

SATURNA RECREATION CENTRE SOCIETY

EXECUTIVE MEETING

MARCH 29, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 AM

PRESENT: M. Gaines, J. Money, B. Ziegler, I. Smyth, M. Vautour, G. Dickey

ABSENT: A. Stonehouse

GUEST: Susie Washington-Smyth

**Clinic MOU**

Final approval of and changes were made to Schedule 'A' and the Memorandum of Understanding for the Saturna Medical Clinic.

**Washington-Smyth**

Susie was invited to speak to the directors with regard to the information received from the Canada Revenue Agency. This information was discovered whilst Susie was working with the SCC Health Committee to attempt to discover a way for them to solve the money crunch.

Firstly, the money the SRCS has collected on behalf of SIR is clearly ours. Once we accepted money and issued receipts, the money became ours.

If we built an ambulance building, we would be totally responsible. Would the potential lessee, the SCC/SIR be solvent and able to pay for rental of the facility?

We cannot gift the money to the Saturna Community Club.

We can gift the money to the Saturna Island Fire Protection Society because it is registered charity and an agent of the Crown. We will need to have proof of this before gifting the money to them.

The responsibility to deal with the funds collected on behalf of SIR rests solely with us, the SRCS.

We need to communicate our decision re: disposition of the funds to the SCC as soon as possible.

**MOTION:**

J. MONEY MOVED THAT THE SRCS BOARD SEND A STATEMENT OF ITS POSITION TO THE SCC RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE DONATED FUNDS CURRENTLY HELD FOR THE BUILDING OF AN AMBULANCE FACILITY.

SECONDED BY B. ZIEGLER

CARRIED

It was agreed that M. Gaines president would write a letter to the Saturna Community Club with regard to our decision and the fact that we cannot legally build the SIR facility on our property. The letter should leave no doubt in the mind of the SCC that we are unanimously in support of the creation of an ambulance facility.

A COPY OF THE LETTER SENT TO THE SCC IS ATTACHED

The bottom line is that:

We cannot build the SIR building.

We can turn the funds collected over to a registered charity or an agent of the crown

Returning the money collected to the donors is a problem for SRCS, the donors, and CRA

It was further agreed that we would have a meeting with representatives of the SCC Health Committee as soon as possible to enlighten them with respect to the decision of the SRCS Board.

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## Saturna Recreation and Cultural Society

March 29, 2009

Jacques Campbell  
President  
Saturna Community Club

Dear Jacques:

At its meeting of March 29, 2009 the executive of the Saturna Recreation and Cultural Society ((SRCS) reviewed the impact on plans for construction of an ambulance facility on SRCS property in light of information recently given to us by the Canada Revenue Agency. What follows below reflects the unanimous view of those present at the meeting.

The SRCS is totally supportive of the creation of an ambulance facility and wishes to reiterate its sincere interest in bringing this matter to a successful conclusion. There are, however, a number of impediments which stand in the way.

1. First, and foremost, is the requirement in law that any monies collected by the SRCS on behalf of the Saturna Island Rescue (SIR) are the property of the SRCS. However, the SRCS remains committed to ensuring these funds go toward an ambulance facility.

2. These monies for an ambulance facility can only be transferred from SRCS to another registered charity or an agent of the crown whose objects include emergency services. Until or unless such a recipient can be found the funds collected will remain the property of SRCS.

3. The constitution, bylaws and purposes of the SRCS do not meet the requirements outlined in two above and therefore it cannot build or house an ambulance facility.

4. In order to free the donations to SRCS, based on in-depth discussions with Canada Revenue Agency, there are two options:

SRCS can transfer these funds to Saturna Island Fire Protection Society (SIFPS) if it commits to including an ambulance facility in their new building. This is, of course, contingent on the written affirmation they are an agent of the crown or a registered charity and that the SIFPS is willing to accept this responsibility; or,

The SCC or its Health Committee becomes a registered charity or an agent of the crown with the express purpose of constructing and

operating emergency medical services on Saturna.

In closing, it goes almost without saying that we were totally surprised by the information which CRA has provided to us and we expect you will be as well. Both organizations should have done their homework better. One of the lessons is that SRCS and SCC take a shared approach to communicating to the public about this matter.

We look forward to meeting with you on Thursday April 02, at 7:00 PM.

Sincerely,

Melanie L. Gaines  
President, SRCS