

South of Town Events

October, 2021

From the Area C Director....

Early this month a few of us met with MLA Nicholas Simons for the first regularly-scheduled meeting aimed at increasing communication between the local and provincial governments. I found it beneficial and believe that its usefulness will only grow with time. Mid-month I took part in the Union of BC Municipalities conference that is held every year. It's a great time for local government representatives to learn new skills, be informed about existing or upcoming opportunities and to express concerns that we may have or changes that we think need to be made. It's also the time when we vote on which resolutions the UBCM will advocate for with the province. As part of the UBCM I attended three ministerial meetings to discuss issues of particular interest to the qRD, one of which included a request for a presentation by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development about how pesticides are used in our back country and how they are regulated by the government. The minister supported our request – hopefully their presentation will educate the Board and be a useful tool to inform the public, not only in the qRD but in other regional districts as well. There's a lot of misinformation out there – a thorough presentation may help alleviate public concerns. Other topics of discussion included a presentation about water bottling regulations, last mile internet connectivity and the potential for public transit to Horseshoe Bay.

The agenda for the Board meeting was a little light this month – probably the three most interesting items on it were that we are again applying for a grant to support the FireSmart program, that we authorized the Chair to sign a three year Expansion Initiative letter with BC Transit that supports adding an additional day of service to Texada Island and that we authorized the staff to contract The Arlington Group to engage with the residents of Electoral Areas A, B and C to look at the pros and cons of land use regulation. There are a lot of misconceptions about land use regulation – hopefully through these sessions the public will take the opportunity to gather information and express their support or concerns with the concept. Once the sessions are scheduled they will be advertised widely – I encourage everyone to show up and take part in this informative, respectful and unbiased exercise.

Chief Dave Keiver from the MVFD reported that the fire hall was busy this month responding to twenty-two calls (two hundred and seven for the year) of which approximately 60% were medical First Responder calls. He also reported that they successfully achieved Superior Tanker Shuttle Service accreditation which is a recognized equivalency to fire hydrant protection. Years of preparation, dedicated firefighters and upgrades to the fire department's fleet of three water tenders led to this achievement – congrats to all! This new accreditation may result in lower insurance rates for those properties within the MVFD service area that are not serviced by fire hydrants, so please contact your insurers to see if you qualify.

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Lang Bay Hall:

For all indoor events and activities please follow Covid-related safety guidelines.

Tuesdays 10:30 - 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

Tuesdays starting Oct. 5th – 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Gentle flow yoga. Drop in fee \$10 – everyone welcome. Contact Danielle – danraegau@gmail.com

Wednesdays Oct. 6th - Nov. 3rd, 3:50 - 5:00, Yin/Restorative Yoga. Pre-registration required, \$50 fee. B.Y.O. body pillow, yoga mat, throw blanket. Contact Robin 604-483-6759.

Thursdays – 7:00 pm sharp, Cribbage. Everyone welcome up to 32 people, masks and proof of vaccination required. Cost: \$2 per person. Contact Rob – rkmaidland@gmail.com

Saturday October 2nd noon-3 p.m., rain or shine: 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.

The outdoor LBH library is closed for a few weeks for repairs to the stairs.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

KCCSA Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 27th** at 7:00 pm. This will be a Zoom gathering. If you wish to be included on the mailing list for this event please call the KCCSA office at 604-487-9925.

Strong Start is now meeting in the basement of Kelly Creek Community Church on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30-11:30, Thursdays 11:30-2:30.

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.