



2018 Annual General Meeting



Sonoma Pines Board members: Front-Brenda Evans, Suzanne Larouche, Mike Trenn. Back-David Reid, Bryon Dickie, Bob Scruton, Terry Cross

The 2018 Annual General Meeting was held at the Westbank Lions Centre on May 31.

The Board presented the financial budget for the upcoming year and reported on the results of the previous year's activities and finances and provided a summary on the proposed 2019 budget.

The financial statements and budget will be available for review on our website <http://www.sonomapines.info/category/meeting-minutes-monthly-council-meetings-and-agm/>

All the resolutions that were presented to the homeowners were passed. Sonoma Pines new legal counsel Peter Borszcz was

introduced to the membership. Peter answered questions from the floor regarding various resolutions that were passed.

Board members David Reid, Bryon Dickie, and Bob Scruton will stand for another year. We are pleased to welcome three new Board members who accepted their nominations: Mike Trenn, Terry Cross and Susanne Larouche. Congratulations to all of you!

And, finally, we would like to thank the outgoing president, John Scott, for his dedication and hard work in the community. He has made Sonoma Pines an even better community to call home. Thank you, John! Enjoy the fishing!

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm and there were 107 homes represented. Eighty-eight in person and nineteen by proxy.

Volunteers Needed for Various Committees

It takes a lot of volunteer hours to keep our community running well and the volunteers we have do a great job. As a community we're lucky to have them. It goes without saying that we owners love our community and we live in one of the most desirable communities in West Kelowna and surrounding area.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of positions that help with planning and community operations. Volunteering is rewarding. Try it and use some of the skills you possess - it will be appreciated.

If you're interested in joining a committee, please contact one of the current Board members:

Bryon Dickie 250-864-1040;
Brenda Evans 403-803-4334;
David Reid 250-826-3751;
Bob Scruton 250-707-4677.

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Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

www.sonomapines.info

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SP NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

Hello neighbours, now is about the time we may see a spike in criminal activity in the Okanagan. Please consider the following as summer approaches:

Theft is a crime of opportunity

During the summer months would-be thieves are on the look-out for items which can be easily taken in moments. Unlocked doors, open windows, and open garage doors all provide a temptation to steal valuables — bikes, packages, cell phones, purses — left in plain view.

Here are a few tips to make your summer a safe one:

Be aware of your surroundings and those around you when you walk, jog, or bike.

Blooming trees and overgrown shrubs can provide would-be burglars with places to hide, trim shrubbery around your home to eliminate hiding places.

Make sure your address number or name is clearly visible from the street for emergency and identification purposes.

Install lighting, such as motion lights or dusk to dawn detector lights, on your home's exterior light fittings.

If you sleep on the second floor of your home, keep all first floor doors and windows closed and locked.

Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby. Place valuables stored in the garage in a locking device not visible from the street when the garage door is open.

Do not leave bikes unattended. Lock your bikes, even if you are going to be away for only a few moments. Remember to keep a locking device on your bike where you store it.

Don't discuss your vacation plans — at the grocery store, gym, etc. — as you never

know who might be listening. Never post on Facebook or other Social media sites your upcoming vacation plans, however excited you are!

Ask a trusted neighbour to pick up flyers, parcels or other publications that might be left while you are away. Try to stop all deliveries of mail and newspapers when on vacation.

Use timers to light your home inside and outside whilst away, giving the impression someone is home.

Ask a neighbour to park their vehicle on your driveway from time to time

Don't make it easy for a burglar to make you a victim! Be a good vigilant neighbour and the "Eyes & Ears" for your neighbours and the RCMP in our community.

Thank you from Block Watch Team in Sonoma Pines.



Sonoma Pines residents were welcomed to the 2018 wildfire season with a spectacular view of the Mission Hill Fire last Saturday night. Fortunately it turned out well for the West Kelowna residents north of the fire but it serves as an early season reminder of how fast these disasters can spread.

In case you missed it the B.C. Government published the [BC Report On "New Normal" Of Wildfires](#) earlier this month.

Key findings were that disasters such as last summer's wildfires, floods, lightning storms and landslides are the consequences of climate change and British Columbia is ill-equipped to protect the public, according to an external review in response to last year's floods and the wildfires that tore through the province. Another interesting point raised, "Communication and the spreading of misinformation on social media was another issue..."



Xeriscape Oval Garden Report

The new garden has been planted in the oval space near the front gate. While taking a walk, stop and see some of the plants that will do well in our community and environment without the need for lots of water.

We will weed the garden vigorously for a couple of weeks and then set down a mulch and leave nature to her best. The watering to this area was been significantly reduced.

A big thank you to all the homeowners that volunteered for planting day and for the care going forward on this new garden project.



Bye & Thank You Kanina!

We're sad to see Kanina leave our community. Kanina Wright joined us when Coldwell Banker came on board as our property management company. Kanina has been the liaison between Sonoma Pines Board and Coldwell Banker and has provided excellent administrative assistance to the owners. Her friendliness and willingness to go the extra mile is acknowledged and she will be missed.



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Welcome to our New Board Members



Terry Cross

Terry was born and raised in Richmond, BC as was his father and grandfather. He was employed with Lafarge Concrete and associated concrete companies, doing various jobs including sales manager. Terry moved to Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island and spent 30+ years as a shareholder, comptroller and, finally, president of an asphalt paving company. Upon retirement in 2008, Terry and his wife, Melody moved to West Kelowna and purchased their home in Sonoma Pines in October 2016.

Terry and his wife have two grown sons, one of whom is married with two boys. They all reside in Kamloops.

In his spare time Terry enjoys volunteering at Two Eagles golf course which he has done for the past 8 years. His other interests are golfing, pickle-ball, bike riding, fly fishing, going to the gym and walking his dog.

Annual Rates For Average Single Family

The largest item on our town hall budget was water and sewer which SPHOA pays en bloc to WFN instead of each household receiving an annual bill. The numbers above were retrieved from the West Kelowna website comparing rates throughout the valley. Only Kelowna has lower rates. And a good thing we don't live in Vernon! (*see chart below*)

At the town hall meeting, Council told us that the WFN has served notice that our rates are expected to increase next year.

Andrew Gregson

3911 Sonoma Pines Drive



Mike Trenn and Maxx

Mike was born and raised in Kelowna, BC. After high school he moved to Vancouver where he met his wife, Carol. Career moves had them moving to Winnipeg, then Toronto, finally back to BC. It was always a dream to move to the Okanagan which they did in 2003, to the Westside. Mike retired in 2015. As he and Carol looked for their next home, Sonoma Pines became the preferred next step.

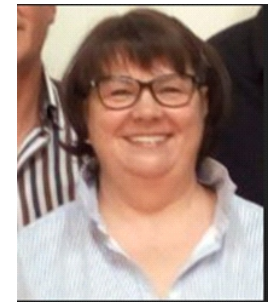
They have two sons, a grand-daughter and grand-son and enjoy family functions, making good use of the clubhouse.

Continuing Education led to a Diploma in Marketing and Sales Management from the Faculty of Commerce, UBC. Mike also has Certification in a number of fields.

Mike's career experience includes Financial Services with experience in Investments, Financial Planning, Life Insurance, Fiduciary Accountability and Project and Marketing Management, as well as experience and extensive work with families and business owners.

Mike has been active in a range of Community and Professional activities at Board level. Some examples are: Gellatly Bay Trails and Park Society, Westbank and District Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Commission - Central Okanagan, West Kelowna Residents Association, and Fraser Valley Estate Planning Council.

Mike and Carol enjoy walking their dog, hiking and the friendly atmosphere of Sonoma Pines.



Suzanne Larouche

After retiring from ICBC, Suzanne and her husband relocated from White Rock to Peachland where she learned about gardening in the Okanagan Valley. In 2014, they moved to Sonoma Pines and she started volunteering soon after.

Over the past four years Suzanne has been a member of the Maintenance Committee, the Cost Allocation Committee, and the Finance Committee. She has worked on a number of different projects including the Alteration Request review process, RFPs, Sonoma Pines Home database, Cost Allocation Model, and the Depreciation Report, to name a few. She believes that this experience has given her a good understanding of Sonoma Pines financial and operational needs.

Suzanne says she's not particularly fond of the spotlight, working behind the scene is her preferred place; however, she knew that if she wanted to work on Landscaping and Irrigation she had to come out of the shadows. "So here I am a bit pale but ready to tackle this challenge", she says.

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The Sonoma Pines Community please check out the website at:
sonomapines.info

	SPHOA	Westbank	Lakeview	Sunnyside/Pritchard	Penticton	Kelowna	Vernon
Water		\$577.87	\$327.05	\$396.05	\$499.79	\$366.78	\$1,114.46
Sewer		\$366.80	\$366.80	\$366.80	\$320.90	\$235.08	\$377.20
Total	\$649.09	\$944.67	\$693.85	\$762.85	\$820.69	\$601.86	\$1,491.66
Difference		-\$ 295.58	-\$ 44.76	-\$ 113.76	-\$ 171.60	\$ 47.23	-\$ 842.57

Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

Calendar click here: <http://www.sonomapines.info/calendar/>



Canada Day Friday June 29th

Please join us for our annual Canada Day BBQ from 3pm – 7pm. We will be serving Hamburgers (including Veggie Burgers), Salads and Dessert. The cost will be \$7.50 per person. Please feel free to bring your own refreshments (beer, wine etc.). Light refreshments (pop and water) will be available for a small fee. The Social Committee will again be having a raffle of “Wines of The Westside” with the proceeds going to the betterment of the Clubhouse. There will also be a 50/50 draw.

To enable the organizers to purchase food, we request that if you will be attending that you please RSVP no later than **Tuesday June 26th** to

Lorna Wright lorna-wright@shaw.ca
250-452-9872 or

Jean Scheidl scheidls@telus.net
778-754-188



5th Annual Golf Tournament



This year's tournament is planned for **Monday September 10th**. The format is Texas Scramble – Best Ball. This event is always a great success, so get your names in early as registration is limited to the first 64 golfers, with an additional 15 non-golfers that would like to just attend the dinner. Cost is \$75 per person which includes golf, dinner and prizes. Cost for the dinner only will be \$40. A wonderful catered dinner will again be served by Neil of 19 Okanagan Bar and Grill.

To register please contact either
Jean Scheidl 778-754-1884

scheidls@telus.net or

Lorna Wright 250-452-9872
lorna-wright@shaw.ca

If you would like to form your own foursome, please let us know when you register and we will do the best we can to accommodate you. **Just a reminder that deadline for registration and payment is August 29th.** Payments by cheque or cash can be made by contacting Jean Scheidl at the above number. More details to follow.

6th Annual Sonoma Pines Garage Sale

It was a warm, sunny day on Saturday May 26 when the 6th Annual Sonoma Pines garage sale took place. There wasn't a parking space to be had in the community and even a U-Haul truck was spotted as would-be browsers and buyers took to the streets looking for bargains! Another

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Wendy MacLeod 250-899-1013
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Painting Club

Glen Heming 250-768-0991
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Clubhouse Rentals

If you are interested in reserving the Sonoma Pines Clubhouse and require any information please call Jean Scheidl at 778-754-1884

Rental Forms and Insurance Information are now on line at www.sonomapines.info under the Clubhouse tab.

Letters



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sonomapinesnews@gmail.com

great year, 66 homes participated - a little down from last year - but still a good number to please eager treasure-seekers.

Cost to participate is \$5 for advertising and signage and \$10 to set up tables in the clubhouse. Yes, one can also browse in comfort out of the hot sun! Thanks go to the social committee crew, who weren't participating in the garage sale, for doing a great job cooking approx 180 hot dogs for hungry garage sale folks! All proceeds to go towards improvements in the clubhouse.

This event has proved to be very popular with customers who come from far and near to participate. Watch this space for next year's garage sale!

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