

Coalmont Community Association
Meeting held 7pm January 22, 2014 - Coalmont Hotel

Chaired by Ole Juul
15 people in attendance.

Minutes read from last meeting.
Treasurer's report given.

Minutes and Treasurer's report accepted as read – Motion by Jody Woodford,
seconded by Chris Goodfellow.

Ole Juul – address regarding meeting decorum, community respect and public
discourse.

Information regarding Granite Creek Preservation Society and web site given by
Ole Juul.

Discussion regarding missing signs in town – Smart road in particular. Brad Hope
offered to get this sign remade and Chris and Ernie to re-install.

Nothing new to report on Community property acquisition. Waiting on Province.

Report from Brad Hope.

- was in Vancouver to work on doctor retention and friendly visitor programs and thanked us for moving meeting so he could attend ours as he had lots of information to share with the group.
- Princeton Hospital situation remains fragile for full time ER and they are continuing to press IHA for what is needed to keep situation on track.
- Tulameen Rec tax was implemented in 1999 to help maintain and operate the Tulameen community centre and rink. A request for a part time maintenance person has been put before RDOS, seeking an additional \$12,000.00 per annum. This will result in an increase in the Tulameen Rec tax by 50% but this should be offset by a reduction in the taxes Area H currently pays to the Town of Princeton for their Recreation facilities.
- Tulameen Fire Dept Tax – Brad also advised an increase in this tax due to certification of fire departments. Information supplied by Jody Woodford regarding volunteers position. The ongoing mandate from RDOS for more training requirements coupled with lack of funding places a large burden on the volunteer fire departments located in so many small communities. Group thanked Jody and her group for their ongoing community efforts. Increase and allocation of monies from this tax questioned.
- Untidy and unsightly premises by-law will now be in place very soon for Area H. The Chain Lake fire precipitated the need as hoarders can create a very dangerous fire situation in communities. The RDOS must receive a written complaint and will investigate to determine need for action. Can take 2 years through legal channels to address situation but RDOS will move to clean up and send offender a bill for doing so should need arise. Beside the fire safety aspect, the loss of property value can also be significant.

Thank you to Chris and Sylvia for the set up and use of the meeting room at the Hotel and \$25.00 given from petty cash.

Garbage dump at end of main still partially there although Ernie has cleaned up all the metal. Jody advised there was not enough snow to burn rest of pile. Group will look at in spring for next free dump day.

Motion to adjourn made by Chris Goodfellow, seconded by Eileen Walsh.

Hospital update given by Brad Hope. A signing bonus has been established to attract doctors here. One doctor is coming mid August and another is very interested. IHA is also looking at capital upgrades for the Princeton Hospital as well as new equipment. Community organizations met to discuss use of forestry monies available to Area H for community projects. This meeting was attended by Ole Juul and Ernie Rice. All are excited about getting funding for some much needed community projects.

Motion to reimburse John and Cindy Moss for hosting the CCA meeting in the amount of \$25.00 tabled by Chris Goodfellow. Seconded - Sam. Carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn -Sam Clark. Seconded -Chris Goodfellow.

Meeting adjourned.