



the POINTER



DECEMBER 1993

to the POINT

Christmas is upon us, for me even more suddenly than usually because of Tony's operation. He is doing much better now, and I have some spare hours, to rush the Christmas edition of the Pointer out, just in the nick of time. I wish you all a warm and happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Bernadette Boydell
Editor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WILLIS POINT KID'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

WHEN: December 19, 1993 5 PM

WHERE: Willis Point Fire Hall

WHAT: Entertainment
Christmas Carols
Pot Luck Supper

BRING: Your Own Dishes And Cutlery etc. And A
Favorite Dish To Share

SPECIAL GUEST: Santa Clause

INFORMATION: Call Joan at 652-3254

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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HO-HO-HO CHRISTMAS EXTENSION TILL JANUARY 31, 1994

DUE TO EVERYONE'S CHRISTMAS PLANS THE SIGN UP OF THE WPCA HAS BEEN EXTENDED.

REGISTRATION FOR THE WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION IS ON GOING. MEMBERSHIP IN THE WPRA IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO THE WPCA. PLEASE COME AND SIGN UP.

IF YOU SIGN UP BEFORE JANUARY 31, 1994, YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS FREE. AFTER THAT DATE THE MEMBERSHIP FEE IS \$5.00 PER PERSON. PLEASE COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM BELOW AND SUBMIT TO:

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ADDRESS: _____

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NAME: _____

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PHONE # _____ ALTERNATE # _____

COMMENTS:

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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The Willis Point Community Association, Executive

Chair:	Don Gorling	652-6149
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:	Connie McInnis	652-0037
Member-at-Large:	Kathy Ilott	652-6033
Member-at-Large:	Linda Gary	652-9230
Fire and Rec. Rep:	Clive Farmer	652-1215

Willis Point Executive Meeting Schedule to be announced

Next Meeting is on January 10, 1994

Other Key Willis Point Contacts

Aerobics Instructor:	Katie Cotter	652-2039
FAMA Acquisition:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Fire Chief:	Vern McConnell	652-2996
Fire Committee/Recreation Commission - Chair:	Gary Butchart	652-1731
Hall Custodian:	Sydney Bonner	652-1588
Hartland Surplus Lands Development:	Pat Williams	652-0223
Pointer - Editor:	Bernadette Boydell	652-5032
Road Maintenance Liaison:	Connie McInnis	652-5584
School Board and School Bus Liaison:	Denise Tregear	652-6893
Tennis & Playground Committee	Gaybrielle Halsey	652-4195

WPRA ANNUAL GENERAL Meeting

SEPTEMBER 27, 1993

Minutes

Present: Approximately 46 people.

Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the previous AGM were adopted correct as read by Vern McConnell, seconded by Pat Cracknell. Carried.

Chair's Report

Don Gorling presented past Chair, Tony Boydell, with a Pewter Mug in recognition of his term in the Chair. Don also commended the many people in the community who volunteer their services for the community: Gaybrielle and Bob Halsey and Karen and Bob Scott for their work on the tennis court and playground and initiating the casino fund-raisers; Denise Tregear and Paul Williams for negotiating on the Tod Inlet Advisory Planning Committee regarding the FAMA property; Alison Cracknell for coordinating the Emergency Preparedness effort and information liaison with the CRD regarding the Hartland Landfill; Alan Cracknell, Lois Lovo and Pat Williams for constitutional review; Bernadette Boydell for editing the Pointer; Sydney Bonner and Beth Twamley for hall maintenance; and Gary and Annabelle Butchart, Tony Boydell, Bob and Gaybrielle Halsey and Bob and Karen Scott for organizing the Hilltopper.

Don Gorling noted that there have been incidents of vandalism in the neighbourhood and information on the Neighbourhood Watch program was being distributed in the September Pointer. Please report any unusual activity or vandalism to the RCMP. Don also reminded everyone that dogs should not be at large and are the responsibility of the owner.

The year 1992-1993 saw executive meetings change from four per year to one per month as a variety of topics were dealt with, including constitutional reform, future of the FAMA property, tax hikes, phase one of the playground and casino nights. A volunteer for the Quiet Lane project has not surfaced. We will be investigating our options for community government ie. incorporation or village status etc. during the coming year. We will be considering an office area in the hall and equipment for it as well as reorganizing the kitchen and bar area. We will be investigating the possibility of expanding our land around the Hall and perhaps an expansion of the Pointer as well as assembling a proper archive.

WPRA

Minutes continued

Tennis Court and Playground Report

Bob Halsey reported that the Tennis Court is basically finished. A backboard will be erected and funding is in place for it. The first phase of the playground is completed. A log and chain jungle gym will be added in the Spring 1994. Retaining walls and landscaping will be done around the tennis court area. The money to complete these projects is available.

Ken Leighton reported eleven members in the Willis Point Tennis Club play four times a week.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Cracknell noted that the tennis court audit is complete and the \$5,000 from GO BC will be forthcoming. He presented statements of all accounts and moved that they be adopted as correct. Seconded by Clive Farmer. Carried.

Fire Department Report

Chief, Vern McConnell reported that the department had responded to six emergency calls so far in 1993, all of them were medical emergencies. During the last year our firefighters have taken on "First Responder" training and two members are now qualified instructors and examiners. We also have six level III responders and four level II responders.

Water for fire fighting is an important consideration at Willis Point. The community has been offered free a 20,000 gallon water tank, 13 feet in diameter, 30 feet high. It will be placed horizontally on the hill behind the playground, allowing gravity feed and keeping it mostly out of sight. The water is not drinkable and can not be used for such in emergencies.

Ken Ilott invited everyone to the Fire Department Open House on October 4, featuring a pancake breakfast and firefighting demonstrations.

The Fire Chief reminds all of us to park well off the road to allow for emergency vehicle access.

The fire department sponsors a baseball team which this year won the championship in its league. Congratulations!!!!

Please be careful with your fires and contact the department for your required fire permits.

WPRA

Minutes continued

Elections

Don Gorling was elected to the chair for a one year term, by acclamation. Denise Tregear elected to a two year term as vice-chair, by acclamation.. Lois Lovo elected to a two year term as corresponding secretary, by acclamation. Kathy Ilott was elected to a two year term as member at large, by secret ballot. Linda Gary was elected to a one year term as member at large, by acclamation. Connie McInnis moved to destroy the ballots. Seconded by Clive Farmer. Carried.

Other Business

The gutters on the Hall need to be fixed and snow points should be put on the roof to help the snow load fall off without taking the new gutters with them.

A new vacuum cleaner is needed for the Hall. Please clean up the Hall after you use it and put things away in the cupboards.

The yellow line will be painted on the road by the second week in October. Please call Connie McInnis with any concerns regarding the road. The CRD compost facility is going ahead and there is mud on the road. Don Gorling will get in touch with the contractors to clean it up. A turning lane off Willis Point Road is needed for the compost area.

Many people speed on Willis Point Road and Mark Lane. Please slow down and be careful. A notice will be put in the Pointer about this and we will investigate putting up more speed limit signs.

Please take home your junk mail from the mail box areas. Do not leave it for others to clean up. We will have the Pennysaver box at Mark Lane removed so people can't put junk in it.

Discussion about the how the Fire Committee and Recreation Commission members are chosen brought the following answers. Dave Dalby is the only elected member. Others are appointed by Bill Jordan of the CRD on the recommendation of the existing members. The Fire chief sits on the committee but is not a member. Kathy Ilott will investigate the relationship of the WPRA and the Fire Committee and Recreation Commission.

Brian Dallon moved to adjourn the AGM. Seconded by Vern McConnell. Carried.

WPRA

Minutes continued

The Special General Meeting was then convened. The proposed new constitution was examined by those present during a question period. It was decided to vote with a show of hands rather than secret ballot. Yes votes were 34, no votes 1. The new constitution passed to create the Willis Point Community Association. If you wish to join the organization, please contact Connie McInnis before December 31, 1993 for free initial membership, or for a cost of \$ 5 in the new year.

Vern McConnell moved to adjourn the Special General Meeting. Seconded by Bob Scott. Carried.

Pat Williams
Recording Secretary

WPCA *Executive Meeting, November 1, 1993*

Minutes

Present: Chair: Denise Tregear, Kathy Ilott, Alan Cracknell, Lois Lovo, Don Gorling and Pat Williams.

Guests: Larry West, candidate for CRD Director and his associate Dave Carter.

The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted correct as read by Alan Cracknell. Seconded by Lois Lovo. Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Alan Cracknell reported that \$5,000 has been put into a GIC. The general fund has \$4,706 plus \$5,000 on deposit. The playground fund has \$1,775 and the gaming fund has \$8,639. The accounting for the Happy Hour was not complete but it looks like there was a loss. Alan suggested that one of the executive take the "Serving It Right" course. Kathy Ilott agreed to take the course. Kathy moved the treasurer's report correct as read. Seconded by Denise Tregear. Carried.

Guests: Larry West a candidate for CRD director outlined his platform and we expressed our concerns about issues affecting our area.

WPRA

Minutes continued

Old Business

Our new name and bylaw have been submitted to the Registrar of Societies. We will apply for a casino under the auspices of WPCA. The Hall needs a new vacuum cleaner and Dave Carley will see to this. Kathy Ilott will do a Hall survey to see what needs to be attended to. Pat Williams will be the liaison for dump issues. When the municipal elections are over we will find out what is happening with the advisory planning committee.

New Business

There will be a notice in the Pointer reminding residents that registration for the new WPCA is ongoing. Membership in the WPRA is not transferred. People must register before December 31, 1993 to receive a free membership. Membership after that is \$5 PER PERSON. Call Connie McInnis to register.

The St. John's Ambulance cheque will be returned.

Don Gorling had attended the Willis Point Fire Protection Committee and Recreation Commission (FPCRC) meeting earlier in the evening and brought us a report. In future Clive Farmer will liaise between the FPCRC and WPCA. The FPCRC is not a political but rather an administrative body, the direct representative of the CRD in our area. It is responsible for the budget which must be approved by CRD. Members are Gary Butchart (Chair), Tony Boydell, Dave Carley, Clive Farmer, Bob Halsey, Bob Scott and Pat Sloan. Dave Dalby, our current CRD director is a member. Our Fire Chief sits on the committee for advice but is not a member. All Hall purchases, renovation requests, tree cutting problems and other decisions affecting the community should be referred to the commission. The minimum requirement is that the commission meet once a year and the annual budget is presented by November 30 each year.

Next WPCA meeting Monday December 13, 1993, at the Hall

The meeting adjourned at 10 PM.

Pat Williams
Recording Secretary

THE WILLIS POINT
FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Christmas and New Year

WPCA

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Notes from the Chair:

SEASON'S GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AT WILLIS POINT!!!

Please find included correspondence between Darlene Mazari, Minister of Municipal Affairs and myself, as well as a newspaper clipping about the incorporation issue facing Willis Point over the next year. Please watch for more items in the next year's issues of the Pointer.

Willis Point won't be allowed to form municipality

By Bill Cleverley
Times-Colonist staff

Willis Point residents will not be able to form their own municipality, says outgoing Langford regional director Dave Dalby.

Dalby has received notification from Municipal Affairs Minister Darlene Marzari that the community, severed from Langford when the latter voted to incorporate a year ago, will be given the options of either joining Central Saanich or Saanich, but will not be allowed to stand on its own as a municipality.

Dalby, who is not a supporter of creating a maze of small municipalities within the Capital Region, said the decision probably makes sense. However, he said Willis Point probably has the same tax base as Highlands, which has been granted municipal status.

But Willis Point Ratepayers Association president Don Gorling said Monday ruling out stand-alone incorporation for Willis Point is premature.

Rejection premature says ratepayers' rep

He said he wrote to Municipal Affairs about 10 days ago asking Willis Point be considered for incorporation but hadn't indicated whether it was to have been on a stand-alone basis.

"What I really wanted to do was to discuss this with the ministry and find out more or less what the guidelines were in going as a stand-alone municipality," Gorling said.

"I think basically it's the way we would like to do it here because we seem to be somewhat isolated, but on the other hand we don't have a large population base. So there's some questions that arise from that."

He said there are several issues in the region that should be addressed before incorporation is ruled out.

"Saanich is planning on annexing the Hartland landfill and I think we have some concerns about them going through boundary extensions while our incorporation status is still unsolved. We'd have to draw new boundary lines and we'd have to determine just how far our own area would extend."

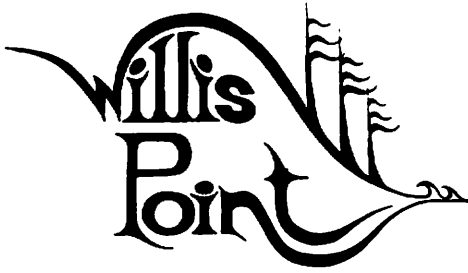
He also said the new council in Central Saanich may be more open to "controlled development" which could lead to a density for parkland swap with Vancouver-based FAMA Holdings, which holds a large tract of land near Willis Point.

"With those changes in personnel and the changes in attitude, we may be able to negotiate more parkland for the entire area if we're willing to agree to some controlled development. And there seems to be a feeling here in Willis Point that we would favor that."

Meanwhile, Dalby said no decision has been made about Happy Valley, also severed from the Langford boundaries.



■ DALBY: decision makes sense



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Dear Ms. Marzari

Thank you for your response to my earlier letters. Willis Point is interested in proceeding with incorporation. I would still like to see a summary of guidelines for incorporation, be it for village status or municipal status. If your office could provide me with information, I would like to have it for review. Our community is anxious to determine its best position relative to taxation, services and future development.

In order for you to develop a bit of "flavour" for our community, I would like to extend an invitation to you to attend our annual Children's Christmas Party at the Willis Point Community Hall, on Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Entertainment will be provided by the children. A potluck dinner will be served. We have also invited the Honourable Andrew Petter, MLA for a presentation recognizing a grant for our new tennis court and children's playground. Family members are welcome.

By the way, it appears our former Regional Director, Dave Dalby, preempted my response to your letter. I've enclosed a copy for your perusal. I look forward to meeting you in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

Don Gorling, Chair



November 8, 1993

Don Gorling
Acting Chair
Willis Point Ratepayer's Association
6933 Willis Point Road
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Victoria, British Columbia
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Dear Don Gorling:

Thank you for your letter dated March 11, 1993 addressed to my predecessor, the Honourable Robin Blencoe, regarding issues of concern to the Willis Point Ratepayer's Association (WPRA). I apologize for the delay in responding but the ministry has now fully considered the matter in the broader context of local government restructure for the area.

You raise a number of points that I will address separately. First, the WPRA requests that a proposed boundary extension from the District of Saanich be tabled until a land use study, the CRD/Fama land review and an incorporation feasibility study are completed. The District of Saanich has submitted a boundary extension to include the Hartland Landfill properties within its boundaries. I have indicated to the municipality that I am prepared to consider their proposal and my Ministry is presently reviewing the submission. I note your concerns but I feel that it is not necessary to table the District's boundary extension proposal until the other studies are completed.

Second, the WPRA expresses concern about the Capital Regional District's (CRD) decision to use Willis Point Road to access its compost site from the Hartland Landfill. However, Willis Point Road is a public road and the CRD decision is one over which I have no jurisdiction.

Third, you request that the CRD Parks proposal be completed before the District of Saanich's boundaries be changed. The Hartland Landfill is owned and operated by the CRD and would continue to be so in the case of a municipal boundary extension into the area. Similarly, any decision with regard to the transfer of Hartland

Don Gorling
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Surplus lands to parkland would be made by the CRD, not the local government whose boundary encompasses these lands. I do not believe that the District of Saanich's proposal has any bearing on the CRD Parks proposal.

Fourth, the WPRA requests approval and funding for an incorporation study for the Willis Point area. I do believe there may be many benefits to municipalization and I would be prepared to support an examination of options for your community to join an adjacent municipality. This study could potentially consider the options of joining the District of Saanich or the District of Central Saanich. In addition, with the recent decision of residents of the Highlands to incorporate as a municipality, it is potentially an option to join the Highlands. Any such process of study would have to be done with the agreement and involvement of the municipalities involved. However, I am not willing to sanction any process of study to consider the creation of an independent Willis Point municipality.

Again, thank you for your letter. I appreciate hearing from your Association on these matters.

Sincerely,



Darlene Marzari
Minister

cc: Honourable Andrew Petter, MLA Saanich South
Frank Leonard, Chair, Capital Regional District
His Worship Mayor Murray Coell, District of Saanich
His Worship Mayor Ted Jones, District of Central Saanich
Dave Dalby, Langford Electoral Area Director
Capital Regional District

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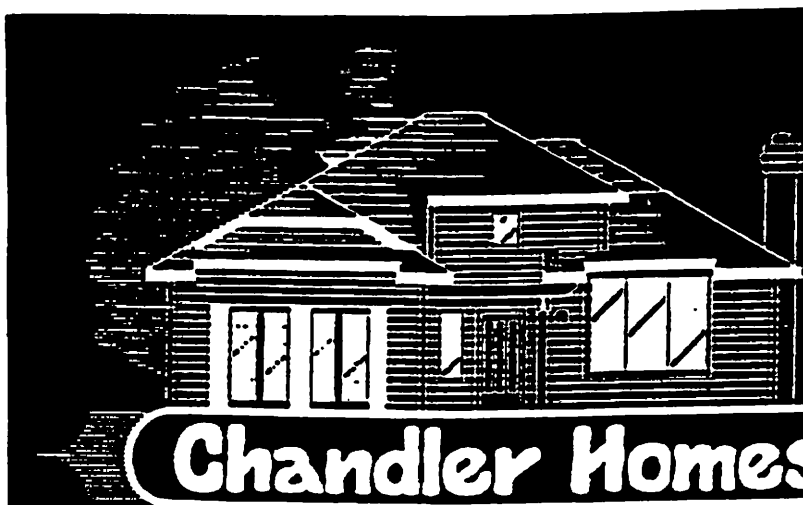
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