

South of Town Events

June, July and August, 2022

From the Area C Director....

In April I attended a meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) that I didn't mention in my May newsletter. During this meeting I advocated yet again for changes to be made to the Black Point curve in order to make it safer for the community. There have been many accidents on that curve and even more near misses – hopefully something will eventually be done to improve the situation. I did learn that MOTI intends on analyzing the entire Hwy 101 corridor this year – with any luck this will result in some positive changes. Another issue I brought up is the bridge over Lang Creek and the fact that it's far too narrow for vehicles and cyclists to cross at the same time. I've met with the local MOTI representative at the bridge and am going to be bringing a motion to the June Committee of the Whole asking the Board to request letters of support from local governments and organizations with the hopes of pressuring MOTI into installing pedestrian bridges on both sides of the existing bridge. There's a lot of cycling tourism happening these days and people are using their E-bikes in greater numbers – it makes sense to have a safe crossing point at Lang Creek for vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians.

It was quite a busy month at the Regional District – meetings went long. One of the tasks attended to was the disbursement of grant funding to some of the many worthy local organizations that applied. This was the first intake of grant applications - there will be another one in the fall. If you are interested in finding out who the successful applicants were please check the qathet Regional District website or www.facebook.com/ClayBranderAreaC as there are too many to list here. Three groups requested and will receive letters of support - the Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society, the Kindred ReBuild Store Project and the qathet Shoreline Cleanup Project. Letters of support are often used when organizations are applying for grant funding from outside sources and having local government backing goes a long way. The Powell River Public Library made a request for the Board to submit a resolution to the Union of BC Municipalities asking for increased and continuing funding for public libraries, something that is desperately needed. The Board agreed to do so.

Many of you participated in a qathet Regional Communications and Engagement Strategy study – the Board has now received the final report. Implementation of changes suggested in the report will hopefully make things more transparent and keep the public better informed. One change that will more than likely take place will be the increased use of social media to get the word out. New initiatives will occur gradually as staff time allows.

As always, South of Town Events will take the summer off so check in at www.qathet.ca if you need any local information. Enjoy the sun!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays 10:30 am-noon - Lang Bay Friends: The group is currently finishing up their birdbath project which will be placed in the Lang Bay hall gardens. Lang Bay Friends will wind up June 21st and resume again in September. Contact: lghascats@gmail.com for more information.

Sunday June 12th @ 2:00 pm - Lang Bay Community Club general membership meeting. New members always welcome. Contact rkmaidland@gmail.com for more information.

FUNctional Yoga DROP IN over the summer months only (May, June, July & August). \$10 per class. Classes will be irregular and held outdoors in the back garden at Lang Bay Hall. Send your email address to Robin and a message will be sent when a class is being offered. Rainy days? Class will be indoors. Email: robin.inison@gmail.com

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

Kelly Creek Community School:

All activities involving the public have been cancelled due to Covid restrictions.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Strong Start is meeting in the basement of Kelly Creek Community Church throughout June on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays 8:30-11:30, Thursdays 11:30-2:30 but takes July and August off. Please register online at www.sd47.bc.ca before showing up.

Pastor: Mike Martinig Office: 604-414-4827 Email: kellyck@telus.net
Sunday service: Kelly Creek Community Church is hosting in-person services at
10:00 AM and you can also join us online on Facebook or YouTube.

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

The Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a safe and happy summer and hopes everyone abides by the burning bans if and when they come into effect.