

THE SHANNON LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD Advocate

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ISSUE #1

TRASH TALK: Transfer Station Not an Issue For Regional District

AT ITS JANUARY 14TH MEETING, the Regional Board supported a proposal to locate a **temporary** solid waste transfer station at the Westside Landfill.

The station is "designed for the convenience of Westside residents, including: West Kelowna, Peachland, Central Okanagan West Electoral Area and Westbank First Nation."

Approximately \$470,000 in reserve funds will be used for modifications to the existing drop off for residential garbage, recycling and yard waste. It's anticipated that by mid-2010, no further materials will be buried in the Westside Landfill.

At that time, materials dropped off at the Westside transfer station will be transported (with additional costs) to the Glenmore Landfill for disposal.

During discussion and deliberations on the 2010 Financial Plan, the Board will consider a report outlining equitable cost sharing options for stakeholders served and users of the convenience transfer station facility.

As well, Regional District staff will work with the District of West Kelowna and other stakeholders to identify any other possible locations for a permanent transfer facility.

With Board support for the convenience transfer station at the landfill

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How to a Choir the Olympic Spirit... Members of the Shannon Lake Elementary School Choir pose with local Olympic torch bearers and Mayor **Doug Findlater** at the Olympic reception held at Royal LePage Place on Monday, January 25.

SLNA Makes Presentation to West Kelowna Town Council

WEST KELOWNA neighbourhood associations raised issues and concerns with DWK Council on Wednesday, December 2, 2009.

Council members had invited eleven associations to voice "neighbourhood updates" in an open forum which included presentations and Q & A sessions. (Meetings are webcast and can be viewed at: www.districtofwestkelowna.ca/ see Mayor & Council>Webcasts)

SLNA President **Dave Mathieson** gave a 20 minute power point presentation covering the history and development of the neighbourhood, the association and issues such as: road congestion, road safety, nature

trails, green space, the pier proposal and the transfer station (*presentation is available on the website - see next page for transcript excerpt*).

Mayor Findlater and councilors expressed concern about how the neighbourhood had been developed calling it, "a travesty of planning."

Findlater asked each rep about the tax load residents were willing to bear and the appetite increases.

"Most of us have had our eyes wide open and recognize that the tax base was artificially low while we were unincorporated. I think there's a tolerance for increases providing residents see value and we're able to address local issues and problems," responded Mathieson. ○

About the Shannon Lake Neighbourhood Association

(SLNA) is a group of residents committed to improving the quality of life in the Shannon Lake neighbourhood. We strive to make our neighbourhood a better place to live, to raise families or retire in peace. We seek, foster & promote:

- Ways to protect and enhance property values
- The maintenance and development of a planned transportation infrastructure which supports street safety and public spaces
- Public safety and programs designed to reduce crime
- Communication and civil dialogue between neighbours and residents by providing a forum & voice where issues can be raised, authenticated and discussed
- Maintenance of information pertaining to neighbourhood issues

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newsletter@shannonlake.org

STATE OF THE UNION

Time To Have Your Say

THE START OF 2010 is a busy time for our municipality. Initiatives underway include:

1. Official Community Plan
2. Parks and Recreation Master Plan
3. Transportation Master Plan
4. Affordable Housing Committee
5. Advisory Planning Commission
6. Agricultural Advisory Committee



The District of West Kelowna Council is looking to neighbourhoods for guidance. Our members have tried to gain representation on as many of these committees as possible. Many of the topics currently being addressed will effect our neighbourhood for some time. As an Association, we are trying to ensure our neighbourhood is well represented and served.

Our neighbourhood is an attractive place to live and it's why we have experienced one of the highest rates of growth in the municipality. It's a trend that will likely continue.

Maintaining and improving the positive aspects of our neighbourhood is a challenge. We need to ensure, as residents and taxpayers, that our issues are properly represented with the municipality.

Our association is non-profit and run by volunteers. Membership fees support our initiatives (this newsletter, the web-site, special meetings, etc) and membership numbers support our credibility when dealing with the municipal government.

Any help you can provide whether volunteering to join our board, championing a particular neighbourhood issue, attending council meetings or just by becoming a member is greatly appreciated.

Further, providing us with your ideas/opinions on neighbourhood topics and issues helps us better represent our area. Many decisions will be made in the near future which will effect the liveability of our neighbourhood and municipality for some time. We intend to do our best to ensure our neighbourhood issues are championed!

Best regards,
Dave Mathieson - President.

A Different Sort of Neighbourhood Watch

LISTENING TO 11 NEIGHBOURHOOD Associations present their concerns to council on December 2 Council Meeting made for a long afternoon. But, learning about their issues was worthwhile. It made you appreciate the balancing act required by staff and council.

Forget the silt in Green Bay or Casa Loma's park issues. Last summer's fire revealed problems - like the only way out for residents was via Glenrosa Road. Had it been blocked by fire, residents would have been cut off. Panic, disaster and casualties may have occurred.

The fire revealed how difficult it can be: to mobilize a neighbourhood; to alert residents in secondary suites; to move disabled/infirm residents; or, alert residents in Upper Glenrosa (who didn't know about a fire).

Shannon Ridge & Shannon Way are the main feeds to our homes. How would an interface fire affect us given our growth and development? It's a question best asked now, when time is on our side. *Ed.*

ISSUE #2

Tallus Ridge Update

THE DEVELOPER at Tallus Ridge responded to resident's concerns over multifamily development by hiring a consultant to phone (or meet with) residents.

With the collected feedback, the developer will consider ways to address resident's concerns.

"The plan for the next phase of development at Tallus Ridge is for low density multiple family dwellings," said developer **Kelsey Ramsden**.

"Some may confuse that with the high density dwellings that went up at Sundance Ridge. It's not."

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THERE WILL BE a public consultation **February 24th** from **5:30 - 7 pm** at the **Shannon Lake Golf & Country Clubhouse**.

The meeting will include presentations by urban planning professionals. Attendees will then be given an opportunity to query presenters on issues related to their presentations and rezoning application locations.

OTHER ISSUES

Secondary Suites

THE DISTRICT of West Kelowna hosted a conference on affordable housing on Monday, November 2.

Consultants who presented at the meeting suggested secondary suites as a solution to the problem of affordable housing.

Adopting a secondary suite policy is currently being discussed by District of West Kelowna Council.

More information can be found by contacting the District of West Kelowna Planning Department.

Every Dog Has His Day

DOG OWNERS have until February 28th to renew their pet's licence with the regional district.

After that, dog owner's will pay an additional \$20 late charge for 2010 licence renewals.

Current rates are: \$20 for dogs that are spayed or neutered and \$60 for owner's with canines not practising birth control (nor accepting advice from **Bob Barker** of "the Price is Right," fame).

Last year, 2/3 of dogs ending up at the pound had no tag. Owners pay an extra \$100 to re-claim their pooch.

COUNCIL EXCHANGE

Resistance to the Transfer Station Location

This transcript is an excerpt from questions raised by Councillors during the SLNA presentation. Here, Dave explains to Councillor Neis why maintaining a transfer station at the current location is not a workable solution.

Councillor Neis: "...The Landfill and the transfer station... I know that's a difficult thing. Maybe there could be some dialogue, and I know there's lots going on between individuals that live on a certain street with our staff.

There's a cost associated with not having that there or moving it somewhere else so I think the reality of inconvenience related to costs factored across the whole community needs to be in that whole equation."

Dave Mathieson: "The Alexandria folks have a very particular problem with that and I sympathize with them completely.

There is a bigger community issue though for West Kelowna in general. It (the dump), is going to go to a different use. We've got rid of a lot of the heavy commercial trucks when they closed that part of it down. We will be gaining transfer trucks leaving with the material instead. That's not happening right now. We're in a bit of limbo right now because they're still piling on the residential material.

But, once that ends, once it's a transfer station, we'll be seeing very large trucks heading out over very well used residential roads in both direc-

tions around Shannon Lake through the industrial park and out. 2

You've got to think over 10 years, that extra 3 kilometres through our roads is not going to help anybody in any sense, whether it's safety or road degradation or what have you...

"There needs to be a big solution to this"

We would just love to see it moved to an industrial park or to a gravel pit or somewhere that's close to the highway where people are coming in on the highway and leaving on the highway.

There needs to be a big solution to this and going 1/2 way with the regional district letting them get away with it I don't think it's really in the whole west side's best interest as far as long term cost of maintaining the access.

They've got the nicest road in West Kelowna going up to that transfer station, not because of the dump, but because of what's going to be built in and around it. So it's just going to be interface issue after interface issue going forward. And, I think that's going to be a problem..."

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NATURALLY

Oh Deer - Other Neighbours Have Needs Too

By Deborah Greaves

“FOR NOW,” biologist **Les Gyug** told me last month, “the deer have what they need to survive...”

After encountering two young mule deer in the park atop of Shannon Way during an afternoon walk, I'd called the Registered Professional Biologist for his opinion on the current situation these quiet, four-hoofed neighbours of ours are in. Many times my family and I have seen them in meadows, forested areas and along roadsides of the Shannon Lake area.

In the fourteen years we've lived in the lovely Shannon Lake area, our big-eyed friends have lost several large sections of habitat. Gyug not only knows wildlife and what Okanagan animals need, he also happens to be a longtime Shannon Lake resident - aware of the specific changes in our community.

“Our neighbourhoods in West Kelowna are quite permeable for now,” said Guyg.

“Deer can pass between subdivisions and get to the areas they need to for food and shelter. It's when municipalities get built up and the deer can't move through them that there are problems.”

Gyug said that municipal planning for the future must take into account the needs of resident wildlife popula-

tions. As more walls, fences and roads appear on the landscape, wildlife are blocked by or forced to detour around human settlements. As well, wildlife behaviours can be altered by people planting exotic flowers and plants, enticing deer away from traditional browse and into people's yards.

There are two things residents of Shannon Lake can do to assist the survival of resident deer. We can plant native vegetation in our gardens that aren't exotic attractants, and we can ask planners, developers and builders to consider the need for wildlife corridors that will allow wildlife to continue to move safely through our community.

For information on native plants that are drought tolerant and won't attract deer, ask at your favourite nursery, or visit the Okanagan Xeriscaping Association (OXA) website : www.okanaganxeriscape.org.

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C.O.R.D. & Transfer Station

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site, work is underway to complete the Final Closure Plan outlining landscaping, monitoring and future uses for the Westside Landfill property once final grades and elevations are reached and active land filling ceases.

IT'S YOUR TURN

Do you have concerns about the regional district operating a transfer station on Asquith?

The landfill site is run by the Regional District and the C.O.R.D. board has 12 directors:

- 1 from Peachland (Mayor Fielding)
- 1 from Lake Country (Mayor Baker)
- 2 from Central OK (east & west)
- 2 from West Kelowna (Mayor Findlater & Councillor Ophus)
- 6 from City of Kelowna (Mayor Shepherd & City Councillors: Hobson, James, Reid, Hodge, Rule)

Mayor Findlater & Councillor Ophus have availed themselves to DWK residents concerned about the future of the Asquith landfill site and they've done a commendable job of representing local interests at the RDCO board level.

However, they're only 2 on a board of 12. The rest of the board members are not accountable (i.e. at the polls) to our neighbourhood.

The SLNA Association encourages neighbours to either send or e-mail your comments/concerns to us at:

slna@shannonlake.org or,

Contact the board members directly. An insert with their contact information is included with this publication (see the reverse side of the **Shannon Lake Convenience Store** Flyer). ○

SHANNON LAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD

Annual General Meeting

7:00 pm, Thursday, April 22, 2010 at

Shannon Lake Elementary School Library

All Residents are Invited (but members get to VOTE).

Please remit with a cheque for (a mere) \$10.00 payable to:
“The Shannon Lake Neighbourhood Association”

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- February 2: Amelia, Bright Star, Love Happened, Zombieland
- February 5: Couples Retreat
- February 9: Serious Man, Stepfather, Time Travelers Wife
- February 16: Box, Informant, Law Abiding Citizen
- February 23: Bad Lieutenant: Port of Call, Motherhood
- March 2: 2012, Where the Wild Things Are
- March 9: Old Dogs, Pirate Radio, Planet 51, Precious
- March 16: Astro Boy, Fourth Kind, Princess & the Frog
- March 20: Twilight Saga: New Moon
- March 23: Blind Side, Brothers, Men Who Stare at Goats
- March 30: Alvin & the Chipmunks: Squequel, Did You Hear About the Morgans?, Sherlock Holmes, Up in the Air

**All these dates are subject to change

HI EVERYONE: It has been a while since we have come into your homes! We are looking at joining up with the Shannon Lake Neighbourhood Association by providing some advertising and a little additional local news to the "Advocate." It is anticipated that this publication will be released (delivered door to door) on a bi-monthly basis. I have missed sharing our business and family stories with you. Little has changed for our family. Camden is still very involved with hockey and scored his first (hopefully not his last) hat-trick ever during a tournament in Nelson in November. It was extra special as it was also his first three goals of the year (in about his 10th game)! Both he and his Dad are looking forward to the beginning of baseball season and I invite all interested parties to visit the **Westside Minor Baseball Association** website and see what is available for your child. Jackie is yearning the next trip to Vegas as she has enjoyed the atmosphere and the shows and finds it a great place to visit and fit (cram) in a short holiday. She is also planning renovations to our house and has become pretty good at a lot of do-it-yourself projects. Unfortunately, I am pretty useless in that regard so it gets pretty frustrating for her! The store is still very lucky to have maintained the core group of staff. Brenda, Alicia and Nancy have been around for quite a while now and probably sometimes taken for granted but I am "very happy to have you". Jason has taken on a lot more responsibilities this last year as well and has managed them very well. We were also very lucky to get Taylor back part-time and have added Brendan and Tyrone to our staff mix in the last year. I am sure that the regulars have met them all! I thank everyone for their continued support and we are proud to be "your store"!

A mom had just finished looking through a telescope to determine where all the different planets were situated, out far in the universe. She memorized most of them and then called her 4-year old daughter to come and have a look. She showed her daughter where Venus was and then Jupiter and then Mars. When the little girl was shown Mars she quickly lit up and wanted to see it again. After she checked again, she asked her Mom, "Now where is Pa's?"

What do you get when you cross a teacher with a vampire? A lot of blood tests!

IF YOU HAVE READ THIS FLYER CAN YOU PLEASE LET US KNOW THE NEXT TIME YOU VISIT THE STORE? THANKS MUCH!

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