



## **PROW achievements**

**Sea Level Rise** – PROW hosted a public forum to discuss alternatives and facilitated Council in reviewing their approach and having SLR included in the OCP review.

**LNG Plant** - PROW was instrumental in directing the Steelhead LNG plant proposal away from the Saanich Inlet.

**FireSmart** - PROW worked with the Dean Park Estates Community Association and the North Saanich Residents Association to distribute pamphlets and sponsor a public meeting on Wildfire Preparedness and Prevention.

**Speculation Tax** - PROW encouraged the District to ask the provincial government to exempt North Saanich from the proposed BC Speculation Tax.

**Website** – PROW regularly updates our website and provides links to a range of topics of interest to waterfront owners.

**PROW welcomes new members, gratefully accepts donations and invites waterfront owners to join the board.**

**For more information please visit:**

**[www.prow.ca](http://www.prow.ca)**



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***Working on behalf of  
North Saanich  
waterfront property  
owners since 2008***



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## A little background ...

There are more than 700 private waterfront property owners in North Saanich. Regulations governing waterfront properties are much more complex, costly and restrictive than for properties bounded by land. We benefit from belonging to an organization that enables members to share information about these challenges and represents our interests at all orders of government.

## About PROW

PROW is an all-volunteer, non-profit association that was formed at a community meeting in 2008 and registered under the BC Societies Act in 2011. Our mission is *“to inform the community about issues affecting waterfront properties.”*

## PROW objectives

- To educate waterfront owners about their rights and responsibilities
- To represent the views of stakeholders who are directly affected by legislation and government initiatives concerning the waterfront
- To provide an open channel of communication between those who reside along the waterfront in North Saanich and relevant government agencies and regulatory bodies

## Ongoing PROW activities

- Monitor issues before North Saanich Council and its advisory bodies that may be relevant to the association
- Provide input to North Saanich Council and where necessary to higher orders of government such as the CRD, the Province of BC and its agencies (e.g., the BC Assessment Authority) about concerns to waterfront owners
- Inform waterfront owners of significant issues coming up for discussion by Council and its committees
- Post links and information on issues of interest to waterfront owners on our website [prow.ca](http://prow.ca)
- Circulate pertinent information by email to those who wish to be on the list
- Host an Annual General Meeting to report on the year’s activities and present a speaker of interest. Please visit [www.prow.ca](http://www.prow.ca) for information on the next AGM



*The Kingfisher lives along the waterfront and fiercely protects its territory.*

## Current PROW initiatives

- Halt the “culture of over-regulation” that has led to the proliferation of Development Permit Areas and Special Development Areas
- Encourage the District to take a holistic approach toward protecting properties from Sea Level Rise, one that includes public property (highways, interchanges, parks) and First Nations, BC Ferries and Tsehum Harbour
- Advocate the implementation of key recommendations of the 2009 Marine Task Force Report, for example:
  - Develop a new public boat launch on the west or north side of the Peninsula, needed for safety when high winds and heavy seas affect the Tulista boat launch
  - Revisit the current blanket zoning of the waterfront from M6 to the less restrictive M5 that would allow private docks, floats and boat houses in areas that are not environmentally sensitive
  - Enable erosion control measures and sea walls to prevent damage due to Sea Level Rise
- Enable waterfront owners to “stand our ground” rather than retreat. Our property is among the most valuable in the province and we are not prepared to yield it to the sea.

