

JUNE 2016



CASA LOMA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



President's Report:

On Saturday June 11 at 1:30 PM we hold the 2016 CLCA AGM.

While the CLCA always has many people come out to the annual BBQ at 12 Noon and then the

AGM, this update is to Casa Loma Community at large, be they a past, current or a future CLCA member.

I will provide some thoughts on the current AGM year, recognize a few individuals for their contributions and some ideas as to what the incoming CLCA board will have to take on as a few of their future projects.

As I look back on my first year as the CLCA President, I say thank you to the directors who stepped up at the 2015 AGM. Each CLCA member has the chance to be thankful for those who serve in any volunteer organization for a cause they believe in.

The CLCA directors met 9 times to discuss community issues, ways in which we can improve our interaction and communication with our members and address challenges on behalf of the residents of Casa Loma.

For the directors with full time jobs, or those as busy retired people, taking that time out of their personal and work schedule is appreciated. In looking at the interaction between the board members, it was a good, respectful and productive "board" year.

For those who attended the 2015 AGM, and remember West Kelowna's Chief Administration Officer (CAO) Jim Zaffino's comments "*I own the Ditches of Casa Loma project*", we are pleased that our ongoing dialogue with the various departments of West Kelowna have produced a positive result for the residents.

As of the 2016 AGM, we can watch the Casa Loma Ditches be reengineered to produce a positive outcome.

The residents that drive or walk past the construction project over the next few months, I'm sure will be watching with interest as this project evolves.

Thank you to Mayor Findlater, West Kelowna Councilors, CAO Jim Zaffino and engineering staff that worked with all CLCA residents to rectify this situation.

The ditches were not a single issue interaction with West Kelowna. We discussed ideas about having Casa Loma become the first area in West Kelowna to initiate a Fire Smart project.

We all have seen the effects of fires in our communities close-by or in the news. We in Casa Loma want to do our best to ensure we improve the Fire Prevention conditions. Look for more information on the Fire Smart Project from our partners, the West Kelowna Fire Department.

Another decision made was to move our AGM fiscal and reporting years from an AGM date to Calendar year end date. Having a December 31, Fiscal and AGM membership year is easier to administer, especially for online member activities.

For 2016 Only - The \$10 per person / vote membership for the 2016 AGM or during the remainder of 2016, means your membership is paid up to Dec 31, 2017. You get both the 2016 & 2017 AGM's for your \$10/person paid membership. Because of the transition year, It's a bonus year for all who join now.

Hopefully this change will allow us to have a much smoother transition into the AGM itself in future years, instead of tracking last minute paperwork.

For all of the community members who take being part of this community association as paid up members, I want to thank you for helping us make Casa Loma a better and safer place to live.

Al Hildebrandt, CLCA President



Future projects for the incoming CLCA Board:

Each AGM year, the incoming Board of Directors has to consider what projects they will work on, what are carried over initiatives and what are new to think about.

Here is a partial activities list the CLCA directors will need to consider to actively work on in the next year.

1. A new CLCA Constitution.
2. Launch the new Firesmart project.
3. Monitor the ditch project to completion.
4. Website update.
5. Traffic calming.

1. New CLCA Constitution

The biggest internal activity for the next year will be re-drafting a new CLCA Constitution. By Nov/16 the new BC Society Act should be law and then all Not-For-Profits and Societies will have to draft a new constitution using the new BC Society Act as the base language.

Although this will take some work, this is actually a good for the CLCA to do. Our original 2002 CLCA Constitution (which was based on the 1969 BC Society Act) is out of date and needs to be modernized to recognize the more typical types of things such as online activities.

This will be a project not just for the new board, but a project that former directors and interested community members at large can participate in.

Once we have the official government language, then we will solicit assistance from 6-8 people in the community so we have a broader viewpoint of what will be presented to the membership at the next AGM.

2. Launch the New Firesmart project.

This AGM will be the startup of a new multi-year project in which we as a community can improve our fire prevention by simply being smarter and thinking about what we have in our yards that is combustible (and correct it), or when renovating or building that we make it of the most fire retardant materials available.

3. Monitor the ditch project to completion.

We are sure there will be many eyes on the ditch reconstruction project and hopefully we can have a block party when it's completed.

4. Website update.

Yes, the CLCA has a website that was launched in 2015. But, a community website should be interactive where members can sign up on their own (instead of the current paper forms) and be able to make online membership payments and get the relevant community information they need.

5. Traffic calming.

The initial results from the traffic calming monitoring were positive. But, we will have to make sure all drivers remember that residents live on these roads, that people are walking there, and most important, that our children are "oh so close" to the speeding cars.

Slow down and observe the posted speed limits. Please & Thank You.

The above list should keep your newly elected directors busy for the next year.

In Memoriam:

Heinz Zdralak - We would be remiss if we didn't remember Heinz as Casa Loma's first resident who passed away recently, as featured in the May CLCA Newsletter.

Those who got to know Heinz and his family know what a unique, colourful and industrious individual he was. We miss you Heinz.

Mike Duggan – Mike was CLCA's first President and the leading force to start the CLCA. Most Casa Loma residents may not know that Mike passed away in 2015.

For those who knew Mike, he would tirelessly walk the streets, meet people all the time and be very active for our Casa Loma community.

Thank you Mike Duggan for your vision and drive to start the CLCA.

