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Cordova Bay Association ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 14

7:30 p.m.

Claremont School Lunchroom

As you know, an annual general meeting includes year-end reports of all executive and committee heads, as well as election of officers for the new year. This year there are 5 board positions to be filled. Len Hole, 658-5403 is Chairman of the Nominating Committee: please call him if you wish to stand for election or if you wish to recommend someone else. There are also certain changes to the constitution required by the Societies Act that must be approved: you will find them elsewhere in this newsletter.

Beside these required topics, however, there will be discussion of matters of concern to the community, including an overview of the draft Official Community Plan for Saanich. This sets out the basic plan for the municipality for the next five years or so, and deals with critical matters such as population density, parks, roadbuilding, and the environment. Since it sets parameters for the Municipality, it will naturally have a considerable effect on the next review of the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan, which should be taking place within the next year or so.

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Reminiscences of Cordova Bay

Part II

by Eric McMorran

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What The Cordova Bay Association Does For You

- examines all proposals for development, subdivision, re-zoning, etc. in the community, to ensure that they meet the requirements of the Local Area Plan;
- monitors all issues of concern to the community, and informs affected residents;
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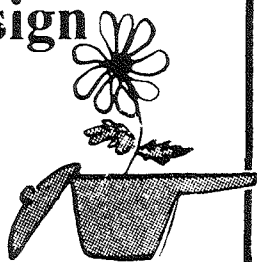
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Saanich General Plan 1992

This is the new name for the Official Community Plan, which was last reviewed and altered in 1984.

Information about the Plan will be published in special inserts in the Saanich News in March and in April.

Copies of the draft plan are available at the Municipal Hall, and at Open Houses that are scheduled for April 29th and 30th and May 2nd.

There is a questionnaire attached to the draft plan, intended to give residents an opportunity to respond to the proposals in advance of public hearings, which will have to take place before the Plan is approved.

This is a critical document for every Saanich community. It will chart future development in Saanich for the next five or more years and, as pointed out elsewhere in this newsletter, it will have decisive effects on the next Cordova Bay Local Area Plan.

For the Association perspective on the Plan, attend the Annual General Meeting at Claremont on April 14th.

Amendments Required to Constitution and By-Laws of the Cordova Bay Association

These amendments will be discussed and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on April 14.

1. Article 3 (Meetings) has to be amended to state whether it is alterable or non-alterable.
Recommendation: addition of Clause 3.11 to read: "Article 3 may be amended by a majority of members present at the Annual General Meeting." unless the meeting agrees that existing Article 9 deals adequately with this question. It requires amendments to the by-laws to be made by a two-thirds majority of members present at any special or annual meeting.
2. Article 2.3 (Expulsion of a member)
Article 6.1 (Borrowing powers)
Article 9 (Amendments)
Recommendation: that requirement be met by changing references to "extraordinary resolution" to "special resolution requiring 75% majority."
3. Article 3.1 (Advance notification of AGM)
Article 3.2 (as above)
Recommendation: that requirement be met by amending from "10 days notice" to "14 days notice".
4. Article 3.4 (Special meeting)
Article 4.6.6 (Special meeting to remove a director)
Currently 3.4 calls for 50 members and 4.6.6 calls for 5% of members.
Recommendation: that requirement be met by amending to read "10% of members."
5. Association by-laws must be expanded to indicate when a member is not in good standing.
Recommendation: that we argue that Article 2.2 deals with this point. Possible clarification is required as to what is meant by "due date" for receipt of membership dues.

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Cordova Bay Road Through Mount Douglas Park: The Moment of Truth!

Or one of them, anyway.

The report on Cordova Bay Road through Mount Douglas Park is out, and a public meeting—a Special Committee of the Whole Meeting of Saanich Council—to discuss it and presumably to come to a decision has been called for April 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the gym at Claremont School.

The Engineer estimates that “the total length of roadway vulnerable to continuing erosion and bank regression is approximately 700m both within and north of the Park boundary.” There are, he says, three options available to deal with the situation—stabilization of the roadway in its present location, closure of the road, or relocation of the road. Both the Engineering Department and the Planning Department are recommending relocation of the road.

The reports—which include a Slope Stability Assessment and an Origin and Destination Traffic Study, as well as the basic report—are available from the Municipality.

The decision will have implications of one kind or another for everyone in Cordova Bay, regardless of location, so this is a meeting that anyone who sees him/herself as a stakeholder should plan to attend.

There is unlikely to be any easy answer. What there are, however, many unanswered questions—questions that need answering before critical decisions are made.

Here are some that spring to mind immediately:

- Which of these options, if any, will reduce (or at least not increase) present and future traffic through our community (Sayward, Fowler and Cordova Bay Road north of Royal Oak are one case: the answer may be different for Cordova Bay Road south of Royal Oak, also part of the community, and also a matter of concern).
- Which of them will most encourage or discourage the provincial government’s desire for an intermunicipal road through Cordova Bay?
- Can the municipality afford to relocate the road on its own? If provincial funding is granted (and this requires a major arterial road designation, which involves four lanes), will the province allow the special designation of a two-lane road to remain? And for how long?
- Is the local area plan sufficiently strong to prevent four lanes being built as and when engineers deem it necessary?
- If this road is closed, what are the choices in traffic routes for residents in various parts of Cordova Bay?
- Will upgrading of the Blenkinsop Road undermine the status of the Blenkinsop Valley?
- Will such an upgrading create an even more direct route into town—Blenkinsop to Maplewood to Cook—thus improving the traffic grid (making the engineers happy), facilitating routes for Cordova Bay residents but also encouraging increasing commuter traffic through Cordova Bay?
- What will be the effects of road relocation on Mount Douglas Park? Are we willing to accept them for whatever we feel the benefits will be? How environmentally sensitive is Saanich capable of being, in view of its past record? How sensitive can it require its contractors to be?
- Do residents along the relocation route agree with the proposal? How do people who don’t agree feel about having their land expropriated for such a road? Have they been asked? Will they be asked? Do we agree with forcible expropriation in cases of roadbuilding any more?
- Will relocation encourage development along its new route? Once that part of Cordova Bay Road achieves sewers, and in view of the fact that development in the Blenkinsop Valley is permitted as long as the land can be reached via an existing gravity sewer, what is the future for the Blenkinsop Valley?
- Unless Saanich will seriously agree to undertake a proper Scenic Route through the Municipality, should it be using the concept of the Scenic Route as a rationale for relocation of Cordova Bay Road through the park when, unlike Sidney, Oak Bay and Victoria, the Saanich portion of that scenic route runs mainly through residential areas, attractive enough but not especially scenically appealing, and approaches the sea only at a portion of Mount Douglas Park and in the very centre of Cordova Bay?

Add your own questions to these ones, and plan to ask them at Claremont on the 2nd.

VOLUNTEERS

The Canadian Cancer Society would appreciate volunteers from Cordova Bay for the first two weeks of April.

Please call Barbara Tier, 479-3361 or the Cancer Society, 592-2244.

PATHWAYS CENTRE

Pathways always needs volunteers --drivers musicians, craftspeople.

Our special need right now--volunteer gardeners.

Please call Pat McCullagh between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 658-5414.

KIWANIS CLUB OF CORDOVA BAY

EASTER FOOD DRIVE

Our club will be conducting a local food drive on Saturday, April 11. Some members will be collecting door to door. If you are missed, then you may donate at our Kiwanis trailer at the Cordova Bay Plaza.

This food will be delivered to the local MUSTARD SEED. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Please help us to help others.

NOTE: We are now collecting for our Annual Garage Sale. If you have any articles, they may be left at Lyall's Esso or the Cordova Bay Hardware. Mark this important date on your calendar: MAY 9--date of the Annual Garage Sale.

AN EASTER ART SHOW

Local artist Peggy Larson will hold an exhibition of Christian art in St. Aidan's United Church, 1691 Broadmead (end of Richmond), SUNDAY, APRIL 12 to MONDAY, APRIL 20, 11 to 4 daily except when services are in progress.

One hundred percent of money from sale of paintings will go to the charity or outreach of the purchaser's choice.

5TH TSARTLIP CUBS & BEAVERS

On March 29 Cubs will be planting trees and the Beavers will be planting seeds as part of the Scouts "Trees for Canada" project.

This planting will improve the ecology of our community. This activity also helps to raise funds for the pack and colony. Cubs and Beavers will be canvassing for sponsorships.

April 26 is Earth Day. Cubs & Beavers will be participating in a region-wide clean up by picking up garbage in Cordova Bay.

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REMEMBERING EARLIER DAYS IN CORDOVA BAY

by G. Bruce McMorran

In this issue I would like to pass on to you my recollections of the stores of the day in the late 1920's and 1930's as I remember them. I refer to the grocery stores, as they were all we had at that time.

Starting at the south end of Cordova Bay Road there was Johns' Store in the 4900 block. They also had a dairy and chicken farm. Then came Sutcliff's Store called "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The original building still stands housing a real estate, architect and veterinary service. Travelling north you would have to go all the way to Cunningham's at Elk Lake before finding another outlet to buy supplies.

At that time there were three Japanese gardens selling fresh fruit and vegetables in season. One in particular, the largest, was called "Kakuno & Mazuno Bros" and catered to the large influx of summer cottagers during those years. In the late 30's they delivered orders by bicycle, with a side car attached.

Two other larger businesses relied exclusively on the summer trade. These were the "Little Arctic," owned and operated by Charlie Smith, located where Parkview Store presently stands, and our place, known as "McMorran's Pavilion." Both these establishments sold groceries, but the main trade was in confections: candy bars, ice cream, soda pop, milk shakes and sodas, hot dogs, cigarettes, etc. Our store had the only gas pump in Cordova Bay at the time, and we also sold oil, kerosene and naphtha gas. There was quite a rivalry between the two places. Both had dance floors and vied fiercely for the summer trade. Charlie had one advantage in that coming to Cordova Bay from Victoria, people would stop at the "Little Arctic," not knowing where McMorran's was. I can remember my mother asking friends who said, "We'll see you on the weekend," why they hadn't come--only to find out they had come to Cordova Bay all right but never got as far as McMorran's.

Finally, very important, especially in winter, were the door-to-door services. For milk I mentioned there was John's Dairy. They delivered. Catterall's Dairy, on acreage at Sutcliff Road, had a large herd. In addition to the Japanese gardens, we had a Chinese gentleman who sold fruit and vegetables from his truck. There were three bakery delivery companies, a peddler who sold fresh meat from his truck, and another colourful character whom I'll always remember. His name was Eskimo Abbott, and the slogan on the side of his truck---FRESH FISH EGGS AND RABBIT ---.

CORDOVA BAY SCHOOL
PARENTS' ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome back to school children and teachers. Thanks to the weather this has been a wonderful Spring Break. This last term is the busiest and most enjoyable of the year.

We would like to invite the community to visit the school for our SPRING FAIR, MAY 22, 5 to 8 p.m. There will be food, games, a Silent Auction, prizes. Watch for more details on posters in the neighbourhood. If you can donate goods or services to our auction, please call Lisa at 658-4991.

Another reminder about dogs in the playground. It's a great open space to run and play in, but please be prepared to pick up after your dogs.

The Parents' Council at Cordova Bay School is concerned about the safety at the crosswalk at Fenn and Cordova Bay Road. The School Board, Saanich Council, and the Cordova Bay Association have been approached about this concern by a parent of the school. We are supporting him in his efforts. To date, Saanich is not prepared to address the crosswalk issue. We would like to keep this concern in the public eye. As our community changes, Cordova Bay Road will have to be dealt with. We would like safe access to the school to remain a priority.

If you have any questions or ideas, or would like to offer your support, call Mike at 658-8101.

The Friends of Mount Douglas Park

At our February meeting, which was attended by about seventy people, we heard reports on the transmitter site development, the new approach to trails within Saanich parks, and a progress report from Andrew Petter concerning the return of the land that was subdivided from the park last year.

The main item on the agenda focused on the question: Is there anything worth preserving in Mount Douglas Park? From the lively discussion that flowed in response to this question and to the slide and overhead displays, it was clear that we do. The results will be summarized in a vision for the park which will appear in our next newsletter. The theme will be "Sea to Summit," as we feel that the walk, real or imaginary, from the beach to the summit through the different ecological zones captured the essence of this area; the solitude and enormous diversity that make it unique.

Unfortunately, into the midst of these positive developments has come the announcement that Saanich Council will hold a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd of April at Claremont School, to debate the future of Cordova Bay Road through the park. In response to the continual slumping of the cliffs and the instability this creates in the road, members of Saanich's Engineering Department carried out an "Origin and Destination" traffic study last summer and some geological tests this winter. They are now bringing forward three options for consideration:

- a) relocate the road (\$2 - \$7 million)
- b) shore up the present road (\$1 - \$3 million)
- c) close the road (\$?)

The adoption of any of these will have a major impact on the park and the surrounding communities. If either of the first two were to be adopted, we would see the reintroduction of truck traffic, and on a 7% grade if the road were relocated. Under the present cost-sharing agreements with the Province, these options would confirm Cordova Bay Road as a major road, and thus carries the option of expansion to four lanes. There has been talk of an alternative—a "parkway"—but as yet it has no official status and it is unclear whether such a road would qualify for the cost-sharing.

Given the change in climate with regard to transportation and land use that has taken place over the last two years, we want this matter to be given priority within the CRD Transportation Study. When viewed in such a context, we believe closure of the road is a viable option, provided steps are taken to redirect the present through-traffic away from the rural and residential areas along traffic corridors. Coupled with the introduction of alternative modes of transportation, such a development would lead not only to the conservation and preservation of Mount Douglas Park and the adjacent farms and green spaces, but also to positive development within each distinct community. Instead of wasting our energies fighting traffic proposals, we could redirect our efforts to more positive community goals.

The first steps toward this new dawn could very well be taken at the meeting in April. Plan to come.

For more details:	Pam Lewis	658-5039	
	Graham Shorthill	658-5873	
Memberships:	Luke Crebas	4635 Cordova Bay Road	V8X 3V6

CORDOVA BAY NEW HORIZONS

Every Thursday from September to June 30, we meet in St. David's Church Hall from 10 to 4. We have two or three carpets in use for our morning bowling. This is followed by a noon lunch, at which time the bowling group and bridge players meet to enjoy the soup and buns. The bridge players usually have four full tables, and at the same time (1 - 4) the "knit and chat" group of 6 to 8 people occupies the pre-school room. Tea is served at 3, and everyone enjoys this break for a bit of socializing and relaxing.

On the third Tuesday of each month we have films in the pre-school room, starting at 7:30 p.m. Attendance averages 20 people, and non-members are welcome.

Membership fees are \$5 a person a year, and anyone interested may contact Al Coomber at 658-8295. The new Horizons is a non-denominational organization for retired people of any age, race or colour. Come and enjoy! We have about 60 members.

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Easter Sunday Morning: 10:30 a.m.

Mother's Day Service: May 10, 10:30 a.m.

Camp Night: May 24, 6:30 p.m.

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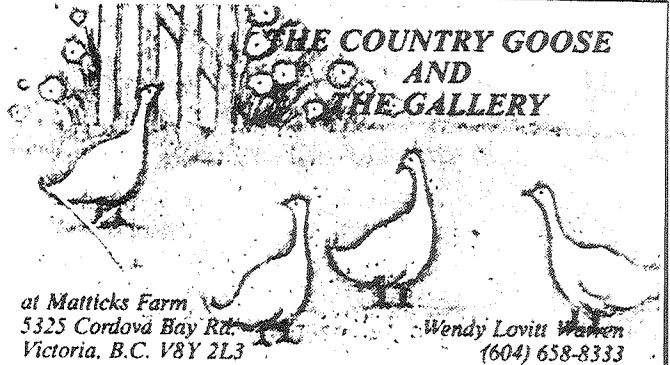
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Good Friday, April 17: 9:55 a.m. The Supreme Drama

Easter Sunday, April 19: 7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service followed by potluck
breakfast on top of Mount Douglas
9:55 a.m. Easter Celebration

Friday - Sunday, April 24-26: Congregational Camp at Camp Pringle
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Sunday, May 3: 9:55 a.m. Easter Drama-written and produced by Molly
Phillips with adults and young people of
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Sunday, May 10: 9:55 a.m. Christian Family Sunday-"Mother's Day"

Sunday, May 17: 9:55 a.m. Guest: Lawrence Moon, Director (soon to
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CORDOVA BAY SOCCER CLUB

The soccer season is nearly over, and the players, coaches, managers
and executive will be taking a well-earned rest over the summer, apart
from working on fields, uniforms, equipment, and the installation
of more lights at Lochside Park!

The season has generally been a successful one, especially for the three
girls teams, all of which reached the City Finals in the B.C. Cup
Competition. The Royals in particular have done well, winning
the City and Island rounds and at the time of writing moving on to
play Fraser Valley en route to the Coastal Finals.

The workload on the Executive has been onerous this year, as we are
short of six members. The Club Annual General Meeting is set for
Tuesday, April 14 at the Seaview Inn, 7:30 p.m. Please support the
Club by attending and please consider joining the Executive.

Registration will be starting in June; be on the lookout for more
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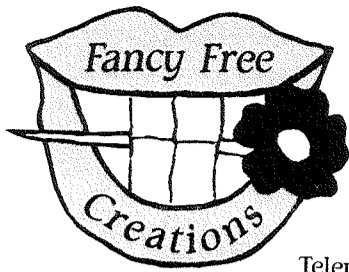
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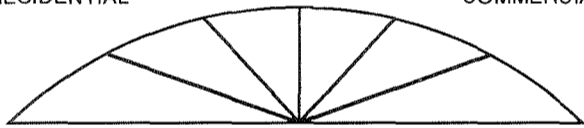
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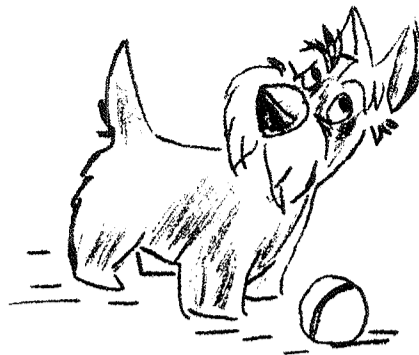
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