



Furry Creek Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

255 Furry Creek Drive

Wednesday January 8, 2024

4:00 pm

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Peter

Meeting started at 4:00 pm

Directors in attendance: Quorum

Peter Borup Jakobsen

Paolo Sciancamerli

Margareth VanTil

Marsha Bell

Stephen Campbell

Jay Haskell

Rilla Buckley

Peter acknowledged Furry Creek's new residents and thanked Marsha Bell for reaching out and volunteering for the post of Secretary on the Board. The members in attendance concurred and bid welcome to Marsha and thanked her for volunteering.

2. Updates in general:

Update on Woodfibre

- Peter attended a presentation by Woodfibre at the Britannia Mines Centre on December 9, 2024. The President of Woodfibre and the Vice President of Community Engagement were present as was Tony Rainbow, SLRD Area D Director, who all spoke during the event.

- The presentation covered standard topics including the impact of Woodfibre's operations on Furry Creek and Britannia. There was notable discussion about the concerns of some residents regarding the bright lights emitted from the facility. Woodfibre representatives assured that the lights will eventually be dimmer and highlighted a production cycle where the lights would alternate between being bright and dim.
- Further discussions included the three liquefied natural gas floating storage tanks and the plan for large vessels to arrive every three weeks. Currently, barges are used to transport materials to and from Woodfibre.
- Britannia residents expressed concerns about Woodfibre boats using the private dock, the proximity of these boats to the shore, and the rough waters caused by these boats during bad weather, which negatively affects the dock.
- **ACTION ITEM** - FCCA will reach out to Woodfibre and request an information meeting to discuss the community engagement process and any updates that need to be shared

3. Finance report – Jay

- No expenditures
- A few people are sending in new resident membership dues
- The dues are for the future – April 1st, 2025, to March 30th 2026
- The board decided that memberships for the months prior to April 1st will be free for new residents and they will begin to pay as of April 1st
- Book club request will be heard in the next SLRD meeting.
- No additional expenditures except for the grant money

4. Membership drive and welcoming new residents

- The board received positive feedback from new residents that the welcome effort was successful. The new residents who attended the Fine Peace Holiday Reception felt it was more of an Information Session than a party. Some residents mentioned they did not attend because they expected it to be more of an Information Session.
- **ACTION ITEM** – the board will reach out to Fine Peace and share this feedback and see if the communication can be a bit clearer next year in regard to the purpose of the evening

5. Lamp posts, landscaping and sidewalks

Lamp posts

- The SLRD was supposed to replace the lamp post bulbs with warm lights, but some still have cool white bulbs. According to an installer Paolo spoke with last November, warm white bulbs are no longer available, but cool white bulbs can be adjusted from 5000K to 3000K.
- **ACTION ITEM:** The board will discuss with SLRD about adjusting the bulbs to a lower brightness setting.

Landscaping

- We have the funding to start preparing for the spring season
- The Board and Brian Moorehead will put together a plan for volunteer help
- Work needs to be done on the heathers adjacent to the Faux Rock at the entrance and at the club side of the road as expressed and requested to Fine Peace at the October board meeting.
- Horizon Landscaping did a good job in the past year, with another year to go on the current contract.
- They did have a machine that broke down which caused fallen leaves to be piled on the roads, but they came back and cleaned it up once their machine was repaired
- **ACTION ITEM** – board will reach out to Brian Moorehead to work on a plan

Sidewalks

ACTION ITEMS

- board will put together a proposal for sidewalk maintenance
- board will decide on who will lead the project
- board will put together a proposal for grant money to maintain the sidewalks
- at the next board meeting, the board will discuss and further develop the plan

Preparing for seasonal trails support (fishing season)

ACTION ITEMS

- board will reach out to Brian Moorehead and discuss the plan
- board will ask for a grant from SLRD for seasonal trail support
- board will reach out and invite the Oliver's Landing Strata President to attend the next board meeting on February 20th to discuss a plan for the fishing season

Emergency Preparedness Discussion

- Fortis BC has a large propane storage tank at Oliver's Landing. Every five years, they conduct a mock emergency exercise with the BBVFD. The next exercise will be on February 13th in the OL area, and volunteers are invited to participate in the evacuation drill.
- An invitation will be shared via email, website and poster.

ACTION ITEMS

- Paolo will ask Fortis to post a notice at the mailboxes to inform residents of the exercise and request volunteers. He will also provide Fortis with contact details for the Oliver's Landing Strata President and Furry Creek Golf Course. Sen has offered to volunteer if needed.
- Discussing emergency preparedness in general, the board will request that SLRD and Woodfibre share emergency plans moving forward in an upcoming community session.

Other Agenda Items

Sen wanted to acknowledge his concern that in the new development plans there will be no propane/gas and all future development will be electric only

Marsha asked the board if there would be any interest in her organizing a series of “Cocktails and Conversations” get-togethers. Monthly, people would volunteer to host a small group of people at their homes. It would be solely a social event with people bringing what they choose to drink and a hot or cold appetizer.

The board seemed interested so Marsha said she would prepare more information for the next board meeting.

The board set the next board meeting for February 20th.

With no further topics, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm