

AGENDA

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## **A YEAR IN REVIEW FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Thank you all for joining us tonight for the 2021 AGM. When I try to think of one word to describe 2021, it would be proud. I am proud of our community for our ability to be resilient, to pivot when we needed to and find creative ways to continue living our lives during an unforeseen time. Instead of cancelling our easter event, the bunny came by Firetruck and visited each special Britannia child at the end of their driveways. Our usual pumpkin patch in the park, has been transformed already from our lack of a community hall to Lynne's yard (thank you Lynne), but this year we wanted to do something fun and interactive that got people outside and moving. We had record breaking attendance at our Halloween Scavenger hunt and pumpkin patch event.

And Santa – well it was an EPIC day. There wasn't a snowstorm that could stop us from hosting an amazing Santa event this year. We saw our community rally together, the fire department transformed Lynne's garage and driveway into Santa's workshop, where we hosted a drop-in Santa Centre where our Britannia children received a special gift, photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus and some delicious goodies.

We hosted many different food trucks and group community takeout orders from the Mining museum parking lot. It was during a challenging time of lock downs, where we looked forward to not cooking and seeing our neighbors while physical distancing. And once those restrictions lifted, we hosted a movie night on a giant inflatable screen, we raffled away snack baskets to those who bought tickets early and saw all the creativity from our families on how to get comfy to watch this fresh air cinema. From golf carts, to bean bag chairs, rugs, pillows, etc. It was another amazing new event that brought many smiles and memories.

We also saw our dock members do an incredible amount of work in 2021, but not without many challenges and navigating through COVID restrictions. Andy Baines helped put together a COVID safety plan for our dock members to ensure we were all safe while performing the volunteer hours to get the dock operational for the spring season. This included a COVID safety video and health attestation forms before each work party. We purchased about 140 feet of concrete docks to replace our old wooden docks this past year. There was a record-breaking amount of volunteer hours put in this year – I am talking about hundreds of hours being logged in a few short months. I just want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped transform the dock into what it is today. Not only did we get new docks, but we also performed maintenance on the access road and parking lot which has improved public access to the foreshore, our shed was also rebuilt, and the foreshore clean ups continued. I want to give

my husband Ryan a special shout out for being at and leading almost every work party this past season and being the man behind the machines to get the maintenance done on the access road and parking lot. He also was able to get this project done at a very minimal cost to the community due to his connections. Thank you.

We are still in what feels like the longest process ever to finalize our tenure with Province for our License of Occupation, once this has been completed, we will start the process of obtaining a long-term lease. In the meantime, its business as usual. Dock work parties will start to ramp up in the next month or so and we will work on being operational for May 1, if not sooner. One of our goals this year is to replace any docks with freeform Styrofoam with encased floatation to continue to work towards protecting Howe Sound. We also have a replacement dock that will move into its new home shortly and replace one of our failing docks. And of course, the breakwater will always require love and attention throughout the year.

And how can we not talk about landscaping, we have seen some improvements in the landscaping. The mungo pines were replaced with ornamental grass. We saw the quality of the ditch mowing improve once we had the landscapers perform this task versus Miller Cap. But there is still a lot of work to do, however we are moving in the right direction and seem to have the attention of the SLRD and landscape contractor.

We are lucky to have a playground committee who worked hard to get the to the final stages of getting our community a new playground. However, there have been some delays I understand all the pieces have been ordered now and its just a waiting game on when they will arrive. Again, Britannia has been fortunate to have Jonathan put together a proposal for a pump track with a desired location being lower Britannia close to the beach access. The proposal seems to be making good progress and we hope to see the SLRD approve this project soon.

Your Board of Directors tried to engage the community as much as possible by using surveys, your voice matters and we wanted to do it in a way where you could voice your concerns in an anonymous fashion. These surveys helped facilitate a safe space to do so. You may have noticed that we are relying up on our website to provide information instead of social media, however we do utilize the Britannia Beach Resident Page on Facebook to update the community in conjunction with our website.

As I said, I have felt very proud of the positive things we have accomplished as a community. I am also very proud of our Board of Directors. This group worked extremely hard this year to make it happen. Aside from all the fun stuff, there is a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes. You have had an amazing group of volunteers working hard to continue to make Britannia Beach the amazing community that it always has been. Thank you to each of you for your time, commitment and dedication to making our community a better place. I will be stepping down as President this coming year. It has been an honor to serve our community, but it is a big commitment of time and energy to be both the President and Harbourmaster while still maintaining a full-time job and family. I have chosen to continue serving the community by running the dock and will stay on the board to help support the President and new Board in their new roles. I feel that this is where I can provide the greatest impact by continuing to work on improving the dock and finalizing the tenure where we work towards a long-term lease and improve our ability to access much needed grant funds. There will be community consultations coming to determine what we envision for the foreshore and determine if these dreams are possible and how we will execute them in future.

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Thank you for your support, kind words and encouragement over this past year. I have so much gratitude to each of you. Thank you.

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