

QUADRA CEDAR HILL Community Association NEWS

“Neighbours Building Community”



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GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday May 27, 2008 7:30 PM
Cedar Hill Recreation Centre
3220 Cedar Hill Road
Everyone Welcome!

Speaker: Mike Davis
BC Transit Planning

**Topic: Public Transit in Our
Community**

**Mark Your Calendar for the Next QCHCA
Meeting on September 23, 2008**

QCHCA Editorial **Mark Brown, President**

This is my first opportunity to communicate with our neighbours since our Annual General Meeting and to thank you for your support of our Board of Directors for another year. 2007 was a busy year for your executive and 2008 isn't looking much less.

On the development side we've been introduced to the new owner of the former "Old Winery" site on Quadra Street and his redevelopment plans for the site. The time line isn't firm, but the plans include significantly increased commercial as well as high density residential development. Nearby the former Wholesale Food Club is undergoing redevelopment into a new location for the Salvation Army store and warehouse as well as an indoor forestry seedling nursery. Further development of that site includes a possible new building. Closer to Shelbourne, the North East corner of Cedar Hill and Cedar Hill Cross Roads has moved much closer to a new residential development that is acceptable to the neighbouring homes. At the other end of our boundary, the Town and Country shopping centre (being re-developed as the Up Town

centre) is well under way. Our executive has been contacted by the owners for community input to their developing plans for high density (high-rise) residential at the Western end of the development. Stay tuned on that.

And there is the issue of BC Transit's proposal for a Rapid Bus way from down town to the Town and Country (whoops, "Up Town) Centre. As many know the budget for this project has escalated several fold, and the scope of the project has diminished from past McKenzie to now only as far as Cary. You'll be able to bring your questions and comments to Mike Davis, BC Transit Planning, our keynote speaker at the May meeting.

But don't forget our summer festivities including our annual Picnic at Playfair Park on July 6, and the Music in the Park at Rutledge Park during the month of August headed up by our former president Margaret Bachmann. Last year's programs were very popular with neighbours and friends, and consequently Margaret has added another day to the 2008 program. After the summer we will be moving into Municipal Elections, your only chance in three years to express your thoughts and support the councilors who support your goals and expectations. On this theme we are arranging for a speaker in September to raise this issue. And we can also report that our Past President (Enviroman, Ken Whitcroft's) proposal and our Association's Saanich Centennial project, to reinstate a portion of Cecilia Creek in a pocket park between Linwood and Quadra is progressing through Parks Planning. Like Rutledge Park, we look forward to this project coming to fruition; bring back a bit of our natural heritage to a neighbourhood.

To those of you who have sent in your membership, we thank you, and to those of you who would like to become a little more involved with your community, we would surely be happy for your assistance in any of our many volunteer needs. Our phone numbers are in the newsletter, and we also have acquired our very own Internet Domain: www.qchca.ca. Thanks to Vice President Dean Murdock and our Webmaster (retired) Andrew Croll.

Rapid Bus Line
Dean Murdock

When the province announced its \$14 billion transportation plan, which included funds for a Rapid Bus line from the West Shore, Kevin Falcon, Transportation Minister, left the door open to light rail if we can make a "business case" for it. ("We haven't seen a business case yet that can justify that particular investment," Falcon said.)

Many cities, like Portland Oregon and Tacoma Washington, have found that light rail attracts far more riders than buses. Electric-powered rail also generates far less CO2 than a diesel-powered bus.

The construction costs of light rail are greater than a bus lane (Toronto Transit Commission puts the costs at approximately \$20 million per kilometer), but operating expenses and long-term servicing of the line are much lower.

There seems to be a vague idea that the planned bus lane is a first step towards building LRT. It won't get any cheaper so why not bite the bullet and build the better system now?

The first step seems to be to answer the Minister's call by putting forward a business case that includes long term operating and maintenance costs, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, and ridership projections as well as the initial cost.

Send your comments to info@qchca.ca
Write to members of Council at 770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC V8X 2W7.

Music in the Park
Margaret Bachmann 477-3673

Rutledge Park, corner of Inverness and Cloverdale, will again be the location of *Music in the Park*. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. There will be some food as well as arts and crafts available for sale. A farmers' market is also being planned. Donations will be taken at the park to offset some of the costs.

Music Schedule as follows:

Tuesday August 5, 2008 6:00-8:00 pm

Bijoux Bayou – Cajun zydeco beat

Tuesday August 12, 2008 6:00-8:00 pm

The Georgia Basin Beat Collective featuring Chris Frye of The Bills

Tuesday August 19, 2008 6:00-8:00 pm

Shaky Ground – rock'n roll - 50's & forward

Tuesday August 26, 2008 6:00-8:00 will be kept open in case of rescheduling needs.

9th Annual Sunfest Picnic
At Playfair Park
Sunday July 6, 2008
12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Bank of Montreal (Cook/Quadra) partners with the QCHCA to host this popular community event.

Your opportunity to show the kids how we played before technology took over

*** Children's Games * Jumping Castle*
*Tug-of-War * Entertainment *
*Hot Dogs and Refreshment *
(by donation)**

**Sunfest Volunteers Always Needed, Wanted and Very Much Appreciated
We Need Lots More People Who Like to Have Fun.**

Community Event Sponsors

The community is grateful to those individuals and businesses that help sponsor events. If you'd like to add your name to the sponsorship lists, please contact Mark Brown at 386-1863 or Margaret Bachmann at 477-3673.

The QCHCA Web address and email have changed.

New web address <http://qchca.ca>
New email address info@qchca.ca

Thank You

A member of our community (who prefers anonymity) arranged an appetizer dinner for all who attended the March Annual General Meeting. Jamie Roch, Food & Beverage Supervisor of the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre catered the event. The food was excellent; the company wonderful.

What's Happening in Our Neighbourhoods

BRAEFOOT:

Bob Trotter 477-4365

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- 3830 Merriman Dr. – proposal pending to create 2 additional lots for single family use under current RS-10 zoning
- 3973 Cedar Hill X Rd.-conditional approval granted to rezone from RS-10 to RS-6 to create 3 additional lots for single family use
- 1514 & 1520 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. / 3811&3801 Cedar Hill Rd.-pending proposal to rezone from RS-6 to RT-4 to construct 7 townhouses and a 14 unit condo building. A community meeting was held on April 2/08. Proposal was well received by those attending. Some concerns that were raised referred to traffic, sidewalks, nature of open green space and types of trees to be planted. Council to be contacted regarding the traffic and sidewalk issues.

CLOVERDALE CORE:

Laura Hliva 385-0880

CEDAR HILL:

Lana Burns 478-4062 lmb1297@telus.net

- The lights at Tattersall and Blenkinsop are installed and will be operational very soon.

COOK:

Mark Brown 386-1863 markbrown@shaw.ca

- 3350 Quadra –conditional approval granted for a mixed residential development of a 44 unit apartment, 12 town houses.
- 3267 Wicklow-proposal on hold (additional information required from applicant) to create an additional lot for single family use under the current RS-6 zoning

QUADRA/ SWAN LAKE:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- 842 Canterbury – conditional approval granted to create one additional lot for single family use

CRAIGMILLAR:

Volunteer Area Director needed

- 1140 & 1180 Rock St –proposal pending to subdivide 2 existing lots to create one additional lot under current RS-6 zoning
- 3833 Cumberland –pending proposal for one additional lot for single family use. Not all neighbourhood concerns satisfied

REYNOLDS/QUADRA:

Chris Bartlett 479-4809 bartlettca@shaw.ca

- The Salvation Army (newly relocated from 3948 Quadra to 3934 Quadra) has been closed for safety reasons. The appropriate permits were not in place when it opened. Neighbors have expressed concerns about the unsightly accumulation of donations left at the drop off site.
- 3927 Lasalle St. - proposal pending to rezone from RS-6 to RD-1 to construct a 2 family dwelling. Public Hearing held April 29.
- 1277 Union- proposal pending to create one additional lot under RS-6 zoning
- 1155 Schram Dr.-pending proposal to create an additional lot for single family dwelling under current RS-6 zoning

Volunteer Area Directors are needed to represent the Craigmillar and Swan Lake areas. Please contact QCHCA president, Mark Brown.

2008 – 2009 Executive

President Mark Brown 386-1863

Past President Ken Whitcroft 383-7567

Vice-President Dean Murdock 658-4160

Secretary secretary needed

Treasurer Karen Dearborn 386-7933

Membership Rikki Bowman 382-6197

Newsletter Lana Burns 478-4062

The QCHCA meets the 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, September and November 7:30 pm at the Cedar Hill Recreation Centre.

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Serving Our Community 



David Cubberley
 MLA, Saanich South

Need Help?
*Please contact my office regarding
 any provincial program or matter*

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Pesticide Free Pledge
Dean Murdock

Saanich will take the pledge to be pesticides free. This month, Saanich Council will consider a motion to maintain the municipal hall property without the use of pesticides. Currently, Saanich properties are 95 per cent pesticide-free, but the pledge will introduce a ban on pesticides at the municipal hall.

The pledge is intended to be an opportunity to raise awareness about pest management practices that don't involve the harmful use of pesticides on lawns and gardens. Saanich is not alone in the campaign. Victoria was the first municipality in the region to introduce a bylaw to ban the cosmetic use of pesticides. Esquimalt is considering a similar bylaw.

Saanich has undertaken an educational campaign to promote natural alternatives to pesticide use. The pledge for the municipal hall property is an opportunity for Saanich to model good behaviour and raise awareness about the use of harmful chemicals when more environmentally-friendly options are available.

If you are interested in taking the pesticide-free pledge, please visit the CRD website:
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/takethepledge>

Grey Squirrel Rant
Lana Burns

In our neighbourhood there are people feeding the grey squirrels. Grey squirrels are omnivores. They will eat anything as well as hunt. Close cousins to rats. The early settlers brought the Grey squirrels, they are not indigenous.

I have seen squirrels raid the crows' nest of eggs and young in my backyard. If squirrels are clever enough to get past the crows what chance do the nesting songbirds have?

These animals do as much damage as rats do, maybe more because they are outdoor pets to many people. Think about it. Know anyone who will purposely feed the local rats ...?

Membership Renewal

If you're not already a member, please fill out the application/renewal form. Bring it to the next meeting or mail to my attention at the address below. Thank you!

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rikkij@shaw.ca

QCHCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION	
NAME	

ADDRESS	

Postal Code _____	TEL _____
EMAIL	

Membership is \$5 per person per year.	
Please fill out this form & send with payment to: # 4-1164 Palmer Rd., Victoria V8P 2H6	
I can help with newsletters - phone/fold/deliver	
Need receipt?	Yes _____ No _____