

## SAMBRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
Oyster River Fire Hall, 2241 Catherwood Road, Black Creek, BC

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**In attendance:** 29 Residents of the Saratoga and Miracle Beach area. Names recorded on separate sign-in sheet.

**Guests:** Bruce Green, Chief, and Chris Murray, Oyster River Fire Department; Vince Van Tongeren, CVRD Policy and Sustainability Analyst; Mark Harrison, CVRD Parks Planner; Edwin Grieve, Electoral Area C Director.

**Call to order:** Curtis Scoville, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

**Minutes of February 9, 2016 Annual General Meeting:** MSC Liz Aldridge/Bob Mitchell to approve the minutes as read.

#### Reports

- **Chairperson's Report:** Curtis presented his annual Chairman's Report: See attached.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Liz Aldridge, Treasurer, presented the Year End Financial Report MSC Doug Hoodikoff/Neil Ross: that the Chairperson and Treasurer's reports be accepted as read. Both reports are attached.

#### New Business

##### Election of Board Members

Curtis Scoville thanked the directors resigning this year: LeRoy McFarlane, Liz Aldridge and Pearl McKenzie and presented the list of nominees for the coming year: Chair, Curtis Scoville; Directors at Large, Neil Ross and Doug Hoodikoff.

Further nomination from the floor: Jane Bentley, who will accept the position of Treasurer.

MSC Liz Aldridge/Lorraine Blondeel: to approve the election of Directors as nominated.

Note: Pearl McKenzie will continue in the role of Secretary until someone is appointed during the year to fill this position.

Guest Speakers: Vince Van Tongeren, CVRD Policy and Sustainability Analyst; Mark Harrison, CVRD Parks Planner

1. Seaman Road proposal: Mark described a phased-in approach to development of the Saratoga Beach area which would include adding parking spaces, permanent washrooms, bike lock ups, separate pathways along Clarkson and other amenities in the Saratoga Beach area. Due to difficulties with permit requirements and other problems with Eyre Road, consideration is now being given to development of the Seaman Road access on both sides of Clarkson Avenue, extending from the beach to Henderson Avenue.

Because the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure owns the Seaman Road property, this ministry would have to agree to a licence of occupation before this work could be undertaken. In the meantime, the Comox Valley Regional District is looking for ideas and comments from residents in the area and the larger community.

Paul Barnett , SAMBRA Beach Committee, described the goal of his Committee: to promote resident involvement in issues like garbage, traffic and access to the beach. Paul supports development of the Seaman Road access, citing danger to cyclists and pedestrians due to increased traffic in the area. If you are interested in the activities of the Beach Committee, contact Paul at: [paulbarnett@shaw.ca](mailto:paulbarnett@shaw.ca)

Other residents also spoke of traffic and parking concerns in the Saratoga Beach area. It was agreed that more consultation and discussion is needed. Curtis offered to organize further meetings through SAMBRA for this to take place.

2. Mosquito Abatement Study – Vince spoke briefly about the results of this study: results indicate mosquito larvae populations were below nuisance thresholds in all areas except one site adjacent to Miracle Beach Provincial Park. Due to this one site’s location in a sensitive salt marsh habitat adjacent to the park, alteration of the habitat to reduce mosquito breeding activity is not considered a viable option. In general, most sampled locations were healthy, functioning ecosystems with populations of mosquito larvae predators such as sticklebacks and aquatic insects. This study, when considered alongside the results of the prior study in the Point Holmes/Kye Bay area, does not indicate a current need for a regional mosquito abatement program. Recommended tactics include supporting increased populations of adult mosquito predators by placing bat boxes and swallow nesting boxes in problem areas.

Several area residents described the difficulty caused by mosquitos in spending any time outside their home during an extended period of time from spring through fall.

Link to the report, which is included as Appendix A:

[http://agendaminutes.comoxvalleyrd.ca/Agenda\\_minutes/CVRDCcommittees/EASC/15-May-17/x20170509\\_Oakman\\_SR\\_Saratoga\\_Miracle\\_Beach\\_mosquito\\_study.pdf](http://agendaminutes.comoxvalleyrd.ca/Agenda_minutes/CVRDCcommittees/EASC/15-May-17/x20170509_Oakman_SR_Saratoga_Miracle_Beach_mosquito_study.pdf)

Note: questions or comments for Vince Van Tongeren may be sent to his email address: [vvantongeren@comoxvalleyrd.ca](mailto:vvantongeren@comoxvalleyrd.ca)

3. Report from Electoral Area C Director Edwin Grieve:
  - Unlawful dumping – Edwin described efforts to combat illegal dumping. The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) has launched a new program aimed at preventing illegal dumping across the region, including a public education and awareness campaign and a new illegal dumping bylaw to ensure there is consistent enforcement. A new reporting line has also been set up, so people can report illegal dump sites. The bylaw compliance officer will be able to conduct investigations to

try to identify those who have dumped illegally and take enforcement action, including issuing tickets. Edwin noted that most commonly dumped materials can be properly disposed of for little to no cost, either at CSWM waste management facilities or through other recycling and disposal options, such as Return-It centres. For more information on the illegal dumping program, visit [www.cswm.ca/illegaldumping](http://www.cswm.ca/illegaldumping). To report an illegal dump, or someone improperly disposing of materials, call 1-800-331-6007.

- Black Creek/Oyster Bay water service – Edwin briefly described the problem: this system relies on two wells and one well has been producing less and less water. It's since been determined that both wells were drawing from one aquifer. A Federal/Provincial grant will pay 83% of the cost of building a new well. More information forthcoming. Note: Neil Ross, SAMBRA Director, noted that, in order to meet the requirements of the grant the project needs to be completed by March, 2018. Neil has been monitoring actions taken on the water system and reporting back about the difficulties of delivering water needed for local residents and assuring supply for fire protection without implementing restrictions, especially during the summer months.
- Saratoga Beach Estates – The owner and developer of this property is working with the CVRD to find a way to move forward, including some compromise on the community sewer system amenity. For more information, see Item 4 “Saratoga Beach Estates Staff Report” at this link to the agenda for the May 15 Electoral Area Service Committee meeting:  
<http://agendaminutes.comoxvalleyrd.ca/agendas/default.aspx?MeetingID=2420&PrinterVersion=0&DocumentTypeID=1&AgendaDeadline=5/11/2017%203:53:41%20PM> Note: this link does not include the report offered to the EASC by Saratoga Beach Estates as a delegation, but hopefully that report will be included in the minutes of this meeting, which have not yet been posted):  
[http://agendaminutes.comoxvalleyrd.ca/Agenda\\_minutes/CVRDCommittees/EASC/15-May-17/x20170510\\_Oakman\\_SR\\_Proposed\\_Revisions\\_SBE\\_MDA.pdf](http://agendaminutes.comoxvalleyrd.ca/Agenda_minutes/CVRDCommittees/EASC/15-May-17/x20170510_Oakman_SR_Proposed_Revisions_SBE_MDA.pdf) Further Note: Minutes are (eventually) posted here:  
<http://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/EN/main/governance/regional-district-board/meetings/minutes-recent.html>

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM, Neil Ross. Carried.

**Next SAMBRA Meeting:** To be announced

Contact Curtis Scoville if you are interested in being on the Board of SAMBRA, have items you would like placed on the agenda of the next meetings or have questions. Phone 250 337-1986 or email [SAMBRA@outlook.com](mailto:SAMBRA@outlook.com).

*Reminder: check SAMBRA's website: [www.sambra.ca](http://www.sambra.ca) for more info and links to other websites.*

**Financial Statement for SAMBRA (as of May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017)**

**Opening balance, as of February 10<sup>th</sup> 2016** **\$904.50**

**Expenditures:-**

<b>BC Registry Services SAMBRA</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>Reimbursement(s) to Neil Ross for sign stakes &amp; plastic sleeves for notices</b>	<b>26.25</b>
<b>Reimbursement to Liz Aldridge for Society Transition Package</b>	<b>40.00</b>
<b>Canada Post (P.O. Box rental for 1 year)</b>	<b>163.80</b>
<b>Domain (sambra.ca) Renewal for 1 year</b>	<b>31.45</b>
<b><u>Total Expenditures</u></b>	<b><u>\$305.53</u></b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$598.97</b>

**Income:-**

<b>Grant-In-Aid</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Interest earned (Feb. 2016- April 2017)</b>	<b><u>.15</u></b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$300.15</u></b>

**Closing Balance, as of May 16<sup>th</sup> 2017** **\$899.12**

**Savings (Member Equity Shares)** **\$40.65**

**(includes Dividends issued 2016-01-01= .24 and 2017-01-01= .24)**

**Respectfully submitted by:-**



**Liz Aldridge (Treasurer for SAMBRA)**

## SAMBRA Chairman's Report to May 2017 AGM

This past year SAMBRA's agenda primarily focused on the release and review of our new Local Area Plan (LAP) for Saratoga and Miracle Beach. We encouraged residents to participate in several public consultations facilitated by the CVRD planning staff, and posted updates to our website along with relevant notes in our minutes which are circulated to everyone on our emailing list.

The other prominent concern for our community is the ongoing study and maintenance plans for the Black Creek Oyster Bay Water Service which serves most our LAP area as well as the Oyster Bay community in the Strathcona RD. Thanks to Director Neil Ross for monitoring this issue closely, corresponding with CVRD staff regularly and keeping us updated on their progress. We look forward to hearing the CVRD's implementation plans for the BCOB water service in 2017.

While SAMBRA is not party to any negotiations between the CVRD and Watutco Enterprises regarding the future of the Watutco water service and the affected residents within our community we do follow that matter with great interest. Thanks to Watutco Enterprises for being open to conversation with SAMBRA when we've had questions. At present we are not aware of any definitive decisions by the parties involved.

Ongoing issues of concern that are being monitored by SAMBRA include:

- BCOB water service
- Fire protection services
- Mitigation of an aggressive breed of mosquito
- Saratoga Beach Estates strata development
- Comfort station at Saratoga Beach
- Coal mining exploration in the Oyster River watershed
- Parks, trails and various foot or cycling pathways

On behalf of SAMBRA's directors I sincerely thank all of you who've come out to attend and participate. Thanks to the guests we've hosted over the last year and in particular the strong support from CVRD staff, the Oyster River Fire Department, and our Electoral Area C Director, Edwin Grieve.

Regards,

Curtis Scoville, Chairman

Saratoga and Miracle Beach Residents' Association