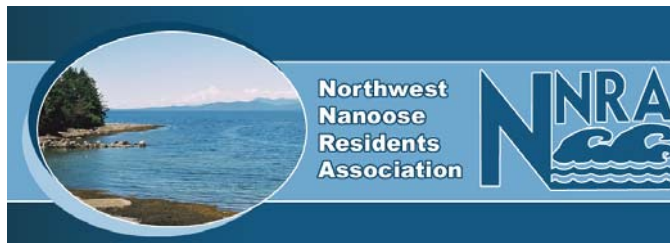


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NNRA Launches Website

We are pleased to announce that we have launched a website for the benefit of all our members. The website contains such items as our Constitution, Board of Directors, Committees, copies of current and previous Newsletters. In the interests of transparency we have also decided to post the Minutes of the Directors' Meetings. You will find these on the Board of Directors page.

The address of our website is www.nnra.ca. To access information please type in nnra for "user name" and madrona for "password". We request that you treat the "user name" and "password" as confidential.

We wish to extend a special thanks to Dave Jamieson and his son Kevin for dedicating their time and effort in setting up our website.

Please visit our website and submit any comments you have to nnra@shaw.ca.

Water & Waste Committee

Water

Water Conservation Levels were reduced to Level 1 on September 1, and will be lifted entirely on November 1 this year, all as originally planned. Readers will recall that for the first time this year, these levels were prescheduled on a calendar basis, rather than in response to weather conditions as in the past.



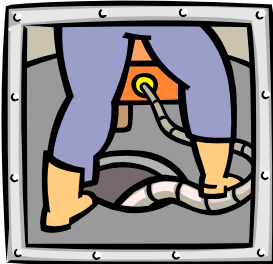
With the onset of the first heavy rains, our water supply from the Englishman River was stopped the first week of October, and we are now back on well water, most of which will be from our own Well no 4 and topped up from other wells in the Fairwinds area, as in previous years. Meters were read during the first week of September, and bills have already been received by homeowners.

The new Madrona Heights well, which was discussed in the last Newsletter, has not yet received source approval from the Vancouver Island Health Authority, but when it does, will become part of the area supply, adding over 40 imperial gallons per minute to the 20 which well no 4 can presently deliver.

Sewer

There has been no new activity regarding sewers for the area, and the next steps in the process are the approval of the OCP, which it is hoped will be complete before year end, and the funding of the community sewer feasibility studies called for in the OCP.

Mike Rich



DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL VEGETATION MATERIAL



During the spring and fall seasons, many residents of the Nanoose area are faced with the need to dispose of vegetation material from their properties. This material often includes leaves and small branches, but occasionally large chunks or bucked portions of logs. Some choose to transport the debris to designated landfills or disposal sites, others choose to dispose of the material on their property or nearby. Residents should be aware that a number of Provincial and Federal Acts and Regulations may govern their options.

Disposal of Vegetation Debris

Vegetation debris is expected to be disposed of on the property of origin unless transported to authorized landfills or waste disposal sites. Moving the material off residential property to Crown Land without a permit is normally prohibited. Disposal of debris on the foreshore, particularly below the high water mark, is prohibited by the *Fisheries Act* and the *Navigable Waters Act*, and violators could be charged under the relevant Regulations. As well, since many of the Nanoose residents are boaters, irresponsible acts subject them and their boats to a significant risk.



Burning of Vegetation Material

A number of Regulations under various Provincial Acts may govern the burning of vegetation material and the timing of such burns. Since Electoral Area E of the RDN has no burning by-laws at this time, the governance defaults to the Ministry of Forests or the Ministry of Environment. Depending on the circumstances, there may be an outright prohibition on fires or a permit may be required.

Ministry of Forests

The Ministry of Forests *Wildfire Act* governs the use of open fires on both Crown Land and private property in the Nanoose area, and covers Category 1 fires which include campfires and debris fires smaller than 1 meter in height and 1 meter in diameter. Campfires are defined as small fires ignited for the purposes of generating warmth, for cooking, or for ceremonial purposes. Debris fires on residential property are ignited for the purpose of garden or tree material disposal. The Ministry of Forests may have a ban or require permits for these types of fires depending on the existing fire hazard conditions at specific times of the year. Debris burning on the foreshore is not considered a campfire. Residents should ensure there are no restrictions in place prior to burning.

Ministry of Environment

The Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation may apply to residential burning and as at September 2000 applies to small piles of debris (under 10 cubic meters). As well, such fires may not include prohibited materials such as tires, plastics, treated lumber, railway ties, paint, and petroleum products. Specifically, burning of debris off the property of origin, i.e. on the foreshore requires a Permit under the Regulation.



All residents should be aware of the rules and regulations governing the disposal of their vegetation material. Much of the information can be found by accessing the Ministry of Forests and Ministry of Environment websites.

Dave Jamieson



Update on Northwest Bay Road Construction



The construction currently underway on Northwest Bay Road is for the installation of a new left turn lane into Craig Bay Estates at Gabriola Drive. This work is being done by contractors working for the developer of Craig Bay Estates.

Later, as part of a capital project, the City of Parksville will be upgrading the remaining portion of Northwest Bay Road to Rural Highway status, which we understand will include paved shoulders. At this time, it is not known if the entire section of unimproved road between Langara (the main entrance) and Terrien Road will be upgraded, but we are hopeful.

Additionally, we have been told that the public walkway system between Langara and Gabriola will be expanded.

The NNRA will continue to monitor the City of Parksville's plans and will report any news as it becomes available.

Greg Field



Madrona Neighbourhood Mailboxes

Recently, one of the NNRA members pointed out that some of our community mailboxes are getting messy – junk mail and flyers are being left about.

We all receive unwanted / junk mail. As well, some of the local newspapers can be loaded with flyers. Often, there is enough unwanted paper to line many bird cages!

Even though junk mail and unwanted flyers are not something we want, please don't stuff them into the other paper boxes or leave them on top of the mailboxes. The best solution is to take them home and drop them in your recycle bin. That way, you'll be taking another small step towards keeping our environment clean and helping to "Preserve...the quiet, clean, and peaceful atmosphere of our neighbourhood."

Greg Field

Legislation Committee

Nanoose Bay Official Community Plan

The Nanoose Bay Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 1400, 2005 was forwarded to the Hon. Ida Chong, Minister of Community Services, in July of this year for approval.

As of October 18, 2005, the Regional District of Nanaimo expects that the approved Nanoose Bay OCP will be returned by the Minister in November. Once received, the Nanoose Bay Official Community Plan Bylaw 1400, 2005 will receive 4th and final reading and be adopted. The RDN Board of Directors is scheduled to meet on November 22, 2005.



Land Use and Subdivision Amendment Bylaw No. 500.324

During the August 9, 2005 Electoral Planning Committee Meeting, it was moved that Bylaw No. 500.324 receive 1st and 2nd reading and that it proceed to public hearing.

The Regional District of Nanaimo held a Public Meeting regarding amendments to Bylaw No. 500.423, 2005 on October 13, 2005 at the Quality Resort Bayside in Parksville. Of primary interest to NNRA members was the amendment to Part 3 Section 3.9 Setbacks-Sea that has now been amended to read as follows:

For Electoral Area 'E', on parcels adjacent to or containing a coastal watercourse, no building or structures shall be constructed, moved, extended within 8.0 meters horizontal distance inland from the top of a slope 30% or greater; *or within 15 meters horizontal distance from the natural boundary, whichever is greater.* The specific amendment proposed has been highlighted in *italics*.

The RDN requested support for this Bylaw Amendment in order to eliminate Development Permit Area IV, Coastal Protection, from the Nanoose Bay OCP. The Public Meeting was attended by only a handful of residents and was over in less than 15 minutes.



In cases where Bylaw 500.324, 2005 results in Nanoose Bay residents running into difficulty when attempting to site new homes or renovate existing homes, there are two separate variance processes that can be followed. The first process involves presenting your case before the RDN "Board of Variance". In this instance the resident has to prove that the Bylaw causes "hardship". The second process involves applying for a Development Variance Permit. In this case the variance sought by the resident is reviewed by RDN staff, who prepare a recommendation before bringing it before the RDN Board of Directors for a decision. For more detailed information and costs of variance processes, please contact the RDN Planning Department toll free at 1-877-607-4111.

Kirke MacMillan

Pacific Shores Barbecue

What a great way to wrap up our summer. Sixty Five of our NNRA residents enjoyed the barbecue held at Pacific Shores, on Sunday, Sept 11th 2005.

The picturesque setting, the perfect weather, and our neighbourhood residents, together made a great combination for this Sunday afternoon.

Events like this provide a relaxed setting to meet neighbours, (new and old) get caught up on family additions, vacations, gardens, or just good old gossip!

A huge Gazebo type tent was put in place for us, on the lawn just outside the pool area. We could view the ocean from here, and appreciate the gardens. As the day was sunny and warm, the tent was only used for enjoying our meal.

There was an abundance of different salads, along with grilled chicken breasts, and tasty beef hamburgers. A few teams of bocci ball players competed with each other, but the majority of our residents just enjoyed each other's company.

Andy Pearson and his competent staff have been thanked with a generous tip. The many thank you cards that all of you signed to show your appreciation have been forwarded to the Resort.

Let's do it again next year!

Jeanne Gregory



WANTED

We are looking for an NNRA member who is prepared to join the NNRA Board of Directors to perform the duties of Secretary.

The Secretary's duties include taking minutes of the nine monthly Directors' Meetings and the Annual General Meeting. The Directors' Meetings are normally scheduled in the evening of the third Tuesday in the month except December, July and August.

If you are interested in contributing a little of your time to your residents association please contact one of the Directors.





We welcome letters to this newsletter and items of interest to the residents of this area. Member submissions must include author's name and telephone number.

address letters to:

Northwest Nanoose Residents Association

P.O. Box 216

Nanoose Bay, B.C. V9P 9J9

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To all those who have recently moved to the Nanoose area, welcome to our community. We hope you will become members of the NNRA. It's a great way to stay informed and meet your neighbours and for us to get to know you. To save time, here is an application form to fill out and mail in along with your cheque for \$10. Membership is \$10 for one calendar year (Jan 1 to Dec 31) and you may pay for 2, 3 or 4 years at a time."

**Northwest Nanoose Residents Association
Membership Application Form**

FEE: Ten Dollars per household for 2005

**Application for Membership in the
Northwest Nanoose Residents Association**

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Postal Code: _____

Number of adults in household?: _____ Telephone Number: _____

New Member? or Renewal?

Mail application and payment to:
Diane Hill
P.O. Box 216
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