

CADBORO BAY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7:30 P.M.
May 11, 2009
St. George's Church Hall,
3909 St. George's Lane

Present: Irene Stewart, William Dancer, David Lynn, John Sawka, Eric Dahli, Leah Kinarchy, Mona Goode, Paul Staritta, Peter Eckard

Absent: Brenda Pare

being all the current directors of the Association

1. President Irene Stewart called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance
2. President Irene Stewart introduced our guest speakers Inspector Bob Downie and Staff Sergeant Newman from the Saanich Police Department.

The officers described their duties as members of the Traffic Safety Unit and their other responsibilities within the Saanich Police Department. Bob Downie spoke first. He mentioned that Saanich Police do monitor areas of Cadboro Bay with radar frequencies in high traffic areas and areas of high accident incidence. According to Saanich Police records, there are not many tickets given out in the Cadboro Bay area. He asked the residents for their concerns about traffic and safety. Fires have been reported frequently 150 ft from the road in the Telegraph Rd area, due to beach parties. There are concerns for the safety of motorists with the higher incidence of deer and road traffic. The lack of sidewalks impacting pedestrian safety was a concern as was speeding on Tudor Rd. A resident mentioned concern for bike safety along designated bike routes and the lack of bike lanes. Parking congestion was a concern along Arbutus Rd. (next to the Queen Alexandra Centre).

The Saanich Engineering Department has looked at Traffic Safety. In general, they find that bicycles are not stopping at 4 way stops. Residents mentioned that in particular, Tudor and Seaview roads have pedestrian safety concerns. Buses and trucks have been observed not to slow down in school zones. It was suggested by residents that a traffic light would better serve the intersection of Sinclair and Cadboro Bay Roads. Bob Downie suggested the formation of Block Watch programs to improve community safety. Statistically, one is 300% less likely to be a victim of property crime in Block Watch neighbourhoods. A survey of Block Watch participants shows that 75% know their neighbours. The Saanich Fire Department is a partner of the Emergency Preparedness Program. Block Watch captains work with the Saanich Police Department. Neighbours look out for each other and Saanich Police has a policy of "no call is too small" which has proved to reduce crime. The Saanich Block Watch program is the largest in British Columbia. For more information on the Block Watch Program it was suggested that Cadboro Bay Residents go to the Saanich website or call 475-4365 or 475-4321 to contact the Block Watch Program directly. So far, over 7,000 homes are included in the program. Saanich Police prioritize calls such as domestic abuse; assault and other violent crimes but residents were urged to call the Police for problems with beach parties or other disturbances by calling the non emergency number.

Traffic Report: Sergeant Newman

Traffic enforcement is data driven; tickets tend to be given out in high accident areas. The Cadboro Bay Village has low enforcement because there are few accidents. He reported that there is a new speed recorder that records the time of day, number of cars and speed of the vehicles. There are plans to have 5 traffic monitoring zones with the new machines. Speed reader board data will be on the Saanich website and updated monthly. The Saanich Police Traffic Safety division is the largest on Vancouver Island. Residents were urged to call or email their complaints of any traffic violators, please record their license number. If the resident comes to court with the officer to verify the violation, they will be ticketed. Residents requested that Arbutus Rd. be monitored with the new speed reader machines as there have been many complaints of speeding violations by motorists.

Increasing traffic safety follows the principle of the 3 E's; Education, Enforcement and Engineering. Sergeant Newman made several suggestions for pedestrian safety, especially in the darker months of January and February. Wear light clothing, walk against on coming traffic, wear a flashing beacon and if you are a cyclist, obey the rules of the road. Wearing seat belts increases your chances of survival in a crash by 40%.

He mentioned that traffic problems go to the Administrative Traffic Committee. They tackle issues such as blind corners and traffic bumps. Irene Stewart asked residents to mark areas of traffic and safety concerns in colored pencil on a large map display. She asked the officers to take a look at the map for reference on local areas of concern. She indicated the map will be used by CBRA for the preparation of a Cadboro Bay Traffic Safety Action Plan that will help guide Saanich in their approach to dealing with the traffic problems in our community.

3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes of AGM 2008

Motion by Bill Dancer to approve the agenda, Seconded by John Sawka, approved and carried.

Motion by Eric Dahli to approve the minutes of the previous AGM - May 12, 2008, Seconded by John Sawka, approved and carried.

4. President's Annual Report

President Irene Stewart reported that the association had a full year and that we are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community with such diversely talented and caring residents. From bus stops to eagle nests to matters of zoning, sub divisions and set back variances it has been a busy year. The CBRA strives to adhere to the Local Area Plan to best serve the Cadboro Bay community as a whole. The vision for the future community of Cadboro Bay has been challenging with the issue of sewage treatment currently on our plate along with the protection and preservation of Haro Woods. The CBRA has worked with Mayor Leonard to generate a strategic plan for the Saanich owned property and a partial result has been the placement of a restricted land use covenant on the Saanich portion of Haro Woods. The Residents Association and the Municipality of Saanich strive to have a stewardship agreement on the Saanich owned property of Haro Woods. The CBRA planned an Open House meeting with invited guests to meet with the Queen Alexandra Foundation on the sale of their portion of Haro Woods to the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The CBRA is a member of the Saanich Civic League who is working on public engagement in civic issues of importance in Saanich. The CBRA continues to work with the University of Victoria and meet regularly to discuss identified issues of concern such as the over population of rabbits and other community concerns. In November 2009, the CBRA held an All Candidates meeting. The CBRA newsletter was received both by mail and electronically by email. At the request of local residents and the CBRA, Saanich engineering has

undertaken plans to install a traffic light for left turns on the corner of Sinclair and Finnerty. The CBRA supported the Village Business Improvement Association for the annual Village Christmas event in December 2009. On July 19th, 2009 the Cadboro Bay Festival in Gyro Park will be held and is partly sponsored by the CBRA. There are plans to have a "rock climbing wall" from which all proceeds will be donated to the Queen Alexandra Centre for children.

In addition, the CBRA has contributed to the Saanich Urban Forest Strategy and has provided input to the master planning process for Gyro Park. A CBRA director is a community representative and works in an advocate role with Saanich and council. One of our CBRA directors serves as the Vice President of the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN). Works by various committees were acknowledged such as the Traffic Committee, Emergency Preparedness, Parks and Trails and the sewage sub-committee and other participants who attended CRD and Saanich council meetings. In conclusion, Irene Stewart expressed thanks on behalf of the CBRA to Goward House for providing the meeting space and hospitality for monthly meetings throughout the year.

5. Treasurer's Annual Report

Bill Dancer reported that we currently have a balance of \$9,800.00. Expenses and revenue were the same as last year that includes insurance, donation for special grants, newsletter, and invasive species removal. Grants of \$2,000 and \$1,000 were from Saanich for invasive species removal. The GIC's do not appear on this budget as it is in litigation 4 yearly renewable at 4%.

6. Committee Reports

Membership

Dave Lynn reported that Cadboro Bay has 1,300 residents and only 210 members to date. 1,700 newsletters were sent out; membership forms are at the back. He requested for more people to encourage their neighbours to sign up as members. In 2007- 236 members, in 2008 there were 201.

Community Mobility

Peter Eckard left early due to illness; therefore Irene Stewart encouraged residents to take a look at the traffic safety map on display and to mark areas of traffic and safety concern with the coloured pencils provided.

Emergency Preparedness

Bill Dancer gave out the report. The Emergency preparedness committee works well with Saanich and at the province wide AGM there were 80 people attending. Brock Hansen has a MSc. in emergency management and works with the provincial and municipal programs. There is also Federal support and Federal assistance that comes from Edmonton. They meet every 2 months and offer volunteer training, once a year. The best opportunities for timely responses in an emergency are the neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness committees.

Parks and Trails

Harry Drage reported that Rae Roer of the Parks department in Saanich has been very supportive and good to work with. Haro Woods has been cleared of invasive species and we are starting to see the native plants return. Hopefully, with the ivy removed there will also be more birds returning. There are plans for Knukson Park to have autistic children help with clearing ivy. Plans for a stewardship program and forest restoration are currently on hold until the situation with Haro Woods as a potential site for sewage treatment has been resolved.

Sewage Treatment- sub committee

David Langley and Harry Drage presented the Sewage treatment sub committee summary. Major points of the summary were discussed. Bill Dancer spoke about the CRD Core Area Liquid Waste

Management Committee meetings (CALWM). There is lots of information to work through and several questions need to be asked of the CRD. Is a Saanich Plant required? Is a plant located in East Saanich desirable or essential? The Saanich sewage treatment cost of \$128 million and \$47 million for the Clover Point area were discussed. Bill Dancer felt that the main issue for our area was the poor state of Oak Bay sewage treatment and subsequent outflow problems during rainstorms. He emphasized that the future site selection for sewage treatment is important and the community needs to get involved in the decision process. According to the CALWM June 11th the CRD decision will be made for Saanich East. The peer review committee of the sewage treatment options stated that the prices are underestimated. Bill compared the potential for several small sewage treatment plants proposed for our area with problems in Halifax which has recently had a major breakdown.

7. Election of Officers and Directors

On no other nominations being offered, the following positions were filled by acclamation

President	Irene Stewart
Vice President	Dave Lynn
Secretary	Brenda Pare
Treasurer	Bill Dancer

There were 8 positions of directors to be filled and 9 nominees. Nominees presented their candidacy in short speeches. A ballot was distributed and collected, and tallied by members. The results were the election of the following board members.

Anka Venema	Mona Goode
Peter Eckard	Elizabeth Borek
Leah Kinarthy	Deborah Dickson
John Sawka	

New Business

Debra Dickson announced a public meeting on Wednesday, May 13th at 7 pm in the Chapel at the Queenswood Centre. There will be a speaker on Sewage Treatment with an open mike session for public input. Vic Derman of Saanich Council will also attend. Several comments followed discussing the perceived lack of public consultation by the CRD. Irene Stewart announced that there is a CRD Open Door meeting planned for June 11th at the Queenswood Centre. The planned format will be workshop style from 6:30 to 9:00 pm, with a short presentation. The goal is to come to seek common ground and some agreement on a site preferred by the community. All community partners are to be invited and UVIC representatives are encouraged to attend.

A motion was proposed by John Sawka: The consultation format for the June 11th meeting with the CRD is unacceptable to the CBRA and the residents of Cadboro Bay insist on a full group dialogue or Town Hall meeting format. Second; Don Fouracre. Approved and carried.

A motion was proposed by John Sawka to strike a committee to establish a code of conduct for CBRA board members and to draft a code of conduct. A quorum of members was no longer in attendance so the motion did not carry.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM

Leah Kinarthy
Acting secretary