



FALAISE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

February 26, 2011

Saanich Council
Re: Community Matching Grant

The residents of the Falaise Community want to preserve and beautify our area. We have had two preoccupations in this regard for many years. One was the preservation and improvement of Falaise Park, and the other was to provide some protection and beautification along Falaise Drive as it parallels the Pat Bay Highway. This past year, thanks to the Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RinC) Program and Saanich Parks we now have new playground equipment more strategically placed in Falaise Park. The residents have volunteered to clear broom and other invasive species from the park in conjunction with Saanich Parks and Recreation. Now we wish to turn our attention to Falaise Drive Beautification.

For over 10 years, the residents have been concerned about the unattended area of Falaise Drive which circles up the hill along the Pat Bay Highway. This area is not only extremely unattractive and a noisy element of our community but poses a safety risk to residents. In 2002, the Falaise Community Association (FCA) Board started discussions with residents regarding their desire to find ways to make this area of our community more attractive. This discussion led to the creation of the Falaise Drive Beautification Project (FDBP), which is described in an excerpt from the FCA 2010 and the history described in FCA board meeting minutes attached. The area involved in the Project is comprised of 3 sections along Falaise Drive. At that time the project was unable to obtain sufficient funds. Beginning in 2008, the FCA board reinitiated the FDBP and a member of the Board, Colin Boog, contacted the District of Saanich and the Provincial Ministry of Highways to determine what could be done to improve this area. After some negotiation, partly to determine authority over this area, Saanich Parks and Recreation has now agreed to a combined effort with the Falaise Community Association and residents to begin the Beautification process. Saanich Parks manager Corey Manton has discussed the project with Mr. Boog, see attached emails, and agreed to begin planting trees and other vegetation in 2011 along Section I (the initial and widest section) a portion of which is pictured below:





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District of Saanich
Attention: Tania Douglas
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Re: Matching Grant 2011

Dear Ms. Douglas:

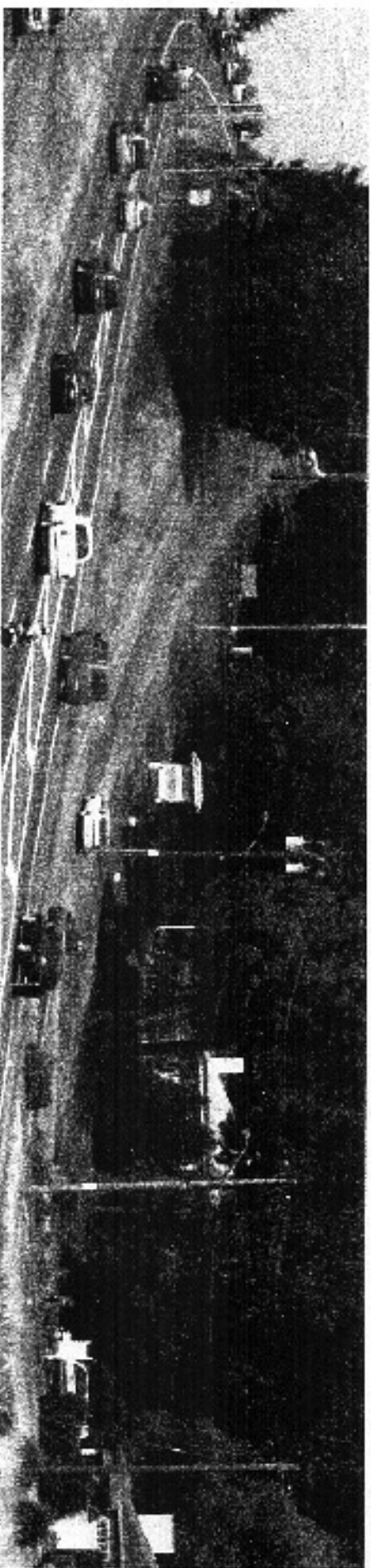
In 2011 the Falaise Community Association (FCA) received a Matching Grant of \$1,700 to assist in our Beautification Project which involved the greening of Falaise Drive by planting trees and other vegetation including small shrubs. This project was to be completed in conjunction with tree plantings by Saanich Parks. It had been our hope to conduct the planting in 2011, however, due to scheduling by Saanich Parks and an expansion of the original planting area the project did not get underway until February 2012. A note is attached from Rob Hughes, Urban Forestry Supervisor for Saanich Parks in which he indicates the project delay to 2012. The project did commence February 24th with the planting of 6 trees..

The original matching grant application outlined the Beautification Project which we anticipated would be completed in 3 Phases with the 2011 application requesting funds for Phase 1. Phase 1 involved planting of the lower portion of Falaise Drive only. During a subsequent meeting in the fall of 2011 between FCA and Saanich Park representatives, Cory Manton and Rob Hughes, it was determined that the initial planting could be expanded to include some of Phase 2 – trees further along Falaise Drive toward Adeline Place. This planting would be comprised of the original trees provided by Saanich plus additional ground preparation and trees and shrubs funded by FCA. The FCA portion will be used to purchase approximately 10-12 trees, 4-6 shrubs and excavation and other materials needed. Saanich Parks will determine the appropriate type of plants and the locations in conjunction with FCA. The FCA funds included the matching grant and other funds the association had accumulated including donations specifically to the Beautification Project. The Falaise Community Association has now provided an advance of some monies to Saanich Parks for the acquisition of these additional trees and shrubs. A copy of the receipt for \$2,100 is attached.

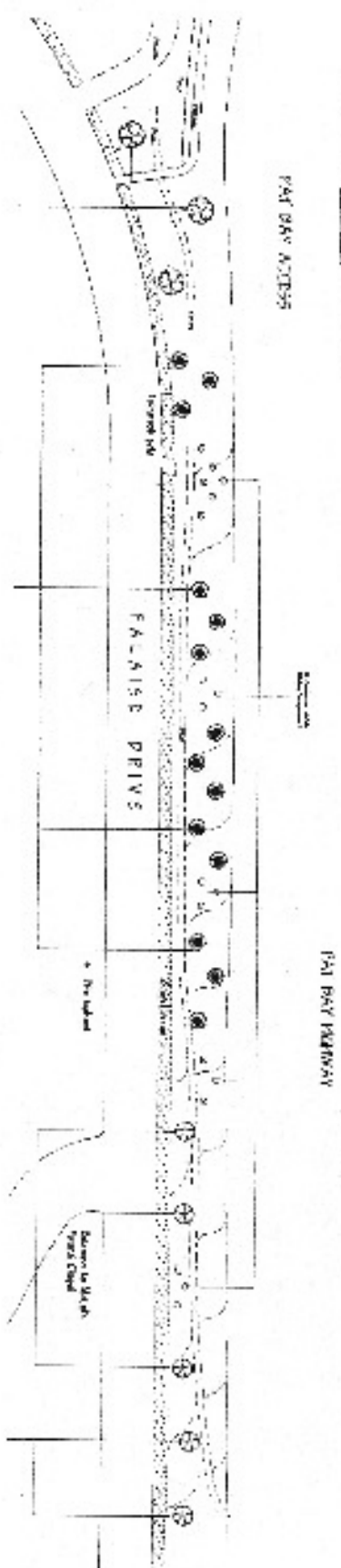
The table on the following page provides an update of the original budget

Falaise Community Association
Falaise Drive Beautification Project (FDBP)

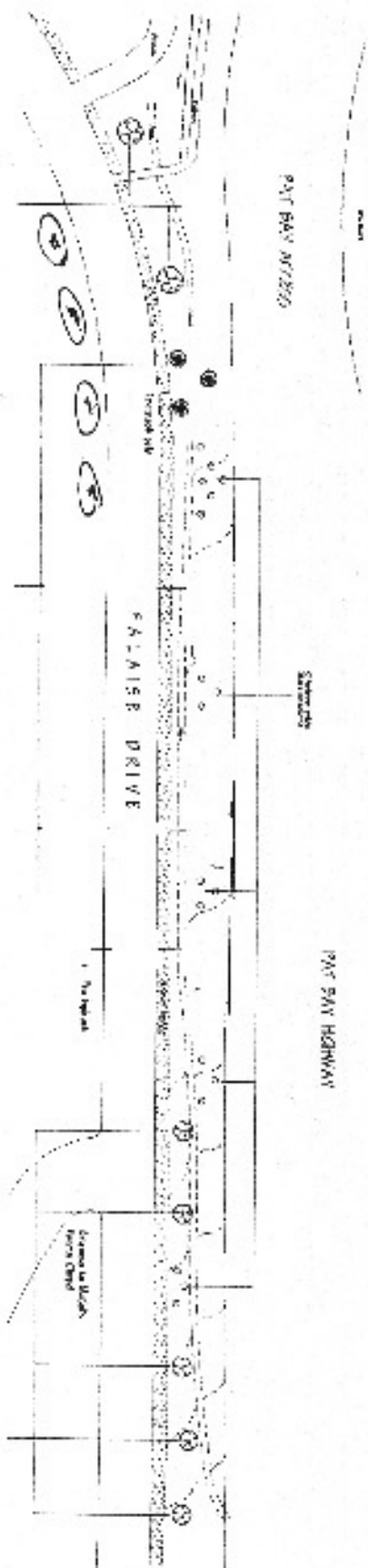
View of Falaise Drive adjacent to the Pat Bay Highway:



Initial Drawing of Falaise Drive Beautification Project (Lower segment) – Section I



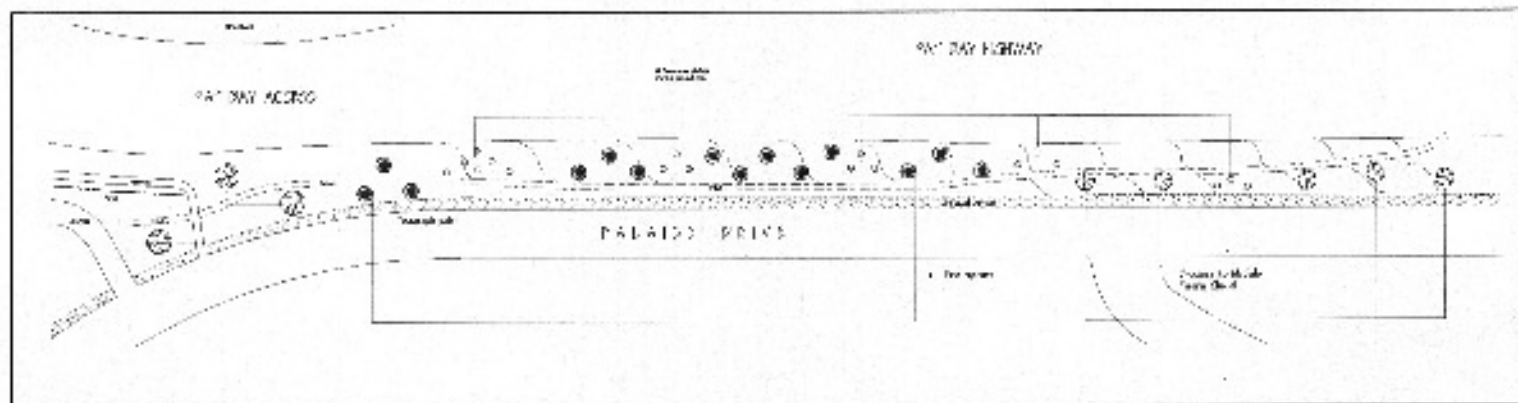
Saanich Parks and Recreation have agreed to planting of trees but these will be on the inside of the ditch (along Falaise Drive) only and not the bank on the Pat Bay Highway side...see below. Trees will also be planted in front of 3-4 houses providing trees along a portion of both sides of Falaise Drive. The trees on the eastern side would be watered and monitored by Falaise residents.



This Matching Grant amount will be used to add to and continue this planting north along Falaise Drive – Section II.

The Beautification Project:

The Falaise Drive corridor along the Pat Bay Highway has long been of concern to residents. The area where the road circles up the hill presents an unattended profile as well as a safety risk. In 2002, the late Ron Timms began a campaign to consider some kind of barrier between the community and this fast paced thoroughfare. The most popular idea was planting trees and creating a green space. A plan for a green belt utilizing the existing pathway was conceived and the Falaise Drive Beautification Project was born. At that time, there was a lack of funding available and the project was not pursued. In 2007, the idea was revived and a professional plan was commissioned. This plan is illustrated below.



Now



From Newsletter – 2010

The Falaise Drive Corridor along the Pat Bay Highway has been of interest to residents for more than 10 years. The area where the road circles up the hill is a zone that presents an unattended profile, as well as a safety risk. In 2002, the late Ron Timms began the campaign to consider some sort of barrier between the community and this fast paced thoroughfare. The most favoured idea that came forth was planting trees and creating a small green space. The addition of natural vegetation to this area would assist in reducing air and noise pollution and would provide a safety zone. A plan for greenbelt utilizing the existing pathway was conceived and the Falaise Drive Beautification Project (FDBP) was born. The FCA Executive Board looked at opportunities for funding through the Greenways Program but were unable to secure a grant in that year. The zest to expand and cultivate this project was lost with Ron's passing. The project experienced a rebirth when Colin Boog moved into the Falaise Community in 2005 with his family and saw the same deficiencies in this setting. Elected to the FCA Executive Board in 2007, Colin championed a revival of the FDBP at the 2008 AGM requesting we contract a professional for a design plan. Colin and FCA Treasurer Margaret Klatt commissioned a landscape architect who produced the drawing we have provided. Residents have demonstrated their excitement about this project, and some have already stepped forth financially and sponsored a tree.

MAY 8TH, 2012 EMAIL

Margaret,

Sorry for the delay. Please see the attached quote to extend the tree planting. The shrub quote is to only plant those areas already planted with trees. In the new area trees will be planted where blackberry removal is required. It may be an idea to delay the under planting for a year to ensure that most of the blackberry roots are removed. I can provide a quote for this under planting as well. Quotes do not include HST.

Thanks, Rob

Falaise Dr Tree Planting

| QTY | Species | Size | Price |
|------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| | <u>Falaise Dr north of Adeline Pl</u> | | |
| 20 | <u>Pseudotsuga menziesii</u> | B&B | \$1,700.00 |
| 10 | <u>Acer macrophyllum</u> | B&B | \$850.00 |
| | Total | | \$2,550.00 |

Falaise Dr Tree Planting

| QTY | Species | Size | Price |
|------------|--|-------------|--------------|
| | <u>4600 blk Falaise Dr (south bed)</u> | | |
| 50 | <u>Symphoricarpos alba</u> | #2 | \$425.00 |
| 25 | <u>Holodiscus discolor</u> | #2 | \$212.50 |
| 38 | <u>Mahonia nervosa</u> | #2 | \$323.00 |
| | <u>Across from First Memorial (north bed)</u> | | |
| 8 | <u>Symphoricarpos alba</u> | #2 | \$68.00 |
| 4 | <u>Holodiscus discolor</u> | #2 | \$34.00 |
| 11 | <u>Mahonia nervosa</u> | #2 | \$93.50 |
| | Total | | \$1,156.00 |

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