



2017 AGM PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Invited Guests:

Welcome to the 2017 North Saanich PROW AGM. Your executive has had a busy year and we invite you to join us in the activities we have identified for 2017.

We have focused on two broad areas. First, to respond to members seeking assistance and advice with respect to their specific waterfront property issues. Second, to monitor waterfront issues affecting North Saanich and ensure members are aware of developing issues and policies.

With respect to responding to member's individual property issues, examples of our recent activity include meeting with members to discuss waterfront sea walls and construction, dealing with washed up sea lions, providing advice on interaction with North Saanich municipal by-law staff and by-law interpretation, and successfully having LNG survey vessels operate during the day rather than disturbing residents with their middle of the night activities. Our web page is current and monitored, and we respond to contact enquiries within 24 hours.

With respect to monitoring community waterfront issues we have focused primarily on the Steelhead LNG proposal and local sea level rise studies and proposed recommendations. Your executive are regular attendees at the Monday Council and Community Of The Whole Meetings, have attended all public sea level rise information meetings and workshops, have commented directly to Council and SNC Lavalin with respect to proposed SLR-by-law changes, and are closely monitoring the development of waterfront policy and their impact on property owners. With respect to LNG we have maintained a dialogue with Steelhead LNG to closely monitor their activities, spoken with local politicians and local associations to voice our concerns, and attend public meetings and round table discussions where LNG is on the agenda.



Property Responsibility On the Waterfront

Going forward we see LNG and SLR as primary areas of focus and activity in 2017. In addition to advocating on behalf of waterfront owners to ensure proper consultation and consideration prior to policy changes, we will continue to circulate notices of important matters directly to our membership. The Web page will be kept current so it can be used as an information source for waterfront owners.

Finally, we are reaching out to the broader community so all residents are aware of how PROW activity and participation serves to benefit the community as a whole. We attend and participate at the North Saanich Resident's Association meetings, are providing Deep Cove Elementary School with compostable garbage bags for their waterfront cleanup, are working towards a North Saanich public boat ramp, attend the Saanich Inlet Round Table meetings, and cooperate with the Cowichan Bay Ship Watch Society.

We believe our participation in community affairs is having a positive impact in our neighbourhood, and that PROW's concerns and input are increasingly taken into consideration and positively acted upon. Over the years PROW has been strengthened by the willingness of waterfront owners to join our executive and contribute their expertise. We strongly encourage those members with particular interests or a little spare time to consider joining the executive.

On Behalf of the Board,

David Tonken
President