

## Upcoming Events

Lot 855 Consultation Meeting  
January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 12:45-4:15 p.m.

Family Day  
February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 2-4 p.m.

Garage Sale  
May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Summer Picnic  
September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Annual General Meeting  
November, 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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## Best Wishes for 2020

The Directors of the Falaise Community Association (FCA) wish everyone in the community all the best for the new year. This newsletter identifies some of the issues we plan to address in 2020. Success will depend on your support and encouragement.

## New Board of Directors

At our Annual General Meeting in November, we elected eight Directors for 2020. Their brief biographies can be found on the last page. You will see some familiar faces but there have been some changes. Unfortunately, Kyla Shauer is too busy with her work to continue for another year but, on the positive side, Gary Weeks has agreed to join the Board and we look forward to benefiting from his expertise.

The Constitution specifies that Directors be assigned to specific positions at the first regular Board meeting. Positions were assigned as follows:

President	Bob Lucy	Vice-President	Cynthia Hawksworth
Secretary	Carl Ross	Treasurer	Sandrine Lio
Registrar	Mac Nanton		

Stuart Macpherson will continue as Park Steward and Carl Ross will maintain the website and edit the newsletters. Stew Vinnels and Gary Weeks will serve as Directors-at-Large, providing their expertise to address specific issues during the year. The Constitution allows for up to nine directors so if anyone would like to join the Board please contact Bob Lucy.

In a separate column, we will summarize some of the issues we want to address in 2020. One of the first is the rezoning of 855 Falaise Crescent. Saanich Council has mandated that the developer consult with the community before resubmitting their development proposal. **A consultation meeting is scheduled for January 18<sup>th</sup>** and more details are given in the enclosed flyer. Please plan to attend and make your views known.



## Lot 855 Rezoning

In the Fall newsletter, we reviewed the status of the rezoning application for 855 Falaise Cr. The developer had prepared a revised proposal that was considered by Saanich Council at its meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Members of the FCA Executive, as well as several residents, expressed disappointment with the new submission. Although the house sizes had been reduced somewhat, the same number of Garry oaks were going to be removed.

Council debate regarding the rezoning application is available here: [bit.ly/35k1BWY](https://bit.ly/35k1BWY). Council passed a motion stating: "That it be recommended that consideration of the request to rezone the property located at 855 Falaise Crescent from the A-1 (Rural) Zone to the RS-10 (Single Family Dwelling) Zone and Development Variance Permit DVP00407 be postponed to allow the developer to hold a community meeting and then come back to Council."

The community meeting is planned for January 18<sup>th</sup> at Commonwealth Place. A facilitator has been chosen to manage the meeting and discussions are underway with the developer to finalize the agenda. This is a chance for anyone with an opinion regarding the proposed development of 855 Falaise Cr. to make their views known. If you cannot attend, or are reluctant to speak in public, please contact a member of the Executive and we will make sure that your views are considered.

## AGM Report

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held November 13<sup>th</sup> in a meeting room generously provided by First Memorial funeral services. A flyer announcing the AGM was distributed to all residents about two weeks prior to the event. Beverages were provided by First Memorial and the FCA contributed light snacks.

Mayor Haynes was scheduled as guest speaker but he had a last-minute commitment that prevented him from attending. He sent his regrets and expressed a willingness to attend a subsequent event.

Draft minutes for the AGM are available on the website so we will mention only a few highlights here: eight Directors were elected to the Board for 2020; it was decided to keep the membership fee at \$5 per resident; and a list of the issues to be addressed in 2020 was prepared.



## Celebrate Family Day!

We will be holding another Family Day event this year. Plan to join other families and friends on February 17<sup>th</sup>, between 2 and 4

p.m. at the Royal Oak Women's Institute Hall, 4516 West Saanich Road. Last year, we had a play area for younger kids, games for older kids and adults and lots of food and drinks. Anyone with good ideas or willing to volunteer some time, please contact any member of the Executive.

## Issues for 2020

The Annual General Meeting was an opportunity to prioritize issues that we should address in the coming year. The complete list can be found in the minutes of the AGM, available on the website. These are the ones that we consider most important and will likely require the most effort.

**Lot 855:** The community meeting is being held on January 18<sup>th</sup> and planning is well underway. The outcome of this meeting will help determine how much additional effort is required.

**Noise wall:** Our MLA, Lana Popham, requested that we petition the residents of the Falaise neighbourhood. An overwhelming majority were in favour of a noise wall and the results were submitted to Minister Popham. Unfortunately, she concluded that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure guidelines did not support

noise abatement unless the highway was being modified. Mayor Haynes and Saanich Council have expressed support for a noise wall but so far have not applied for appropriate funding.

**Funeral parking:** Large funerals lead to overflow parking on Falaise Dr. and Falaise Cr. Vehicles parked illegally present inconveniences and hazards for local residents. We have raised the issue with Saanich Council and have suggested that significant additional parking can be achieved by widening Falaise Dr.

**Crematorium smoke and smell:** For many years, residents near the funeral homes or burial park have been bothered by foul smells and ash from the crematorium chimneys. We have discussed the issue with one of the funeral homes. We want to establish a better database of information regarding the emissions and review the regulations that crematoriums





*One of several new Garry oaks that have been planted in the Park.*

## Falaise Park Improvements

Now that all the leaves have dropped off the trees and shrubs in the park we are taking stock of our rehabilitation work and noting where to concentrate our efforts in the spring. We hope we have pulled the last of the Scotch broom but time will tell.

Meanwhile new planting continues - in early December a Saanich Parks crew put in five more Garry oak trees around the top near the bench. We now have planted a total of eleven oak trees in 2019. We also caged up several of our shrubs and young oak seedlings to protect them from browsing by hungry deer over the winter.

Sometime in February we will have a planting day for the trees and shrubs on order from Saanich Parks. To get involved call our Park Steward, Stuart Macpherson at 250-415-1739.

## Membership Renewal

Last year the FCA had 200 members but on January 1<sup>st</sup> everybody's membership expired. Please support your community and join us again by renewing your membership now. As before, membership is open to all residents, 18 years of age or older, living on Falaise Drive, Falaise Crescent and the various cul-de-sacs off those streets. A membership form is available on-line at [www.falaise.ca/get-involved](http://www.falaise.ca/get-involved). You can complete and submit the form on-line or print it and then deliver it to the address below. Membership fees remain \$5 per person and may be submitted as cash, a cheque made payable to Falaise Community Association, or by e-transfer to [treasurer@falaise.ca](mailto:treasurer@falaise.ca). Note that no security question is needed for an e-transfer.

Please deliver your membership form and cash or cheque payment to:

Mac Nanton, Registrar  
4613 Royal Wood Ct  
Email: [registrar@falaise.ca](mailto:registrar@falaise.ca).



*Stuart Macpherson with some of the Scotch broom that has been removed from the Park.*

## Special Thanks



**Berwick Royal Oak retirement residence**, for making their meeting room available for our monthly Board meetings.

**First Memorial funeral services**, for providing us with a meeting room for our Annual General Meeting.

**Thrifty Foods**, for providing a gift certificate and tents to help with our summer picnic.

**Starbucks Coffee, Broadmead**, for providing us with coffee for the Tree Love Symposium.

# 2020 Board of Directors



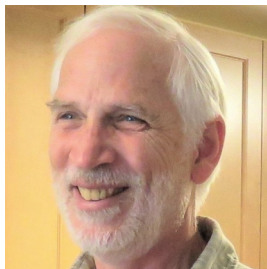
**Cynthia Hawksworth** moved from the Maplewood area of Saanich to the Falaise Community in November 2018. Since then she has enjoyed getting to know the neighbourhood and community residents. Prior to retirement, she worked for 33 years for the government of B.C. as a

community and regional planner. Cynthia has one adult son and she keeps fit by attending Jazzercise classes and hiking with her two rambunctious dogs. She has been busy renovating her house and garden.



**Sandrine Lio** was born in France but has lived in Canada most of her life. She is a grandmother and a mother of two grown children. When she is not working, she volunteers at the SPCA, she has a huge passion for the welfare of animals. Sandrine has enjoyed living in the community for

the past 18 years, though she is hopeful that something could be done about the traffic noise that impacts the community.



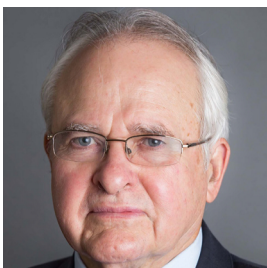
**Bob Lucy** and his wife, Sue, have lived in the community for 35 years. Now retired, Bob gardens (or at least spreads piles of wood chips around his front yard), raises bees, and volunteers with the Maasai Conservation Fund to establish a

permaculture and demonstration farm in Tanzania. This year he and Sue anticipate the arrival of an Eritrian refugee family they are helping sponsor.



**Stuart Macpherson** is a retired forestry and environmental consultant and was previously executive director of the Managed Forest Council B.C. For many years he was a leader at 5<sup>th</sup> Cedar Hill Scouts. In spring 2018 he took on the role of Park Steward for Falaise

Park under the auspices of Saanich Parks and is keen to restore the natural vegetation of the park.



**Mac Nanton** and his wife Marion have three children and five grandchildren scattered over the globe. He is a Retired Professional Transportation Engineer who has worked in a number of provinces, lastly in the province of B.C. where he worked extensively on the

Vancouver Island Highway Project, including the Pat Bay Highway. His second career was in residential realty in Victoria, and he is now retired. He and his spouse have hosted UVic ESL students for the past 25 years.



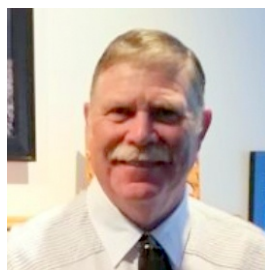
**Carl Ross** and his wife, Barbara, moved from Ottawa to Saanich in 2016 to escape the worst of the winter weather. They enjoy living in the Falaise area and have been warmly welcomed by the neighbours. Easy access to many hiking trails has been an unexpected

bonus. Carl joined the Executive with the hope that something could be done about the traffic noise that impacts the community. He has also established a web site for the Association.



**Stew Vinnels** and his wife Ann Brydon have lived on Southover Lane since 1996. While practicing dentistry from 1970 through retirement, Stew continues as a principal of residential and transportation development businesses. He is active with Scout

groups and has served on Scouts Canada's Regional Management Board. As a Director and Board Chair of the Glendale Lodge Society, Stew guided the residents into community based group homes.



**Gary Weeks** has lived in this community location for 30 years. Recently retired out of the forest industry he now fills his time with healthy living and maintaining family connections. The ocean and the land environment are important causes and issues because we are

affected by small changes one at a time. Although change is inevitable the changes that we observe and allow should be change for the good of us all and not for individuals.