

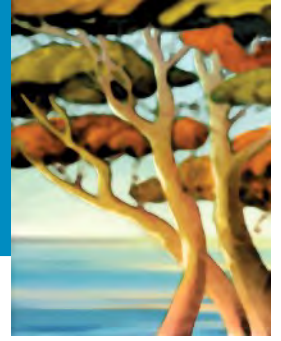
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As representatives of the Cordova Bay Association, we acknowledge the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory our community was built, and offer our respects to their ancestors who were living at the village of TEL IŁĆE at the time of the South Saanich Treaty of 1852.

We recognize that the treaty charted out a relationship with the WSÁNEĆ and Lekwungen peoples that we are hoping to continue to develop today and into the future.

(Courtesy of Dr. Brian Thom, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology UVic January 2021)

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CBA is looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of ways. There is one Board position vacant and two sub-committees wanting to expand their membership to get a wider representation to tackle our local issues. The Board meets once per month, and committees meet as needed.

Please consider these opportunities -

1. New Board member required to chair the Events Committee. The CBA is embarking on a path to engage residents in new and innovative ways and needs someone to manage one or two events (the type of event and frequency to be determined by the committee) per year.
2. New committee members sought for the Events Committee to assist in organizing events that require additional support. This may only be one event per year, however if you are able to be "on call", your volunteer support would be greatly appreciated.
3. New committee members sought for the CBA Transportation Committee which works with the community, municipality and province to resolve issues of concern in Cordova Bay. The committee is currently seeking two or three additional members who are interested in transportation-related matters in our area. CBA members who reside on the "upper reaches" (i.e. the Ridge, Santa Clara, Alderley stretches) would be particularly welcomed.

Interested people for any of these opportunities should provide a brief bio outlining specific areas of interest and expertise, and e-mail to cba.president@cbasn.com. Also use this email if you require additional information.

Visit our website at www.cbasn.com to see more about your neighbourhood association - the Cordova Bay Association for Community Affairs.

STOP PRESS - At the Saanich Committee of the Whole meeting on November 29, Council voted unanimously to delay Public Hearing for the Cordova Bay Local Area Plan to allow Staff to report back on land use alternatives for properties at the north west end of Doumac. The Public Hearing is now unlikely to take place before March/April 2022.

President's Corner

By Alex Izett, CBA President

It's wonderful to note that life is slowly getting back to normal, even if still with an element of COVID consciousness. Travel is opening up (for those who've been double vaccinated), and holiday get-togethers are being planned with family and friends. For the CBACA and your Board, it also means that we're now meeting together again in person!

Unfortunately, we had to bid farewell to one of our number; Neil Swart, our Membership Chair, had to stand down because of family and business commitments. Neil was a stalwart on the Board and we will miss him.

This departure, together with the transition of Perry to Membership from Events, now creates a new opening on the Board. The posting is out with our membership, and is also included within these pages along with a call for additional volunteers to join our Transportation and Events committees. We're hoping our community will step forward to lend a hand.

At our September meeting, the Board endorsed a proposal to introduce a Cordova Bay **ᑕᑭᑭᑭᑭ** / **ᑕᑭᑭᑭᑭ** First Nations Scholarship Award for students attending Claremont Secondary. This is an award to encourage graduating students from **ᑭᑭᑭᑭ** and **ᑭᑭᑭᑭ** Nations to pursue further education at a recognized BC Post-Secondary Institution. The award is named after the original village site in Cordova Bay **ᑕᑭᑭᑭᑭ** (in **ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ**) **ᑕᑭᑭᑭᑭ** (in **ᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭᑭ**), and the CBACA honours young peoples' connections to this place into the future.

As with our founding award, the Claremont Scholarship Committee will choose the successful candidate. The award (valued at \$500) will be presented to the student at the June Awards Ceremony.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you'll note Barb's update on the status of the re-boot of the District of Saanich's Local Area Plan process (including our very own Plan); Anna's Transportation Committee's intent to survey our community on its concerns around road safety; and of course an update from Annie and Mike on pertinent developments around the area.

It's also pleasing to see that Saanich Parks are now moving forward with the Lochside & Fowler Parks Renewal Project. This has been a long time coming (15 years)! The project focuses on replacing the aging playground and tennis courts at Lochside and using the open space at Fowler Park more effectively. Saanich wants to hear from you; the link to their survey is included here with their poster.

Please give it your attention, and respond by the deadline - **extended to December 12.**

There's still no positive word on the MVA/Speed Reduction Pilot Study moving forward. The idea was first introduced by Saanich back in early 2020, with the aim of reducing the default limit on our residential streets from 50 to 40 km/h. That was subsequently changed to 30 km/h. Currently, the proposal appears to be hung up among the bureaucracy within Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. Saanich staff continues to press the matter with the Provincial Ministry, but at this time it remains under review.

Meantime, traffic issues across our neighbourhood continue to make the headlines. Most recently, the Alderley/Sayward intersection, and particularly the exposure of the school bus stop location, has been the focus of attention of concerned residents. Saanich Engineering has been engaged but it would appear that there's little change in the wind.

Still on traffic, I had the opportunity to meet with our local MLAs at the beginning of November and to raise the matter of the accident-prone Sayward/Hwy 17 intersection with Ministers Fleming and Popham. The matter of traffic light sequencing was brought to their attention. Both have committed to taking the matter further.

Before leaving you, I have to also draw your attention to the new photo contest that *The Cordovan* is introducing in this edition. This is part of our outreach to the neighbourhood, and it's to be hoped that it will merit enthusiastic community engagement. There's more on this from Debbie, our newsletter coordinator.

And finally, with the holidays in mind, a plug for our local merchants. Mattick's Farm abounds with some amazing ideas for gift-giving, as does our well-stocked local pharmacy. Why drive downtown (or support Amazon), when you have it all in wonderful Cordova Bay! Support BC - buy local!

Allow me to be the first to wish you Happy Holidays; may you enjoy good health and your days be full of good cheer.

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@cbasn.com

In the meantime, please visit the Cordova Bay Association website www.cbasn.com for news and articles of interest.

Planning Committee Report

By Annie Djioisa and Mike Giordano

Welcome to Your Planning Report



Our beautiful community continues to grow, and we could not be prouder to see the level of engagement from Cordova Bay residents.

Cordova Bay remains one of the most vibrant communities in Saanich, with currently a total of 28 development projects, some of which are still being planned, and some that are fully underway.

Regarding the Haro, here is an update from the developer regarding Phase 1 - the two buildings on the east side of the property along Cordova Bay Rd.

"...The expected Completion Date for sales, which we previously had expected to be in or about November 15, 2021, is delayed. We, and our suppliers, continue to be affected by supply chain issues that are delaying the delivery of various components that are required to complete the construction at the development. We now expect that the Completion Date for sales will be between December 17, 2021 and January 17, 2022. ...We regret the inconvenience this may cause some of our Buyers and can assure you that we are working diligently to complete the development as soon as possible. We, as much as Buyers, benefit from getting construction completed as soon as possible."

Phase 1 at the Haro was sold out, but the proposed two-story commercial unit, earmarked for a restaurant, was changed to a one-story commercial unit, therefore the second floor now has two residential concrete and steel units with large balconies up for sale.

Phase 2 at the Haro, the largest building in the back along the west property, has 75% of its residential units sold and is expected to complete in June/July 2022.

Site work at the Haro (landscaping, parking, and walkways) is nearing completion and should be done by end of December.

Aragon Properties, the owners of the property known as the Trio Lands at 773/735 Cordova Bay Road, continue with the necessary fill deposition and site preparation. This is expected to run into early 2022. The haul route as required by Saanich is to be Highway/Sayward/Fowler/Cordova Bay Road. Aragon has impressed upon their workers to respect the speed limits and to keep the streets clean.

No formal plans have been submitted to Saanich to date.

With regard to the Cordova Bay Community Club (Badminton Club), located at 941 Sutcliffe Road, the CBA recently received a letter from the neighbouring property regarding the current status of this project. The letter included concerns about some changes made to the proposal since the public open house in 2019. CBA reached out to Brad Jawl, the representative for the Club and we were told "no material" changes have been made to the plans. Saanich planning confirmed that they "... did receive revised plans on February 2, (but the revisions were to address comments from Parks department, and so were circulated solely to the Parks Department. Mr. Jawl is essentially correct though—the shape, size, and siting of the building did not change, nor the design or materials." At the September 27 Special Council Meeting, Council voted in favour of sending this Rezoning/Development Application to Public Hearing (date tbd).

Local Area Plan Update

By Barb Lucas

Good news! The Proposed Cordova Bay Local Area Plan (LAP), dated November 5, 2021, will be considered by Saanich Council at a Committee of the Whole meeting on Monday, November 29, 2021, in Council Chambers, Saanich Municipal Hall, 770 Vernon Avenue, at 7 p.m.

If approved at this meeting, the LAP will guide Cordova Bay development decisions for the next 20-30 years.

Residents are encouraged to review the Proposed LAP on the Saanich website at [Cordova Bay Local Area Plan Update | District of Saanich](#)

Written correspondence received up to 12 p.m., (noon), on the day of the meeting will be copied to Council for their consideration.

There is very limited seating for in-person attendance at the meeting; residents can email Saanich (council@saanich.ca) or phone (250-475-5501) to register to speak at the meeting.

RE-BOOT OF THE LOCAL AREA PLAN PROCESS

Saanich has LAPs for all 12 of its neighbourhoods, Cordova Bay being one of them. These plans, developed over the years with extensive consultation with community members, identify features of the



community that are highly valued by residents and contain statements of objectives and policies used to guide decisions on planning and land use management at the neighbourhood level.

As noted, the updated Cordova Bay LAP is ready to go to Council for consideration of approval - finally! It was a three-year process, well worth all the time involved for both residents and staff.

CBA fully supports the process of updating all LAPs. We believe it better serves each unique neighbourhood to have neighbourhood-level plans to guide development at more specific levels. However, in December 2019, Saanich Council voted to pause the LAP process for all neighbourhoods except Cordova Bay and Cadboro Bay, as the updating of these LAPs was already underway. A significant part of the reason for this pause was to allow for the completion of Saanich's Housing Strategy report which was approved in August 2021.

Saanich staff has now prepared a report for Council outlining a recommended process to re-start the LAP process. CBA encourages residents to have a look at this Saanich staff report and submit your opinion to Council on the recommended steps. Council is deliberating on this, with some councilors expressing the consideration of district-wide zoning. CBA will keep our members informed of the date at which the LAP district-wide re-boot discussion will continue, once scheduled.

The staff report "Establishing Community Planning Work Plan Priorities after Local Area Plan Pause" can be found on Saanich's website at:

<https://www.saanich.ca/EN/main/local-government/mayor-council/schedule-agendas-minutes.html>

then click on the October 25, 2021 AGENDA, and under Item #6 click on REPORT.



Transportation Report

By Anna Hakim

Over the past few months, the CBA Transportation Committee has been engaged in conversations about how to best focus our efforts to serve Cordova Bay residents more efficiently and better represent the overall needs and concerns of our community. The pandemic has altered all our lives significantly over the last couple of years and we have noticed that our relationship to transportation in our community has been altered.

Throughout the lockdown, more Cordova Bay residents have sought out local roads, walkways, and trails. We are walking our dogs more frequently, biking, running,



and using our parks, walkways, and trails more for many types of recreation and the ability to get out of our homes and feel connected to nature and those around us. We have also seen new developments begin, such as a vibrant new community plan at The Haro building which will increase the population in our community and traffic flow. Our increased use of our sidewalks, roads, trails, and parks has brought to light new traffic concerns.

Currently, the Transportation Committee is expanding its areas of focus to include trails, parks, and walkways with our ongoing traffic safety efforts. We have heard people voice various concerns about sidewalk safety, trail management, park management, and trails for electric bikes, runners, and pedestrians.



We will select key areas to focus on to continue to advocate for transportation safety in our community that reflect most of our resident's concerns.

We would love to hear from you about your traffic and trail concerns. Stay tuned for a survey that will be posted on our website and emailed to our association members soon. In the meantime, we encourage you to consider where your greatest traffic safety concerns lie. Is there a particular area where you are concerned for your safety as a cyclist or pedestrian? Are you worried about increased traffic flow on the Cordova Bay Corridor? Where do you feel we need more crosswalks, traffic lights, or slower speeds? These are the things we would love to know so we can best serve this amazing community and help keep all of us safe.

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Cordova Bay 55 Plus

By Stew Arnold, CBA55+ President



The Cordova Bay 55 Plus Association (CB55+) is a vibrant volunteer organization that provides programs, services and

social activities to people aged 55 and up, in Victoria, particularly in the Cordova Bay area. The Cordova Bay 55 Plus Centre is located on the grounds of Cordova Bay Elementary School. We enjoy a partnership with School District 63 and Saanich Recreation.

We take pride in our shared values: caring and respect, inclusion, participation and volunteerism. The Centre is run entirely by volunteers, who provide leadership and are committed to the success of the varied activities, programs, and events.

Although the Centre was closed for several months during the pandemic, members remained connected with regular email updates, and we continued many activities outdoors in small groups, and remotely via Zoom. Now most activities, programs, and events are operating both at the Centre, or continuing on Zoom.

There is something for everyone with 27 activities such as: Art Group, Bridge, men's and women's fitness, golf, walking, Pickleball, to name a few. There is a Tuesday drop-in program featuring presenters who cover a wide range of interesting topics. There are special holiday events, too.

For further information please visit the website: www.cordovabay55plus.org/ where you can also find the quarterly newsletter, the *Blue Heron News*. Please contact us either by dropping into the CB55+ Centre, email CB55@shawbiz.ca, or telephone 250-658-5558. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Cordova Bay Images

By Debbie Sherwood

Cordova Bay is truly a four-seasons community. No matter how grey the skies, it's not surprising to spot residents enjoying a warm drink outdoors at Mattick's Farm, or hear the *thwack, thwack, thwack* at the McMinn Park Pickle Ball court. And only the most extreme conditions keep cyclists, runners and dog-walkers off the Lochside Trail.

Here's a suggestion: how about we capture images and scenes of this community and share them in these pages. For starters, Alex Izett has submitted this colourful tableau, that brightened up his morning walk recently.



While readers are always welcome to submit photos for the newsletter, we are also interested in your ideas for photo contests in future issues. Got an idea for a contest theme? Drop us a line at letter-to-editor@cbasn.com

Did someone say, *contest*?

We'll begin with a photo challenge: Where in Cordova Bay can you find this?



Think you know? Send your answer to letter-to-editor@cbasn.com by **Monday, December 20**. We will draw one name at random from among the correct guessers.

Hint: Best spotted on foot or cycle. Do not look for this while driving.

The winner will receive this gift basket of treats for a cold night, valued at over \$85, donated by local builder, Rutlynn Corp, and containing items purchased at Cordova Bay stores.



Have fun and good luck!

Lochside and Fowler Park Renewal Project

The first phase of the Planning and Design process for the Park Renewal Project has started for Lochside Park and Fowler Park. Visit [Lochside and Fowler Park Renewal Project](#) for details

To provide your input, please complete the [Online Survey](#) (closing date extended to December 12, 2021.)



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Meet the CBA Board of Directors

Community engagement is a key element of the CBA's outreach; two-way communication is vital to the health of the association. We encourage your feedback on matters of mutual interest. Please don't hesitate to get in touch. You can start with a note to cba.president@cbasn.com, which will be forwarded to a board member to continue the conversation.



President
Alex Izett

The CBA president is responsible for overseeing the affairs of the association, supporting all other committee directors in their respective capacities as and when required. The president is the primary link to the District of Saanich, making representation to Staff and Council when appropriate.



1st Vice President and Website Administrator
Gloria Wills

With my many years of board experience, as VP I can support Alex in his role as President. I also manage the CBA website. I hope our residents find value in the website, and if something needs updating, let me know.



2nd Vice President
David Kuprowsky

I am the CBA representative to the Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN). The members of SCAN meet regularly to exchange information and experiences that can lead to creative and proactive solutions to issues affecting our communities.



Secretary
Barb Lucas

CBA agendas, minutes and meeting schedules are posted on the CBA website, but feel free to contact me if you have questions



Treasurer
Karen Fediuk

As treasurer, I am responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records, and ensuring all the bills are paid.



Membership and Advertising
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If you're not already a CBA member, ask me about the 10 Great Reasons to Join. If you own a business in this community, you can talk to me about how the businesses and residents support one another.



Planning Committee
Annie Djiotsa and Mike Giordano

We are the board's point of contact and developer liaisons for all planning-related issues in Cordova Bay. Planning and rezoning information can be found on the CBA website, but if you have questions, let's talk.



Events Chair

Position currently vacant



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If you think of ways to make our community more connected, we want to hear from you. I also want to know:
What does it mean to live Cordova Bay?
What's your favourite street in Cordova Bay? Favourite walks in the area?
Got a good joke? (or a good pun) I want to hear it.



Transportation Committee
Anna Hakim

I'm excited to serve the community and interested in your thoughts and concerns around local transportation (all kinds) and safety

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