



# DECEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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## LAND - LOTS OF ACTIVITY, LOTS OF HOPE



There isn't much smoke but at this season we have lots of heat. Many board meetings and private conversations with key people have moved us very close to our goal of land. These conversations are both critical and confidential so please forgive the lack of concrete information. Believe me, we are close.

The summary of this last year includes eight potential sites:

- One got to the public meeting stage (the land adjacent to the community centre) - abandoned due to neighbour objections,
- another was a proposed donation (withdrawn after neighbour objections),

- a proposed partial donation (regretfully declined because of anticipated zoning issues).
- Another was shut down by an off-island authority.
- Another was discontinued due to the donor's health issues
- Others were considered and 'put on the back burner' while we were looking into the above parcels.
- Others are under consideration

What we want you to see from this is

- 1) that we are relentless and
- 2) that we are very active and
- 3) sooner rather than later we will succeed!

This represents a huge amount of work. We are building credibility and have very strong support from experts and agencies. In short, we can access considerable funding for construction from large agencies. What we need right now is modest funding and pledges to allow us to purchase land without a mortgage. The MIHS Board are confident this can be achieved very soon.

Which brings us to....



**DONATIONS BEFORE YEAR-END**

**We will need funds urgently** as soon as we are ready to move on the right piece of land - hopefully soon!

**If you want a tax receipt for 2019** - donate now! You can contact us, in confidence, at [mihousingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:mihousingsociety@gmail.com).

NB: tax receipts are issued for donations \$20 and over.

**Please include your phone number** so we can ensure this gets processed for the 2019 tax year.

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## MANAGING THE DEVELOPMENT

We are committed to creating an affordable housing development that will be a safe space for all qualifying islanders that need it (seniors, families, children and the working people that keep Mayne Island services and small businesses viable) as well as being a good neighbour to adjoining properties

The board is committed that any Mayne Island housing complex **MUST** fit unobtrusively into the community and be embraced as an essential feature of our rural landscape that we can all be proud of.

With that in mind we sat down with Martin Thompson, who has decades of experience in administering similar communities. We gathered some important tips and priorities.

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## NEW DIRECTOR

Thomi Glover has come onto the board, filling the vacancy left by Cathy Purss's departure.

As many of you will know, Thomi has had a distinguished career as both a management consultant and an Anglican minister.

She has already shown she is going to be an excellent board member.

Thank you Thomi for stepping up!

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## WEBSITE

We have had Jim Traversey of Alea review it, and he has given his thumbs up, and we plan to launch it in the New Year.

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## NEXT AGM

We will hold our second AGM on February 22 from 2-4pm, at the Community Centre.

Please mark your calendars.

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# AND FINALLY

Happy Holidays! may we all enjoy warm homes and warm families!

From the Board of the Mayne Island Housing Society:

Deborah, Brian, Andrew, Jeylan, Pam, Richard, and Thomi.



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