



Fairwinds Community Association 2022 - 2023 Presidents Report

30th Anniversary

30 years ago, the Fairwinds Community Association was formed, replacing the Nanoose Property Owners and Ratepayers Association (NPORA) with their first unofficial meeting held on November 30, 1993.

Community Relations

The FCA board continues open engagement with our community, membership, local agencies, and where possible or needed, with other key stakeholders, such as Fairwinds Enterprises, Seaciff Group, and the Regional District of Nanaimo, along with other local organizations and non-profits.

Our endeavours in this past year included

- The FCA continued to actively oppose the proposed taxation of Electoral Area E residents for Ravensong Pool operating and capital costs through Bylaw 899.02.
 - Made a presentation to a special RDN board meeting held in Qualicum Beach, indicating that the Bylaw Amendment as proposed was not equitable and proposing that the RDN use a 100% usage based funding model.
 - We also, in conjunction with the North Nanoose Residents Association (NNRA), met with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, the Mayor of Parksville, and our MLA Adam Walker to express those same opinions. And there were many conversations and meetings with our elected Director, Bob Rogers.
 - I virtually attended the final meeting of the RDN Select Pool committee on July 26th, where they passed the following motions as recommendations to the RDN Board of Directors.
 1. The renovation of the Ravensong Aquatic Facility be put on hold and be re-examined in 2025, and that contributions to reserves for renovations at the Ravensong Aquatic Centre be set at zero for the 2024 budget.
 2. Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Local Service Area Establishment Bylaw No. 899, 1993” be amended to include Electoral Areas E, F, G, H, City of Parksville, and Town of Qualicum Beach, based on an apportionment model of 100% usage; and further,
 3. The apportionment model be re-examined in 2025.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 4. Regional District of Nanaimo Board abandon “Regional District of Nanaimo District 69 Swimming Pool Service Amendment Bylaw No. 899.02, 2022”.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY
 - On September 12 the RDN passed all 4 of the above recommendations. Items 1,3,4 were unanimous. Item 2 had 3 negative votes.

- Once again, broom busting did not take place this year. Thanks to the fine job done by our members in 2021, there did not seem to be a need to cut broom in Fairwinds. That will likely change for next year.
- We are still in discussion with the RDN regarding improvement of a section of the trail in Schooner Ridge Pathway Park. FCA Director Kim Rasmussen joined the Electoral Area E Parks and Open Spaces Advisory Committee to represent the views of our community.
- We continue to ask both the RDN and MOTI to take actions to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety along Fairwinds Drive and Dolphin Drive.

Restrictive Covenants, Architectural Guidelines, and Building Schemes.

As necessary, we provide assistance on issues relating to Fairwinds Restrictive Covenants and Architectural Guidelines.

Bylaws

We continue to promote awareness of RDN bylaws within our Membership and the Fairwinds Community, and when needed communicate with RDN Bylaw enforcement. One Airbnb in Fairwinds will cease operation at the end of this year after we advised the RDN of its operation after a complaint from an area resident.

Emergency Preparedness

We continue to support the efforts of local Neighbourhood Emergency Planning and Preparedness Groups. Our efforts are led by FCA NEPP Committee director Sheila Cruikshank, and members from various Fairwinds NEPPs, currently representing approximately 348 homes and numerous neighbours who have volunteered to help in the event of an emergency/disaster. A new group is planning to start up in the Bonnington Drive area with assistance from Sheila and her team. The following message is from Sheila.

Over the past 2 ½ years, BC residents have found themselves in unprecedented times, with many communities and neighbourhoods facing major disasters. In each event, the importance of neighbours helping neighbours is front and centre – they have been the first to help. Never has there been a better time or a more urgent need for neighbourhoods to be prepared. Neighbourhoods that know each other and are organized before a disaster will immediately know how to help each other. Knowing we are not alone during and after a disaster can bring peace of mind. While we have been fortunate in Nanoose, to date, we cannot be content to believe that such events won't happen here. There is no better time than now to get to know your neighbours and determine whether the development of a NEPP is feasible. NEPPs can be developed in a neighbourhood that is small, such as 10-12 homes, and it can be in a larger area, such as the "C" area of Fairwinds (CERO) which encompasses 103 homes and Schooner Ridge NEPP, which encompasses 86 homes. We are fortunate in Nanoose and Fairwinds to have a number of neighbourhoods that have undertaken to build a NEPP. Presently, there are 6 in Fairwinds and, most recently, neighbours in the Madrona area are now setting up NEPPs in 2-3 neighbourhoods.

The FCA is considering hosting a FireSmart presentation in our area later this year or early in 2024.

Community Awareness and Communications

Communication is an important part of community awareness and relations.

We again thank Crystal Ironside for all her efforts on our behalf.

Our quarterly newsletters provided information about local bylaws, restrictive covenants and messages for the RDN. Occasionally we sent emails directly to our members regarding items that needed timely distribution, such as crime prevention or updates on RDN activities. Our Facebook page was regularly updated with additional information. We also provided updates and information on Fairwinds Liquid Waste Management and our water system.

We again thank Crystal Ironside for all her efforts on our behalf.

The Board will continue to provide community information and updates. We feel it is important to keep our members aware of local issues.

Knowledge is power and our community engagement unites us with ongoing email communications, newsletters and website activity.

Membership

We currently have just over 170 members. Our thanks to Caryl Wylie for all her work on the membership process.

Later this year we will begin a program to inform new residents of Fairwinds about our association and encourage them to join our organization.



TREASURER'S REPORT YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023

RESULTS:

	Actual	Budget
Membership dues	\$ 3344	\$ 3500
Disbursements	4444	6577
(Deficit) of receipts over disbursements	\$(1100)	\$(3077)

The Association ended the fiscal year with a deficit from activities of \$1100 as opposed to the budgeted deficit of \$3077. Membership dues were \$156 lower than budgeted while expenses were \$2133 under budget.

Expenses were lower than budget for the year principally as a consequence of a reduction of \$1410 in spending on social activity in response to the member survey results which placed a low priority on social events. Similarly, emergency preparedness sessions/meetings for which we budgeted \$1000 only cost \$100, and any other funding need for the NEEP groups was met by a RDN grant of \$4000. Also, there was not any community maintenance/beautification efforts, a reduction of \$100 from budget. These savings were offset by higher AGM costs incurred for our first in-person meeting since the pandemic arose.

BALANCE SHEET at March 31, 2023

Cash balance was \$12,237 at year end.

Prepaid dues of \$2660 reflect the receipt of three year renewals which are deferred for recognition in the applicable membership year.

Accounts payable of \$590 was for the final payment to Fairwinds relating to the AGM expenses.

The Board has reserved funds to cover two year's basic expenditures (\$6000) and set up a legal reserve of \$2000 should a need arise for legal consultation.