

South of Town Events

September, 2020

From the Area C Director....

Well, here we are in September and I have to say, we've been pretty lucky. The BC Centre for Disease Control recently released the number of total cases by Local Health Area and Powell River is holding strong with not a single case reported. People are being sensible and respectful and that has allowed us to retain a bit more freedom than others have right now, but we can't afford to become complacent. Many people changed summer plans and instead opted for a "Staycation", utilizing the local trails and beaches. It's been great to see people enjoying where we live – hopefully new habits remain even after everything returns to normal.

Throughout the summer the RD has been working hard to provide information to the public and to keep things running smoothly. The parks have had a lot of use and Haywire Bay and Shelter Point have been busy. On a Board level things usually slow down in the summer, but there are still a few interesting things to report. Work on the Resource Recovery Centre and Waste Transfer Station is well underway, with cleanup of the old incinerator site going nicely. A number of the materials recovered will be repurposed in the construction phase, which decreases the quantity that will end up in the landfill and it saves money. I'm really excited about this project and know that it will be a big boon for our community, and the fact that essentially half of the cost was covered by federal grants is fantastic.

On a more local level, two new reserve funds were established for the Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department – one for equipment and another to go towards the building of a new fire hall. As many of you know, the recent replacement of two trucks required an increase to property taxes – the establishment of a reserve funds will keep things more consistent.

Just last week the Board directed staff to create a Request for Proposal for an organics processing facility. Another piece in the Solid Waste Management Plan, an organics processing facility will keep organic material out of the landfill and provide much-needed compost to locals, all while lowering greenhouse gases. Everyone wins!

The Powell River Public Library has been up and running this entire summer in varying degrees of accessibility. The doors are open for browsing the stacks and using the computers but unfortunately lingering is not allowed. August saw the beginning of some in-person outdoor programming for children and patronage is on the rise. Check the library website (www.prpl.ca) to find out what's happening – things are changing all the time!

Remember to visit the RD website (www.qathet.ca) for regular updates concerning Covid-19. Click on the "Read More" link next to "qRD Response to Covid-19". Have a great month!

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Lang Bay Hall:

Lang Bay Hall has suspended all large indoor gatherings, which means no weekly crib and the annual Seniors' Christmas Dinner will not happen this year. The board will continue to monitor the Covid-19 situation with the hope of returning to normal in the near future.

If you're looking for something to read please visit the mini library at the front door of the hall. Take necessary precautions when handling the books and check in regularly for new materials.

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. - Lang Bay Friends - A friendly setting for discussion, games & exercise – all safety measures followed. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com or 604-487-1895.

Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - Yoga with A.J. – No charge in Sept. Contact 604-698-8227

Wednesdays 6:30 p.m. - Yoga with A.J. – No charge in Sept. Contact 604-698-8227

Thursdays 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Gentle yoga with Danielle - \$10 drop in. Contact 604-223-9493

Fridays 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. - Yoga with Danielle - \$10 drop in. Contact 604-223-9493

Saturday, Oct.3rd 12:00 - 4 p.m. - Fall Plant & Garden Sale. Member-donated potted plants, garlic, honey, garden scrubs, driftwood wind chimes & more. Order your Covid-19 t-shirt, get Barbara Lambert to sign her latest book "Coastal Memories" for you, or sign up for the raffle of garden-related items. To be a vendor or for more info contact vaughndiana73@gmail.com.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Schools are opening back up again but things will look a bit different this year. For more information please check out the following SD47 websites:

BC Public Health/SD47 information page: [https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Pages/covid19.aspx#/ =](https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Pages/covid19.aspx#/=)

Elementary school info: https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets_elementary.pdf

Secondary school info: https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets_secondary.pdf

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net

Sunday service: Re-starting soon – check KCCC Facebook page for details:
(<https://www.facebook.com/KellyCreekChurch/>)

YouTube sermons: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4DCEVn5byz-L1ffioV2zlQ>