# South of Town Events

May, 2021

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

Amazingly, there are actually two events to report to you that are happening in May! The Lang Bay Community Spring Plant and Garden Sale will be going ahead and Lang Bay Friends is going to resume outdoor, socially distanced meetings. Please check the back page for more information.

It was a relatively quiet month for the qRD, other than the concerns that have been voiced by the public over the possibility of a composting facility being located in Townsite on the old mill property. The qRD Board received a report from staff detailing the history of the project, information about composting and details about similar facilities around BC, as well as a lot of other useful information. The report was forwarded to the City of Powell River and Tla'amin governments and is available on the qRD website as part of the April 15<sup>th</sup> Committee of the Whole agenda. The purpose of a composting facility is to significantly reduce the amount of waste that is transported out of our community, which will reduce the amount of greenhouse gases that are emitted and keep more of our tax dollars in the qRD. Everyone agrees that it's a great plan – there are just some concerns over the location of the facility. The qRD staff and Board will work diligently and consider every option in order to be sure that the best location is chosen and that it will be operated to acceptable standards.

One item that will be of interest to those South of town is that the body of water that was formerly known as Saltery Bay has now been officially changed to skelhp. This change was recommended by the shishálh Nation and supported by BC Ferries and was made official by the BC Geographical Names Office. It is an ancient name for the area but its meaning and origin have been lost over time. Here's how to pronounce it properly:

• 'ske' is pronounced like the 'sku' in 'skull', except that **k** is produced father back in the mouth.

- 'Lh' sounds like the 'thl' in English 'athlete'.
- 'p' sounds like 'p' in English.

If you'd like to hear it pronounced properly, please go to https://shishalh.com/culture-language/sechelt-language/ and scroll down until you see skelhp (Saltery Bay). At this point the community has not undergone a name change, but you've probably noticed that signage includes both the ancient and current names.

Have a great month!

#### Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

# Lang Bay Hall:

Sat., May 8th - noon - 4 p.m. - The Lang Bay Community Club will be celebrating mothers with an outdoor Spring Plant & Garden Sale. Local vendors and LBH Club members will have exciting home & garden-related items and potted plants available for purchase. Local businesses have donated some awesome raffle items – proceeds to go towards maintaining the community hall. Health and safety protocols will be strictly adhered to during this event.

For many years Lang Bay Hall has had a community garden containing a wide variety of flowers, shrubs and trees. It was designed and is maintained by John Jacobs with the help of many volunteers. Lang Bay Friends, a weekly social group for building community networking and identifying community needs, plans to further diversify this garden. We (as part of a David Suzuki Butterflyways Ranger project) are developing a butterfly habitat by planting butterfly-attracting plants that will not only feed the butterflies and fulfill their egg-laying needs but will also lend aid to our declining bee population. If you would like to take part please join us for weekly meetings in the garden starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:30-noon. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more information.

Lang Bay Hall remains closed to indoor activities, events & rentals.

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. The garden is always open and is a great place to relax on these increasingly-sunny days.

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

# 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