



MAC Annual General Meeting

Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church Hall
Whistler, British Columbia
March 28, 2011

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

President Sue Lawther called the 16th annual general meeting of the Mature Action Committee of Whistler to order at 7:04 p.m. Pres. Lawther welcomed members and guests to the meeting, and introduced the executive members at the table: Doug Deeks (treasurer) and Jessie Pendygrasse (secretary/nomination committee chair).

2.0 APOLOGIES

none

3.0 VALIDATION AND QUORUM

Pres. Lawther confirmed notice of the meeting was posted in local newspapers and the notice and the agenda were circulated to MAC members and placed on MAC website in compliance with requirements. VP Lawther confirmed attendance of 46 members in good standing which exceeded the required quorum of 20% and the meeting lawfully opened.

4.0 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – April 19, 2010

It was moved by D. Oakes, seconded by G. Watson, that the Minutes be approved as circulated. Motion carried.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 President's Report (S. Lawther)

Our path remains much the same, as we progress towards our long term goal – that is making Whistler a place where seniors can 'age comfortably in-place' - and our focus includes both the creation of more affordable housing for seniors, and meeting the health and social needs of seniors in our community

- our MEMBERSHIP is strong as seniors continue to be the fastest growing demographic
- ACTIVITIES such as the Seniors Ski Team & Seniors Fitness Classes are continuing successes, but the range of activities offered for seniors is expanding due in large part to the efforts of our new Seniors' Needs Action Planner, Melissa Deller, and the efforts of the Seniors' Needs Assessment Focus Group
- MAC continues to partner with the RMOW relative to Whistler 2020, with many of our members active on various task forces including the Measuring Up committee, a province wide accessibility initiative embraced by the RMOW
- And of course our members are always busy volunteering throughout our community – in the village, on the mountains, and throughout the Valley

- Our COMMUNICATIONS continue to rely primarily on our web site www.whistlermac.org, with occasional coverage in the local media; with the help of our webmaster & member Don Armour our website is constantly being updated, and more resource content is being added
- Also, we count on you to keep us advised as to any changes in your addresses, so we can stay in touch
- Our SENIOR'S NEEDS ASSESSMENT GROUP remains active, and they ARE finding ways to ensure healthy ageing here in Whistler. This year's initiative is to produce a "Reality Checklist" for Whistler seniors to use in making plans to age in place in Whistler.
- Last year you told us that healthcare, cost of living and cost of housing were your top three concerns. 91% of you supported a seniors' advocate position, and 78% wanted a seniors centre. Given this mandate, we have worked hard over the past year as follows:

2010 Goal	Status
1. Compile a directory of existing services and resources for Whistler seniors (both print and digital formats)	☑ Completed
2. Create a partnership and identify funding opportunities to hire a senior's advocate	☑ Completed
3. Continue to advocate for senior's housing opportunities for Whistler seniors.	☑ Ongoing: WHA, RMOW, private developers
4. Advocate for enhancement of existing services or creation of new ones (e.g. senior's centre)	☑ Ongoing
5. Continue to develop partnerships to bring seniors activities to the community	☑ Ongoing: WCSS, RMOW, Measuring Up
6. Explore funding opportunities	☑ Ongoing: New Horizons, UBCM, Community Enrichment, WHCF

- This year some really good things for seniors have happened -
 - ✓ Through Whistler Community Services, the appointment of a part-time "Seniors Coordinator", Melissa Deller
 - ✓ Publication of Access Whistler: A Senior's Resource Guide
 - ✓ First annual Seniors' Fair
 - ✓ Negotiations underway with the RMOW for a temporary Seniors' Centre
- Looking forward we see another pressing need in our community - how to put plans in place to stay in our community. The Focus Group have set the goal of producing a 'reality checklist', so to speak, for seniors wishing to actively engage and age in place in this community of Whistler.

UPDATE on SENIORS HOUSING -

- ❖ MAC Directors continue to look for opportunities; they consult with both developers and RMOW planners as needed, and one of our MAC Directors has a continuing presence on the WHA Board
- ❖ As most of you already know, there are three senior's housing opportunities in process as part of more comprehensive developments
- ❖ They include: [1] the Holborn Property [incorporating the Whistler Racquet Club - Wildwood Pacific Bistro]; [2] Cheakamus Crossing [previously referred to as the Athletes Village] located in the lower Cheakamus; and [3] the Rainbow Lands [north of Alpine Meadows], now referred to as The Woods at Rainbow

At Cheakamus Crossing:

- ❖ 24 units of resident restricted housing were allocated to seniors 2 ½ years ago
- ❖ While undersubscribed, 9 of those units are now owned & occupied by Whistler seniors
- ❖ The remainder are owned & occupied by Whistler residents from the WHA waitlist

- ❖ On resale, all of those units [eg 24] will be offered first to qualified Whistler seniors
- ❖ Resale of one of the townhome units may take place in a few months, and all MAC members will be notified of this opportunity at that time

At Holborn [tennis club]:

- ❖ the Development Agreement and rezoning proposal allows for approximately 22 units of seniors housing plus a seniors activity centre
- ❖ There is no change in the status of this development since last year
- ❖ the rezoning has been stalled after the 3rd reading, as current market conditions are no longer attractive relative to the overall development

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At Rainbow Lot 11:

- ❖ zoning provides for a maximum of 20 seniors housing units, without any price restrictions on the first sale
- ❖ known as The Woods at Rainbow, it will no longer be proceeding this spring as the required level of presales was not achieved by late last year
- ❖ the Developer indicates that a reservation list may be started again later this year

At Rainbow Lot 10:

- ❖ zoning provides for a maximum of 20 'seniors occupancy and price restricted' units
 - ❖ this development may include a mix of both ownership and rental units
 - ❖ Lot 10 is now owned by the RMOW
 - ❖ In November 2010 a Seniors Housing Needs Assessment survey was completed specific to Lot 10 to confirm interest
 - ❖ Based on the survey results, interest and commitment in a seniors housing at Lot 10 is at a relatively high level
 - ❖ 36 respondents [this number including 5 renters] are prepared to occupy by 2012, increasing to 46 [incl. 8 renters] by 2014
 - ❖ Subsequently WHA staff have submitted applications to CMHC for seed funding to help facilitate moving forward with this project
 - ❖ In addition discussions have taken place with the architect
 - ❖ And a Quantity Surveyor has been retained to review potential pricing of the housing based on preliminary plans
 - ❖ So a process towards the possible development of 'affordable' seniors housing on Lot 10 is moving forward at this time
 - ❖ HOW DO YOU QUALIFY for seniors housing, and go on a wait list for these projects? The answer is relatively simple. By being a member of MAC, you will automatically be notified whenever there is a senior's housing opportunity, whether it is a new product or a re-sale. For more information about our priority points system [which favours both age and length of time Whistler has been your primary residence] we refer you to our website, or otherwise feel free to speak to any one of our Directors, or inquire through the WHA.
 - ❖ What about SENIOR'S RENTAL HOUSING? From our membership surveys there is a small number [about 10%] who have a preference [or possibly a need] to rent rather than purchase; also others have indicated that they have no particular preference, and therefore could be interested in rental if available. While one of our goals has always been to create some rental units, it continues to represent a huge challenge to secure the necessary equity financing in today's economy; there are no senior's housing rental projects contemplated at this time. There is another option for rental housing, however, as the WHA does have a fairly large inventory of rental apartment units located throughout our community; while not specifically allocated for seniors, some MAC members may be eligible and could apply to be on the WHA rental waitlist as 'Whistler Retirees'.
- In CONCLUSION, two long time members were remembered by the membership for their hard work over the many years of their MAC membership on the Board ... Ken Nickerson and Betty McWhinnie. They hold a very special place in the hearts of us all and our best wishes go out to their families.
 - Also our thanks goes to Marla & Jessica at the WHA for their continuing support

- And once again our thanks goes out to all of you for being here today.

5.2 Treasurer's Report (Doug Deeks)

Treasurer Deeks provided a review of the revenue and expenses:

MATURE ACTION COMMITTEE WHISTLER, BC.

FUND STATEMENT FOR THE YEARS ENDED JANUARY 31, 2010 & 2011

	Previous Year 2010	Current Year 2011
BANK BALANCE- FEBRUARY 1	\$1,047	\$5,150
CASH OPERATIONS DURING YEAR		
Receipts:		
Membership	1,520	1,290
Donation	0	500
	<u>1,520</u>	<u>1,790</u>
Expenditures:		
Annual General Meeting	607	849
Society Act registration fee	25	40
MAC Web site development & maintenance	388	242
Senior's Community Needs Survey & Seminar	1,317	198
Senior's Life Style Fair	0	178
Board sundries	63	0
Post Office box rental	131	146
Bank service charges	15	0
	<u>2,546</u>	<u>1,653</u>
Net Receipts (Expenditures)	-1,026	137
Term Deposit: Closed to Bank Account December 23, 2009	5,130	0
BANK BALANCE - JANUARY 31	<u>\$5,151</u>	<u>\$5,287</u>

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It was moved by G. Leidal, seconded by B. Sandkul, that the financial report be approved as circulated and presented. Motion carried.

5.3 Nominating Committee Report (Jessie Pendencygrasse)

As required by MAC By-laws, the current Directors retired at this time. Nominations for the upcoming year were submitted in response to the invitation circulated to all members as follows: David "Doc" Brown, Freda Cook, Bruce Hawkshaw, Sue Lawther, Gord Leidal, Marg Pallot, Garry Watson, Mark Watson.

It was moved by D. Oakes, seconded by S. Stangel, that the nominations be approved. Motion carried.

The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer will be appointed at the next Board meeting.

Thanks again to our retiring Board of Directors for their dedication and support over the past year.

Retiring Directors Marnie Simon, Jessie Pendencygrasse, and Doug Deeks were given a resounding round of applause. Their efforts over the past 13 years have been the very heart and backbone of MAC.

5.4 Membership Committee Report (Marg Pallot)

It was reported that we currently have 117 paid up members, and unpaid members are being contacted by e-mail and phone. We have 177 households enrolled which represents approximately 110 couples and 67 individuals.

It was moved by L. McKean, seconded by B. Sandkul, that the membership report be approved as presented. Motion carried.

5.5 Senior Needs Action Planner Report (Melissa Deller)

Melissa was hired as a part time Senior Advocate by Whistler Community Services in June 2010. Her production of the publication, Access Whistler was described. The booklet was circulated and could be picked up at the door at this meeting. Programs Melissa is working on include the 2nd annual Seniors' Lifestyle Fair in the Fall of 2011, programming for library drop in, cooking/nutrition events, a possible senior drop in centre and an informal heart healthy group. Melissa circulated after the meeting to answer questions.

6.0 GENERAL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

Garry Watson and Gord Leidal answered several questions relating to details of Lot 10 at Rainbow and its potential development in the next year.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

Pres. Lawther thanked the assembly for attending the meeting, acknowledged the retiring Directors for the contributions over the past year and welcomed the new Directors. The 16th meeting of the Mature Action Committee of Whistler was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

It was moved by M. Simon, seconded by B. Sandkul, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Special presentations were given after the Annual General Meeting by Lucy Donald, Vancouver Coastal Health Advance Care Planning, and David Sweeney, financial consultant.