

## **Board of Trustee Report**

Needless to say Phase Two of the Water Project was the dominant issue for the board during the last year. The majority of time at our meetings and the majority of our activities had to do with the project. Bill's water report and Allyson's communications report, which you'll hear in just a minute, will give you the details. We did, however, manage to get some other things done. Here are the highlights:

### **Infrastructure**

In recognition of the contribution that this hall and the Fanny Bay Flyer make to our community, the Board increased this year's SPID donation to the Fanny Bay Community Association from \$150 to \$1,000.

We instituted new policies and tighter control over our internal accounting procedures. The new procedures were timely given that a major capital project (Phase Two of the Water Project) was about to go on our books. Thank you to Nina LeBlanc and Jim Wahl for their work on the new procedures.

We improved our HR policies, instituting a short-term sick leave program for our administrator and negotiating a more comprehensive contract for our water operator.

We have been working on a detailed review of our insurance policies. This involves a much needed update of our assets and their replacement value. The Insurance Review Committee has met several times so far and we will be meeting soon with our insurance broker to discuss the necessary changes to our policies.

We have been gradually updating our by-laws - amending some and adding others. Thank you to Dave Henderson for spearheading this tedious but very important task.

### **Board Meetings**

We had two groups of ratepayers attend board meetings this past year. The first group had concerns about the oversight of the water project. The second group was concerned about the amount of the water tolls on multi purpose properties. Both meetings helped clarify important issues and triggered further discussion and action by the Board. I speak for all members of this board when I say that we welcome ratepayers attending board meetings. In fact we find the feedback invaluable.

In February, the Board held a joint meeting with the Water Technical Committee. We conducted a complete evaluation of the Water Project Phase 2. It included cost analysis, performance assessment, communications issues and a compilation of lessons learned.— This will all be critical information when we begin Phase 3.

### **Our Roads**

The board has had many discussions about the conditions of the roads on the point. We met several times with the staff at the Ministry of Transport in Courtenay regarding water project issues. Each time we took the opportunity to raise the more general issue of road repairs and the need for regular road maintenance. We included Scott Fraser, our provincial MLA, in the distribution list for our last letter to MoT in February. Unfortunately, all the SPID Board can do is make sure MoTI and our MLA are aware of our dissatisfaction. It has been our experience though that when ratepayers contact MoTI directly it is far more effective. So, for your information, the MoTI Area Manager in Courtenay is Stacy McRae.