Governance Study

Request from the NORTH WESTSIDE COMMUNITIES

NWCA

North Westside Communities Association

Voice of our communities

Working with our members and our local government partners to provide services built by the community for the community.

Past Accomplishments

- Purchased and installed blue community identification signs along Westside Road
- Erected and maintain community notice boards
- Helped to bring the transfer station to the Sugarloaf location
- Brought flu shot clinics to the North Westside (and we are attempting to bring them back)
- Upgraded the boat launch at Killiney Beach
- Built the new fire hall at Shorts Creek in cooperation with the Fire Department
- Built and maintain the Killiney Beach Community Hall and Library/Annex

Upcoming Planned Projects

- Installing school bus stop lighting, with support from MOTI, school district #23, ICBC, and director Carson
- Working with director Carson and the RDCO parks staff on park improvements
- Creating a recreational swimming area at the south end of Killiney Beach to keep the kids safe from the boats
- Continuing with Phases II and III at the Westshores Community Park for the benefit of all our families
- Working with the communities of Fintry and Upper Fintry on signage and speed control within the neighbourhoods

Historically we have been a strong group of communities.

Governance Committee Goal

- To ensure that the North Westside Communities are treated as equitably as adjacent communities.
- To initiate a governance study funded by the province that will review the present tax spending.
  - Determine whether or not the existing system under Regional District works for its communities both fairly and with transparency.
  - If this is not the case, then another form of governance must be considered.

Main areas of resident dissatisfaction

- Lack of transparency
- Lack of accountability
- Feelings of alienation and indifference towards the citizens of the North Westside region
- Ever increasing water-related costs

Power Pole on Killiney Beach

Water Rate Increases

- From $18 in 1998 to $149 in 2011, to $199 in 2012 to $347 today (plus water usage at up to $1 per cubic metre in this hot weather). Yearly, that would be about $1,500 per annum"

(quote from Dave Robertson in June 15th Vernon Morning Star).

May 26, 2016 – Open House

- Over 120 attendees
- Show of hands clearly indication that residents are interested in a governance study

Residents who have signed petition