

THE POINTER

AUTUMN 2002

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GET OUT AND VOTE

ELECTIONS FOR REGIONAL DIRECTOR AND
ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION ARE HELD NOV. 16, 8AM-8PM
AT THE WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY HALL



EDITORS NOTE

As you can see, once again its been a busy season at Willis Point. There just seemed to be too many events on the horizon in recent months to put the Pointer into print on schedule, lest we miss something important.

Katarina Meglic
Editor and Publisher

THANKS

Many thanks to all who contributed articles (their own or other items of interest) to this edition of the Pointer:

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ABOUT THE POINTER

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Member at Large

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Any Member of the Community is welcome.

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WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The Willis Point Community Association held its Annual General Meeting Sept. 29. The minutes from this meeting are as follows:

Chair Peter Brelsford presiding - there were approximately 50 members present. Peter opened the meeting at 4:10 P.M. and introduced himself and the current Executive.

AGENDA: Margaret Cornell asked that an item on the road be added and Dean Hyland had a request from the Firefighters he wished to be included on the agenda. Sheila Carnegie moved, seconded by Pat Sloan that the agenda be approved as amended - Carried. Minutes - The minutes of the last AGM were read by the Secretary. Vern McConnell moved, seconded by Jay Rangel that the minutes be adopted as read - Carried.

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR: Peter Brelsford offered a special welcome to our new residents and gave them a brief outline of our association - a registered society that endeavors to preserve or improve our community by democratic means.

The Proposed Changes at Hartland Landfill - the Mount Work Coalition, a committee consisting of Larry Resnick from our area and a representative from the Prospect Lake and another from the Highlands is presently in discussion with Saanich to try and minimize any problems the landfill might cause our areas.

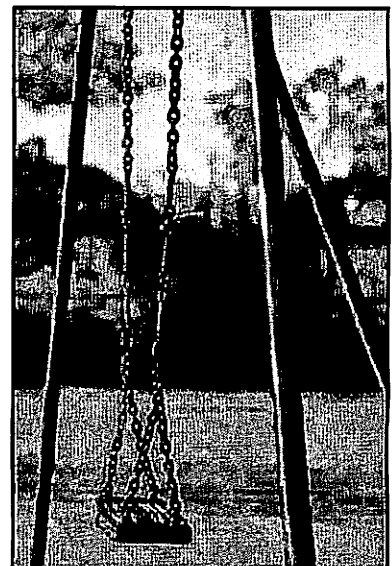
Local Governance - The CRD has passed a bylaw allowing us to nominate members to the APC from our community. A notice regarding this election was supposed to have been put into every mailbox but from a show of hands, it appears about only a dozen homes had received this notice. Nominations must be dropped off at the CRD offices at 524 Yates St. during office hours between Oct. 8 and Oct. 18. Anyone applying for a position on this committee must be a resident of the area and have his or her nomination form signed by two duly qualified residents of the area. Copies of the nomination forms will be available at the Yates St. office. If there are more than five nominations, there will be an election to choose the APC members on November 16 along with the regular municipal elections.

Official Community Plan - This plan is presently going through the necessary steps prior to its consideration by the CRD. Peter pointed out that the plan is just the start of an ongoing project. He thanked the many people who had put in so many hours of work on this over the last few years.

Amalgamation - this is an ongoing saga. The Province has been advised of the intent to have discussions on this matter but the last meeting was some months ago. It appears that East Sooke is the priority right now, not our area. There will be no quick resolution to this matter.

Playground - We have been officially advised that our playground must be brought up to code for insurance coverage or dismantled. Last year we had asked those interested in preserving our playground to attend our October Exec. meeting but very few attended. Linda Parker has looked into the costs of upgrading and Don Lovo has offered to do the mechanical repairs with assistance from a committee. This work could cost anywhere from \$1500 to \$6000. We have to find out the exact amount required for this upgrade. Possibly the only way to get the necessary funds would be raise the taxes to cover the cost. We will have to make some decisions on this matter in the near future as the time allowed by the CRD is running out,

Peter thanked the Exec. for the work put into the WPCA during his two-year term. Jay Rangel thanked Peter for his time and effort spent during his term as Chair. Sheila added thanks for those other members who were retiring from the Executive at this time. Vern McConnell moved that the report from the Chair be accepted as presented, seconded by Mary Brelsford - Carried



TREASURER'S REPORT: See attached. Dave Carley was not present but had given a report to the Chair, which was printed on the back of the agenda. Dave will answer any questions regarding this report at the October Exec. meeting. Sheila moved, seconded by Paul Galewitz that any questions regarding the report be directed to Dave Carley at the October Exec. meeting - Carried. A question regarding the repayment of all or a part of the seed money advanced for the 25th Anniversary Party of the Firefighters was raised. We will follow up on this at the October meeting. It was moved by Peter Garry, seconded by Larry Resnick that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented - Carried.

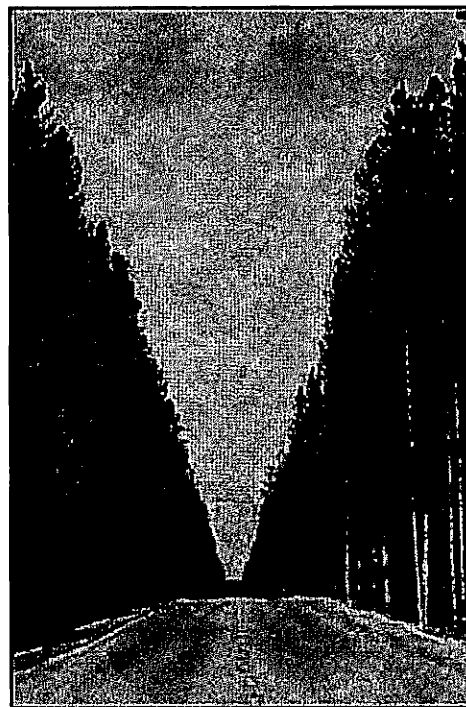
MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ken Leighton advised that we have had 20 new memberships over the last year. He will continue to do the write-ups, which appear in the Pointer about our new residents for the one-year balance of his term in this office. Ken Leighton moved, seconded by Dave Lawrie that membership dues for the WPCA be waived for the upcoming year - Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Regarding our road, Margaret Cornell reported that she had been in touch with both JJM and the Dept. of Highways re upgrading and repairing our road. The size of our populations works against us here. We just do not have enough people for the length of the road. JJM advised Margaret that their contract was just to do repairs and they felt that having the road chip-coated would be very unlikely. If we bring specific problems to their attention, JJM and the Dept. will make an onsite inspection. The Fire Dept. are concerned that their equipment is at some risk in a few spots, especially the two depressions that appear to be sinking lower as time goes on. It was suggested that the Fire Chief and his Deputy come to the next WPCA Exec. meeting with pictures, details etc. that can be forwarded to those holding the purse strings. It was also suggested that the residents might even participate in a letter writing campaign. It would also be very helpful from a safety point of view if the yellow line on Willis Point Road could be re painted before the foggy days of winter set in.

Bob Wilson advised that some of the residents had been in touch with Highways regarding drainage problems but they had been non-responsive. He will provide the Executive with copies of their correspondence. Dave Conner indicated that he was interested in helping to pursue this problem. Margaret has all of the names and numbers of the people we need to approach regarding these issues.

Residents were reminded that cars should not be parked on the road anywhere that fire trucks could not safely pass. In addition, if it snows the plows will not clear the road if there are cars parked in the way. It was mentioned that kids are still racing on Willis Point Rd. The RCMP are aware of this problem but seem to feel that we are too far away. Saanich Police are also aware of the problem.

Deputy Fire Chief Dean Hyland requested on behalf of the Firefighters funds for the regular Hallowe'en display. It was asked if the fireworks and the bonfire would go ahead this year since the surrounding area was so dry. Dean assured us that it would go ahead with safety. Dean moved, seconded by Vern that \$500 be given to the fire Department to buy fireworks for our annual Hallowe'en Party - Carried.



PLAYGROUND MAINTENANCE: There followed a long discussion on how this could be accomplished with many questions. Was the playground used enough to make the expense worthwhile? How much would annual maintenance be? How best to raise the money - if it was added to our taxes everyone would pay a portion, which would be a fairer solution. If we tried to fund it by social events that might work well for a year or two but then might trail off and we would be back in the situation we are now.

Many of those present felt that a playground was a very necessary part of our community - that the young were valued as well as the old. It also sits on the doorstep of our community and should be there and in good condition. Some feel that it has a place on our tax roles, others felt that they did not want their taxes increased but would be pleased to see it funded by community events. The playground actually falls under the mandate of the Fire and Rec. Commission but Vern advised that he had been told by officials at the CRD not to spend money on recreation. The \$2700 he receives for recreation is spent on the upkeep of the hall. Sheila Carnegie pointed out that Bylaw #2333 (1995) does allow some funds to be spent on recreation. Since this is a newer Bylaw than the one Vern thought was in force, he will look into it and see if any funds could be made available to us. It was suggested that all of the grounds around the hall could use a little TLC and that we should resume our practice of a volunteer clean-up day at the hall in the spring. A question was asked about our liability. We are covered by insurance if our playground is approved.

The Chairman pointed out that there were two main problems to be solved. One, we need volunteers to repair and maintain the area. Two, we need to decide how best to raise the money to keep the playground in shape- taxes or contributions. Peter Garry moved, seconded by Art Jackson, that the Exec, be directed to examine having a bylaw put in place to cover the amount of \$3000. per year for playground maintenance. An amendment was moved by Jerry Tombu, seconded by Dianne Twamley, that we consider the option of a parcel tax. - The amendment was carried. The original motion was carried.

Re the Hartland Landfill: Larry Resnick reported that when Saanich took over the landfill, they accepted that they had some responsibility to local residents. Larry is on a committee involved and will attend a meeting with them Friday, Oct. 4.

Elections: There are two nominees for Member at Large - Larry Resnick and Mary O'Rourke. Ballots were distributed and a vote was held.

While the ballots were being counted Vern McConnell asked the members of the WPCA to consider whether they would agree to the Fire and Recreation Commission using up to \$4000. of their reserve funds to finish the annex immediately (rugs, wheelchair access etc). Alternatively, would we prefer it be finished gradually over the next two or three years from their regular funds. A bylaw would have to be written to use these reserve funds. Vern moved, seconded by Art Jackson that that the CRD be requested to craft a bylaw to allow the Willis Point Fire and Recreation Commission to use up to \$4000. of their reserve funds to finish the outstanding work on the annex - Carried.

Back to the election: Larry Resnick was elected Member-at-Large. Pat Sloan moved, seconded by Paul Galewitz that the ballots be destroyed - Carried.

As there were no further nominations from the floor -
Lois Lovo was re-elected as Recording Secretary by acclamation.
Dave Carley was re-elected as Treasurer by acclamation.
Margaret Cornell was elected Vice Chair by acclamation.
Don Robin was elected Chair by acclamation.

Peter invited Margaret Cornell to come forward to present a gift to the community from Robin and Peter Malim - four pictures of Orcas in the inlet, beautifully matted and framed. The Malims asked that these be hung in the hall. The community was delighted with these pictures.

Joan Wright asked that someone take over the planning and carrying out the children's Christmas Party - she has been doing it for many years. Anyone interested, please see Joan after the meeting. It was moved by Dianne Twamley, seconded by Dave Lawrie, that \$450. be given to the committee planning the Children's Christmas Party - Carried

Ian Blaney moved that the meeting be adjourned.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE

On November 5th at 7:30 P.M., the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) will meet at the Community Hall to consider and make a recommendation on the Official Community Plan. This is an important meeting.

The Plan has been revised considerably since June, based on input from Community members, the CRD lawyer and various government agencies normally consulted in such matters. What follows is a short account of what the revised Plan does and does not do.

In a nutshell, the Plan enables the Community to make informed land use decisions about proposed developments in the 420 acre parcel of undeveloped land known as The Partridge Hills.

An applicant for a subdivision or a zoning change in the Partridge Hills would be required to provide an assessment, by a qualified professional, of the impact of a proposed development on:

- the groundwater available to existing wells; and on
- the natural environment, including sensitive ecosystems and water features such as wetlands.

This requirement, to repeat, applies only to developments in the currently undeveloped land. It does not apply to our current residential zone.

The Plan also provides protection for our groundwater by forbidding any development on or within 100 feet of a wetland.

Neither the prohibition against development on wetlands nor the requirement for an impact assessment of a proposed development is contained in the existing Official Community Plan. Those provisions will not come into effect until our new Plan is adopted.

Fama, the owner of the undeveloped land, has appointed a new representative. We can expect a concerted effort to be made to convince the Community that development is a good thing. Community support for the new Plan could send the useful messages, "Not on our wetlands!" and "Don't even apply without admitting that we have wetlands and other environmental features that we prefer to leave in their natural state".

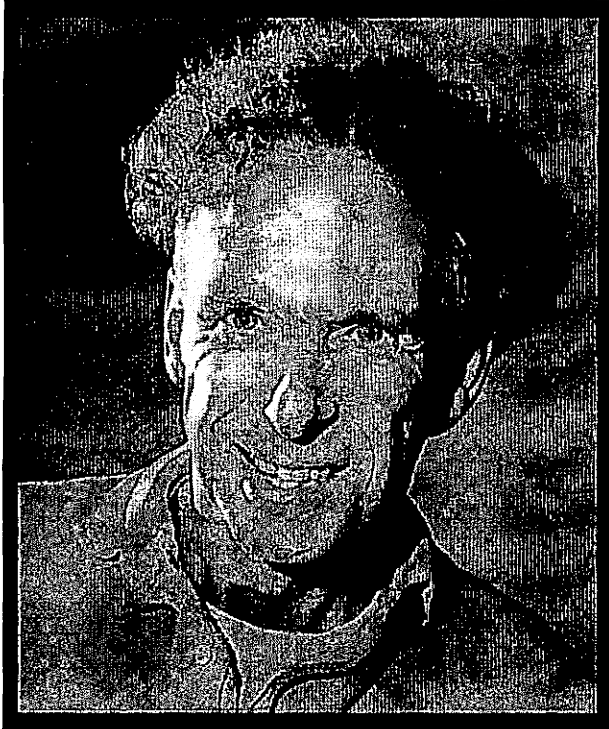
A number of Willis Pointers have raised questions about whether the new Plan places unwarranted restrictions on residents in the present residential zone. The revised Plan seeks to lessen the restrictions which currently apply to the current residential zone, wherever that is consistent with the public interest. Toward this end, the Plan:

- Provides exemptions to the requirement for development permits for any accessory building no larger than 400 square feet.
- Allows coverage of 40% of a lot with buildings (to accommodate building on small lots).
- Reduces the present property-line setback requirements (to allow for greater flexibility in siting buildings).
- Removes height restrictions for marine zone buildings.
- Specifically allows for construction of boathouses.

The Committee has also decreased the setback requirements from the foreshore to conform with existing regulations, so that the new plan would not worsen any problems related to rebuilding if an existing house is destroyed. And, by popular demand, all passages have been deleted which could be interpreted as dictating what plants can be grown at Willis Point.

However, because many of the remaining lots in the residential zone are on steep slopes and because a large number of current residents live below such lots (and within boulder-range) the Plan requires a Slope Stability Plan, designed to prevent destabilization or stormwater runoff which could cause damage to neighboring properties. Many of the design details would already be part of the building permit application, but the Slope Stability Plan affords current residents some extra protection during, as well as after, construction.

The Committee has asked CRD to make the full text of the Plan available on the Web. When it is available, we'll post the address.



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- Parks Commission chair
- President, Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers' Association
- Local Area Plan Advisory Committee member
- Board of Directors, StageWest Players

Ken is a Straight-talking, fair-minded individual who will listen to all sides of each issue and make decisions based on the highest good for the entire community

Ken is committed to preservation of a rural lifestyle balanced with controlled and directed growth. He supports the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy and the democratically developed Official Community Plan

Ken is committed to protection of our environment and sensitive ecological areas

He opposes sewer outfalls into the ocean and supports the development of non-polluting, tourism-related and home based businesses and recognizes the economic importance of the arts

KEN NEEDS YOUR VOTE. PLEASE SUPPORT HIM AT THE POLLS ON NOVEMBER 16



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF WILLIS POINT

The Juan de Fuca electoral area consists of seven small, scattered and isolated communities that at times cannot stand up to the pressure of special interest groups, adjoining municipalities, our own regional government or large land developers. We are unique in that we have only one elected representative who must function as mayor and council. That representative must understand us, help us, stand up for us and negotiate on behalf of all of us ñ not just sometimes, but all the time. I feel I can do that.

Although this is my first venture into politics, I have volunteered in my community for more than 20 years. Now I am spurred by the sometimes chaotic events of the past three years and the prospect of what may lay ahead, to offer my skills, experience and commitment to serving my community in an official capacity as Regional Director for the Juan de Fuca area.

I have demonstrated my sense of community by serving as president of the Otter Point and Shirley Residents and Ratepayers' Association for the past three years, as a Commissioner of SEAPARC (Sooke Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission) and chair of the Parks Committee. I was involved in the development of the existing Official Community Plan for my own community and respect the importance of this type of planning documents. I have been an advocate for the Regional Growth Strategy presenting several submissions, both favourable and critical, on behalf of my community association. If elected, I will continue to involve myself in the final stage of the Regional Growth Strategy.

In my community work, I have learned the importance of listening to differing points of view, finding consensus and a solution that meets the needs of the community as well as the individuals who may be personally affected.

I am my own person; I have no affiliation with pro development or political parties and I have not promised anything to anyone in order to win this election

I urge you to

- Think about the kind of community you want to live in
- Look for a candidate that supports your priorities
- Avoid a special interest or one-issue candidate
- Vote on November 16

**MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT–VOTE KEN PUNGENTE
ACTION TOGETHER**

COMMITTEES OF WILLIS POINT

(PREPARED BY THE WPCA, MARCH 2001; REVISED SEPT. 2002)

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 small membership fee.

A slate of Director nominees is presented at the Sept/Oct. 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, more recently, the establishment of a Parkland fund-raising committee.

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

PARTRIDGE HILLS FOUNDATION

This committee, was established as a sub-committee of the WPCA, 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. The Committee currently has a rotating chair. Information can be obtained from Lorne Walker at 652-5451 or at www.islandnet.com/PartridgeHills .

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 B COMMITTEE

This five 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.

Recently, the larger committee was split into 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 B Committee, on all matters referred to the Commission respecting land use, Community plans, rural land use bylaws, proposed bylaws or particular permits required in conjunction with home building or subdivision application. The APC takes into consideration recommendations from the Community Association and input from community residents.

Meetings are held on a needs basis and are open to the public. Members, previously appointed by the Regional Director, will be elected as of November, 2002 for forthcoming terms. Subsequently, Willis Point and the Malahat will have separate APC's. Current Chairperson is Ken Ilott, 652-6033.

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, hopefully in its final stages, includes land use, environmental protection, and community facilities and services. A completed plan will be reviewed by the APC and Land Use Committee B, and will go to public hearing, before being approved by the CRD Board.

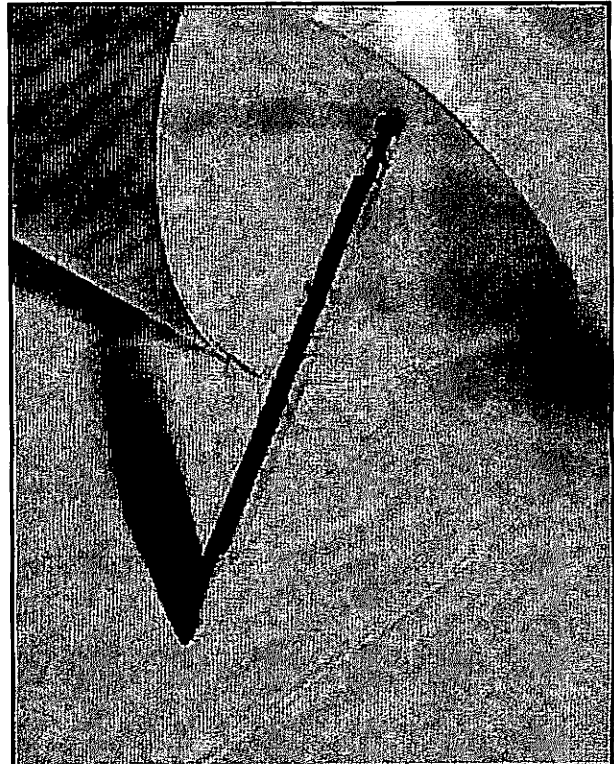
Meetings are usually held the first and third Mondays of the month, 7:30 pm, at the Hall. Community participation is invited. Chair is Larry Resnick, 652-8278.

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, and buildings placed closer to lot lines than is usual.

RESTRUCTURING COMMITTEE

Regional Director Henson proposed establishing a series of committees to examine local governance options for respective communities in the Juan de Fuca Region. Presumably, these committees would have provided input to the governance review by Municipal Affairs. Residents were invited (Dec, 2000) to apply for membership; however, to our knowledge, members have not yet been named.



FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Whilst Chief Bill is off cruising the Indian & South Pacific oceans the rest of us minions are here to help wherever, whenever needed. So far this month we've been called out three times. One medical 1st response call, one residential smoke alarm, and one MVA.

This past weekend six of our members attended training sessions in Metchosin, put on by the Justice Institute of BC taking two days of training in Strategies and Tactics and Auto Extrication. Most of the Dept. will be re-certifying their 1st responder medical accreditations during November and early December. This is done every 3 years to keep everyone fresh and up-to-date.

Oct 2 we held our Annual General Meeting. Bill Wright, Kathy Crawley and Darren Pine were re-elected by acclamation as Chief and Captains respectively for 2 yr. terms. The Firefighters Assoc. elections were also held with Dean Hyland accepting the Presidents position, with Marl Roosendaal as Vice-Prez, Kathy Crawley as treasurer and Linda Parker as Secretary. Melanie Wright, Aran Purch, Gord Hawkes and Marie Pearson round out this Motley Crew as directors. I'd like to thank Geri Gorling and Tracy Akins for preparing a terrific meal for the firefighters and guests at the dept. AGM. The prime rib was GoooooD! (wonder where you got it)

As of this writing open air burning is still prohibited through approved, screened incinerator use with a permit is OK. Incinerator permits run for a year from Jan 1-Dec 31, and are available from the Fire Hall. Please use caution. It's still very dry out there.

Since Bill's last report we've had four new volunteers (their twisted arms will heal soon) turn up. Welcome to Jeff Espin, Tom Hockin, Ian Hockin, and Matt Tregewar as a junior firefighter. Also a special congrats to Mark Roosendaal for acing his airbrake course—guess you can stay, mark.

So after a busy summer, we're well into a busy fall, what with calls, out of area training sessions, up-coming re-certs, and of course all the partyin' we do, we wish you a safe and happy holiday season ahead. Stay well.

Dean Hyland

Deputy Chief.

NEW MEMBERS OF THE WILLIS POINT

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Submitted by Ken Leighton, Membership Secretary

Geoff Espin and Anne Marie Cerce with Ian 9 and Trevor 6

6712 Mark Lane

Geoff grew up in Victoria and graduated from U.Vic. with a degree in computer science. He has been working on system software and Linux in silicon valley for sixteen years. His hobbies are music and cross country running. Anne Marie worked on computer databases, but is now a full time mom. She met Geoff in a community choir. They like the peaceful beauty of Willis Point. They have met more neighbours here already than they expected to meet in a whole year.

Bob Frederick and Lucia Swedberg

659 Steamer Drive

Bob and Lucia came from Central Saanich. They each have two grown children and three grandchildren between them. Bob is a helicopter mechanic for Vancouver Island Helicopters. He also enjoys flying radio controlled model helicopters. Lucia has retired from the post office and enjoys sewing as a hobby. They both enjoy the wooded privacy of Willis Point.

Robert Mathews and Darlene Letendre

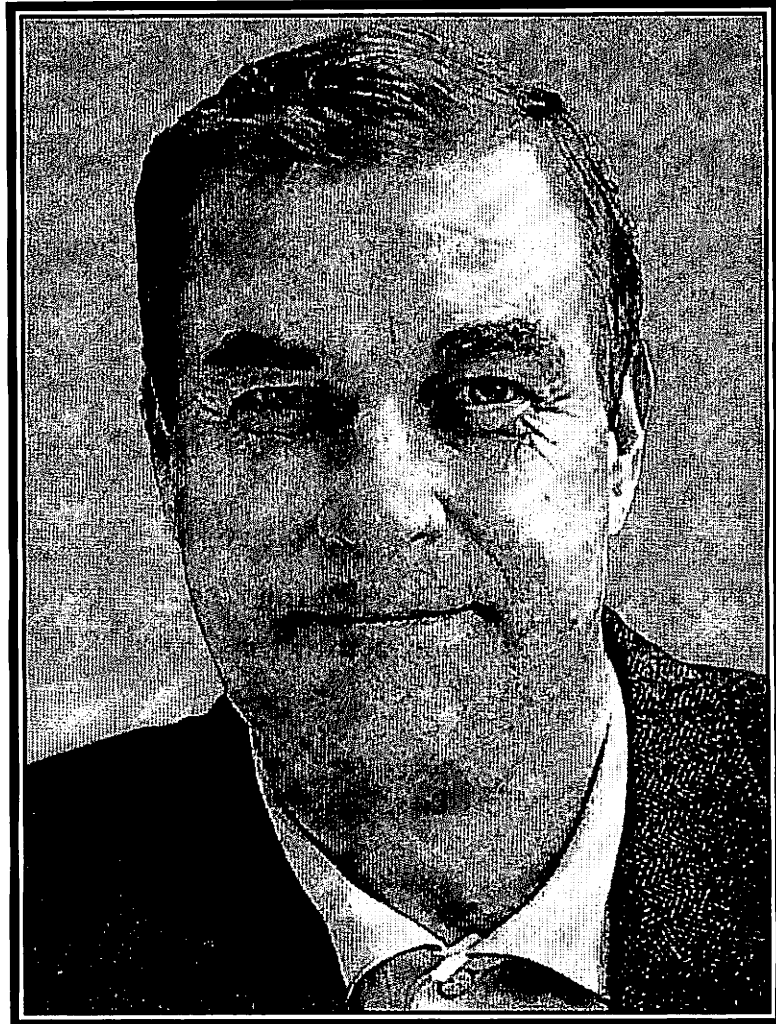
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Robert is the owner and manager of Robert's Plastic Factory on Kirkpatrick Crescent. He was born near Dublin, Ireland, and came to Victoria when he was seven. His interests are plastic sculptures and history, especially Egyptian and naval history. Darlene is the Executive Director of Medical Services Plan and Pharmacare Operations. Her hobbies are watercolour botanicals and interior design. Unlike their lost cat, Doc, which finally turned up at their former home on Stelly's Cross Road, Robert and Darlene are absolutely delighted to be living at Willis Point. The only evidence of former notorious activities in their house was a large cache of full spectrum fluorescent tubes they found in the crawl space.

Barry and Lisa Petrachenko

7040 Willis Point Road moved out from Victoria to find a peaceful rural life where they can enjoy the outdoors. They enjoy kayaking and mountain biking. The internet led them to Willis Point. Barry works for the B.C. Amateur Hockey Association and Lisa is employed at the U.Vic Library in the Reference and Collection Development Dept.

For a Balanced Approach to Sustainable Communities



Erik Lund

For Regional Director

**It's About Putting
People Back into Politics.**

Erik Lund's campaign for a balanced approach to sustainable communities includes:

- A recognition that all regions of the district are unique
- Official Community Plans (OCPs) must be established quickly and democratically
- Official identification and preservation of watersheds and environmentally sensitive areas
- Amalgamation initiatives should be publicly debated in open forums and the director must know the local issues and be prepared to protect the interests of the individual communities.
- Elected APCs will be required to demonstrate broad community support for their recommendations
- Fair and equal distribution of grants for community derived initiatives

Erik Lund distinguishes himself from the other candidates running by:

- Committing full time to the obligations of this demanding work
- Offering an unbiased and open approach to the issues
- Insuring no affiliations with 'special interest groups'
- Respecting public opinion and working with individuals and groups in all communities to achieve the best possible solutions



"I have declared to run for regional director because the serious issues facing our communities like Amalgamation and Local Area Plans need to reflect a principled and balanced view."—Erik Lund

You have a choice to make on Nov. 16th.

About Erik Lund:

Erik Lund is active in community affairs and has lived in the District with his wife Sheila since 1992; they have three sons and one daughter. For 15 years and in three communities Erik has been a volunteer firefighter. Erik is the current Treasurer of the East Sooke Business Association and Chair of the "Friends of the Environment Foundation." He also served as a Director for The Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary for six years.

"My campaign is all about achieving balance and restoring principled, democratic decision making. It's about engaging citizens, respecting public process and implementing the results. It is about reconnecting with citizenship in our communities by putting the people back into politics."

—Erik Lund

What others are Saying:

Sue Hyslop of Shirley nominated Erik and said, *"I believe Erik is the most credible candidate we have seen in a long time."*

"Erik will bring a new vision to our communities which respects property rights and community interests alike," said Mark Leblanc of East Sooke, who also nominated Erik.

*"I have established
my business and
credibility in my community
with this approach
and intend to
bring these values
to the board table."*

—Erik Lund



A vote for Erik Lund is a vote for principled, democratic decision making.

**Elect
Erik Lund
Juan de Fuca Regional Director
"It's About Balance"**



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The campaign for A Balanced Approach to Sustainable Communities.

Authorized by Jeri Grant Official Agent for Erik Lund Produced with volunteer labour.

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

An election for the five Advisory Planning Commission positions will be held November 16, from 8 am to 8 pm at the Willis Point Community Hall. This is an important election, as the members of the Advisory Planning Commission will be making recommendations to the CRD regarding land use, which may include the development of the Partridge Hills/Fama lands. For more information on this important committee, please see the article on The Committees of Willis Point, in this issue.

In order to inform the Willis Point Community about our candidates, the following questions were sent by registered mail on October 22, to all candidates (Dave Carley, Margaret Cornell, Ken Ilott, David Lawrie, Monica Maxwell, Vern McConnell, Katarina Meglic, Patrick O'Rourke, Larry Resnick.), with a response deadline of October 26.

1. What experience or community service do you have that would make you suitable for this position?
2. What benefits or hazards do you foresee in the event of development, and what is the maximum number of new additional building lots you would support?
3. Does Willis Point have a water problem? What should the community do to protect the quality and quantity of our water supply?

Following, in alphabetical order, are the unedited* responses received.

* footnote: Due to space limitations, Candidates were given a maximum response space of 100 words. The content of the printed answers have not been edited, except as all words over and above the space allowed have been omitted.

APC CANDIDATE

David Carley

7548 Mark Lane

Willis Point property owner since 1963

Willis point Perm. resident since 1971

- Founding member of the Willis Pt RatePayers (Community) Assn.—Chairman for one term

- Founding member of the Willis Pt Fire Dept—Fire Chief for 16 years

- Founding member of the Willis Pt. Fire & Rec Comm.—served for 22 years

- Current member of the APC—served for 8 years

- I believe careful development would benefit the community, but must be limited, To state the maximum number of lots would be impossible without seeing plans for water supply, sewage disposal, size, placement etc. Water supply and sewage disposal must be carefully controlled.

Name: Margaret Cornell

Address: 6777 Mark Lane

Years/months at Willis Point: 7 years

1. What experience or community service do you have that would make you suitable for this position?

Since it is the role of the Area Planning Commission to advise the CRD on land-use issues in Willis Point, it is critical that its members understand how our Official Community Plan can be used to direct future development.

As a member of both the committee drafting the Official Community Plan and the Environment Committee of the Community Association, I gained familiarity with the present and proposed community plans, as well as various agencies, legislation, documents and reports pertaining to Willis Point. I believe I can utilize this knowledge to benefit our community.

2. What benefits or hazards do you foresee in the event of development, and what is the maximum number of new additional building lots you would support?

I believe the benefit of a small increase in the tax base through development is negated by the additional costs of expanded services and threat to our limited potable water supply. Since any moderate to large-scale development would occur up-slope from current residences, on soil with extremely low percolability, there is, additionally, a very real risk of contamination of existing wells. Although I would prefer to maintain current zoning, as a representative of the public I would follow the wishes of a STRONG majority of the community regarding creation of new building lots.

3. Does Willis Point have a water problem? What should the community do to protect the quality and quantity of our water supply?

There is evidence that Willis Point has the potential for a water problem. Most residents currently make individual efforts to protect the viability of our water supply. The community can further protect our water supply by electing an Area Planning Commission which will ensure all applications for either subdivision or rezoning (FAMA) are studied carefully for their potential impact on existing wells. If there is a possible threat to existing wells by newly created building lots, the application should be rejected by a responsible Area Planning Commission.

PERSONAL DEMOGRAPHICS:

KENNETH F. ILOTT
6736 MARK LANE

1. Moved to Willis Point, April 1, 1985. Joined the WPVFD in May 1985- served 14 years: 3 years as Deputy Chief. Volunteered to join the Planning Advisory Committee, the forerunner of the Local Area Planning Committee, until my resignation in August 2002. Served as Chair of the Willis Point Community Association for 3 years. Appointed to the APC by CRD Director, Larry West and continue to sit on the APC, currently as Chair. I am a small business owner and have over 25 years experience in the Construction Industry.

2. There is no single answer to this question. As a member of the APC, one has to have an open mind and evaluate each proposal on individual merit. I was involved in the rejection of rezoning applications from Fama for development in the Partridge Hills. In an ideal world my vision would be for the Fama Lands to be turned over to Park Land. However, there are other considerations that the community needs to evaluate. Can we maintain our current level of fire protection and services with our existing tax base? WCB and Provincial regulations increase costs annually.

3. I am not qualified to determine whether W.P. has a water problem. Personally, I have never experienced a water shortage. Our family is conscious of living with a well and has selected water smart appliances/equipment. The CRD Water Study, while incomplete, lays out some possible scenarios for water conservation. The community can assist by educating residents on the implications and use of ground water systems. There are sections in the LAP that attempt to address issues with water. APC members have to rely on information presented by CRD Staff, Engineers, Studies and Public input for insight in making their decisions.

Name: David (Dave) M. Lawrie
Address: 7036 Mark Lane

Length of time at Willis Point: 22 yrs. I purchased one of three lots which were known as "Rickies' Roost" in Sept., 1978, and commenced residence in 1980.

Experience: As a professional Engineer I believe I could provide expertise in the resolution of problems related to soils and access water flow as well as contribute to other engineering related discussions.

Community Service: I designed and constructed the Community notice boards, introduced and setup the first "golf fund raiser". I am also a member of the Official Community Plan for Willis Point. This plan, which has benefited greatly from the many hours of volunteer time donated by past and present members, will finally and hopefully represent the wishes and aspirations of the majority of the Community.

Benefits and Hazards of Future Development: For the 22 years that I have lived here, Willis Point has remained a quiet Rural setting, one I would like to see remain. Current zoning allows for the development of lots which now exist in the Willis Point residential area and the 12 Fama properties. I believe any increase in development, above that which is currently available, endangers the integrity of our water supply, the existing green space and the associated environmental diversity.

Willis Point Water: Many Willis Point residents who experience somewhat marginal well water flows and in some cases a concern with water quality, would certainly agree **there is a problem**. An increase in uphill development and a possible or real reduction in the quantity and quality of water available to our residences is a concern shared by the majority of the community of Willis Point. I believe that an increase in demand on an unknown aquifer would endanger the limited volume of water which appears to be available to our wells.

Name: Monica Maxwell
Address: 7475 Mark Lane
Length of time at Willis Point: 6 yrs 1 mo.

1. What experience or community service do you have that would make you suitable for this position?

I understand the major role of an APC member is to assess and make recommendations concerning rezoning proposals, subdivision applications, and development permits. I believe my training and experience in accounting (CGA, CMA), commercial banking (lender) and insurance, and contract bonding have provided a very solid foundation in assessing the feasibility and risks of various applications and proposals. Certainly, business owner and management experience has necessitated creative problem-solving. Finally, as a hiker, kayaker, and involved community member, I am very aware of rural and environmental issues unique to this area.

2. What benefits or hazards do you foresee in the event of development, and what is the maximum number of new additional building lots you would support?

Benefits must be assessed against **Hazards**

Better roads, increased servicing
Water/sewer hookup
Onsite water/sewer

Increased taxation base

Increased traffic and improvement costs
Phenomenal hookup/service costs; blasting
Impact of upland sewage disposal
Threat to well-water quality and quantity
Increased taxation for infrastructure and over-stresses services (fire protection)
Environmental damage
Loss of Rural values
Years of construction
Decreased property values

Any further development should be approached with extreme caution. We need to carefully assess the impact of potential development of existing lots and seasonal properties, along with the various aforementioned infrastructure, environmental, social, and financial implications.

3. Does Willis point have a water problem? What should the community do to protect the quantity and quality of our water supply?

I understand that some properties already experience periodic water flow problems, sea water intrusion, and pollution. Our water supply comes from rock fractures and fault lines and is, therefore, very vulnerable to blasting and degradation from various sources.

We can best protect water quantity and quality, and prevent additional problems, by continuing to practice conservation, especially in dry summer months, and by having control over future development. We need to preserve wetlands and watersheds, carefully assess and monitor stormwater runoff and sewage effluent seepage, and take blasting precautions. Without potable water, we all lose.

Name: Vern McConnell
Address: 6817 Mark Lane,
Length of time at Willis Point: 27 years

- #1 Community Service: Chairperson W.P. Ratepayer's Assn. 1976-1980
Member W.P. Fire Department 1977-1997, Fire Chief 4 years
City of Victoria Downtown Advisory Committee 1994-1997
City of Victoria Liquor Licensing Advisory Committee 1990-1994
Director of Downtown Victoria Association
Chair of the W.P. Fire Committee & Recreation Commission 1999-2002

My community involvement and committee work I believe qualifies my candidacy for Willis Point's Advisory Planning Commission. I understand both committee work and procedures and am experienced and familiar with the issues involving Willis Point. I am open and fair minded. Thank You.

#2 Future development of Willis Point should be on the same scale and size as the current community. Large lot sizes will maintain our character and rural nature. The number of lots will be based upon what is sustainable within the area that is proposed for development. Our community has always welcomed growth. Future development which fosters our community's health and spirit should always be welcomed. I may have come to Willis Point because of its beauty and isolation but I will remain here because of the nature and quality of the people it attracts and retains.

#3 Willis Point is rural community and our water is provided by individual wells. Being on a well means you are subject to certain unknowns both before you drill and after. Wells are varied in their water quality and volume. This is a reality and a problem for some residents. If there is a viable solution that addresses this situation then it should be considered. All residents have the right to drill for water on their lots and large rural lots should have the expectation of ample water but there are no guarantees.

Name: Katarina Meglic
Address: 6735 Mark Lane
Length of time at Willis Point (years/months): 1 year (13 months)

1. What experience or community service do you have that would make you suitable for this position?

Willis Point Experience:

- Member of Stitch
- Editor of the Pointer
- Attendance at most major community meetings: AGM, OPC draft review, etc.
- Participation in most community events

Other relevant experience includes:

- member of Neighborhood Ratepayer's Association
- longtime interest in urban planning and design
- several years research in ecologically friendly economic growth and experience in strategic planning and design

2. What benefits or hazards do you foresee in the event of development, and what is the maximum number of new additional building lots you would support?

A number of precedents indicate that poorly designed, high-density development has an adverse affect on property values. Well designed communities are able to allow some strategic development without destroying the rural atmosphere, or compromising property values. I believe that the Official Community Plan has addressed the issue of density, design, ecological and economical sustainability. I would support a maximum number of 12 additional building lots, within the guidelines of the OCP.

3. Does Willis Point have a water problem? What should the community do to protect the quality and quantity of our water supply?

Water contamination, such as sulphur, salt water intake, and dry wells are not only unpleasant, but devastating to property values. While the water supply is not a critical situation at this time, some households do have problems in the Summer. Further, studies have indicated that the water table at Willis Point will not support a significant population increase. As there are several undeveloped building lots within the current zoning, any additional subdivision should be monitored with extreme caution.

Patrick O'Rourke
6878 Mark Lane
Resident of Willis Point since March 2002; resident of Victoria since 1978.

1. I am a senior provincial government executive, experienced in resolving complex issues involving reconciliation of competing interests, including land use planning. I was Assistant Chief Provincial Negotiator during Nisga'a Treaty negotiations, and oversaw provincial ratification and implementation. I have served on the Boards and Executives of Victoria READ Society and Victoria Cool-Aid Society. I am on the Willis Point Fire and Recreation Commission and will be seeking membership on the OCP Committee. I have a law degree from UVIC. As a new resident, I bring a fresh, but experienced, approach and the ability to resolve complex problems.

2. Benefits and hazards can be fairly and accurately assessed only for an actual development proposal, and every proposal must be considered on its own merits and drawbacks. A blanket "no development" approach also has hazards, notably community stagnation. What would Willis Point be like today, if 20 years ago the residents had said "no development"? The current By-Law (and the draft OCP) allows 12 lots in the FAMA lands, plus subdivision of some existing lots. I would support development of these lots only if the proposal met all By-Law (and OCP if in effect) requirements.

3. Some residents clearly suffer quantity and/or quality problems; others have neither. Those problem free, as well as those less fortunate, must equally ensure any development of new or existing lots does not add to the problems. Willis Point North and the south end of Mark Lane are particularly sensitive, but all areas face some risk (2000 Thurber study). We need clear and effective development rules to protect water sources and prevent contamination or change in quantity, and we must ensure each and every proposal meets these rules. However, we cannot prohibit developments that comply with those rules.

Name: Larry Resnick
Address: 799 Sea Aira Heights
Time at Willis Point: 8 years, 6 months

Question 1

- Advisory Planning Commission: 4 years.
- Official Community Plan Committee: 5 years, last 2 as Chair.
- Newly elected member-at-large, WPCA executive.
- Coordinator, Mount Work Area Coalition, representing the common interests of community associations at Willis Point, Prospect Lake and Highlands in dealings with Saanich and the CRD. The Coalition is a strong, effective force resisting CRD's plan for a large commercial quarry just off Willis Point Road. 3 years
- Member, three CRD advisory committees. 4 years each
- I'm retired, active, and committed to maintaining the Willis Point we cherish.

Question 2

- Current zoning entitles Fama to twelve 30-acre lots. At most, I would support a cluster of twelve 2-acre lots, provided that the remainder of Fama's land becomes parkland. The lot cluster could net Fama nearly three million dollars and The Land Conservancy could buy the rest of Fama's land for parkland at fair market price. This would preserve our community and give Fama a reasonable profit. This really is do-able!
- However, it won't happen if Fama is encouraged by APC election results to believe that Pointers would approve of 50 or more lots!

Question 3

- Would you want to face another long summer drought, but with a new 50-house development just up the hill?
- 50 new houses averages out to 200 new water consumers. That's almost a 50% increase!
- Development which depletes our water supply is by far the greatest financial threat to Willis Pointers. Piped water runs to \$30,000 for a hookup plus monthly payments forever
- We should protect our water by voluntary conservation in the summer, by safeguarding our wetlands and by rejecting developments which have the potential to interfere with our wells.

**CAPITAL REGIONAL DISTRICT
2002 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS
NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002** to elect one person to serve a three-year term of office from December 2002 to December 2005 as Electoral Area Director for Juan De Fuca, n the Capital Regional District Board.

JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA—ONE DIRECTOR TO BE ELECTED:

HARLOW, Merell	1387 Clun Place, Sooke, BC V0S 1N0
LUND, Erik	87 Seagirt Road, Sooke, BC V0S 1N0
PUNGENTE, Ken	8448 West Coast Road, Sooke, BC V0S 1N0

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

Voting places for the Juan De Fuca Electoral Area will b open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 16, 2002 to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District.at:

JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA

- Malahat Fire Hall, 935 Whittaker Road
 - View Royal Elementary School, 218 Helmecken Road (Music Room)*
 - Willis Point Community and Fire Hall, 6933 Willis Point Road
 - Otter Point Fire Hall, 3727 Otter Point Road
 - East Sooke Fire Hall, 1397 Coppermine Road
 - Shirley Community Hall, West Coast Road
 - Port Renfrew Elementary School, Parkinson Road
 - Western Forest Products Ltd., West Coast Rd, Jordan River
- * For those qualified electors who reside on Songhees and Esquimalt Indian Reserve Lands.

ADVANCED VOTING OPPORTUNITIES for those unable to attend a voting place on Nov. 16, 2002 because of physical disability, absence from the area, reasons of conscience or because they are candidates or election officials, will be available from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2002 and WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2002 at:**

- School District No. 62 (Sooke) Offices, 3143 Jacklin road, Victoria, BC
- Sooke Community Hall, 2037 Eustace Street, Sooke, BC

Dated this 17th day of October, 2002
Thomas F. Moore
Chief Election Officer

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDARS

Advisory Planning Committee meeting

Tuesday, November 5th, 7:30 pm.

Willis Point Firehall

The APC will review and make recommendations to Land Use B concerning the Willis Point Official Community Plan. Public is invited to attend, to review maps and make comments

Land Use B meeting

Tuesday, November 12th, 2 pm.

Willis Point Firehall

Land Use B will review and make recommendations to CRD concerning the Willis Point Official Community Plan. Public is invited to attend and make comments. If you wish to be placed on the agenda, please notify Ken Cossey or Graham Stallard, (250) 642-1617

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Resident Elector: You are entitled to vote as a resident elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 16, 2002), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency, one of which must have a signature.

Non-Resident Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (November 16, 2002), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days, do **not** qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a **Non-Resident Elector** provided that you:

a) have registered on or before Sept 24, 2002 OR

b) have applied for and received a certificate, prior to voting day, from the CRD office in Victoria (250)360-3129 or 1-800-663-4425 local 3129, entitling you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector (certificate must be presented at the time of voting); OR

c) apply for a certificate, at the time of voting, entitling you to register as a Non-Resident Property Elector. The following information is required at the time of application:

- a recent title search, State of Title Certificate, OR a property tax notice showing the names of all of the registered owners
- 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
- in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property.

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC drivers license
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continues Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

Please note:

- 1) Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only one property, no matter how many properties you own within the Electoral Area.
- 2) You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, (ie your name appears on the List of Registered Electors annotated with a "P"). and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the Local Government Act in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register or apply for the certificate in order to vote.
- 3) No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector and no corporation is entitled to vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

AROUND THE POINT



HALLOWE'EN: DARKER THAN EVER

Eight years ago we lived in Victoria and Hallowe'en was a very special night in our community. Houses were decorated, candles were lit, pumpkins sat in windows, on fences and walls, doors were ajar and the street was alive with families wandering from house to house. I remember the view into different homes, the red glow and the bowls of candy and food, the good cheer. My kids approached the houses ahead of me, on their own, overcoming their shyness. Mothers would wave at me from the door and parents on their way out, grabbed a chocolate bar to eat on the walk.

Here at Willis Pt. two years ago, when my children and niece were thirteen and fourteen, they built a cemetery in the front of our property. In the dark it looked incredibly realistic. Pumpkins and lanterns lit the way to the house through the cemetery and trees, and my son's ingenious ghosts floated in the air some six feet off the ground between the tall cedars. Lights in little glass jars lit the way up to the front porch and our candle lit house. No one came! Last year two families and some teenagers made their way down through the pumpkin lit woods. Never-the-less, we all had fun. Friends came over and we told ghost stories.

Our first experience of Hallowe'en after our move to Willis Pt. seven years ago, was traumatic, for many houses were closed up, dark as tombs, empty of any sense of "good cheer". Where was the community closeness that we had heard about? Since then Willis Pt. is emptier and darker than ever on Hallowe'en night. The Firehall "festivities" are now slated for 5pm: hot dogs, candy, fireworks, beer and bonfire. Many parents are not yet home! Indeed, it is not yet dark! Children go to "see the fire" and to watch their parents socialize. Drifting around they collect candy in bags.

I believe that community spirit is physically experienced by actually going to one's neighbours' front door, looking in at the warmth, shouting out greetings, handing gifts of sweets to each others' children, and all this through the "myth of a dangerous night." Can we not look back to tradition on this wonderful autumn festival? Can we not delay the Firehall activities until later in the evening? Can we not decorate our houses (as we do at other times of the year) and revel in the bounty of nature, and the warm connections that those with children can weave on this night by visiting each other's doorsteps? This is what the history of Hallowe'en is about.

Perhaps some of us can begin to revive the traditional Hallowe'en. We can make lists of the families wanting to be involved and can draw a map indicating where these homes are. Perhaps the Firehall activities can be put back to 7 or 7:30pm to allow time for those of us who would like to see the bonfire and fireworks as well. If this sounds good, give us a ring at 544-2038, ask for Jennifer, and let us begin to get it together.

WILLIS POINT GOURMET

HALLOWEEN TREAT

Though the deer probably make quick work of any attempt by local gardeners to grow pumpkins or other squash, this recipe is more than appropriate for the season. The secret is to use small sugar pumpkins or other squash with a high sugar content (carving pumpkins are beautiful but totally flavourless), and to pre-cook them using a dry heat (roasting).

Powdered chicken or vegetable bullion may also be used as a substitute for salt and pepper. These powdered mixes have plenty of salt in them, but also add a fullness of flavour.

Pumpkin Soup

serves 6

- 1 lg. sugar pumpkin (also called "pie pumpkin")
- 3 tbs. butter
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- 1 onion, minced
- 1/4 c. sherry or madeira
- 1/2 tsp. mild curry paste (or more, to taste)
- 6 c. milk (or coconut milk)
- 3 c. fresh or canned chicken or vegetable stock
- 1 tbs. chopped fresh cilantro (optional)
- salt and pepper or powdered bullion

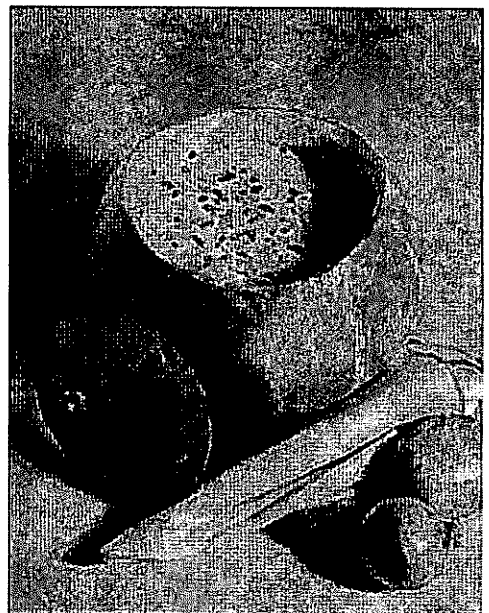
Scoop out pumpkin contents, and save seeds for roasting, if desired. Roast pumpkin in a hot oven (375°) until very soft, about an hour. Let cool.

In a large soup pot, sauté onions and garlic in butter until caramelized. add curry paste and sherry, cook until almost dry. Scoop out softened pumpkin flesh, and add to pot, with milk and stock. Beat with a hand-held mixer until smooth. Add cilantro, and seasoning to taste.

Garnish by floating a few roasted pumpkin seeds in each bowl.

Cocktail: Black vodka and grenadine with soda on ice

Wine: Medium-dry Reisling



UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOUR

In this edition of the Pointer, UNSUBSTANTIATED RUMOUR has been displaced by a vast mass of political verbiage which the editor (apparently) seems to think is of "greater moment" to the esteemed residents of Willis Point. Once again politics takes precedence over humour; such is the way of the world.

CLASSIFIED

I am looking for bits of hard wood to use in wood turing: maple, arbutus, even alder. Cherry, Apple etc is a bonus! If you are cutting a tree and can spare a piece (6"X6" or larger; I'm not looking for a truck load!) please give me a call at 652 0472 or e-mail me at ve7fed@rac.ca

For Sale: Almost new Aria Proll fretless bass guitar with case and Peavey Amp.
\$375 for all. 544-1681

Community Hall: You can rent Willis Point Community Hall for as little as \$72.00 per day, or \$7.50 an hour. Outside residents pay from \$150-175 per day, still a bargain!

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of Community Service** 

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Please help us elect

**Merell
HARLOW**
as CRD Director

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ECOLOGY

CHILDREN'S ECO-ACTIVITY BOOKLET

For the second year in a row TLC looks forward to working elementary and middle school children to educate the community about stewardship of our local ecosystems. Last year children wrote and illustrated a booklet about the Douglas fir ecosystem and its species. This year, we invite children to submit black and white illustrations or write-ups under 50 words about the Garry Oak ecosystem or its species. The deadline is Dec. 31.

In January the booklet is published and distributed to every child in the region. A mall display and awards ceremony will be held at Hillside Centre on Earth Day in April.

For more information visit our website at www.conservancy.bc.ca

To sponsor or support this project at \$1,000 per page, please contact Kari at 652-4689.

DEAR BLABBY

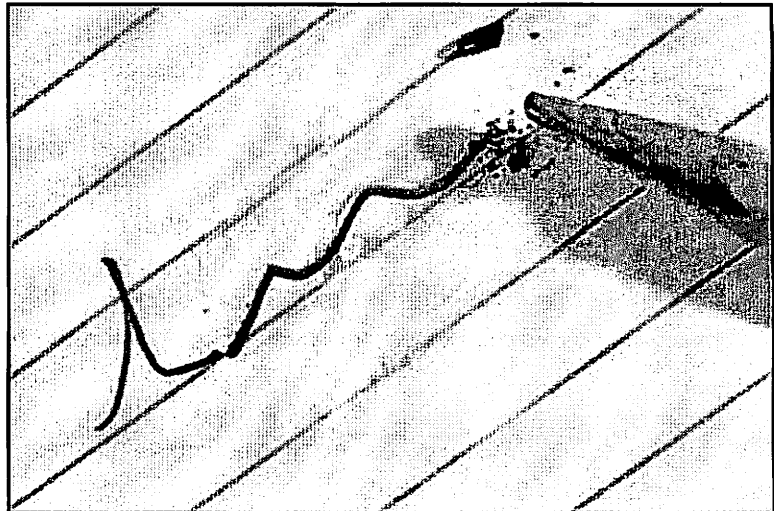
NOTE: The "Dear Blabby" column is a regular feature of the Pointer. The writer, a professionally qualified know-it-all who chooses to remain anonymous, uses a tongue-in-cheek approach to problem-solving. Readers, therefore, should view advice with skepticism and must assume responsibility for all associated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

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

Unfortunately, there will be no "Dear Blabby" this edition. Due to the importance of the upcoming elections (Nov. 16th), Blabby has been meeting individually with the 3 Regional Director candidates and the 9 Willis Point APC candidates, trying to determine who stands for what. Now, somewhat dazed and totally confused, Blabby was last seen retreating into a dark room with a magnum of Scotch.

NOTICES

Fairly often, when driving up Willis Point Road at night I have noticed a gathering of numerous cars at the turnoff to the now closed composting facility. At that same place there are numerous skid marks on the road. I believe there is some form of "road racing" activity that goes on there and am concerned that sooner or later there will be an accident involving someone who just happens to be driving by. I have called the police on more than one occasion. They are more than willing to send out a patrol car but are also most interested in license numbers if they can be obtained. The number to call for the police is 656-3931. Let's try to keep our roads safe !!!



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