



## West Porpoise Bay Community Association

Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held March 10, 2008  
at the Christian Church Hall

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm

Directors present: President: Bob Ware  
Vice President: Alan Pickard  
Secretary: Marilyn Charles  
Treasurer: Lorraine Blakeman  
Member at Large: Marilyn Kendall Smith

The minutes from AGM 2007 were read by Secretary Marilyn Charles. Moved to accept by Bill Blakeman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Milton.

### President's Report:

Bob Ware greeted everyone, mentioning that our AGM should be a celebration of our past years' accomplishments and to provide an opportunity for neighbours to connect with one another. He wanted the members present to know that the directors were here to work on any concerns the community members might have. Some of us attend District of Sechelt council meetings as well as meetings the District has with other community associations. We hold executive meetings when needed. Items currently being addressed by the directors are the implementation the Vision Plan by the District as well as the Strategic Land and Resource Management Plan which the Provincial Government has made changes to, leaving local communities with a diminished role in decision making.

Bob mentioned that Alan Pickard had worked very hard in obtaining improved access to the beach at the end of the pump station roadway as well as at the end of Shoreline Place.

Our community continues to have poor road upkeep, and the intersection of Fairway and Gale N. is a prime example. Bob has been informed that it will be repaired shortly after the small subdivision at that corner is completed.

Short term rental that occurred at a home on Gale N. was resolved after the by-law officer was contacted by your executive. The officer was successful in locating the owners who do not reside in the home, and informed them that short term rentals require licensing.

Treasurers' Report:

Lorraine Blakeman reported we had an income of \$ 210.00 from memberships and \$ 260.68 worth of expenses. The Bank balance at the end of 2007 was \$ 1,126.87. As of March 10, 2008 we have \$ 1,075.89 at the Sunshine Coast Credit Union. This balance does not include memberships collected this evening.

Nominations: Alan Pickard was re-elected to Vice President

Presentation: "Home Security" presented by RCMP Constable Ashley Taylor

Constable Ashley gave us an informative talk on how to make our homes more secure by:

Locking doors and windows even while at home, using secondary locks, like sticks in sliding windows and doors, using motion detect lights, alarm systems, alarm stickers, panic buttons

She recommended not hiding house keys, rather leave a spare with a trusted neighbour.

Creation of the "illusion of occupancy" when on vacation or away from home, by having someone pick up mail, cut lawns, snow removal, etc. Also, to leave lights on timers and close blinds so possessions are not visible from outside.

Another idea: not to leave cardboard packaging around after purchasing a new plasma TV as an example, enticing thieves to commit a robbery. Valuables can be engraved with a number or serial numbers stored in a safe place to aid police in recovering stolen property.

Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.S) is very worthwhile volunteer program that helps prevent vandalism and identifies potential trouble "hot spots".

Bob thanked Ashley for her interesting presentation.

Concerns from the audience:

The property owner who's property lies between Gale Ave N and Gale Ave S., upon applying to the District of Sechelt to subdivide, was told the DOS feels it is necessary to connect the 2 roads together through his property by way of a right away. The owner disagrees.

Ed Taylor on behalf of the property owner put forth the following motion: "That the West Porpoise Bay Community Assoc write a letter to the Director of Planning at the District of Sechelt with a copy sent to the Mayor, and send a delegate to the District, to express our opposition to Gale Ave S. and Gale Ave. N. being connected by right of way for the purpose of a vehicular road." 2<sup>nd</sup>. By Hugh Monroe. Carried. The delegation should refer to the WPB official community plan when presenting the case. The property owner will review said prepared letter prior to sending to the District.

Hugh Monroe spoke on behalf of David and Rosemary Holmes-Smith, who are members of the Clean Air Society. They are requesting better enforcement of the Back Yard Burning By-Law that bans yard burning in the DOS. They are also very concerned about the commercial burning on the East side of the Inlet (Stockwell Property) and would like us to pursue this issue. They request a response.

Mike Bakst would like to see local bus route extended further along Gale Ave. N. He understands that presently there is no turn around place for the bus if the route was extended.

Marilyn Kendall Smith asked whether people were concerned over the number of boats, trailers, sheds, and RV visibly parked in the Shores neighbourhood. She stressed it was against the covenant.

Adjournment: 8:45pm     Minutes prepared by Marilyn Charles