

AUGUST 2007 MLPOS MEMBERSHIP LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

To All M.L.P.O.S. Members

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 29th, 2007 in the School. Please plan to attend. This is the time to discuss important issues regarding our neighbourhoods, our community, our marina, our roads, our quality of life, and last but not least, to vote for your new Directors.

This is my first year as your President and I want to thank you for allowing me this privilege. I have been extremely fortunate to work with a wonderfully supportive and experienced executive and staff. I want to thank the current Board of Directors as well as past Directors for their assistance in making my first term as President remarkably enjoyable.

The past year has been relatively active and I know each Director will be reporting on their accomplishments and areas of involvement at the AGM. However, I do want to specifically acknowledge:

- * Jean Deschenes for keeping us in line and on target with the budget.
- * Gerry Roy for attending a variety of community meetings on our behalf.
- * Val Butcher for keeping her arm and shoulder muscles tuned up for our minute taking and writing articles for the Pender Post.
- * Wally Foster, along with Rob Betts and Gordon Resvick, for managing the marina slip assignments, looking after requests for casual moorage, and answering the incredible number of enquiries regarding availability.
- * Rob Betts, specifically for taking on the role of Marina Manager while Wally sailed the seas. Rob won't be seeking re-election this year. We will definitely miss his candour and good-natured ability to reconcile differences.
- * Brian Starkey and his crew for maintaining the docks.
- * Beth Arcand for organizing and coordinating an incredibly successful Annual Garage Sale that raised \$1253.70 for the Medical Clinic and for doing an excellent job organizing our August Community Family Picnic. It is regretful that Beth will not be seeking re-election this year. Her enthusiasm and sincere wish to build community has been quite contagious and definitely admired.
- * Mike Wiley for being involved in all the tennis programs and continuing to maintain our first class tennis facilities.
- * And our Staff - Jenny Brummelkamp for efficiently and effectively managing our office and daily operating responsibilities.

The object of MLPOS is to represent all property owners in matters affecting their property or their life style in Magic Lake Estates. By increasing our membership, getting to know our neighbours, recognizing and respecting the amazing diversity of talents and experience of our members, and by becoming aware of the variety of needs of our community, we have developed a strong and respected voice on North Pender Island. We represent over 450 property owners, over 60% of North Pender's population, and are the largest single group on North Pender.

The Directors have continued to:

- * participate in the Official Community Plan Review;
- * address the possibility, if not inevitability, of increased B.C. Ferry fees and its affect on our community;
- * identify and articulate the variety of issues and concerns regarding the quantity, quality, and security of our water supply;
- * initiate planning for the maintenance and enhancement of MLPOS property;
- * increase our ability to communicate with our members and the public through our website www.thievesbay.com (Thanks to our webmaster Richard Fox);
- * support the Block Watch Project;
- * advocate for better roads – concerns about walking and cycling lanes, the continued absence of a centre line, dangerous potholes, ragged shoulders, etc. - by collecting data from members for presentation to the new Transportation APC.

While Thieves Bay Marina is truly a first class facility, it is regretfully limited in its ability to accommodate all boat owners who live in Magic Lake Estates. We have received notice from members that recommendations and concerns regarding the current berth waiting list process will be brought to the AGM. These recommendations would change the priority on the wait list so that new members potentially have higher priority than existing members. This will be an important discussion and we look forward to clarifying the issue.

Finally, I want to express my sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have dedicated their time and energy to making Magic Lake Estates a good community. Recognition, respect, courtesy and appreciation for each other makes this community a very good place to live, work, raise families, and enjoy our retirement.

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM on Saturday, September 29th!

Sincerely,
Sue Bailey, President