



North Quadra News

North Quadra Community Association - Spring 2017

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Annual General Meeting

7:30 pm Thursday, May 4, 2017
Church of the Nazarene – 4277 Quadra

"Implementing New Directions
for BC Transit"

"Unveiling of BC Transit's 5 Year Plan"

Speaker: James Wadsworth

Question/Answer session to follow presentation.



Don't miss this valuable opportunity to learn about BC Transit's future operational service plans for our area!



Trees For Free!

If you haven't participated in Saanich's "No Cost Boulevard Tree Program", do consider it!

Saanich now partners with many community associations to plant trees on municipal frontages. The terms remain simple. Homeowners fill out an application form, available on NQCA's website at northquadra.ca to be directed or mailed to Saanich Parks. Park staff later contact the resident to discuss tree selection and site suitability. In the fall, staff plant the tree while residents agree to water the tree for 5 years. It couldn't be easier! And what a way to assist with urban forest regrowth and enhance your streetscape!



North Quadra's Dynamic Neighbourhood

The North Quadra Community Association continues to represent and inform residents on local issues. This edition of *North Quadra News*, delivered to 2400 homes and available online provides a yearly summary of NQCA activities, developments, traffic, community and neighbourhood issues. Check out this newsletter's event details! And visit NQCA's newly updated website at northquadra.ca

Meet Your Neighbours At The AGM! Refreshments Served

a word from the President

I must begin this message by paying tribute to the recent passing of our dear and respected Saanich Councillor, Vic Derman. His tireless community service to North Quadra, his place of residency, Saanich and the CRD, was immense and leaves a big hole on the political landscape. His influence ensuring the community's betterment will be sorely missed. (See below)

This was, once again, a busy year for us. Following our name-change to North Quadra Community Association (NQCA), our executive worked hard to amend our Constitution in compliance with new changes to the Society's Act. At our upcoming AGM you will have an opportunity to ratify our new Constitution and Bylaws.

Our webmaster, Arun Joshi, with the assistance of Lauraine Derman and Trevor Barry, continue to work hard keeping our website updated. Henceforth, if you wish, you may apply for a NQCA membership at our northquadra.ca website. Residents of North Quadra, age 18 and over, are eligible to become members. There is no membership fee; however donations, no matter how small, are appreciated.

As you may know, there are many key initiatives currently underway in Saanich. They include the Active Transportation Uptown Douglas Corridor Plan, Nigel Valley Redevelopment Plan, an independent consultant's review of the

Environmental Development Permit Area (EDPA) and Governance Study. NQCA will continue actively providing input to these initiatives until such time as final reports proceed to Council. I urge all residents to become familiar with these and other issues, to provide input and to make your views known to Saanich Council and your association.

This year a large portion of NQCA's monthly executive meetings related to the review and consultation of several area development proposals and updates. (See p3)

Once again our annual Beckwith Music in the Park Concert event last July was a resounding success! We look forward to this summer's July 18th Music In The Park concert/picnic which will feature added children's activities relating to Canada's 150 Birthday Celebrations. (More details p3)

I continue to ask for your support and active participation in NQCA activities. It is your association; we need your voice, views, input and help to succeed. Please join us, become an executive member or volunteer your time.

And finally, I want to convey my sincere thanks and gratitude to all current and past executive members and volunteers for their services. Looking forward to meeting you at our upcoming AGM, Thurs. May 04, 2017 at 7.30 PM at the Church of the Nazarene, 4277 Quadra Street.

Thank you. Haji Charania

AGM Keynote Speaker: James Wadsworth

7:30 pm Thursday, May 4, Church of Nazarene: 4277 Quadra

James Wadsworth, a 12 year BC Transit veteran and Planning Manager, has overseen operation services and infrastructure projects in many communities across the province. We look forward to his presentation outlining BC Transit's 5 Year Plan to address transit linkages within our neighbourhood, downtown and outlying areas.

Don't miss this informative presentation and participate in a question/answer session!

Tribute: Vic Derman



With sadness the community mourned the passing of Counsellor Vic Derman, March 17, 2017. Vic was a proud resident of North Quadra where his community involvement began as a volunteer and neighbourhood advocate. His service as director for NQCA from 1990 to 2002 was invaluable. He was elected to Saanich Council in 2002 and went on to be a CRD director. He not only served Saanich and CRD unselfishly with dedication and passion for livable communities, sustainability and the natural environment, but was a vital link to our community association concerns. He will be remembered locally for spearheading the acquisition of parklands on Christmas Hill, securing amenities for neighbourhoods undergoing development, advocating for greenbelts and connective walking/cycling trails throughout North Quadra and the CRDalways with the view of making "our world a better place".

Development Updates: Keeping Informed Of Neighbourhood Changes

Three Sub-Division Applications likely to move forward this year: There are two RS-6 lots for 4103 Quadra Street and 4122 Quadra Street and six RS 8 lots for 931 Beckwith. The Beckwith subdivision will require sewer extensions.

Development Proposal at Payless Gas site: 4079 Quadra: Plans include six 3 storey townhomes on a 1500 m² site after 4.3 m road dedication along Quadra. NQCA would like to see this site, subject to site remediation compliance, consolidated with neighbouring properties so that a comprehensive development proposal may be considered.

Development Permit Amendment at 4098 Lockside (Don Mann Excavating): The revised proposal to construct an office building and four workshop bays to the north of the site (rather than south which would negatively impact adjacent properties) has resolved concerns to the satisfaction of nearby residents and the community association. We thank the Mann family for consultative engagement with NQCA and neighbours and for their consideration in changing site plans.

Revised Proposal for 804, 812 and 820 McKenzie: Height, density and pedestrians safety at Rainbow X Blackberry remain major concerns. The developer has proposed an access road north of these three RS-6 lots, and two concept plans to develop the remaining land. First is 5 storey 32 units condos and second is 4 storey 31 units condos. We've urged the developers to conduct public meetings for the residents on both sides of Rainbow Street and to include us in that endeavour.

Re-development of Peninsula Bulldozing site (east end of Beckwith): We've now had 2 meetings regarding this proposed rezoning of property owned by the Mann family. We expect further public meetings organized by the applicants. Since this plan requires extension of the urban containment boundary, we urge residents to provide their views.

Morris Drive sidewalk: We are still patiently waiting completion of the 165 meter "missing link" portion along west Morris in front of Lake Hill School. The lack of sidewalk along this section forces pedestrians, especially school children, to cross mid-block through heavy traffic at Clatworthy; a situation deemed by school reps and residents to be a high safety risk. Budget financing and approval was reached in 2016, however Engineering has been unable to schedule this project due to a backlog of infrastructure work in Saanich.

Music In The Park Returns

Tues. July 18, 2017 : 6:00 -8:00 pm

**Featuring band: "Younger Than Yesterday"
Beckwith Park, 857 Beckwith Ave.**

This popular concert/picnic event, co-sponsored by NQCA and Saanich features great music, foods and activity booths. This year, in recognition of Canada's 150th Birthday, a heritage component will be added celebrating North Quadra's farming past, including pony rides and a mini petting zoo for kids. **So don't miss the fun and mark this important date on your calendar!** *This event is only made possible through the generous support of Thrifty Foods, Saanich Legacy Foundation, Saanich Parks and the incredible help NQCA committee & volunteers! THANK YOU!*



Thank you, Stan!



After 25 years of service to NQCA, Colonel Stanley Brygadyr (known to us as Stan) will be retiring as our Secretary. We can never replace Stan as his depth of knowledge and formidable record-keeping skills are unmatched. Stan joined NQCA in 1992, becoming Secretary in 1993 when it was evident our records and minutes were in a sorry state. He recognized the immediate need to revise our old 1977 Constitution and had them properly registered in 1996. Stan's services to NQCA were many. For years he delivered newsletters, directed traffic and managed our NQCA booth for Music in the Park events. He seldom missed meetings and gave reasoned advice on development proposals and community issues. He attended long and late Council and community meetings to ensure residents' needs were represented. Most importantly, as a disciplined secretary he took meticulous minutes, recorded action items and kept everyone accountable for completing assigned tasks. His last mammoth task was to revise our Constitution yet again, to meet new changes in the Society's Act. **We are indebted to you, Stan, for your tireless service and wish you well!**

North Quadra

Be part of your Community Association

North Quadra, 1 of 12 geographical zones delineated within Saanich's Official Area Neighbourhoods, contains approx. 2400 homes, a commercial district at Quadra/Mackenzie, 7 large apartment complexes, with more apartment construction in stream. Boundaries are roughly Chatterton Way and Dieppe to the north, Douglas and the highway to the west, Lockside and Martha to the east and McKenzie to the south.



Park Restorations: A call for volunteers

Beckwith & Hutchison Parks, Gabo Creek and the Christmas Hill slopes are ecological gems in need of restoration. The key is volunteers, notably someone willing to stand as group contact. Fortunately we now have Eylon Gilbert and Suzanne Woods as committed stewards organizing work parties at Beckwith and Hutchison Parks. Saanich's *Pulling Together Program* coordinates all the planning, logistics, risk assessments and tools. Consider helping preserve our precious community parks. Efforts, large or small, contribute a great deal to a park's ecology.

To volunteer with invasive species removal or native species planting contact Jenny Eastman at "Saanich *Pulling Together*" at ferns1@telus.net 250 744 1710 or (Beckwith) Eylon Gilbert at eylingilbart@hotmail.com 250 479 1617 or (Hutchison) Suzanne Woods at ourpark@shaw.ca 778 433 3630. More info at northquadra.ca

Just A Click Away

In the past, NQCA published and delivered *North Quadra News* twice yearly to 2400 homes. With online publications, our interactive website and Facebook/Twitter links, print versions are now reduced to one spring newsletter yearly. This 4 page edition provides a year review of events, activities and AGM notice. News alerts, notification of special meetings and bulletins are posted on our website, thanks to our webmaster Arun Joshi...who recently completed a redesign of the website. Thanks so much Arun for sharing techie talents with us! *To remain informed, we urge you to "stay connected" by joining our email REGISTRY at northquadra.ca.*

NQCA 2016-17 Board of Directors

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Join US At Our New Location

NQCA monthly executive meetings are open to the public. Saanich has generously offered us the Pacific Dogwood Room at Saanich Commonwealth Place for executive meetings. *So why not consider a swim or work out, then attend our meetings and share your comments and ideas with us!*

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