



The Pointer

Summer 2005

To The Point

Aaah Summer! Gardening, boating, eating meals outside, maybe even sleeping out, there is so much to do here in W.P. during the warm months. I hope you will have a chance to enjoy all that is on offer in this lovely season.

If there is something you would like to see in The Pointer, please give me a call, write an email or chat me up at one of the community functions. Would you like to see some recipes using local produce, articles on the excellent diving sites just offshore, information on wildlife? All suggestions are welcome.

Gotta go, time for a cool drink on the deck while the crows perform their nightly flypast.

Cheers, Pat Williams

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Garage Sale

On Saturday May 14 a multi-family garage sale was held at the Hall and in the neighbourhood. The weather cooperated and there were many good deals to be had. There was a lot of to-ing and fro-ing between sellers and many items changed hands. Many thanks to Karen Davies for organizing the event. Next year we hope to do it again and advertise more widely in order to lure more out-of Pointers into make the trek out here. So keep it in mind for next spring when there will be another chance to profitably unload your accumulated junk. Start sorting now!



Katia Puritch, Jayden Watkins and Monica Watkins
selling lemonade and flowers



JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE
POINTER REPORT– June, 2005

The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee held three meetings since my last Pointer report – on April 5, May 3 and May 17. The April 19 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be June 7 at 7:00 PM in the Sooke Council Chambers.

I have been providing detailed reports of each Committee meeting for inclusion in the minutes of the Community Association Executive meetings, and posting these reports on the bulletin boards. Rather than repeat that information, I will make some general comments on the Committee.

Since the last Pointer report, no Willis Point items have come before the Committee, and I am unaware of any pending items.

The by-laws establishing Official Community Plans for the East Sooke, Otter Point, Malahat and Shirley/Jordan River sub-regions have come before the Committee on several occasions, and each is moving forward. Public hearings have been held in each community, and while support is not universal, there seems to be a consensus in each community.

The Committee has dealt with several subdivision applications to create lots that would be smaller than the normal minimum, but as these were “subdivision for a relative”, the Approving Officer in the Ministry of Highways has the discretion to approve the subdivision anyway. The Committee has requested staff to identify ways to stop what some see as a “back door” around minimum lot sizes.

The remainder of the Committee’s work has generally been routine review of uncontroversial applications for development permits, subdivisions, etc.

In the coming months I will be raising two questions with the Committee Chair (Eric Lund):

- Clarification of the roles of the Land Use Committee and the newly appointed “Parks Commission” regarding park dedications in subdivision applications
- Clarification of whether community representatives on the Land Use Committee will continue to be elected.

I would be pleased to answer any questions or discuss any land use matters.

Pat O’Rourke
(652-5598)

Willis Point Community Association

WPCA Executive

Chair	Don Robin	652-0209
Vice-Chair	Don Gorling	652-6149
Corresponding Secretary	Sally McMillan	652-9468
Recording Secretary	Norma Jones	652-5792
Treasurer	Judy Kuiken	544-1770
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Member-at-Large	Ken Leighton	652-2686
Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jerry Tombu	652-4097

WPCA Minutes Summary

The following is a summary of the minutes of the WPCA meeting. They are not complete minutes but notes on the major points discussed at meetings. Complete minutes are posted on both bulletin boards or can be obtained from the Recording Secretary.

March 14, 2005

- Jerry Tombu was welcomed as the new representative from the Fire & Rec. Commission and outgoing rep Patrick O'Rourke was thanked
- The Casino Night was reviewed and organizer Gerri Gorling was thanked
- Event insurance has been purchased for \$975/yr. with a rider of \$200 per event serving alcohol. Discussion as to the impact this might have on events such as Happy Hours
- Treasurer Judy Kuiken is moving and so is resigning her position
- discussion held with Mainroad regarding the safety, maintenance, the big rock that fell on Willis Point Road, and the concrete barriers across the roads into Fama property

Please check the notice boards for the minutes of the meeting held Monday June 13.

The Willis Point Community Association would like to extend sincere thanks to Dave and Charlene Phillips for their generous donation of \$1000 to our community.

Hall Clean-up

Coming up on **Saturday July 16** there will be a Hall Clean-Up starting at 10 am. Watch for the signs and please participate to help keep the Community Hall and surrounding area clean and neat. It's a great opportunity to meet new neighbours and visit with old ones.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Willis Point Community Association Annual General meeting will be held **Sunday October 2, 2005 at 3 pm** at the Hall. Please mark this date on your calendars now.

JUAN de FUCA PARKS ELECTORAL AREA COMMISSION REPORT 2nd quarter, 2005

Willis Point residents do not currently pay taxes towards the J de F Parks Commission; however, we do have an appointed representative. The following is a summary of the major recommendations made to the CRD Board during the past few months and subsequent action taken, with exception of in-camera items:

The Commission :

- 1 Recommended inspection of play equipment at Coppermine Park (cleanup and repair followed; soil testing issues referred to Sooke Council)
- 2 Completed work at Otter Point Park (tree planting)
- 3 Undertook development of a mission statement (ongoing)
- 4 Reviewed and recommended corrections to Bylaw 3243 (completed)
- 5 Recommended expropriation of Seagirt (Two) Ponds, East Sooke, which contains wetlands and sensitive ecosystems (CRD proceeded with expropriation)
- 6 Review (ongoing) of cash-in-lieu, Totangi Forestry Ltd., Renfrew district, pending property appraisal
- 7 Indicated support and interest in entering into a licence agreement with the Sheringham Lighthouse Preservation Society to administer lands if acquired
- 8 Discussed Juan de Fuca Circle Route (work ongoing)
- 9 Discussed development of Long Range Parks Plan (ongoing)

Meetings are open to the public. They are held the first Tuesday of each month, 5 pm. in Multi-Purpose Room A at SEAPARC in Sooke.

Full minutes are available at www.crd.bc.ca .

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Carnegie, Willis Point Commissioner



Neighbourhood Notices

FOR SALE

1988 Pontiac Sunbird. Red 4 door Sedan. Automatic and clean, no rust. Motor, breaks, struts, timing belt, shocks, alternator, starter, etc,etc, all recently redone. Runs like a watch. I bought it from a mechanic who rebuilt it for himself. It was to be for my grandson who was going to move to Victoria (he didn't). Cost to me over \$2000. Will take \$1295. Call Don Lovo at 652-9612



For Sale

Truck Chains, never used, \$55 OBO
Sears Cargo Top Carrier, \$70 OBO
Teak Pole Lamp, \$40 OBO
Double Bed, Mattress and Box Springs, \$40 OBO
Dog Gate for car, \$50 OBO
Laminate Flooring planks and underlay (about 15 boards), FREE
Marion Hawkes, 652-7718

Aerobics and Yoga

Aerobics: During the summer the aerobics class walks into the park on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 pm. Meet at the park entrance at the south end of Mark Lane. All welcome.

Yoga: Classes will resume in the fall. Watch the notice boards or contact Jessica Wu 652-2242 for info.

Calling All Moms of Willis Point

Are you interested in meeting other Moms in the community with toddlers or young children?

If so, give Alicia a call. I am interested in organizing a 'glad to meet you/get to know you/play group' at the Community Hall one day in July. All interested Moms please call me at 544-0202 for more information or details on what I have in mind.

I look forward to hearing from you.
Alicia Pine

New Neighbours

Willis Point welcomes Kim and Bob Spensley
7442 Mark Lane

Bob was originally from Montreal but later was involved for nine years in native and community development in Nunavit. Since then he has founded Sequoia Energy Inc. which develops large scale wind farms to produce renewable energy. His first project is nearing completion in Manitoba. It is the largest wind farm in Canada. Bob travels a great deal to Manitoba and other parts of the world. He learned to kayak in the Arctic and would like to spend some time around here in a kayak.

Kim trained as an occupational therapist and now has her own private practice, teaching therapists in certain specialties. She is the author of two textbooks and is a conference speaker. She also worked in Nunavit where she met Bob.

Daughter Lista is in Grade Three at Cordova Bay Elementary. In September she will transfer to Prospect Lake Elementary. She is involved in gymnastics, soccer, swimming and piano lessons. The Spensleys would like to settle at Willis Point

Ken Leighton, Membership Secretary



Congratulations

to Celia Alexander and Bob Scott who were married on May 29, 2005

Wedding Congratulations



Cara Schartner and Jeremy Wood
April 24, 2005



Shara and Ian Blaney Jr.
April 9, 2005

Fire Department Report

No Fires!

Outdoor burning has been banned until the end of the summer fire season. This ban means that you are prohibited from lighting any outdoor fire, beach fire, or outdoor fireplace.

If you see a fire that concerns you, please call 911 immediately. If it is not an emergency, please call the Fire Chief at 881-6180.

Fire Department Update

We continue to be very busy improving our department and our level of training. Since the last Pointer, several more members have taken Live Fire 1. This course, offered at the Nanaimo Fire Department, allows our members to practice fighting structure fires in a challenging but safe environment. Several of our members have also completed Live Fire 2. Medical training is also a high priority for us with five additional members receiving their Spinal Management Certificates. This important training means that more of our firefighters are trained to safely handle patients who may have neck or back injuries.

One way to demonstrate our skill is to enter competitions. Brendan Pause, James Herriot, Jim Potvin and Gord Hawkes recently competed against other departments at the Sooke Evolution. This extremely physically demanding competition tests many core skills. Firefighters compete in full turnout gear which includes a heavy breathing apparatus on their backs. The activities include climbing three flights of stairs carrying equipment, simulating chopping through walls, pulling fully charged hoses, and carrying a 165 lb dummy. Congratulations to the Willis Point team for their great efforts in this competition. We didn't win this year but we'll be back!

Thank you to everyone who supported the department's Muscular Dystrophy fund raising efforts on May 28. By stopping at the voluntary "road toll" and by donating your change at the Brentwood Liquor Store, you helped us raise \$1492 for this great cause. This is by far the most we've ever raised! A big "THANK YOU" to the generous citizens of Willis Point!

Finally, as most of you know, I will be away from the Point for about a year starting this September. Deanna and I plan to sail to the South Pacific and back. During my absence, my Deputy Chief, Darren Pine, will be the Acting Chief. Darren has lived in Willis Point all his life and he is a very skilled firefighter with fifteen years in the department. I am confident that Darren and his team will do a great job.

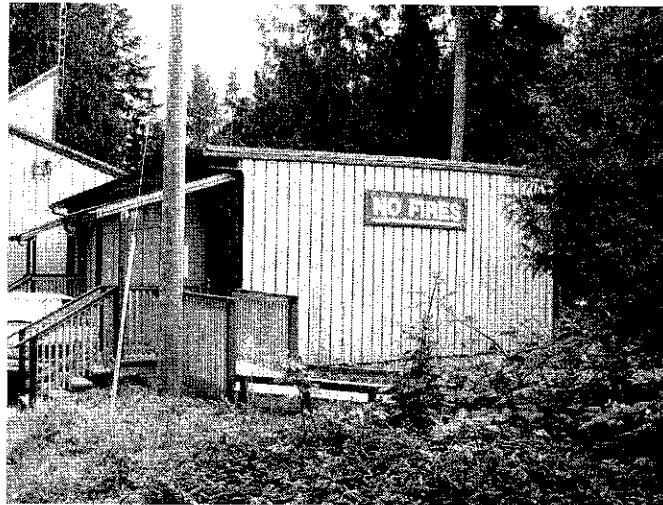
Mark Roozendaal
Fire Chief

We Need You

If you live in Willis Point you probably know at least a few members of your Fire Department. These generous individuals give up some of their personal time to ensure that they are trained and ready to help their fellow citizens. Twice a year we open our doors and take in new members. Check us out and see if being a volunteer fire fighter is right for you. You don't need any special training to

start. We'll teach you everything you need to know. You'll find that being a part of our team is very rewarding and is a lot of fun. The biggest thing we hear from new recruits is "I should have joined sooner!"

Don't be shy, come on up to the firehall. We'll show you around and give you a brief introduction to what it's like to be a Willis Point Firefighter.



Road Maintenance Update

The following maintenance items have been put forward for Ministry approval:
Willis Point Road:

- Overlay patching to catch potholes and prep for seal coating
- 10,000 m² of chipseal to catch the worst areas
- Shoulder grading and shoulder gravelling
- Brushing and aerial brushing

Mark Lane:

- Overlay patching with hot mix to catch the worst areas
- 10,000 m² of chipseal to catch the worst areas
- Shoulder grading and gravelling
- Brushing, aerial brushing and several danger tree removals

This plan, if approved, will be completed by September 20, 2005. There is a chance that other priorities will develop that would alter the amount of work accomplished, but the goal is to get this work done as planned.

David Turenne, Mainroad South Island Contracting

For further information regarding road issues, please contact Don Robin at 652-0209

Willis Point Fire & Recreation Facilities Commission Notice to Residents

The Willis Point Fire & Recreation Facilities Commission (WPF&RC) wishes to advise all residents that certain measures will be taken to ensure the safety and security of our Fire/Community Hall in the months to come. The losses in the Okanagan from urban interface fires have lead the Provincial Government to establish "Fire Smart" guidelines for buildings in close proximity to forested regions.

Consequently, the commission has invited quotations for the limbing and removal of all hazardous trees, brush and other flammable materials which pose a hazard in the event of a wildfire. Please be assured that the commissioners value the rural nature of our community and have developed a plan to remove only those trees and branches which prudence requires.

Our Fire & Community Hall is an important part of our emergency preparedness and must be safeguarded. A judicious compromise has been determined to insure that the values we embrace will be balanced with those same values that demand wise and intelligent safeguards.

Sincerely,
Vernon McConnell, Chair, WPF&RC
652-2996

Milk Delivery



Did you know that Willis Point has milk delivery?

For milk delivery featuring 'Island Farms Island Fresh Dairy Products' including Milk, Dairy Products, Bread, Eggs, and Orange Juice

Call: Moolicious Home Delivery
744-COWS (744-2697)

Growing Up In Willis Point

I grew up with Willis Point. I walked to the mailboxes on an actual dirt road to catch the school bus. It was a short bus, because of the switchbacks. Rumor had it there was a regular long bus once, but it had an accident - a dreadful bang up. The bus overturned trying to make the tricky, switchback 'S' curve in the snow. In hindsight, some of the older Stelly's kids must have made that up because I don't think we had a bus before our little number 11. Those Stelly's teenagers were always messing with us.

I would sit in my seat, third from the back, (and heaven help the soul who would try to sit there), with my knees balanced on the grey vinyl in front and my head pressed against the cold glass, figuring the odds between racing raindrops. Going past the lake was my favourite part. Crisp, like diamonds, when the trees were merely frosty outlines. Layer by layer we watched the lake freeze until it became a plate of glass, then a frosty mirror. We would plead with Mr. Dewer to stop so we could launch a rock to see if the ice cracked. And he was so lovely he would.

Poor Mr. Dewer, silent, faithful and kind, with a bus full of hepped up kids chomping at the bit for school to be over and freedom to begin. Thirsty, dusty waits at the sentry box. It was a rare triumph to cruise through at the right time. In or out, the chains keeping the rifle range's bullets from crossing a canyon, ricocheting off a boulder and hitting a passing car, were only open for ten minutes twice an hour. We would reach a fever pitch as we focused on the army guy, waiting for his walkie talkie to crackle with the go ahead for us to pass.

With baited breath we wondered who'd be at the lake. Would they be on the rope swing? Mullets in jean shorts, tossing back brewskies and launching a football over the bus. If only they'd stumble and the ball would sail through one of our windows. They wouldn't be laughing anymore. Would we be like them when we were older?

I chanted along with my Mum, and the rest of the community, rhymes protesting the police state the evil rifle range held over our Point. If only we could all be surgeons and buzz through like Dr. Hurley. We knew it was possibly a life or death operation he was off to in his porche - but every time? Mothers would trade sick-kid-at-the-gate stories as they rallied for the cameras. Eventually it worked and we got the Willyhalla. What a beautiful expanse of asphalt! With graduated corners and everything! The festivities included bumper stickers and liberation of the green sentry boxes. We had won! Or had we?

The new road gave us the freedom to come and go, but it also opened up our community to outsiders. Our little jewel was a secret no more. The lake was now a favourite spot for townies. There was a constant display of 'for sale' signs in the community. It seemed that people would buy a house and then hate the drive or the isolation and sell. And forget about community ties. But over the past five years it seemed to stabilize. The newcomers joined the fire department and put their kids in the Xmas play. The mini golf tournament is a fabulous replacement for the Hilltopper.

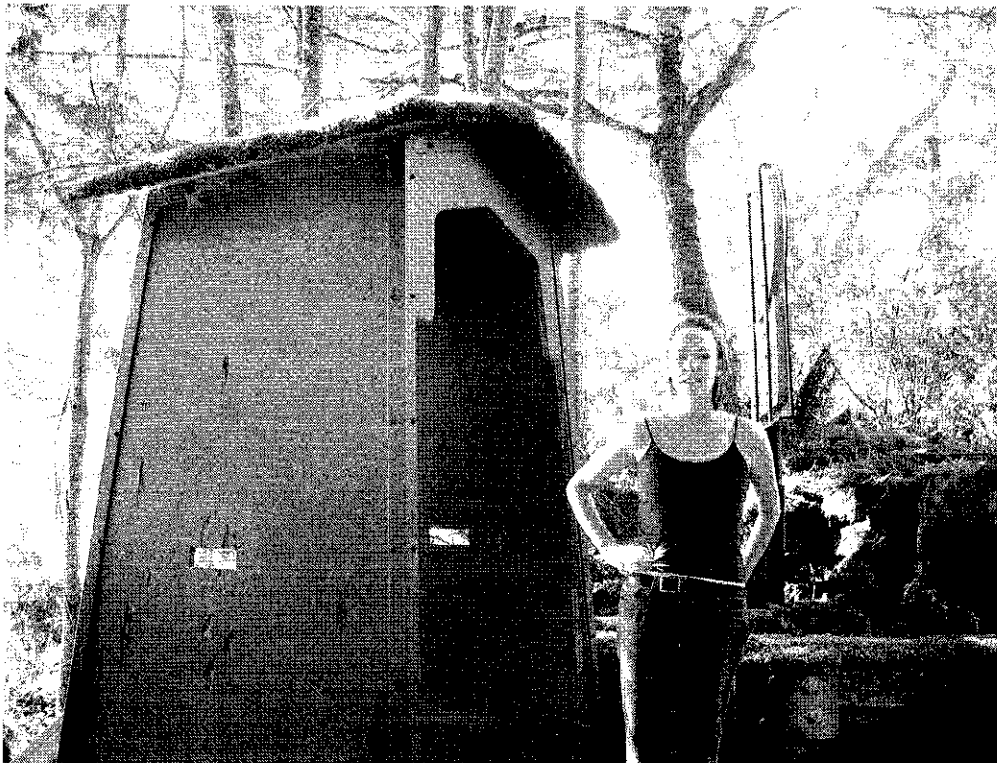
Community is a choice that can be fortified every day with a wave as you drive by. It is more important than ever that we strengthen the bonds set by geography. We welcome our new neighbours and hope they will enjoy not just the waterfront and beautiful views but the spirit of the amazing community that exists here, our sense of solidarity and fun.

I grew up with Willis Point, and I would take a bullet to preserve it, which is why I have decided to do the Christmas play this year. We will start rehearsals in late September. The age range is from 12 years up. I would appreciate any plot suggestions. Christmas and Willis Point are obviously the theme!

Cheers,
(and remember to wave!)

Vanessa Funnell

Email ideas to vans_funnell@hotmail.com



Vanessa Funnell and a salvaged sentry box

Happy Trails

Around Durrance Lake

Time: approximately 20 minutes

Beautiful little Durrance Lake with its flotilla of water lilies sits on the doorstep of our community. The easy circle hike around the lake starts from the parking lot and takes about 20 minutes. Simply follow the lake on the level path, but do take some time to enjoy a refreshing swim or stop to fish for delicious trout. The lake is stocked and you'll need a license. Floating on a rubber raft or paddling with mask and snorkel is a heavenly way to spend a summer day enjoying this little gem.



Business Directory

Gears Transmission Neil Tregear 389-0624	Housework Maid Easy Gerri Gorling 652-6149
Avalon Cottage Brew on Premises Vern McConnell 386-4030 Avalon@jdmicro.com	Knotty Pine Cedar Products Darren Pine 544-0202
Piano and Flute Instruction Monica Maxwell 544-1822	Leighton Photography Ken Leighton, Rob Leighton 652-2686
Brentwood Physiotherapy & Canine Rehabilitation Gillian Jackson 652-4489	Peninsula Wholesale Plus Dean Hyland 652-3182, fax 652-5139
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Babysitting

<p>Shevaun Cunningham</p> <p>16 years old Will look after children of all ages St. John Ambulance Training Babysitter Training</p> <p>Call 652-1908</p>	<p>Do you need a trustworthy, dependable babysitter who will insure your kid(s) ultimate safety and fun at all times? Call me,</p> <p>Kristi Martin</p> <p>I have my Red Cross Babysitting Certificate and I love to take care of kids three years and up. I am 15 years old.</p> <p>Call 652-6585</p> <p>I also take care of friendly rodents!</p>
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