**Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association**

**Annual General Meeting**

Cedar Hill Rec Centre, Seniors Wing

7:00 – 9:00 pm, Tuesday, March 28, 2017

**MINUTES**

1. **Welcome and introductions** – Susan Haddon
2. **Approval of agenda** – moved by Rikki Bowman, seconded by Peter Haddon. Approved.
3. **Approval of AGM minutes, March 2016** – moved by Jean Hodgson, seconded by Bob Trotter. Approved.
4. **Treasurer’s report** – Susan reported for Art Beck (who was attending a Saanich Council budget meeting). No change from February, 2017:

Short Term Funds Available $9,500.

Total receipts 250.

Total disbursements  85.

Net for the Period 165.

Funds are used to produce 2 newsletters annually, support Music in the Park (much of these costs recouped), and other QCHCA projects. Report moved by John Schmuck, seconded by Patricia Houston. Approved.

1. **Membership report** – Noella May:

Membership to date is 126; 120 renewals and 6 new members.

1. **Canada’s 150th** - Susan on behalf of Vicki Sanders:

Saanich has no funds available for 150 events, but would like to support in other ways. QCHCA is planning, with Friends of Cedar Hill Park (FCHP) and Saanich Volunteer Services, an event similar to the 2016 walk, for September 23, 2017, to include cake and flags.

1. **Updates**:
* **Cedar Hill Rec and Parks** – Carole Ireland: April 6, a World Table Tennis Tournament is being hosted. Currently busy with Spring Break camps.

 On April 1, a 1% increase in fees and charges will occur.

The new calendar will be on line on April 10 with registration, April 12.

The Golf course took advantage of a protracted ‘winter’ to do maintenance work and course improvement, including drainage and invasive species removal (with FCHP).

An Audubon Society application has been submitted.

The Snack window will open April 11.

* **Governance Review Citizens Advisory Committee** – John Schmuck (chair of the committee). The committee has moved into the public feedback phase: an on-line survey, 2 workshops and 2 town hall dialogues are planned. Written input is welcomed. A preliminary report is planned for September with the final report due the end of October. Mayor Atwell has stated he will support any major recommendations made. For more information visit: <http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/committees-boards/governance-review-citizens-advisory-committeee.html>
* **QCHCA Cedar Hill Park Planning Working Group** – Peter Haddon. A committee of 13 has been formed, including members from QCHCA/ FCHP (Peter), Bowker Creek Initiative, Mt Tolmie CA, and Recreation (Carole Ireland). Two meetings are planned to prepare to go out to the broader community for feedback on a vision of CHP. A Town Hall is planned by Saanich Parks. It is anticipated that an overall plan for CHP will be available in 18 months. See the next QCHCA newsletter for more information.
* **Music in the Park (MIP)** – Chris Bartlett, with Karen Dearborn. Saanich supports MIP every Tuesday throughout July and August. QCHCA organizes 2 evenings at Rutledge Park. This year the dates are August 8 (Tropic Mayhem) and 15 (SoulSonix), new bands for MIP. Parking is donated by 4 local businesses on their lots off Cloverdale. Margaret Bachmann is being recognized this year by MIP, the originator of the event.
* **Farmers market** – Shawn Newby. Saanich has granted a temporary permit to hold the market at Braefoot, from 10 - 2, every Sunday in July and August. This will complement other markets held Saturdays throughout the region. A public hearing is to be held April 5.
* **Friends of Cedar Hill Park** – Susan Haddon. The next Pulling Together is planned for April 29, on the banks of the creek behind the recCentre. Any time you can volunteer is welcome. The event is also supported by the Greater Victoria Green Team.
* **Bowker Creek Initiative** – Peter Haddon. BCI is very proactive in involving community associations. Engineers have been brought in to discuss water issues, including exposing the creek at certain points. Cedar Hill and Browning Park are in the public domain, and BCI hopes to obtain grant monies for remediation. Saanich has already approved money for daylighting sections of the creek.

1. **Annual Report for QCHCA** – Susan Haddon.

Your Community Association has had a busy year, thanks to the individual and collective energy, dedication and talent of a great group of people!

Over the past year, on your behalf, we have written or made presentations to Council on issues such as the budget, the farmers market, EDPA bylaw, Uptown, and the Governance Review Citizens Advisory Committee.

QCHCA participates on the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN), the Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan, the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan, UVic’s Community Liaison Committee, the Bowker Creek Initiative, the Nigel Valley project and are starting to talk about the Quadra Corridor.

We hosted two *Music in the Park* evenings and tried a picnic in Cedar Hill Park. We enjoyed a fourth annual Christmas Dinner at the Golf Club.

We supported the Friends of Cedar Hill Park in a Bowker Creek Clean-up event and the Pulling Together program there and at Playfair Park.

We worked with Saanich Parks and Rec on a proposed splash pad and washroom project for Rutledge Park and will help formally ‘open’ Tolmie Park after its fabulous makeover.

We wrote and distributed two newsletters to 7000 households in our area, sent out occasional e-news blasts and forwarded messages or links from Saanich and elsewhere that provide information or ask for feedback on issues that affect our community.

Trevor Hancock, speakers from Greater Victoria Place Making and Edible Gardens, and Don Evans, Executive Director of Our Place, gave talks on topics of interest you. Jody Watson screened the film ‘Lost Rivers of the World’ followed by a talk on day-lighting Bowker Creek .

We supported community residents throughout the property development application process, encouraging and attending developer presentations to neighbours to learn what is planned, heard your thoughts and concerns, and provided this feedback to Saanich’s Planning Department and Council as appropriate.

Most of all, though, we have tried to understand what you think and feel about our community and what you believe would make it even better, how we can ‘build community’, and we will continue to focus on this going forward.

I would like to thank John Schmuck, Past President; Shawn Newby, Vice President; Art Beck, Treasurer; Jean Hodgson, Secretary; Noella May, Membership; Peter Haddon, Newsletter Editor; Chris Bartlett, Music in the Park Coordinator; Area Reps Lana Burns, Ruth Emery, Bob Trotter, Eric Higgs, Chris Bhopalsingh, Shawn Newby, John Schmuck and Chris Bartlett; and members-at-large Karen Dearborn, Dodie Fraser, Rikki Bowman and Helmuth Mueller, all of whom have worked on your behalf for the betterment of our community – a huge thanks to each of you!

Thanks also to all of you who have delivered newsletters, helped out at events or otherwise shared your time and expertise with us . . . it’s what community is all about. Thank you!

1. **Election of QCHCA Executive positions** – Lana Burns called for nominations from the floor for all positions. Hearing none, all incumbents were re-elected: President – Susan Haddon, Vice-President – Shawn Newby, Treasurer - Art Beck, Secretary - Jean Hodgson, and Membership – Noella May.

**BREAK for refreshments**

**Presentation:** **Uptown Douglas Corridor** **Plan** – Shari Holmes-Saltzman, Senior Planner, Community Planning, Saanich

For more detailed information visit:

<http://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/community/community-planning/centre-corridor-plans/uptown-douglas-corridor-plan.html>

A ‘corridor plan’ is similar to a Local Area Plan.

The area of study is different from other parts of Saanich:

* There are 10,000 employees vs. 4,000 residents, with an additional 140,000 living within a 10 minute drive
* It contains 30% of the industrial lands in Saanich (light industrial and small business)
* 130,000 vehicles go through the area daily, 40,000 on public transit and 2,400 cyclists on the Galloping Goose/Lochside Trails

The question to be answered is how to make Uptown area a desirable place to stop; creating a ‘heart’ for Saanich that is vibrant, exciting and memorable. The timeline for the planning is from Fall 2015 to Spring 2018; currently in phase 3. A draft plan is intended for mid to late Fall 2017.

 The community values that have emerged from earlier work have been grouped into three layers: Green, Mobility (including transit), and Land Use.

1. Green – includes parks, open spaces, the natural environment, green buildings, cultural and recreational connections, and sustainability. Strategies might include enhancing the appearance of the Galloping Goose and streets; greening both public and private spaces; increasing the tree canopy; improving storm-water treatment; and creating more public spaces (Saanich owns land throughout the area of study).
2. Mobility – of pedestrians, bicycles, transit, goods and other vehicles (in order of hierarchy). Partnerships are important as Douglas, Ravine and Vernon are all provincial roads.

A ‘landmark’ transit hub is planned by BC Transit.

Planners will work with local businesses to improve goods movement.

Oak Street is planned as a ‘special’ street facilitating the movement of pedestrians as well as others.

A new idea has emerged recently and is being explored: to turn Blanshard into a 2 way major street and Vernon a neighbourhood street. This needs the participation of the Ministry of Transportation, Saanich and the owner of the shopping mall/old library area.

1. Land Use – consider building form and character and economic viability; accommodate both industrial and some residential; include a diversity of housing; street-oriented development; plan for a compact urban core (higher residential buildings). ‘Places for People’

A public open house is planned for April 20, in Uptown.

Shari fielded questions following her presentation. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**KEY DATES:**

April 10 – 17 QCHCA Spring newsletter to be delivered

April 29 – Bowker Creek Clean-up, 9 am – 12 noon

May 23 – QCHCA general meeting, speaker TBA