



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, NOVEMBER 9, 2018  
Cancade/Cook Residence, Silver Star Mountain BC

Chairperson Sandy Cook called the meeting to order at 4:17pm. Present: Sandy Cook, Mike Waberski, Eric Dickie, Maura McCarthy, Cathy Clark, Loreen Ruault. Regrets: Cate Cookson, Sheryl Bolton. A quorum was present.

MOTION: To approve the agenda, noting that agenda item 3, a presentation by Norm Crerar regarding FireSmart, was given prior to the meeting being called to order. Moved: Eric Dickie, Seconded: Mike Waberski

MOTION: To approve the minutes of the last meeting, July 4, 2018, as circulated with the amendment that the Tori's last name is Meeks. Moved: Sandy Cook, Seconded: Mike Waberski.

**Director's Reports:**

1. Treasurer's Report to September 30, 2018 - circulated by Sheryl. There was discussion about the Adopt-A-Highway expenditure being outstanding.
2. Draft Budget 2018-2019 - Sheryl prepared and circulated a draft for discussion. Allowances will be needed for budget increases for the mailbox shelter, legal fees for the Society's Act transition, travel for the Utility Services Committee, and additional legal expenses for the Utility Services Committee. Budget increases to be funded from prior year's surpluses (cash on hand) and possibly crowd-funding. Sheryl will refine the budget by the next board meeting.
3. Utility Services Committee - Mike reported that the committee has been very busy, and may be making some headway in convincing government to consider oversight of private sewer utilities. Mike had a meeting with an assistant to Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) in Victoria October 26<sup>th</sup>. In March a brief was sent to Minister Donaldson, and this was also sent to George Heyman, Minister of Environment, in early October. The committee had also previously held conference calls with Ted White, Director and Comptroller of Water Rights. It appears that the persistence is paying off, Mike and Ross Foden from the Utility Services Committee have been invited to meet with representatives from these government departments on November 23<sup>rd</sup> in Victoria.

The committee has also made requests to the RDNO for information, which RDNO to date has not provided. The committee has also made enquiries of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MOTI). With so many government departments involved, the SSPOA may be required to go to the Provincial Ombudsman if our reasonable requests for information are ignored, denied, or responses are unduly delayed.

Mike also reported that he had a meeting with Matt Keen and Louise Hamill at Norton Rose Fulbright October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Participating in the upcoming Stargas rate renewal proceedings with the

BC Utilities Commission was discussed, including eligibility for Participant Assistance / Cost Award (PACA) funding.

MOTION: that SSPOA reimburse Mike Waberski and Ross Foden for travel expenses to Victoria for the November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Moved: Sandy Cook, Seconded: Loreen Ruault.

MOTION: that SSPOA reimburse Mike Waberski for expenses regarding the October meetings. Moved: Loreen Ruault, Seconded: Sandy Cook.

Mike also noted that Stargas will be renewing its' rates this coming spring in front of the BC Utilities Commission, and SSPOA will again be interveners. There will be rate changes as a result of the end of amortization of Stargas' startup costs, and Stargas' renewal of their contract with Fortis Alternate Energy (FAE). Stargas will be applying for a charge to the ratepayers to cover the shortfall on the insurance claim resulting from the interruption in service. At our AGM, we should be asking for reports of poor service regarding the relights.

4. Mailbox – new mailboxes were initially installed outside the existing mailbox shelter. Mike was able to arrange to have the mailboxes moved into the shelter. Chase Fitchett was contracted to place the base material to accommodate the relocation of the additional mailboxes in the shelter.
5. Bylaw Working Group – Cathy reported that the bylaw updates for the Society Act transition are ready for submission to Victoria. There will be fee from Davidson Pringle for this. Loreen noted that there are further bylaw updates that need to be approved at the AGM, and these updates will be ready for the AGM.
6. Member Engagement – Loreen reported that there is a newsletter pending, and there will be one more before the AGM. There are also updates for the website that will be done shortly.
7. SSMR – nothing to report at this time.
8. RDNO Liaison – Eric reported that we have a new Area C representative, Amanda Shatzko. Eric will meet with Amanda shortly, and it was suggested that a meeting be held with the SSPOA board and Amanda before the February 2019 stakeholders' meeting.
9. History Project – Guy Morazain needs some volunteers to assist in this project. Loreen will be in contact with Guy.
10. Highways Liaison – noted that JPW's contract expires Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. Eric has been nominated to be the liaison with the new contractor.
11. Next Board Meeting – Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm, at Maura's home (120 Odin Road).
12. AGM – date will be Saturday December 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 6 pm. Mike will book the NATC. Mike will also ask Ken Derpak if he would be willing to be a speaker, again. Maura has agreed to chair the nominating committee. We need at least 2 directors. Sandy, Loreen and Cathy will stay on.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Cathy Clark.

