



CASA LOMA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**CLCA Presentation
to
City of WEST KELOWNA Council**

May 20, 2025



CASA LOMA

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Casa Loma is still the best keep secret in the Okanagan. It is a Jewel. Accessed by Campbell Road south of the William R. Bennett Bridge, Casa Loma is nestled between Okanagan Lake and the escarpment to the west.

Where the sun rises but never sets.

Casa Loma Community's Mission Statement

"Create a sense of community among all neighbours in Casa Loma as a safe and caring community."



MAYOR, COUNCIL and CITY STAFF – THANK YOU!

- ✓ Upgrade of the dock at Dock Park
- ✓ Support for CLCA Directors Insurance
- ✓ Support for the CLCA's AGM
- ✓ CWK Communications with the Mayor and Council is appreciated.
- ✓ All these things matter to make a better city

City West Kelowna – Thank you

Chief Brolund

- 1st Emergency evacuation plan in West Kelowna
- Maintaining a FireSmart program
- Keeping us safe

John Martin

- Leader of FireSmart in Casa Loma
- Keeping the residents notified
- Maintaining all Casa Loma neighbourhoods with FireSmart

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

1. Kalamoir Park
2. Casa Loma region
3. Who is the CLCA?
4. Document 1st CLCA minutes
5. Events
6. Developments
7. Issues of Concern 1
8. Issues of Concern 2
9. Seniors
10. Seniors Ask
11. General Ask
12. Questions

KALAMOIR PARK

The residents of Casa Loma, Lakeview Heights and The Friends of Kalamoir give a special thank you to Mayor Milsom, Stephen Johnson and Rick de Jong. The hard work you've done to understand the concerns of the residents of West Kelowna in keeping Kalamoir Park the Conservation Park it had been intended to be when gifted by the Provincial Government to the RDCO.



CASA LOMA – WHO WE ARE

- 850+ Residents
- 340+ Homes
 - 54 Waterfront
 - 24 Townhomes
 - 48 Resort Units
- Campbell Road is the main artery
- Emergency egress
- No commercial or community building
- The best loved and actively used local park in West Kelowna - Dupuis Park

WHO IS THE CLCA?

- September 27, 1988, the CLCA was officially formed
- 2002 Constitution Societies Act, CLCA joined
- 2018 Constitution bylaws passed
- 12+ presidents in 37 years (5 years lost)
- Brad Rickards was our first President. Brad's wife Patricia still resides in Casa Loma
- 8 dedicated directors serving the Casa Loma community
- 110+ paid members annually
- 40% are lifetime members. This shows a deep commitment to Casa Loma
- Member and non-member residents are active at expressing their concerns and opinions. All are heard
- CLCA maintains a balanced budget.
- Membership fees, Civic support and donations help keep us in the "**BLACK**"

www.casalomacommunity.com

CLCA

1st Minutes



CASA LOMA COMMUNITY

Oct 88

Hi Neighbors!!

At the Community Picnic on September 11th, we decided we need a group to represent Casa Loma to "maintain and improve the quality of life in Casa Loma".

A meeting of volunteers was held on September 27th and a Board elected to serve until June 30th, 1989. The officers are: President, Brad Rickards, 769-5140; Vice President, Paul Nesbitt, 769,7672; Treasurer, Rose Brenner, 769-6217; Secretary, Dora Duggan, 769-4605; Assistant to Secretary, Fran Farr 769-5196.

Enquiries are being made about making this an official non-profit organization which gives us more credibility. One problem is that the cost would be approximately \$260 which would have to be paid by residents. We will keep you informed and cannot make a decision on this without attempting to get input from the residents.

During the next few months we will be looking into the following enquiries which have been made by various people.

Traffic lights - Hwy. 97 / Campbell
Street lights along all of Campbell
Could the narrow bend area be made safer in any way?
Path to Kalamoir needs improvement
Swings to be returned to John Dupuis Park
Repair of Dock (\$75 donated by residents so far)

Any questions about the Water Supply costings, please contact Beth Kendal who has a file about 2" thick now, querying the sudden increase.

If you have any news, views or items of interest please contact the secretary at 769-4605 before our next meeting on 23rd November. We are working for you so we need your input, especially if you disagree with our actions. If we don't hear from you we will assume we're "doing it right".

BABYSITERS Need regular or occasional babysitting?? Secretary has a list of willing students. At your own cost and risk of course.

SNOWCLEARERS?? Secretary also has a list of students who would like to clear driveways. At your own cost and risk.

BRIDGE?? Do you want to play, or learn?? Contact Sandra, 769-5209.

CRAFT CLASS?? We can arrange a two night class for making Christmas Wreaths in early November, at regular evening class cost, but at a Casa Loma home. No driving! If you would like to take part, please call secretary, 769-4605 within a week of receiving this letter.

CPR CLASS?? A CPR class can be arranged at a Casa Loma home. Interested persons contact secretary 769-4605, soon.

BOTTLE DRIVE We are holding a bottle drive on Saturday, October 29th. Please put your returnable bottles on your driveway for our collection by 9:00 a.m. The money will go towards general funds.

NEW NEIGHBORS? If you have new neighbors, please let us know so that we can welcome them.

A lot of fun was had at the Community Barbecue. Thanks to the Parkinson Rec. Centre for the free swim passes, Illichman's and People's for prizes and to John and Alice Zdralek for the use of the large barbecue.

WE ARE NOT ABLE TO SEND REMINDERS FOR ITEMS
ON THIS NEWSLETTER. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW.
THANKS.

EVENTS

Casa Loma Events are supported by donors. Thank you:

- FireSmart
- Neighbourhood Small Grants
- United Way

Completed

- Easter Egg Hunt
- FireSmart

Up Coming

- Book Reading in the Park (4)
- AGM and BBQ. June 21 at Dupuis Park, start time 11:am. You are invited.
- Movie night
- Halloween

DEVELOPMENTS

- Limited land available for development in Casa Loma
- Casa Palmero continues to add one or two homes a year
- 2796 Benedict Rd is 15.15 acres, zoned RU1 & RU2 with limited building allowed
- Possible upcoming activity at Sol Aqua?

ISSUES OF CONCERN - 1

- Porta potty at Dupuis Park. It's a crappy look from your front door! Could you please move it to Casa Loma Park, with a directional sign in Dupuis Park
- Another stink, Casa Loma is plagued with a sewer odour coming from the sewer system, even though the system is cleaned regularly
- Boat launch can be noisy with no consideration given to the local taxpayers



ISSUES OF CONCERN - 2

- I would be amiss if I didn't talk about the speeding on Campbell Rd. It is an ongoing concern with the residents
- Traffic coming off the bridge and down Sneena to the roundabouts is a concern for both the people walking and the bike rider
- **ASK:** for safety purposes, could pedestrian crosswalks and bike lanes be painted on the road?
- The Purchase of Sol Aqua was by a privately held construction company. Will it remain in the ALR?
- The bomb threat on the bridge earlier this year closed the traffic flow completely. Has there been any progress with a 2nd crossing?

SENIORS

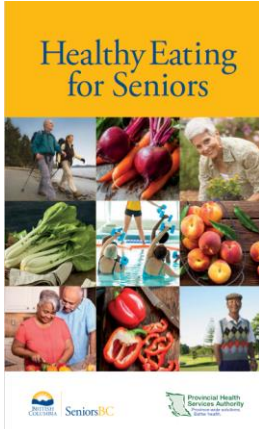
24% of West Kelowna's population is over 65.

BC Seniors' Guide and Healthy Eating are two books offered free from the BC Government.

Healthy Eating for Seniors is self-explanatory. It even has good recipes!

BC Seniors' Guide is 170 pages of information for seniors. The broad topics are Lifestyles, Your Health, Housing, Getting Around, Your Finances and Safety & Security.

None are found at any seniors centres', library or other places seniors congregate.



- Most concerning is an information disconnect amongst Provincial and Civic Governments, along with local organizations.
- As we age FRED becomes harder to work with.
- FRED who? Flipping Ridiculous Electronic Device - the computer!
- Information buried and hard to find.

SENIORS ASK

THE ASK

- Pretend you are a senior.
- On the CWK website search for Senior.
- The 1st pop up is “Westside Seniors Recreation Centre”.
- Clicking on that, it takes you to a page with no mention of senior on it!
- Maybe try “West Kelowna Recreation Guide”.
- Of the 100 pages in the guide, there are 2 senior pages, 74 & 75. Only 2% of the guide. Remember over 24% of the population are seniors!
- “Seniors” should be easier to find. Perhaps listing Seniors as a category on your home page under Community would help.

GENERAL ASK

- Seniors' information brochures and books in:
 - the library
 - CWK Community Centres, including Seniors Centres
- On the CWK website, lacking is an inclusive list of the organizations, clubs, groups and community associations that support the residents of West Kelowna such as;
 - Lions Club
 - Rotary
 - Probus
 - Newcomers
 - Community Associations

QUESTIONS?



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