



**Board Meeting Minutes
22 July 2019
NATC Team Room – Silver Star**

In Attendance:

Mike Waberski - President
Eric Dickie
Ross Foden
Bill Crum
Loreen Ruault
Sheryl Bolton - Treasurer
Maura McCarthy

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Delegation

Moe and Carol Blumes of Stargas Utilites attended, and Mr. Blumes addressed the questions put to him by the board as well as filling some information gaps. Given a 15 minute presentation, he took 40 minutes and then entertained further questions, another 5 minutes.

Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted with no further changes.

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting dated May 28/19 were submitted via e-mail to the Board and considered for approval.

MOTION: to amend the minutes as distributed. M/S/C

MOTION: to accept the minutes as amended. M/S/C

Correspondence

Resignation letters were received by the Board via e-mail from Directors Sandy Cook and Cathy Clark. Discussion ensued regarding content of both letters and any concerns that should be addressed.

MOTION: to get clarification from our insurer as to when/how potential risk needs to be reported in order to mitigate. M/S/C

New Business

In recognition of the need to fill the newly vacated position of Secretary, a plea went out to Board members.

MOTION: To appoint Loreen Ruault to the position of Secretary for balance of year, and to attend at the bank to change the signatory on the account as soon as possible. M/S/C

Director's Reports:

Financial – Sheryl

MOTION: to approve the Financial Statements as circulated. M/S/C

Member Engagement – Loreen

Membership – although membership has increased in this past year, it was noted that we have 100% participation with strata owners, but significantly less with individual home and lot owners. Strategies will be considered to encourage more homeowners to participate, noting the importance relative to the action of the Utility Services Committee and Silverhawk.

MOTION: Sheryl & Mike to review banking needs with the intent of setting up direct deposit and auto renewal for payments for membership by the homeowners. M/S/C

Newsletter – it is anticipated that another newsletter will be sent out within the next month.

Utility Services Committee– Ross, Mike

It was reported that Eric Dickie had been invited to sit on the Utility Services Committee, in addition to his duties as RDNO Liaison.

Attendance at BCUC Indigenous Utilities Regulation Inquiry – Ross attended the Kelowna session; Mike made a presentation at the Victoria session. Attendance at these meetings was felt to be useful to support the SSPOA call for regulatory oversight and to demonstrate that our needs are similar in that the need for regulation over monopolies is necessary.

MOTION: Expense of \$160 was submitted by Mike for reimbursement of travel expenses to the Victoria meeting. M/S/C

Action Fund Progress Report – Mike and Ross attended the Creekside Council Meeting. Mike then attended the Creekside AGM on July 13 with several friend’s proxies, and witnessed the passing of the resolution for a levy to support the SSPOA (75% support required).

Draft Minutes – Sewage Action Fund Governance Committee Meeting – the draft minutes of the 24 May 2019 meeting were discussed.

The Action Fund efforts to date have shown the commitment needed to proceed with the initiative. 58% of the units in the community have committed or contributed. Strategies were discussed and the decision to proceed with Sewage Action Fund was made. Information was presented in draft form, to be reviewed by the Board by July 29th.

Motion 1: The Board of Directors of the SSPOA authorize the Sewer Action Fund Committee to explore strategies available to the community of Silver Star against Silverhawk’s business practices.

Motion 2: Subject to Board review by July 29, that the document titled “SSPOA Legal Questions and Strategy DRAFT 1.0” be forwarded to Norton Rose Fulbright to determine what the retainer would be to provide the answers sought. This will not incur any costs.

Motion 3: That the document titled “SSPOA Legal Questions and Strategy DRAFT 1.0” and the estimate from Norton Rose Fulbright for a retainer be forwarded to the Sewer Action Fund Committee for their consideration

Safe Communities – Maura

Knoll street lights – the RDNO has been advised that the SSPOA is in support of Drew Eyre’s efforts regarding the new street lights. The progress has been slow, and Drew has been working on a solution to how new lights will be integrated to the old poles. Drew will continue to work with Nicole Kohnert at RDNO, and Nicole indicated that they could probably only replace three this year with the funds available.

Johnson Lane sign update – Parson’s Homes had been contacted as it was evident that the damage had been caused by them. They responded with a fix, but a very poor one. Bill Crum will speak with Gavin Parson and attempt to resolve the matter

Bear Smart Community – a local resident has approached the SSPOA for assistance in implementing a program to educate the community. The SSPOA Board agreed to assist in spreading word to our membership via our newsletter. It was discussed that a poll via the Facebook SilverStar Community page might be a way to gauge interest in a proposed meeting on August 21st. Maura agreed to speak with the administrator of the FB page and then respond to the resident.

FireSmart – The community chipping day was a huge success, with 15 volunteers working for 6 hours. Four loads of wood chips were collected. A special thanks to Denys Lawrence for organizing the chipper

and to the fire department who came by with donuts! Our RDNO representative, Amanda Shatzko ensured that funds were available to pay for the chipper.

We have been officially recognized as a Firesmart Community and a sign will be erected to that effect. It has been indicated that there is grant money available that could be spent on forest fuel mitigation and FireSmart education, but there needs to be a body to apply for it in a timely manner. The SSPOA will generally continue to support the Firesmart program but is not managing it, and it is hoped that more volunteers will step forward.

Block Watch - Following a meeting with interested parties in March, 12 people committed to becoming co-captains. A criminal records check must be completed by all individuals, and a training session will be held in September. Once that is completed Silver Star will officially become a Block Watch Community meeting, and signs will be erected.

No Parking Road signs – after several attempts to advance the issue of the installation of “No Parking” signs along our roads, success seems to be imminent. AIM Roads has indicated they are in full support and have offered to pay for and install signs. The next step is to receive approval for the MOTI for placement of the signs.

Recycling –We have learned that we CAN still recycle glass jars - including wine bottles and glass liquor bottles - at our transfer station. Venture Training will collect it and take it to their recycling centre.

RDNO Liaison – Eric (Eric to provide an e-mail report to me)

Report – Meeting with Amanda Shatzko – 26 June 2019 – In his role as liaison with the RDNO, Eric continues ongoing communications and bringing forward the concerns of the SSPOA with our Representative, Amanda Sharko. Primary to our concerns is the issue of Silverhawk and it being a non-regulated utility. Upon review of past submissions, Ms. Sharko discovered three prior submissions that had been endorsed by the UBCM. Eric will continue to follow up.

Matters arising from Past Minutes

Highway Cleanup Insurance - Patti Wild needed a SSPOA signature for a change to the insurance policy date stating the SSPOA was not aware of any claims made. Mike provided this.

Next Meeting

To be determined. Suggestion was mid to end of August, depending on issues.

Termination: at 6:15

The meeting was terminated at 6:15 pm