

**Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs
Annual General Meeting**

Held: April 17, 2019

Location: Cordova Bay United Church, 813 Claremont Avenue, Victoria.

Board Members In Attendance: Larry Gontovnick, Alex Izett, Neil Swart; Keith Anderson, Barb Lucas, Ross Marshall, Lynda Vallee, Gloria Wills

Board Member Regrets: Tim Kane, Dave Mitton, Dave Kuprowsky

Number of CBA Members in attendance (including board members): 49

Recording Secretary: Barb Lucas

1. Welcome and Board of Directors Introduction

Larry Gontovnick welcomed everyone and introduced the current CBA Board members.

2. Guest Speaker: Mayor Fred Haynes

Mayor Haynes spoke briefly of his history of involvement with neighbourhood associations and SCAN before being elected to Saanich Council in 2014 and then elected Mayor in 2018. He noted the importance of all Saanich's community associations; the current Saanich council with very independent and diverse voices; and the long-standing staff at Saanich.

Questions were then taken from the floor:

- (1) Saanich's action relating to the environment and One Planet Saanich – Mayor Haynes indicated that Saanich has now joined this movement and is one of 6 cities in the world to adopt this action; Saanich seeks to move the horizon for climate change action goals from 2050 to 2030.
- (2) Will Saanich ban plastic bags? – Mayor Haynes indicated that Saanich has banned plastic bags but that there is a grace period for stores to comply.
- (3) Traffic-related safety issues are of significant concern for Cordova Bay residents. The CBA Transportation Committee (TC) was denied their Delegation request – why? – Mayor Haynes indicated that the Committee's request included wording requesting Council to "direct" engineering staff in actions to take on traffic issues; Council can give the TC an audience with staff but Council cannot "direct" staff on traffic decisions. The TC is welcome to come to Council through the delegation process but all suggestions will go to Saanich Engineering for consideration. Historical traffic data for the 15-year period 2000 to 2015 along the Cordova Bay Corridor confirm that traffic volumes have remained relatively stable over that period (averaging 5,000 cars/day on the southern sections and 6,900 cars/day on the northern sections of the corridor).

- (4) What about consideration of “future” large developments that are coming? – Mayor Haynes indicated that should be part of the discussion.
- (5) The LAP process as it relates to transportation issues will not see action in this area for at least 15 years hence. How is this helpful to today’s concerns? – Mayor Haynes indicated that transportation improvements are anchored to Development Cost Charges; Saanich’s strategy has been to address infrastructure work as development happens and as budget allows. Accelerating expenditures would require approval from Saanich taxpayers for increased taxes to cover expedited costs.
- (6) Given the scope of future developments planned in Cordova Bay, traffic can be expected to increase – how is Saanich taking this into consideration in current projects? – Mayor Haynes indicated that climate action plans tie in with trying to move towards a reduction in car ownership and trying to avoid building based on today’s vehicular usage.
- (7) Over the past 18 months residents have seen a significant increase in air traffic, with its related increased noise factor, over Cordova Bay; mainly Helijet. Is there anything Saanich can do about that? – Mayor Haynes indicated that this would be a federal issue and best dealt with through the local MP.
- (8) There is an understanding that Saanich has a budget amount set aside for Cordova Bay transportation improvements – can you please confirm if this amount is \$1M or \$6M? – Mayor Haynes indicated he would check on this and get back to the resident.

This concluded the guest speaker agenda item; Larry thanked Mayor Haynes for his attendance and participation in our AGM.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Moved: Joy Cooper / **Seconded:** Keith Anderson

Carried

4. Approval of the Minutes for CBA Annual General Meeting April 18, 2018

Motion to approve the April 18, 2018 AGM minutes as presented.

Moved: Alex Izett / **Seconded:** Lynda Vallee

Carried

5. Treasurers Report

Alex Izett presented, through the power point presentation, the Treasurers Report and the CBA December 31, 2018 financial statements.

Question from the floor: The reserves are 5 times annual operating costs. Is the CBA doing what it should be doing for the community? Could the CBA use some of these funds to increase the level of pro-active communication to members regarding developments happening in Cordova Bay?

Answer: Yes, this is a valid point and the Board is discussing its communication strategy as to how / what / and at what frequency members should be contacted. The Board has also been

waiting for some type of significant community contribution to make as the larger developments happen.

Motion That the Association accepts the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Moved: Alex Izett / **Seconded:** Colin Millard **Carried**

Motion That Katerina Edwards of Katerina's Bookkeeping be retained as the financial reviewer for the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs for 2019, as required by Part 7, Number 51 of the CBA Bylaws and as recommended by the CBA Board of Directors.

Moved: Alex Izett / **Seconded:** Keith Anderson **Carried**

6. Membership Report

Neil Swart presented, through the power point presentation, the Membership Report.

Question from the floor: Why is it we have so few members given the population of Cordova Bay? Could a door-to-door solicitation be carried out?

Answer: Door-to-door could be one option; other options we are looking at include more signage; social media. CBA has done flyers (hand-delivering thousands) but the uptake is very small. Membership is stronger along the Cordova Bay Corridor than up on the Ridge. It seems that we can reach between 3% to 6% of the population, but not much more. CBA is open to all suggestions.

Comment from the floor: with about 700 members CBA has a robust level of membership compared to other Saanich community associations.

7. Planning and Cordova Bay Local Area Plan Report

Barb Lucas presented, through the power point presentation, the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan Report.

Questions from the floor:

(1) Could Saanich staff be at the Cordova Bay Day event to present their findings and be available for questions?

Answer: Yes, they have been asked.

(2) The role of the Advisory Committee is to "advise" Saanich. Is Saanich actually listening to what residents have to say through this process?

Answer: There are 12 people on the Advisory Committee and sometimes 12 different opinions. Similar, in all the workshops that have been done there are a variety of opinions that come through. Saanich will hopefully reflect what they heard the most.

Ross Marshall presented, through the power point presentation, the Planning Report. Ross also thanked Saanich for their efforts to engage the under 50 demographic in Cordova Bay with the very successful workshop specifically for younger families living in Cordova Bay.

Questions from the floor:

- (1) Comment – a member thanked CBA board for the email to members notifying them of the Open House being held for the Fenn / Cordova Bay Road development. The member asked CBA to consider more of this type of communication when developments impact more than just the immediate neighbours.
- (2) Comment – a resident from the Sutcliffe Road townhomes thanked CBA for working with them on the last proposal from the Community Club.
- (3) Could CBA help with the removal of the reference to the residence at 5141 Cordova Bay Road as one of the “jewels” in the Local Area Plan documents? This is causing the homeowner a great deal of difficulty.
Answer: Yes, CBA will contact Saanich on this.

- (4) As large scale developments take place in Cordova Bay, infrastructure needs to be addressed. Can CBA make reference to this issue as part of CBA’s responses to Saanich Council and staff on such developments?
Answer: Yes. CBA has been very active on the Trio property development, including many meetings with the developer. CBA has also been very vocal to Saanich regarding safety along Cordova Bay Road with development applications, most recently at Doumac and Cordova Bay Road with the Plaza development. It took ~15 years and much communication by CBA to Saanich to get the left turn light at Haliburton Road and the highway put in; issues can take a very long time to be acted upon. CBA continues to push for resolution of our traffic concerns. We also look forward to seeing the completion of traffic calming measures (boulevards / sidewalks / landscaping) as part of larger developments.
- (5) Infrastructure is more than just traffic; it includes sewer / water which must also be part of the discussions.
Answer: Yes, CBA will also take that into consideration in our responses.

8. Transportation Report

Lynda Vallee presented, through the power point presentation, the Transportation Report.

Questions from the floor:

- (1) In response to a comment from Mayor Haynes requesting the CBA Transportation Committee (TC) to continue to push Saanich council for action on CBA issues, Lynda responded that the TC sees this as a partnership between Saanich Engineering (as the experts in how to address traffic issues) and CBA TC (as the experts of what the issues in our community are).

9. President's Report

Larry Gontovnick presented, through the power point presentation, his President's Report.

10. Election of Directors

Barb Lucas reported that this year we are electing or re-electing 5 directors, each for a two year term. Neil Swart was appointed to the Board in February 2019 and Keith Anderson was appointed in March 2019 to replace Randy Otto and David Cronkhite, both of whom left the Board at that time and whose positions are up for election this year. Ross Marshall was appointed to the Board in September 2018 to replace Mary Lynn Reimer who left the Board in September. This position will come up for election at the 2020 AGM. Lynda Vallee notified the Board that she would not be standing for re-election this year. Many thanks to those resigning Board members for their generous contribution of time and energy over the past few years.

Barb then asked three times if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the slate – Tim Kane, David Kuprowsky, Neil Swart, Keith Anderson, and Leif Wergeland - was elected by acclamation.

11. Other Business

Mayor Haynes congratulated the Cordova Bay residents for their strong participation and involvement in their community, as evidenced in part by the attendance at this AGM.

There was no other business.

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn.

Moved: Ross Marshall / **Seconded:** Colin Millard

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.