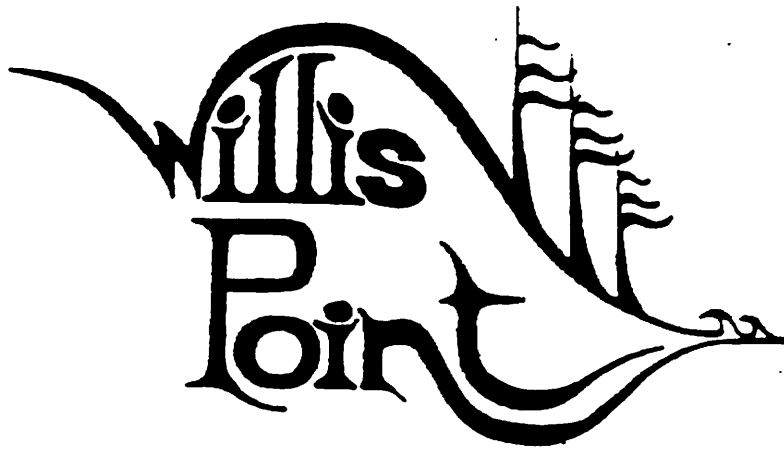


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EASTER 1993

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REGIONAL PLANNING OR POLITICAL OPPORTUNISM?

Willis Point, a tranquil community along the shores of Saanich Inlet. The Highlands, rolling meadows, small lakes, rocky outcrops and wooded hills. Mount Work Park, a rugged wilderness area containing rare vascular plants. McKenzie Bight, a serene bay in the Saanich Inlet. Durrance Lake, so far, still the cleanest lake in the CRD, loved by anglers and swimmers alike. What do all of these beautiful areas have in common? A garbage dump!

Although the waters of Saanich Inlet are no longer pristine, and the clams dug at McKenzie Bight are not safe to eat, residents of, and visitors to, Durrance Lake, the Highlands, Mount Work Park and Willis Point will soon be battling heavy truck traffic. Should we not all fight to at least maintain, if not enhance, these areas? It stuns me that the CRD insists on continuing to expand their land filling operation at the Hartland site. Many years ago, they chose a hill-top site for their landfill from where, until recently, leachate drained unchecked downhill. They now want to install and operate a yard waste composting plant on the same site. They say that leachate will seep into a catchment area and then be channeled to the "Sewage Outfall" at Macaulay Point. How effective this system will be is any one's guess!

At a time when Saanich Inlet neighbours are all working to protect this beautiful resource, and the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks insists on sewage treatment, the CRD has its own agenda. How can the CRD create Regional Parks such as Mount Work Park on the one hand and on the other hand, threaten the very park by landfill operations? Granted, community composting is an admirable environmental initiative, however, other environmental issues, as well as community input should have been considered in this equation before any decisions were made!

Bernadette Boydell
Editor

LETTERS to the EDITOR

THANKS DON !

One of the very nice things about being a "Pointer" is the community spirit and "help thy neighbour" attitude of the natives. Since moving to the Point eight years ago, we have come to accept this as the norm, and therefore

frequently forget to show or state appreciation for the assistance received.

This time, we cannot let the special efforts made by Don Gorling on our behalf go unrecognized.

When the Assessment Notice arrived to stun all of us, and in particular the waterfront property owners, many comments and complaints were heard concerning the 131 percent increase on waterfront land value. Many owners planned to appeal the increase.

Rather than simply look after "number one", Don offered to launch a blanket appeal on behalf of all waterfront owners in the Point - some 75 properties. Don spent weeks meeting with the Assessment Authority, researching the very few recent sales in the area, and contacting each property owner concerned.

The matter went to the Court of Revision where Don spent the entire day until the session ended, well into the evening. His professionalism, thoroughness and determination won him the respect of the court, and resulted in a blanket roll back of all waterfront land values, to an increased assessed land value of a "mere" 90 percent in place of the original 131 percent increase. Don also made individual considerations, resulting in further reduction in assessed value for those owners.

We are sure that had we had to represent ourselves at the court we would not have been as well informed or prepared as Don and would not have received such a substantial reduction. In fact, it is probable that without Don's effort, little or no roll back would have occurred.

What can we say except "THANKS DON", and "thanks" doesn't even come close.

Art and Gillian Jackson
7568 Mark Lane

LETS GET INVOLVED!

Ask not what your community can do for you, but what can you do for your community? It's a beautiful area we live in, isn't it? We love our community, don't we? We are busy people, aren't we?

There are a number of people who have been involved throughout the past, and now in the present, who keep our community safe, maintain the hall, and deal with many political and non-political issues that arise in any community.

It is great when these people hold meetings, send out newsletters, host fundraisers and post notices to inform and encourage involvement.

Is communication a problem? Do we need more newsletters and notice boards? Maybe we do read all the information, we are just too busy.

It is fortunate we do have busy people who are involved. I guess they just must have more free time than all of the really busy people.

Many hands make light work. Lets work together!

Alison Cracknell
652-6516

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SOAP BOX DERBY

WELL IT'S BEEN ABOUT 18 MONTHS BUT THE ANNUAL SOAPBOX DERBY IS IN THE WORKS. LOOK FOR A DATE IN MAY OR JUNE. YOUR FIREFIGHTERS ARE GOING TO SCHOOL IN APRIL AND MAY SO WE HAVE TO SCHEDULE ACCORDINGLY.

THE FORMAT WILL BE THE SAME AS IN THE PAST... AND AS IT STANDS IIRO KORHONEN STILL HAS THE FASTEST CAR AROUND.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL KEN ILOTT @ 652-6033.

Important WPRA Public Meeting

for residents of Willis Point

**Tues. April 13 - 8:00 pm
at the Hall**

- report regarding the Fama land negotiations
- presentation of current concepts and options
- Willis Point delegates require public opinion and input to continue the process
- The opportunity exists for your wishes to be heard to help form the direction Willis Point will take in the future

Please Attend

- This is, in all likelihood, your last chance to provide constructive comment on the future of the 1250 acres that Fama owns.

It's your community - Please participate.

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The Willis Point Executive

Acting Chair:	Don Gorling	652-6149
Acting Vice Chair:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Treasurer:	Alan Cracknell	652-6345
Recording Secretary:	Pat Williams	652-0223
Corresponding Secretary:	Lois Lovo	652-9612
Membership Secretary:	Jill Stevens	652-0037
Member-at-Large:	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
Member-at-Large:	Connie McInnis	652-5584

Willis Point Executive Meeting Schedule

April	5, 1993	
May	3, 1993	AGM September 27, 1993
August	9, 1993	

Other Key Willis Point Contacts

Aerobics Instructor:	Katie Cotter	652-2039
Emergency Preparedness Committee:	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
FAMA Acquisition:	Paul Williams	652-0223
Fire Chief:	Vern McConnell	652-2996
Fire Committee/Recreation Commission - Chair:	Pat Sloan	652-0226
Hall Custodian:	Sydney Bonner	652-1588
Hartland Surplus Lands Development:	Pat Williams	652-0223
Kid's Nights:	Alison Cracknell	652-6516
Pointer - Editor:	Bernadette Boydell	652-5032
Quiet Lane:	Brian McCandless	652-3656
Road Maintenance Liaison:	Connie McInnis	652-5584
School Board and School Bus Liaison:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Tennis & Playground Committee	Gaybrielle Halsey	652-4195

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HILL TOPPER 1993

IT IS THAT TIME AGAIN! DATE IS THE 20th OF JUNE - FATHER'S DAY. FOR NEWCOMERS TO THE AREA THE HILLTOPPER IS OUR "BIG" EVENT FOR THE YEAR. IT COSTS APPROXIMATELY \$4,000 TO RUN THE WILLIS POINT RECREATION HALL AND WE RAISE IT ALL ON THIS DAY. THIS IS OUR 12TH ANNUAL HILLTOPPER.

WHAT IS IT? IT IS AN 8.85 km "FUN RUN" STARTING AT 12 NOON. BETWEEN 100 AND 130 RUNNERS RACE EVERY YEAR. RACE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM GARY BUTCHART AT 652-1731.

IN ADDITION TO THE FUN RUN WE ARE OFFERING A BAKE SALE, (donation to be brought to the hall - phone Joan Wright at 652-3254 for information). A BEER GARDEN, HILLTOPPER HAMBURGERS, HOTDOGS, ICECREAM, AN AWARD CEREMONY, JOLLY SCRAMBLE AND A COUNTRY AUCTION ARE ALSO FEATURED.

THE AUCTION OFFERS A GREAT VARIETY OF THINGS TO BID ON.

To give you some examples, here is a random selection from last years donations.

- Greek, Viennese and mystery dinners
- Sightseeing airplane ride
- Variety of plants
- Trailride for two
- Building materials and firewood
- Skydiving tandem jump
- Family BBQ and swim
- Organizing child's birthday party
- Wine tasting party
- Boat cruises

HAVE A THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DONATE THIS YEAR - BIG OR SMALL, IT IS ALL APPRECIATED.

Please phone Vern McConnell at 652-2996 or Bob Scott at 652-2130 with your

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questions or donations which will save them calling you. Volunteers are needed particularly for the cooking and serving of food. If we have enough we can schedule two hour spells for people so please call Bob Halsey at 652-4195, if you can help in any way. Here's hoping for fine weather and a successful money raising day!

Don't forget to invite all of your friends and relatives to come out and enjoy the day - the more the merrier!

Bob Halsey.

WILLIS POINT TENNIS AND PLAYGROUND REPORT

Now that the weather is improving, we are able to get back on track with our plans. You may have noticed that the basketball hoops are installed, and that they have been a good source of occupation and exercise for the youngsters. Slowly, but surely, we are getting there!

The playground plans are coming together and after Easter, we will be moving on the groundwork and beginning the installation of some of the equipment we already have. As work parties are needed, notices will be posted.

We have a casino event on the Easter weekend, Saturday the 10th and Sunday the 11th and hope to add more funds to the coffers!

We would like to thank everyone for their support at this stage, and if anyone has any questions, please phone Halseys at 652-4195, Scotts at 652-2130 or Williams at 652-0223.

Willis Point Tennis and Playground
Sub - Committee

WILLIS POINT EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - UPDATE

I have now received 33 questionnaires. This means there are over 100 that have not been answered. The questionnaire was published in the last two Pointers.

Although your information and input is important, it will not prevent the

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program from getting started. It may, however make it more difficult to be as effective as possible should a disaster situation occur. If you want your information included in our survey, please call or mail your questionnaire in. This is an ongoing program, so we will always be updating information. It is never too late to be involved.

To help the WPEP Committee prepare a plan, information and basic guidelines are now being compiled. The first WPEP Committee meeting will be held within the next month. Notices will be posted.

In the meantime, please review the information from the last Pointer to prepare yourself and your home. The fact is, that your home is the most important place to be prepared for disasters.

Alison Cracknell
7212 Mark Lane
652-6516

KITCHEN KLEAN

At the end of November, a small group gathered in the kitchen at the fire hall to clean, organize, clean, throw out, and clean some more.

This effort took Denise Tregear, Katie Cotter, Pat Cracknell, Joan McCandless, Ida von Schuckman and myself from 8 PM till 1:30 AM, and I don't even think we stopped for a beer. Thank you.

A fabulous job was done, and all the cupboards are now labeled. We also took inventory of all cups, plates, etc. so - so put things back or else....

The clean up was made so much easier with the use of our new dishwasher. Thanks very much to Ian Blaney for picking it up and to Fuzz Cracknell and Brian McCandless for the installation job.

Instructions for our new Maytag can be found in the kitchen, so if you do not know what you are doing, read the instruction booklet.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our kitchen much nicer to work and play in.

Alison Cracknell

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NOTES FROM THE WPRA CHAIR

Waterfront Property Assessment/Court of Revision Appeal

For those of you who have not heard, your Chairman attended the Court of Revision hearing on March 12, 1993 to appeal all 76 waterfront property assessments. You will be pleased to know that the Court allowed a reduction in your assessment on the land value on all waterfront properties of 17 to 19 percent. The assessments averaged an increase of 130 percent on the original assessment in January 1993. Your assessment will now reflect an increase of 90 percent over your 1992 assessment. In a number of cases, where I was given your "Letter of Agency", we achieved a significant number of reductions in improvement values, as well. The overall average property assessment reduction averaged 12.7 percent, which translates into a reduction of \$2,972,700.00 in market value, or an average of \$384.10 per property based on our 1992 tax rate. Those of you who did not apply for a hearing in the Court of Revision still received the benefit of the land decrease, as I was able to get agreement from the Assessment Authority to include all the waterfront properties. You will be receiving notice of the revised assessment shortly.

You should be aware that the primary reason we achieved the decrease was because the Court felt that the original increase was unfair, although they believed the market values placed on the properties in the main were accurate within five percent. This could mean another sizable increase in 1994 assessments. There were a number of adjustments based on low well outputs, inadequate soil for septic installation, crumbling shacks and severe topographical problems regarding new construction or property redevelopment. I would strongly advise that you review your assessments carefully and be prepared to dispute your assessment next year, as it could provide meaningful savings to you. Also be aware that the assessment officers are going to complete a detailed analysis for all homes and properties in the Willis Point area as well as the Highlands in 1993, for the 1994 assessment. Remember, their mandate is to arrive at a fair market value, based on comparable sales in this area. It is unlikely we will have the same opportunity for group appeal in 1994.

For those of you who own non-waterfront property, we did not forget you. Originally, we applied for all Willis Point properties, but upon review of assessments and comparable land and property sales, it was not realistic to appeal these properties as the assessed values on land were, on the average, lower than comparable sales. We may have lost our case completely, as the Assessment Authority would not have supported these appeals.

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Hartland Landfill Compost Area Access

On March 10, 1993 I received an invitation to attend a meeting of the Environmental Committee of the CRD. This committee is the body responsible for the approvals for the Composting Plant and the road access. It was attended by Chair Diana Butler, CRD Director for our area, Dave Dalby, chair of the Prospect Lake Ratepayers Gary Mooney, and Engineering Department members, Mike Williams and Jim Giesbrecht.

Inasmuch as I attempted to press for the closure of the road, it appears we will not be successful in stopping the process. The Committee, however, is prepared to ensure proper safety measures, traffic control to and from the site, and improved appearance from the road (assuming this can be accomplished after all the trees are gone). I have been asked to sit with the Engineering department to assist in the process.

I have also written to Robin Blencoe, Minister of Municipal Affairs, apprising him of our feelings as well as our concerns about Saanich expanding their boundaries to include the Landfill site and that portion of Willis Point Road that services the site.

Copies of my brief on the meeting with CRD and my letter to Robin Blencoe are enclosed.

Dogs at Large

My wife and I were very distressed to find two local dogs feeding on a deer in our driveway, immediately at the entrance to our house. There was blood everywhere in the snow, and these two "lovable" domestic pets looked like the "Hounds of Baskerville", dripping with blood. The largest was a black Great Dane cross, and the smaller, a well known Border Collie, abandoned in the neighbourhood. The dogs spotted the fawn and chased it through our yard until they cornered it in the carport, breaking its leg, and then gutting it. CRD Animal Control removed the deer and the smaller dog that we were able to capture. The larger dog escaped, but apparently this dog has now been removed from the neighbourhood by the owners. The small dog was put down.

Animal Control reports that deer and wildlife attacks by dogs are not condoned in the Capital Regional District, and if caught are shot on site or put down. The owners are assessed a fine of \$200.00 but can be fined up to \$1,000.00. The CRD Animal Control have asked that all dogs at large be

reported to them, licensed or unlicensed dogs will be picked up, and the owners contacted and fined accordingly. They report this is not a small problem and are impatient with owners who fail to confine their dogs to their property. Dogs that have killed other animals cannot be cured of this habit, and present an ongoing threat to wildlife, other domestic pets and people. The CRD Animal Control have requested that the community report all stray dogs in the area, as well as ensure that our pets are confined to our property.

Casino Night

Fund raising continues for Willis Point with more Casino Nights planned for April 10th, and 11th, 1993. Money raised will be put into a fund to complete the playground and tennis court projects by the beginning of summer. Volunteers have been appointed for these nights, but we will need volunteers for completing the playground project.

Incorporation

I am exploring the advantages and disadvantages of incorporation. In order for Willis Point to plan and control its own destiny, it is important to be proactive and determine the best way to secure our future. Discussions have begun with Dave Dalby and a meeting will be arranged with Municipal Affairs to determine feasibility of incorporation. I will be contacting the Village Council of Lion's Bay to see if we might be able to follow their example. Apparently, they have the lowest tax base in the Province and their experience may apply to us. More on this as it develops.

CRD Parks/FAMA Lands

Vice-Chair Denise Tregear and Paul Williams represent Willis Point Rate-payers on the steering committee to establish a process for expanding the parkland area of the CRD Highlands, Saanich and Central Saanich. This committee comprises interest groups of all dimensions and beliefs and is led by a government appointed mediator.

If you require information or would like to have input, please contact Denise or Paul.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM in September will be addressing some key issues in the community. The bylaws will have to be amended to include a Dissolution Clause in order for us to continue to participate in Casino Nights, as a fund

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raiser for the community. There is also consideration being given for non-property owning residents to become Associate Members of the Ratepayers Association. The question will be as to whether these members, if allowed, will be given a franchise to vote and run for executive status. Resolutions will be made in order for you to vote on these important issues.

In addition, I hope to have information on the status of incorporation for Willis Point.

That is it for now. If you have any questions please call me at 652-6149.

BRIEF - HARTLAND COMPOSTING FACILITY

Meeting - CRD Environment Committee
524 Yates Street
Victoria
Wednesday March 10, 1993 3:30 PM

Chair: Diana Butler, Mayor of Oak Bay, in Frank Leonard's absence (Mr. Leonard declined to chair as he is also an Alderman for Saanich).
Dave Dalby, Director, CRD Board/Langford
Gary Mooney, Chair, Prospect Lake Ratepayers Council
Don Gorling, Acting Chair, WPRA
Mike Williams, Chief Engineer, CRD
Jim Giesbrecht, Engineer, CRD, Composting Project

Purpose: To review the road access issue, from Willis Point Road to the adjacent composting facility and to address the Willis Point concerns.

Background: CRD Board has approved the construction of a yard waste composting facility with access off Willis Point Road. The Willis Point community was advised of the intention and invited to a hearing on the matter in the fall of 1992. Correspondence was directed to Tony Boydell, chair of WPRA at the time. This correspondence was handed over to Don Gorling, Acting Chair, who presented it to the newly appointed WPRA executive. No further action took place until excavation equipment appeared at the site to build a temporary access road and clear the site. Since

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then, there have been two public hearings on the matter, and the attendees have indicated they do not want the road, but are willing to condone the compost facility. On approximately March 2, 1993 the CRD Environment Committee, the watchdog for the Hartland Landfill, asked the Chairs of WPRA and Prospect Lake to appear before this special committee, on March 10, 1993, to review the access issue.

Positions:

Ms. Butler was under the impression that Willis Point was mainly concerned about safety issues and a turning lane at the site.

Gary Mooney was under the same impression.

Dave Dalby was aware of the access issue, as was Mike Williams and Jim Giesbrecht.

Don Gorling stated the case that Willis Point was opposed to access off Willis Point Road and to the presence of compost carrying vehicles and garbage trucks on our primary access route to our homes, listing the principal concerns as outlined in Alison Cracknell's letter to Dave Dalby on March 5, 1993.

Gary Mooney spoke of the considerable issues that faced the residents of Prospect Lake and Hartland Road area, as well as the issues surrounding the formation of the Hartland Landfill as an Area Waste Management and Recycling Facility. The purpose of the history was to explain the many difficulties surrounding the location and expansion of the landfill functions, in both a practical sense and from the level of community politics. Gary's thesis appeared to be that the issue should be depoliticised, and for sharing in management of the landfill's role in the Capital Regional District. He felt that Willis Point was attempting to obstruct the planning process.

Don Gorling indicated that Willis Point was not interested in the landfill politics, but would prefer that the access to the composting facility remain at Hartland Road or be located somewhere away from the Mount Work Park area and the access to Willis Point.

Ms. Butler heard a great number of arguments from each participant and than asked to find some common ground surrounding Willis Point's concerns

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about traffic safety, congestion, emergency services, preservation of natural environment, location of scales, etc.

Mike Williams offered to work with Willis Point in trying to address and satisfy our concerns and asked for our input to seek a compromise. He specifically asked that the chair serve on his planning committee to work out satisfactory solutions.

Ms. Butler asked that this offer be thoughtfully considered and asked Gary Mooney to also participate, which he accepted.

Don Gorling indicated he would be interested in participating, but would consider alternate representation upon discussion with his Executive. Mr. Williams felt this would be acceptable.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:40PM.

Comments of the Chair

The meeting proved beneficial to the issue of the road access from the point of view that the CRD is willing to work with the WPRA to preserve safety and appearance to the road access area and the composting facility. It would appear, based on the amount of planning and approvals given, that to expect the CRD and Saanich representatives to cancel the road access program would not be a realistic expectation on our part. If interested parties from the Executive and the community want to pursue this issue further, however, I would expect them to contact me to express their viewpoint on how this might best be accomplished, while still maintaining Willis Point's credibility in the CRD and the surrounding communities, whose services we share.

I further would strongly recommend that Willis Point seriously consider incorporation with another municipality or to seek village status, in order to control our own destiny. At the present time we are included in the CRD and municipal meetings at the discretion of the involved parties. Incorporation will give us representation on the CRD Board, as a municipal member. It will also give us an opportunity to have a say in the structure of our tax base.

At the present time I have asked Dave Dalby to set a meeting with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to weigh the advantages of incorporation and to find monies for an incorporation study.

WPRA Executive Meeting, January 11, 1993

Present: Chair Don Gorling, Lois Lovo, Sydney and Charlie Bonner, Dave Carley, Connie McInnis, Denise Tregear, Alison Cracknell, Jill Stevens, Pat and Paul Williams.

Guest: Gordon Erlandson, coordinator of the FAMA Lands Advisory Planning Team.

Meeting called to order at 7:45PM

Gordon Erlandson gave an overview of the objectives of the planning team. A CRD land use study suggested using some of the FAMA land for park. Since it is too expensive to buy it outright it is hoped that the group can come up with recommendations that will be able to reconcile green space and development on the 1207 acres of land. At the moment development is approved in Saanich and Central Saanich for five and ten acre lots and in the Partridge Hills for thirty acre lots. Denise Tregear and Paul Williams are the representatives from Willis Point. Field trips are planned and Denise and Paul will keep the Executive informed and, as much as possible, the community. Alison Cracknell moved that we supply coffee and cover other reasonable expenses, ie. photocopying for information handouts. Seconded by Connie McInnis. Carried.

Old Business

Don Gorling moved that we call a Special General Meeting. Seconded by Jill Stevens. Carried. The first Monday in March is the suggested date. We will try to fill the empty Executive positions by election, have a presentation regarding the FAMA lands, and vote on possible Associate Membership.

- We will send a letter inviting a representative from the Fire and Recreation Commission to our meetings.
- The WPRA will host a Happy Hour in the near future. Alison Cracknell, Jill Stevens and Pat Williams will coordinate. We will invite the Fire and Recreation Commission and the Fire Department to co-host. We will try to break even financially.

New Business

- Assessment notices have gone up considerably. Charlie Bonner suggested a letter recording that we were not happy with the increases and mentioned that we do not get any of the usual services.
- Anyone sustaining damage in the power surge on December 5, 1992 should contact Charlie Bonner.

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- Dennis Powell, coordinator for school buses and parents of bussed children, would like a meeting to help resolve the continuing problems on the bus.

Pat Williams, Recording Secretary

WPRA Executive Meeting February 1, 1993

Present: Chair Don Gorling, Connie McInnis, Lois Lovo, Alan Cracknell, Sydney Bonner, Brian McCandless, Paul Williams, Jill Stevens, Alison Cracknell, Fuzz Cracknell, Pat Williams.

Meeting called to order at 7:40PM

Fire Department Report

Brian and Fuzz reported on new equipment and recent training. The 20,000 gallon water tank is being held for us. Erik Hoel is designing a foundation for it. The issue of parked cars blocking the road was raised again. Especially during snowy times there is little alternative but people should be aware that cars can be forcefully moved in an emergency. Full report attached.

Hartland Dump Access

Willis Point Road may be used by dump trucks to access the dump. The necessity of this was questioned. It was reported that the established roads were adequate, the grades on Willis Point Roads are high and there are many accidents on this road, especially in the cold months with black ice. Our fire department has limited resources to cope with the added problems that the initial 60 - 80 garbage trucks would bring. We decide to write a letter of protest to CRD saying we do not want dump trucks on Willis Point Road.

Minutes and Matters Arising out of the last Meeting

Users of the Hall are requested to remove any garbage they create. Every three or four months extra garbage is removed and the cost is covered by rental fees. It was requested that everyone please remove junk mail from the mailbox areas. Do not leave it in the Pennysaver box. It makes a big mess that your neighbours have to clean up. Alan Cracknell moved the minutes be adopted as correct. Seconded by Connie McInnis and carried.

Chair's Report

Don will send a letter to CRD regarding the transit levy. A letter was sent to

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the BC Assessment Authority regarding our assessments, especially on the waterfront. Don has collected 32 letters of complaint from waterfront owners questioning their assessments. Don will go to the Board of Revision to request a blanket reduction. A meeting with Denise Tregear and Paul Williams regarding the FAMA lands will be held on Monday February 8, 1993 at Don Gorling's. Information books are available. Please contact Denise (652-6893) or Paul (652-0223) if you would like input or information.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Cracknell reported \$226.70 in the general fund. The Pointer grant has not yet been received from the CRD. Alan moved to adopt the report correct. Seconded by Jill Stevens and carried.

Membership Report

No new members were reported.

Happy Hour, February 12, 1993

Details of the upcoming Happy Hour were discussed. We will try to keep costs as low as possible and not consider this a fund-raiser. It was decided to continue the tradition of honouring the outgoing president with a gift to be presented at the Special General Meeting.

Hall Security

The Hall has been entered several times and steps are being taken to prevent it happening again and to apprehend the culprits.

Sydney Bonner moved the meeting be adjourned at 10:50PM. Seconded by Alan Cracknell and carried.

Pat Williams, Recording Secretary

PAST EVENTS

NEW YEARS EVE 1992

NEW YEARS WAS A GREAT SUCCESS and we raised a total of \$50.00 for the fire department. Thank you to Gaybrielle and Bob Halsey, Karen and Bob Scott and Denise and Neil Tregear, who helped set up, picked up the keg and generally made our job easier.

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Thanks also go to the Chefs' Corner for a great meal and to Rob at T&T Sound for the music. With their generosity we were able to keep the cost of the tickets down considerably.

There were also many of you who showed up the next day to clean up. You know who you are, and I know that you know that I know who you are. **THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP!** It was much appreciated.

It took all of you to have a fabulous party and you sure know how to do it, and do it, and do it.

VERY BEST WISHES FOR 1993
Fuzz and Alison Cracknell

WPRA EXECUTIVE HAPPY HOUR

When the Executive sat down to discuss a community Happy Hour, our intention was to do it the way we used to. That meant having it on a Friday night, at 5 o'clock, with a family atmosphere. We did not plan on having a fund-raiser, so it was a bonus when we did make money!

To have a successful Happy Hour all you need are a great bunch of people having fun with their neighbours, and we sure had that. Thank you to all who turned up, and for the efforts of many people who helped out. A special thanks to Dean Hyland, Pat Cracknell, Arwen and Paul Williams, and Charlie and Sydney Bonner, not to mention all the kids who helped clear tables. These people are not on the Executive, but they all contributed greatly.

A report has been made on the details of hosting a Happy Hour. This is on file with the secretary and will make it easier for anyone to put on a Happy Hour. These notes outline a breakdown of costs, prices, where to purchase food and liquor. So - if you want to have some fun - go for it - you can use our information. Thanks again - we hope you're getting warmed up for a fabulous summer.

Willis Point Ratepayers
Association Executive

FIRE FIGHTER

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Fire Department Report

Since our last meeting the department has purchased some new equipment and undergone some more training.

Training

After an 8 day course the WPVFD now has two first Responder Instructors, Sheila Sinnott and Fuzz Cracknell. The Department can now proceed with training personnel to a "First Responder" level II or III. The First Responder Course is an emergency response first aid program designed especially for police and fire departments by the provincial government and Justice Institute. Within the next couple of months we hope to have all firefighters undergo a CPR course as well as the First Responder Course. Time and materials permitting, we hope to involve the community in CPR training and if there is enough interest, a standard First Aid Course.

New Equipment

We have recently purchased two new complete SCBA units, as well as two slightly used units and four spare air tanks. This now gives the Fire Department eight on-line air tanks.

Some new rescue equipment has been purchased for fire truck 103 including some pry-bars, saw blades, flashlights and extension cords.

A new radio has also been purchased, giving the department four portables in operation. One radio for the Incident Commander, one for the lead attack team (safety), one spare for whatever the Incident Commander sees fit, and one for truck 102 which does not have a radio of its own.

The 20,000 gallon water tank is being held for us and it is just a question of when we get it here. Cost of building the base and transporting ranges from \$2,500 - \$3,000 depending on assistance we receive from the transport company. Cost does not include volunteer labour that will be used to build from the structural plans which were designed by Erik Hoel. In a community sense, the over 20,000 gallons will be a real coup.

Concern has been raised by some members of the Fire Department regarding parking on the roadside during snowfalls. The highway grader went off the road on Mark Lane and has decided that he will not plow there anymore. Some areas get quite congested by vehicles and leave barely enough room for

a pick-up truck to get through, much less a fire truck. We recognize that it is a problem for some people to park well off the road during snowfall without having to walk for 1/2 mile or so, but we also know that in the event of an emergency call our response time may be delayed by having to move vehicles not to mention the considerable danger of our trucks sliding off the road over the embankment. We do not know if there is a solution, but I just had to air our concerns.

Firefighter News

Well, summer seems to be just around the corner. Yard cleanup and planting noises fill the air. But with the cleanup comes refuse that you might want to burn. Before you do please contact your friendly neighbourhood fire fighter for suggestions and a **BURNING PERMIT**.

A special congratulations to Fuzz Cracknell and Sheila Sinnot for taking part in, and coming in top in, their class at the First Responder Instructor training course, put on by the Fire College at the Justice Institute. In April and May they will be training our firefighters as First Responders up to the standards set by the Workers Compensation Board and the British Columbia Ambulance Service.

Congratulations are also in order to nearly the entire fire department for passing the CPR course put on by Fuzz Cracknell. Thanks Fuzz!

The department was called out to a vehicle accident at the south end of Mark Lane. The driver was treated and taken to the hospital by the ambulance service.


This particular call brought up a potential problem. Although it is nice to be able to call up your friendly fire fighters if you have a problem, this does put them in an awkward position if something should go wrong. For instance it will take added time to roll emergency equipment. The time lost may be critical to the victim in case of an accident or medical emergency, or in case of a fire. Please use the deluxe system and **CALL 911**. You pay for the system, and the fire department would rather respond to a minor call than have to deal with an escalating situation.

Our wishes go out to Dave Carley on his recent operation. Get well soon Dave!

Bill Wright
Captain

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Robin Blencoe,
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Dear Mr. Blencoe

I have been asked by the Willis Point Ratepayers Association to write you in consideration of the following matters.

1. Application by the Municipality of Saanich to expand their boundaries to include the Hartland landfill, recycling and composting area.

2. The CRD Parks proposal to expand the parkland area in the Highlands Partridge Hills, Central Saanich and Saanich areas to include the Fama lands and First National Properties.

3. The continuing intrusion of the Hartland landfill site into neighbouring communities, particularly the access to the proposed composting site from Willis Point Road.

4. Application from Willis Point to have a feasibility study conducted to determine the benefits of incorporation and recommendations to achieve status.

1. The WPRA respectfully requests that a decision to expand the Saanich Municipal Boundaries to include the Hartland Landfill area be tabled until such time as a land use study, the CRD/ Fama lands review and an Incorporation feasibility study for Willis Point and the Partridge Hills be completed. Willis Point is concerned that Saanich's proposed expansion could very well deprive this area of autonomy and depreciate our ability to bring municipal services and value-add to this area.

2. The Willis Point Ratepayers Association is upset and opposed to the CRD's decision to access the proposed compost site from Willis Point Road when the current Hartland Road access suffices, particularly when the engineering department's proposal includes an interior access from Hartland Road to the compost site. This turns Willis point Road into a "garbage connector road" with the presence of additional compost carrying vehicles and the potential for garbage trucks in our area. Saanich Municipality's plan will include acquisition of this segment of road and eliminate Willis Point and the Highland's from exercising any influence on the road and its functions. Furthermore the Willis Point Road serves not only as our community's primary access, but serves as an access to Mount Work Park and the proposed CRD/ FAMA lands parkland expansion. Can you imagine the public's reaction to garbage truck's blocking access to parkland? Can you imagine garbage dumped along the side of the road in a parkland and residential area because someone did not get to the dump on time? It's happening! In addition the road will have a substantial increase in traffic- a proposed 80 trucks a day and we have school buses travelling along the road as well, which can be endangered by turning vehicles as well. This will also require additional emergency services and maintenance as well.

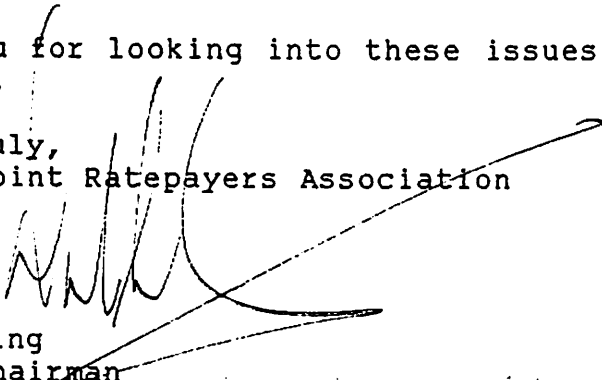
3. The WPRA requests that the CRD Parks proposal be completed before Saanich Municipality's boundaries be changed. This proposal is being reviewed by a mediation commission, including 26 area representatives to develop a process to implement a land use plan for parkland and residential development for the Highlands/Willis Point areas, Saanich and Central Saanich. It doesn't make sense for Saanich to be out of concert with this proposal by changing boundaries at this time.

4. The WPRA has advised Dave Dalby, our CRD representative, to explore the benefits of incorporation and the availability of monies and resources to complete a study for the Willis Point area. We have asked him to set a meeting with you to discuss our objectives. We would appreciate a timely response on this, as it impacts all the above considerations.

We respectfully request that the above programs be given priority before any further decisions are made to expand Saanich Municipality's boundaries and CRD's Hartland Landfill site into the neighbouring areas.

Thank you for looking into these issues. We look forward to your response.

Yours truly,
Willis Point Ratepayers Association



Don Gorling
Acting Chairman

cc. Dave Dalby, Director, CRD, Langford
Frank Leonard, Chairman, CRD
Willis Point Ratepayers Association Executive