

# COMMUNITY Q&A COFFEE SESSION 12 OCTOBER – BILL'S NOTES

Hi all,

For those of you who missed it, the cakes and coffee were great!

Thanks to all those who baked and participated and Cass's strong coffee, needed after the Fireshed event last night.

We were overwhelmed with over 60 people....

No only kidding, there were actually 6, if you count the 2 kids, so 4 adults (but 2 of these were relatively new Island arrivals which was good). As well as the 7 committee members who came of course.

Still we did it! We sat in a small circle and there was some interesting stuff that came up as well as some questions and updates on some of the standard issues.

For me the highlight was the brain storm we had about our 60<sup>th</sup> birthday next year. This could be a CECs project, or one for the whole committee?

Ideas...

## Three competitions

1. A new name for the Island (this would probably mostly be tongue in cheek but could become our mythical or private name)
2. A new anthem
3. A new flag (simplicity is good)



My entry....

Stages of Competition for each:

1. Request for Expressions of Interest
2. Short List best entries
3. Island wide vote on candidates in the short list

We then aim for one or more events and seek people who wish to champion these (we already have Emmie and Colin Haskell as volunteers)

Some events ideas (there could be one big one or several smaller events)

- Short Film festival (with results shown in the park, or fire shed, or community hall with new projector)
- Scottish day? Sports Day with the Thompson Clan Tartan Kilts etc. (No Haggis and underpants compulsory!)

- Build a raft (only with materials from your house) and maybe race around the navigation pole off Tennis Wharf and back (if lucky). Need to time it for a high tide in the mid-afternoon.
- Something like a “Celebration Day” with maybe History Tent, Massage Tent, Book Talks, Time Capsule, Art display, Music, Vision Workshop, etc?
- Something that has an individual event or theme for each public wharf (Is cargo a public wharf?) – good excuse for a walk...

SO....

We need some creative energy .... maybe we need to form a new sub-committee, the Fun Sub-Committee, or it could be a new sub-sub-committee under CECs that will bring the whole Island together (the Fun & Unification Creative Committee - FUCC).

The start is to find the champions with the energy and drive!

Note: The Fire brigade will have their own celebrations as well.

Finally, there were a few other things that came up this morning , but I will leave that to the others of you who came, as I had better stop before I get myself into more trouble.

*Bill Gye*