



**Board Meeting Minutes  
01 September 2022  
Via ZOOM**

**In Attendance:**

Mike Waberski - President  
Ross Foden – Acting Secretary  
Mark Chapman

Jake Baziuk  
Maura McCarthy  
Eric Dickie

REGRETS Loreen Ruault  
Sheryl Bolton  
Lindsay Brennan

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m.

**Adoption of the Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

MOTION: to approve the agenda as tabled. M/S/C

**Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes from the previous meeting dated February 16, 2022, were not available due to computer repair. They will be tabled at the next Board meeting.

MOTION: to defer approval of previous minutes until the next scheduled Board meeting. M/S/C

**Director's Reports:**

**Financial – Mike Waberski**

The financials covering the period October 1, 2021, to July 31 2022 was submitted via e-mail for consideration and discussion.

Several questions were asked and answered. It was noted that further analysis would be undertaken on the makeup of membership fees to understand any impacts that the late payment from a Strata may have had on the run rate membership dollar amount.

Specific expenditure relating web site maintenance, a minor legal fee and the pass through of the Fink chipping expenditure were tabled, discussed and approved.

It was suggested that given the balance on the chequing account and the recent rises in interest rates, it may be worth the Treasurer considering putting up to \$20,000 (twenty thousand dollars) into a TD. It was confirmed that there was no further expenditure planned for this year outside of the approved budget.

MOTION: to approve the accounts as presented and to progress the above associated actions. M/S/C
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### **Member Engagement – Mike Waberski**

Newsletter – continue to be issued over the period.

Website – work continues to maintain and enhance the functionality of our website. Candice continues to provide an excellent service at a very reasonable cost.

### **Utility Services Committee– Ross, Mike**

A report was made on the Waterworth Report and subsequent discussion with Hunter. Other updates were provided with this section being held in Camera.

The Fortis deal to acquire the assets Stargas has finalised, and the first Fortis bills have been delivered. The transition would appear to have gone very smoothly. Fortis are offering a time limited incentive to convert from propane to natural gas and it was agreed that the SSPOA would help Fortis get the message out in the community.

The completion of this transaction represents the culmination of 4 years intervention by the SSPOA with the British Columbia Utilities Commission which has brought significant benefit to the community.

### **Safe Communities – Maura, Mike**

The president's report was reviewed with regard to Wildfire and FireSmart Activity. The ongoing status of the Silver Star Evacuation Route Study and the Silver Star Wildfire Plan (both under the ownership of the RDNO) were discussed. Both remain in draft form and work continues to get these documents finalized and operationalized.

The other document discussed was the FESBC Grant and the associated discussions that have taken part with government bodies to operationalize this. It was recognized that this grant was awarded very quickly and that the SSPOA was a unique applicant. Nonetheless, it was recognized that this grant is very valuable to the community and the effort put in by both Michelle Woodman (SSPOA FireSmart Committee) in pulling the grant application together and Mike Waberski in working with stake holders to iron out issues.

Given the uniqueness of the grant recipient and as a standard protocol of the FESBC, PWCC will act on behalf of FESBC on contract compliance and execution and to date, they have been accommodating.

A map of the treatment area was discussed and some of the challenges involving land that falls within the jurisdiction of BC Parks was discussed. This is a fast-moving environment and the SSPOA needs to be able to make decisions quickly with regard to contracting and financing this activity.

MOTION: to empower the Executive of SSPOA to be able to negotiate and execute contracts for services and all other activities relating to the execution of the FESBC grant, including any associated legal costs that the Executive may deem appropriate to protect the interests of the SSPOA. M/S/C
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The Fink invoice was covered out of the RDNO FireSmart grant. However, it was recognized that without appropriate grants, the Fink model is not sustainable at just under \$10,000 for two days chipping and collecting.

It was recognized that a more targeted approach is required as it is broadly the same people now supporting this activity, rather than targeting areas that would benefit most from a concentration of resources.

Maura to discuss with the Firesmart Committee the most appropriate way to progress the agenda.

Discussions with the RDNO progress slowly with regard to the establishment of a Fire Auxiliary for Silver Star.

**Next Meeting** – it is anticipated that the next Board meeting will be at the end of September and will focus membership and initial discussions for the AGM in December.

**Termination** – the meeting was terminated at 4:46 pm