

# ***South of Town Events***

***February, 2022***

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

The snow is gone and the rain hasn't been too bad – hopefully you're making time to get outside. There's nothing like a bike ride to clear the head of everything that's built up in there throughout the day, and even though the sun is always appreciated, inclement weather isn't an excuse to stay indoors. Like Scottish comedian Billy Connolly says, *"There's no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing, so get yourself a sexy raincoat and live a little."*

On to qathet Regional District (qRD) business. At a recent Planning Committee meeting comments were made that disturbed members of the Board and local residents alike, but I'm not going to delve into them in this forum. I just want to say that all of us on the Board want to get to a place where internal issues no longer distract us from giving the public what they deserve – good governance.

Telus is nearing completion of a new tower up Weldwood Road that should improve the cell service in the area for those who are on networks that Telus supports. Plans are underway for an additional tower near Kent's Beach which will extend the range even further. These towers will not only provide cell service, it will also be possible to sign up for wireless internet service thereby bringing connectivity to some of the underserved parts of Area C.

The Board has asked staff to investigate the concept of expanding Emily Lake Park on Texada Island and creating a new Regional Park on Lasqueti Island – both of which would be welcome additions to the qRD. Staff has also been asked to prepare a report on the cost of engaging the public, Tla'amin Nation, the City and the Improvement Districts in support of developing a Regional Growth Strategy.

Speaking of Improvement Districts (ID's), there's been quite a bit of discussion about whether the qRD should be supporting them with Community Works Funds (CWF). The Board requested a staff report asking how CWF are used in other regional districts so that we can decide if our policy needs to be modified. ID's are responsible for a number of water services in the qRD as well as the Texada fire hall - they play an important role in the community.

Finally, the Board has endorsed an application to the Union of BC Municipalities for funding through the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund in order to fund the installation of an evacuation support container at Lasqueti Community Hall. If approved, this will be the sixth in the qRD (Kelly Creek Community School is slated to receive theirs in March, 2022). These containers will benefit residents by supplying shelter and basic necessities in the event of a natural disaster. It's good to have them available, but hopefully we never need to use them.

Have a great February!

***Clay Brander, qathet Regional District***

**Lang Bay Hall:**

The Community Club activities of cribbage and Lang Bay Friends will continue in a holding pattern for the next few weeks but the library is open and well-stocked for rainy day reading.

**Sunday Feb 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. – Spring Plant Sale fundraiser planning meeting.** All members interested in taking part are welcome to join us at the hall. Contact Carol at chearder@gmail.com for more info.

**Mondays, Jan.31<sup>st</sup> - Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> (no class Feb.21) - 10:00-11:00 am: Gentle Yoga** with Robin. \$72/session. To register or for more info text or call Robin at 604-483-6759 or email/e-transfer robin.inison@gmail.com.

**Tuesdays starting Jan.25<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-7:30 pm: Slow Flow Yoga** with Danielle. Drop in fee \$10.00. All bodies welcome. Contact Danielle at 604-223-9493 or danraegau@gmail.com.

**Wednesdays, Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mar. 9<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:00 am - Functional Yoga** with Robin. Cost \$72/session. This is a continuation of the fall session. To register or for more info text or call Robin at 604-483-6759 or email/e-transfer robin.inison@gmail.com.

\*\*The hall is now available for indoor rentals - Contact Judy 604-487-4499 to book.\*\*

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**Kelly Creek Community School:**

All activities involving the public have been cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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**Kelly Creek Community Church:**

**Strong Start** is meeting in the basement of Kelly Creek Community Church on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30-11:30, Thursdays 11:30-2:30 dependent on provincial health orders. Please register online at [www.sd47.bc.ca](http://www.sd47.bc.ca) before showing up.

Pastor: Mike Martinig      Office: 604-414-4827      Email: [kellyck@telus.net](mailto:kellyck@telus.net)  
Sunday service:      Kelly Creek Community Church is hosting in-person services at 10:00 AM. Provincial health orders are followed - masks are mandatory. You can also join online on Facebook and YouTube.

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**Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:**

There were 28 calls in January.