

MAYNE ISLAND HOUSING SOCIETY MARCH NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - A Great Success!

The Church House was full (37 attendees, 17 new members) and we had an excellent AGM.

Deb described what the Society has achieved in it's first year and where we are heading.

We elected our directors - Deborah Goldman, Richard Iredale, Andrew Smith, Cathy Purss, Pamela Withers, Brian Crumblehume, and, nominated from the floor (out of the blue!): Jaylen Bishop.

Welcome all, especially Jaylen.

We passed a special resolution that will allow us to have votes of members electronically (e.g. voting via email). This will be useful for straightforward minor changes, significant issues will still require a personally-attended general meeting.

Peter Robinson made a very well received presentation on "Leadership through Affordable Housing developments". Our project(s) will last many decades and we can show leadership by incorporating features that will cope with climatic changes expected by that time. Peter also repeatedly stressed how being transparent to the community at every stage avoids the serious risk of distrust arising in the community. Thank you Peter!

A brief information announcement was made before the AGM was called to order: Murray, Bruce and Avril Rosengren made a presentation of their proposal for the Oceanwood property. It would include 20 prefabricated small homes on leased pads plus 10 RV pads. This will proceed through normal channels. (Note that MIHS does not have any connection to this project)

MEMBERSHIP - We love you, and we want your money

We use the membership fees for the expenses of running the society - we don't want to use grants for costs such as Mayneliner articles, room rental etc. This is because the grants are usually for specific, rather than general, purposes.

So Cathy Purss and Jaylen will be contacting the members for your 2019 fees - still only \$10! They will also be inviting those on our information list to join - please consider helping us out.

LAND

Getting (donated) land is the next big milestone, we continue to work on leads for land and are in

conversation with some owners.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - That's it, we're done

We made a presentation to the firefighters society recently and with that we've completed our first round of community contacts, almost every group has heard from us now (and people who serve on several boards have heard us more than once). We've been well received without exception.

We will do it all again (with the addition of a general public meeting) once we have settled on a piece of land and have good detail on what we are proposing to build. Hopefully later this year.

by Andrew Smith for the Mayne Island Housing Society