



## **EAST PORPOISE BAY RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION**

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**2009 Annual General Meeting**  
**February 11/2009 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Pebbles Restaurant**

In attendance: 25 members and guests

**Call to Order:** President Lorraine Gallant called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. She thanked everyone for attending.

**Guest Speaker:** We welcomed Mayor Darren Inkster. He spoke on his vision for Sechelt and then the floor was opened for questions. Many topics covered included the proposed land selection for a sewage treatment facility, debt incurred to build the sewage treatment plant, leaks in the water supply system, affordable housing, Kontiki Road issues, and rebuilding of the road at Wharf and Porpoise Bay. He was invited to stay for the business meeting and accepted.

**Agenda Approval:** A motion was made by Peter Wooding and seconded by Eric Katzer to approve the Agenda as circulated. Carried

**Approval of previous minutes AGM Feb. 26, 2008:** A motion was made by Tom Morris and seconded by Mel Bollivar that the minutes of the previous AGM of Feb. 26, 2008 be accepted. Carried.

**Introduction of Directors:** Lorraine introduced the Directors who served in the past year and thanked them for all of their support on behalf of the members of our Association. They are Michael Watson, Val Morris, Eric Katzer, Linda Buckingham, Gaylene Warner, Tony Wearmouth, Mel Bollivar and Peter Wooding.

**President's Report:**

It has been a very busy year and Lorraine read a listing of some of the highlights.

**Finance Report:** Treasurer, Val Morris, reported a balance in our chequing account of \$1,660.73 and petty cash balance of \$30.93.

**Membership report:** Val reported that our membership reached 50 members last year, our highest-ever total. Great job!

**Social Committee 2008 report – from Sally Watson**

- A neighbourhood garage sale was held on May 12<sup>th</sup>
- Our Annual Barbecue was held on July 5<sup>th</sup>, with 36 attending, and everyone had a great time
- Expenses were \$244.40, \$55.60 under budget.

A very special thank you to the Social Committee – Sally Watson and, Ameena Wearmouth for their work in organizing the Barbecue, and to our chefs, Roy Gallant and Mike Watson . It was a great success. We raised \$60.00 for the Elves Christmas Fund through our 50/50 ticket sale by Sally at the barbecue.

A motion was made by Tom Morris and seconded by Pat Follett that the Social Committee be provided with \$300.00 funding for the 2009 barbecue. Carried.

**Sechelt Community Association Forum:** Val Morris reported that she attended monthly SCAF meetings throughout the year. The group provides an opportunity to learn what is happening in other communities of Sechelt. The group also gets together on a quarterly basis with the Mayor and Council for a discussion regarding concerns we face in our neighbourhoods and Sechelt in general. Please visit the site at [sechelt.net](http://sechelt.net) and have a browse around and check other neighbourhood links

**Update on Developments along Sechelt Inlet Road:** Lorraine reported that at our last AGM she spoke on development proposals in our area between the Blue Heron and Tuwanek. These developments could be in as many as 4500 people by the time they are built out! With the turn in the economy all developments appear to be on hold.

**Elections:** According to our Constitution there are a total of 9 Directors to be elected. We have a slate of 9 people allowing their names to stand:

- Mel Bollivar, Linda Buckingham, Lorraine Gallant, Eric Katzer, Val Morris, Serge Planidin, Karen Renfrew, Michael Watson and Peter Wooding
- Nominations were called from the floor, and repeated three times. Nominations closed and all Directors were elected by acclamation
- Our next Board meeting will be Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Val Morris

**New Business:**

- **Coast Rider:** Included in our mail-out package was information on the CoastRider program initiated by the Sandy Hook Community Association. Mel spoke on the merits of the program and invited our membership to participate. Linda had a sign-up sheet and photo i.d. photos will be taken on April 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Linda Buckingham's home. More information is available at [coastride.net](http://coastride.net)
- **Official Community Plan:** Lorraine reported that since April of last year she has sat on a committee with 11 other representatives from our community. And along with the facilitator, Susan Stratis

we are re-writing the Official Community Plan, and incorporating the Visioning Plan and Neighbourhood Plans into the document. Our Board has also met with Susan to revise our Neighbourhood Plan, and will meet with her again in the near future to make changes to our first draft.

- **Kontiki Beach Access:** In June of this year we received notice from the District that under the capital budget \$5,000 had been allotted for development of the Kontiki Beach Access. In September a group of Directors met with Parks Board and plans were initiated for the long-awaited beautification of this beach access. We have hit some snags along the way but a letter has been recently received from Rod Bremner, the Chief Administrative Officer. Culverts have been ordered and once the drainage issue is solved, hopefully within the month, then they can start work on our little park. Because of Mountain Marine and the industrial use on the north side of the road the park will be developed on the south side of the road only. It has been quite a battle to get this far, so I hope once the beach access has been developed that everyone will make use of it. By summer the work should be completed so please stop by when you are out for a walk and enjoy! During the report there were a number of questions and comments regarding the past and present state of the beach access. There were a few people who had not received a copy of the correspondence that has been going back and forth between Mr. Rod Bremner, the District Chief Administrative Officer, and Lorraine said she will ensure it is emailed out to the full membership tomorrow.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mel and seconded by Tony that the meeting be adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments and socializing. Thank you for attending.