

**LANDS END/CURTEIS POINT NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2009 (North Saanich Middle School)**

ATTENDING: Mayor Alice Finall, Councillors Chandler, Commandeur, Fea, Green and Scoones.

Highlights of comments, issues and questions are as follows:

- *meeting venue at the North Saanich Yacht Club requested for next year (or at something similar that is smaller and more intimate)*
- *while signage and notices of this meeting were completed well in advance, we agreed that advertising is critical to strong attendance (some residents admitted that they don't read the DNS newsletter or the local paper on a regular basis)*
- *questions raised about regulation and municipal intervention, specifically related to maintaining a balanced approach on issues such as tree-cutting, storm water and traffic control*
- *Government jurisdiction questioned related to the relationships between municipal, provincial and federal governments (in the context of environmental protection, etc.)*
- *support expressed for continued relaxation of outdoor burning regulations and questions posed about rationale behind permitting process*
- *questions about draft tree bylaw (especially the protected species aspect) and need to balance safety and responsible property maintenance needs and risk/hazard reduction*
- *general support for greater regulation of traffic (better street safety and patrol); speeding identified as major issue*
- *questions and concerns expressed about sewage and septic waste (role of the CRD, environmental issues, costs, maintenance, effectiveness, etc.)*

At the beginning of the meeting, residents had specific questions and wanted answers to some of the key issues above. By the end of the meeting, issues were tackled and Council had the opportunity to explain background and context and to readily share information that promotes better understanding. Residents expressed their gratitude for and satisfaction with what they heard and learned from Mayor and Council.

Council members who attended agreed with residents that a different venue should be booked for next year's meeting (e.g., North Saanich Yacht Club), that the DNS website should be continually updated for current and relevant information, that residents be encouraged to subscribe to the District's electronic list serve to receive notification of meetings and agendas, and that residents should feel free and be encouraged to express their concerns in writing to Mayor and Council whenever possible. In conclusion, we

agreed that it is beneficial to have these informal conversations with residents who hopefully share this information and their experience with their neighbours.

Thank you to the residents who took the time to attend this neighbourhood meeting.

Prepared by,

Councillor Cairine Green