**Oak Bay Residents Association Meeting**

**Minutes of February 20th, 2020 Meeting**

1. In Attendance: Lachlan Pride, Bill Kent, Randy Adamkowski, Jim Bodnaruk and Patti Elliott-Spencer. Regrets from Scott Adair due to work.

2. The Agenda was set as follows:

* Recap of the status of discussions with OBD
* Recap of the meeting of December 20th, for the benefit of members who could not attend
* Discussion of the Strategy Goals submitted to OBRA by two interested community residents
* Review of benchmark outdoor pool operating costs

3. Recap of Discussions with OBD - In the last discussion with OBD prior to Christmas, it was acknowledged by OBD that there was not time to resolve the fee negotiation prior to January 1st. 2020. A communication was sent to all residents of the last discussion on December 21, 2019, which is posted on the OBRA website, and reiterated below:

*To advise all residents, the Oak Bay Residents Association had a conference call with Joey Genova yesterday and can report the following update.*

*1. Joey has directed his Lawyers to review and revise the Pool Membership Agreement as a result of community input and consultation with the Residents Association Representatives.*

*- Specifically to deal with terminology that reflects an amenities agreement and to revise fees and collection terms.*

*2. Joey has directed his accounting department to prepare a communication to residents in order to justify the fees they have proposed.*

*3. Joey has undertaken to deal with points 1 & 2 on a timely basis and expects a resolution early in the new year. Further communication will be provided on these matters by Oak Bay Developments directly to the residents. He is doing so on a best efforts basis and without compromising his initial position.*

*In concluding the conference call Joey thanked all for their communications on this matter and wished everyone all the best during the holidays.*

*Please note\* The Residents Association may not have every ones email address in our contact list. Please advise your neighbours further communication from OBD is to follow.*

Regards,
-- Oak Bay Residences' Association

We noted that there has been no further communication from OBD since this conference call in December but also note that there is a pending LPAT decision that is to be made public in March, 2020 and these two matters may be committed. This LPAT decision will be monitored and posted on our website when available.

4. Recap of December 20th, 2019 OBRA meeting with interested members of the community, Ted McCarron and Laurie Russell. Lachlan and Randy provided an update of that meeting. A document that they had prepared regarding their proposed Strategy Goals for negotiating with OBD was presented at that meeting. The OBRA members attending agreed to review the document with other members of the OBRA at its next meeting, such meeting turned out to be February 20, 2020.

5. The strategy goals presented by these residents were reviewed. The committee noted that in some respects the goals included in the document were very consistent with the mandate of the OBRA. The OBRA man date was posted on The OBRA website and also presented to Oak Bay Residents at the Annual General Meeting on September 28, 2019. OBRA’s comprehensive negotiation plan, which we believe reflects the best interests of the majority of the residents, has been used successfully in negotiations to date. The strategy proposed by these residents is inconsistent with OBRA’s plan in some regards and so while we appreciate the effort and good intentions that went into drafting the above noted strategy document, and only after careful consideration, we have declined to adopt that document in its entirety. However, the OBRA will retain the document on file for future reference as things progress. A follow up communication was sent just following this February 20,2020 meeting thanking the residents and detailing the reasons for OBRA’s position. ,

6. The OBRA reviewed benchmark costs obtained for other outdoor pools, operated by two Municipalities. These pools are only open for the months of July and August, but are larger in size. Operating costs range between $70,000 to $100,000. OBRA is collecting other benchmark costs.

7. The next meeting of the OBRA will occur early April, 2020.