

**MATURE ACTION COMMITTEE [MAC]  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

6:45-7:30 PM, Thursday, March 30, 2006  
Franz Wilhelmsen Hall, Maurice Young Millennium Place, Whistler, BC

Present: 45-50 persons: existing members, new members and visitors.

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Opening remarks by the Chair, Gordon Leidal [GL]: Welcome to all, and introductions of the table officers making presentations . GL noted that our program for the evening comes in two parts – first our AGM, this followed by the ‘Workshop on Seniors Housing Design’. Linda Blake from the Whistler Housing Authority would be the workshop facilitator, with presentations made by the two seniors housing developers [Rainbow & Holborn]. In addition Shane Ramsay, Executive Director for B.C.Housing, will be speaking on ‘The Unique Issues Associated With Design of Seniors Housing’.

**2. VALIDATION**

GL confirmed that a notice was circulated to members and posted in local media. There were no objections to the manner of calling the meeting. It was also noted a quorum was present for the meeting.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AGM HELD ON April 15, 2005**

Copies of the Minutes were available in print and on the MAC website. There were no questions from the floor and no discussion.

It was moved by Don MacLaurin and seconded by Betty McWhinnie that the Minutes be approved as circulated. The motion carried.

**4. REPORTS:**

**[1] Chair: Gordon Leidal**

Earlier this week when I sat down to prepare for this meeting, my starting point was to look back at last years report. I thought, gosh I can almost give that same report again, as it all sounds so familiar. In many ways the past year has seen a continuation of much of the same - simply building on our successes, occasionally with a setback, but certainly getting closer to our goals.

Our primary focus continues to be ‘creation of seniors housing communities’ in Whistler, but we also address ‘seniors needs and issues’ on a broader scale.

We continue to receive lots of referrals and inquiries – anything to do with seniors. We are well represented on organizations & committees throughout the community, including several Whistler 2020 Task Forces. And MAC continues to partner with the RMOW relative to Whistler 2020, our common purpose to work towards a future that is sustainable for seniors too

First, then, an update on the ‘**seniors housing**’:

I’m sure most of you know, there are presently two comprehensive development proposals that include significant seniors housing components, and they are moving forward; one being the ‘Rainbow Lands’ located just north of Alpine Meadows, and the other being the ‘Holborn Lands’, located north of Lorimer Road near the tennis club. Both are now well advanced in terms of planning, and they appear to have good support from municipal Council and staff. Over the past year each development has been on a bit of a roller-coaster at times, as various problems are encountered and addressed. MAC representatives have been in consultation with both developers throughout this period and of course, we are looking forward to presentations from both Developers during our workshop [which follows this AGM]. There will be opportunities to meet with them individually to ask questions.

We understand that the Holborn Development may include a 'Seniors Centre' as a community amenity; the need for a seniors centre has been identified as a high priority item in the Whistler 2020 document, and perhaps we will hear more about that in the Workshop.

Improved **communications with our membership**, and Whistler seniors in general, has been one of our more significant accomplishments this year - and we do hope you've noticed ?

Starting earlier this year, a regular weekly column now appears in the Whistler Question called 'Senior Voices'; thanks to both Marnie Simon and Paul Ruiterman, who share the job as contributing writers, this column addresses news, topics of interest, events and activities for the seniors community. Also, we now have our own web site [www.whistlermac.org](http://www.whistlermac.org), which includes a lot of information and news relevant to MAC members. A really big thank you goes to our web master [and member] Don Armour for making this possible.

I know these improved communications, along with the increasing interest in the proposed seniors housing communities, has had a positive impact on **our membership** - over the past year we have grown in numbers by over 30%; now with 83 singles and couples, representing 134 individuals.

Last summer MAC entered into a **Memorandum of Understanding** [MOU] with the WHA; the document itself has recently been under review by legal counsel, and it is now in a final form and ready for ratification; this document can be reviewed by our membership, as it is posted on our web site. The MOU provides guidelines for the relationship between MAC & WHA relative to the administration & provision of restricted seniors housing, and it also sets out the requirements for seniors housing qualifications, either as an owner or tenant.

Most of you are familiar with MAC's '**Requirements for Qualification**', which establish *eligibility and priority* for occupancy in a Whistler Seniors Restricted Housing Community. It is these requirements that have been updated and incorporated into the MOU. With a good possibility of seniors housing now being delivered by the private sector, the revisions account for this method of delivery, but continue to assume that MAC & WHA control occupancy, be it ownership or rental.

I encourage you to visit our web-site & take a look; or for some, simply call & request a copy.

One further note; as a result of our new relationship with WHA, MAC now has representation on the WHA Board with one non-voting member, and I have been your representative since last fall

Looking ahead, we are likely to call a 'special general meeting' later this year to address **our constitution and bylaws** – they date back to 1995, are very generic, and in need of some updating. And hopefully by that time there will be even more information and detail available on the seniors housing developments.

Other initiatives with a focus on seniors that continue with success here in Whistler include:

- the '**mature activity class**' lead by Donna Savage at Meadow Park Sports complex; now well into its second year; a group of 20 or more meet 3 times per week
- And the '**Seniors Ski Team program**', now in its third year, has expanded to 14 teams comprising 98 individuals plus coaches – a huge success and lots of fun
- And of course there are the 'bridge players' who meet here at MY Place on a regular basis,
- And much more

In conclusion, we are so fortunate because Whistler really is a great place to live, and hopefully we will soon achieve our goal of suitable housing for seniors, so that seniors can look forward to 'ageing comfortably in- place' here in Whistler.

On behalf of all of our members, my thanks goes to our retiring Board of Directors for all of your work over the past year, to staff at both the WHA and the Municipality for your support, and also to the local media for your continuing good coverage. And thanks to all of you for being here .

## [2] Treasurer's Report: Doug Deeks

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### FUND STATEMENT

February 1, 2005 to January 31, 2006

<u>BANK BALANCE – JANUARY 31, 2005</u>		\$1,661.31
Receipts: Membership		<u>1,090.00</u>
		2,751.31
Expenditures:		
Annual General Meeting & Forum On		
Healthy Aging in Whistler April 15, 2006.	\$ 959.76	
Less: Donations to support Forum	<u>200.00</u>	
	759.76	
Society Act Registration fee	25.00	
Miscellaneous items	40.76	
Bank service charges	<u>36.00</u>	861.52
<u>BANK BALANCE - JANUARY 31, 2006</u>		<u>\$1,889.79</u>

It was moved by Marnie Simon and seconded by Ivan Johnson that the financial statement be approved. Motion carried.

## [3] Nominating Committee: Luise Zinsli

In accordance with our Constitution, all members of our previous Board of Directors have resigned. Subsequently, all of these Board members have informed the Nominating Committee that they agree to be nominated to serve for another term.[Note: during the past term, one member Carol Fuegi resigned, and she was replaced by Marg Pallot]. A list of the ten nominees were circulated for the next term of the Board was circulated to our membership, with an invitation to submit additional names in writing prior to March 23, 2006. No further nominations have been received, and nominations were closed after march 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The number of Directors that we have been working with for some time now is ten, and this continues to be a satisfactory and workable number.

The nominees to serve on the MAC Board include:

Gordon Leidal, Don MacLaurin, Doug Deeks, Margaret Pallot, Luise Zinsli, Betty McWhinnie, Marnie Simon, Jessie Pendencygrasse, Ken Nickerson, & Ivan Johnson.

A motion to accept the proposed Board was requested, and it was moved by Erika Durlacher, seconded by Heidi Kym-Lieberherr that the proposed Board be accepted. Motion Carried unanimously.

It was noted that the President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer would be appointed from the Board. It was also noted that members are welcome to attend Board meetings as observers, by simply contacting us and letting their interest be known.

## 5. REPORT on the RECENT 'Senior Housing Survey' : Ivan Johnson

There was some discussion relative to the results.

1. Do you plan to live in Whistler and "age in place" in the future? Yes\_51; No\_5; Undecided \_8\_

IF NO, thank you for your time and we hope to see you at our AGM.

2. As a MAC member do you plan to live in seniors' housing in Whistler in the future? Yes\_45;No\_1 Undecided\_17

IF NO, please let MAC know if your plans change.

3. *What size unit would you require in a senior housing complex? Check one*

Studio( 1) One Bedroom ( 1) One Bedroom+ Den (14)

Two Bedroom (15) Two Bedroom + Den( 24)

Other: Three BR+D(1) Three BR(1)

4. *How many persons would occupy the unit?*

One 22 Two 36 Three \_\_\_\_\_

5. *What year is the earliest you are prepared to occupy a senior housing unit?*

2006(7) 2007(8) 2008(12) 2009(2) 2010(1) 2011(6) 2012(2) 2015(1) 2016(6) 2026(3)

6. *What type of occupancy will you require? ( check one)*

Rental 6; Purchase 47; Undecided 8;

7. If you are interested in a purchase type unit, what is your preferred or comfortable price range? Check one.

\$150,000 to \$250,000 9

\$250,000 to \$350,000 24

\$350,000 + 20

8. Do you plan to have a pet living with you in your unit?

Yes 23; No 18

## 6. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

There was no further discussion or questions.

## 7. MOTION TO ADJOURN

It was moved by Betty McWhinnie and Seconded by Marnie Simon, that the meeting be adjourned.

Motion carried.