

CENTRAL SAANICH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

January 14, 2025

Present: 18 members and guests

Updates:

- Additional housing on ALR - a public hearing took place at the District Council's January 13 meeting to consider revising the OCP. There were two parts to the recommendation – 1 Amend the Official Community Plan to include Farm Protection Development Permit Guidelines for Detached Accessory Dwelling Units 2. Amend the Zoning Bylaw to permit either a secondary suite or detached accessory dwelling on lots less than 1ha and allow both a secondary suite and detached accessory dwelling on properties 1ha or larger. There were two speakers at the hearing representing area farm groups, who took issue with some aspects of the guidelines regarding siting of the buildings and whether municipal staff are qualified to interpret soil conditions reports. They also raised considerations when properties rent out the housing units to non-farmers who may not be favourable to farm uses, and what to do when there is no existing primary dwelling. The OCP amendment was passed by Council.
- Update on Civic Redevelopment - It was noted that an architect has prepared concept plans for a civic centre at Hovey/Wallace, a civic centre plus recreation facilities at Hovey/Wallace, and a civic centre at 1903 Mt. Newton. These will be available to view at a Council open house on Saturday January 25 from 10 am to noon at the town hall.
- Update on Aryze development – the developer has announced they will hold a public meeting on Jan. 14 at St. Mary's church. Meanwhile, a group of residents has prepared a website outlining their concerns about the proposal, as well as a petition that will be presented to Council. The website can be viewed at centralsaanich-citizenvoices.org
- New development proposals - the President listed the most recent proposals noted on the District's Development Tracker

GOVERNANCE – Treasurer's report

1. Bank balance Dec 31 2024 was reported as 1,055.93

Correction. A \$100 donation by cheque was made to the Lion's in December (Use of the hall).

Corrected balance for Dec 31 2024 is **955.93**

2. fundraiser at the Victoria Triathlon last summer

We raised \$500. We provided volunteers and were paid \$50 per shift to CSCA.

NEW BUSINESS – Referendums and Alternate Approval Process (AAP)

Dave L. reported on what he's learned about these processes that Councils can use to get residents' approval for major civic expenditures.

Agriculture Kathleen Z. gave some more background on housing on ALR and asked if the CSCA would be interested in monitoring and discussion agriculture issues. Answer – yes, we have done a report on farming in the past and see this as part of our mandate, given that CS is 60% agricultural land.

Next meeting – Tuesday February 11 at 7:30 pm