

# Sechelt Village Voice

## Presidents Report

Greetings,

I want to invite you to our annual general meeting to be held on Sunday November 22<sup>nd</sup> at Greencourt Hall on Medusa Street between 2:00 and 4:00 pm. We are presently enduring difficult economic times and our guest speaker Mr. Don Basham has expertise and sound knowledge to share with what is happening in our economy now and in the near future.

At the AGM we will also need your assistance in electing members to serve on the executive for 2010. Volunteers comprise a large portion of the vital support provided in the Sechelt Village Community and their help ensures that we can meet your concerns and needs. Anyone wanting to volunteer can approach us at the meeting or call me beforehand at 740-5979. We will also be updating you of our proposals that were approved by the District and seeking input from you for any other items you may want introduced to improve the Village of Sechelt community. As well, we would like to know of any concerns facing you and your neighbourhood

Finally, if you are aware of residents that are new to Sechelt, please bring them along. We introduced the Associate Membership category last year and welcome everyone to our Association. We look forward to seeing you again on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of November.

Cheers,

Douglas Smith, President - SVCA

## General Meeting

Greencourt Hall  
5583 Ocean Ave.  
November 22, 2009  
Time: 2:00 pm

### ----- Agenda

1. Meet and Greet, renew memberships, sign new members
2. Call to order
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Adoption of minutes of 2008 A G M
5. Business arising from minutes
6. Reports to Members
  - a. President's report & acknowledgements
  - b. Treasurer's report
7. New Business
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8. Comments and questions
9. Guest Speaker
10. Adjournment

**We need Help!**  
**Your Village Residents**  
**Association needs members to**  
**join our executive. Many hands**  
**make light work. Please help us**  
**to be a strong voice for our**  
**Village residents.**

**Annual General Meeting**  
**Greencourt Hall**  
**With guest speaker Don Basham**  
**On Sunshine Coast "Vital Signs" Report**  
**November 22, 2009**  
**Time: 2:00**

#### Officers & Directors

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village@sechelt.net  
Sent as blind copies.

### **About our guest Speaker**

Don Basham is a Director with the Sunshine Coast Community Foundation and Manager of their Vital Signs project. The project researched the health of our Sunshine Coast in eleven categories. You can find the report at [www.sccfoundation.com](http://www.sccfoundation.com) and click on VITAL SIGNS.

### **Something Stinks**

The District of Sechelt continues to struggle with how to upgrade our sewer system. I understand a key component of the latest scheme is to upgrade the old Ebbitide treatment facility. (That is the one right in the middle of the Village that stinks.)

We are assured by officials that the odour problem will be taken care of, but with our past experience of DOS failed efforts to stop the stink, I am very sceptical.

We were assured in the past that Ebbitide would be closed and a new plant opened across the inlet, away from urban areas.

What happened?

*Ken Croizier*

### **Appointment to New Greenway Committee**

In June Jim Lafferty was appointed to a renewed DoS committee to help plan trails and greenways to encourage people to walk or cycle safely in the district. The committee has met five times to date and is recommending establishment of several routes. The DoS is still in discussion with a land owner for the granting of a right of way for a route through the village from bay to bay. They would like to see a network of designated commuting and sightseeing trails throughout the town. *Jim Lafferty*

### **Official Community Plan Revision**

The OCP (Official Community Plan) Revision is slowly progressing on Draft Two and should be available for public perusal by December. Currently Council is sifting through community, business and the consultant's advice and are adding their comments. As soon as Draft Two is published, I will alert our membership on how to obtain a copy, and where and when public meetings on this very important document will be.

*Ken Croizier*

### **Pacific Spirit News**

Last summer saw activity at the Pacific Spirit property on the Trail Bay waterfront. A temporary road was constructed through the site and drilling equipment moved in. Apparently the drilling was to test for footings for the eventual construction of this condo development. We understand The Co-operators Group have sold their share to Dominion Construction Company. Will this controversial project finally go ahead?

*Ken Croizier*

### **Medusa Happenings**

BC Lions Housing Society, Sechelt Branch, back in 2006 considered a rebuild of the bachelor suites housed on the corner of Ocean & Medusa, just above Hackett Park. The goal was to build 102 units in a combination of bachelor, one bedroom and 2 bedroom units. BC Housing was to supply much needed funding in order for the project to qualify for a mortgage. This would offer government subsidies to those who qualify to live in housing for the lower end of the income stream. In the Spring of 2008, almost everything was in place such as

architectural plans, mortgage financing and permit issues. Assurances by B.C.Housing were that the money was there but to apply as soon as possible.

Then in the summer of 2008 the funding was diverted to fund homeless shelters for the coming winter. Now the goal is to build the project in two stages, 59 units housed in a four storey building with the remaining 43 units to be built in the future.

The District of Sechelt, seniors and others who are on the wait list are anxious for this much needed low income housing project to move forward. Up until now the Lions have spent \$350,000 of their own money in an attempt to move this project forward.

Government bureaucracy has stalled this necessary project long enough. The Lions are now shovel ready to submit architectural plans to the District of Sechelt. The necessary government funding for this stage is needed to move the project on to the building permit stage. Now the wait is for BC Housing to make an announcement providing full funding so this project can proceed.

*Don Robb, director.*

### **Downtown Revitalization Committee**

Our association has two members on this committee. Unfortunately there is no news or progress to report. One meeting was scheduled since the last newsletter but was cancelled in October for lack of quorum.