

South of Town Events

September, 2021

From the Area C Director....

It's that time of year again – the weather's getting cooler, the sun is setting earlier, and people are prepping for school to start back up. I don't know about you, but I'm not really ready for it yet – I don't quite feel like I had the summer I was hoping for. Summertime in Powell River is usually such a fantastic time – Blackberry Festival, PRISMA on the Beach, the Sunshine Music Festival – instead we had our second year of Covid-related cancellations. While the dry conditions were certainly a big concern, the sunny days did provide some great beach opportunities and chances to spend time outdoors with friends and family – I hope you took advantage of them. I know I did.

As is typical with any summer, things slow down at the qRD. I've compiled a few things of interest that occurred over the past three months:

- A waste composition study was done – around 45% of our waste by weight (not counting construction and demolition) is food waste and organics. Hopefully when the new organics processing plant gets running full swing we can drop that number dramatically.
- In light of the fact that Trash Bash didn't happen this year, the qRD sponsored a Free Disposal Day for illegally dumped materials. I haven't heard back from the Let's Talk Trash team but I hope it was a big success. I've noticed that there's a lot of trash along the highways these days – my hat is off to those individuals that take the time to pick up trash when they see it.
- The Board requested a report on how volunteers can be involved in the caring for and improving of our parks and cemetery. Volunteering is a win-win situation.
- The Board provided support for the Powell River Salmon Society's request to the Ministry of Fisheries for more funding for the Lang Creek Hatchery. They haven't had an increase in their budget since 1982 – seems like a reasonable request, considering all the good work they do.
- The Water System Extension Feasibility Study was received by the Board but due to the high cost of implementing the project it will be kept for information purposes only at this point.
- The Wood Stove Exchange program was funded again – a positive move towards reducing our Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- Letters of support were provided for Telus to request grant funding to improve their Internet infrastructure in the rural areas.
- There's a new Waterfront Enhancement Project happening at the Outdoor Learning Centre that is paid for by SD47 but needed approval from the qRD to go ahead. It looks like it's going to be a really positive addition to the facility.

I know it's not exactly a fun thing to think about, especially after having been given a little freedom from the Covid restrictions, but let's all be diligent and hopefully we can knock these numbers back down again. Keep a positive attitude and have a great September – there are still plenty of sunny days ahead!

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Lang Bay Hall:

The Lang Bay Community Club hopes to restart some of its activities and events that our community has enjoyed in the past. There will be some new health and safety protocols in place to protect all of us.

We would like to express a huge thank you to those members who continue to maintain the building and the lovely gardens. Since their beginning the gardens & community library have been open to the community and enjoyed by many. Please stop by to enjoy the outdoor space and pick up (or drop off) a new book!

Tuesdays starting September 14th 10:30 a.m.- noon: Lang Bay Friends meet in an informal way focusing on social interaction through a variety of topics indoors & out. They are currently involved in diversifying the hall's outdoor space to include pollinating plants & garden structures. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more info contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com

Thursday, Sept. 16, 10:00-3:00: Covid Vaccine Walk-in Clinic

Monday, September 20th: Election Day. Lang Bay Hall is your local polling station.

The ever popular **Yoga with A.J.** is going to be back – stay tuned for more information.

Thursday evening crib start date TBA: Contact Rob: rkmaidland@gmail.com

Saturday October 2nd noon-3 p.m.: Lang Bay Community Club's Outdoor Fall Plant & Garden Sale. This popular event features members' potted plants, an assortment of vendors, draws including a 50/50 & a food truck to get it all started. All proceeds go toward maintaining our historic property. Representatives from the qRD will also be present to answer questions and provide interesting information.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

Schools will be up and running but protocols are still being determined. Please check the SD47 website for more information.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
Sunday service: Beginning September 12th Kelly Creek Community Church will
begin meeting weekly at 10:00 AM.