

1 COMMUNITY RELATIONS

1.1 FCA Bylaws

The FCA is governed by the BC Societies Act, and new legislation was passed in spring 2015 and came into effect on November 28, 2016. This legislation governs how societies, including the FCA, are created and run in B.C. Every pre-existing society is required to “transition” to the new Act.

In the fall of 2016 we reviewed and updated our constitution and bylaws to incorporate changes in legislation yet ensure our amendments reflect how we want to function as an association.

1.2 FCA Members Survey

In December the executive held a strategic planning session to discuss the FCA’s future direction. To ensure we included the best feedback it was decided to send out a survey so our members could let us know their thoughts about our existing programs and services, as well as to help us improve our services and direct our energies in the future. These survey results were sent to all members and are posted on line.

1.3 Feeding Wildlife

Many people still feel frustrated that this behavior is continuing. Letters and information were sent in 2016 both via mail and the FCA newsletter. Unfortunately some homeowners continue to feed wildlife. At this time there was little option to combat this problem, either through the SPCA, RDN or conservation & wildlife protection offices.

The RDN, through the Union of BC Municipalities, is working with the provincial government and it’s partners to create legislation to find ways to educate and enforce feeding of wildlife. The province has responded to the Union that the province recognizes and supports the many indirect and preventative means of minimizing human-deer conflict and the Provincial Urban Deer Advisory Committee will be called upon to continuously develop and improve processes, educational materials, templates and guidance and to make all material readily available. The province also supports the WildSafeBC program which provides public education regarding wildlife conflict prevention throughout BC and operates through a cost-shared model with municipalities.

1.4 Street Parking

Questions were raised about storage on the roads. In the Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN), the roadways and boulevards are under the jurisdiction of the Province. There are no bylaws within the RDN about parking. If there are illegally parked, parked dangerously, or an uninsured vehicle on the road or roadside, then only the RCMP can ticket and tow the vehicles.

1.5 Noise Bylaws

Understanding that any lot preparation is uncomfortable, any type of issues or concerns regarding construction activities or noise is handled through the Regional District of Nanaimo, not the FCA. The developer and contractors are within their rights regarding the requirements for noise and construction within our electoral area 'E'. Works or activity associated with and necessarily incidental to: (a) constructing, erecting, reconstructing, altering, repairing or demolishing of buildings, structures or things; (b) excavating, grading or filling land; between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. on any day except Sunday, and on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

RDN Noise Bylaw <http://www.rdn.bc.ca/cms/wpattachments/wplD1630atID2131.pdf>

1.6 Englishman River Water

The work of the community working group is now completed. Anyone wishing to review the plans should contact Mike Squire at 250 248-5412 with the City of Parksville.

Fairwinds Community Association

Report for Community Relations/ Covenants (continued)

An interactive public workshop was held on Thursday, June 9, 2016 regarding water monitoring in Electoral Area 'E' and an upcoming water monitoring study. The goal of the study is to gain a better understanding of the dynamics of local water in the Nanoose area so it can be sustainably managed over the long term. Comprehensive local datasets will be gathered and then ultimately used to look at trends over time and provide the basis for a water supply and demand analysis for the area.

1.7 RDN & MOTI Relations

During 2016 we were in attendance to Bob Rogers' Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) meetings & communication sessions where topics included RDN Strategic Plan and Operational Efficiency Review, RDN Finance updates, and Water & Waste updates.

In addition, we were also in contact with MOTI on their priority for roads in Nanoose Bay during winter conditions. According to MOTI, each road in the Province is assigned a winter road classification ranging from A to D. Class A routes are the busy freeways and highways, Class B routes are high volume collector roads and low volume numbered routes, Class C routes are bus routes and Class D routes are residential roads. Northwest Bay Rd and the Fairwinds loop is all class B.

2 RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS

The FCA responds to queries about covenants based on the Fairwinds Building Schemes on our web site ([http://www.fairwindscommunityassociation.org/covenants & guidelines.html](http://www.fairwindscommunityassociation.org/covenants_and_guidelines.html)). On occasion we have also referenced the BC Law Institutes Report on Restrictive Covenants (http://www.bcli.org/sites/default/files/report_67_restrictive_covenants.pdf) when reviewing general questions about restrictive covenants.

Contravention of restrictive covenants continues to be an issue in the community. Over the last year we have provided a couple of newsletter updates on our Building Schemes to communicate these issues to our members. In addition, there have been several complaints about violations brought to the attention of the FCA, and letters have been sent to various parties bringing these violations to their attention and requesting corrections. For the most part, these written requests have been successful.

Other communities have also experienced issues on administration of Building Schemes. One of the best publications we have seen recently was published by the District of Coldstream, BC. We have received permission to reprint their publication entitled "Building Schemes - or - Who says I can't paint my house purple???" Please check it out at:

<https://coldstream.civicweb.net/document/2522/141128%20revi.pdf?handle=62788D854E9B46BC999614DC30280AE5>

3 WEB SITE IMPROVEMENTS

There are current and ongoing improvements to the FCA web site including better access to locating information, addressing concerns of our members and improved both community and social links.

REPORT TO FAIRWINDS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 19, 2017

SOCIAL

As Social and Membership Director for the past year, I was pleased to be a part of the hugely successful Oktoberfest party this past fall. It was a sold out event and we received enthusiastic reviews afterwards.

Hosted by Nanoose Community Services, the FCA supported promotion of the popular series, Sunday@4, returned this winter with discussions focussing on History and Geology. The History sections were centred around People and Events that Shaped our Lives, while the Geology discussions focussed on How the Earth Changed History.

These were well attended and we anticipate another great season to come in the fall thanks to some wonderful and dedicated volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP

As a Realtor, I have access to Private Client Service email updates that keep me apprised of home sales in our area. Approximately three months after each sale of a house, I mail or deliver a letter outlining the mandate of the FCA and the benefits of becoming a member. Some of those benefits include a complimentary one year membership for new members, the quarterly electronic newsletter, the website and thus being kept up to date with various things going on in our neighbourhood...emergency preparedness meetings, Broom Busting, water restrictions, wildlife alerts/education and the sometimes unavoidable bylaw enforcement issues.

In the 2016 calendar year we had 54 home sales in Fairwinds.

With the indispensable assistance of Caryl Wylie, who accepts applications and payment for memberships and sends renewal reminders, we have welcomed 16 new households as members, which brings our total to 268 which is 45% of all Fairwinds households being members of the FCA.

We seem to hold steady to that percentage. Our lowest was 42% which was followed by a door to door blitz a few years ago which only brought the percentage up to 48.8%.

I love being a part of this beautiful community and look forward to continuing working together with the residents, old and new, to help Fairwinds continue to be the place to Live, Work and Play!

Thank you,

Barbara Cooke, FCA Director

Fairwinds Community Association AGM Director's Report: Parks and Grassroots

One of our mandates is to enhance the outdoor living aspect of those who live in Fairwinds. Today, it has become even more important to encourage residents to take action to recover some of the long neglected common areas in our neighborhoods.

The sidewalks, curbs, traffic islands and community park boulevards have been neglected for too long and a proper cleanup and rejuvenation is desperately needed.

Unfortunately, EMCON (contracted by the Ministry of Transportation) is only responsible for sweeping and general road maintenance. They are not required to maintain the roadside curbs and sidewalks that have accumulated unsightly growths of grass and weeds in the seams and cracks. We as residents of Fairwinds find it necessary to do the work ourselves if we wish to maintain an appearance that reflects the high standards we all prefer.

Also, there is the problem of maintaining the traffic islands. Originally, the developers that installed the traffic islands also maintained them. If we find this important, we as residents must take action to maintain the higher standard.

The FCA is mandated to support initiatives to address these maintenance issues. To that end, we actively encourage neighborhood work parties. In the past few years there have been a few examples of what can be accomplished by a small group of neighbors in only few hours of work every few months. Traffic islands have been transformed from ugly overgrown and unsightly into park-like entrances to our proud neighborhoods.

In the future, working together and taking pride in our community is going to be the solution we are looking for.



ARE YOU READY?

Fairwinds Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)

An emergency can happen right now. No time for a neighbourhood meeting:

Do all your neighbours know what they are supposed to do? They better. It's happening fast. Is your home safe, or do you need to evacuate? Do your neighbours know what to do? How are we communicating with emergency responders or loved ones? What about the injured who need first aid? Are you ready to leave your home or remain safely within it for up to 2 weeks?

Trained NEPP leaders and the RDN can help you establish the answers for your specific neighbourhood and guide you as we prepare you to act

Create Your Emergency Plan in Just 3 Steps

1. With your family and neighbours, discuss how to prepare and respond to the types of emergencies that are most likely to happen where you live, learn, work and play.
2. Identify responsibilities for members of your family and neighbourhood, and how you will work together as a team
3. Practice as many elements of your plan as possible. Document your plan with workbooks and templates



- A number of NEPP neighbours have begun the journey of organizing their community into a trained group of people and families working together
- Templates of how they did it and how they maintain the organization is available through the RDN, your local NEPP leaders and the FCA will be happy to help and connect you
- The RDN also has numerous pamphlets & books to guide you through your checklists
- It's about **YOU**, your families and your community