



## Newsletter

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### Whistler Mature Action Community Newsletter

## Annual General Meeting -

was held on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. It was a very successful event with the announcement by our Housing Committee Chair, Bob Calladine, of the awarding of the building contract for the new seniors housing to be built in Rainbow in front of Solana at 8350 Bear Paw Trail. Kindred Construction is planning to break ground by August with the design team of Murdoch & Co Architecture and Terra Housing working with WHA and MAC. This project, made possible by a two-million-dollar grant from BC Housing, is the culmination of 20 years of work by MAC to have both retail and rental seniors housing in Whistler. WHA will be starting a list for these 20 units sometime in the future but the building should only take about 18 months once construction starts.

Gord Leidal retired from our board after 20 years of working to obtain seniors housing in Whistler. Gord was congratulated on leaving MAC on a high note.

Our Social Chair, Janice Lloyd, did a fantastic job with refreshments after

the AGM and before our speaker for the evening, Bryan Raiser, owner operator of 99North Medical Cannabis Dispensary, talked about his experiences with medical marijuana. There were lots of questions. It was a very interesting evening.

### Assisted Living:

Garry Watson, former board member, attended the BC Housing Conference when it was here in Whistler and we found out that Whistler will never get provincially supported Assisted Living. We are too far away from any hospital to meet the provincial criteria. That means that the only way it could happen would be if a private enterprise was to undertake a development of that kind.

### Education:

In March, MAC, in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Whistler and Sea to Sky Community Services, held a very successful workshop on Estate Planning. This was a big success and we plan on more workshops in the coming months. Sea to Sky Community Services and Better at Home are committed to making any workshops held here to be of interest

specifically to the Whistler Community.

## Social Committee Events:

### Spring Fling

Our Social Chair, Janice Lloyd, definitely outdid herself on this one! Held at the Alpine Café with a very limited number of tickets, it sold out. The food was great, the atmosphere was fun as Janice got everyone in the spirit with fun hats and flowers everywhere. I know she is planning another event like this in the fall.

### Summer Picnic and Barbecue

This annual event is always fun and is planned for sometime this summer. The date is yet to be decided but it will be held on the front patio and garden of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church. If you are here, plan to attend. It is a casual pot luck party with the meat for the barbecue supplied by Nesters. Be sure to come.

## Seniors Directories - 2017

Now available - If you know somewhere that they could be distributed contact [info@whistlermac.org](mailto:info@whistlermac.org) and let us know.