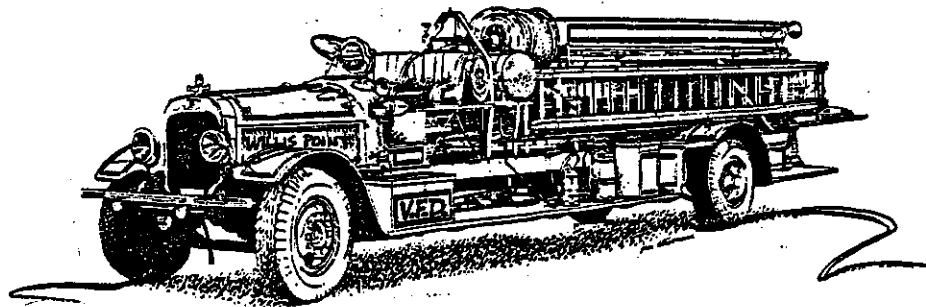


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I to the POINT

The winter that "was not" has passed and we are all very much looking forward to the spring that hopefully "will be". In spite of the warm weather a driving safety issue has emerged. Gravel on the road (don't ask me how it got there) is catching some of us off guard. As well, some of you with the fast cars may not realize that rocks are sprayed in all directions as you pass over the gravel. Please take special care when cornering as flying rocks could strike and injure pedestrians.

Although I am not one of the original "dirty dozen minus one" gang, the 15th anniversary of the fire department is a special occasion for me. I belonged to the department in earlier days and this is a good time to reflect on the many improvements that officers and fire fighters alike have wrought over the years. One thing that has not changed, however, is the commitment that we all bring to our community. Well done Fire Fighters!

I would like to thank all those contributors to the Pointer without whom this newsletter would not be possible. Patti Williams for her written contributions and her last minute editorial support that she always lends to me. Alison Cracknell for her superb organization skill, and all of the contributors who so generously donate their time and energy to make this newsletter a reality. As always we are indebted to Brian McCandless for his neverending talent and his generous nature.

Letters to the Editor

As soon as the New Year rolls around I begin to think of the garden and everything is starting early this year. Soon the deer will be munching on those tender roses and other yummy flowers. If you are wondering what to plant this year, here is a list of some flowers that the deer do not fancy: shasta daisy, lupins, lavender, erigeron, black-eyed susans, penstemmon, coreopsis, marguerites, gaillardia, scabiosa, lavatera, poppies, marigold, nasturtium, daffodils, aubrieta, alyssum and heather. Of course, some of these are ambrosia to the rabbits and slugs!

Cheers to all those wonderful folks who, on their daily walks, pick up garbage and beer cans tossed along our road and a big thumbs down to the people doing the tossing.

W.P.R.A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

April 27th

September 14th

Annual General Meeting October 5th

ALWAYS 7.30PM AT THE HALL ALL WELCOME!

Willis Point Ratepayers Association
Executive Meeting - January 27, 1992

Meeting called to order at 7:45 p.m.

Present: Chair: Tony Boydell, Sydnie Bonner, Jill Stevens, Alan Cracknell, Lorraine Pommen, Alison Cracknell, Pat Williams.

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted as correct by Sydnie Bonner and seconded by Alison Cracknell.

Matters Arising From the Minutes

We decided to put notice of our meetings on the Hall board and on the tree to inform the community. All community members are welcome to attend executive meetings.

Hall Rentals

Rent is charged at all times for the Hall except for executive meetings and the AGM. Alison will speak to the kid's groups to make sure they understand that they owe for the rentals. The rental rate will be printed in the Pointer.

General rental (kids, sports etc. where only electricity is used, no heat) \$3.00 per hour.

General rental (heat and other facilities used, parties etc.) \$50

Out of Point rentals - \$100 plus \$100 damage deposit.

The Hall should be booked ahead of time. Call Sydnie Bonner.

Chairman's Report

Tony will look into the status of Quiet Lane.

Treasurer's Report

Our term deposit expired Dec 31, 1991. Alan moved to put \$4000 in a 90 day term deposit. Seconded by Jill Stevens. Carried. Our fiscal year runs from September to September, the Fire and Rec. Committee goes from January to January and so does the CRD. Alan will investigate the pros and cons and implications of changing our fiscal year or keeping it the same and will present his findings at the April meeting.

Membership

Jill Stevens reported one new member.

Fire Committee and Recreation Commission

The new bylaw is in effect, our department can respond along Willis Point Road to the Saanich border. The training on the mini pumper is going well. Tony and Bernadette Boydell attended a symposium on wildfires and they are preparing a report to the Fire Department.

Youth Membership Proposal

There are 2 children's groups now in the community that meet fairly regularly to plan events and raise money. Kids of about 14 years and older have one group and those 13 and under have another. The minutes of their meetings will be published in the Pointer. The kids can use the tree for their advertising and are welcome to observe executive meetings.

Minutes of Meeting
North Highlands Neighbourhood Coalition

Tuesday, November 19, 1991, 7:30 p.m.

In attendance:

Peter Carrilho	Elliot Gose	Ramona Scott
Will Carrilho	Kathy Gose	Muriel Sibley
Jane Eert	Wendy Hunter	Patrick Pothier
Joan Garcia	Brad Leachman	Cal Revelle
Rod Glover	Isabelle Poirier	Peter Robbins

Meeting hosted by Isabelle and Will. Main topic of discussion was fire protection for residents along Durrance Road and along Millstream Lake Road north of the Goses'.

First option discussed was use of Dixon Road (running from Millstream Rd northeast to Millstream Lake Rd at Eert/Garrett/Glover property) as fire access to bring residents into range of No. 4 Fire Hall on Millstream. Jane and Rod offered full support of this idea, but with concerns about possible increased public use of Dixon Road. Jane suggested that a section of their driveway be substituted for the final segment of Dixon Rd to reduce access. Peter reported that the Wheatcrofts (residents at the other end of Dixon Rd) were also supportive but likewise concerned. Attendees understood concerns.

Some attendees proposed we investigate "de-gazetting" Dixon Rd so that it could be used as a private fire road. This option may not be feasible, either legally or practically (who maintains it?). Peter Robbins reminded us that in any case, other property owners along Dixon Rd will have to be consulted about proposed changes. Agreed to delay approaching them until we have more information. Jane will approach Highways Department to get information about Dixon Rd.

Peter Carrilho suggested that we wait until the Highlands District incorporates, a vote on which will be taken in June 1992. Under incorporation, the District will be obliged to provide some fire protection. Peter Robbins is involved with incorporation proceedings and will make some inquiries.

Another option is to form our own Volunteer Fire Department or, less officially, put together a small collection of communal firefighting equipment. Muriel and Cal have offered to donate a pump. Rod offered to buy 100 feet of hose (of which a minimum of 500 feet would be needed). Peter R. will make first contact with fire chief at East Highlands Fire Hall about getting some information about VFD start-up and training. Someone proposed that we could arrange for backup support from a local fire hall to supplement a first response from residents. Proposal received well.

Brad expressed doubt that all residences could be served from existing water sources, especially with only 500 feet of hose. Patrick suggested that residences far from water install cisterns like his own. A number of attendees proposed that a map of residences and available water supplies be drawn up, one copy of which would be kept with the communal pump.

Muriel suggested that each residence post an "In Case of Fire" notice giving

household and property details important to firefighters. She also suggested that each residence put together a dedicated stash of basic firefighting tools (axe, mattick, shovel, hose) for the property.

Will suggested we adopt a name for this group. After some discussion, "North Highlands Neighbourhood Coalition" was adopted.

Will also raised the subject of illegal garbage dumping along the road, now increasing with increasing tipping fees at Hartland. He suggested that we write a letter from the Coalition to government requesting increased fines (which are now only \$50) for illegal dumping. He also noted that RCMP informed him that illegal dumping is prosecutable only if someone witnesses the act. (Arlo Guthrie should have been so lucky.) Residents can help by being more curious about suspicious activities.

Next meeting: Tuesday, Jan 21, 1992, 7:30 p.m.
Rod, Jane, and Toni's house (368 Millstream Lake Rd)

HIGHLANDS INCORPORATION STUDY

As you may have heard, a study on incorporating the Highlands as a municipality has been under way for a while and although Willis Point is not involved in the incorporation, Pointers should be aware of what is going on.

In December, the consultants reported on the anticipated impacts and a Summary Report, showing the projected financial structures required for the proposed municipality, has been circulated.

Public meetings were held in the first part of January to see whether or not the public was in favour of continuing with finalizing the study. The meetings were very well attended with the majority expressing a desire to see the process continue.

If the incorporation were to go ahead, there appear to be no direct impacts on Willis Point other than the new road portion of Willis Point Road to the Saanich Border would be in the new municipality. An indirect impact would be an increasing likelihood that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs would not wish to see Willis Point left as an unincorporated area. On the other hand, if we were to remain unincorporated, there would be a good chance that the new Regional Director for the Electoral Area could be a Willis Pointer!

Tony Boydell.

GARBAGE

Have you noticed the increase in the amount of garbage being dumped along our roads and wondered why? Seems to me it started shortly after the CRD started raising the tipping fees at Hartland Road. As the fees continue to rise, we will need to be more watchful. If you see anyone dumping garbage, take their number and contact one of your W.P.R.A. Executive.

Tennis Court and Playground Update

Not a lot of news to report as we plough through our winter doldrums, but there are a few points to note. We are still waiting for a yea or nay from GO BC. If we get the \$11,000 from them, we will be going straight ahead in the spring with the building, as we already have \$8,400 in the bank. If not, we are due for a second casino date in April and hopefully we will raise more than we did at the first one! We are also planning a Pub and Dart Night on April 4th, so don't forget that date.

We would like to thank Ralph Anderson for his sterling week-long effort getting rid of the huge stump pile in the field and Butch Cleland for his helpful machinery.

We had a successful fashion show and raised \$650. Thank you to Jan Chapman, Gerri Gorling and our models for their generosity. Plus a big thank you to those who have made donations to the Tennis Court fund, and all our contributors and helpers.

The wood that was up for sale on closed bids was sold for \$401 to Bob Scott and Bob Halsey who now have the job of getting it to their houses!

The playground will be put in place at the same time as the tennis court. We would ask ratepayers not to drive on the field, as it is getting very churned up and not to take any more topsoil from the site.

Thank you for all your support in the past and if you wish to make a donation, please make the cheque out to the CRD and memo it Willis Point Tennis Fund in order to get your tax-deductible receipt. Dave Carley, Alan Cracknell or any committee member will take your cheque.

Don't forget April 4th!

Willis Point Tennis Committee

A big thank you to all those who helped make our Christmas party a great success. Joan Wright, Jan McConnell and Katie Cotter organized the Willis Point Players who gave us a wonderful performance. Tia Korhonen provided piano music during the play, Annabella Butchart was in charge of supplies, our bartenders were the Halseys and the Scotts, Brian McCandless made the time machine, Ken Ilott provided the sound effects, Kathy Ilott prepared the tables and the manger was made by Joel Cotter. Our special guests were Frosty and Santa! Hope I haven't missed anyone. Thanks for a great get-together.

7 Coming Events

GARAGE SALE NEWS

Sunday, March 29, 10am - 2pm

Have you got lots of junk kicking around that you would like to get rid of? We thought so. It's time for another Willis Point garage sale - don't you think?

The ladies stitch group is willing to organize the event if they have your support. It would cost \$5 to participate, for Hall rental and advertising. Hot dogs and beverages would be on sale to give sustenance to the serious shopper - and worker!

How does Sunday, March 29, 10am - 2pm sound?

Would you prefer it to be indoors or out?

If you are interested and would like to book a table - call now.

Georgina Farmer 652-1215
Beth Twamley 652-2176

Remember "your junk is someone else's treasure".

Thanks for your support. This way we'll all help each other. Any proceeds made beyond our costs will go to the WPRA - but what you make is your own.

P.S. Does anyone have an old Bookshelf?

Diane Twamley

Advertising Rates

The WPRA has set our advertising rates at :

\$10 for a full page
\$5 for a half page
\$2 for a quarter page or less

Please feel free to advertise your business or anything you have for sale in our pages. Any public service announcements, (eg. notices for aerobics etc and any community events) are Free, just let us know ahead of time.

BABY-SITTERS

Katrina Herriot 652-5478
Jenny Hughes 652-2935
Tia Korhonen 652-4968

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Willis Point History # 5

Based on an interview with John and Gwladys Bull

Josiah Bull was the grandfather of John Bull, Arthur Bull and Ethel Barlow. His family home was the old stone manor house at Quadra and Beckwith which is now a designated heritage building.

Some time before 1920 Josiah built a log summer home at the site now owned by Dr. Paul. This was well before Willis Point was logged and subdivided. In the 1920's the only other residents were the Whittakers. They lived in a cabin on the site which later became Ricky's Roost. Mr. Whittaker was an Englishman who married a native Indian. He earned money by selling fish which he caught and his wife picked and sold blackberries from Tod Inlet and McKenzie Bight. The point immediately to the south of Ricky's Roost was named after Mr. Whittaker.

Josiah's son, Ted Bull, decided to buy a lot when Glen Twamley subdivided forty-three waterfront lots in 1950. Ted set out from Brentwood by boat for the site of Josiah's old log cabin, but the wind was blowing so hard from the southwest that he couldn't get around Willis Point, so he landed just east of the Point (next to Alf Clinch's). The lot there was for sale and had three hundred and fifty feet of waterfront, so he bought it and built a cabin.

All the materials for the cabin had to be brought in by boat. The original well was hand-dug, four feet square and twenty feet deep. A hand winch had to be rigged and a bucket used to haul the diggings (and the digger) out of the well.

The fishing at this time was so good that sixty pound salmon were not uncommon. Every September the coho run was so thick you could get as many as you wanted by casting off the Point or trolling a bucktail fly. Hunting for deer, mountain quail, partridge and grouse was very productive.

Ted Bull bought several more lots in the area where the Bates, Tribes and Johnsons now live. He then built several small rental cabins on each side of Mark Lane. Some fishermen rented seasonally and some hippie types stayed all year. One hippie set fire to a cabin after a disagreement with the landlord. Most of the cabins eventually burned down.

Ted Bull died about fifteen years ago. The original cabin next to the Point now belongs to Ted's daughter, Ethel Barlow. Ted's sons, Arthur and John, each have a cabin on the property as well.

By Ken Leighton

I must admit, history was one of my worst subjects - of course Drama (acting up) being my best, however....

Many of you have information or stories to tell, maybe already on paper, or still in your memory. I would like to help form a committee to begin gathering Willis Point History. The result of compiling this information will be years down the road - but it is a start.

Many of you have done some research and everyone's input is important. Please call me to either help with this committee, or offer some notes - or even to sit for an interview.

We need willing souls to help with this important - long term project.

Information?	Research?
Compiling info?	Organizing?
Interview?	Committee Member?

We will meet soon - so please give me a Buzzzzz!

P.S. I know a lot of people have worked on Willis Point History already - I don't want to step on anyone's toes - I would just like all of us to get together to work on this for a common goal - like maybe a book?

Alison Cracknell
652-6516

Fire Fighter News

The new Boundary for the Willis Point Fire District includes just the road and road allowance from the border of the old district to the Saanich border.

To go with the new expansion the small Rescue Truck has been outfitted with new equipment as well as some equipment transferred from the other trucks.

We have been called out to two "First Responder" calls over the past two months. One, to a motor vehicle roll over on the new road. We were called back because it was in the Saanich District. The other one was to the Haley's residence and we hope that you are now feeling much better Bill!

As you may remember, last year we lost the contents of our holding tank on Mark Lane, due to freezing weather. Thanks to Art Bolster and Sons of 7088 West Saanich Road for their kind donation of Antifreeze, to help keep our tank operational through this cold and snowy winter.

QUESTION? When you reach the big **40** and receive a fire call, what is the first thing you grab?