



**Board Meeting Minutes
08 February 2023
NATC Team Room**

In Attendance:

Mike Waberski - President
Ross Foden (regrets)
Loreen Ruault
Lindsay Brennan (regrets)
Mark Chapman

Eric Dickie
Jake Baziuk (regrets)
Sheryl Bolton – Treasurer
Maura McCarthy

The Wildfire Committee Meeting

This portion of the meeting brought to order at 4:05 p.m.

The SSPOA Board joined the Wildfire Committee Meeting to discuss the following ongoing projects:

Report – Norm Crerar – Delta Hose and Pump Project

- Specialized equipment for wildfire protection, as the residential system cannot provide enough water in the event of a wildfire.
- Delivery system to portable pond/tank.
- Determine correct sprinklers for roof-top protection of homes.
- A cost of \$325,000

Report – Mike Waberski – Meeting with the RDNO on January 28, 2023

Should we be pursuing a Silver Star trailer outfitted with hoses, like the Delta Hose proposal? Mike reported on developments considered for Area C by the RDNO. The meeting addressed funding, location for equipment, and potential of surplus water tanks which need to be re-furbished for use located at Silver Star.

Cost of chipping – requested a budget of \$15,000 per year

Report – Mike Waberski – GIS Implementation – SSRA and SSPOA

Discussion around the ability of the GIS system to define all properties that are FireSmart compliant, log property information, and update as appropriate.

Michel Woodman – discussed FireSmart assessments, how it gives a score, outlines work to be done

Delegation – John Davies – FESBC Project (Forest Enhancement Society of BC)

John Davies, the project manager for the FESBC project joined the meeting via ZOOM and updated the committee on his progress and plans. The prescription for the section through the Park was not completed last fall before the snow fell which is causing pressures to have the project finished by March 2024.

The Committee Meeting was terminated at 5:09 pm.

The main meeting then was brought to order at 5:10 pm.

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION: to approve the Agenda as circulated. M/S/C

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes from the previous meeting dated January 10, 2023 were submitted via e-mail to the Board and considered for approval.

MOTION: to accept the minutes as amended. M/S/C

Director’s Reports:

Financial – Sheryl Bolton

The most recent Financial Statements were submitted via e-mail for consideration and discussion.

MOTION: to approve the Financial Statements for the period ending January 31, 2023. M/S/C

Member Engagement – presented by Mike/Loreen

Newsletter – it is anticipated that another newsletter will be sent out very shortly, following this Board Meeting. Various topics to be included were discussed.

Website – the successful launch of the new website was discussed, and it is up and running without any glitches. There was discussion around moving responsibility of updating and posting to the website over to Candace, while the producing of content would be done by the Board.

Motion: to have Candace take on the responsibility of updating and posting to the website. M/S/C

Motion: to pay the invoice for support services provided, and for building the new website. M/S/C

Utility Services Committee–Mike

The Complaint to the BC Ombudsperson regarding unregulated Wastewater Utilities in BC was presented.

MOTION: The SSPOA Brief to the BC Ombudsperson is approved for submission pending developments on the progress of the request for a meeting with Minister Ralston of the Ministry of Forests to discuss regulations.

RDNO Liaison – The Board discussed the Funding with the RDNO. Mike and Maura met with Andrew Hunsberger, Alastair Crick and Ian Wilson of the RDNO on January 24, 2023, to discuss several items of concerns regarding FireSmart funding and Wildfire Preparedness, specifically the recommendations of the Kevin Dalgarno report commissioned by the RDNO.

Safe Communities – Maura

Discussion on FESBC FireSmart project presented at the Wildfire Committee meeting.

AIM Road Contracts – suggestion – how and who do we contact? We will post the info on the website FAQ 's as well as the next newsletter.

Geographical Information System implementation in collaboration with the SSRA – Report by Mike on his meeting with Cassandra of the SSRA on potential collaboration on developing a Geographic Information System for use by both associations. The benefits to the SSPOA were discussed.

MOTION: that the SSPOA seek a collaboration to implement a GIS platform to be primarily used for FireSmart inventory, for member management, to obtain another postal code, and further to authorize an expenditure of a maximum of \$1,500. M/S/C

Mailbox Shelter Reconfiguration – Mike reported in discussions with Arif at the Post Office that the current structure will accommodate enough new mailboxes (40 more) for the foreseeable future. There may need to be a cement slab poured. Project will hopefully go forward this summer.

It was reported that after conversations with the Post Office, they will continue to fund the snow removal at the Mail Box Shelter.

Underutilized Housing Tax – Discussion and how postal codes are impacting Silver Star with those who have the code V1B 3M1 having to call in to determine if eligible for the exemption.

Next Meeting – the next meeting will be held as business dictates. Board members will be advised of the date, time, and place.

Termination – the meeting was terminated at 6:05 pm