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Annual General Meeting

November 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm

at

Okanagan Landing Community Hall

in Paddlewheel Park

7813 Okanagan Landing Road

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Okanagan Landing and District Community Association will be held Monday November 3, 2008, at 7 pm in the Community Hall.

Family membership in the Okanagan Landing and District Community Association is \$15/year and open to City of Vernon residents who live within the area. Okanagan Landing—formerly known as area-A of the North Okanagan Regional District (the area west of Fulton and O'Keefe Roads) was annexed into the City of Vernon in 1993. More information on the Association can be found at <http://www.okanaganlanding.com> (currently being revised).

All residents in the Okanagan Landing area are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM. The meeting is a great opportunity to learn about the association and its role in your community, and the benefits of being a member. Come join the fun, meet other residents in the community, and bring your ideas and concerns. **The Landing is your community.**

In 1949, the Okanagan Landing & District Community Association received the Certificate of Incorporation as a Society. The Association's **Mission** (1969) is "to promote recreational, educational, and cultural activities in Okanagan Landing & District area; to improve the conditions of and advance in every way community life and public affairs in the Okanagan Landing & District area; and to provide buildings and grounds for the furtherance of such objects."

Paddlewheel Park and the Okanagan Landing Community Hall are owned by the Association and its members. The facilities at Paddlewheel Park are for the benefit of and use by all residents of Okanagan Landing & district community. This means that you as a member of this community have a vested interest in this area which benefits you and your family. We invite you to join YOUR Community Association.

New Board Members are needed!

We welcome new Board Members to guide the organization. The board meets on the third Thursday of each month, usually for 1-2 hours. Please join us in making Okanagan Landing and District the best community to live in. Come and share your ideas and talents and let your voice be heard.

Happy 85th Birthday Miss Jayne



Our historian, Miriam Jayne, celebrated her 85th birthday in September, and the Okanagan Landing & District Community Association wishes her the very best for the coming year. Miriam Jayne—or Miss Jayne, as many know her—is a long-term resident of the Landing and a very active member of the association and community.

In the fall of 1998, the association began the work of documenting the history of the Okanagan Landing area for publication under Miriam's guidance. When the fire consumed the old hall, in 1999, the association was fortunate that many of their files were in the care of Miriam, who was making preliminary notes for a book. Since that time, Miriam has devoted many hours assembling information about the association and Landing area.

Miriam Jayne has lived in the Landing since 1952 and recalls her first view of Okanagan Lake from Okanagan Avenue. However, living in Canada was in her plans since the age of 10. After high-school, Miriam spent two years in the Women's Land Army. She then spent five years in training as a Chartered Physiotherapist and Orthopaedic Nurse, followed by four years working on District Care in Wales and Scotland. At

that time, the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society, BC Branch, recruited therapists to work in towns of Vernon's size and the surrounding district. The North Okanagan became Miriam's area and then Prince Rupert, until 1961 when she was appointed to start the Physiotherapy Department at Vernon Jubilee Hospital.

Miriam has contributed to our association in many ways over the years. She served as President (1959) and Secretary-Treasurer—back when meetings were held in the old United Church (Hall). She regularly helped with Regatta, and she was chaperone to the "Landing Girls" at the Kelowna Regatta parade. She also contributed on clean-up days, pre and post Hall fire, and was the "snap-shot taker" for numerous events. Miriam continues to be an active and greatly appreciated member, as historian and author of *A Brief History of Okanagan Landing & District Community Association 1949 - 1999*.

'Smile Saver' Dinner, Dance, & Auction

November 15, 2008 — 6:00 pm

Community Dental Access Initiative — 'Smile Saver' Christmas Fundraiser
Featuring the Band "Push'n'Broke"

Okanagan Landing Community Hall
at Paddlewheel Park — 7813 Okanagan Landing Rd.

Tickets — \$30.00 each
Call: Etc. Consulting at 250-558-4192

Money raised from this event will go to help North Okanagan residents who are in urgent dental need and to open a local dental clinic. There is a huge need for access to dental care in the North Okanagan area. Income levels for residents are lower than the provincial averages, as seen on Stats BC website (www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca). Many groups of people have been identified as having a greater risk of poor oral health and higher disease rates, including low-income Canadians, aboriginals, recent immigrants, seniors, and the disabled. Dental decay and abscess is the leading cause of operating room visits for children in BC.

Thirty individuals, representing numerous agencies and dental professionals from Vernon and area, have come together to address the need for increased access to dental care for low-income residents in the North Okanagan. The 'Smile Saver' Christmas Fundraiser will help them to meet their goal. Please come out and support this important event. If everything continues to fall into place, the clinic will open by the fall of 2009.

President's Report

Our annual general meeting draws near (7 pm, Monday, November 3) so it is time for me to reflect on the past year. Wait-a-minute, that's what I said last year— isn't computer memory great? Well, has this past year really been all that different from the year before?

Well for one, we have a number of new faces on our Board of Directors, people in 'the Landing' who have stepped forward to make their own personal contribution to our community. I welcome any of you to become involved with a really nice group of people. A couple of faces have left, thank you to Laurie and Barb for your efforts over years past.

From a fiscal point-of-view, your Community Association is in a very sound position, thanks very much to the tremendous efforts of our Treasurer, Mark Lopianowski. We have been making on-going maintenance improvements to the community hall itself as well as changes in our booking procedures which are now managed by one of our eager new members, Darlene Hainer. Management of the Paddlewheel Park hall rentals is a critical and very time consuming part of our Association and I very much appreciate Darlene's special efforts to ensure that our hall renters' needs are met.

The Board of Directors held our second annual strategic planning session in early summer and I believe we all found this to be a very useful means to consider how we guide the association into the future. Personally, I look forward to the development of a long-term plan for our Paddlewheel Park property. In mid-July we again hosted the Okanagan Landing Regatta, a family oriented day at the beach. Support from the community, particularly the Okanagan Landing Volunteer Firefighters, allowed us to continue this event that has had a long history in our community.

For me personally, a two-year term as President of the Community Association has been just the right length of time, and I look forward to watching the Association move forward with comfortable knowledge that there are many in our community waiting in the wings for a chance to make their own contribution.

David Simpson, President

Please give us your feedback...

The Okanagan Landing & District Community Association would like to know what you think and what you would like to see take place in your community. Please take a moment to answer these questions and send it back to us. We greatly appreciate your input. It helps us to better serve the community—members and non-members.

What are your or your family interests/activities?

Age group(s): child _____ teen _____ 20-30 _____ 31-45 _____ 45-55 _____ 55+ _____

What kind of events would you like the Landing Association to offer?

Would you like to help out with Landing Association events (e.g.: Regatta, dances, socials)? YES _____ NO _____.

Any other suggestions or comments?

Name and phone number (optional):

Contributions to the **Landing Community News**

The **Landing Community News** is a community newsletter, published 3 times per year. If you have information about the Landing community, we invite articles, ideas, poems, favorite recipes, or anything else. Also, if you are interested in becoming a sponsor for the newsletter, contact the editor for information. The next **deadline** for submission is **January 31st, 2009**. Contact the Editor, Mary-Ann Reid, at info@okanaganlanding.com

**COMING SOON:
OUR NEW WEBSITE
www.okanaganlanding.com**

The Okanagan Landing Community Hall
7813 Okanagan Landing Rd., Vernon, BC.



The Hall is available to rent by the general public. If you are an association member or hold a fundraiser event, you will receive reduced rates.

Common Events held in the Hall...

- Weddings ~ Reunions ~ Fundraiser Dinners and Dances
- Fruit and Nut Sale ~ Country Dancers Workshops
- Polling Station ~ Municipal and Government Meetings
- Business Receptions ~ Information Meetings ~ School District Events
- Youth Bowling Banquet & Dance ~ Spiritual Meditation Sessions

Features of the hall...

- located in Paddlewheel Park on Okanagan Lake
- 250 seat capacity & kitchen
- large wraparound deck
- plenty of parking & wheel chair access
- acoustic sound system

For further information, please call and *leave a message* for **Darlene** @ **250-542-2500** or e-mail: hallrental@okanaganlanding.com

Membership

We invite you to join YOUR Community Association—we're only as strong as our membership, so please become involved. Membership is \$15 per family per year, and the benefits include:

- Discounts on hall rentals
- Organized events for all family members (pot-luck dinners, dances, children's parties, family fun days)
- Informational newsletter
- A respected organization with a common voice

Join the fun and help promote activities in the Okanagan Landing area that create community spirit and encourage use of our park and community hall.



**Okanagan Landing & District
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Servicing the Community
Since 1949

Membership Application Form - 2009

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Renewal: _____

City: _____

Telephone: _____

Postal Code: _____

E-Mail: _____

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