

Sharman Park Homeowners Association Overview

Hello, my name is Lionel Space and we are excited to meet with you today.

Being in a 55+ park, most of us are older and I know for me, my energies and mental capabilities are not what they used to be. Fortunately my wife helps fill in for many of my inabilities so that our lives don't fall apart.

Part of forming an Association is to expand that concept to our community where we can all pool together collectively to help ensure that our livelihood in this wonderful community can continue to it's fullest.

Brian and I earlier this summer were discussing how residents in the park could benefit if we were organized in an official capacity, rather than each of us being islands lacking the awareness and resources to take on an issue if one were to present itself. We thought that everyone would benefit by being more aware and as a united front, we would be more capable of holding authorities accountable.

As we discussed this further, we came across a few others that shared these ideals and there have been 8 of us working on the formation of the association which we have called our directors.

I, Lionel Space, was graciously elected as the first president, but we function as a group of equals when we have directors meetings. Brian Snyder has probably worked harder than any of us, keeping us organized and on schedule and has accepted the position of vice president. As an official society of BC, we have to have a board of at least three, and our very competent treasurer with a good background in accounting is Chris Mather who completes our official board.

Purpose: Info

Our purpose has two main goals at this point. One is to be a resource of information that is more specifically tailored to our park. The BCMHO society (which has a link on our site) has wonderful information on their website that also pertains to us and everyone should avail themselves of that hard working organization.

We have a website that is available to the public (SPHOA.ca) that is in continual development. It is a good source of information to answer questions I would often hear from other residents about our park. Putting our collective knowledge in one place helps eliminate rumors that can become distorted as we play verbal tag with one another. Emails can be sent to me via the links on this site where you may

contribute input, ask questions, or make suggestions as to how we can improve as an association and information source.

We have a list of emails by those members that wish to be kept apprised of major updates via that format and any of you can submit your address for that list (we do not share this info outside the association). We also use physical letters dropped off at your homes, as some of you received to announce this meeting, but those cost money that at this time is substantial, since all funds contributed thus far have been donations, mostly by the directors. Some of you are familiar with the Facebook Community Group, and we have made announcement there as well, but try not to intrude on the more social intent of that resource.

Purpose: Protection

The other primary purpose of the association is to protect our equity in our homes and the ability to enjoy the lifestyle we so appreciate here.

Most of us just want to live our lives without hassle, but there are some things where it is prudent for us to be aware of circumstances that can affect that serenity. BC laws, Tenancy laws, Park rules, governmental shifts, economic powers, can protect or negatively affect us and there are times when we can benefit to act to protect our rights. An association can keep us apprised of developments and rules that we may have to act upon to maintain our lifestyle. In the event that we need to act cooperatively, rather than as an individual, that association is now in place and this allows us to more quickly proceed as a group if that need arises.

Goals:

An association can help us keep our expenses down and provide access to regulations and legal options. Fred will be discussing some of this in more detail later on.

We can bring awareness to safety issues and work together to work toward resolutions.

We can share information regarding our specific park rules, how changes can impact us, and develop strategies towards making them more fair and equitable to each of us. Often times this may require involving the RTB to arbitrate a resolution.

I will be available for questions at the conclusion of all our presenters.