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ISSUES FOR CORDOVA BAY AND SAANICH IN THE 90s

There are several crucial issues in Saanich these days. They are not being adequately addressed by our elected representatives, either municipally or provincially. Where action is being taken, it is often as a response to pressures that are not directed at serving the residents of Saanich or the quality of their lives.

The Cordova Bay Association will be taking an active part in the municipal elections this fall, and in a provincial election, when that is called. It will not put forward a slate of its own, nor will it directly support any candidate. What it will do is ask the following specific questions of every candidate for every office, encourage individuals and other public service organizations in Saanich to do the same, and ask the media to make these questions central to any coverage it gives the candidates or the election.

The Association will be asking for direct answers to direct questions: it wishes to avoid having the questions used simply as a stepping-stone for a candidate's self-promotion.

In the late 70s, voters in Saanich had the same perception that their elected representatives were not serving them well. They forced a moratorium on six major developments and withdrawal of the proposed Official Community Plan, and finally swept the existing council out of office. That road is open to electors again, should it be necessary to take it.

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1. Growth

The 1980 Local Area Plan set a top population of 6500 people for Cordova Bay. The 1988 Local Area Plan increased it slightly, to 6556. That figure was to be reached by the turn of the century. The present population of Cordova Bay is 6248 people, with ten years of the century left to run. This excessive growth is not confined to Cordova Bay. There has been no attempt to limit growth in Saanich to the 25-year 108,000 that Saanich approved in the late 70s, nor any attempt to pursue a policy of slow growth, whereby the communities and the service infrastructure would have time to adjust to change without too many adverse effects.

There are questions that any candidate should be ready and willing to answer fully and straightforwardly:

ARE YOU WILLING TO LIMIT GROWTH IN SAANICH?

HOW DO YOU PROPOSE TO LIMIT GROWTH IN SAANICH?

The Capital Regional Growth Sub-committee, a meeting of regional technical specialists, stated in its April 1990 report that Saanich must provide more building lots.

DO YOU APPROVE OF THIS RECOMMENDATION?

2. Transportation (roads, buses)

There is no effective transportation planning taking place in Saanich. Development takes place without consideration of the road-building

that will be required to serve it, of how that roadbuilding will affect present residents of the municipality, or of what effect it will have on the quality of life and the environment. Bus service, such as it is, is based on economics rather than need. Our elected officials have made no serious effort to acquire better public transportation in Saanich, nor have they pursued Saanich interests wholeheartedly in dealings with the provincial government over the upgrading of the Pat Bay Highway. Candidates who wish to be considered responsible and accountable should be ready to answer these questions:

IF YOU ARE ELECTED, ARE YOU WILLING TO PUSH FOR A BETTER AND MORE EFFECTIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITHOUT DELAY?

ARE YOU PREPARED TO ENSURE THAT TRANSPORTATION ISSUES WILL BE CONSIDERED WHENEVER A MAJOR DEVELOPMENT IS PROPOSED?

ARE YOU PREPARED TO PRESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A LAND USE PLAN FOR SAANICH, OF WHICH A TRANSPORTATION PLAN WILL BE ONE PART?

ARE YOU PREPARED TO DEAL TOUGHLY WITH THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT ON THE MATTER OF HIGHWAY UPGRADING?

WILL YOU SUPPORT THE CONSTRUCTION OF A FRONTAGE ROAD ALONG THE CORDOVA BAY PORTION OF THE PAT BAY HIGHWAY, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE CORDOVA BAY TRAFFIC STUDY OF 1987, AND AS APPROVED BY SAANICH COUNCIL, AND AS INCLUDED IN THE 1988 CORDOVA BAY LOCAL AREA PLAN?

3. Environment

At the moment no more than lip-service is being paid to legitimate environmental concerns in the municipality. Any serious candidate should have a specific set of policies designed to deal innovatively with these concerns.

WILL YOU SUPPORT THE EARLY CREATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW GROUP WHICH WILL NOT BE AN ADVISORY GROUP BUT A SUB-SECTION OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT?

WILL YOU AGREE TO ADEQUATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF ALL PROPOSALS FOR DEVELOPMENT, WITH A REPORT TO FORM PART OF THE INFORMATION PASSED ON TO COUNCIL BEFORE SUCH DEVELOPMENTS COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE?

The Association welcomes recommendations for further questions. They may be addressed to the Secretary at 5041 Wesley Road, V8Y 1Z5.

NEW LOCAL DIRECTORY PLANNED - REGISTER YOUR GROUP NOW

Thanks to the suggestion of a public-spirited Bay resident, the Cordovan will soon publish a directory of services in Cordova Bay.

We need your help now to make this useful list available. If you are involved with any group that has a local contact person or if you know of one--for example, support groups, informational groups, public-service groups--please fill in the form below and drop it in the box at Cordova Bay Variety (in the Post Office area) or mail it to Kay Porter, 5041 Wesley Road, Victoria, V8Y 1Z5. Please try to respond before October 15.

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FASHION SHOW

You are invited to a special evening sponsored by the Cordova Bay United Church women on Wednesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the church, 813 Claremont, when they present a fashion show featuring clothes by "Ultrasilks." These silk-like fashions in new winter styles and colours are easy-care and machine washable and will be for sale that evening. The ticket price of \$3.50 includes refreshments. Tickets are available by phoning 658-1080, the church office at 658-5911 or at the door on the 19th.

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ALUMINUM: foil and pie plates are taken at Regent, Allan, and Budget Steel, 270 Pleasant St., 381-5865. Budget, Regent and Williams Scrap Iron, 456 Beta St., 382-9395 also take scrap aluminum, such as cooking pots.

OTHER METALS: Regent, Budget, Williams and Scrap King, 849 Station St., 478-5464, take copper, lead and brass.

CAR BATTERIES: Budget Steel, Victoria Bottle and Battery Exchange, and Warrior Salvage, 6785 Veyaness Rd., 652-6464.

PAPER: light-coloured and white letterhead, photocopy paper, blue-lined white paper and envelopes (no windows, please) is collectively known as ledger paper. Regent and Allan both take ledger paper.

COMPUTER PRINTOUTS: Allan and Regent.

MOTOR OIL: Mohawk gas stations at 2100 Quadra St., 382-2344 and Mayfair Mall, 386-6422 and the Esquimalt public works yard at 1229 Esquimalt Rd., 385-2451 take used motor oil.

5TH TSARTLIP AND BEAVER PACK

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in order to maintain an active
Cub Pack and Beaver Colony
in Cordova Bay

The 5th Tsartlip Cub and Beaver Pack are currently without a chairperson. We will not be able to run either activity effectively until this position is filled.

Please call Judi Cooke for further information: 658-1978

Cub and Beaver Registration will be September 11, 7:00 p.m., at St. David By the Sea.

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Awkward editing of the original article on R.E.I.D. apparently created misunderstanding, which we are happy to clarify with the following (unedited) information:

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON IMPAIRED DRIVING (R.E.I.D.)

The life expectancy of every age group is increasing, except for the 16 - 24 year old group, whose life expectancy is decreasing due to drinking and driving. Every year in Canada there are approximately 130,000 impaired driving convictions, 2500 people killed and 100,000 serious injuries. The cost to insurance companies alone is in the neighbourhood of 2 billion dollars.

R.E.I.D. promotes research efforts, conducts awareness campaigns and has an in-depth school program (Grades 5 - 12) available to all schools in the province. Royal Oak Middle School and Claremont Secondary are two of the many schools at which this program has been presented on Vancouver Island.

As drinking and driving is the #1 killer of people in their teens and twenties, our priority is to reach as many young people as possible with our school program. This program stresses the fact that we all have choices regarding drugs, driving while under the influence, and when choosing whether or not to accept a ride with an impaired driver.

R.E.I.D. is a non-profit registered charity run by volunteers and depends solely on public support for funding its programs.

For further information, please call Karla Newstone at 658-8106.

THE KIWANIS CLUB OF CORDOVA BAY

Delegates at the 75th annual International Convention in St. Louis, Missouri, this summer took a stand on desecration of national flags. A resolution was passed:

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Kiwanians everywhere reaffirm the Sixth Object of Kiwanis International by deploring acts of desecration of national flags as counterproductive to the creation of that sound public opinion and high idealism which increase international understanding, justice, patriotism, good will, and internal good order.

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Do you have excess pounds you'd like to lose? GOALS is a self-help weight-loss group that meets on Tuesday mornings, 9:45-10:45 in the Youth Lounge at Cordova Bay United Church. New members welcome. For further information call Ruth, 658-8443.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Readers, as a rule the Cordovan does not print unsigned letters. However, this resident raises an important, continuing issue for us dog owners. If we don't heed such opinion and clean up after our pets, especially as the Bay grows and our dog population with it, in future our dogs may be even more stringently regulated.

Dear Editor:

One very warm evening in early August, my husband and I decided to take our children for a walk on the beach. The children, ages two and five, gleefully dismissed their bedtime routine and I my cup of tea. Off we went.

Entering the beach at Agate Park, with squeals of delight we headed southward. Eyes upward and ears entranced by the music of the ocean, we were glad to be here. But it wasn't long before our feet began dancing to dodge the dog feces everywhere before us, and I watched in horror as my children played in the sand. Sadly, we left the beach near Claremont and walked along the road.

There is a by-law in Cordova Bay which states that no dogs are allowed on the beaches between May 1 and September 1. The pound confirms this.

The solution is simple. Dog owners **MUST** at least clean up after their animals. Our loveliest resource in Cordova Bay is the ocean and the beach.

If the shoe fits, don't step in it!

A Cordova Bay Resident

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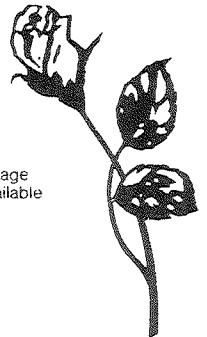
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The "Re-Naturalization" of Doumac Ravine Park

In March of this year, responding to serious local concern about what the municipality had done to Doumac Ravine Park, Saanich hired a consultant "to identify the most appropriate and environmentally sensitive treatment of Doumac Ravine Park."

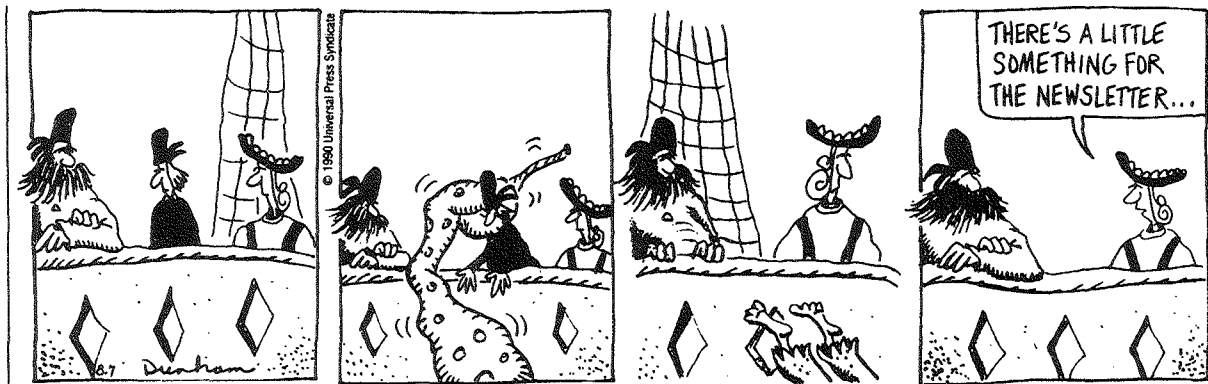
Acting upon selective information from the consultant's report, the Director of Parks & Recreation and the Municipal Engineer have brought forward the following possibilities for action:

1. Convert the channel of Doumac Creek to a lined drainage facility.
2. Install a pipe parallel to the Doumac Creek channel to carry Ridge storm drainage through the ravine.

Either course of action has unfortunate implications for the park and for those who enjoy it. They admit that the drainage channel, largely concrete, "would probably be unsatisfactory to many park users." The pipe, on the other hand, will "cause significant disruption of the natural environment and removal of vegetation." Since this was what the problem was all about initially, it is hard to see where "environmental sensitivity" comes into the equation.

Parks & Recreation has called a public meeting on these options, to be held in the Council Chamber at Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue on Wednesday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to come out to it.

The Association has formed a Doumac Park Sub-committee which has been considering these options and other courses of action. If you want information or wish to discuss possibilities, please call Roger Vale at 658-5301 or Roger Stonebanks at 658-5125.



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Calendar

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JUAN DE FUCA CONCERT ORCHESTRA

The Juan de Fuca Concert Orchestra, under the direction of John Getgood, will be starting another busy season in September. Concerts have already been arranged in a number of seniors' centres and a series of fund-raising concerts booked.

The orchestra hopes to give a concert again this season at the Cordova Bay United Church. A date has not yet been arranged.

This season programmes will include a wide variety of music you will love to listen to--the Golden Oldies," the music of Gershwin, and special performances of a Mozart flute concerto with soloist Kristina Stevens.

If you wish to book the orchestra, please call 652-0368 or 658-5659. Costs are minimal, and concerts provide a good means of fund raising. The orchestra stresses the fact that it is primarily a community project.

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You do not have to fight traffic to enjoy quality music. Right here in the Cordova Bay United Church the Civic Orchestra, under the direction of Robert Cooper, will present its first concert of the 1990-91 season, featuring British composers, on Sunday, October 21 at 2:30 p.m. Repeated elsewhere the following Saturday or Sunday, October 27 or 28, TBA.

All concerts are in pairs so that if you are unable to attend on one date, or the place is inconvenient, you have the opportunity to hear the same concert a few days later in a different location.

French composers are offered Sunday, December 9, 2 p.m., Queen Margaret's School, Duncan, as well as Saturday or Sunday, December 15 or 16, TBA.

Selections from operas and operettas with the San Juan Singers will be presented Saturday, March 9, 1991, 8 p.m., University Centre. Or, for the more adventurous, just across the way on San Juan Island, Friday Harbor, Washington, on Saturday, March 2 at 2:30 or 8 p.m.



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**CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEET-
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