

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2010**

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COMMISSION, ADVISORY & SELECT COMMITTEE

Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

- 17-18 Minutes of the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held December 9, 2009. (for information)

That the following recommendation be forwarded to the Board for consideration at the 2010 budget deliberations:

That the Board support the Electoral Area 'H' Community Parks Budget recommendation that the \$40,000 in professional fees for Henry Morgan Park include signage and that \$40,000 be transferred to capital reserves.

Armstrong, Jane

From: Vaughan Roberts [vroberts.parkcity@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 8, 2010 3:48 PM
To: Armstrong, Jane
Cc: Moorman, Wayne; Bernie Walsh
Subject: Fw: Appearing as RDN Board Delegation (Vaughan Roberts)

Jane,

Please consider this as our request to appear as a delegation to the January 12, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Committee of the Whole Meeting.

1. Bernie Walsh and/or Vaughan Roberts c/o 852 Breakwater Road, Parksville, B.C. V9P 1Z8
2. Presentation: Nuttal Ridge Streetlighting
3. Topics To Include; Height of Lights vs Tree Heights, Spacing of Lights, Location of Lights, Security, Local Residents in Favour of Lights.
4. Walbern Management Inc. is the company developing the subdivision

If you have any further requirements please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Vaughan Roberts, P.Eng.
PARKCITY ENGINEERING LTD.
250-248-3580

Finnie, John

From: Richard Wilford [rwilford@webtv.net]
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 10:32 AM
To: ghoime@shaw.ca
Subject: Prawn Rd. lighting.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to a street lighting plan proposed for a Prawn Rd. development in the Dorcas Point area. As you know Beachcomber has no street lighting and residents are well aware of this when moving here. The lack of lighting is part of the charm of the peninsula. Dark skies are an endangered aspect of our society and the skies in our area should not be compromised by the provision of lighting for a handful of lots. Nanoose is an island of natural beauty in an area increasingly under threat from development. If we slowly lose the battle to retain our chosen lifestyle; and street lighting is the thin edge of the wedge, then we can never regain what is lost. Beachcomber does not want nor need street lighting in any part of the peninsular and I urge you to bring this fact to your RDN colleagues.

Yours truly,

Richard Wilford

From: Tonn, Nancy
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 1:41 PM
To: Churko, Deborah
Cc: Donnelly, Mike; Finnie, John
Subject: FW: Lighting at Beachcomber.

Nancy Tonn
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From: Sandy Salmons [mailto:raysan@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 6, 2010 11:10 AM
To: Tonn, Nancy
Subject: Lighting at Beachcomber.

My name is Sandy Salmons and I live at 1380 Pilot Way in Nanoose the Beachcomber area.

I am dismayed at the article in the paper on January 5th about the lighting that may be allowed down in this area. I thought the people had already expressed their distaste for this. Why do we have to do this again?

Why does someone need lighting down here, do they not know their way home.

This gentleman was instrumental in the rezoning the area in Parksville that allowed the Beach Club monstrosity.

Are we going to allow one developer to push what he wants before the majority that does not want lighting down here?

Is this area not going green

The lies that are told to get something through. Maybe this is why the public has become so disgruntled to vote because none of the politicians do what the majority wants.

*Thanks
S. Salmons*

Moorman, Wayne

From: Bernie Walbern [bernie@walbern.com]
Sent: January 6, 2010 7:55 PM
To: Moorman, Wayne
Subject: FW: Street lights or whatever

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Newbury [mailto:jnewbury@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 6, 2010 7:26 PM
To: bernie@walbern.com
Subject: Street lights or whatever

Hi Bernie,

I have to straighten something out.
When people here asked me (via email) if I wanted street lights on Nuttall drive, I said that I would rather not.

I had no idea what was going on here.
And who is this Shelley, that appears to be speaking for the rest of us.

To set the record straight, I believe that this is no one's business what you choose to do in your development (other than the obvious legal aspects) and I am getting tired of this idea of people moving into an area and suddenly wanting to stop any and all development.

It becomes the syndrome similar to buying property near the airport and then wanting to stop air traffic.

I personally think that you have done an exceptional development and I walk our dog on the trail that you built and we appreciate it.

Best regards,
Jim and Donna Newbury

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Finnie, John

From: Moorman, Wayne
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:54 AM
To: Finnie, John; Mason, Carol
Subject: FW: In support of street lights

From: Jeannie Dixon [mailto:jeannedixon@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 6, 2010 7:33 AM
To: bernie@walbern.com
Subject: In support of street lights

Hello!

In "light" of the current kafuffle (pardon the pun!) over street lights on Nuttal Ridge, I wanted to tell you that I'm in support of them. It seems like you've only been hearing the negative side and all the gripes, so I thought you should hear something positive.

I'm ecstatic over the beautiful job you've done on the subdivision, I love that we can all access the area now and the walking trails are fantastic! I live on the high side of Nuttal, so I am directly affected, and I couldn't be happier with the way things have gone. My only regret is that we didn't buy that 20 acres behind us when it was for sale 7 years ago! ☺

I like street lights. I hate dark streets at night, and think that the ones you have chosen will perfectly complement the area, and will not affect our night skies at all. As for the concerns about wildlife, I'd like to keep the deer out of my yard, and I know that they will choose to walk down the road at night, regardless of whether it is lit or not. As for the notion that light will affect their habits, that is absurd. Go to the Canadian Forces facility in Nanoose Bay at night and see how much wildlife is in there, and that place is lit up like New York City. Houses, fences, and cars affect the wildlife far more. I've yet to hear about a deer getting killed by street lights.

Again, well done, thank you for putting up with all of this and letting peoples opinions be aired. I just wanted you to know that not everyone is of the same opinion. Good luck!

Jeannie Dixon
2532 Nuttal Drive

Finnie, John

From: Moorman, Wayne
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:59 AM
To: Finnie, John
Cc: Mason, Carol
Subject: FW: Prawn road streetlights. Walsh development

-----Original Message-----

From: Jim Newbury [mailto:jnewbury@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 6, 2010 10:19 PM
To: Moorman, Wayne
Subject: Prawn road streetlights. Walsh development

I live a lot closer to Mr. Walsh's development than any of the people that seem to be against this streetlight situation.

I would say that this development has progressed with much more consideration for us than the one that we currently live in or any other that has taken place in the Beachcomber/Dorcas area.

I do not understand why people such as ourselves have not been asked about any of this but there seems to a conversation going on with people that live on Clayton Cr. which is further away.

I would regard this as a typical situation of a few people wanting to control the lives of the majority.

Put me down as an ardent supporter of the development. I have never before seen a developer build trails etc. so that we can further enjoy outdoor activities such as walking our pup and hiking.

As far as the streetlights go, None of these people even look outside at night much less gaze at the stars.

Please contact us at your convenience.

James and Donna Newbury
2511 Nuttall Drive
NanOOSE Bay, BC

250-468-5217

cell - 250-927-9900

Finnie, John

From: Moorman, Wayne
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:57 AM
To: Finnie, John
Subject: FW: From The Nuttal Ridge Developer.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Spark [mailto:mSPA@shaw.ca]
Sent: December 30, 2009 9:41 PM
To: bernie@walbern.com
Subject: Re: From The Nuttal Ridge Developer.

Hi Bernie,

I am really not involved with this group. I think that they are using the email list from The Save Moorecroft group. I haven't had anything to do

with the "night skies" people except to receive some of their emails. I have asked them to remove my name from their email list.

Sorry that you have had all of these problems.

On a lighter note "Happy New Year" to you and Candas and of course Rex.

See you in the new year.

Cheers, Mary.

Finnie, John

From: Moorman, Wayne
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Finnie, John
Cc: Mason, Carol
Subject: FW: nanoose ridge

-----Original Message-----

From: robert aspinall [mailto:baspinall@shaw.ca]
Sent: January 6, 2010 7:02 PM
To: berniewalbern@gmail.com
Subject: nanoose ridge

Hi Bernie

I am a homeowner and resident of Nuttal Drive. I look forward to meeting you some day. I have no idea what the hullabaloo is all about. You have done a lovely job of developing the area. While we all loved it untouched and pristine we don't own it. Bottom line - WE DON'T OWN IT! I cannot understand why people would object to lighting in an area we have no financial hand in. Besides it is dark down here! I have always felt it was too dark to walk safely.

Not everyone is against what you are doing. Chin up.

Peggy Aspinall

Finnie, John

From: Carol [cgbell@shaw.ca]
Sent: Sunday, January 10, 2010 9:38 PM
To: frankvaneynde@shaw.ca
Subject: Fw: Potential Street Lighting on Prawn Road, Beachcomber

Dear Mr. Van Eynde,

It was brought to my attention today that you are representing Mr. George Holme at the upcoming Board meeting of the Regional District of Nanaimo to be held on Tuesday, January 12th, 2010, to address the installation of street lighting on Prawn Road in Beachcomber, Nanoose Bay.

Attached to this email are two emails I sent to George Holme with respect to my opposition of said street lighting. As I am not sure whether you have copies of said letters, I am herewith forwarding copies to you. Please ensure that these letters are put on the records for said meeting.

Thank you very much.

Carol Bell

----- Original Message -----

From: Carol
To: gholme@shaw.ca
Sent: Wednesday, January 06, 2010 12:20 AM
Subject: Fw: Potential Street Lighting on Prawn Road, Beachcomber

Dear Mr. Holme,

I am writing this email with respect to the upcoming meeting of the Board of the RDN to be held on January 12, 2010, to address the proposed street lighting on Prawn Road in Beachcomber.

On November 5, 2009, I sent you an email opposing the installation of said streetlighting, a copy of which is attached below.

I would like to resubmit this letter to be put on the records for the RDN Board meeting to be held on January 12, 2010.

I want to reiterate that I oppose the installation of street lighting on Prawn Road in Beachcomber.

Sincerely,

Carol Bell

----- Original Message -----

From: Carol
To: gholme@shaw.ca
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2009 8:47 PM
Subject: Potential Street Lighting on Prawn Road, Beachcomber

Dear Mr. Holme,

I have been living at 1409 Marina Way in Beachcomber for 20 years. I am writing this email regarding

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the meeting of The Committee of the Whole of the RDN to be held on November 10, 2009, with respect to the application to include the subdivision of 5 lots above Nuttall Drive on Prawn Road, off Dorcas Point Road in Beachcomber, in the Rural Street Lighting Service Area.

As I will be out of town on November 10, 2009, and therefore unable to attend the said meeting, I would like to express my opposition to street lighting in Beachcomber and, therefore, my opposition to the above-mentioned application to include the subdivision of 5 lots above Nuttall Drive on Prawn Road, off Dorcas Point Road in Beachcomber, in the Rural Street Lighting Service Area. I believe street lighting in Beachcomber would affect the whole area as follows:

1. Most of the people who choose to live in Beachcomber move here because they like the rural nature of the area with no sidewalks or street lighting. It keeps the area pristine and natural. It is enjoyable for the whole neighbourhood to walk outside in the evening and look at the stars, the sky and the moon in their natural lighting. The proposed street lights will be visible to a much wider area than just the upper areas of Prawn Road, given the elevation of the upper part of the subdivision and the view of the night skies which the whole peninsula enjoys would be diminished.
2. Beachcomber is one of the last areas to keep its natural beauty with its trees, no sidewalks and no street lighting. This is what makes Beachcomber "special" and not just another subdivision. Let's keep it that way.
3. There is nothing to stop people from having lighting on their own properties. Also, I believe these 5 acre parcels have extremely long driveways well set back from the road so the street lighting will not have any useful purpose for the future property owners and will be an annoyance to those people around them.
4. There are no other street lights in Beachcomber, including the entire area of Dorcas Point. If this street lighting is allowed, it will set a precedence for other requests for street lighting in Beachcomber which we don't want.
5. The proposed streetlighting will cause light pollution.
6. The street lights will use countless hours of energy and require regular maintenance which will be very costly. In this time of financial restraint, I do not see spending money on maintaining street lighting, which we don't want in Beachcomber, as a good use of our scarce resources.

Beachcomber is a rare and unspoiled community. On a clear night our skies are magnificent. We have no other street lighting so there is a big question as to why we need lighting on Prawn Road.

I urge you to vote against putting street lighting anywhere in Beachcomber at the meeting on November 10th or at any other meeting which may be called to address this issue.

Why was a public meeting not called to address this matter in the community as a whole? I only found out about this potential tragedy to the Beachcomber area by chance. Please work on our behalf to have this application denied.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Bell

Finnie, John

From: Jill Davies [jilldavies@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 1:06 AM
To: Frank Van Eynde
Cc: George Holme; Shelley
Subject: Proposed Lighting Nuttall Ridge Subdivision

Dear Frank

I am writing, as a Beachcomber resident, to express my concern about the proposed street lighting planned for the new Nuttall Ridge subdivision.

We live in a rare and unspoiled community. On a clear night our skies are magnificent.

We have no other street lighting, even in the newer divisions (such as those off Dorcas Point). This poses the big question as to why we need lighting on Nuttall Ridge?

Because of the geography of the new division the lights will be visible to a much wider area and, as a consequence, the night skies enjoyed by the entire peninsula will be polluted and diminished.

As I understand the planning details, the division provides for 5 acreage parcels. They will each be secluded with long driveways set back from the road. It seems therefore that the street lights will serve no useful purpose for the new property owners and will only serve to urbanise a truly rural area.

Given the above, the proposed plan to light the subdivision will expend energy at a time when energy conservation is a top environmental priority. The additional maintenance required will be a further burden to our local resources and an additional cost to us all as taxpayers.

People, including those new to the area, choose Beachcomber for its peace and tranquillity. Lets work together to preserve the essential nature of the area and keep it this way.

I look forward to your representation of these concerns at the RDN Board meeting on January 12th.

Yours sincerely

Jill Davies
9-1600 Brynmarl Road
Nanoose \bay BC
V9P 9E1

Links from Fraser Valley Astromical Society on light pollution

<http://www.darksky.org/>

<http://www.darksky.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelD=56442>

<http://www.darksky.org/mc/page.do?sitePagelD=58823>

Finnie, John

From: Robina Greatrex [beanie1@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 8:57 AM
To: frankvaneynde@shaw.ca
Cc: sseniuk@telus.net
Subject: street lighting Nuttal Bay

Hello--This is to express my concern over the suggested street lighting in the Nuttal bay subdivision.Please do not allow this .

Robina Greatrex

Finnie, John

From: Marg Sloat [msloat@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 11:43 AM
To: frankvaneynde@shaw.ca
Cc: sseniuk@telus.net
Subject: Fw: Beachcomber-Dorcas Point lighting

----- Original Message -----

From: Marg Sloat
To: gholme@shaw.ca
Sent: Thursday, November 19, 2009 7:47 PM
Subject: Beachcomber-Dorcas Point lighting

Dear George Holme:

Please accept this e-mail to support keeping the Beachcomber-Dorcas Point area a dark skies preserve. We live in a beautiful, natural and mostly unspoiled area and value our spectacular night skies. Let's not spoil this wonderful tranquil area.

Sincerely,
Margaret Sloat
1488 Reef Rd. (Beachcomber)
Nanoose Bay
V9P 9B6
250-468-7664

Finnie, John

From: Frank Van Eynde [frankvaneynde@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 6:27 PM
To: Finnie, John
Subject: [Fwd: Street lights on Nuttal Ridge]

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Street lights on Nuttal Ridge
Date: Mon, 11 Jan 2010 16:03:56 -0800
From: Ken Hedges <agcompu@shaw.ca>
Organization: A & G Compu Systems Ltd.
To: frankvaneynde@shaw.ca
CC: shelleyroger@telus.net

Dear Sir

We live on Nuttal Drive and have always enjoyed the fact that there are no street lights in our area, so would much prefer to keep it this way. We are therefore in agreement with many of our neighbours that street lights on Nuttal Ridge would destroy this for us.

Sincerely,

Ken and Adèle Hedges

Finnie, John

From: Frank Van Eynde [frankvaneynde@shaw.ca]
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 6:26 PM
To: Finnie, John
Subject: [Fwd: Light Pollution]

----- Original Message -----

Subject:Light Pollution
Date:Mon, 11 Jan 2010 17:00:01 -0800
From:Syd and Sharon <seadog@bcsupernet.com>
To:frankvaneynde@shaw.ca
CC:sseniuk@telus.net

January 11, 2010

Hi Frank and Shelley,

We have lived in Beachcomber for many years and we have enjoyed looking at the night skies without any light interference. There is a bit of light spillover from the Fairwinds complex and to some extent from Craig Bay Estates but not to be annoying.

We strongly oppose any street lighting of any kind being installed in the Prawn Road area of Nanoose, close to where we live.

Please add our names to the list of those who oppose the street lighting proposed by the developer of the Prawn Road subdivision. We cannot make the meeting tomorrow night.

I have written to George Holme earlier expressing our opposition.

Thank you for standing up and organizing a stand against this proposal.

Syd and Sharon Lee
250-468-7576

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF NANAIMO

**MINUTES OF THE ELECTORAL AREA 'H' PARKS AND OPEN SPACE ADVISORY
REGULAR COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009
9:00AM**

Attendance: Michael Procter, Chairperson
Dave Bartram, Director, RDN Board
Brenda Wilson
Marguerite Little
Valerie Weismiller
Barry Ellis

Staff: Lesya Fesiak, Park Planner

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Procter called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

DELEGATIONS

Mr. Mark Marley, property owner, and Ms. Helen Simms, Simms and Associates, reviewed Subdivision Application No. SD PL2009 for the Committee as an introduction to the first New Business item: "Lynx Road Subdivision Parkland Dedication."

MINUTES

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED M. Little, that the Minutes of the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee meeting held September 10, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS/CORRESPONDENCE

MOVED M. Little, SECONDED B. Wilson, that the Correspondence W. Marshall to Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, re: Application for Tenure – Wildwood Community Park, be received.

CARRIED

REPORTS

Monthly Update of Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails Projects June to September 2009

Ms. Fesiak briefly reviewed the Community Parks and Regional Parks and Trails projects for June through to September 2009.

MOVED B. Ellis, SECONDED V. Weismiller, that the Reports be received.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Lynx Road Subdivision Parkland Dedication

MOVED D. Bartram, SECONDED B. Wilson, that the Electoral Area 'H' Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee supports the cash in lieu of land dedication option in the amount of \$20,000, plus the receipt of \$5,000 for trail development, with regard to the Lynx Road Subdivision Application No. SD PL2009 – Fern Road Consulting.

CARRIED

2010 Electoral Area 'H' Community Parks Budget

MOVED V. Weismiller, SECONDED M. Little, that the following recommendations be received by the Board for consideration as part of the 2010 Budget and Five Year Financial Plan deliberation process:

That the Electoral Area 'H' Community Parks Function Budget be approved as amended with the \$40,000 professional fees for Henry Morgan Park to include signage and that \$40,000 be dedicated to capital reserves.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ROUND TABLE

Committee members were pleased to learn Ms. Biro would be submitting an application to sit on the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee.

Mr. Bartram noted the good efforts regarding the Bowser Village Centre Plan, stating the project is moving along very well.

COMMITTEE INFORMATION

The next meeting date will be March 10, 2010, at 9:00am, at the Lighthouse Community Centre.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED D. Bartram that the meeting be adjourned at 10:15am.

Chair