



WINDERMERE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

OUR COMMUNITY VISION

The people of Windermere envision their community as primarily residential with artisans and artists, as well as a tourist destination for persons of all ages where individuals and families are able to realize their lifestyle needs and desires with opportunity for education, business, recreation and social integration in a rural village ambiance, affording a clean, safe, attractive environment which includes wildlife, gardens, green space and walkways.

OUR ASSOCIATION MANDATE

- *Provide buildings and facilities for community meetings, entertainment, educational activities and sports.*
- *Foster or participate in all such activities that will lead to the cultural, social physical and agricultural benefit of the community.*
- *Provide a forum for community discussion and debate.*
- *Raise money by all legal means to support the above objectives.*

OUR MEMBERS

Anyone who supports our mandate may join the WCA. Voting members must be over 18 and permanent residents or property owners within the boundaries of the Windermere Fire Protection District.

PRESIDENT and VICE- PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a successful year in the community thanks in large part to the energy of a few dedicated people. These individuals were responsible for organizing events and finding resources to support both new and ongoing programs and initiatives. However, the Association could not operate without our members, donors and volunteers. We look forward to your support in 2010 and encourage you to spread the word of what we do so we can renew and expand our membership and volunteer base. This report is designed to respond to the questions: Why should I join the Association? What is in it for me? What does the Association do?

For starters, 5 regular volunteers organize seasonally themed "special events" mostly for families and young children:

- Valentine's day party,
- Easter Sunday Egg Hunt
- summer Pirate and Princess party
- Hallowe'en party complete with Haunted House
- Christmas party and talent show

These events were partially subsidized with residual revenue from our former Bottle Depot whose incoming funds are sorely missed. We welcome any suggestions for another initiative that could take its place. Residual Bottle Depot funds also subsidized the following:

- Swim Lessons at Windermere Beach
- the local Crime Prevention and Intervention organization "Citizens on Patrol"
- A new computer
- Cupboards for new furniture and a sound system at the Community Hall

The new furniture and sound system, as well as baffles to improve hall acoustics, were paid for by a grant from the Columbia Basin Trust received in 2008. Their addition makes our Hall one of, if not the best venue for meetings and parties for up to 150 in our whole region. We hope the improvements will encourage greater rental use of the Hall so the funds the WCA must raise to maintain the Hall can be reduced. The following events were staged to ensure we had sufficient funds for that purpose in 2009:

- The Fall Fair and Scarecrow Festival
- A community Garage Sale

The other main activities and initiatives undertaken this year were

- Valley Pride town cleanup
- Dock maintenance reimbursed by slip holders
- Maintenance of Windermere Beach on behalf of the Regional District of East Kootenay
- Website updating and e-mail information service – facilitated by a Grant from the Regional District of East Kootenay. Check it out at www.windermerecommunity.ca and keep in touch via e-mail at info@windermerecommunity.ca – we value your input
- Planning the January 22 celebration of the 2010 Olympic/Para-Olympic Torch relay, complete with a new pond hockey rink, using funds from the Department of Canadian Heritage, local businesses and WCA members.

Anne Picton – President

Cheri Hann – Vice President

DATE PAD – 2010

Friday, January 22	Torch Celebration	Thursday, May 6	Birdsong Supper In conjunction with <i>Wings over the Rockies</i>
Monday, February 1	WCA General meeting		
Monday, March 1	WCA General meeting	Monday, June 7	WCA General Meeting
Saturday, March 27	Annual General Meeting	Saturday, July 10	Pirate and Princess Party
Sunday, April 4	Easter Egg Hunt	Saturday, Sept. 11	Fall Fair/Scarecrow Festival
Saturday, April 24	Town Cleanup	Sunday, Oct. 31	Hallowe'en Party
Monday, May 3	WCA General	Sunday, Dec. 19	Christmas Party

Other events will be announced in e-mail bulletins as dates are established. Watch the Community Sign Board.

OUR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 10:00am.

- We need to elect a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- The current Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer have agreed to stand again.
- We must acquire a new President.

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WINDERMERE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM 2010

Name(s): _____

Windermere Street Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Alternate Mailing address: _____

Alternate Telephone (1) : _____ (2): _____

E-mail (1): _____ E-mail (2): _____

Membership Fee: Family \$20.00 Single \$10.00

Cash Donation (eligible for Revenue Canada partial deduction): _____

Cheques should be sent to: Windermere Community Association
4726 North Street
Windermere, BC,
V0B 2L2

**WINDERMERE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending 2009**

REVENUE	2009	2008	EXPENSES	2009	2008
Columbia Basin Trust Grant	n/a	12,500	Furniture, Sound System etc	11,713	1,435
RDEK Beach Grant	12,056	10,362	Beach Expenses	11,954	11,310
RDEK Web site Grant	500	n/a	Website Upgrade	974	n/a
Bottle Depot	0	4,299	Subsidies for Public Services	1,686	500
Memberships & Donations	4,455	5,480	Administration	613	3,905
Hall Rent	5,235	6,525	Hall Expenses	13,732	13,196
Family party donations/concessions	788	391	Family parties	1160	844
Fund Raisers Net Expenses	8,420	8,506	Laptop Computer	600	n/a
Other (including interest)	267	371	Storage Cupboards for Hall	1,692	n/a
CH Torch Celebration Grant	7,360	n/a	Torch Celebration	360	n/a
TOTALS	39,081	\$48,434	TOTALS	\$44,484	\$31,190
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 2009 = (\$5,403)			EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES 2008 = \$17,244		



Would you like to become involved in our community activities?

If you could help with any of our ongoing activities, your help would be most appreciated.
We have tasks as large or small as you have time to commit. Please check one of the following boxes or contact Cheri Hann at 250-341-3383 for more details.

Bird Song Supper	Fall Fair and Scarecrow Festival
Children's and family parties	Hall Maintenance or upgrades
Board member	Beach maintenance or upgrades
Valley Pride - Clean up the town	Other - including new fundraisers

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS