

Gordon Head Community Association AGM Report - 2022

I would like to acknowledge that we are meeting on the territories of the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations.

I am pleased that you were able to attend this evening and I hope that you have been able to sample the bits and bites that we have put out for you.

I will start the meeting by introducing our guest speaker Mr Brent Reems. Brent has been the CAO of Saanich since December 6, 2021. He joined Saanich as the Director of Building, Bylaw, Licensing and Legal Services in October 2017 and holds Bachelor degrees in Arts and Law from the University of Victoria and a Master of Arts from Queen's University.

Brent lives in Saanich with his wife and 3 boys and is very active supporting their extracurricular pursuits including coaching basketball.

After a short break we will the **business portion** of the evening and it is my hope that you will stay to hear the **reports** that provide a snapshot of what the Association has focussed on in the 12 months since our last AGM

We will then have **questions from the floor** which we will endeavour to answer to the best of our ability.

Followed by **Nominations of Directors** with an adjournment as close to 9:00 pm as possible. We can go over a little bit later if there are people that can help with the putting away the chairs and tables.

And now to start with our guest speaker.

President's Report

At the last AGM the Board promised that it would create more opportunities for the Gordon Head Neighbours to share their ideas, and concerns about the ways in which the community was growing. To that end we launched a Survey that asked people to share their insight to a number of questions. The survey was answered by 338 respondents. You can find the results on our website.

In partnership with the District of Saanich we hosted a much enjoyed Music in the Park event in July '22 and will be doing so again this July.

In partnership with 4 other Community Associations (Cadboro Bay, Quadra/cedar Hill/Mt Tolmie/Camosun we hosted an All Candidates Meeting in September of '22

We convened community gatherings to talk about development proposals (Peter will fill you in on more details about that)

We upgraded our website (Bhupinder will speak more to that)

We have stepped up our communications (Rosemary will speak further to that)

We were pleased to be a sponsor to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen which provides much needed food staples to people across the area including those that live in Gordon Head

We had hoped to begin a revamping of our Local Area Plan however Saanich has changed the structure of that plan and work will commence on a redesign to a more regional focus. We have been promised that the people in Gordon Head will have ample opportunity to add their voices to the building of the plan.

Members of the Board were represented at various Community and Saanich initiatives including the Quadra/Mckenzie Study, the Community Amenity Contribution and inclusionary housing policy, as well as the Community/University Liaison Program.

We held a Community Conversation evening and were pleased to gather thoughts and ideas from a cross section of the Gordon Head Community. Not unlike the responses to the Survey there was apprehension on the speed at which Gordon Head is growing and a desire to have a say in that growth.

I will end my report by thanking the members of the Board for their steadfast support, their knowledge and their desire to assist in bringing the issues in Gordon Head to Saanich Council and Staff.

Thank you

Chris Poirier-Skelton, President
Gordon Head Community Association