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CASA LOMA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



President's Report:

This is the last newsletter from the 2016/2017 CLCA Board before the next election of Directors.

The **2017 AGM** will be held on **Saturday June 3, 2017 starting at 1:30 PM** which will usher in the next CLCA board year.

Events for June 3, 2017 begin with a community garage sale (8am – Noon) and then BBQ and AGM member registration at Dupuis Park starts at noon followed by the official AGM proceedings. Representatives from the City of West Kelowna will give their comments to Casa Loma residents and provide an opportunity to ask some questions of the West Kelowna representation.

During the AGM, the President has an opportunity to provide an update on behalf of the board, but the time is too short to do much more than general intro's and thank you's as the purpose of the meeting is the annual governance issues of the CLCA AGM.

This column update to all CLCA members and hopefully to all who would still join the CLCA membership in 2017.

For those who braved the clouds and rain at the 2016 AGM we had a very positive interaction with Mayor Doug Findlater and other West Kelowna executives.

Of course, the ditch re-construction had just begun on the and we were watching with anticipation how the contractor (BC General) and the City would complete during the summer of 2016. Watching them work together was positive and the outcome spectacular. We thank the City of West Kelowna for rectifying the ditches and making this a very positive improvement to our area.

At the AGM, we indicated that the board would be working on these items. **1.** Updating the Constitution **2.**

Monitoring the progress of the Ditches **3.** New interactive Website, **4.** Firesmart, **5.** Traffic Calming.

While Item #2 Ditches, and #3 Website are done or mostly completed, other items are a multi-year activity and carry over from this board to the next board.

During this past year we instituted a new **Life Time Membership** category, where a member can pay \$100 contribute financially and be part of the CLCA forever and not have to re-sign each year. Often when a renewal is missed during the AGM period then they are out of the loop and re-join a year or two later.

Actual voting is still tied to members who are living in the area, but for some people (even when they move away) may want to be plugged in with the community.

We hope the new www.casalomacommunity.com website will be a more effective and mobile friendly site for you to keep up to date with CLCA activities and information.

At the 2017 AGM, for the first time we will be providing the option of members doing their voting online, before the AGM itself, so we can use technology to streamline our member decisions. More online voting info on the next pages. Signing up for membership and voting prior to the AGM meeting start time, will take a lot less time at the meeting itself.

And finally the Okanagan area is dealing with the record lake water level. Those in low lying land or along the lakeside, are most affected. We want to thank all City and Provincial disaster services people that are supplying sand bags to our area.

To the neighbours helping each other during this time, **a big Thank you.** Thank you all for helping make Casa Loma a better and safer community.

Al Hildebrandt, President

CLCA History:

The CLCA is in its 15th year as an official BC Society. On August 2, 2017 it will be 15 years since the CLCA's five (5) founding directors started the CLCA.

Michael Duggan (President), Betty Williams, Cherylanne Dick, Dave Gingras and Ronald Renneberg signed their names to the original constitution and Casa Loma Community Association became a BC Society.

Over this next year the CLCA will be working on the next generation of its constitution and with member input as we move forward into our 16th year and beyond.

Life Time Membership:

Over the past few years approximately 50-60% of our \$10/year annual membership pay up their membership fees and become members for the following AGM year.

About 10-15% of the members renew sometime after the AGM and the remainder is made up of new members, either new to the Casa Loma area or people getting involved for the first time.

That means each AGM year, the CLCA starts over with zero member and then builds up to an average of about 100+ members. Each year this becomes a paper intensive process as people line up at the AGM.

Moving to a calendar membership year means we can send out renewal notices to everyone that is on record with the CLCA each January. Having an online signup on the new website will stream line having to fill out that paperwork. Soon, we will have the ability to pay the \$10 online securely, means you can do it when you want.

We already have a dozen **Life Time members**. We believe the list will grow substantially over the remainder of 2017. We encourage you to consider taking out a Life Time Membership for \$100/person and not have to re-sign each year.

Regardless if you plan on staying in Casa Loma forever, or you just consider this your contribution to the CLCA, we hope you will consider this option, allowing the CLCA to start each year with stronger base of more members.

Website update:

Our new www.CasaLomaCommunity.com website is operational. The new site is interactive and mobile friendly. We are working on the final phases of secure online payments making it much more like how you pay your other bills online. BTW, we still will take cash or cheques.

If any of you have great Casa Loma community pictures that you think others would enjoy seeing, then please forward appropriate pictures to al@alhildebrandt.com and we will see how we can get some of them rotating through the screen's that people see of our community.

Director Updates:

CLCA's President Al Hildebrandt states *"we had a very positive year of director level and community interaction. Three new directors were elected for their first time at the 2016 CLCA. All the directors made it easy to work together as we met many times this past year. I thank all directors for their CLCA contributions."*

Thank you to Rebecca Beckley and Don Drissell for completing their 2nd year of director service to the CLCA, and will not be up for re-election this year.

Thank you to Doug Deschner, Joe Gluska, Jesper Kock, Shirley Pacholok and Tim Stanfield for working on the many projects and keeping the dialogue with the Casa Loma residents going forward.

These 5 directors along with Al Hildebrandt will be standing for director re-election at the 2017 AGM.

If anyone wants to be nominated for the 2017 Director election then you must be a member and provide your nomination information to CLCA prior to the Close of Nominations which is at 8 PM, Friday May 26th, 2017.

This nomination cut off period before the AGM, allows us to complete the online ballot work, giving everyone an equal chance at the election.

Voting Process Updates:

For some of the organizers the Pre-AGM hours are taken up by tedious, paperwork tasks and people wait inline.

Membership sign-up's, gathering Proxies and registering for the current year AGM to get ready for the voting of directors takes time.

It is not uncommon for 50-75 memberships to come in on that last AGM day and on average another 50 proxies to be recorded at the AGM. This repetitive, time consuming task is being streamlined this year.

The CLCA is providing a new voting option for our members with our very first secure, confidential, online voting process allowing all members to vote in the privacy of their own homes.

Step 1. Nominations for the election of Directors close on Friday night May 26, 2017.

Step 2. Final online ballot's will be prepared and emailed to each individual member of record by Monday May 29, 2017.

All members (with emails) will receive a unique password protected ballot form from Election Buddy, where they can follow the simple steps to elect a minimum of at least 1 director and up to 7 directors from the selection of directors online.

By way of background, Election Buddy is the technology used by many service and community organizations for voting and gather input from membership. The Kelowna Chamber of Commerce and the Kelowna Tourism board have used this system for years for membership voting.

Step 3. Members have until 8 PM, Friday, June 2, 2017 to complete their online ballot. If you choose to use the online ballot system, then you will receive an email confirmation that you've submitted your vote. Other than a confirmation of who voted, no one at the CLCA, can see your actual voting.

Step 4. For those who don't vote online, or register their membership at the AGM, they will be able to vote at the AGM as usual.

The online vote totals, and the "at AGM" votes will be combined to make up the election of directors.

The AGM vote count will be managed by 3 scrutineers not involved in the election themselves.

After the election of 7 directors is determined, then the membership will vote for the position of President will be held by those in attendance at the AGM. At the first meeting of the newly elected board of directors, they will determine who is best qualified and available to fill the Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President positions.

Thank you for making the effort to make us more efficient on the AGM day.

Community Interest Story:

For anyone who has walked on Zdrelok Cove in the past few years you would have seen Cincy's library at the roadside.

Cindy Anderson, who lives at **537 Zdrelok Cove** and was a former teacher inspired by her Grandmother who taught school in a little one room schoolhouse. Cindy's dad built this little library in memory of her Grandma who lived until 101.

Cindy's library rules are **Take a book - Leave a book.**



The exception is children's books which are always needed to get children started with library book swapping.

Thank you Cindy, from your neighbours.