

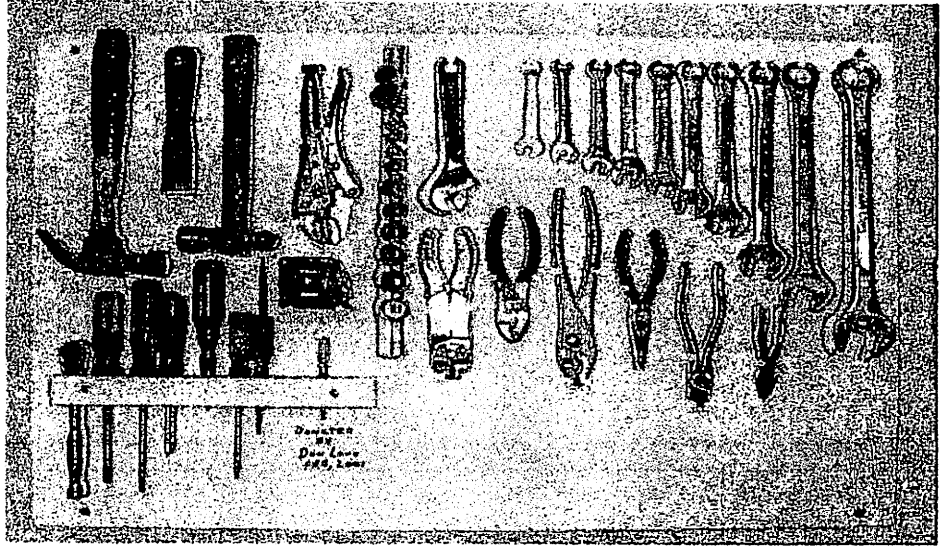


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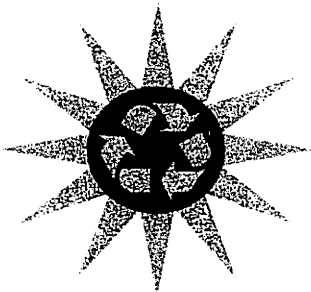
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Thanks Don Lovo!

A huge thank you to Don Lovo for the tool kit (seen above) that he recently put together and donated to the Willis Point Fire Dept. Don has over the years donated a lot of time and expertise helping to make the department run smoothly. The dept. often calls on community members to help out in their fields of expertise. A volunteer fire department relies on community spirited people like Don and others to be effective. Also many thanks to Neil Cunningham for his efforts recently doing some electrical repairs in the firehall. We appreciate you all very much.

Dean Hyland, Deputy Chief W.P.V.F.D



Calling all Baseball Players!



The Willis Point Fire Dept. is no longer sponsoring the baseball team, so we are making it a community team, playing in the fire dept. league. We are applying to the community assoc. for funding (\$100 start-up). We always need players, especially girls. Interest/questions call Vanessa Funnell @ 652-4195.

To The Point



I don't know about you but I didn't realize that the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department was trying to raise money for an Automated External Defibrillator. This is a very important life saving piece of medical emergency equipment. One of my neighbours was telling me that she figured out that if every household at Willis Point donated \$75 they would have enough for the A.E.D.

I put the challenge out there to all Pointers to donate \$75 to our valued W.P.V.F.D.

WATER? The CRD have been giving us some pretty depressing news about the water situation to come this summer. No one can predict if it will rain enough or not but there are certainly a lot of things we can do now to make sure we, as well as our neighbours have enough water for the summer.

For me its no annuals or deck plants this year, as many are in pots and dry out quickly. I have acquired a 45 gallon drum to collect the rain for my veggies, and we have started our own water conservation program.

I have received much good advice from my older relatives over the years and thought I would share a little ditty my wonderful aunt from the prairies taught me about toilet water consumption many years ago.

*If its yellow let it mellow,
If its brown flush it down*

Have a great summer!

Donna Dow, *editor*

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NOTE: The "DEAR BLABBY" column is a regular feature of the Pointer. The writer, a professionally qualified know-it-all who chooses to remain anonymous, uses a tongue-in-cheek approach to problem-solving. Readers, therefore, should view advice with skepticism and must assume responsibility for all associated risks and outcomes. We hope, however, you will have a laugh or two along the way!!

If you have a problem that you would like Blabby to address, please forward it to the Pointer Editor. Blabby will select a letter or two for each issue. Submissions from readers of all ages are welcome.

Dear Blabby,

I have a problem which I know only you can solve (and possibly even save my marriage, not to mention my sanity!)

By Willis Point standards, I am a relative newcomer. However, in the ten years we have lived here, my husband has yet to finish building our dream house. I am really tired of mould in the basement and the pink insulation decor in our bedroom (although the yellow in the kitchen is quite fetching), weary of tripping over non-functional tools, and fed up with the carport full of junk and dead vehicles. It is particularly embarrassing when guests have to walk the plank to get to the front door (and sometimes fall off it on the way out)! My dreams are of elegant Martha Stewart living; my husband's dreams seem to be of beer and the remote control.

What can I do? I cannot believe anyone else at Willis Point lives like this.

Sincerely, Unfinished

Dear Unfinished,

You have asked for much, especially from one who is also "unfinished". I'm not sure I can save your marriage (are you sure you want to?), but here are some suggestions that might help you retain sanity.

1. Do not feel sorry for yourself. There is a bright side. Look around. To be a true Willis Pointer, you must have at least part of your house unfinished, and something in your yard or driveway that does not belong there. Blue tarps covering various objects also qualify. Finally you belong.
2. Send your husband on a vacation. He could tour various breweries; that should keep him away long enough for you to have a garage sale and hire contractors to finish your house.
3. Grow mushrooms in your basement. You can then write off utilities and taxes as a business expense.
4. You could fill the dead vehicles with dirt and plant flowers in them, or organic vegetables.
5. Send photos of the bedroom and kitchen to home design shows to get ideas for decorating with insulation. Draping floral prints or hanging hippy beads might work. Lime green or lavender would complement your color scheme.
6. Throw a party with a nautical theme. Walking the plank would be part of the fun. If you heartily spike the grog, no one will remember falling off on the way out!
7. When things seems to be too much, take a vacation...with me. I could stand one. Or with any one of several WP wives who are in a similar situation. Relax at a spa somewhere, or spend an afternoon at an Ikea showroom, where you can pretend to be Martha Stewart.

Happy finishing!!! Blabby

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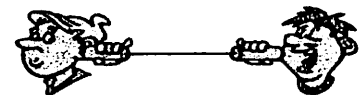
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The Willis Point Environment Commitee

Invites you to share
any ideas about conserving water
at Willis Point this summer.

Please call in your ideas to Margaret
at 652-3366 and we will compile a list
to be shared with the rest of the community
in the next Pointer!

One idea that has been shared by someone
who has lived through drought in California
is when you are having a shower, plug the
drain and save the water in the tub for wa-
tering plants. A little soap won't hurt your
plants in fact it will help keep small pests
like avids from devouring your plants.

We look forward to your ideas that could
help everyone in the community this summer.

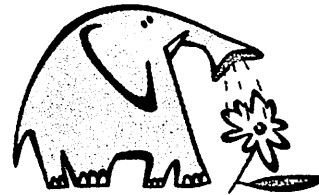
*Margaret Cornell, Chair of the Willis
Point Environmental Committee*



(from the CRD Highlights Newsletter)

Indoor Water Use in a Typical Home

Toilets:	28%
Showers & Baths	18%
Laundry & Dishes	23%
Cooking & Drinking	2%
Leaks	14%
Faucets	15%



TENNIS PLAYERS



As soon as the weather warms up , come out and meet your "Tennis" neighbours
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So we can inform you of start date



Willis Point Community Association Treasurer's Report August 31/2000

Balance August 31, 1999

Account #944017	7863.51	
GIC	23552.13	
Bar stock	234.15	
Petty cash	33.38	
		<hr/> 31683.17

Revenue

Interest	720.30	
Refund of A.P.C. expences	72.44	
A.G.M bar profit	750.00	
Dart nite bar profit	29.25	
Pointer advertising	671.85	
Christmas party bar profit	117.50	
Membership dues	198.00	
Race profit	45.00	
	1009.95	
		<hr/> 3614.20

Expences

Donation for WPVFD jackets	1436.40	
AG.M. barbecue	88.22	
1999 race expences (carryover)	26.38	
Community award engraving	8.56	
WPVFD fireworks donation	400.00	
Christmas party donation	350.00	
Pointer printing	160.96	
M.R.C. expences	171.78	
Community signs material	558.31	
Minister of Finance report	25.00	
Community plan-Levin Key invoice	3500.00	
Back stop construction	1712.00	
Postage	4.33	9038.66
	<hr/> (5424.37)	26258.80

Balance August 31, 2000

Account #944017	1282.03	
GIC	24252.87	
Bar stock	412.35	
Petty cash	311.55	
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Respectfully submitted,
David H. Carley



**Thanks to the Willis Point Community Association and all
who contributed to raising money for the community in the past year.**

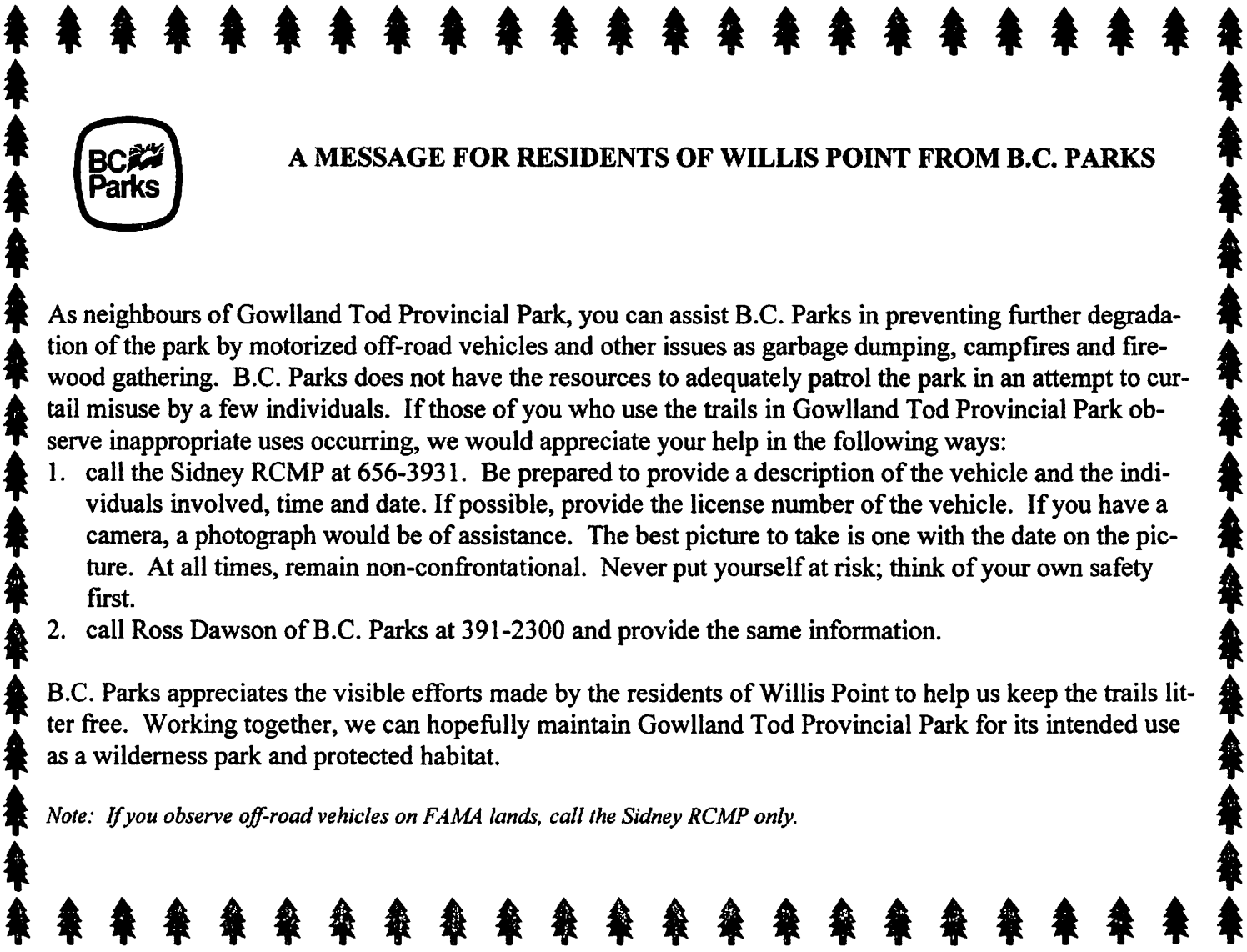
NOTE: Report requested from Willis Point Fire and Recreation Committee - not submitted



Welcome New Members of the Willis Point Community Association

Don and Audry Robin from Surrey B.C. - Don works part time for Zentra Computer Technology in Burnaby. Their hobbies are hiking and gardening.

Correction from last report- Arin and Jeanne Puritch on Sea Aira Heights have a young daughter named Katis.



A MESSAGE FOR RESIDENTS OF WILLIS POINT FROM B.C. PARKS

As neighbours of Gowlland Tod Provincial Park, you can assist B.C. Parks in preventing further degradation of the park by motorized off-road vehicles and other issues as garbage dumping, campfires and firewood gathering. B.C. Parks does not have the resources to adequately patrol the park in an attempt to curtail misuse by a few individuals. If those of you who use the trails in Gowlland Tod Provincial Park observe inappropriate uses occurring, we would appreciate your help in the following ways:

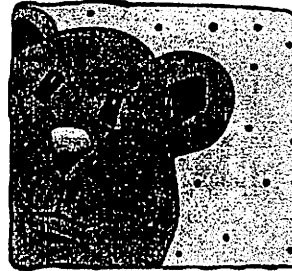
1. call the Sidney RCMP at 656-3931. Be prepared to provide a description of the vehicle and the individuals involved, time and date. If possible, provide the license number of the vehicle. If you have a camera, a photograph would be of assistance. The best picture to take is one with the date on the picture. At all times, remain non-confrontational. Never put yourself at risk; think of your own safety first.
2. call Ross Dawson of B.C. Parks at 391-2300 and provide the same information.

B.C. Parks appreciates the visible efforts made by the residents of Willis Point to help us keep the trails litter free. Working together, we can hopefully maintain Gowlland Tod Provincial Park for its intended use as a wilderness park and protected habitat.

Note: If you observe off-road vehicles on FAMA lands, call the Sidney RCMP only.

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CRD Land Use Committee "B" of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area

DATE: APRIL 10/2001

TIME: 2:00PM

PLACE: WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY HALL

- 1 Juan de Fuca E.A. Public Consultation Policies
- 2 Community Planning Grant Proposal – E. Sooke OCP
- 3 Departmental Objectives – 2001-2005

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Letter To The Editor: The Hartland Carbuncle – Is It Necessary ?

As a resident of Willis Point for the past five years I have had occasion to observe and to research various aspects of the Hartland Landfill operation – several of which cause me considerable concern.

The technical work that has been completed by CRD's consultants is not one of the major concerns, nor are the day-to-day activities of the CRD employees and staff at the site. These people are doing their best to be good at the jobs assigned to them.

Hartland may have been a reasonable choice for a landfill site when Greater Victoria was a relatively small place and the natural basin at Heal Lake was available to dump refuse. Greater Victoria is now a large metropolis and growing. The natural basin has been filled such that there is now leakage. My concerns as an environmentalist and natural scientist are CRD's plans for a quarry to extend the life of the landfill and for the construction of an edifice of refuse and garbage on the slopes of Mount Work.

Several facts indicate past and on-going contamination by leachate onto the surface and into groundwater below the landfill. While CRD is doing the best that can possibly be done to mitigate these problems, the situation can only be expected to deteriorate with increased loading of garbage and disturbance of the bedrock by the blasting associated with the quarrying operation.

One of the EVS Consultants reports has documented heavy metal contamination from the Phase 1 landfill into Heal Creek, which drains from the north side of Hartland into Durrance Creek. While the zinc content of the sediment does exceed the Canada Soil Quality Guidelines, a few hundred or thousand parts per million zinc is not the immediate concern. The anomalous zinc does however demonstrate the potential for future problems. What is happening to more toxic elements such as cadmium, arsenic, molybdenum, lead, chromium and mercury - some of which are accumulating at Hartland as discarded battery waste.

Contamination is also indicated to be present on the south side of Hartland and has been documented by geophysical surveys that are part of a thesis research project at the University of Victoria co-supervised by Dr. Mel Best. This work has detected anomalously conductive zones at the south end of the landfill which are thought to represent plumes of conductive leachate draining southward towards Killarney Lake.

Apparently contamination of several domestic wells on Hartland road induced CRD to connect these houses to the Victoria water supply. I have also heard reports that one or more houses had to be bought by CRD because of gas seepage and contamination.

These documented and rumoured problems regarding leachate and gas contamination from the earlier and smaller dump hardly inspire confidence for an expanded landfill operation perched higher on Mount Work.

CRD's plans for ongoing activities at Hartland will almost certainly enhance the penetration of leachate into the groundwater of the Tod drainage system. The blasting of bedrock in the quarry will exacerbate fracturing below the quarry, increasing permeability, and accelerate the penetration of leachate into the substrata. Leachate which has penetrated the substrata will move under gravitational forces into the Tod Valley aquifer.

No one at this point can predict the potential extent of the contamination. What can be said is that if the groundwater is contaminated, it will inevitably emerge as springs which will contaminate Killarney Lake, Prospect Lake and the Tod Valley.

The Hartland site is an unfortunate choice for four reasons:

- 1) It is in the centre of some of the most important parkland in the area.
- 2) Mount Work receives some the largest amounts of rainfall in the south island, thus maximizing the capacity for leaching.
- 3) The Hartland dump sits on a mountain, again maximizing the potential for penetration of leachate into the substrata with resulting contamination of the surface and groundwater of Tod Valley, Tod Inlet and Saanich Inlet.
- 4) Hartland is at the intersection of major fault zones which could re-activate in the future. The south island is one of the most active seismic areas in Canada.

Most of the rest of the province utilizes Cache Creek in the B.C. interior as a landfill site – technically this is a much superior site because of its semi-arid climate which minimizes the potential for generation of leachate contamination. Duncan utilizes Cache Creek as its landfill destination and charges a tipping fee of \$80/t. CRD charges \$75/t at Hartland.

My questions are these: Given that there is a technically superior alternative to Hartland available at comparable cost, why do we continue to build this environmental time bomb at the "Northern Gateway to the Sea to Sea Greenbel"? Put differently, why aren't local residents and environmental groups lobbying to phase out Hartland before the blight becomes irreversible?

R.H. McMillan
2001/02/21

Ron McMillan. has been a resident of Willis Point for five years and is a geoscientist registered with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists in the Province of British Columbia and the Association of Professional Engineers of Ontario..



**"My ball went in the hole.
What shall I do now?"**

Golf Tournament

Plans are in the works by the **Willis Point Golf & Country Club** to sponsor a Fun Golf Tournament - **May 12th**- with proceeds from the event going to the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Dept. for an Automated External Defibrillator (A.E.D.)

At present, requests have been made of residents along Willis Point Rd. & Melody Place stretching from the Fire Hall down to the lower mail boxes to provide a tee-off point, rough-way, fair-way, green & hole or whatever is available. Holes #1, #18, and #19(watering hole) will be at the Fire Hall. (Please respond if contacted)

Lorne and Lynne Walker have been selected as "Official OFFICIALS" and will draw up the rules.

Some of the rules are:

- tournament open to 2 person teams
- only one club per team for entire course, club can be homemade
- a single numbered ball will be issued to each team at registration
- lost balls can be replaced at the cost of \$5 per ball
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Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department Fund Raiser

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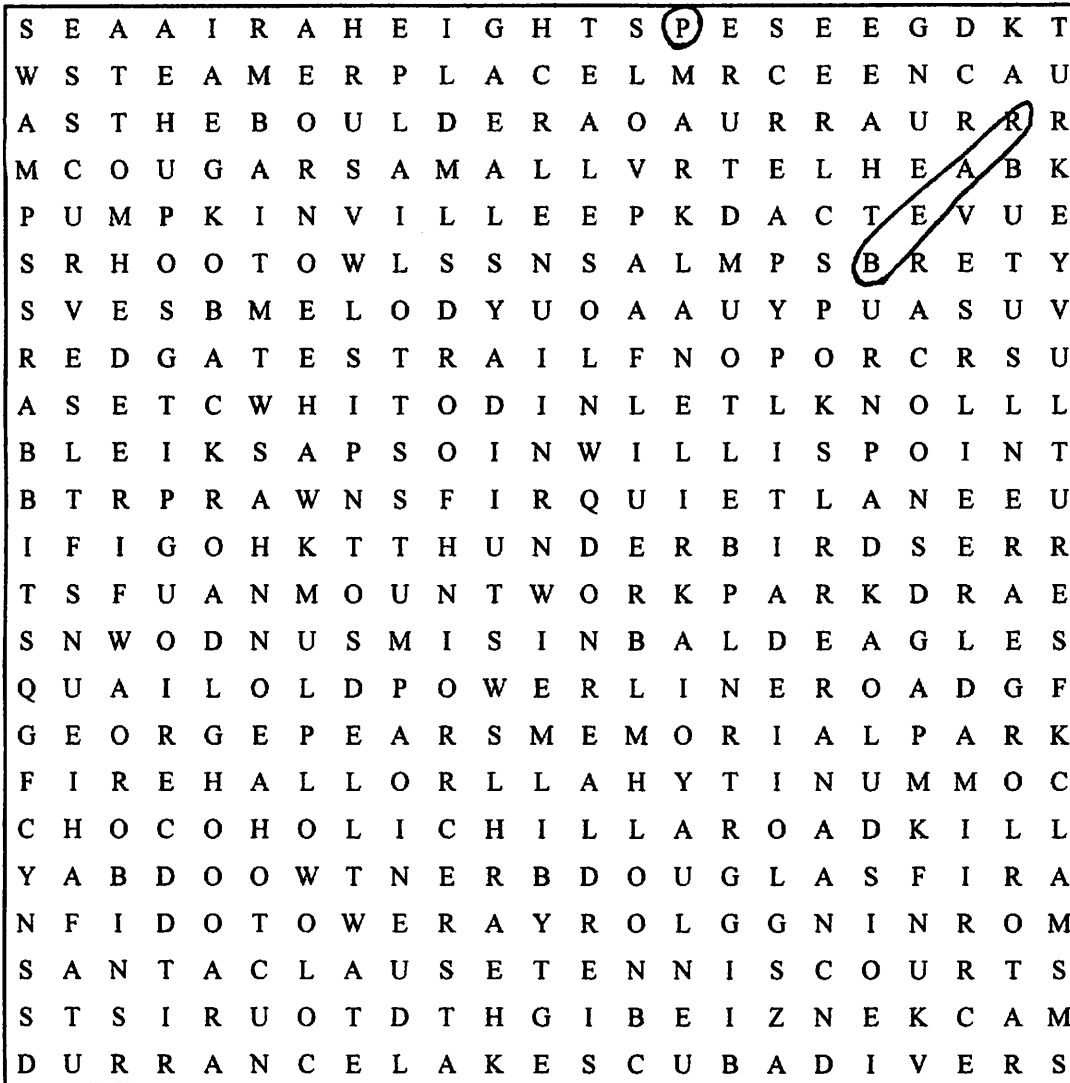
May 12th 2pm

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Willis Point Word Find



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- GEESE
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- QUAIL
- MOLES
- HAWK

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P _____

More Hidden Words
 GEORGEPEARSMEMORIALPARK
 RAVEN
 LLAMA

When you figure it out let me know

By Douglas Tennant,
Fire chief, Township of Severn Ont.

What is it about today's fire fighting that makes certain segments of the population volunteer to give up about 10-20 hours of their lives per month to join the average volunteer fire department? Is it the money, the prestige, a sense of belonging to something, the camaraderie, and the opportunities to apply and get on a full time fire department? Or is it a little of each of the above and a lot of just plain helping people?

When you figure it out please let me know.

So again, what is it about the Canadian volunteer fire service that still draws the average citizens to the ranks if less and less of the emergencies we attend involve fighting the ravages of FIRE?

When you figure it out please let me know.

I continue to be amazed that some people still cling to the belief that volunteer fire fighters only join the fire service to be able to go down to the hall for a beer or two with there buddies. So I have been thinking about it since then. What is it in the 21st century that still allows the Canadian volunteer fire service to carry on and be a thriving, evolving and successful entity that it is?

When you figure it out please let me know.

I don't have the answers to the question, perhaps some thoughts and ideas but no answers. The simple answer would be that we, fire fighters are a caring people and just plain and simple want to help others when their house is burning. But how can that be when so much of what we do is no longer even related to fighting fires?

What makes a volunteer fire- fighter respond at 3:00 a.m. to a shortness of breath call? What entices a fire fighter to continue to attend motor vehicle collisions and gain access for the paramedics to help save a life? I know it isn't for the money. It isn't because they are going to be on the 6o'clock news. Could it be because they want to save taxpayers the cost of hiring a full time fire fighter to do the same job?

When you figure it out please let me know.

In this age of health care funding cutbacks, reductions in services by governments at all levels and a creeping cynicism throughout our society towards any kind of good deeds being done by anyone. I truly would like to have a definitive answer to why the tens of thousands of Canadian volunteer fire fighters continue to do what they do.

I would like to think that the Canadian volunteer fire service is as healthy and vibrant as it is because for the overwhelming majority those who are already members it is the right thing to do.

When you figure it out please let me know.

This abridged article is from the " Fire Fighting in Canada" magazine.

Which brings up a point. What does the Willis Point Volunteer Fire Department mean to you? Would you save on your taxes? Would you save on your Insurance? Would help be there when you need it? Would the social event's in the community be as numerous or as colourful without the fire fighters and trucks?

What is the reason for the questions? Over the past year we have had a number of retirements, therefore the department is getting low on personnel, and if the department is to survive and flourish in our ever-changing environment we require your assistance. The department has had since its inception both men and women members. No experience is necessary we will train you to our department's standards. **Do not wait for some one else to step up. It is up to you. Join now.**

Bill Wright, Fire Chief

***Sidney Bonner Presenting the Mini Jaws of Life
To Bill Wright, Fire Chief Willis Point V.F.D.
Looking on is Derrick Harvey of
Wholesale Fire & Rescue***



Official Community Plan Update

The Planning Committee has suspended its meetings temporarily for three reasons: First, we have a new staff member, Ken Cossey, who needs some time to analyze our last draft and proposed revisions. Ken will give us his input at our next meeting, tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 23rd at 7:30 P.M. Second, newly applicable legislation requires formal adoption of procedures for public input into the planning process. These procedures are being drafted for consideration by the CRD Board. And third, a process is under way to replace two members of the Planning Committee, Sam Young and Bill Waite, both of whom deserve our thanks and appreciation for their many contributions to the planning process. The aim is to have the two new members appointed in time for the next meeting.

The Committee is committed to producing a draft which accurately reflects the will of the community. All meetings are open to Willis Pointers. Announcements will be posted.

Larry Resnick, Chair

Fire Fighter News

Since the last Pointer the department has been called out to three first responder medical calls and one motor vehicle accident. A good example of our training in action outside Willis Point is that of Brittany Tregear who was instrumental in saving the life of her team mate who after being stung by a wasp had a severe allergic reaction.

Along with a kind donation from the Bonner Family in memory of Charley Bonner who was one of the founding members of the fire department, we were able to acquire a new set of the Mini Jaws of Life. The department would like to publicly thank them for their wonderful donation.

Three fire fighters have retired since our last report those being Brian D. Lisa C. and Judy K. On behalf of the fire department and the community I would like to offer my sincere thanks for all your time and hard work in aid of your fellow Pointers. We have in place of the three one new junior recruit being Adam Kunze. Welcome Adam, it is a pleasure having you with us. If you keep up with the goodies we may not be able to get out of the hall by the regular door but will have to use the truck doors. This April we will have three fire fighters going up to the fire training school in Kemano for a week of very intensive training in fire fighting, fire investigation, safety, and incident command. We are sending Fire fighter Gord Hawkes, Captain Darren Pine and Captain Kathy Crawley. While we are talking training, Deputy Chief Dean Hyland took part in an Incident Safety Officer's course with the central Saanich fire department. The Certificates in the mail Dean.

As you may be aware the department is on a fund raising project to acquire an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED). If you watch "ER" they are the little paddles that shock people. At the moment we have \$2503 in the bank. This is made up from

\$213 from the plastic donation boxes

\$725 from 3 happy hours, 1 being a dance happy hour.

\$1190 from the garage sale last summer

\$375 from donations from, The Walker's, The Shaffer's, Margaret Cornell in memory of Dr. Paul, and Sheila Carnegie in memory of Dr. Paul also.

The total cost off the AED is just over \$7000, so we are well on our way.

As summer is now fast approaching, you may have noticed a lack of snow this winter, this means an early fire season. So please clean up your yards to prevent an interface fire this year. If you require any suggestions on how to help fire safe your home please contact the department on Wednesday evening or talk to one of your ever helpful fire fighters. Also a reminder that burning permits are required for ALL outside fires. They are available every Wednesday evening.

One last thing, do you realize that this coming February is the fire department's 25th anniversary? The committee has been struck and plans are starting to be formed. If you would like to take part with assistance and ideas please contact us, again Wednesday evening or through one of the members. Pictures and anecdotes are always welcome. As for the photos we will copy them and return the originals to you. So look hard and think hard February is not far away.

Have a great safe summer.

Bill Wright, Fire Chief

THE COMMITTEES OF WILLIS POINT (prepared by the WPCA, March 2001)

If you are confused about the various committees that exist in Willis Point, you are not alone. Hopefully, this brief summary will clarify the mandate of each.

Willis Point Community Association (WPCA)

This non-profit society, formerly the Ratepayers' Association, was formed in 1994, to democratically determine the wishes of residents and accordingly preserve and improve amenities in the community. Any property owner, resident elector, or tenant elector within the prescribed area can become a member upon payment of a membership fee.

A slate of Director nominees is presented at the October Annual Meeting and/or nominations are invited from the general public. Director meetings, held the second Monday of each month, 7:30 pm. at the Hall, are open to the public. Minutes are publicly posted. The current Chair is Peter Brelsford, 652-9826.

Environment Committee

The Environment Committee was established as a sub-committee of the WPCA, for the purposes of gathering and providing to the community information related to environmental sensitivity and ecological preservation, presenting land use options for consideration, and exploring parkland acquisition funding options. In addition to many tasks, this committee has been instrumental in publication of a *Development Impact Statement*, coordination of a water study, circulation of an environmental protection petition and, the establishment of a Parkland fund-raising committee.

The committee meets on an ad hoc basis and is chaired by Margaret Cornell, 652-3366.

Parkland Fund-Raising Committee

This committee, also a sub-committee of the WPCA, was established in consultation with the Land Conservancy of BC, with a goal of obtaining pledges and/or raising funds toward the potential acquisition of some or all of the FAMA lands as parkland. Membership is open to all interested residents. Can be reached through the environment committee.

Fire Protection and Recreation Facility Commission (Fire and Rec)

The CRD Board has established this commission and delegated to it administrative responsibilities and a budget with respect to the Volunteer Fire Department and the construction, equipment, maintenance and operation of the Fire Hall - Community Centre. According to its constitution, the Commission will accept, at its Annual General Meeting, nominations from residents for Commission members. Selected members are appointed by the Regional Board for two year terms commencing the following January.

Commission meetings, open to the public, are held the last Monday of the month. The location can be determined by calling Vern McConnell, Chair, 652-2996.

Land Use Committees

An eight member committee of Capital Regional District (CRD) Directors was established by the Province in October, 2000, to vote on all resolutions or bylaws under Part 26 of the Local Government Act related to the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and to recommend accordingly to the CRD Board. Part 26 is concerned with land use matters such as Rural Land Use Bylaws, Official Community Plans, Advisory Commissions, Boards of Variance, land use designation, zoning, subdivision, and Development Permits.

For practical purposes, the CRD has designated Land Use Committees A and B, with five Directors each, to hear issues of various communities. Committee B, responsible for Willis Point and the Malahat, is co-chaired by Directors Henson from Juan de Fuca and Hunter from Central Saanich, and included Directors from Highlands, Saanich, and Langford. It meets on a needs basis and makes recommendations to the CRD Board.

Advisory Planning Commission (APC)

This Commission was established by the CRD Board to advise the Board and Regional Director, through the Land Use Committee, on all matters referred to the Commission respecting land use, Community plans, rural land use bylaws, proposed bylaws or particular permits. Recent meetings in Willis Point have dealt with development permit applications required in conjunction with home building or subdivision application.

Meetings are held on a needs basis and are open to the public. Members are appointed by the Regional Director, who may take into consideration recommendations from the Community Association. Ken Illot, 652-6033, chaired the most recent meeting (December) concerning subdivision of the FAMA lands.

Official Community Planning Committee (OCP) / Local Area Planning Committee

This is an ad hoc committee established by the former Regional Director, and continued by the current Director, to develop a local area plan (or Official Community Plan) through community involvement. The plan, in preparation stage, includes land use, environmental protection, and community facilities and services. A completed plan will be reviewed by the APC and Land Use Committees before being passed on to the CRD Board for approval.

Although meetings have been temporarily suspended, they are usually held the first and third Mondays of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Hall. Community participation is invited. Chair is Larry Resnick, 652-8278.

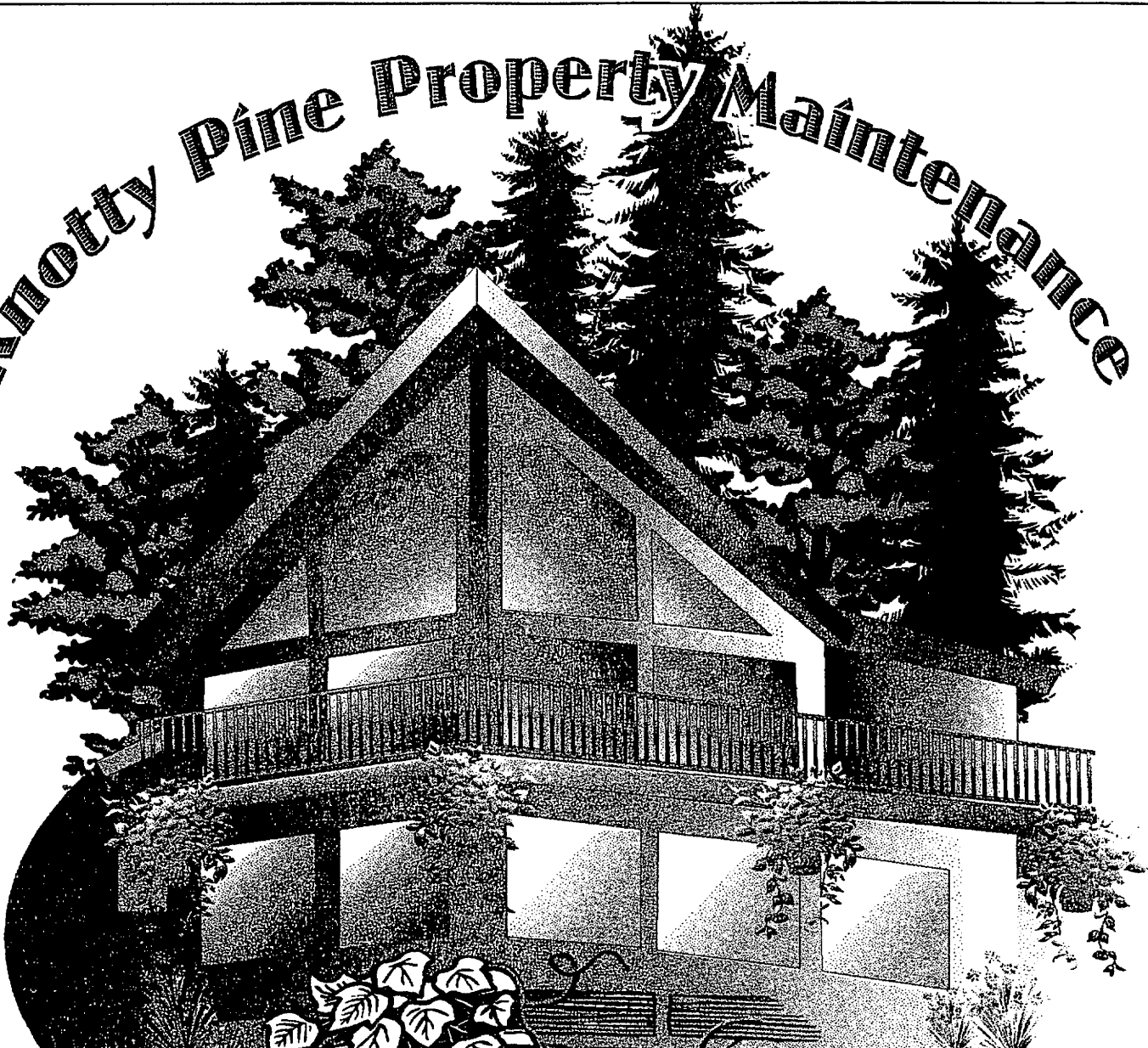
Board of Variance

These Boards have been established by the CRD Board to hear applications for variance (non-conforming use) and issue orders related to siting, dimensions or size of a building or structure, the prohibition of a structural alteration or addition, or certain subdivision servicing requirements. Some examples of variances granted at Willis Point include wells or carports situated closer to roadways than is usually allowed, roadways crossing neighbouring properties, buildings closer to lot lines than is usual.

Restructuring Committee

This is a series of new committees recently suggested by Regional Director Henson for the purposes of examining local governance options for respective communities in the Juan de Fuca Region. Presumably, this committee would provide input to the governance review currently funded by Municipal Affairs. Residents were invited (December/2000 issue of Pointer) to apply for membership; however, members have not yet been named.

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