**Quadra Cedar Hill Community Association General Meeting**

**7 – 9 pm, Tuesday, January 23, 2018**

**Cedar Hill Rec Centre Seniors Wing**

**Minutes**

Executive members present: Susan Haddon, Art Beck, Peter Haddon, Noella May, Chris Bartlett, John Schmuck, Pam Edwards, Helmuth Mueller, Ruth Emery, Jean Hodgson, Christine Sanders, Margaret Taylor, Krista Voitchovsky, Delores Fraser.

1. **Welcome and introductions -** Members were welcomed by president, Susan Haddon.
2. **Approval of agenda** - Motion to approve: Bob, seconded by Chris. Approved.
3. **Approval of minutes of November 28, 2017** - Minutes are available at each meeting as well as on the website. Motion to approve: Helmuth, seconded by Peter. Approved.
4. **Treasurer’s report for 2017 –** Art provided the end of year account overview and compared this with 2016 financial activity.

Current available funds: $8,136.

 **2017 2016 Difference**

Total receipts: $5,592. $6,844. ($1,252)

Disbursements: $6,740. $6,549. $191

Net for Period: ($1,148.) $295. ($1,443)

The biggest difference between 2016 and 2017 were the two grants given in 2017 to the Farmer’s Market and Swan Lake, each $500.

Until Music in the Park 2018, QCHCA has held a reserve, from 2012, of $1,000, to ensure the success of the event. This money will be available for other uses following July/August 2018 – possibly as seed funds for another event. The Saanich Foundation also holds a grant of $2,900 that our association could use for projects within Rutledge Park (such as a water play park).

Members should note that the financial statements are always available from Art including at each meeting.

 Motion to approve the treasurer’s report: Art, seconded by Chris. Approved.

1. **Membership – Noella -** paid members to date = 70 (includes 6 new members). Noella is actively sending out renewal notices via snail mail and email. A new member commented on the good information he received when he called about becoming a member and the value of the QCHCA signs in CH Park.
2. **Organization Committee update – Susan** thanked those members working on the **strategic plan update**, Pam, Noella, Jean, Susan, Art and John.A workshop for all board members on the strategic plan was held Saturday, Jan 20, 2018. Work on the vision is still to be completed. The plan and ‘suggested action groups’ arising from the plan will be presented at the AGM. Members are encouraged to become involved in these groups. The **seven groups** are membership, outreach, development and infrastructure (e.g. transportation), events and activities, communications, organization and finance, and environmental sustainability.

**The updated bylaws** will undergo a final review and be sent to the provincial government to fulfil the new requirements of the Societies of BC Act.

1. **Events updates -**

**Farmers Market** – Susan for Shawn Newby: The market will continue this year. Shawn is looking for volunteers as Marsha Henderson has stepped away.

**Easter egg hunt** at Rutledge Park – Susan. MLA Rob Fleming has suggested an Easter egg hunt for Rutledge. Sounds like a fun event.

**Music in the Park** – Chris Bartlett will continue to co-chair with Karen Dearborn. The Saanich MIP start up meeting is planned for Jan 29.

1. **Development & Infrastructure updates -**
* **CALC (Community Association Liaison Committee), U Vic** – Chris: a 600 unit residence is to be built. Representatives will attend the February Executive meeting to ensure the University has a good plan that meets local community expectations. Public information sessions will be held in March.
* **University Heights** – Susan/Chris attended a preliminary meeting 6 weeks ago. This will be a major redevelopment of the area probably taking 2 years for development of plans and permitting, with another 2 years to complete the building. Open public fora are planned for February/March 2018.
* **Dawson Heights Housing** – Susan/Lana attended the original meeting. This group provides not-for-profit housing those 55 plus. Plans are to redevelop eight 1950s era one-bedroom cottages and 24 studio units at 3700 Cedar Hill Road.  The proposed project will replace the existing accommodation with a four-storey, 84-unit building of independent, affordable rental housing.  A rezoning application will go to the District in February.  The current zoning (RP-1) does not allow self-contained rental apartment units so rezoning to RA-3 is necessary. Two facilities are already renovated; another 40 plus units are to be rebuilt. Some units will be in the main lodge. An additional 37 people will be housed under current plans. A public meeting was held at St Luke’s on Jan 25.
* **Cook** – Ruth: the old medical building and 2 adjacent homes are to be redeveloped as rental apartments/townhouses, including bachelor, 1 and 2 bedroom units.

A redevelopment by Abstract Development is in its very early stages on Quadra (2 lots in the centre of the block between Hollis and Tattersall, on the east side of Quadra).

* **Salsbury** – Susan/Ruth/Art: a development is proposed on Salsbury where the land can be subdivided and sold without building. 5 lots are permissible without rezoning. Hydrology, parking and traffic are issues for this development. The neighbours are well-organized to monitor the proposal.
* The plan for **Uptown Douglas Corridor** is being written (now in month 22 of a 30 month project). More consultation will take place. Check the Saanich website for current status and opportunities for input.
* **Our Local Area Plan** will start at the end of 2018, and, with the N Quadra LAP, will form the **Quadra Corridor Plan***.*
1. **Communications update** **– Peter:** Susan would like feedback from members on the current **eblasts**.

 **Cedar Hill Park visioning input** – Peter requested input on the current 7 vision statements. Contact him by email or phone for more information.

Peter reminded the membership that CH Park is held in perpetuity for Saanich residents, even if the golf course was to fail. It has been a park for over 50 years and Peter suggested some kind of commemorative plaque might be appropriate to recognize the foresight of the politicians at that time.

Following the break a fascinating and timely presentation was made by Bob Crosby of Ocean Networks Canada, re **Earthquake Early Warning systems for BC.**

Abstract: Ocean Networks Canada is in a unique position to detect subduction earthquakes through the operation of sensor networks both on land and on the seafloor. Bob discussed the prototype earthquake early warning system already in place, and how it will be expanded and enhanced so that it can be used to provide early warning to the residents of southwestern B.C. He presented how EEW will work and the potential benefits to residents and companies.

<http://www.oceannetworks.ca/> Other links of intereest are on the QCHCA website.

**Next Meeting**: **Tuesday, March 27, 2018** – AGM and speaker, Paul Thorkelsson, Saanich CAO