



ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

2016

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort Street, Victoria, BC

Agenda

Call to Order	7:30 p.m.
Introduction of 2015 Board of Directors	President: Janet Simpson Vice President: Bob June Secretary: Sue Simpson Treasurer: Norman Clark Past President: Vacant Directors: Dave Clark Vanessa Dingley John Edwards Marc Hunter David McWalter Ian Mayhill Stephen Roughley
Featured Speaker	Acting Chief Del Manak Victoria Police Department
Introduction of Guests Councillor-City of Victoria Neighbourhood and Community Dev. Coordinator City of Victoria Planning Department Government House Art Gallery of Greater Victoria Victoria Police Dept.-Community Resource Officer	Pamela Madoff Gary Pemberton Brian Sikstrom Jerymy Brownridge Jon Tupper Cst. Terri Healy
Approval of Minutes-2015 AGM Financial Report-2015 President's Report Committee Reports Members' Concerns Report of the Nominating Committee Election of Directors for 2016 Closing Remarks	

ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held February 11, 2015

at the Grace Lutheran Church

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:36 p.m. There were 85 voting members in attendance.
2. **Motion:** To adopt the agenda. Lloyd Ollila moved; Don Hamilton seconded; *Carried*

3. Guest Speaker

Dave Clark introduced Roger Stephen, a research associate with the Hyperspectral-LiDAR Research Group in the Department of Geography, University of Victoria. Roger has spent much of the past decade acquiring, processing and analyzing various types of remotely sensed data. A particular interest of his is the use of LiDAR and hyperspectral for object based tree detection and classification.

Roger described the difference between passive and active data collection. Data collection using camera would be an example of passive data collection. LiDAR, an example of active collection, requires the emission of energy (a pulsed laser) and collects the reflected signal. LiDAR is useful as it allows data below the canopy to be collected.

Roger explained the usefulness of LiDAR in developing an inventory of the forest. Species, height, diameter at breast height, tree health and physiology can be inferred from LiDAR data.

Relevance to the urban forest was briefly discussed. LiDAR provides information on how a tree is growing from one year to the next and how the forest is functioning. CRD and the city of Victoria collect information from the LiDAR studies. LiDAR allows lumber companies to find large trees easily.

The presentation closed with a few questions from the audience.

4. Introduced Guests

Janet Simpson introduced the guests.

Councillors-Pamela Madoff, Ben Isitt

City Planning-Helen Cain

City Engineering and Public Works-Jas Paul

Neighbourhood and Community Development-Kimberley Stratford

Government House-Jamie Hammond

Langham Court Theater-Montgomery Bjornson

Greater Victoria Public Library-Alyssa Polinsky

Art Gallery of Greater Victoria-Jon Tupper
City Parks-Julie MacDougall

5. Introduction of Current Board

President, Chair-Woodland Garden-Janet Simpson
Vice President, Chair-Land Use, Chair-Social-Bob June
Secretary-Sue Simpson
Treasurer, Chair-Traffic-Norman Clark
Chair-Environment- Dave Clark
Land Use- Vanessa Dingley
Ian Mayhill
Heritage- John Edwards
Communication-Stephen Roughley
2015 Neighbourhood Event-Dogmania-Marc Hunter

Janet Simpson, on behalf of the board, thanked Jane Wheatley for the years she served on the board and the Land Use Committee.

6. Introduction of Board Support

Webmaster-Don Hamilton
Communication-Catherine Spencer
Welcome-Eileen Nurmi
Newsletter-Helen Edwards

7. President's remarks

Janet Simpson thanked Heather Grampp for her help at the registration desk. She also thanked the Friends of Government House for the use of the cottage for the board meetings.

Dave Clark confirmed a quorum was in attendance. Ten percent of membership is required. Greater than 50% of the membership was present.

8. **Motion:** To approve Minutes of Annual General Meeting, February 2014, Helen Edwards moved; Lloyd Ollila seconded; **Carried**

9. Reports

As included in the program

Motion: To accept reports, Ethelyn McInnes-Rankin moved; Marc Hunter seconded;
Carried

10. Members' Concerns

Lloyd Ollila had questions about the process for the Abstract development on Rockland, specifically about the cancellation of a meeting and no notification of the rescheduled meeting.

Helen Cain indicated that the application for that development is on hold and that the meeting to approve the zoning has not yet been scheduled. She also indicated that a public meeting had been held and that the opportunity for public input is over.

Bob June indicated that zoning along Rockland generally restricts height to three stories. However, in the new Official Community Plan (OCP), there are new, more liberal height and density guidelines along the Rockland/Oak Bay corridor. The other Land Use chairs in Victoria are trying to meet with the mayor and council to ask them to allocate resources to speed the process of aligning the OCP with community needs through Local Area Planning.

Lawrence Bortoluzzi asked about the financial impact of the new stormwater management plan on residents.

Jas Paul responded that the program is designed to be revenue neutral. There will likely be little change for the average homeowner. The fee will be based on roof area and will not include the driveway.

Bessie Ellis expressed a number of concerns regarding the renovation/construction of the Art Gallery, specifically increased dust, increased traffic and loss of sunlight on Pentrelew Place.

Jon Tupper indicated that Kinetic has experience managing disruption at construction sites. The construction is expected to last 16-18 months. He also said that all shadows caused by a change in building height will only affect the Art Gallery property.

John Weaver asked if the RNA board has a point of view regarding amalgamation and will it be making a public statement given that the ballot question received a favourable response in the municipal election last year.

Janet Simpson responded that the board has not formulated a point of view on amalgamation.

Doug Goodall asked if there were a neighbourhood watch group.

Janet Simpson responded that there are several.

Lawrence Bortoluzzi requested that the RNA board endorse Councillor Chris Coleman who has stated that deer need to be managed. He asked why the Victoria councilors are not taking action in the same way as Oak Bay. Janice Drent asked if the RNA would be willing to send a letter to mayor and council stating our concerns about deer. Daniel Harper noted that the deer do not bother him.

Janet Simpson indicated that the topic of deer management is part of the RNA strategic plan. This topic will be an agenda item at the next board meeting.

Pamela Madoff indicted that deer management is on the list of the city's priorities. She is in favour of deer management and thinks a regional plan is needed.

Carl Jongbloed expressed concern about the encroachment of hedges onto the sidewalks of St. Charles.

Jas Paul suggested that he inform Public Works of his concern.

Janet Simpson indicated that this topic will be an agenda item at the next board meeting.

John Dingley asked if council is addressing the proliferation of AirBnBs in the area.

Pamela Madoff responded that there are 400 AirBnBs in the region. The former council had contacted the company running AirBnBs to discuss regulation and taxation.

Marc Hunter indicated that he has difficulty exiting his driveway as the yellow curb doesn't deter tourists since they don't understand its significance. He has asked for "No Parking" signs and asked for the status of these signs. Bessie Ellis indicated that a similar problem existed on Pentrelew Place, and that signage addressed the issue.

Jas Paul will connect with Marc after the meeting to discuss this issue further.

11. Nominating Committee

Lloyd Ollila, Chair; Eileen Nurmi, Ethelyn McInnes-Rankin

For President, Janet Simpson

For Vice President, Bob June

For Treasurer, Norman Clark

For Secretary, Sue Simpson

For Directors

Dave Clark

Vanessa Dingley

Marc Hunter

David McWalter

Ian Mayhill

John Edward

Stephen Roughley

All by acclamation.

12. **Motion:** To adjourn at 9:15 p.m., John Weaver moved; Michael Rankin seconded;
Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Simpson, Secretary

Rockland Neighbourhood Association
2015 Financial Statements
For the Fiscal Year Ended December 31
With 2014 for Comparison
Unaudited

Treasurer's Report 2016

<u>Balance Sheet</u>		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assets			
Assets	Cash in the Bank	\$17,248	\$16,766
	Deposits for the AGM	0	250
	Receivable - Insurance Grant	<u>0</u>	<u>800</u>
Total Assets		<u>\$17,248</u>	<u>\$17,816</u>
Liabilities and Surplus			
		<u>\$490</u>	<u>\$40</u>
Liabilities	Deferred memberships for next year, paid in advance		
Surplus	Balance at the beginning of the fiscal year - January 1	\$17,776	\$14,726
	Excess / (Deficit) of income over expenses for the year	<u>(1,018)</u>	<u>3,050</u>
	Balance at the end of the year - December 31	<u>16,758</u>	<u>17,776</u>
Total Liabilities and Surplus		<u>\$17,248</u>	<u>\$17,816</u>
Statement of Income and Expenses			
Income			
	Grant from City of Victoria	\$2,618	\$2,618
	Grant from City of Victoria - Insurance Rebate	800	800
	Membership Dues	1,960	1,360
	Public Service Bodies' GST Rebate	0	1,043
	Donations	0	100
	Interest	<u>9</u>	<u>8</u>
Total Income		<u>\$5,387</u>	<u>\$5,929</u>
Expenses			
	Member Services: Administration	\$946	\$732
	Insurance	800	800
	Newsletters and pamphlets	785	140
	Memberships	100	155
	Annual General Meeting	1,145	634
	Projects: Rockland Garden Maintenance	127	191
	Land Use Committee	55	101
	Yard Sale	118	126
	RNA Government House Reception	<u>2,329</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$6,405</u>	<u>\$2,879</u>
Excess / (Deficit) of Income over Expenses		<u>\$ (1,018)</u>	<u>\$3,050</u>

Note:

The Rockland Neighbourhood Association (RNA) is a not-for-profit Society (S-33680) incorporated under the Society Act of British Columbia

Approved by the Board, February 2016

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2015

In my report last year, I focused on green space and the tree canopy and Rockland's ongoing loss of both. I concluded by suggesting we see what we could do in 2015 to address the problem. Well, I'm happy to say that I can cite at least six encouraging examples!

- The first is the saving of the huge Atlas cedar at 1035 Belmont Avenue. Thanks to the timely actions of a group of concerned residents, the owner was persuaded to cancel the cutting permit and pursue a permit to prune, instead. Thus, a significant tree in Rockland was preserved.
- The second is also thanks to the efforts of a group of concerned residents: development of approximately 3,000 m² of green space was prevented when city council voted to support the neighbours and the RNA by rejecting a rezoning proposal at 1745 Rockland Avenue.
- The third is the promise of the Art Gallery to save 41 of the 46 trees on site when the expansion goes ahead.
- The fourth is protection of the Arbutus in the Rockland Woodland Garden. Parks is putting deer fencing around it!
- The fifth is the RNA's success in convincing Craigdarroch Castle to change its plans for pathways in order to save a 40-foot Cypress tree.
- And the sixth is the growing enthusiasm for preserving the historic, highly-visible meadow at 750 Pemberton Road. This property was rezoned in 2001 on condition that the green space would be preserved and the site would not be further subdivided. The RNA has written to the City, requesting that council honour that commitment.

It hasn't been all good news, of course. In 2015, 17 Garry oaks, 5 Arbutus, 5 Douglas firs, and 1 Big Leaf Maple were all removed from private properties. That's an official total of 28 - up 40% since 2012. More than twice the number of Garry oaks were taken down last year.

Were they diseased or dead? Were they in the way of a driveway or an accessory building? Were they replaced? Are the replacements thriving? We don't receive any information when they're on private property. So it's a relief that so many residents do value and protect their trees.

As I type this, I can see a female Downy woodpecker on a Garry oak branch outside my window, enjoying a lunch of bugs. Don't you just love living in Rockland?

Janet Simpson
President

COMMITTEE REPORTS-2015

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

The WebPage and Neighbours-our email link to the community:

WebPage www.rockland.bc.ca

The page is a useful part of communication for the Association serving members and the general public. It has become an archive for the work of the association. The site attracts visitors from all over the world. This year we have directed our membership to the page through emails noting specific matters of interest with an emphasis on letters to the city. This has produced instant attention to the page and has prompted the Board to consider this approach as a means of reaching the membership quickly with timely bulletins. The WebPage offers several important services for the Association and the neighbourhood:

- maintains a calendar for RNA business,
- notices and information about city hall issues,
- records the Minutes of the Board (both current and archived)
- features the Woodland Garden,
- offers an electronic version of the Rockland Walking Tour,
- maintains current and backfile issues of our electronic newsletter.
- carries important links to the city
- offers links all the neighbourhood attractions

Neighbours

The email listserv delivers timely information to the membership. About 140 people currently are part of the service. The electronic newsletter is now delivered through this medium and preserved in an archived file on the web page. The cost of maintaining these services is about \$150 per year.

Donald Hamilton
Webmaster

ENVIRONMENT

This year, based on feedback received from the membership, the committee worked some statements concerning the environment into the Board's strategic plan.

Roger Stephen gave a presentation at the last Annual General Meeting (February, 2015) on the use of airborne imagery to develop an understanding of the "Urban Forest". In November the Board met with the new Director of Parks, Thomas Souliere and some of his senior staff to discuss issues and opportunities.

We sponsored two open houses with information on such topics as:

- Storm Water Management (and the associated utility)

- Greenways development and Active (people-powered) Transportation
- The Urban Forest Master Plan and Tree Preservation
- Invasive Plants and weed management
- Deer Management
- Community Gardens and urban agriculture

At the second open house, held in conjunction with the Art Gallery Paint-In, there were also tables featuring:

- The Food EcoDistrict initiative, supported by examples of their planters made from repurposed building materials
- The new Urban Wildlife Stewardship Society whose goal is to control deer populations through capture, tagging, contraception vaccination and release
- The Pemberton Trail initiative.

Special thanks to Gwyneth Evans and Gary Bauslaugh who played pastoral music during the open house, and to all the other volunteers who guided participants through the information and collected feedback.

In the coming year we will continue to work with the City as they focus on Stormwater initiatives and Urban Gardens, including Boulevard Management Guidelines.

Dave Clark
Chair

LAND USE

2015 was an eventful year for the Rockland Neighbourhood Association (RNA) Land Use Committee (LUC) in that we had an opportunity to observe the ability of an active neighbourhood to deter what they determined seemed inappropriate rezoning and development.

The rezoning of the 1745 Rockland mid property tennis site, immediately behind residences fronting on the 900 block of Richmond and accessible from an undeveloped driveway strip off Richmond was first proposed for 3, 2 storey duplexes. The neighbours were dismayed at the loss of privacy, traffic impact and loss of mature trees and natural habitat the proposal represented. The LUC was surprised as the proposal greatly exceeds the permissible density of a panhandle lot or the surrounding R1-A zoning.

Fast forward 12 months, a major letter writing campaign and direct approach to councillors by the neighbours and the project goes to the Public Land Use Committee (council) and the project is rejected in its proposed format. The project proponent went back and forth with the neighbours and eventually came back with a proposal for 4 units, two at 2 storeys, one at 1 ½ storey and one at 1 storey but all over height for a panhandle lot and still more density than applicable zoning might allow.

The neighbours in the meantime had coalesced around the possibility of the site containing 3 single family homes of one storey. While greater than the panhandle lot designation was written to allow this choice reflected the unusual size of the lot, the desire of the OCP for greater density in all neighbourhoods, helped to ensure the privacy of the existing neighbours and they felt,

presented a reasonable compromise. Months later the project went back to the PLUC where it was unenthusiastically endorsed and moved on to the Public Meeting at Council.

With several speakers addressing council, an excellent letter writing campaign, many neighbours signing off against the development the rezoning proposal was turned down. This, in spite of the fact the Development Services (planning) department had endorsed the project in their written analysis to council and that the proponent had received letters of support and had arranged for speakers supporting the project, including one developer with a large abutting property.

This turndown of a spot rezoning does show that with strong neighbourhood involvement, a thoughtful alternative proposal and good community turnout at the Public Hearings and engagement of the councillors it is possible to sway council in favour of neighbourhoods. At all times through the process there was an emphasis from the LUC and the neighbours that the property had environmental values for birds and other wildlife, but not deer, that deserved consideration. It was also emphasized that residents of established neighbourhoods deserved the stability the existing neighbourhood zoning brought and that spot changes should be undertaken with some deference to the established neighboring tax payers.

While the RNA LUC and RNA Board of Directors supported the expansion the AGGV project it has been to some of the neighbours a far less favorable outcome. Here letter writing, power point presentation and speakers did not sway council. After 3 project open houses and the advertised CALUC (preliminary public meeting) the proponents were not able to convince some neighbours that parking, particularly when Langham Court Theatre was presenting, and noise issues would be adequately addressed. There was also considerable negative comment on the “look” of the expansion.

The LUC considered the additional traffic study done and the written agreement signed between AGGV and Langham not to host large events simultaneously as a significant step to the solution of the parking problem. The study showed 25% of the available parking unoccupied when the organizations held large events simultaneously. The neighbours disagree.

The second issue revolved around the shrine and terrace off Spencer Mansion and the noise coming from this area to adjacent residences. On this item AGGV envisaged that special events will be hosted in the new atrium of the Gallery on Moss and the terrace will revert back to a quiet contemplative setting with its shrine relocated slightly and additional bamboo privacy screening will be planted along the property border. The LUC believes this will help solve the issues for neighbours. The neighbours disagree.

The LUC made a concerted effort to minimize the loss of trees, particularly Garry Oaks, during the reconfiguration of the grounds. Unfortunately 2 will be lost. However the plan does include a rejuvenation of the grounds as a Garry Oak meadow which may prove to be a template going forward for other developments.

I would like to note the Rockland Neighbourhood Plan of 1987 says in part (2.5.1) “The institutional and semi-institutional land uses in Rockland contribute greatly to the neighborhood’s character and should be supported.” The LUC supported the AGGV expansion

at the council Public Hearing. However we were firm in our comment that parking issues must be treated with diligence and that noise from special events kept under control.

The Craigdarroch Castle - 1070 Joan Crescent Visitor Center moved forward with minimal fuss. However at the last minute we found the rezoning bylaw proposal instituted a restaurant definition for the proposed Tea House. Through the rezoning process the Tea House was always presented as providing very light food service, tea and coffee with the foods prepared off site. The LUC spoke against this definition at the council Public Hearing and asked that the rezoning be declined by council, given our and the neighbours concern that this definition could potentially lead to significant commercialization in the future. Victoria Development Services said that the small size of the Tea House and the fact that service was to be in conjunction with an active cultural facility would not lead to commercialization and council chose to pass the rezoning. Time will tell.

A housekeeping update, but a significant clarification, to the R1-A zoning bylaw was passed by Council January 14, 2016. It clarifies that each dwelling unit on a lot in the R1-A zoning requires 835 m² of area. This means that going forward a conversion to a 5 unit dwelling would require a 4,175 sq. m. lot. The LUC understood this to be the case but developers used the total floor area of the house subtracted from the lot area to make the base calculation for additional building sites. This clarification will toughen the rezoning possibility of large house conversions or condos on big lots.

Another bylaw update has tightened up the use of concrete retaining walls, stairs, patios and pools to increase the now popular inside – outside living areas. Going forward any construction over 0.6m. (2 ft.) above grade will be included in site coverage calculations, whether the feature is attached or not to the house.

A request of the RNA LUC that retaining walls require a building permit was declined. Development Services – Building Inspection said it would be too difficult to enforce. Their thinking is that retaining walls were built after the building for landscaping purposes, ignoring our concern that some retaining walls are built before house to change the profile of lots. The LUC feels loose stacked rock walls in particular could be a danger in the event of earthquake. Retaining walls of 1.2 m. (4 ft.) now do require an engineer's certificate. However high rock retaining walls, perhaps 4 ft, perhaps less, built off Despard Avenue are of great concern to the downslope neighbours and certainly caught our attention.

Bob June
Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Membership by year-end 2015 stood at 190, a 42 % increase over the past year. The month of July leading up to the Reception at Government House saw a significant surge in membership renewal.

We note with sadness and respect the deaths during 2015 of two of our members, Dr Brian Allen and Mr. Daniel Harper.

Thanks again to Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society and to the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria for their continuing support of our membership.

Ian Mayhill
Chair

SOCIAL

The Social Director report for 2015 is fairly quiet. The year started with multiple ideas for the Rockland neighbourhood. Unfortunately, initiatives such as the Rockland Dog Days of Summer and Rockland dog calendar failed to get off the ground. Furthermore, the outdoor movie at Craigdarroch castle did not materialize due to the RNA budget not supporting the event in that fiscal year.

The bi-annual social at government house hosted by the Lt.General was well attended and by all accounts a success.

For the upcoming year your social director has maintained good relations with the curator of Craidarroch castle and options remain open to use the south lawn for any potential RNA outdoor events. However, the challenge remains on how to harmonize events in line with RNA objectives and obtaining the necessary volunteer support and commitment.

No social events have been planned but ideas are being sought to ensure the community interests are represented.

Marc Hunter
Chair

TRAFFIC

Residents on Richardson Street reported that they thought there had been some slowing of traffic after the new 40 km postings and electronic speed indicators were temporarily placed on the street. There was some discussion of the possibility of requesting a cross-walk with median and plantings where the footpath from Warren Gardens meets Richardson, but the Committee did not consider that traffic there was heavy enough there to make this a priority.

Police Chief Frank Elsner and one of his officers involved in traffic matters attended our Board meeting in May 2015. They brought with them some figures on the number of traffic incidents in Rockland between 2012 and 2014, with a map showing where the incidents occurred. It was clear from the data that such incidents are relatively minor in the neighbourhoods compared with the City overall. The Department looks at accidents, location and causes as a primary focus; traffic issues are not necessarily related to speed.

Vanessa Dingley
Chair

WELCOMING COMMITTEE

2015 has been a busy year for the Welcoming Committee. I was happy to have Heather Grampp joining early in the year.

During the year, a record 42 visits were made to new residences of the Rockland neighbourhood. This is an increase of 14 from 2014. These new residents have been very receptive to receiving information about their new neighbourhood.

Once again, we would appreciate Rockland neighbours informing us of new residents so that we can give them information to make them feel welcome. This can be easily done by sending an e-mail to us at: welcome@rockland.bc.ca

Eileen Nurmi
Chair

WOODLAND GARDEN

In 2014, we suspected that deer were sleeping in the upper Camas bed, so we laid out tomato cages to keep them off, while allowing the Camas to come up through the wires. This seemed to work! So last year, we devised a more extensive plan: to lay out lengths of wire mesh over the upper and lower Camas beds. We were quite pleased with the results, and will continue with the plan this spring. Along with that, we have prepared a checklist for your perusal and, with luck, your inspiration to join us!

	Date	Task
	Nov. 23/15 9 am	call Parks to stake and permanently fence Arbutus
	now	Parks stakes and fences the Arbutus
	now	fencing around upper Indian plum
	now	fencing around upper Mock orange
	in the spring	divide Yarrow and spread
	in the spring	prune upper Silk Tassel
	in the spring	dig up Bluebells immediately once leaves show
		take out the "invading" roses
	in the spring?	students to wood chip the path after Parks provides chips

	Date	Task
	in the spring	divide the Wood Sorrel in the Rhodo bed
	now	weed the lower Camas bed
	now	source more Sword ferns, Oregon grape, and False box
	now	cut back / dig out returning Snowberry
	in the spring	prune back the Silk tassel off the lower sidewalk
		redirect the path to the east of the Flowering red currant
	in the spring/summer	clean the California oat grass out of the Licorice ferns when they're dead
	in the spring?	students to expose the rock outcropping between the stone sign and the Garry oak
	now	take garden waste to Gov. House
		repair the drystone wall beneath the upper sign

Janet Simpson
Chair

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE

CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE'S PLANS FOR 2016

The Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society's successful application for rezoning and a heritage alteration permit for the building at 1070 Joan Crescent means that we'll be moving on to preparing drawings and tender documents this summer. The Board has no fixed timeline for beginning work but would like to have the tender process complete later this year if at all possible.

On the visitor experience front we're pleased to be launching a new interactive tour in March. This tour will be delivered on small tablets that can be rented by visitors and will contain audio, video and still images of architectural elements and artifacts allowing us to go a bit deeper into some of the stories at Craigdarroch. Its being introduced to replace a successful but outdated audio tour that we currently offer on mp3 players.

Masonry conservation continues and we installed the first pieces of new sandstone to replace damaged handrails in December 2015. We'll follow that work by replacing handrails outside the gift shop door in the next month or so. Inside the building we recently received the Dunsmuir Silverware on long-term loan from the Royal BC Museum and its on display in a custom made vitrine sideboard in the formal dining room. New carpet went in on the servant's side of the house last spring so we're moving on to refinishing some woodwork on the third floor before installing missing wainscoting outside the registrar's office.

Please come and see the new tours and exhibits and as always I'm available to meet with anyone who has questions about any of our projects and activities.

John Hughes
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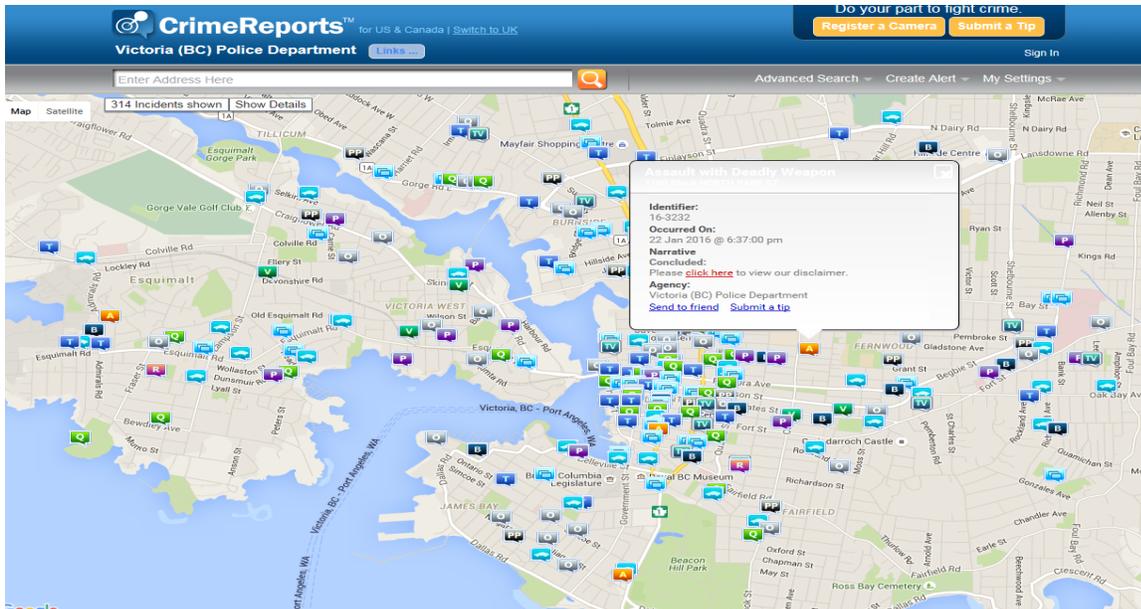
VICTORIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

Crime Reports

Victoria Police uses an online mapping and analysis service provided by CrimeReports.com. This is a Google-based mapping and analytics model for members of the public to view police data from police reports on a high impact map. Members of the public may also sign up to receive free email alerts based on user defined parameters (e.g. geographical area, types of crime, frequency etc). CrimeReports.com data is updated once per day and contains the most recent six months of data.

Data from CrimeReports.com can be reviewed and used to improve community safety. It is appropriate to consider this data and discuss it as a part of a coordinated crime prevention initiative (for example theBlockwatch Program).

Please visit the Victoria Police website (www.vicpd.ca) to access CrimeReports.com (Public Safety tab - Crime Prevention tab – Crime Reports tab).



ROCKLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION
February 9, 2016

In compliance with Bylaw IV, Section 4.06 of the Rockland Neighbourhood Association, The Nomination Committee presents the following slate of nominees.

All candidates have provided their written consent.

Janet Simpson - President
 Ian Mayhill - Vice President
 Susan Simpson - Secretary
 Norm Clark - Treasurer

Dave Clark - Director
 Lawrence Bortoluzzi -Director
 Vanessa Dingley - Director
 John Edwards - Director
 Marc Hunter - Director
 Bob June - Director
 Dave McWalter - Director
 Stephen Roughley - Director

Respectfully submitted, Nominating Committee:

Lloyd Ollila
 Eileen Nurmi
 Ethelyn MacInnes-Rankin

Nominee for President: Janet Simpson

Bill and I have lived near the foot of Robleda Crescent on Richardson in Rockland since 1990. From almost that first year, when there was a proposal for townhouses in the Garry Oak meadow behind us, I have served the Association in some capacity. The first committee I joined was the Land Use Committee. When the opportunity arose to lease the little lot on the corner of Craigdarroch and Joan Crescent and restore it as a remnant of the endangered Garry oak ecosystem, I chaired the Woodland Garden Committee. Over the years, I have also been chair of the Traffic Committee, our representative on the Community Association Network, Vice-President, and President. I have had the good fortune to have worked with many wonderful people who have taught me much about neighbourhood associations, their function and their promise.

I have always been a strong defender of the Rockland Plan. The values endorsed in that document, prepared by residents in 1987 and confirmed by survey in 1994, are ones that seek to enhance the lives of everyone who lives in this neighbourhood. As your President, I would continue to protect Rockland as a true historic gem in the urban landscape.

Nominee for Vice President: Ian Mayhill

Although, alas, I shall be absent from the AGM, I am pleased to offer my candidacy for the position of RNA Vice President knowing that it carries with it a 3-year commitment to the Board and our community. I do so not because I can bring past committee or community experience to bear – I have precious little of either – but because I believe that the enduring viability of the RNA requires, year over year, an orderly, healthy succession of personalities and talents through its ranks. My record with the RNA Board of two years as a director, serving both on Land Use and Membership, has given me rich opportunity to observe how much of the considerable good achieved by this organization for the benefit of our community relies on the volunteer efforts of a dedicated few. If through my executive position I can broaden appreciation for those efforts and encourage others to step forward to volunteer theirs, I shall judge my own as having been worthwhile and personally satisfying. My wife and I emigrated to Rockland in 2008 from another part of Canada. I know and appreciate that we live in a very special and privileged neighbourhood.

Nominee for Secretary: Sue Simpson

After working for 30 years in Research and Development for a major personal care company, I retired to Victoria and settled in Rockland in 2010. I have been a member of the Rockland Neighbourhood Association since July of that year. I have been part of the Native Garden committee, the Welcoming Committee and helped organize the Rockland Stroll celebrating Victoria's 150th birthday. For three years I was Secretary of the Canadian Federation of University Women's (CFUW - Victoria) Scholarship and Bursary Society and was coordinator for one of the CFUW Neighbourhood groups. I am on the Parish Council and the Finance Committee and am past Deputy Warden at Christ Church Cathedral. I volunteer as an advocate at the Together Against Poverty Society.

Nominee for Treasurer: Norman Clark CPA, CA

- A Greater Victoria resident since 1979, the last nine years in Rockland.
- His family including five super grandkids totals eleven, all reside in Rockland / Fairfield.
- A Chartered Accountant (Ontario and BC), retired, and since then busier than ever.
- His relevant Greater Victoria community involvement includes: United Way Allocation Committee; Victoria Wooden Boat Society, Broadmead Tree Protection Committee, Treasurer Gorge Waterway Action Society; Treasurer Victoria Child Sexual Abuse Society; Treasurer Burnside Gorge Community Association; Treasurer Rockland Neighbourhood Association, and BC Institute of Chartered Accountants Community Service Award

Nominees for Director

Laurence Bortoluzzi

Mr. Bortoluzzi holds a Masters Degree in City Planning (MCP) from the Faculty of Architecture, University of Manitoba, Canada and has practiced as a professional planner in the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia for more than 30 years.

Mr. Bortoluzzi's work experience includes:

Director of Capital Planning for University and College Campuses for the province of British Columbia, Ministry of Advanced Education (2007-2012). Responsibilities included: the development, approval and implementation of the five year capital plan for higher education facilities throughout the province of B.C.

Director Planning and Development Services for the Calgary Board of Education (2000-2006). Responsibilities included: land use planning, capital planning, development and building permit applications, building design and construction services, property development, leasing and transportation planning and operations. The CBE is the largest school board in Alberta and the second largest property owner in the City of Calgary.

Director Planning and Information Development for Alberta Infrastructure (1997-2000). Responsibilities included: planning and building legislation capital projects, information systems development and policy development.

Manager, Long Range Planning for the City of St. Albert, Alberta and City of Edmonton (pre-1997). Responsibilities included: preparation of general municipal plan, city centre plan and bylaw, subdivision review, land use bylaw amendments

Dave Clark

I am a Forester and an Agrologist with an interest in wildlife habitat. I have lived with my wife, Heather in the neighbourhood for the past 27 years and for another period of six years through high school.

I have been a Board member for the past 15 years serving in a number of capacities, most recently as chair of the Environment Committee.

I focus on environmental issues such as Greenways and the “Urban Forest” and would like to develop information about the neighbourhood to assist in Local Area Planning.

Vanessa Dingley

I have long been interested in planning and environmental matters, having spent most of my working life in the Department of Urban Planning and an associated research centre at UCLA. I retired several years ago.

I have lived in Victoria for almost seven years, moved to Rockland over three years ago, and have been on the RNA Board over the past two years, serving on the Land Use Committee. With its great old mansions, mature trees, and streets which provide such lovely walks, Rockland’s unique character deserves to be protected. It would be a tragedy to see the area damaged by the further loss of architecturally significant homes and inappropriate development. Victoria has a reputation as a beautiful city, and Rockland must be a significant part of this, so its conservation will benefit not only Rockland residents, but the city as a whole. I would like to continue to help the Rockland Neighbourhood Association’s work in any way I can.

John Edwards

As the son of a senior naval officer, I attended schools in Halifax, Annapolis Royal (NS), Rothesay (NB) and Victoria. I graduated from St. Michael’s University School, Sauder School of Business (UBC), and then became a Certified General Accountant. My working experience includes banking and municipal accounting for the Vancouver Water and Sewerage District. In Victoria I worked in Taxation for many years including Federal Government Scientific Research and Educational tax credits division. I have taken numerous courses through Simon Fraser University and have taken CGA updates. I also served with the City of Victoria Heritage Advisory Committee.

I was President of the Hallmark Heritage Society for eight years and been Treasurer for both Hallmark and its Heritage Building Foundation since the 1970s. For my volunteer work, I have received an award from the Hallmark Heritage Society in 1991 and the CGA Community Service Award in 2002.

My wife and I have lived for over forty years in the Janet Clay House on Linden Avenue. We have both volunteered for the Rockland Neighbourhood Association, including the Victoria 150 celebration and updating the walking tours.

With my background and hours of experience in heritage preservation, I feel I can help with issues of the protection of the prestigious work of some of the famous architects that built

Rockland homes. Also, it's time to look at updating the 1987 Rockland Plan to bring it up to date to deal with current issues.

Marc Hunter

Member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) with 24 years of diverse and specialized policing experience, currently working in a federal intelligence environment. Additional areas of experience include VIP Protective Detail, Property Crime Unit, School Liaison/Community Officer and Municipal Drug Squad. Significant experience building strategic and collaborative partnerships with numerous law enforcement and other governmental partners in a collaborative environment, both domestically and Internationally. Currently an active member of Rockland Neighbourhood Association with a keen interest in maintaining the special qualities that make Rockland unique.

Bob June; Insurance Advisor

Current Activity:

Five Terms:	RNA Land Use Committee	2010 - 2015; 2015/Chair
Eight Terms:	RNA Board of Directors	2008 - 2015; standing for 2016
Two Terms:	CRD Water Advisory Committee	2013 - 2015; standing for 2016 - 2018

Previous Director Experience:

Three Terms:	Gorge Tillicum Community Association	2004 - 2007
Three Terms:	Federal Constituency Board	2003 - 2006
	Federal Party Agent of Record	2006

Dave McWalter

I have lived in the Rockland neighbourhood for 3 years along with my wife, Emma, and two children, Ellie (4) and Kieran (2). We have come to appreciate the unique nature of this community and I am eager to become involved with the Rockland Neighbourhood Association. I am a project management professional (PMP) with experience in capital planning and infrastructure construction programs. I have a BCom in International Business and a MBA from the University of Victoria. I have a particular interest in property development and land use, and hope to support the RNA Land Use Committee.

Stephen Roughley

General Manager - Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel
Bachelor of commerce, hospitality and tourism management degree from Ryerson University.
Actively involved in supporting Victoria as a destination and a place to do business. Residing in Rockland, I embrace and support the neighborhood community culture, heritage and landscape.



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