

South of Town Events

September, 2022

From the Area C Director....

It's been a busy few months – not particularly with qathet Regional District (qRD) activities but with life in general. This newsletter is coming out a little earlier than usual and it will be the only one you see for at least a little while because there are rules that come into effect when an election is around the corner. In case you're curious, the nominating period for Electoral Area Director lasts from August 30th to September 9th and voting occurs on October 15th (advance voting on October 5th).

Summer is traditionally a slow period in local government – major decision-making isn't usually scheduled because staff and Board members enjoy taking advantage of the weather as much as everyone else does. The qRD has put out some feelers to see if there's any interest in the community to champion an application to BC Housing for funds to develop affordable housing units in Lund – hopefully someone shows interest because qathet could certainly use some. There was also an assessment done by staff on qRD properties to determine how they could be made more accessible. While some of the proposals would be quite expensive and will need to be implemented over time, many of them are very low-cost and will be worked in more quickly. I'm very excited to see this new enthusiasm for making qRD assets more accessible to the members of our community! The qRD is also in the process of adopting new Social Media, Bylaw Complaint and Enforcement and Public Communications and Engagement policies. The first two are new and the third has been amended – all reflect the current needs of the community and our changing times. Communicating with the public especially has changed a lot in the last few years and the qRD wants to stay on top of it.

There were a few things happening with BC Ferries this summer that I imagine will be of interest to most people in our community. First off, BC Ferries CEO Mark Collins is leaving and they are currently conducting a robust search for his replacement – hopefully the change is a positive one. Many riders have experienced problems with BC Ferries recently and while there were many factors that played a part in the travel disruptions it's impossible for upper-level management to avoid shouldering at least some of the blame. Starting on July 22nd customers were again given the option to remain in their vehicles on the Route 3 (Horseshoe Bay – Langdale) ferry – that's a change that I know my family appreciates. Another positive step was the introduction of a Saver Fare on the Comox-Powell River run on the last sailings of the day in both directions until October 12th. There are a limited number of these fares and they are expected to sell out – please book online.

I hope you all are enjoying your summer and that you take the time to attend the Sunshine Music Festival at Palm Beach Park on September 3rd and 4th. Volunteers are always needed - check out www.sunshinemusicfest.ca for more info. It's a great way to end the summer!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays, 6:30 -7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Contact Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more information.

Tuesdays starting Sept. 13th, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends - Join local community members for informal discussions, projects or just hanging out. Everyone is welcome. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more information.

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 pm: Country Dance Lessons - \$5.00 p/p. Contact Ian at 604-208-9343 for more information.

Thursdays starting Sept. 15th, 6:45 pm (play starts at 7:00): Lang Bay Crib Club - All players welcome - \$2 p/p. For more information contact Rob at robmait13@hotmail.com.

Thursdays, 10:00 am-noon (until they're all sold): Blue Lace Cap Hydrangeas for sale - \$5.00 for a 1 gallon pot. Proceeds go to the continuing maintenance of Lang Bay Hall gardens. For more info contact Carol at 604-487-1259.

Sunday, September 18th, 2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club - general membership meeting. New members always welcome. Contact Kathy at 604-483-1440 for more info.

Saturday, October 15th: Local General Elections. Contact the qathet Regional District at 604-485-2260 for more information.

Saturday, October 29th, 7:00 pm: Euchre Night at Lang Bay Hall - Bring a partner to revisit the game of euchre. \$5.00 p/couple. For more info contact Carol at 604-487-1259.

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

Kelly Creek Community Church:

Strong Start: Please refer to www.sd47.bc.ca for more information.

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 hopes everyone had a safe and happy summer and reminds everyone to continue to abide by the posted burning restrictions.