

WEST SECHELT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2011.

Present: 35 members
Held at: West Sechelt Elementary School
Chaired by: Gail Riddell

The meeting was called to order. Minutes of the 2009/10 AGM were approved and the agenda was adopted.

Current WSCA members, Board of Directors were introduced.

Gail Riddell provided a brief Directors' Report with promises to attend more District meetings during 2011. She reported that the Board meets monthly and that each Director has a special interest in one aspect of West Sechelt. The Association is part of the Sechelt Community Associations Forum, which also meets monthly to address issues affecting the whole municipality.

Riddell noted that the Association (WSCA) exists for three reasons:

- a. To ensure that our local community development process faces checks and balances overseen by the people who live here,
- b. To provide to the District of Sechelt staff and council, a "formal" place of contact when they wish to elicit feedback on local issues (including development) that affect us, and
- c. To provide our citizens with a way of expressing either solicited or unsolicited views about the community in which they live.

Treasurer's report was read by treasurer Donna Perry.

David Johnston, as chairman of the Nominating Committee, comprised of himself and the other members of the Board, proposed the following motion:
"I move that the following be appointed as Directors of the Society for the ensuing year:

Gail Riddell
Charlotte Mallory
David Johnston
David Thomson
Donna Perry
Gene Errington

Paddy Blenkinsop" The motion was seconded, and passed by acclamation.

Keynote Address:

Donna Perry introduced Emmanuel Machado, Manager of Sustainability and Special Projects and Perry Schmitt, Parks Foreman of the District of Sechelt.

The speakers made a joint presentation about their work and plans for improvements to parks and open spaces to take place during 2011. The District has set a number of priorities reflecting their focus on sustainability. Staff is developing an urban forest plan, proposing limits on the use of plastics and designing shorelines that do not include stacked rock walls as they do not withstand the force of the sea.

In West Sechelt over the past year, staff has improved a number of beach accesses and developed trails, particularly the Crowston Road trail. Future planning includes the completion of Tyler Heights Park, benches and tables in parks that will resist vandalism, the redesign of the corner of Norwest Bay Road/Highway 101, improvements to Picadilly Park playground including the installation of new bleachers, a bench at the Mills Road look-out, plus more consistent signage.

When asked whether public help in monitoring and maintaining parks and open spaces would be welcome, members were assured that public input is important. The speakers reminded WSCA to update its "to do" list for community upgrades and the Board of Directors agreed to do so.

David Johnston thanked the speakers.

Other Business:

A member asked if any Directors were receiving District referrals – we have recently ensured that two directors will continue to receive these referrals.

The AGM was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.