



Furry Creek Community Association Board of Directors Meeting

139 Furry Creek Drive

Monday July 21st

5:30 pm

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Peter

Meeting started at 5:45pm

Directors in Attendance:

Peter Borup Jakobsen

Paolo Sciancamerli

Brian Moorhead

Marsha Bell

Rilla Buckley

Yuriy Chorny

Cynthia Christie

Sen Campbell

Jay Haskell

Directors Absent:

Marsha Bell

1. Update and intro by the Chair

- Since last meeting
 - Painting of lamppost has started
 - Lamppost seems to be on 24/7. Ask the SLRD to address. (Peter)
 - Realtor sign on Furry Creek Drive and complaints. Tony informed the Board that there is currently no provision to prevent a sign of this size to be put up. There are currently two very big realtor signs in Furry Creek. **UPDATE: Since the Board meeting Tony Rainbow informed us that the SLRD passed a new bylaw on Wednesday preventing these large signs. The SLRD will contact the realtor to inform them of the bylaw and instruct them to remove the sign.**
- Woodfibre event update
 - The board attended the Woodfibre event in June and thought in general it was good to meet and greet and learn of what they have been doing e.g, to rectify some of the environmental issues the legacy Woodfibre plant had left behind such as thousands of old tires in water by the front the dock there.
 - Also, news about the lighting of the Woodfibre plant once it is operational was considered good news, green and blue lights will be implemented to minimize the light pollution from the plant.
 - There was a discussion that FCCA should complain about the fast boat going up Howe Sound to Woodfibre a number of times a day. It creates a significant wake, not to mention noise. Cynthia mentioned that it seems Bowen Island is looking to complain over this, it is also a concern for Britannia Beach due to wear and tear on the dock there.
- There is concern over the dustbins at the Furry Creek Drive letterbox area and the maintenance and emptying of these, today this is done generously by Fine Peace but the board feels that this should come under MoT and MillerCap as they empty the bins on the southbound pull out. Peter will follow up with MoT on this matter.
- A request has come into the FCCA to ask the SLRD to install porta potties at Oliver's Landing as the fishing season has started. Cynthia will reach out to Tony Rainbow to get this started.

2. Roadside update

- Roadside maintenance is going according to plan with sweeps through our neighborhoods.
 - Peter brought up the need for trimming of trees around lampposts as a number of these in Furry Creek are now blocking the light from these. Peter to reach out to the SLRD.
 - The board acknowledged the work led by Paolo on the lamppost maintenance in Furry Creek which has begun since the last BoD meeting, with painting of these to the delight of the residents.
- Sidewalks
 - Paolo and Sen have worked to secure a quote for maintenance of the sidewalks, the areas that are in most urgent need for repair.

- A template has been created for funding requests (which can be used again for other projects) and the plan is to submit by the fall and hopefully get the work done this calendar year. The total cost is estimated at \$15,000
- Out of this work a discussion on the state of Furry Creek Drive ensued as it appears that some of the sidewalk issues are tied to the state of the road as well as resident and contractors parking large vehicles on the sidewalks causing breakdown over time.
- A discussion on how to deter sidewalk parking followed, possibly a monthly visit by a SLRD bylaw officer to address this and bylaw changes to enable this enforcement if not possible today. Deferred to the next Board meeting.

3. Landscaping update

- Nothing new to report, maintenance of the trails and related was noted by the board. Brian mentioned any evaluation of the program to follow in the fall. It was noted our caretaker monitors the situation with fishing and garbage left behind, but till now it has not been an issue.
- Of interest, the caretaker has maintained view corridors around the picnic tables at the South Beach trail so that when sitting there your view is not obstructed by branches and trees.
- Fire ban signs are now in place since last week, any bonfires please report it to the fire department.
- The entrance to Furry Creek Drive and the dead heather was discussed again, Rilla will talk to Fine Peace about maintenance and alternatives to heather. Next step would be to approach the SLRD for additional funding if needed
- Peter will reach out to the SLRD and Tony to ask to have the Green Bin reinstated to support any Firesmart clearing neighbors might have over the summer. Peter noted he has seen garden waste by the side of Howe Sound Drive since the bin was removed.

4. Social Calendar

- Cocktails and Conversation coming up 23 July and in August as well.
- Dinner in White this August 10 and October Fest in September.
 - Jay informed the board that the grant request for social activities was submitted and approved by the SLRD. The check should arrive within the next week or so.

5. Website

- Peter informed the board that given some of the feedback from Marsha re. Access to information and not visiting the website or seeing information at the letter boxes a new FCCA App was released to help have information at your finger tip. Access www.furrycreek.info in your smartphone click on the add pop-up and follow the steps to download.
- The website remains the place for updates and access to information; a redesign will happen in the fall to allow easier access to important things like waste schedule etc.

6. Finance Report

- Jay updated the board on the status of the finances, the liability insurance was paid but decreased after Jay negotiated a better term for FCCA. Our member base has increased over 2024 and we now have 43 paying members and more are coming. The increased membership and fee structure means that our revenue from memberships have increased substantially over 2024.

7. Miscellaneous

- The board encourages residents to sign up for the emergency contact list.
- A push for Firesmart in 2025 is advisable, Peter to discuss with Tony and the SLRD. The Fire ban signs are now up across Furry Creek, bonfires are prohibited due to the extreme dry conditions.
- Signage and placards in Furry Creek
 - Earlier mentioned realtor sign and update to bylaws to prevent excessively big approved by the SLRD.
 - No Trespassing Sign at the end of Furry Creek Drive.



- The board discussed this earlier in July and agreed to defer the matter to the SLRD. Tony Rainbow assessed the situation and brought the matter back to the SLRD staff. Further updates to follow.
 - Paolo felt “above the trivial and deterring nature of the sign was: ‘The imminent danger and mitigation of Wildfires is in the interest of our community and homes. As the data he provided to the board on July 19th indicates, ‘the BC Statistics on this do not lie’.”
 - The board discussed this, and the general position of the board was:
 - No signs on public land
 - No interference with residents walking in the area
 - No chainsaw work in the forested area behind Stonegate and leading from the sign at Furry Creek Drive unless of course its official work.

- The board will discuss with the SLRD what can be done to protect our community and if signs could be implemented to assist with this.
- Until the SLRD reaches a conclusion the sign is likely to remain, while the board urges the resident to take it down.
- The board discussed that residents should not abuse our golf course path access privileges by walking, running or dog walk on the paths during the golf seasons, residents are also to refrain from walking on the greens after golfing hours.
- Sen raised the issue of not having received the budget information promised by the SLRD at the May AGM. Peter will follow up with Tony Rainbow.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38pm