

# THE CORDOVAN

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

April 24, 1989

This seems an appropriate time to outline the purpose of the Association, to summarize our activities over the past year, and to project our expectations for the next 12 months.

**PURPOSE**--The Constitution of the Association sets out its objects as follows: The objects of the Association are to work for physical and social improvement in the Cordova Bay community. Without limiting the foregoing, the objects of the Association shall also include--the fostering of meaningful community involvement in all development and land use planning for the area; limitation of community population density; the development and cooperative use of community service facilities for all ages; as far as possible, preservation and improvement of the single-family dwelling nature of the area; the study of any and all matters pertaining to the well-being of residents in this community; the fostering of cooperative and coordinated community services to meet community needs; ensuring that community residents have a determining voice, by democratic process, on all public projects within the neighbourhood; and to raise, receive and borrow funds in order to carry out the above-mentioned objectives, and to receive grants from the Government of Canada or any Department or Agency thereof, and other donors, and to apply and administer such grants for such purpose and in such manner as is consistent with the objectives of the Association, generally as the donor prescribes.

But are these objectives still important to residents? In 1985 the Association conducted a telephone survey of the entire community. Some 57 volunteers called every household and produced 144 usable questionnaires for a response rate of 84%. A substantial majority supported the planned population density, the emphasis on single-family dwellings, the 10,000sq. ft. minimum lot size, and the retention of agricultural land for agricultural purposes.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE LAST YEAR**--Planning--these include final approval of the Local Area Plan; approval of the Tree Cutting Bylaw; continuing attention to rezoning proposals; the extension of the Sewer Construction Area; a proposal for transit services to the Ridge; the designation of the 4.5 ha. McMinn Park near Sunnymead; agreement to upgrade the soccer fields in Lochside Park; work on the issue of truck traffic in the community; and an appeal of the Agricultural Land Commission decision about the removal of the McArthur Park Estates property from the A.L.R. We also sponsored an all-candidates' meeting in the fall for the municipal election.

For some who are concerned at the pace of development in Cordova Bay, the following statistics may be of interest. Comparing 1987 to 1988, building permits for SFDs are up from 158 to 199, but SFD lots registered are down from 162 to 82; townhouse permits are also down from 35 to 31 and rezoning applications from 19 to 13.

Neil Findlow, Saanich Planner for our area, expects that information will be provided within a few weeks on Ministry plans for the free-waying of the Pat Bay Highway. His Department expects to have design concepts about improvements to Cordova Bay Road ready for community review in a month or two.

Social Services--Publication of The Cordovan every two months has been a major means both to communicate with residents and to seek your views in a systematic way with the questionnaire. The walking and singing groups have continued to provide relaxation and companionship for many

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Speculation continues on the details of "freewaying" the Pat Bay Highway, on matters as diverse as access to the freeway and the date of completion (which has now been set back until 1996) -- but there's been little solid fact. On May 15th, however, municipal engineer Cliff Warren brought forward a report to Council setting out a proposal for public participation on the project.

He recommends that a Municipal Liaison Committee be set up to act as a link between the community and the project team.

The purpose of the committee, Warren says, is to give municipal and provincial staff a chance to deal directly with residents on "issues directly related to the project in a forum which encourages informed discussion on both sides, yet permits the technical staff to carry on their detailed work."

The committee will be made up of:

- a representative from Saanich Council
- the municipal engineer
- the project manager representing the Ministry of Transportation and Highways
- plus no more than four permanent representatives from community-based groups within the municipality.

Saanich Council is to identify appropriate groups who will each nominate one permanent and one alternative representative to the committee.

This will be an advisory committee which will make recommendations to the various decision-making bodies involved in the project -- a good step above the public participation proposals made previously for this project. As with other advisory committees, it still remains to be seen whether it will be taken seriously by the authorities who have set it up.

## MEMBERSHIPS IN THE ASSOCIATION

The annual membership drive will begin in September, so please think now about helping with the canvassing. Particularly needed are canvassers for the new parts of Cordova Bay. Call Edwin Hipsey, 658-8283.

in the community. The Thursday morning coffee group has been a valuable point of contact for newcomers to meet others and for anyone to meet a member of the Executive with any questions or problems which our Association can help to resolve. The Cordova Bay Seniors' Lodge Society, with continuing support from this Association, succeeded in opening Sutcliffe House which now houses 11 very satisfied residents. The Community Hall continues to serve badminton players, some fitness classes and soccer practices in season. (Contact Brian Fowler, 658-8282, for further information.)

To support and direct the above activities, your Executive held regular monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month in the new United Church Hall at 7:30 p.m. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome.

We have made a conscious effort this year to be more accessible to residents by meeting in a public space at advertised times, by including a questionnaire in each issue of The Cordovan, through the Thursday morning coffee meetings and the informative Resource Book in the Variety Store. We welcome letters and phone calls to any member of the Executive at any time.

EXPECTATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR--We will continue to monitor the activities of Saanich Council and municipal staff, with special reference to planning issues. Likewise in Social Services we will maintain the service provided by The Cordovan and the various social groups active in the community now. We expect to participate in the "healthy community" project sponsored by the CRD and to continue to identify and meet the needs of residents. One potential new-area is a driving service for those unable to do so to get to doctors' appointments and to make other visits.

THE ASSOCIATION NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS!--In particular we need canvassers and distributors for The Cordovan, especially in new areas such as Sunnymeade. In addition we need someone with some interest and skills in research to analyze The Cordovan questionnaires. Finally, would someone volunteer to organize and co-ordinate a Driving Service?

Desmond M. Connor, President

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#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Cordova's Hotline Helps

Being able to call Pets' Hotline was a huge comfort when my cat went missing last week. Helen Muir and Pam Lewis of Pets' Hotline became my allies-in-the-search. My cat is not a wanderer and is brought in when the sun is setting, for that's raccoon time and there's a family of the ring-tailed critters near the house. I was frantic, but remembered that The Cordovan carries a list of what to do, who to call, when the need arises. I had already registered my pet in the Hotline files, had put a tag with my phone number on his collar and had photos, lots of photos, to show around. Helen's calm reassurances that all would be well, and her advice that I should check with the neighbours, the pound and the SPCA, helped me organize my thoughts instead of fretting. Cat was back, eventually, safe enough but scared silly by something or other. (No reason to believe it might have been the cougar cruising Douglas Park around that time...) Both women helped before, during and after the incident, and I thank them wholeheartedly.

Camilla Newman, Major Road

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a picture of your pet and leaving  
a note with a description of your  
pet and your name and phone number.

THE MASTER PLAN:  
ELK/BEAVER LAKE PARK

The first meeting to discuss the Master Plan for Elk/Beaver Lake Park took place at the Royal Oak Inn on April 27th. Dave Buchanan of Haliburton Road attended as an observer on behalf of the Cordova Bay Association; he subsequently wrote to the Capital Regional District commenting on the parks questionnaire and pointing out some of the matters that will have to be taken into account.

One major improvement, he has suggested, would be to develop a comprehensive drainage scheme for the large areas of the park which become waterlogged during the rainy season. He also raised the question of access to Eagle Beach and the Victoria Rowing Club boathouse once the Pat Bay Highway becomes a freeway.

The questionnaires and meetings will continue, so please fill in the forms and attend the meetings on this delightful park and its waters. If you would like some background information about what has gone on so far, call Dave Buchanan at 658-1785.

CORDOVA BAY PRESCHOOL

In September Cordova Bay Preschool has openings in the afternoons for 3 and 4 year olds and in the mornings for 4 year olds. For further information call Phyllis, 389-2248.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CORDOVA BAY

The Cordova Bay Club sponsored the "Right Rider" Bicycle Safety Program for all of Saanich Municipality schools and supervised the competitions at Lochside, Durrance and Pacific Christian schools. The winners from all Saanich schools held a ride-off at Pearkes Arena. This program is held in conjunction with the Police Department. Petro-Canada takes over now for the Island, Provincial and Canadian Championships.

The Kiwanis are also proud to announce that they are sending Morgan Price of Doumac Avenue, a Grade 11 student at Claremont and also a Key Club Member, to a World Affairs Seminar at the University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, just outside Chicago. The Club is hoping that this experience may be available each year to a top academic student at Claremont. This venture is fully funded by the Club. The seminar is for selected high school students to learn the customs, traditions, aspirations and heritage of peoples from around the globe. Students come from 50 countries--over 1200 in all attending.

We take this opportunity to thank the community for the good support of our annual garage sale. Even the weather cooperated.

The Club also sponsored a bus trip to Chemainus, Duncan Forest Museum and Fuller Lake, where a picnic was held, for around 100 handicapped people from the Greater Victoria area. A second trip is planned--possibly to Parksville--where we plan to have a barbeque. The date proposed is June 25.

COULD YOU HOST A STUDENT?

Host families are needed, and if you are ready to share your home for a school year with an English-speaking student from Europe, Asia, Australia or Latin America, please make a call: Dale Kojima at 656-7379, or Sue Good at 655-1732. The Educational Foundation for Foreign Study is a Canadian non-profit organization, and its representatives are interviewing prospective volunteer families now to start coordinating students and families. The youngsters will arrive in August, so please call soon.

RECYCLING MEETING IN THE FALL

The Capital Regional District plans to designate October as "Recycling Month." Saanich is proposing public meetings on recycling, "to listen to residents' concerns and to provide information."

The Association will be hosting one such meeting. Firm date for this meeting will appear in the September issue of The Cordovan.

There will be a panel of representatives from the Capital Regional District and the Saanich Recycling Committee. Whether you are a) wildly enthusiastic about CRD recycling or b) have some reservations or concerns, plan to come out and make your feelings known.

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### REMINDER

There is a looseleaf binder beside the photocopier in the Variety Store containing documents of interest to residents of Cordova Bay - the Constitution of the Cordova Bay Association, a copy of the Local Area Plan, a copy of the Traffic Study that was carried out in 1987, and so on. It's meant for you to consult. If there are documents not in the book that you think should be there, please call the Secretary, Kay Porter, at 658-5792.

## APRIL'S SURVEY ON THE CORDOVA BAY PLAZA

There were many responses to this survey, and to date we haven't collated all the answers. In fact, though, the same concerns were repeated over and over:

- the need for a bank or a bank machine
- the need for a pharmacy
- and the disastrous condition of the plaza and its surroundings.

Over the next few months, the Association will be fact-finding - talking to banks and pharmacies, for example, to ascertain the level of support required to make a bank or pharmacy a viable proposition for the Bay. The condition of the plaza is another matter: the owner appears to have little concern for it, and there is a limited amount that can be achieved by applying to the municipality. However, it seems to us that with the rising population in the Bay, some astute businessperson might recognize the possibilities.

We'll report on this later in the year.

In the meantime, if we have any expertise in the community that could assist in any of these concerns, will you please make it available to your community by calling Des Connor at 658-8922.

### NEW RESTAURANT IN THE BAY

Sometime this month, the "Cordova Express" will open on the site of the old United Church on Cordova Bay Road. The long-gone peninsula railways provide the theme -- with old railroad photographs, railway lanterns and so on used as decoration. The menu will be varied and stimulating, with lots of seafood, and smaller portions will be available at dinner. The arts and crafts store, with a covered porch connecting it to the restaurant, will feature the work of local well-known artists.

The "Cordova Express" wants to hire food service workers with prior training. Preference -- within these constraints -- will be given to neighbourhood residents.

To get in touch for any reason, call 658-8857.

### BYLAW CHANGED

At the Annual General Meeting of the Cordova Bay Association on April 21, 1989, the following by-law was added:

"On approval of 75% (seventy-five percent) of the directors, the Board may authorize a donation of Association funds to any organization or project which it considers to qualify under the Constitution."

### CORDOVA BAY HAWKS-- COASTAL CHALLENGE CUP SOCCER CHAMPIONS

The Cordova Bay Hawks won the Safeway Coastal Challenge Cup for Division 7 boys at the tournament held in Abbotsford on April 22. In addition, they received the trophy for the Most Outstanding Team, making them the fourth Vancouver Island team to win this award in 37 years.

It has been an exciting season and we are looking forward to playing for the British Columbia Provincial Championship in Kamloops this summer.

We would like to thank Cordova Bay Soccer Club executive for all their help, and also our sponsor, Aris Argyriou of Cordova Seaview Inn, for his generous support.

### PLOT YOUR SUMMER

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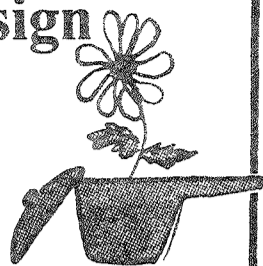
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