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CASA LOMA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



President's Report:

We are all really blessed to live in our great Casa Loma community. You only have to watch the news in other parts of the world to know that we really had a great winter and we live in a very safe part of the world. For our Snowbirds (who hibernate elsewhere for the winter) - Spring is in the Air! The street sweepers have already picked up the sand used in this relatively mild winter.

For those who live in Casa Loma year round you can see the new green buds coming out on the trees as the first signs of spring appear. It's a time of year where those who spend time outdoors think about fresh beginnings and what this year may grow up in our yards, our homes and in our families.

As the Casa Loma Community Association ("CLCA") we too look forward to 2016 and what this year may bring and what we work towards each year. We are looking forward to the completion of projects underway for the past few years and hope that this year, we will see the disappearance of the infamous Casa Loma ditches.

We thank the West Kelowna city council and administration staff for listening to the Casa Loma residents and including this long-standing community issue in the capital works projects. We will all celebrate once the underground storm water channels have been installed. This project will be underway soon, and while we will have to put up with a bit of road construction, it's all for the anticipation of a good completion.

A new 2016 initiative that the CLCA board has given unanimously support to initiate the FireSmart project which begins a multi-year effort this year, and is intended to help long term fire prevention of our residents (see section on FireSmart).

Our 2016 Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016. We will keep you posted as to our activities will be leading up to the AGM, what we intend on improving in our governance and business processes at the AGM as well as in the coming years, and how you can become involved.

Al Hildebrandt, President

AGM Update:

The 2016 CLCA Annual General Meeting ("AGM") is scheduled for Saturday, June 11, 2016. It's a time of the year when we meet at Dupuis Park to have a community BBQ, elect the next year's directors and discuss any business that is brought forward in the agenda.

We are hoping for good summertime weather and also that the Casa Loma ditches have been replaced with our new future look. But, there is a potential of the park being in the middle of a construction zone as they finish the remedial work of the underground water systems.

We also expect to have streamlined some of the documentation around the signing up and becoming a member ahead of time by our online activities on our website. You can help by signing up as a 2016 member before AGM making it easier to record all the members.

We will be moving to a Calendar Year membership, (i.e. Jan 1 – Dec 31) each year which makes it easier to administer and sign up members before the AGM and not just crammed into those few hours or days ahead of the AGM itself. As a bonus this year only, anyone who pays their \$10 individual membership prior to the 2016 AGM will actually be receiving their membership from now until Dec 31, 2017.

We expect to have representatives of the West Kelowna council attending, as well as individuals from the West Kelowna Fire Department. See you all on June 11.



AGM Notice, Dates & Times:

CLCA AGM June 11, 2016 at 1:30 PM

Other same day events:

Garage Sale 8am – noon
BBQ 12 noon – 1:30 PM

Call for CLCA Directors:

Each year we invite those who want to join the CLCA volunteer board of directors to let us know that you and help want to help our community association get better.

We are always looking for those who have an interest in community affairs who can offer a variety of skill sets.

As a volunteer board we meet 9-10 times per year, for meetings that are generally 1-1 ½ hours long. Some additional work may be required for those who volunteer for committees.

If you want to get involved, please call our President at (250) 878-9100 or his email at al@alhildebrandt.com. You can also speak to or email any current director at casalomacommunityassoc@gmail.com.

Those who offer their name to stand for election to act as a volunteer director before May 8, 2016 will have their name and personal profile listed in the updated AGM materials that will be sent out by May 10, 2016.

The AGM email package will include the AGM agenda, minutes from 2015 AGM, Financials as of May 31, 2015, the known slate of Directors for election and any other items of business at the AGM.

CLCA Constitution:

The current CLCA constitution which governs our association was initiated by five founding directors in August 2002. All societies and non-profit associations including Community Associations are governed by the Society Act of BC (1986).

The BC government has already passed a new Society Act which will become mandatory for all societies and community associations (including the CLCA) to adopt with the applicable sections of the Society Act once it becomes law which is currently scheduled for fall 2016.

Once the final version of the BC Act becomes law there will be a transition period to allow organizations like the CLCA to take a close looking at the relevant sections of their current constitution that is applicable and hopefully can modernize our CLCA constitution in time for our 2017 AGM which is when we expect to ratify a new Constitution.

Once the final Society Act wording is available, we will solicit assistance from the community to help us on this project over the summer months and to make this a smoother transition for the 2017 board of directors. We will be providing updates on this topic in the discussion period at the AGM.

Community Service Award - Joe Gluska:



On February 10, 2016, Joe Gluska (one of our own CLCA members and a director) received the Tourism Kelowna SPORT HOSTING AWARD for the work that he has contributed to host the BC Community Football Association.

Each year ~160 teams with 1,500+ youth (Ages 10 to 16) with over 4,000 family members come from all over BC to have fun in community flag football. 750 games are scheduled on the June 4-5, 2016 weekend if you want to see organized youthful “mayhem” in action.

This annual community sports event has an economic impact of \$1.2m to the greater Okanagan. Great job Joe!



Traffic Calming Update:

Below is partial correspondence received from the City of West Kelowna regarding the ongoing traffic calming initiative.

“We are still within the monitoring phase and this will be continuing throughout this summer. We will be setting up our tube counters after the spring street sweeping is completed and then again during the summer to capture any seasonal changes.

This data will be compiled and we will provide City Council with a report on the results (this would be expected in fall 2016). That report would be the opportunity for us to make recommendation whether to proceed with phase 2 of the traffic calming initiatives (speed hump) should the speeds not fall within the +10km/h threshold.

From the study that was completed, the phased approach was the best way to implement these measures as there was some opposition from the neighborhood to the installation of the bumps at the time.”

Storm Water Management Update: Ditches

Further to our last report, the City of West Kelowna held a community meeting on March 31, 2016 for those impacted by the ditches.

The Engineering department laid out their plans for the remedial construction to handle the water drainage problem. Construction on this project is expected to be starting soon.

FireSmart Canada:

FireSmart Canada is a grassroots initiative that involves the community to better prepare for fire incidents. The program includes a site visit, community representation, assessment and evaluation, a community plan, and solution implementation to maintain the program into the future.

The CLCA directors have met with a member of the West Kelowna fire department to update us on this community project and expectations of community volunteers as well as the conditions which can

make Casa Loma a FireSmart Community. We anticipate have more information to share with you at the AGM. www.firesmartcanada.ca

Parks and Recreation:



The John Dupuis Park playground equipment has been recently upgraded. For those who haven't seen it yet, walk through the area and see what this West Kelowna investment looks like.

Just a friendly parks and roadside reminder for all dog owners to please pick up after your dogs in all areas of Kelowna, especially the parks where other children will be playing.

Beach and park clean up



Come help us clean our beaches and parks for the summer.

Further information to be emailed in May.

Saturday May 28, 2016 from 9am to noon.

Casa Loma Community Garage Sale:



Get ready for all those early morning bargain hunters coming right to your doorstep to pick up your precious lifetime treasures.

Saturday June 11, 2016 from 8am to Noon



Casa Loma Community BBQ:



Saturday, June 11, 2016 noon to 1:30 PM

To be followed by the AGM

Communications:

All the directors work together on Communications Committee and any external communications going to the membership, including this newsletter. If you have items of interest, you would like to communicate please email at Casalomacommunityassoc@gmail.com.

Directors:

The directors elected in CLCA 2015-2016 AGM year are;

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Joe Gluska	2699 Campbell Rd (250) 808-2049
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Lori Lee	2575 Casa Palmaro
Heather Schaub	2795 Benedick Rd (250) 769-4630 (X375)
Janice Spencer	2665 Casa Loma Rd (250) 769-5179
Tim Stanfield	2620 Campbell Rd (250) 808-4846 timstanfieldremax@gmail.com

Directors may be reached at their personal email or at Casalomacommunityassoc@gmail.com

End of An Era: Heinz Willi ZDRALEK



On March 20, 2016, our Casa Loma community area lost its longest living in the area resident. If an Okanagan area in the Okanagan ever had a first family, Heinz who moved here in 1930 with his parents and older brother John, certainly qualify as the original Casa Loma family.

All of us now live on the areas where the four generations of the Zdrelek family grew up, where they played as children, where they homesteaded, and grew their farming operations. Later, our entire Casa Loma area was developed from the land they once owned including building the original Casa Loma Resort.

Known as a “do it yourself” man that could make, whittle, tinker and fix almost anything that a farmer, as an orchardist or whatever a working man’s entrepreneur could do, Heinz did it all.

For anyone that took the time to get know Heinz and meet him at his home, they would have seen the vast collection of museum pieces of almost every imaginable historical time in the Zdrelek barns, buildings, in the house and across his farmland.

Heinz was known as a great historian of many things that this area went through over the past 87 years since he moved to Casa Loma. Last summer Heinz got in my car and drove around Casa Loma pointing out all the ways the natural water flows and water systems evolved and where original buildings started in this area.

There isn’t anyone who has driven back and forth on Campbell Road that can say they haven’t seen Heinz, or his wife (Elsie) and his daughter Deanie when look at them doing multiple hay crops each year driving the tractor or see Heinz motor around his property on his legendary golf cart.

We will miss you Heinz! May you rest in peace.

