-2016>)

Meanwhile the former gravel pit around the Dashwood Fire Hall #62 (Meadowood hall) now includes the 22 acre RDN Meadowood Community Park which is half forested and half gravel with an extensive playground area.

The RDN board is currently waiting for the results from a \$450,000 design and build tender request for a prefabricated metal building for an indoor recreation facility.

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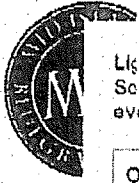
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Lighthouse Bluegrass Festival

is moving locations....but not very far..

This year, in 2016, our event will be one of the larger  
festivals out of the greater Nanaimo event area

Please join us for a fun filled weekend of nonstop

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Meadowood Community Park