



Spring has arrived and it's time to be thinking about our next Columere year and preserving this great community! I would like to thank both the Community and the Board Members for all of their support over the last year and for your continued support ahead.

We spoke at our last AGM about the changes and results for last year and now I will focus on the year ahead starting May 1st and the subsequent Community Dues Invoicing. Once again, our dues are set at \$200.00 with no increase.

Key projects for this year in our budget:

New paddles and tethers: We will be replacing broken and unsafe paddles and we are looking into tethers for the longboards

New Bear/ Cougar and Tennis Court Signage: We will be setting out Bear or Cougar Warning signs as you enter Columere Park when we become aware the danger exists. It will be the responsibility of the residents to further ensure your family members are safe and informed. We will be placing a sign on the Tennis Courts indicating use for Pickle Ball and Tennis only. We have had some problems with teenagers scaling the fence and skateboarding, damaging the court's surface.

South Dog Area Stairs: We plan to install a set of stairs by the canoe racks from the grass to the beach as this is quite steep to climb down and the stairs will make this area safer.

Beach Front Fence: We have decided after much investigation that our best option to reduce our risks at the beach for access and security is to install an 8 foot high chain link fence. This has been approved by the Board, but we require your support and approval as well, **in a special May 17th meeting.**

We are paying close to \$8,000 now for beach security as we try to allow access to paid members, but restrict access to the general public. We must ask ourselves whether this is a public or private beach and it is PRIVATE. Last summer we provided weekend day and night security as well as partial security during the week days. We discovered that there were generations of families coming to use our beach during the week. We tracked from 3 to 8 families per 6 hour shift being turned away, not including those people turning around at the bulletin boards when they realized a guard was present. Managing all aspects of access, maintenance and the liability for this private beachfront is paramount. The loss of this crossing would be devastating to us all, including our property values. Most other private beach accesses are gate restricted.

2014-2015 Board Members

- **President;** Garry Gray 2015
- **Treasurer;** Bonnie Semeschuk 2015
- Valerie Bracken 2016
- Glenn Baumbach 2016
- Carleen Hamdon 2016
- Kevin Hughes 2015
- Mike Lelek 2015
- Brett Lamore 2016
- Bruce Littke 2016
- Paul Roggeman 2015
- Jim Waddell 2015
- Lori Watt 2015

Benefits of a Beach Front Fence;

- Elimination of day, weekend and night security costs
- Reduction of our Liabilities with the track crossing
- Usage restricted to CPCA paid members
- Restrict unwanted guests from across the Valley
- Reduce property damage potential

We don't see security dropping off any time soon as we manage access and all the liabilities that come with that ie. the tracks, property damage, beach parties, late night noise etc. etc. We plan on installing an 8 foot black chain link fence from the south entrance along the parking lot fence line and to the pond. There would be 2 gated access points where they are now with a member's key pad access. The Rae's marina gate would be modified for additional height as well.

We all struggle with the necessity of a fence but in the end we are trying to manage our wonderful facilities in a cost effective and safe manner. The entire cost for the fence installation is just under \$20,000. This results in less than a 2 1/2 year payback with the elimination of future security costs. **To discuss and vote on the fence, we would like to conduct a special meeting at Coy's Barn on May 17th at 10.30 AM.**

Meeting Agenda:

- Present fence project, discussion and motion to vote
- Take payments for dues
- Request volunteers and distribute signup sheets
- Quick overview of dog policy refer to CPCA Website

Upcoming Community Events

May 17th Meeting

Coy's Barn, 10.30 to 11.30 AM

Beach Cleanup-July 11th

10 AM - Many hands make light work!

Barn dance-TBA

AGM and Community BBQ

Aug 22nd

Meeting 10 AM BBQ 3 PM

Other Items;

Beach Contract; We would like to thank the Bracken team for having done an excellent job with the Beach Contract last year! We would also like to introduce Garrett Merz as our 2015 contractor.

Swim Docks; Due to safety and sanitary reasons, the board has decided not to put the swim docks out for the 2015 season, but will reconsider putting them out again in the 2016 season.

Formalized suggestion process; We value your suggestions and ideas! We are developing a suggestion/complaint form to fill in and submit on our website. Suggestions by paid up members will be reviewed and considered by the Board for response or possible action item. We will be encouraging community members to use this method rather than seeking out Board Members on their personal time. Remember we are volunteers serving the community!

Finally, we would like to let the community know of the passing of one of our most notable volunteers, Thelma Gardner. Thelma was truly devoted to family and community life and she will be deeply missed .

I look forward to seeing you on May 17th at Coy's barn.

CPCA President

G. Gray