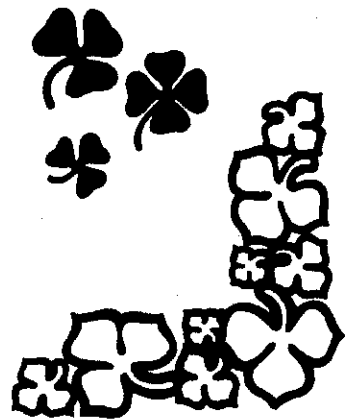
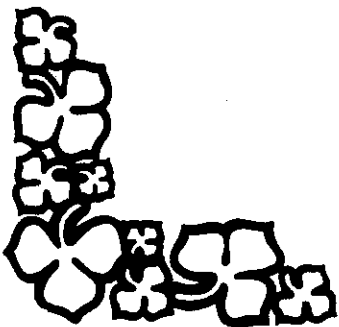
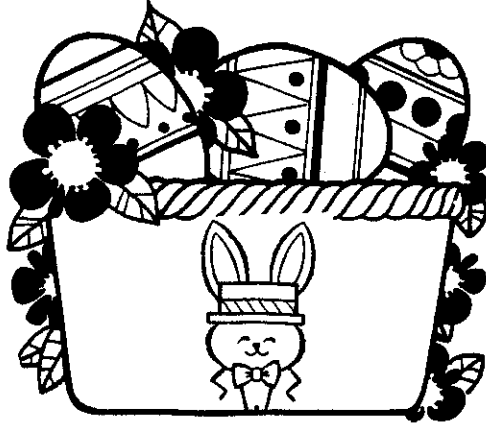




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EARLY SPRING '91

Willis Point Ratepayers Association
Executive Meeting - January 14, 1991

Meeting called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Present: chair Tony Boydell, Joyce Menzies, Lorraine Pommen, Lois Lovo, Pat Williams, Alan Cracknell, Sydnie Bonner, Ken Leighton, Dave Carley, Bob Halsey, Don Gorling, Jan Chapman, Sam Young, and Ida von Schuckman.

The minutes of the Oct. 22 meeting were read. It was moved by Alan Cracknell and seconded by Jan Chapman that the minutes be adopted correct as read. Carried.

Chairman's Report

Hartland Landfill

Mike Williams has yet to respond to our letter addressing our concerns about the Landfill. Ian Blaney is also dealing with this issue and has written to the Ministry of Environment and met with someone there. Ian received a letter from the Deputy Minister saying that the groundwater will not come our way and the smell shouldn't be a problem. Tony and Ian will meet to discuss this and Tony will contact Frank Leonard, Chairman, CRD noting that we have had no reply to our letter. Well testing for bacteria and heavy metals is available privately. Our goal is good dump management that addresses health and environmental concerns.

CRD has been soliciting proposals to build a composting facility at Hartland Landfill. The proposed site is within 100' of the new road which suggests that the road will be used for up to 40% of the volume of material dumped if the facility is built.

Vandalism.

Vandalism has generally decreased but the door of the house next to Bonner's has been kicked in again. Tony talked to RCMP who endorsed a notice in the Pointer and wanted to get parents of kids involved. RCMP should be notified of any vandalism and told who did it or suspicions.

Mt. Work Park Management Plan

Geoff Ward had told highways during construction of the new road that there would be no parking lot for lake access from the new road "for now". Highways was asked to ditch and barricade any lake accesses from the new road but this has not been done.

The Mt. Work Park Management Plan is about to be launched and will have an advisory committee with public representation including a representative from Willis Point. We are looking for an interested volunteer. Jan will mention it to Jillian Jackson. The points we would like to consider are parking and park access.

Community Disaster Planning

A presentation by Dave Price and Tony Boydell is in the works.

The Pointer

The deadline is Feb. 10. Sam Young will update the Willis Point info sheet and give it to Joyce Menzies to include in the

next issue. It would be nice to have some community involvement articles.

Jan's term is up in Sept. 1991 and we need a replacement. Ken Leighton and Pat Williams will help with the May issue. Carmen Moore and Charlie Bonner will be approached to see if they are interested. Perhaps a Pointer Committee would be the answer.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Cracknell reported a balance of \$7,175.43 which includes a GIC of \$3,500 and a profit of \$355.08 from the road party. Alan moved to adopt the report correct as read. Seconded by Don Gorling. Carried. A \$5,000 grant in aid has been received from the CRD for the tennis court. This money will be accounted separately in a term deposit.

Project Reports

Tennis Court Report

Don Gorling motioned to form a tennis court committee to formulate plans and gather funds. Committee members will be Gaybrielle Halsey, Ken Leighton, Paul Williams, Karen Scott, Butch Cleland and Jan Chapman. Motion seconded by Ken Leighton. Carried.

The committee hopes for a spring 1992 start on the project with the bulk of the money raised by then. They have applied for a GO B.C. grant of \$11,000 and will know the outcome in 3 months. Also casinos and bingos have been applied for as fund raisers. Permission to stockpile fill somewhere in the field is being sought because sometimes fill can be had for free if there is a place to put it. Permission to fill was referred to the Fire and Recreation Committee. A note can be put in the Pointer to let people know where to dump if they have extra fill.

Alan Cracknell moved that because of the term deposit for the tennis court funds, if the tennis committee needs immediate funds the WPRA will lend funds for a short term up to the amount the tennis fund has. Seconded by Dave Carley. Carried.

Membership Report

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

Fire and Recreation Committee Report

Sam Young said that 7 members are appointed by the CRD. All have just been reappointed and their terms standardized, although the terms still remain staggered. Some members of the community have expressed interest in joining this committee. Sam will put a note into the Pointer and the info brochure regarding the committee. There will be a meeting shortly to discuss tennis court fill storage and the committee will also meet with the new Regional Director soon.

Project Reports

Roads

Dave Price is trying to have the existing street light at Durrance Rd. and Wallace Rd. moved to the intersection of Willis Point Rd. and Wallace Rd. Lorraine Pommen and Dave Price complained about deteriorating road conditions and long time gaps

between snow ploughings to Mr. Cole who was quite indignant. Part of the road was not ploughed due to a misunderstanding about an agreement with Saanich as to boundaries. We are ploughed by both Saanich and Langford and so there should be some coordination. Tony has drafted 2 letters regarding road maintenance. The first is to Mr. Coell mentioning that there are no concrete barriers on Canyon Hill and addressing the need for ploughing and sanding for the school buses and emergency vehicles. The letter also discusses the need for coordination of maintenance because we are serviced by 2 groups and confusion can result. The second letter is to Dennis Powell who controls the schoolbuses discussing schoolbus safety and asking that the buses only run when the road is ploughed and sanded.

Newspaper delivery is a problem with snow but also at other times. Tony phoned the Times-Colonist about this.

Playground

About \$720 is available to us each year for recreation use and this could be put toward a playground. If the money is not used it is lost, it cannot be saved from year to year. Some material for playground use has already been purchased and is stored at Ilott's. It is hoped to build one module at a time and over a few years assemble an extensive playground area. Before the next meeting of the playground committee the plan of the first module will be drawn up, they will liase with the tennis court committee regarding placement of the playground area and another note will be put into the Pointer asking for volunteers to help build the first module. Don Gorling has volunteered to join the playground committee.

Social Events

The Chili Contest has been changed to March 2 and will be coordinated by Joel Cotter. The Hilltopper is on Father's Day June 16, 1991. The tennis committee is encouraged to hold a fundraising Happy Hour.

There was some discussion about how to contain the moveable bar which is now established. It was decided that each host will keep the liquor until it is needed by the next host for the next function.

Bob Halsey and Bob Scott now have taken the course to obtain liquor licenses for the Hilltopper etc. Parties with restricted entrance don't need a licensed operator but the Hilltopper is advertised and has open attendance. The Hall is exempt from GST.

Dave Carley moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Seconded by Lorraine Pommen. Carried.

Fat Williams
Recording Secretary

WILLIS POINT RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1990 SEPT. 1 TO DEC. 31

INCOME

EXPENDITURE

Bank balance 90.9.1	7175.43	C.R.D.	3600.00
Cash balance 90.9.1	9.07	* G.G.I.C. Purchase	3500.00
New Members	15.00	Pointer (2 issues)	127.96
Pointers Prepaid Postage	15.00	Annual Return	15.00
Road Party	355.08	Cordials - Road Crew	87.59
Pointer Advertizing	12.50	Serving-it-Right	96.00
C.G.I.C. Redemption	2220.00	Presidents' Presentations	88.93
Interest	130.52	Postage & Copying	16.11
		Bank Balance 90.12.31	2396.55
		Cash Balance 90.12.31	4.46
 TOTALS			
	\$9932.60		\$9932.60
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* @ 11.25% maturing 91.October 1.



WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:
Louise Proulx and Larry Nyl

FIRE FIGHTER NEWS

O.K. Willis Point! That's enough! Three calls to 911 in 2 weeks, and 2 of those calls in one day! Now that's it for the rest of the year.

One call on January 26 was to a fire below the hearth at the Jackson's. After much poking around, out came the chainsaw and up came a piece of the floor. A little water and out went the fire. Sorry about the mess Art.

February 10 was a bad day for the Department with 2 calls. The first was a motor vehicle accident on the road just up the hill from the fire hall. A taxi coming out from town with three passengers failed to make the last curve and went into the ditch. One passenger was slightly injured and was treated at the scene, then transported to hospital.

Later in the day we received a call reporting a man down at McKenzie Bight. Upon arriving on the scene, on the trail to the waterfall, we came upon an elderly gentleman in distress. After working on him for a while, he was turned over to the paramedics, who also tried to revive him. He was then transported to the hospital where he was pronounced DOA. The Department would like to thank the hikers and four wheelers for their assistance.

Three of our members are hard at work on their Industrial First Aid this month: Brian McCandless, Pat Sloan and Fuzz Cracknell. Good Luck!

The Department has more new turn out gear on order. This will nearly have the entire Department outfitted in new gear.

Over the past winter the water storage tank on Mark Lane froze up and split a seam, so at present it is out of service and will be repaired shortly.

We would still like new members, so come out on Wednesday nights, between 7:30 and 9.

WANTED: ASPIRING EDITOR FOR POINTER. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY. A DESIRE TO PRINT THE LATEST GOSSIP AN ASSET. PLEASE ENQUIRE: 652-9624

**next
deadline**



May 15

RATEPAYER'S ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The Hartland Road Landfill, Vandalism, Mount Work Park Management Plan and Highways Maintenance were among the issues discussed at the Executive Committee meeting held on January 14.

The Capital Regional District had not replied to previous letters expressing concern about the impact of the landfill on our community and letters had also been sent to the Minister of Environment. In the meantime, the CRD has been soliciting proposals for a regional composting facility which, if built, would likely be within 100 feet of our new road. The implication is that our road will become the new access route for garbage trucks.

Vandalism in the community has generally decreased, perhaps because of the weather, but the cabin next to the Bonners' continues to be a problem. The R.C.M.P. has indicated their full support in dealing with this problem and have requested that they be provided with the names of suspects.

CRD Parks Department has indicated their intention to start soon on a Management Plan for Mount Work Park. Of interest from an "issue" point of view is the question of control of public access to Durrance Lake on the Willis Point Road side and the location of improved parking facilities for access to the park. CRD will be looking for a representative from Willis Point for their Advisory Committee.

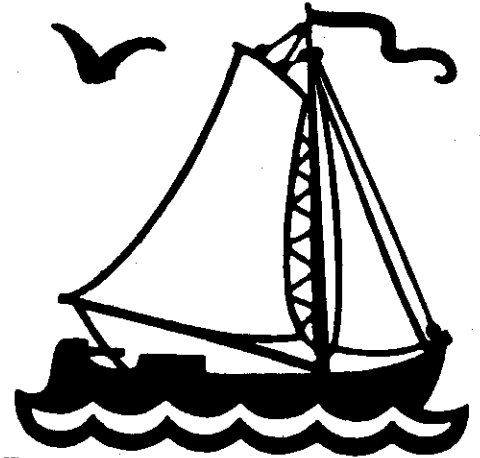
As a result of some experiences during the recent bout of bad weather, particularly the timing and extent of road clearing and the operation of the school bus over improperly cleared roads, letters were sent to Highways Maintenance Corporation and to the School District expressing concern and asking for some response.

As a postscript to the Executive Meeting, letters have been received both from the CRD and from the Minister of Environment regarding Hartland Road landfill. The letter from the Minister simply notes that the CRD has already replied and the CRD says, once again, that there is not a problem! Meanwhile, Mr. Douglas MacKay has submitted his report to the CRD in which he supports filling Heal Lake with garbage and recommends that Willis Point Road (which he calls Durrance Lake Road) become the new route for access to the dump, replacing Hartland Avenue. Perhaps the dump should be renamed the Willis Point Landfill! Does anyone care? If you do, public meetings are being held in Sidney on the 19th of February, Saanich on the 20th and Colwood on the 21st - phone the CRD for more information.

Also as a postscript, a letter has been received from the Highways Maintenance Corporation apologizing for the problems with road clearing and proposing to coordinate, in future, with the School District. Also in the letter was a promise to approach Highways Department about placing concrete barriers on the upper bend of Canyon Hill.

Your comments and thoughts on these or other issues are always welcome.

Tony Boydell.



SAANICH INLET PROTECTION SOCIETY

The Society, which was incorporated in September 1989, has as its principal goal, the preservation of the natural beauty and unique features of Saanich Inlet. It was formed because of increasing concerns by local residents about the impacts that development might have on the Inlet, concerns that were brought sharply into focus by the attempt by P.J. Wooding to build a ferrochromium plant on the old cement works site at Bamberton.

In order to find an effective method for protection of the Inlet, the Society has been advocating the creation of a National Marine Park Reserve and has received strong support from communities bordering the Inlet, from the Capital Regional District, and even from the Willis Point Ratepayer's Association who made an eloquent presentation in February of last year!

Currently, Parks Canada, which is part of the federal Department of Environment, is considering three potential "candidate" sites in the Georgia Basin, one of which would be selected as a National Marine Park.

The Society intends to continue to play a strong advocacy role in securing the best environmental "deal" for the Inlet, particularly with proposed developments in the wings such as the South Island Cooperative development of the "Bamberton Site", Fama Holdings development in the Tod Inlet area, and perhaps others.

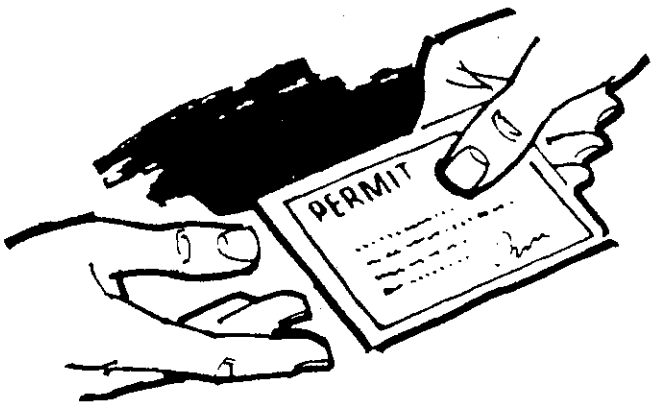
The Society is always looking for additional support through memberships which are \$10.00 per year. Currently, Pat Sloan and Tony Boydell are Directors of the Society and would be happy to answer any questions about it.

Tony Boydell.

HOW TO BURN DEBRIS

learn these 4 rules before you burn debris

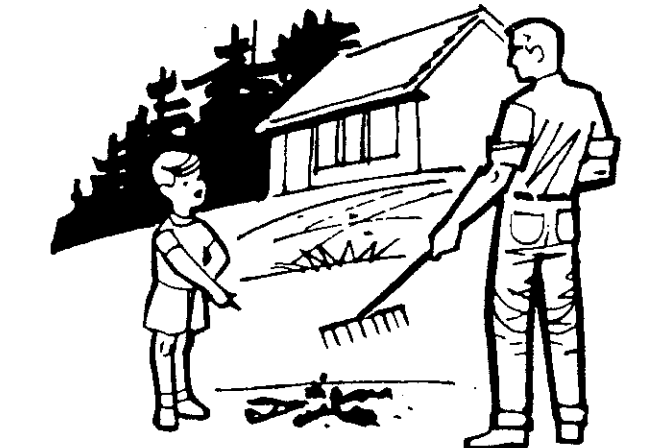
1 OBTAIN A FIRE PERMIT



2 BURN IN A SAFE PLACE WHERE FIRE CAN'T SPREAD



3 BURN AT A SAFE TIME EVENING IS BEST NEVER DRY OR WINDY DAYS



4 NEVER LEAVE A FIRE UNTIL IT IS DEAD OUT

4 good reasons why you should get a fire permit before burning grass, brush or debris

1

Fire permits are issued free of charge. It doesn't cost you anything to get one before you burn, and it could cost you a lot if you burn without one.

2

They're easy to get. Just stop in at your fire department and tell them what you'll be burning, where you'll be burning it, and when. That way when the reports of smoke come in, the dept. will know it's a controlled fire.

3

There are a lot of laws pertaining to the burning of grass, brush and debris. When you apply for your permit, the dept will tell you what they are, and suggest ways you can burn safely. Things like

- Burn on a calm day with little wind
- Burn before ten in the morning or after five at night — the coolest, dampest times of the day
- Use an incinerator if possible. One made of metal covered with heavy wire mesh with holes not larger than 1/4 inch.
- Make sure your site is 15 ft. from any wooded area and clear a five-foot radius around the incinerator right down to bare rock or mineral soil
- Never under any circumstances leave the fire unattended until you're sure it's dead out
- Call the dept immediately if the fire should get out of control.

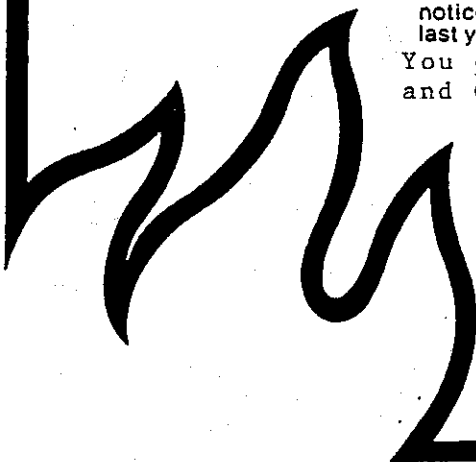
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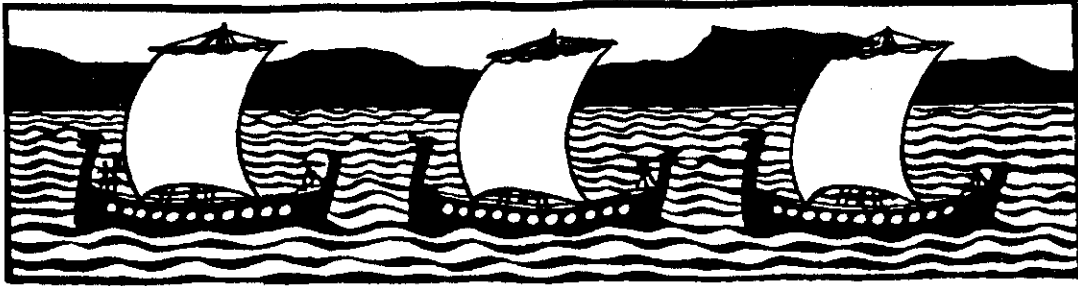
The most important reason of all. Burning grass, brush or debris during the fire season (from April 1st to October 31st) without a fire permit is illegal. If you're caught and convicted, it could cost you a big fine, as well as jail, plus the cost of fighting any wildfire you might have caused. It's a tough law, but some people still don't bother to get a permit because they think no one will notice their fire. Well, as we told the man after he burnt his barn down last year, "It was tough not to notice."

You could be charged under both forestry, and C.R.D. by-laws. see below.*

This year, let's not set the woods on fire.

* Under the c.R.D. by-laws fire permits are required for twelve months of the year. under the forestry by-laws permits are required during the fire season.





WILLIS POINT HISTORY #2 by Ken Leighton based on an interview with Dr. Godfrey Paul

Godfrey and Morry Paul bought two lots from Glen Twamley in 1952 for \$1500 each. They had been ashore at the location for picnics several times, so when the FOR SALE sign went up, they bought immediately. They hired Copley's bulldozer to put a road in to their property. Water was hauled in from Durrance Lake in forty-five gallon drums.

Building permits were not required at this time, and survey lines were often ignored when driveways were being bulldozed. Some buildings were later found to be sited over property lines and on road allowances. Even Mark Lane did not necessarily follow the survey.

Getting building materials delivered was a problem, so Godfrey arranged to have a lumber truck from Lemmon Gonnason meet up with a bulldozer to pull it up the steep parts. Everything needed to build the cabin was put on that truck with the rough lumber on top because it was needed first. The siding, windows etc were on the bottom as they were needed last. When the load was dumped, some of the siding and windows were broken. In spite of this the cabin was completed in just two weeks. Godfrey did most of the work himself.

After building the cabin, Godfrey built a boathouse and a nineteen foot inboard boat. The boat winch was powered by a gasoline engine as there was no electricity. Godfrey still uses the boat regularly.

About the only neighbours at this time were the Twamleys, plus the Rickinsons (Ricky's Roost) and the Bulls. The latter rented two cabins in the summer.

In spite of the small number of cabins, there were numerous kids around for swimming and waterskiing. When there was a BarBQ everyone came. The biggest parties were at Ricky's Roost. People would rent cabins for the weekend or by the week and really live it up.

Fishing at this time was fabulous. It was not uncommon to see a boat come back with a dozen or more large salmon caught right near Willis Point.

