



4-Way Stop Information Town Hall Meeting

On Wednesday, June 13 there was a full house (with standing room only) at the Clubhouse for the information meeting on the 4-way stop which is planned for Carrington and Butt Roads.

Thanks go to Graeme Dimmick representing WFN and Kelvin Bishop from Sonoma Pines for attending the meeting and also answering homeowners' questions on the planned drawings as proposed by BC's Ministry of Transportation.

The stop signs are expected to be installed later this summer.

Link to schematic diagram and town hall meeting notes will be made available on the website.



Sonoma / Carrington / Butt Intersection

Responses to questions from Sonoma Pines homeowners were passed on to the design engineer(s) and they have provided the response below:

1. Were right turn lanes considered (or 2 lanes entering each leg) - At 4-way stop intersections it is preferable to have a single lane on each approach. With multiple lanes on each approach there is the potential for 8 cars to arrive at the same time plus pedestrians. The efficient and safe operation of 4-way stops depends upon drivers being able to assess who arrived first and who has the right-of-way. If traffic volumes are indicating a need for multiple approach lanes, then a roundabout or signal is a more appropriate intersection control type.
2. Why only 2 crosswalks - Crosswalks were positioned to direct pedestrians to the locations where there is a sidewalk to encourage their use. Given it is a 4-way stop there is no extra delay for pedestrians who cross using the crosswalks compared to crossing on the opposite side of the intersection with no crosswalks. In any case, at intersections pedestrians are legally allowed to cross all approaches regardless of whether a marked crosswalk is provided.
3. Any way to stop the commercial traffic (from Canadian Tire and Mall to south) from being allowed to turn towards Carrington intersection - Not really. Assuming Carrington is not defined as a

truck route; trucks are still permitted to travel via the local road network using the most direct route between their origin and the truck route. Carrington/Butt is so close to the trucks' origins/destinations that it would be hard to argue against their use of this intersection. Additionally, truck route restrictions are notoriously challenging to enforce with partnership/cooperation between local police and bylaw officers often required.

4. Why the transit stop on Butt - From checking BC Transit it would appear that route 25 travels on Butt and uses the stop
5. Speed bumps on Carrington? Carrington is classified as a Commercial Collector - Typically wouldn't put speed bumps on a Commercial Collector. Additionally Carrington is under the jurisdiction of MoTI and they would need to be involved in any decisions regarding speed bumps. I believe a raised crosswalk for Carrington has previously been suggested, but MoTI didn't support it.
6. Flashing lights on median approaches to new intersection - Temporary flashing yellow warning lights could be provided as part of the transition to the new 4-way stop to increase driver awareness of the change in control

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Sonoma Pines Website and Sonoma Sun Newsletter

www.sonomapines.info

You can check here for most recent articles on the community, back issues of the newsletter, or copies of Council minutes and financial statements. Some pages are password protected so use sonomapines and you should be fine. If there is something that you would like to see on the site or in the Newsletter please email us at sonomapinesnews@gmail.com.



SP NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOCK WATCH PROGRAM UPDATE

A SUMMER UPDATE



It's that time of year when we may have unwanted visitors in the Okanagan and in our neighbourhood that haven't been invited! Only we the homeowners know who don't belong in our community.

Please remember to keep your garage door closed if you are not at home or close by. Lock your door if you are not in the yard or nearby and keep valuable items on your patios and lawn areas out of sight.

We've had a few unwanted visitors lately roaming around Sonoma Pines, and fortunately, in both instances, this has been reported to the RCMP by our homeowners. Thank you very much to those homeowners who called 911 to report this.

DON'T ASSUME SOMEONE ELSE HAS CALLED THE POLICE...

THREE CALLS RECEIVED ARE BETTER THAN NO CALLS AT ALL!

Let's keep our community safe.

Your Neighbourhood Block Watch Team.



Xeriscape Oval Garden Report

The xeriscape oval garden is starting to fill in. We have had to water once a week, but as soon as the plants become well established they will develop deep roots and be able to sustain themselves. We will keep a close watch on the growth and spread of these plants to see which ones thrive best in our garden. We're looking forward to seeing the Allium Karataviense bloom (Turkestan Onion) in the spring. We purchased them from *Okanagan Xeriscape Association*, they bloom in the spring and should be quite spectacular!



Our volunteers will be weeding on their bi-monthly schedule, please give them a friendly wave when you see them in the garden.

Dagmar Leuenberger-Swift
Sonoma Pines Landscape Committee Volunteer

Important Notice for Owners and Residents: Section 3 - Clubhouse Access Requirements

We have a beautiful Clubhouse that many of our owners and residents utilise. Use of the Clubhouse is a privilege, when you have finished using the Clubhouse please ensure that doors are closed and locked when you leave.

Young people have been observed in the Games Room with blinds drawn. Persons using the Clubhouse and Fitness Room must be over 19 years of age per Clubhouse Rules which must be observed.

Section 3 - Clubhouse Access Requirements

h. Minors: Under no circumstances is anyone under the age of 19 allowed in the Clubhouse without the supervision of a Resident.

For more information on access and use of Clubhouse please check the Sonoma Pines website link:

<http://www.sonomapines.info/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/Club-House-Rules-revised-October-3-2017.pdf>

The Clubhouse Committee are looking for a couple of volunteers. If you're interested in volunteering on this committee (or any other committee) please contact a Board member. It sure would be appreciated!

Questions or comments may be sent directly to me.

Thank you,
Robert (Bob) Scruton, CTR
Chair of the SSC b_scruton@telus.net
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2018-2019 Board of Directors and Committees

The 2018 - 2019 Board is excited to welcome their newest members and thank those members who have volunteered to serve another year on the Board.

Members of the Board met recently and elected officers and assigned committee responsibilities for the 2018 - 2019 year as follows:

Executive and Officers

Board Chair - Bryon Dickie
Board Vice-Chair - David Reid
Treasurer - Terry Cross
Secretary - Brenda Evans
Bob Scruton
Suzanne Larouche
Michael Trenn

Committee Responsibilities

Maintenance - David Reid
Finance - Terry Cross
Landscaping & Irrigation - Suzanne Larouche
Welcome, Communication/Website and Social Committees - Brenda Evans
Clubhouse and Safety & Security Committees - Bob Scruton
Process Improvement - Michael Trenn
<http://www.sonomapines.info/>



L-R back: David Reid, Bryon Dickie, Bob Scruton, Mike Trenn, Terry Cross, Front: Brenda Evans, Suzanne Larouche



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Sonoma Pines Calendar Of Events

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



Happy Hour Fun at the Clubhouse

- Outdoor Games Night - July 13
- Trivia Night - July 27

For more information contact either
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**5th Annual
Golf Tournament**
Monday, Sept. 10



(Your attention that is...)

Parking Restrictions within Sonoma Pines
- take a few minutes to familiarise yourself
with the **Bylaws and Policies** section
(pages 6-8) posted on the website:
<http://www.sonomapines.info/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/Schedule-E-Bylaws-6.5.18.pdf>

- Navigation systems or GPS will direct traffic to the Sonoma Pines lower gate (off of Boucherie Road). Please advise visitors or vendors to access our community off Carrington Road.
- *Drive safely in our community*

Sonoma Pines Activities & Contacts

Quilting

Wendy MacLeod 250-899-1013
wendymac@gmail.com

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



Please send your comments and letters to
sonomapinesnews@gmail.com

Here's your real estate run down for mid-2018 in Sonoma Pines

Hello fellow Sonoma Pines residents!

We are halfway through 2018 and that means SUMMER!
This time of year is what living in the Okanagan is all about.

Here's your real estate run down for mid-2018 in Sonoma Pines(SP): Sales are down 35% from 2017. This is on trend with sales across the mid valleys which, at this time, are down 28% from 2017. So far this year 11 units have sold in SP. The average sold price so far this year is \$638,836 with the lowest price unit selling for \$515,000 and the highest going for \$730,000. The wide spectrum in these price differences can be explained by the fact that SP has such a wide variety

of sizes, finishings, views, floor plans etc. If you were to list your property today, you would likely be on the market for a couple of months because the average days on market in SP are currently 66. Also, 2018 is shaping up to be another strong year for Kelowna real estate though things are trending towards a more balanced buyer/seller market as opposed to the red hot sellers markets of 2016 and 2017.

I welcome any comments or questions, so please feel free to contact me. Thanks again for reaching out!

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