

South of Town Events

November, 2020

From the Area C Director....

Over the last few weeks we've really seen a change in the weather – fall is definitely here. I know for a lot of people in the community, and me personally, this will add another challenge as the outdoors was a welcome option during Covid restrictions. With wetter and colder weather it becomes a little less enticing but I encourage you to get the cold weather gear out and make the most of it. Remember: there's no bad weather – just inappropriate clothing.

I want to thank everyone who worked to make the 2020 Lang Bay Fall Plant and Garden Sale a success. It was a beautiful day and a guesstimate of 150 people showed up to walk around the stunning gardens at Lang Bay Hall. I had a table set up and was handing out information from the Regional District while Marc Albert spoke about the Fire Smart program. A large number of people took home the hot-off-the-press Community Evacuation Guide for South of Town – if you didn't get one you can pick it up outside the RD office at #202-4675 Marine or download it from the website. Go to www.qathet.ca and click on Services/Emergency Preparedness/Personal and Neighborhood Preparedness/South of Town (under Community Evacuation Guides). There's a lot of good info in the guides to help you be ready should a natural disaster occur.

This month at the RD we provided letters of support for four grant applications. PR PAWS is seeking grant money for improvements to the Sunshine Coast Trail, the City of Powell River for upgrading of the Recreation Complex and for an airport runway extension project and the Powell River Educational Services Society for maintaining the Powell Forest Canoe Route Project. We also provided grant funding for a number of initiatives including improved cart paths at the Myrtle Point Golf Club, the qathet Community Justice program (part of LIFT), materials for the Texada Library and the Lasqueti Island Nature Conservancy. This was the second round of grants awarded this year – the first happened in the spring. The board also agreed to consider the business case for a disc golf course to be installed at Shelter Point Park on Texada. I personally really enjoy disc golfing – it's another opportunity to get outside and it's a perfect activity for the whole family, and those can be pretty hard to find sometimes.

In the near future a study will be occurring that will be looking at how to best provide high speed internet for the entire RD. As public engagement is very challenging these days, I imagine a survey will be going out to find out how well the public is being served by the current providers and what people use the internet for most often. I'll be posting any information concerning the survey on my Facebook page (www.facebook.com/ClayBranderAreaC) when it comes available – keep your eyes open for it!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Lang Bay Hall has suspended all indoor gatherings, which means no weekly crib, Lang Bay Friends, or yoga. Unfortunately the annual (and very popular) Seniors' Christmas Dinner has been cancelled as well. 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.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Schools are up and running but things 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#/=
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
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The new playground equipment (funded by a provincial Ministry of Education grant) has been installed and looks great! The old asphalt has been ripped up and is soon to be replaced. Take some time on one of these sunny days to check it out! Unfortunately for the time being the gym and community house are not open to the public. The situation is being monitored.

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>