

West Howe Sound Community Association (S-28115, est. 1991)
General Meeting Minutes (33 people)
2017 February 22 - Wednesday - Eric Cardinall Hall at Shirley Macey Park
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1. Call to order at 7 pm by Chair Maura Laverty

2. Adoption of Agenda. Yes OK

3. SCRD Area F Director Ian Winn report on activities.

Recognition of our presence on Squamish Nation traditional territory. Area F is a very large electoral area with close to 2100 people based on the 2016 Canada Census.. Burnco McNabb Creek gravel mine proposal is on hold pending proponent responses to questions and then process will resume. Twin Creek industrial area OCP review draft is expected in a few months (there are 3 OCPs in Area F). SCRD budget process so far indicates a 3% tax increase with Consumer Price Index running at 2.5%. Transit services allocation is expensive and will be discussed during round 2, in mid March. Woodfibre LNG environmental assessment has receive conditional approval. Trust in the huge amounts of data and between groups during the engagement process is an ongoing difficulty while deciding the outcome of what could be a 40 year long project. Area F is dealing with changing regulations concerning non-farm uses on Agricultural lands. Granthams Hall \$300k project continues with drawings for foundation and roof renovations and now awaiting results from grant applications

4. Guest Speakers,. **Fires, Floods, Earthquakes, Storms, Explosions: Are You Ready?**

4.1 Karen Graves, Personal Lines Manager, with Talbot Insurance Services Ltd. explained how insurance is one step in preparing ourselves for losses during emergencies. Insurance is a balance between risk comfort and coverage costs. **COPE** is an acronym to summarize factors relating to coverage premiums. **C** is for building construction details such as age, **O** is for how occupants use the building, **P** is for protection services such as fire hydrants, fire halls, sprinklers occupancy uses, protection service and **E** is the exposure to surrounding hazards. Information from Fire Underwriters Survey of Canada underlies the insurance industry.

-For context SCRD Director Winn's update on fire protection areas (FPA). The Dunham Road fire triggered questions about fire protection in Area F. A SCRD report is being written to answer the question "what would it take to extend the FPA beyond YMCA Road to the pulp mill". The report will now include areas such as upper Roberts Creek. 911 will dispatch anywhere for life safety and ensures that responders have the proper authorization. New Fire protection standards are in the recently introduced Playbook. Fire suppression system such as misting sprinklers can be built into homes. Forest fires or wildfires are the responsibility of the Provincial Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources.

4.2 Marilyn Pederson, Sunshine Coast Emergency Program Emergency Social Services (ESS) Director. Daytime job is with The Co-operators Insurance Company. ESS is a group of 30 Sunshine Coast volunteers who help people with the first 72 hours of a loss at no cost. ESS are available for small and large emergencies such a single house fires or floods or very large and complex disasters. Flooding typically is not covered by insurance while other losses are covered by insurance. Call for ESS usually triggered by the 911 call process. Generally we are safer in our homes during emergencies and leaving only if directed by emergency officials, or for medical or other necessary reasons. Three levels of preparedness: 1 – things you do for yourself such as grab and go kits, fire extinguishers, insurance; 2 – things for the neighbourhood and 3 things for the community safety where work takes place behind the scenes such as the

SCRD 200 bed mobile hospital. Laws and regulations, and litigation around fire and emergency services continue to change the daily operations of emergency responders.

5. Adoption of General Meeting Minutes from Wednesday October 12, 2016. Moved I. Thomson, 2nd, B. McGrath. OK
6. Treasurer Report – Don Holding. \$335.34 in account. Last expense was Society costs for filing annual report and updating information.
7. Business
 1. Appointment of Gregory Dick as a WHSCA Director after F. Ryan moved and resigned as a director. Welcome Gregory. Other people interested in being a director please contact us.
 2. West Howe Sound residents online survey about topics of interest using the free SurveyMonkey website. Survey includes 10 questions including a comment field and takes less than 5 minutes to complete. Link is at www.westhowesound.ca or www.surveymonkey.com/r/5Q5KJMR.
 3. Residential care on the Sunshine Coast. The weather cancelled February 8th meeting was to include a presentation by Sue Jackel on her research into the issue. Lorne Lewis, SCRD Director Area E is planning a meetings the week of March 13-17 with Sue at the Community Centre
8. Announcements
 1. Next Association meeting 2017 Wednesday April 12.
 2. Rogue Festival is moving from Shirley Macey Park to its new location at the Clark Farm on Tyson Road in Sechelt on August 25-27.
9. Adjourn 8:50 pm