

The Cultus Lake View

Cultus Lake Community Association Website www.cultuslakecommunity.com

Cultus Lake View Fall Update – Dave Clyne, President, CLCA

Since July, 2008, the CLCA Executive has published **three** editions of the Cultus Lake View annually to keep Cultus Lake Park leaseholders and residents fully informed of the Governance Committee process and progress. As presented at the August 29 CLCA AGM, the Executive has decided to return to publishing **two** Cultus Lake View newsletters per year, which will be **March and July**. However, we will continue to communicate news that we feel is important for our Cultus Lake Park community when the news corresponds to any Purpose of the CLCA Constitution. In this flier we wish to inform our community of the Park Board's proposed **Good Neighbour Bylaw** because it pertains to the 2nd Purpose of the CLCA Constitution [posted on the CLCA website]: **"2.] b.) To promote communication between the residents and leaseholders of Cultus Lake Park and the Cultus Lake Park Board"** [p.1, CLCA Constitution].

Our New Computer World: Important Cultus Websites

We are definitely part of the computer age. As you read through this Cultus Lake View flier, the following websites will need to be accessed for more information:

Cultus Lake Community Association [CLCA]: <http://www.cultuslakecommunity.com>

- or "Google" Cultus Lake Community Association

Cultus Lake Park Board [CLPB]: <http://www.cultuslake.bc.ca>

- or "Google" Cultus Lake Park Board

Cultus Lake Park **Bylaw** website: http://www.cultuslake.bc.ca/default.aspx?PAGE_ID=113

- or "Google" Cultus Lake Park Board; go to "Government"; below to "Bylaws".

GOOD NEIGHBOUR BYLAW [GNB] - At the September 8th Cultus Lake Park Board [CLPB] meeting, the Park Board passed first and second reading of the Good Neighbour Bylaw which will replace the following Cultus Lake Park Board Bylaws: Vehicle Parking Bylaw 1989 and All Amendments; Traffic Regulations Bylaw 1992; General Regulations Bylaw 2001; and Licensing and Dog Control Bylaw 1999. These bylaws can be accessed on the CLPB bylaw webpage. On September 14, the CLCA Executive wrote a letter to the Cultus Park Board. It was distributed to the Park Board Commissioners and read out at the September 22 Park Board meeting with recommendations for allowing public input for the Good Neighbour Bylaw No. 2010-03. A copy of this letter is posted on the **CLCA web site**.

Barry Cornfield and Dave Clyne prepared this newsletter and along with the CLCA Executive and the printing services of School District 33. Do you have something you would like published in our newsletter? If you have a letter of opinion, a news item or a community announcement, please submit a typewritten copy to **"The Cultus Lake View"** Newsletter, c/o CLCA, 4165A Columbia Valley Highway, Cultus Lake, BC, V2R 5B5. You may also submit items by emailing a Word document to: clyne@alumni.sfu.ca

On Thursday afternoon, October 21, 2010, the Park Board held its first discussion of the GNB. The public was invited to observe through advertisement on the Park Board website and by signs posted on Cultus Lake Park group mailboxes. We await the next meeting date. The main purpose of this flier is to help inform residents and leaseholders of the GNB and of future Park Board meetings on the GNB. How to stay informed:

1.] Check the **CL Park Board internet homepage** regularly for **future meeting dates**, including meetings for **public input**. You can also read and/or download the updated document from the homepage.

2.] Residents can check the Cultus **group mailboxes** for dates of future meetings.

3.] Check the **CL Community Association homepage** to access a **comparison** of the previous bylaws and the GNB. Two Executive members and a resident prepared this comparison. It provides a reasonably accurate comparison regarding what was deleted from the current four bylaws, what was changed and what is new in the GNB.

4.] We encourage full-time residents to communicate the information to summer residents regarding the various web sites as some summer residents may not receive this flier. This flier is available on our website.

Chair Nokleby mentioned at the October 21 meeting that there is no deadline for the completion of the GNB and the meetings may quite likely be interrupted by more immediate concerns, such as financial planning etc. He also encouraged leaseholders and residents to send written input to the Park Board Commissioners [4165 Columbia Valley Highway, Cultus Lake BC, V2R 5B5] or email for distribution to the Park Board Commissioners park.board@cultuslake.bc.ca. Include instructions that your email be sent to the Park Board. The Board expressed appreciation for submissions made to date.

CLCA Executive

We welcome Sheryl Henderson and Nora Lowe to our Executive this year. Sadly, we bid farewell to Helen Pauls but are most pleased she will continue to write for the Cultus Lake View. The Officers are: Treasurer, Jane Monesmith; Secretary, Virginia O'Brien; Vice President, Margaret Wilson; President, Dave Clyne.

AGM Motion Passed Unanimously

At the August 29, AGM, the following motion was unanimously passed:

“That the Cultus Lake Community Association members support the discussion, by the involved levels of government, of changing the Cultus Lake Park Act. Such discussion would include the issues of financial sustainability and elected representation.” When I sent this motion to then Minister Ben Stewart, I included a letter mentioning two positive benefits of the Governance Committee. First, it was a most open public process as well as cutting edge because of extensive internet involvement. “Second, and most meaningful, was the beginning of a new relationship between the Soowahlie First Nation, our very close neighbours, and the Cultus Lake Park Community.” As a result of Chief Jasper’s presentation of Soowahlie’s history at our August AGM and information presented at Governance, the letter concluded with:

...our CLCA Executive offer our representation in future discussion on the Cultus Lake Park Act. Further, at our August 29 AGM, one CLCA member suggested that perhaps Soowahlie representation in Cultus Lake Park Act discussions be considered as well. Since First Nation residents of British Columbia were denied legal representation to pursue land claims from 1927 to 1951 and so were not allowed any legal representation in the creation of the 1932 Cultus Lake Park Act, this idea may be another step toward reconciliation.

The complete letter and motion can be accessed on our website.

Soowahlie First Nation Guests

The CLCA Executive hosted Soowahlie First Nation Council and Elders to an Executive prepared supper on September 23 at the Cultus Community School Library. Chief Jasper called it an historic event. It was a meaningful evening and we learned a lot from each other. Some ideas to draw our two communities closer together were discussed; we are just starting to explore them.

Community Dates:

ESS Mock Set Up Emergency Reception Centre Exercise: Friday, **November 19, 1:00 to 2:00 pm Community Hall**. Public is **most** welcome to watch or participate as evacuees. Coffee and cookies will be served, as per real emergency.

CLCA Spring Meeting: Sunday, **April 17, 2011, at 1:00 pm** in the School Gym

CLCA AGM: Sunday, **August 21, 2011, at 1:00 pm** as above

Kudos to the Future Plan Advisory Committee [FPAC]- *Dave Clyne*

The current Future Plan Advisory Committee started in December, 2009. As quoted from the Park Board web site, "The purpose of the Future Plan Advisory Committee is to provide a leadership role within the community offering advice and direction to the Board to build community spirit and shape strategies to establish a community vision and goals for achieving social, economic and environmental sustainability. This will be a very active Committee as the Board is determined to create a new "Future Plan" that will be used to guide the Cultus Lake Community into the future." The committee has a huge task that has required much reading and discussion.

The FPAC distributed a survey at the end of the summer. When I first looked at it, I thought, "Wow! This is going to be hard to do!" and I kept procrastinating until a couple of days before the deadline. I worked on the survey two times, and I have to say, **it was a most worthwhile experience for me!** I felt I had a better understanding of our wonderful community.

The FPAC asked if their survey could be included in this flier and we are pleased to accommodate the Committee. The FPAC would like surveys by the end of November if possible. If you were like me and found the survey too 'open-ended', I encourage you to try **one** of the questions. That's what helped me start working on it. The FPAC plans to give future direction to our community based on our input. A big THANK YOU, FPAC members, for caring so much about Cultus Lake Park to work on this Committee!

Market in the Park – *Dave Clyne*

Market in the Park had a very successful year. It celebrated its 10 year anniversary on the only rainy Saturday this summer! The CLCA Executive is most grateful for Lorna Griffeth's work throughout the year and for all the many other volunteers. At the October 23 Park Board Meeting, Ron Campbell, CAO, confirmed that next year the Saturday Market in the Park will remain in the grassy area on Sunnyside across from the strip mall. The Market is intended to complement the businesses and encourage visitors to check out the stores and restaurants in the mall. We appreciated the many responses from vendors and customers to the Market location questionnaire.

Cultus Lake Sockeye Update

About 10,100 Cultus Lake Sockeye have been counted at DFO. This is certainly more than we have had in the last few years. However, given the huge return of sockeye to provincial rivers, it seems the return should have been higher.

Cultus Lake Community School - *Olga Cabrera*

Cultus Lake Community School Association-Facility has Rentals and Programs for both Children and Adults. Friday night movies at 6:30 pm. Call for weekly movie. Check out <http://www.clcsa.ca> for any details or call 604-858-7192.

Future Plan Advisory Committee [FPAC] Survey – Chris Skonberg, FPAC member

In case you missed the FPAC survey that was tucked into resident doors at the end of this summer, we would like to extend the timeline for responses. We received a few survey responses and since they were most thought-provoking, historical and insightful, we felt that receiving more responses would greatly strengthen the results so far received. As such, the FPAC still welcomes further responses and encourages residents to take the time to read the instructions and respond on email or paper to the following questions, if possible, by the end of **November**.

Hello Lakers,

Your Future Plan Advisory Committee invites you to contribute your thoughts, ideas, or concerns for the future of Cultus Lake Park by completing a short survey. A survey has not been done since 1997 and an update is crucial for accurate planning. Please take the time to answer the following questions.

There are no right or wrong answers or comments. Your input will ensure better representation for years to come. Answers will be sorted by number and letter for ease of consideration and sharing. No names or addresses will be included, although originals will be stored for reference.

Completed surveys may be returned to the CLPB office or to any committee member (Sacha Peter, Terry Woodrow, Barry Cornfield, Christine Masson, Fay Herle, Gary Lister, George Coton, Chris Skonberg, Joanne Henderson, Lewis Kirkness, Margaret Wilson, and Steve Mowat). However, it would be appreciated if you were to respond electronically to park.board@cultuslake.bc.ca, with Future Plan Advisory Committee Survey in the subject line.

Sample items for your consideration could include, but are not restricted to:

Finances	Safety	Water /Waste
Governance	Fire, geese, litter, noise...	Taxation/Leases
Recreational or other services	Land Use,	Traffic (land or water)
Environment (forest, lake, air.)	Neighbour Relations/ Events	Parking

(You may also want to refer to the 1997 plan online at: http://cultuslake.bc.ca/default.aspx?PAGE_ID=113).

Survey Questions

- 1. There have been many changes in Cultus Lake Park over the last 10 to 15 years.**
 - a. What changes have you have noticed that have had a positive impact on Cultus Lake Park? Please explain.**
 - b. Which changes have had a negative impact on Cultus Lake Park? Please explain.**
- 2. There have also been some areas or situations where there has been little or no change in the past 10 to 15 years.**
 - a. Which of these have a positive impact? Please explain.**
 - b. Which of these have a negative impact? Please explain.**
- 3. Any other comments/thoughts?**

Optional Information:

Name _____

Address _____