

Salmon Beach Owners & Committee Meeting Minutes

Sunday May 21, 2023 – 10:00am at the Tennis Court

Introduction:

- Welcome
- SB Committee and Guests
 - Ellen Peet
 - Terry Graff
 - Ron McKinlay
 - Jill Mailbach
 - Ken Lunde
 - ACRD Area C Director: Vaida Siga

Statement of conduct – limit questions and time allotment

- Please state your name when asking questions.
- We will allow for adequate time for questions.

Adoption of minutes from Sept. 4th 2022

- Moved by Dawn Sanders, seconded by Dave Ingram, so passed.

Approval of agenda as handed out

- Moved by Ken Lunde, seconded by Terry Graff, so passed.

Chairman's Report

Maintenance Contract

- Lost maintenance contractor Ryan Smith in September 2022, we would like to acknowledge his passing.
- The maintenance contract was put out to tender and was awarded to Adam Binda. Do not go to his house, or talk to him directly. Contact through the ACRD they will answer your questions, they are his boss.

Road and ditch upgrades

- The road to boat ramp has been built up and crowned.
- Other roads have and will be upgraded to improve drainage.

Gate

- New arms added, battery backup added.
- Do not remove rocks if gate is open, they are there due to power outage or gate failure to keep the gate in the open position.

New Septic Truck

- Budgeted 230,000, truck ordered – 193,404 financed over 60 months. \$75,000 from our capital reserve is available to use for this purchase. We will be selling old truck. The new truck will arrive in December we hope.

Playground upgrade

- Playground inspection done- all good.
- 2025 upgrade expected.

Garbage Compound

- Compound where it sits will be fenced and electrified. Man-gate to be added.
- May stop larger non-household waste items being dumped.
- Recycling: show of hands most were interested- costs involved will be looked into, maybe in a year.

Social Committee

- We need more volunteers.
- Dawn Sanders willing to do Canada Day parade, need people to volunteer to do hot dogs etc. and to help with other events.
- We have younger families taking on sand castle comp. not sure which date on August long weekend- still need more volunteers.

- The same people volunteering for all events. Please step up and help your community.
- To volunteer, you can contact Terry through Facebook, or email on website. It is salmonbeachvillage@gmail.com .
- Ladder ball- Wendy is retiring, she is no longer interested in running the September long weekend ladderball tournament. Need someone to take over- some people possibly in mind.
- Thank you to all volunteers- including Richard Chambers, Paul Smood and to Canada Day Parade volunteers.
- Questions – there were none

Area C Director report – presented by (Vaida Siga)

- Contact on ACRD website.

New Business

- None

Budget 2024

- Predicted budget
 - Approved in March at the ACRD.
 - We will be looking at adding roof over sea cans - being costed out currently.
 - Dependent on cost of garbage removal and other services, for example.

Discussion period

- Marilyn Stobb

Q: for ACRD: rumour that road will be paved from Hwy to Secret Beach?

A: Paving budgeted for only hill off HWY. Ministry of Transport not responsible for road. They have to look at all Services within the ACRD.

Q: Re- Drain on 6th & Roderick there are tall Alders that need to be trimmed, also at 7th and Roderick there are trees blocking a yield sign. Felt that this is a hazard for kids on bike etc. Does ACRD have responsibility to trim those?

A: ACRD will look into, potential safety issue. Call the ACRD

- Tom Duke

Q: Re- Chairman's report- Options for purchasing land for septic field.

A: We would like to purchase land for septic field. Looked into and discussed at a previous meeting. No land was/is available.

Sani-field lease up in 2040- 30-year contract.

Q: Fire prevention- ACRD enforcing fire smart program for clearing lots, for fire protection? Any possibility?

A: At Salmon Beach, we understand risk of fire and need to be more proactive. People need to take personal responsibility for the area around their properties. The committee will look into fire safe options.

- Richard Chambers

Q: Re- Sani-field: the government awarded land to First Nation in treaty land settlements, they need to provide options for alternative locations.

A: Jill: budget under review for Sani-field, ACRD will look into status, as it was originally crown land.

Follow-up: Tom Duke: discussed % of Crown land given back to First Nation, history of land claims...

- Neil Gibbs

Q: Re- Fire smart- can we apply for \$500 grant for community, for various projects?

A: ACRD will look into this.

- Kyla Mallory

Q: Has organic waste removal been looked into?

A: SB committee will look into. Can attract wildlife. ACRD- may be know of an option for a larger bin that bears can't get into. It will be looked into.

- Liz Chaizon

Q: Have lids on Garbage bins been fixed?

A: Yes they have been repaired, and they will be replaced shortly.

- Wendy Taylor

Q: Buses in Tofino/Ucluelet, were we taxed on them?

A: Yes, we were - taxed minimally for research process. Will not be taxed this year, province backed out of plan.

Follow up- Richard Chambers– Q: If they try to do public transportation again will we vote?

A: Not sure. Needed 600 votes to reverse it last time. If there were enough votes previously, means referendum would be called not a reversal.

- Dawn Sanders

Q: Back to site lines, need to clear trees along roads and at back of properties like on 7th for visibility. She is worried about wildlife and the children being attacked by wildlife.

A: Hard to manage trees on private property, people can cut trees on road allowance. If it's on a neighbouring lot, you need to get permission.

- Note from committee: Bear Smart will be contacted and hopefully can come to the beach before sand castle competition on the August long weekend

- Kelly Styles

Q: Is the porta-potty going back to boat launch?

A: No, too much trouble, as they are abused and put strain on septic field.

- Janice Jolicouer

Q: Is there a water tank in village for fire?

A: No there is nothing that is available- call 911.

- Dave (We apologise for missing Dave's last name, if you know it, please let us know)

Q: Can ACRD donate old septic truck for a fire truck? A: Who can operate it? No one is available.

- Adam Binda

Q: For ACRD, re: septic: Have there been any discussions with First Nation re: running dump line to their septic field, as it is not at capacity needed to function correctly. Is this something in discussion, or that can be discussed?

A: licensing issue, First Nation not allowed to make profit for 10(?) years. We are looking at long term options, comment made that it may be good to start dialogue with Macoah.

Follow up - Dave Ingram- The First Nation's need a certain amount of waste to operate septic field correctly and they don't have enough.

A: Jill: understanding with First Nation and fed gov, could not look at sharing septic field previously as they couldn't make money off it. Time period may have elapsed now.

- Kelly Styles

Q Re: recycling options, do we want to encourage opportunities for people to recycle within Salmon Beach? Providing a bin will create more costs.

A: Jill- Currently paying for recycling with garbage fees, as people dumping recycling in garbage bins. If the waste removal contractor

separates out the recycling at some point, Salmon Beach may be charged more. Can't put camera up by garbage area as ACRD still does not have a policy for their use... It's public land. Camera is not an option at this time.

- Kyla Mallory

Q: Re: Relationship with Toquaht First Nation, is there one? A: Committee member is in contact with their communications person. All other communication needs to go through ACRD.

Elections

- Current committee willing to stand for another year.
 - Any nominations from the community for council...Vaida asked 3 times, and there were no nominations. Committee re-elected for another year.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:55am by Ellen
- Seconded: Ronda Butler.