

Pender Post Report

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee met on April 28th at the Community Hall. Chair Peter Luckham called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM with Local Trustees Steeves and Masselink in attendance.

Following the adoption of the agenda, the minutes from the previous business meeting were adopted and the Follow-up Action Report was reviewed.

Applications

There was only one application on the agenda. It was an application for a variance to the side lot line setback. The property owner wanted to construct a 350 square foot garage and given the only reasonable place would mean that one corner (18 sq.ft.) would encroach into the setback.

The LTC approved the application, reducing the side lot line setback to 1.8 meters from 3 meters for the garage.

Happy Birthday

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 to wish Helen Allison a happy 85th birthday. Pender's very own Chef Pierre Delacote presented Helen with a cake he had made for her. Short speeches were made and the delicious cake was served with coffee. The celebration caught Helen completely off guard and she was actually speechless. It was a rare occasion indeed.

Routine Business

The routine reports associated with the LTC Work Program, the Application Report, and the Expense & Budget Reports were received and discussed.

Economic Sustainability

The LTC placed this item on the agenda at the March LTC meeting. The Executive of the Pender Chamber of Commerce had written to the LTC seeking a meeting about Short Term Vacation Rentals. The LTC replied in writing welcoming the meeting. (The correspondence is on the North Pender LTC website)

The Trustees decided in March to have a discussion at the April LTC meeting on the broader topic of the island economy in general. Dorothy Murdock from the Chamber Executive attended the meeting and participated in the LTC discussion, particularly on meeting arrangements. The LTC reviewed the arrangements that were and were not possible given the Community Charter.

The LTC decided to hold a special meeting with the Chamber and instructed staff to make the necessary arrangements. The Chamber then sent a letter to Local Trustees advising of their desire for a private meeting with Trustees. Since two Trustees constitute a quorum under the community charter and the topic of the meeting is within the sole jurisdiction of the LTC and is not an in-camera topic under the Charter, the meeting must

be publicly advertised and open. Since the LTC will not meet privately with the Chamber, it remains unknown if the meeting will go ahead. Island economy issues are being discussed with the CRD. Keeping the island economy stable and healthy is high on everyone's agenda.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the North Pender Local Trust Committee will be held May 26th and June 23rd. In general LTC meetings are on the last Thursday of the month except for August and December when there are no monthly meetings scheduled. You can be electronically advised of all Islands Trust meetings both regularly scheduled and special by going to the Islands Trust website (www.islandstrust.bc.ca). Follow the prompts and register for electronic notification of meetings. Remember: all material and staff reports dealt with at LTC meetings are available on-line a week before the regular monthly meeting.

Hoping your summer is relaxing and enjoyable.

Derek Masselink and Gary Steeves
Local Trustees
North Pender Island