

CENTRAL SAANICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 2, 2024

Location: Lions Hall

MINUTES

Present: 11 people including Sarah Riddell, Central Saanich Councilor

1. CALL TO ORDER & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL TERRITORY

We would like to acknowledge the First Nations Traditional Territory on which we live and work. The cultural heritage of this beautiful land on the Peninsula is of the Coast Salish, Tsawout, and Tsartlip First Nations.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND INTERESTS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Seek any additions to the agenda/amendments)

3.1 MOTION to add to the agenda - discussion on traffic calming proposal, bike lanes, Goldstream protest, possible accessible all-abilities allotment garden, Rotary fundraiser
Moved/Seconded /Carried

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING MOTION to approve M/S/C

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES none

6. UPDATES

6.1. Transportation Task Force – Vince B. reported that he had met with residents of 6900 and 7000 blocks of Wallace re. speeding issues. Several neighbours had gone to Council to discuss the need for traffic calming. Vince did some research and discovered that Langford has a traffic calming proposal. **MOTION** - to send a letter to Council recommend that they adopt a traffic calming proposal similar to that being discussed by the township of Langford. Discussion CS Council has agreed to set up a community meeting with Wallace neighbours and school staff. Noted that Langford has a method for categorizing streets, including whether there is a school or a playground. CS characteristics could include likely presence of cyclist, horses, farm vehicles, schools, recreation centres, parks. Noted that CS has a number of streets – i.e W. Saanich and Verdier – which are considered to be provincial roads. The province needs to apply traffic calming principles using standards set by the municipality. **MOTION** – M/S/C. Also, it was noted that CS got funding to address the Lochside/Mt Newton intersection and the Mt Newton walkway. It was suggested that we ask a staff member to give an update on this.

6.2. Bike Paths on Wallace a member discovered that the plan for a bike path along Wallace (W. Saanich to Stellys) is for a “shared road” rather than a separated bike path. Councilor Riddell pointed that the plan is for a separated path except for one section that is too narrow due to a big ditch, drainage problems, high rainfalls, and hydro poles. Options put forward were to build up the other side of the road, to cantilever the bike path over the

ditch, or to purchase land adjacent to the roadway (the “fish farm” property is currently for sale). MOTION to write to Council requesting a fully separated bike lane along Wallace, exploring options including purchasing a strip of property to add to the shoulder. M/S/C

6.3. Climate Action – the Task Force is waiting for a response from Lisa (CS staff).

6.4. SC Council Procedural bylaw Question – did CSCA write a letter to Council? ACTION – Megan will check. It was noted that Christine Culham addressed this in her written response after she spoke to us.

6.5. Secondary Suites – Vince gave an update on the two bylaw changes that Council made regarding fees and a checklist. Vince has the stats for a baseline on building permits by type. BC’s secondary suite incentive program will start this month.

- 7. Presentation** Bruce Elliot gave a presentation on Cycling without Age. They now have three “Trishaw” bikes. A fourth bike is being ordered from Amsterdam and will arrive in June. They got a \$1,000 grant from CS Council to help extend their service to Saanichton. The Victoria Foundation provided funds for a trailer so they can transport 2 bikes to Legion Manor. The goal is to have two bikes stationed in CS. It was noted that there is a possibility of ordering a bike that can accommodate a wheelchair (the wheelchair backs into the frame of the Trishaw). The bikes will be in the Brentwood Bay parade.
- 8. Governance** our AGM will be held on May 1. Dave will continue with the CSCA, but can not continue as President. [post meeting note – Pieta has agreed to run for this position]. We will elect a new Board. We will encourage everyone to renew or start a membership so they can vote at the meeting.
- 9. Finance** We have \$575 cash on hand, but we are short of the \$800 we will need for insurance costs.
- 10. Grants** We received a grant from CS to set up two events. Suggestions were for a bike skills event or a sports trading event.
- 11. New Business** Pieta reported that she gave out a number of CSCA brochures at a recent volunteer fair in Brentwood Bay, where she made contact with the BB and Saanichton Village Community Associations, saying we would like to work with them. She reported that the Rotary Club of Sidney by the Sea will be holding a fundraising Lobsterfest on June 1, with proceeds going to purchase a new Trishaw for Cycling without Age. She also indicated that she is at the starting stages/making inquiries about creating an accessible “all abilities” allotment garden on Newman Field on Lochside drive.
- 12. MOTION to adjourn the meeting** M/S/C