



*The greatest compliment is to be referred to a friend or colleague.*

## Message from the President

Once again, I extend a warm welcome to all new residents who have moved into the West Sechelt area. West Sechelt is growing at a faster rate than any other area in Sechelt. It is part of our job to review each and every new proposed development application. We are not opposed to new development, but we are opposed to poor development. We have only been recognized as an association since last September and have accomplished many things to help the community. I encourage you to view our web site and feel free to contact any of us to receive more information. We are looking to find more individuals to come on board and participate in our ongoing activities. With more help from you we can certainly accomplish more for the community. A strong membership means a strong voice for our community, so please join our association!

Our two latest large projects are: West Sechelt Comprehensive Development Plan (Clayton/Sangara properties). This project covers 314 acres and could potentially produce approximately 2000 homes or about 4500 persons. Oracle properties: A 21.4-acre parcel, which proposes 61 multi family homes and 84 single homes. The above are only two of our 10 current and ongoing applications. Please do not hesitate to voice your opinion about what you would like to see in West Sechelt. By now many of you have noticed the capital improvements (sidewalks, beautification enhancements, park improvements, etc) that we have promoted with the District.

A special thanks to our Sewer committee and our Parks and Recreation committee. Brief reports are included in this newsletter and complete ones can be viewed on our web site.

-Ken Matheson

## Protecting Our Watershed

As everyone knows, the fight for control of our drinking watershed is ongoing, and the local newspapers are doing a good job of keeping us informed.

Several Directors of the WSCA have been active in protests, blockades, and highway demonstrations because we have grave concerns about potential health hazards related to logging in our watersheds. Over 200 "boil water advisories" have occurred in BC alone. We support the SCRD's stand on this important issue and urge all of you to show your support by attending meetings and writing letters.

## Winter Wonderland

Fall is just around the corner, and, after last year, we hope everyone is up to date with their emergency supplies! For more info, visit [www.getprepared.ca](http://www.getprepared.ca)



## Annual General Meeting

October 23, 2007

7:00pm

West Sechelt  
Elementary  
(in the gym)

Guest Speaker:  
Tom Pinfold  
"How Can Visioning Help  
West Sechelt"

Memberships *must* be renewed  
30 days prior to AMG to be  
eligible to vote.

All new and prospective  
members welcome!

## Hot Sheet: Oracle Properties

This large 21.4 acre parcel of property is just south of the new Catholic Church bordering Nickerson and Tyler roads.

An application has been submitted for 61 multi family homes (change to OCP zoning), which leaves an area proposed for an additional 84 homes. The latest information we have shows there is an existing covenant on the property that restricts the lots to minimum 700 sq. m. The existing application is asking for minimum 500 sq. m lots.

We have made it very clear to Council that we do not approve of removing the covenant. When this comes back to Council we ask all West Sechelt residents to come to the public hearing and to voice your opinion. Watch local papers and our website for Public Hearings on these proposals.

Please feel free to contact us; it is most important that you express your views allowing us to represent you in the best way possible.

## Directors Needed

As the association grows with our community, we're finding the need for more community minded citizens to serve on our board. Interested parties please contact Ken Matheson.

## Contact Us

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## Meetings with Council

Earlier this year our President, Ken Matheson, and other community association leaders met with Mayor Reid and members of council to discuss means of improving communications by establishing an ongoing forum for discussion and exchange of ideas.

Two quarterly meetings have been held with representatives of all of Sechelt's community associations and members of council and they are expected to continue this fall.

The focus is primarily information sharing along with discussion of district processes and various community issues. Though there have been some rough patches in the first two meetings, our association believes that the sessions will prove increasingly valuable to all participants and the stakeholders that they represent.

## Sewer and Water Committees

Recently our committee submitted an excellent recommendation on "Package Sewer Treatment Plants" to the District of Sechelt. To view this document in its entirety, please go to our web site.

## Parks and Recreation Committee

**Pacific View Park** - borders Derby, Baillie, and Mika roads. This park is still being upgraded with pathways, flowers, kiddies' play area, tree planting, signage, doggy dispensers, and benches.

**Wakefield Beach Park and beach access** – gravel walkway, trees, shrubs and wild flowers host this very beautiful scenic pathway. Phase 2 will see more park development on the East end at the foot of Mason rd. c/w 13 public parking spaces.

**Silverstone Park** – Located at the foot of Norwest Bay Rd. There are two pathways to the beach area with benches. Some work still to be done.

**Trail Island beach access**-parks board will be developing this access in the fall.

*More details from all our committees are available on our website [www.sechelt.net](http://www.sechelt.net)*

## C.D.P.

In late 2006 our association was asked by District Planning staff to nominate representatives to serve on the steering committee for the Comprehensive Development Plan that was required prior to proceeding with further construction on the lands west and north of the present Trail Bay Properties project.

Though we responded quickly to the initial documentation and the terms of reference for the contractor approved by the District Planning staff, the work appears not to be proceeding. As the study is a mandatory requirement for the next phase of development we can only assume the delay is an issue of timing for that project.

## Visioning Committee

The Vision Plan was presented to Council by Tom Pinfeld, the Chair of the Steering Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup>. There was no vote to accept the Vision as the plan for the future. The detailed implementation Process was given to District Staff to study and report on in September. Talk is that a consultant will be hired to make the OCP changes and that there may be a citizens implementation group similar to a successful one in Whistler.

### Bear Aware

Bear proof your home!

- Keep garbage indoors until day of pick-up
  - Pick ripe and fallen fruit daily
  - Remove unused fruit trees
  - Use bird feeders only in winter
  - Keep BBQ in secure area and covered
  - Keep all pet food indoors
- Report bears 1-877-952-7277

## WEST SECHELT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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**Current members must renew by September 22<sup>th</sup> to be eligible to vote at the AGM.**

\$10 per yr/per household - Oct 1 to Oct 1

Date \_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Chq. \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### For Stats:

#in Household \_\_\_\_\_ Primary or Secondary Residence? \_\_\_\_\_ Retired? \_\_\_\_\_

What are important community issues to you and your family?

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