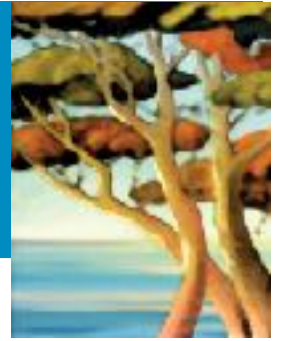


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Cordova Bay Association AGM

Save the date!

The 2020 CBA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 pm** via a Zoom Webinar.

The meeting is open to all active CBA members. Please make sure your membership is up to date and the board has your correct email address. Further details of the meeting will be sent out via email to members.



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Nominations for the CBA Board of Directors

The CBA Board of Directors is made up of 11 volunteer members who conduct the work of the association. This work includes the reviewing of development proposals, addressing transportation related issues, organizing events such as Cordova Bay Day, communicating local information to members, and working for the general improvement of Cordova Bay for its residents.

This year at our Annual General Meeting on October 28, 2020, we are electing or re-electing seven directors. Of these, five existing board members have agreed to let their names stand for re-election. The nominations committee are seeking two additional candidates to fill the election slate. These positions offer an excellent opportunity for those looking to volunteer in their community.

If you are interested in being nominated to the board, or to present nominees for the Board of Directors of the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs, please contact any member of the Nominations Committee:

Neil Swart - cba-membership@cbasn.com

Debbie Sherwood - letter-to-editor@cbasn.com

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CBA Scholarship

By *Larry Gontovnick*

In 2019, the Cordova Bay Association, in conjunction with Claremont Secondary School, established an annual one-time \$500 scholarship intended to encourage a Claremont graduating student who is a resident of Cordova Bay to pursue further education at a recognized B.C. post-secondary institution. The first such scholarship was awarded in 2019, and we thank Lynda Vallee, former CBA board member and Transportation Committee co-chair, for spearheading this wonderful initiative.

On behalf of the CBA, I presented the 2nd annual Cordova Bay Community Award Scholarship to Claremont Secondary School grade 12 graduating student Jacob Rambo in person at his home in August (while maintaining social distancing of course!), as the school's awards event was cancelled this year as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Jacob's application cover letter said "I have passion, and I love my community. Ever since I moved here I have volunteered to improve my Cordova Bay. From simply cleaning up garbage and doing the recycling at my school, to volunteering to dispose of old Christmas trees, something about it just makes me feel like I am part of something bigger than myself. I love Cordova Bay because it has given me a lot to be thankful for."

The CBA wishes Jacob much success as he enters 1st year at the University of Victoria in Commerce and pursues a career as an Environmental Economist or Financial Advisor. Congratulations Jacob!

Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs Annual General Meeting October 28, 2020

NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CORDOVA BAY ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS (CBA) BYLAWS

In accordance with Part 9 of the CBA bylaws, notice is hereby given to members of the following proposed two amendments.

(1) PART 5 S.48 - Standing Committees

Current Wording:

48. There shall be five standing committees:

- a) Planning;
- b) Traffic;
- c) Publicity and Public Relations
- d) Social Services; and
- e) Membership.

Proposed Wording with Highlighted Changes:

48. There shall be five standing committees:

- a) Planning;
- b) *Transportation*;
- c) *Public Relations*;
- d) *Events*; and
- e) Membership.

MOTION: That the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs amend its bylaw PART 5, S.48 b) to read Transportation; amend bylaw PART 5, S.48 c) to read Public Relations; and amend PART 5, S.48 c) to read Events.

MOVED: Barb Lucas **Seconded:**

(2) PART 7 S.51 and S.53 - Accounts

Current Wording:

51. The accounts of the association shall be audited at the end of each fiscal year and the board of directors shall recommend to the annual general meeting an auditor or auditors for the ensuing years.

53. The auditors and members of the association shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to all records, documents, books, accounts and files of the associations and the auditors shall be entitled to require from the directors such information and explanations as may be necessary for the purposes of the auditors' duties.

Proposed Wording with Highlighted Changes:

51. The accounts of the association shall be *audited or reviewed* at the end of each fiscal year and the board of directors shall recommend to the annual general meeting an *auditor/reviewer* or *auditors/reviewers* for the ensuing years.

53. The *auditors/reviewers* and members of the association shall have a right of access at all reasonable times to all records, documents, books, accounts and files of the association and the *auditors/reviewers* shall be entitled to require from the directors such information and explanation as may be necessary for the purposes of the *auditors'/reviewers'* duties.

MOTION: That the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs amend its bylaws PART 7, S.51 and PART 7, S. 53 to replace the word "audited" with "audited or reviewed" and replace the words "auditor" or "auditors" with "auditor/reviewer" or "auditors/reviewers".

MOVED: Barb Lucas **Seconded:**

President's Corner

By Larry Gontovnick, CBA President



Back in April, the CBA advised that due to practical considerations associated with safe distancing during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the board decided to postpone the AGM.

The board is now going ahead with our plans for an AGM, noting the importance that societies and people involved with societies follow guidelines and recommendations set forth by the Provincial Health Officer, B.C. Health Minister, and Canada Health guidelines in regards to COVID-19.

Societies have the option of hosting virtual or hybrid meetings even if the society's bylaws and provincial legislation and regulation state otherwise, as a result of a ministerial order that will remain in force for the duration of the current state of emergency. Where a notice is required, instructions for participation can be provided in lieu of a physical location.

So please join us virtually via Zoom Webinar at our AGM on Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m., which includes proposed bylaw revisions and election of officers and directors. Voting will be conducted via Zoom Polling.

After eight years on the CBA board, and the past four years as president, I have decided not to stand for re-election to the board at the upcoming AGM. I will continue my volunteering at the Jewish Community Centre of Victoria, where I am in my 7th year as President on the board of directors.

I very much enjoyed serving on the CBA board and working with many wonderful volunteers on the board and on the various committees and work teams. I will remain an active member of the CBA and our community, and will continue to express my personal views to the District of Saanich on important local issues and developments.

We are very fortunate indeed to live in such a beautiful part of the world and be able to express our opinions freely. However, we should always be respectful of our fellow Cordova Bay residents who may not share the same vision for the future of our community. Diversity is essential for us to be a healthy, thriving community.

Planning Committee Report

The Planning Report will return in the next issue of The Cordovan.

CBA Membership

By Neil Swart



The strength of the Cordova Bay Association (CBA), and the weight of our influence with Saanich and other agencies is directly related to the size of our membership. We rely on your support to advocate for the improvement of Cordova Bay. Membership in the CBA is on a household basis - all members of a household can be included as CBA members for a single annual payment of \$10. A membership fee is a requirement to keep our standing as a society, and helps fund the work of the organization.

This year has been difficult on many fronts, and the CBA has seen a reduction in membership renewals, likely in part because key events like Cordova Bay Day have not occurred. The decrease is also partly likely because many people have been occupied with difficult challenges arising from COVID19. Yet as many people are spending more time at home, it is as important as ever to keep our community strong and thriving.

I encourage everyone to renew their memberships to keep the support for the association going. If you have never been a member before, check out our website for 10 great reasons to join. Remember, only members are eligible to vote at the AGM in October, and continue to receive important community updates via email. We have an easy new online renewal option - but paper forms are still available for those who prefer. See our website at: www.cbasn.com/membership/

Finally, to help foster a sense of community and provide a place to enable community members to interact virtually, a few months ago we started the Cordova Bay Association Facebook group. Over 100 people have already joined, and are actively engaging with each other. The group is open for anyone to join and can be found online at: www.facebook.com/groups/218376739240735



Photo courtesy of Barb Lucas

Cordova Bay Local Area Plan (LAP) Update

By Barb Lucas and Alex Izett

The Draft Cordova Bay Local Area Plan is up for review on Saanich's website!

A postcard notification to all Cordova Bay residents was mailed out by Saanich in July, directing residents to the Saanich website at www.saanich.ca/cordova where the following information and events are listed:

- Attend the [Virtual Open House](#)
- [Review the Draft Plan](#)
- See the Draft Plan's section 10 [Village Sub-Area Plan](#)
- Review the [Draft Cordova Bay Village Design Guidelines](#)
- [Email](#) with questions or to set up a phone meeting with the planner

There is also an "Asked and Answered" link with questions of a general nature that have already been sent to Saanich.

Feedback to Saanich can be done through completing their Community Survey and/or sending a letter, as indicated on the website.

We strongly encourage all residents to review the Draft LAP and provide feedback to Saanich.

The LAP Advisory Committee (AC) met prior to this release of the draft plan on June 18, 2020 (at Lochside Park in lieu of an indoor venue, due to COVID-19). The AC reviewed the draft plan and provided initial feedback to Saanich Planner Pam Hartling in charge of the Cordova Bay LAP process, and Senior Saanich Planner Cam Scott.

The LAP process has been delayed for the past few months due to COVID-19 necessitating smaller gatherings and physical distancing. The public engagement process, which should have completed by now, was put on hold. The other factor in the delay was Saanich Council's decision to pause the LAP process and move staff resources to a broader Saanich Housing initiative, but the Cordova Bay and Cadboro Bay LAP updates were to proceed to completion. Council may appreciate the extent of housing initiatives that are included in the LAP, given their current focus on housing.

The Draft LAP concludes with a section "Taking Action, Tracking Progress". This table outlines actions from all sections of the Draft LAP, the policy it relates to, what Saanich department is the lead on it, and a "High / Medium / Low" priority designation. The AC requested a time (i.e. - # of years) be attached to the priority designations. We know that a low priority designation likely means 20 years down the road; however this request is not reflected in the current online Draft LAP.

Transportation Report

By Alex Izett

Now that Fall is here, we are reminded that dark mornings are just around the corner. Likewise, at the end of the day, the early onset of darkness. Winter road conditions become less friendly, and with that comes raised anxiety about the safety of kids as they make their way to and from school.

Here in Cordova Bay, we're constantly reminded of the dangers lurking on our roads at peak times as seen by the truck convoys and regular through traffic, often at speeds well in excess of posted limits. The safety of pedestrians must remain paramount, along the length of sidewalks and at crosswalks which are each in need of upgrading.

The need for enhanced awareness is also important at local school bus stops. One particular concern at these times is the bus pick-up/drop-off stop at the Sayward/Alderley intersection, where the kids are challenged daily by the almost-constant flow of traffic heading to, and coming from, the lights at the Pat Bay Highway (itself a top-10 crash site!). There is no crosswalk so the children are required to run back and forth across Sayward to get to where the school bus stops. There is no "safe haven" because the corner area where the students congregate drops off into a ditch. Winter time especially, with the corresponding slick road surface, can cause havoc at this intersection. There have been occasions when the school bus has actually slid to a stop, cars often end up in the ditch, and Alderley/Sayward collisions are not uncommon. Working with parents, the CBA will be addressing this again with Saanich as well as with the school district, seeking an alternative or intersection improvement.

On the subject of speed, we are pleased to see that the mayor's "speed limit reduction" initiative has gained some traction. On October 2, Cordova Bay residents received an email: Update from Mayor Haynes - MVA Pilot Project - Road Speeds in which he reported that significant progress has been made on developing the parameters for the pilot project that would set the default speed limit to 40 km/h on streets without a continuous yellow centre line.

This 3-year pilot project is a welcomed move, however it's hoped that the scope will not just be limited to residential streets and that it will encompass other hot-spots within our communities where a 50-to-40 km/h speed reduction is called for. Unfortunately, a \$2M investment into specific district road safety measures being pushed by a number of councillors was derailed by budget constraints brought about by the onset of COVID-19.

And still on "speed", it's been noted that Saanich police crews have been active over the summer dealing with drivers travelling at excessive speeds. The relatively successful pursuit of those violators

has to be commended, but one has to query why the Saanich Police Department hasn't seen fit to patrol the northern stretch of our corridor. Yes, they've been seen applying due diligence on more than one occasion at the Doris Page/beach access stretch where a 30 limit prevails, but are not addressing excessive speeders who plague our community during quiet times.

Elsewhere, we're pleased to note that the Haliburton sidewalk/bike lane project has been completed, and what a good job it appears to be. We're also delighted that the "Goat Path" along Fowler is also now receiving much-needed attention. We await with interest developing detail of the proposed Cordova Bay Ridge/Walema/Mattick's Woods sidewalk. And finally for now, community feedback on the draft Local Area Plan Update is eagerly awaited, as is word from transit on their plans for future improvements to the Cordova Bay service. Together, there are numerous transportation issues that are bound to catch your attention!

PUT SAFETY FIRST! If you have traffic concerns or witness an incident, please contact Saanich Police to file a report (non-emergency number is 250-475-4321).

Jack Colbert

By Roger Stonebanks

Jack Colbert, who was an active volunteer in Cordova Bay, died on September 18 at the age of 85.



Known as "Smiling Jack" because of his cheerful disposition, he served on the CBA Board of Directors from 2009 to 2012 and was Chair of the Planning Committee. He was also active on the organizing committee for Cordova Bay Day involved with the setup/takedown and responsible for the Shriners 'train.'

Born in Edmonton, Jack had a career as a professional engineer with Shell and Texaco before retirement to Victoria. He and his wife Joan lived on Bonanza Place then moved to Berwick Royal Oak retirement residence a few years ago.

He is survived by Joan, two daughters and two grand-daughters.

We hope you enjoy reading your copy of *The Cordovan*. The next issue will be out in February. If you have suggestions for articles, drop us a line at letter-to-editor@cbsn.com In the meantime, please visit the Cordova Bay Association website www.cbsn.com for news and articles of interest.

From the Archives - Winter 2010

Health Tips

By Dr. Anahita Ariana

If you have a cold or flu...antibiotics won't work. Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses.

And since colds, 'flu and most sore throats are caused by viruses, this means antibiotics will not help cure your cold or flu, or even make you feel better.

This is frustrating to hear, I know, but it's true. In fact, taking antibiotics when you have a virus may do more harm than good. Using antibiotics when they're not needed can create resistant strains of bacteria that are stronger and harder to kill. Plus, taking antibiotics always poses the risk of side effects such as rashes, allergic reactions and dangerous forms of diarrhea.

So I strongly advise against using antibiotics if you don't have a bacterial infection. How can you know? Your doctor or nurse can help you find out if your illness is bacterial or viral.

In the meantime, avoid contagious viruses as much as possible. Keeping your hands clean is one of the most important ways to avoid getting sick and spreading germs. Wash your hands with soap and running water for 20 seconds. If that's not possible, use an alcohol-based hand rub. Make sure to cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and wash your hands afterwards so as not to spread your germs onto the keyboard or door handle you might be sharing with others.

Plus, stay home if you get sick. Take a break. And last, but not least, get the flu vaccine each year in the fall, especially if you're elderly or have compromised health.

Editor's note: The article's author, Dr. Anahita Ariana, is a physician, still a Cordova Bay resident, and volunteers to help produce each issue of *The Cordovan*. Her advice in 2010 rings especially true in 2020.

The edition of *The Cordovan*, in which this article originally appeared, 10 years ago, was also the first distributed electronically. Consider how much we have come to rely on electronic communication. Most of you are reading this on a device. We will even use devices to attend the AGM at the end of October.

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