

Furry Creek Community Association
Board of Directors Meeting
March 14, 2024
225 Furry Creek Drive
Furry Creek BC

1. Peter called the meeting to order at 5:55pm with quorum present.
 - Directors present: Peter Borup Jakobsen, Paolo Sciancamerli, Rilla Buckley, Margareth VanTil Jay Haskell
 - Non-elected, non-voting Board Members present: Diana Lewis (absent Craig Lewis)
 - Guest: Tony Rainbow, Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD)

Last December the board managed, with assistance from Tony Rainbow, to defer the posting of new RFPs for Open Spaces and Roadside maintenance for 2024 to February. Since then, the board has been working with staff at the SLRD to update and enhance the request for proposals for Furry Creek open spaces and roadside maintenance with assistance from Tony Rainbow and input from OLSC through Valerie Casselton.

Some of the RFPs key points are:

- **Landscaping:** The SLRD and contractor shall predetermine a specific maintenance schedule (at least 3 visits per month).

The Contractor shall provide such schedule, preferably in calendar format, to the SLRD Parks and Trails Coordinator (and to the FCCA project coordinator) outlining the 24 maintenance visits over the 8-month term. This shall be done on a best estimate basis and communicated to SLRD in the event of changes resulting from extraneous weather conditions.

Twice annually, hold an inspection site meeting with the SLRD Parks and Trails Coordinator (or delegate), to determine any adjustments required to keep the sites in good condition.

- **Streetside maintenance:** Six times per year (April, May, July, August, September, and October) provide machine mowing and hand trimming to cut grass and other vegetation along both sides of the following roadways (see Maps 1-4 for details):
 - Furry Creek Drive
 - Seaview Drive
 - Howe Sound Drive
 - Stonegate Drive
 - Salal Court
- **Lampposts:** Paolo Sciancamerli and Rilla Buckley undertook a brief survey of Furry Creek lampposts and their current state end of last year and the board raised the issue of maintenance with Tony Rainbow, who promised to bring it to the SLRD staff at the time.

2. Update from Tony Rainbow (SLRD)

Landscaping –

Tony stated that the RFPs for the landscaping contract and the roadside maintenance are posted and both close on March 18 at 4pm. He requested that the board coordinator consult with him in the decision process, it's the board's goal to find a volunteer to be the Furry Creek liaison to the SLRD and the winning vendor(s). It is important that this contact person must fully communicate with Tony in a timely manner. Rilla asked if the landscaping work required in Britannia Beach can be combined with Furry Creek. Tony responded that they are in fact two separate contracts.

Landscaping RFP can be viewed here:

<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/2024%20Landscaping%20RFP%20FC%20Final.pdf>

Streetside maintenance RFP can be viewed here:

<https://www.slrd.bc.ca/sites/default/files/pdfs/2024%20Streetside%20RFP%20FC%20Final.pdf>

Lamp posts –

the survey of the condition of lamp posts is complete and categorized from 1 to 4 with 4 requiring the most attention. There are provisions in place to address those identified as category 4 this year with consideration of moving forward with others if possible. A discussion followed on the importance of developing an asset management plan and contingency reserve fund.

Fine Peace Development –

Appears to be in transition, noting that all food and kitchen staff at the golf club have been let go. Neither the board nor the SLRD has any indication of actual date for beginning of construction at Olivers Landing, although some engineering work has commenced. The board will initiate contacts with the new management team at Fine Peace as we understand that Michael Geller is no longer affiliated with the organisation in an official capacity.

Britannia Beach –

Some businesses are expected to open this summer e.g. the pub. The museum will be hosting an international mine rescue event in the early summer which is expected to draw a significant number of spectators.

Gran Fondo

Tony asked if there were any concerns with the Gran Fondo. No real concerns were expressed affecting Furry Creek residents that the FCCA board is aware of. Tony stated that Britannia Beach businesses lose revenue because of the highway closure during the event and further added that coffee and food suppliers were brought in by Gran Fondo without engaging local vendors. A letter to Gran Fondo from SLRD is a consideration.

3. **Projects Through 2024 (May)** including: lamp posts, open spaces, maintenance.

Lampposts and open spaces maintenance are moving forward as outlined in the update from Tony Rainbow. Paolo referenced a letter received by a resident of OL regarding visitors dumping garbage in front of the Recreation Centre at OL. After a discussion questioning who was responsible for maintaining this area, the board agreed that reaching out to Fine Peace is likely best option as they own the Recreation Centre.

Rilla raised the issue of road drainage; water and debris running down from the logging road with potential for serious issues. The board will contact Miller Capilano Highway Services in this regard.

Bylaw Updates

Strata(s) representation will continue to be strongly encouraged and it is hopeful that a representative from Olivers Landing will be forthcoming. A further drive for increased community involvement and membership will be actioned. Some ideas include door-to-door meet and greet; communication posted at mailboxes and on our upcoming new website. An increase in membership fees is being considered in conjunction with budget planning for 2025 and our upcoming AGM which is targeted for end of May pending availability of space at Furry Creek Golf and Country Club.

4. Finance Report –

Jay presented the financial report as of March 14, 2024 (attached).

5. Website

Peter provided an update on website development which is in its final stages and the goal is to go-live first thing in April.

The website will be used to register for membership and receive updates from the board as we are very cognizant that ensuring timely updates and provide access to important information is key. This past year, the board has done their best to maintain correct mailing lists and found that relying on spreadsheets etc. is not the way forward. The board encourages the community to keep their e-mail current with FCCA and in case of leaving the community to inform FCCA about removal from our mailing list.

The website is intended to help and streamline our communication and to capture membership information as accurate as possible in a timely fashion.

MOTION: Sciancamerli/Buckley that \$300 be allocated for website development.

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The board will consider the option for a grant request for further development of our website for future needs such as accepting online payments and offer the ability for advertising and social media awareness building for our community and FCCA.

6. Other Business

Fine Peace engagement and relationship building strategies were discussed. Peter will reach out to them and is hopeful for a meeting. Decisions or changes to the Olivers Landing Recreation Centre usage are made by Fine Peace. This topic will be brought forward.

The Board recently received a request from Brian Moorehead for support to install a memorial bench at the South Beach area in memory of David Rittberg (at the Rittberg family expense). The board was unanimous in its support of this initiative as David was a stalwart of Furry Creek with a significant impact to all our lives here.

The board noted the passing of two long time residents in our community:

- Richard Bennetts, a long-time resident of Oliver's Landing and past FCCA Board member
- Gerhard Arndt, a long-time resident of Stonegate.

Our thoughts are with their families during this time of bereavement.

Next BoD meeting slated for April 8th at 5.30pm

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m.