

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 15th 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 shíshálh 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!

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