

AREA F NEIGHBOURHOODS' ASSOCIATION

Meeting Minutes

Jan 14, 2025, 7-9 pm, Coombs Fairgrounds, 1014 Ford Rd

1. **Land Acknowledgement** We humbly acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Coast Salish Nations, home to the Snaw-Naw-As First Nation and the Qualicum First Nation
2. **In Attendance** Miranda, Bill, Russell, Don, Brad, Jorn, Enid Mary, Grace, Brian, Rae, David, Nicole, Dirk
3. **Opening Comments** Today our focus is on establishing the organizational structure of the association. There were heated concerns expressed from several in attendance regarding the overreach of the RDN and the need to inform residents of the impact that it will have on all of us.
4. **Our Name:** four options:
 - 1) **Area F Neighbourhoods' Association** (existing working title): clear and obvious but is highly associated with the RDN and may be limiting or need to be changed in the future should we end up incorporating
 - 2) **Arrowsmith Neighbourhoods' Association (Area F):** relates to Mt. Arrowsmith, is a familiar word to community members, and ties in with other community associations like A.C.R.A (Arrowsmith Community Recreation Association)
 - 3) **Arrowsmith Residents Association:** The same as above but the word "Resident" replaces "Neighbourhoods" and streamlines our name with other associations like the North Nanoose Residents Association or the French Creek Residents Association. There was conversation around the fact that Area F is unique from other Areas in that we encompass such a large span of land and have several different neighbourhoods within our Area. The word "Neighbourhoods' " encompasses all of the individual neighbourhoods, and because it is made possessive with the use of the apostrophe, it imparts a sense of ownership to all of the neighbourhoods and implies that we would be working for all of them.
 - 4) **Mountainside Neighbourhoods' Association:** The word "Mountainside" reflects a beautiful part of our topography and view, and differentiates us from the communities along the water: Oceanside and Mountainside.

We will put this a poll on social media and our email mail-outs in the hopes of getting some feedback from residents.

5. **Organizational Structure:** Dirk volunteered his time in a leadership role, as well as Miranda and Bill. We will seek others to fill roles as time goes on.
6. **Update from Leanne:** RDN 5 Year Financial Plan and Incorporation process will be discussed at the upcoming town hall meeting.

7. **Brainstorm Mission Statement/Culture** tabled until next meeting due to lack of time
8. **Other:** Discussed the collection of monies to pay for the hall rental and costs associated with flyers, posters, etc. as Miranda has been paying for them out of pocket. A nominal fee for members was discussed, non profit status and the restrictions of both. We decided to first ask Leanne Salter if there are funds available to cover our costs and support our work. We will be setting up a table with a sign-up sheet at the Town Hall meeting to collect emails to add to our
9. **Next Meeting** Tuesday, Feb 18 at 7:00 pm at the Coombs Fairgrounds.