

Brenda M. Dixon, B.Sc, M.P.A.

Britannia Beach Community Association
President's report to the Annual General Meeting, November 21, 2012.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers in our Community who participated in our many activities and in particular I would like to thank this past year's executive members for their participation on the BBCA board: (please stand and be recognized) Willow Thornhill as Vice President, Lynne Cook as Secretary -Treasurer; Jessie Miller as treasurer (first half of year) and our directors: John O'Sullivan (moved to Squamish); Manny Leonardo; Rob Wilhelm; and Tania Rudy (at work will be joining us by telephone). I would also like to thank all the members and non-members who participated in the many community activities

Our most significant accomplishment this year is our return to solvency.

After I was elected someone said "Oh by the way we don't have any money and our insurance is due"

Everyone contributed to this year's successes however I would like to make special mention of Tania Rudy who made a huge contribution of her time and expertise to generate and collect revenue from our waterfront property. As a result we now have all the insurance policies paid for last year, next year and over \$10,000 more in our bank accounts. This will be used for next year's functions as well as ongoing maintenance and repairs and operating expenses at our waterfront property.

We now have a Web Site and a Face book site as a better means to communicate with each other. Many of our documents and functions are now listed but there is a lot more to do so this will be an ongoing project. We are already getting in excess of 50 unique visitors to the site every day. We have also managed to resurrect the previous email notification list!

We enjoyed continued success with our regular events:

- Easter – now just who was that on the fire truck in the bunny costume?
- Canada Day picnic and chilli contest, complete with an RCMP officer in Red Serge.
- Halloween bonfire and fireworks were even more spectacular this year.
- Children's Christmas was well attended and another is planned for the near future
- Partners with the Firefighters for the Firefighters Christmas Ball, last year and this – Saturday December 1, tickets \$20 and going fast.

There were a number of new and interesting events this year as well:

- We worked with outside agencies and companies to facilitate dialogue with the community on:

- Proposal for a “Run of the River” hydroelectric project on Britannia Creek. Proponent has not yet been successful in funding the project to move it forward.
 - Proposal by the **Sea to Sky Gondola Corp.** for a Gondola Development near Shannon Falls Provincial Park received all governments’ approvals November 1, 2012. This project will be moving forward and we have been involved in a discussion on a shuttle service between Squamish hotels, the Gondola and the BC Museum of Mining at Britannia Beach. The possibility of people wanting transport to Squamish, being able to purchase a seat on the shuttle remains on the table.
 - **Taicheng Development Corporation**, has purchased the land formerly known as the “Makin” property and initiated a development proposal to develop this area as Britannia South. The details of the proposal are being worked on in conjunction with the Squamish Lillooet Regional District’s Planning Department. They have our contact information and will be in touch regarding further public meetings, in due course.
- We also initiated three new Projects
- We hosted a guest speaker on Noxious Weed Control which focused on Hog Weed and Japanese knotweed. Ongoing effort will be needed but there were 5 yards with large patches of Hogweed, as well as patches of both plants throughout the community. These plants are also found at Mount Sheer and it is thought that some of the original residents brought these ornamental plants with them from the old world. Spot control of individual plants of Hogweed and knotweed is continuing and encouraged.
 - Our first ever Community Clean up Day was a huge success due in part to a Select Fund Grant from Director Freitag and the Squamish Lillooet Regional District. There was an excellent turnout of volunteers from the community. Thank you one and all. Our estimates indicate more than 150 volunteer hours were contributed to the cause and the hot dog “thank you” barbeque was very well attended. The evidence of our success is still on display beside the red yard waste dumpster near the fire hall. Miller Capilano (road maintenance contractor) is re-handling this material to get it into the red dumpster as space is available. I hope this becomes an annual event.
 - A planning process to guide the BBCA into the future was initiated also with the benefit of the Select Funds Grant. It is Titled:

Looking Ahead to the Next Five Years – A Community Wide Strategy

A draft summary of the community’s discussion and input, at the October 25th meeting, is available on the website. I don’t have contact details for everyone who attended so those who requested an opportunity to review

the draft – now is the time. We expect to move forward on this project after Christmas.

- A previous initiative, “brown fields” remediation and renewal, has some new life. (*Brown fields refer to previously disturbed areas such as mine sites and other similar locations*). Currently the condition of the “100 foot high tunnel dam” is preventing any development in our central business district as the Squamish Lillooet Regional District will not issue building permits for this area due to flooding concerns. Director Freitag has consolidated a lot of background information and is exploring options at this point in time. The Province of BC “owns” this structure as well as the derelict boats that haven’t yet sunk at our waterfront.
- We are also looking into the cost and feasibility of adding the “Prince George” dock area to our crown land holdings on the waterfront.

It has been both rewarding and challenging to be the President of the BBCA and I have decided to run for President again for 2013 primarily because of the momentum that has been developed and to see a number of the initiatives move forward.

Thank you.