

Minutes of the Tree Committee meeting

August 7th, 2019

On-site @ 52 Brunswick Beach Road – #94

In attendance; Chair, Simon Waterson, Ron McLaughlin, Jay Barber, Jim Cannell and Mike Jury

1. **Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 11:03 am
2. **Appointment of a Recorder:** Simon Waterson was appointed Recorder for the meeting, with Ron McLaughlin steering the meeting thru the Chair
3. **Approval of the Agenda:** The Agenda was approved unanimously
4. **Public Participation:**
 - o Nikki & Carl Lund – owners of #52 Brunswick
 - o Anne-Marie Gates – owner #51 Brunswick
 - o Mike Wilson – owner of #49 Brunswick
 - o David Hughes – Contractor/Builder
 - o Jane Moloughney
 - o Ron Innes
 - o Stew McLean – renter neighbour
 - o Valori McKay
 - o John Peterson, Nikki Lund's father
5. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes from the previous meeting on May 31st, 2019 were approved unanimously, with three changes to be made. 1. Insert "Lund after Carl and Nikki 2. Change Norm and Harley Pellow to "renter" and not owner 3. Mrs. Lund stated that the CAO had not put into the minutes that Mike Wilson said the middle tree should be removed. Mr. Wilson said it was in the minutes. In fact, it's in the minutes, so the point is mute
6. **Business arising from the minutes:** None
7. **Unfinished Business:**

Before the next points could be discussed, Nikki & Carl Lund said the following: For the record, that the Lund's (applicants) were no longer prepared to pay for the removal of the trees. Carl Lund re-iterated this statement. The Lund's went on to say that they had requested a permit to cut the three trees and this was denied by the CAO. They would build according to the building permit issued. Going forward, if there is an issue with the root system, that would be a VoLB issue and not theirs. They would take legal action if need be.

It was recommended by Ron McLaughlin, thru the Chair, that because the Lund's stated they won't pay for the removal of the trees, which was part of the application, that this was a material point and moved the application out of the Tree Committee's mandate to decide on points a), b) and c). The members unanimously confirmed Council's decision on the application.

- a) Tree application #94: 52 Brunswick Beach Road (page 5)
 - b) Tree application #94: 52 Brunswick Beach Road – Report to Council
 - c) Tree Committee Recommendation
8. **Old Business:** None
 9. **New Business:**
 10. **Correspondence:** A letter from the Meiklejohn's was submitted
 11. **Public Questions & Comments:**
 - a) **Annemarie Gates** – Asked, could it be that the view is the main objective of this exercise? She stated that she had banking concerns as a result of cutting the trees. She questioned the Lund's not being able to build their 4600 sqft home unless the trees were cut down

- b) **John Peterson** – Stated the money that the Lund's borrowed was costing them \$5,000 per month. He/the Lund's thought that Lions Bay would be an "easy place to get on with"
- c) **Mike Wilson** – Living in an environment amongst trees, has its own set of unique risks. He went onto say that we all live here because of the trees
- d) **Nikki Lund** – Stated that they requested a subject to allow the removal of the trees in the purchase agreement and the village CAO declined. He told her that she had to make an application and go thru the Tree Committee. She stated the village should have done their due diligence to show the risks, and if need be, hire a third arborist for opinion
- e) **Carl Lund** – Stated that they would go ahead with building and the village should be aware for the record of the risks by not cutting the trees. He mentioned that the steel and cables imbedded in one of the trees would be the cause of decay and not be as a result of building

After public comments were heard, once again, it was recommended by Ron McLaughlin, thru the Chair, that because the Lund's are stating they won't pay for the removal of the trees, this is out to the Tree Committee's mandate.

12. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.

Simon Waterson

Recorder