

March 2008

MAC NEWSLETTER & NOTICE of 2008 AGM

On behalf of your Board of Directors, we are providing you with another brief update on happenings and coming events. [Note: This newsletter and survey was sent out to all members on March 11, 2008.]

NOTICE of MAC AGM on Thursday, March 27th

Our Annual General Meeting [AGM] is scheduled for Thursday, March 27th at 7:00 pm, and like last year it will take place at Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church located at the foot of Lorimer Road. It will be followed by presentations on 'The B.C. Senior Games' and 'Seniors Housing at the Athletes' Village', now known as Cheakamus Crossing.

Where: Our Lady of the Mountains Roman Catholic Church
6299 Lorimer Road, in Whistler Cay

When: Thursday, March 27, 2008

Who: MAC members, potential members and everyone who is interested in future Whistler Seniors' housing developments and/or learning about the BC Seniors Games.

Time and Programme:

- 7:00 to 7:45 PM. *Annual General Meeting*
Chair and Committee reports, and election of MAC Board.
- 7:45 to 8:15 PM. *The BC Seniors' Games.*
Presentation by Joan Birchall
- 8:15 to 9:00 PM. *Seniors' Housing at the Whistler Athletes' Village.*
Presentation by Whistler 2020 Development Corporation
Representatives.

Refer to the attachments: AGM 2008 Agenda, AGM 2007 Minutes, MAC Finance – Fund Account Jan. 31, 2008, and AGM 2008 – Nomination of Directors.

MAC Annual Dues for 2008, for both existing and new members, can be paid at the AGM [\$10 per individual member], or mailed by Canada Post to MAC, P.O. Box 1042, Whistler, B.C. V0N 1B0

For more information, please visit our MAC web site at www.whistlermac.org

BC SENIORS GAMES

Are you 55 or greater, because if you are, you will be eligible to participate in the annual BC Seniors Games ?? The games are an exciting 3-day event held annually in a different BC community. Joan Birchall, Zone 4 Publicity & Promotions Coordinator, will be making a presentation following our 2008 AGM ON March 27th, and she will share some of her experiences and answer your questions.

In Joan's words: "People have to be 55 and over and they compete within their 5 year age group...so if you are 72 you play with others who are 70-74 only. We have a banquet, dance, lunches, t-shirt, jacket, hat, id tag and more. Some of us get medals....gold, silver, bronze. We have opening and closing ceremonies with a flame lighting ceremony too. It is lovely to see athletes from all 11 zones in BC walk around the track. The events run 3 days."

This year the Games are in Prince George, next year in Richmond, and 2010 in Comox Valley. Last year there were 3000 competitors in Nanaimo. For more information, visit their website at www.bcseniorgames.org , or better, come to our meeting on March 27th .

Seniors Housing at the Athletes' Village [Cheakamus Crossing]

As part of our January newsletter, we included a survey to confirm the interest of our members in possible seniors housing proposed for the Athletes' Village. The results were very positive, and we now share them with you.

Preamble: As a member of MAC, WILL YOU be interested in the proposed seniors housing at the Athletes' Village based on occupancy in the summer of 2010? We fully understand that your final decision must be based on much more information, however the Whistler Housing Authority requires an early indication in order to properly plan, prepare and allocate the available housing units either to seniors or to others, so your response is very important to us.

Membership Survey: **127 households** [e-mail to 99, Canada Post to 28]

Returns: **42-electronic, 19-Canada Post , total = 61 [48%]**

Interest: Yes [27] No [18] Possibly [16]

If your answer was 'yes' or 'possibly', please answer the following questions:

Preferred tenure: Purchase [36] Rental [7]

For the 'YES' only [24] [3]

Unit preference: 1 BR apt. [4] 1 BR + den apt. [4] 2 BR apt. [17] 3 BR town-home [18]

For the 'YES' only [3] [2] [10] [12]

In summary, interest is relatively high [potentially 27 to 43 units] and heavily weighted towards both ownership and the larger units. At this point in time we do not know whether

the interested MAC members meet all of the qualification requirements to either purchase or rent, and then to occupy.

In view of this strong show of interest, the WHA Board of Directors at its meeting held on February 11th passed a motion to allocate up to 24 housing units to seniors, this number accounting for approximately ten percent of the available restricted housing in this development. They will likely consist of 18-apartment units [Lot 8] and 6-townhome units [Lot 11]. The Whistler Development Corporation [WDC] has been so advised and they are meeting with MAC representatives to address specific seniors needs.

For the Lot 8 apartment building, each floor [eg 2nd, 3rd & 4th] includes 6- two BR, 1- one BR+ den, and 2- one BR units for a total of nine; therefore two floors allocated to seniors [eg 18-units] may satisfy most of the demand [eg 15 to 26 units] for apartment units. For Lot 11, the allocated 6 units falls well short of the interest level, though some may also be interested in the two BR apartments.

WDC representatives will make a presentation to members of MAC following our AGM on March 27th, with a focus on the seniors' housing component, and they along with WHA representatives will be available to answer your questions at that time. For more information visit the WDC web-site at www.whistlerdevelopmentcorp.ca .

WHA WAITLIST FOR MORE HOUSING !

For those seniors wishing to increase their opportunities to occupy WHA Resident Housing [eg additional to the Seniors Housing], and in particular at Cheakamus Crossing, we encourage you to visit the WHA website at www.whistlerhousing.ca for more information, and /or contact the WHA, and consider an application to be included on either their purchase or rental waitlist.

If you have further questions, please call Gord Leidal at 604 932 5699

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