

# *South of Town Events*

*January, 2021*

## *From the Area C Director....*

Well, 2020 is finally over, but that doesn't mean that we get to drop our guard, unfortunately. It does mean that we can look towards 2021 with the knowledge that there is an end to the tunnel and that things will be normal once again. Stay positive, support your friends and family, do something good for the community.

There was no Seniors' Christmas Dinner this year at Lang Bay Hall due to Covid restrictions, but not even a pesky virus could stop the Christmas hamper program from happening. Record-breaking donations meant that nine local families were each given nine boxes of provisions and gifts, all of which were handled by a limited number of volunteers. More volunteers were available than were allowed due to Covid restrictions but hopefully next year everyone who wants to will be able to take part. Lang Bay Hall would like to thank the Powell River Kiwanis, the Powell River Community Response Team (United Way Powell River & District, Powell River Community Foundation & First Credit Union), the Powell River United Church ladies, and Freshco for making the marathon shop a little easier.

For the most part it was a quiet month at the RD, but one of the items that the Planning Committee had to deal with in December did make an impact in the media. The committee was informed that there was an application being submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for the development of a clean wood waste landfill north of Lund. Shortly after the meeting occurred, postings started to show up on social media condemning the concept and a petition against it was created which garnered thousands of signatures. Unfortunately the social media postings and the petition were spreading false information that the landfill was for contaminated and toxic waste – neither of which was true. Prior to our board meeting the applicant withdrew his request at great personal cost, citing public response as the reason for the withdrawal. I would like to caution everyone that the simple act of sharing a post on social media or putting your signature on an online petition can lead to significant consequences, some of which are not necessarily positive. Please take the time to do the research before acting on something that you have read online – make sure you know the reality of the situation. In this case a resident is out hundreds of thousands of dollars and the possibility of local jobs arising from the proposed venture will never come to be.

One last item – the library is looking for two trustees – one from the city and one from the rural areas, so if you know of anyone that may be interested please encourage them to check out [www.prpl.ca](http://www.prpl.ca) and click on "About us", "Library Information", "Board Members", "Become a Library Trustee" or email [info@prpl.ca](mailto:info@prpl.ca).

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### ***Lang Bay Hall:***

The Lang Bay Hall remains closed to activities, events & rentals. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at some point in 2021. Until then, please stay tuned.

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.

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### ***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: \[https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets\\\_elementary.pdf  
Secondary school info: \\[https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets\\\\_secondary.pdf  
KCCS info: <https://www.sd47.bc.ca/school/kccs/Pages/default.aspx#/=>\\]\\(https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets\\_secondary.pdf\\)\]\(https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Documents/fact%20sheets\_elementary.pdf\)](https://www.sd47.bc.ca/Pages/covid19.aspx#/=)

The new playground equipment (funded by a provincial Ministry of Education grant) has been installed and looks great! The old asphalt has been replaced. Take some time on one of these rare 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.

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### ***Kelly Creek Community Church:***

Pastor: Mike Martinig      Office: 604-414-4827      Email: [kellyck@telus.net](mailto: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>