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Meeting Minutes from the September 7, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting

Present: *Jeb, Ali & Dan*

Regrets: *Jason, Axel & Jacklynn*

Absent: *John & Sean*

Meeting was called to order by Jeb (President) at 7:35pm.

1. Approved meeting minutes from June 20, 2017. Minutes will now be added to the website.

2. Bow Trail Widening Project Update – Jason, Dan, Axel and Sean all attended a meeting with the City on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 to learn more and discuss the widening of Bow Trail between Strathcona Boulevard and 85th Street. Dan shared what he learned and put together the following (excellent) notes from the meeting:
 - *Two new lanes will be built on the north side of the existing two lanes of Bow Trail.*
 - *Construction is planned to begin May 1, 2018 and continue until the end of the year (December 31, 2018).*
 - *Once the new lanes are built, traffic will be detoured onto the new lanes so the existing lanes can be repaired and resurfaced.*
 - *There will be a space/median between the new and existing lanes which will provide space for a future two lanes; the ultimate plan is to have 6 lanes of traffic. The City staff estimated the median would be 13m wide between the two sets of lanes.*
 - *The speed limit will be permanently reduced to a 60km/h zone between Strathcona Blvd and 85th street. The City did not confirm whether the limit would also be reduced between Sarcee Trail and Strathcona Blvd.*
 - *There will ideally be two bike/running paths on each side of Bow Trail with at least one path that will run uninterrupted between 85th and Strathcona Blvd.*
 - *The City is looking at a pedestrian crossing of Bow Trail as it is clear people currently cross the road and will likely continue in the future. An overpass crossing is not feasible due to the high voltage powerlines on the south side of the existing road. An underpass appears to be very expensive and therefore may not be feasible. It is possible that an at grade crossing may be established however this would impede traffic flow. Attendees at the meeting agreed that a crossing is needed and ideally it would be an over or underpass. It was suggested that the crossing be moved to 77th street so it could service a larger part of both communities.*

- *The city is currently doing a noise study/analysis which should be complete by November or December 2017. The study will use forecasted traffic volumes 20 years in the future to ensure noise abatement controls will be sufficient in the future.*
 - *The City prefers to use berms over a noise wall due to costs.*
 - *The intersection of 85th street and Bow Trail will continue to be revamped. The City will be getting land on the North West side to extend the road where it is currently cut off.*
 - *The block of trees on the North East corner of the intersection will be removed during the project but the City aims to replant as many trees as possible. They have assessed the trees and all that are large enough will be replanted.*
 - *A future open house information session will be scheduled for the end of 2017 or early in 2018 once pre-planning of the project has been completed. You can register online at the City website to receive email updates and alerts about the project.*
3. Bylaw Update Project – Ali collected everyone’s feedback and will incorporate them into the next draft which will be sent to legal counsel for review. There will be one more meeting to review and approve the bylaws at the Board of Directors level before sharing with residents. The goal continues to be to have the new bylaws approved at the AGM this November.
 4. Annual General Meeting – the meeting space at the Co-op has been re-booked for both November 9 and 16 from 7-9 pm (the original dates were too soon as the bylaws would not have been ready). It was determined that a notice would be mailed via Canada Post to all homes notifying them of the AGM and sharing online links to both the old and new bylaws. No roadside sign will be posted as the mailed notice will provide the required 3 week notice for all members.
 5. Fee Collection – 93% of 2017 fees have been collected. This leaves 42 unpaid (or partially unpaid) accounts outstanding. Final notices were issued to 22 homes on August 15th that owe both 2016 & 2017 fees. These home owners were given until September 15, 2017 to pay before having their accounts turned over to the Association’s lawyer for collections later this fall.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm. Next meeting has been scheduled for September 26, 2017 @ 7:30pm