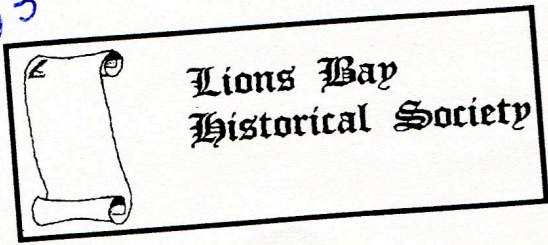


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photo project outing to Brunswick Beach Ms Van Steele of #14 Brunswick Beach handed us the two pages filled with the incredible history of Brunswick Beach, our dear neighbours to the north. Thank you from the members of the LBHS.

We regret that due to business reasons Myron Loutet has had to resign as Chairperson of the Historical Society. As a member we welcome him at future meetings but hope his time frame will allow him to spend more time in the future.

Tony Cox

LOOKING BACK

LBHS salutes Brunswick Beach in the second of a two part article from the archives of the society. The author of this brief history is unknown, but it was submitted by Rena Van Steele of Brunswick Beach. Thank you, Rena!

On September 8, 1956, a large number of property owners traveled by P.G.E. Railway to the beach to attend the first general meeting of Brunswick Beach Improvement District, which was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Ray Grant. Trustees elected at the meeting were --- R. L. Elliott, chairman; W.C. Fearn, R.C. Grant., W.J. Roper, C.S. Woodworth, Merna Edwards, Secretary- Treasurer.

During the building of the railway and the highway, the construction firm of Campbell, Bennett Ltd., had its camp on the upper side of the tracks. They put in roads to meet their needs, with a boat landing and oil storage tanks in Alberta Bay. In the summer of 1960, a gravel plant operated on the property belonging to the railway. In late 1960 electricity was installed by B.C. Electric Co., and telephone came in 1962.

Early in 1960, Deeks Creek Logging Company leased property and water lot at north end of the district and put in it's own road and bridge to cross the creek and railway crossing, bearing north from highway. This was used until "Hurricane Freda" caused a flash flood and took out the highway bridge, the logging bridge and the G.P.E. trestle. At that time, (October, 1962) a new railway crossing was approved by the Department of Transport to be used by Deeks Creek Logging Co., and us. Previously we had crossed the railway at the south end of the district near Charlie Bennett' place, and then driven north on the low road.

At the first annual meeting Of Brunswick Beach Improvement District, April 29th, 1957, Mr. & Mrs. I. M. Stainsby moved and Mr. Martin seconded that we write to Victoria asking that Plan 3149 be revised to embody the Esplanade into the property fronting the water, making a road allowance at the rear. Legal proceedings concluded with the government approving transfer of forty feet from the fifty foot Esplanade to a road allowance at the back of the properties, leaving Block 19 unchanged.

1962 saw the commencement of transition from summer cottages to permanent residents with Jean & Peter Johnston, Anne and Eric Thomson, and Merna & Frank Gates.

"A Touch of History" was passed on by Ms. Phyllis Rymes