

South of Town Events

March, 2023

From the Area C Director....

It's the end of February and the budget for 2023 has been approved! It must be done by the end of March but we now start the process earlier than in the past which has allowed us to approve it with time to spare. My thanks go out to the staff for their effort - now we can put it behind us and focus on the other aspects of local governance.

One part of the budget that often gets overlooked is the line labeled Community Recreation in Area C. The money that is allocated towards this budget item is what supports the fantastic programs that are run by the Kelly Creek Community School Association (KCCS). For the past twelve years I have had at least one child at KCCS, and the activities that the association runs and the staff that facilitate them have really had a positive impact on their time at school. We're really lucky to have this at our school – it's the only program of its type in School District 47.

This month the qathet Regional District brought in a consultant to run a workshop and help us create a new Strategic Plan which will guide us for the next four years. The session was very valuable, not just as a planning exercise but also as a team-building activity. Everyone worked really well together and had their opinions and concerns heard.

Also this month, many Board members attended a conference in Nanaimo that provided valuable information for the newly-elected as well as the veteran elected officials. I left with a number of tips that I hope will benefit me over the term. It was a great opportunity to hear about the struggles that are affecting other local governments in our part of the province and potentially learn from their experiences.

Many of you took part in public engagement sessions and a survey last year that were focused on the public's interest in parks and trails. The results from this public outreach can be seen on the qathet Regional District's website by visiting qathet.ca/parks-trails-strategy/ or by searching for "Parks and Trails Strategy" and clicking on the "Phase 2 - What we Heard Report" link. Parks and trails are obviously very important to the public and there's a lot of support for maintaining and expanding them. This information and further research will assist in the development of the upcoming Parks and Trails Strategy.

At the recent Powell River Public Library Trustees meeting I learned that the library will need to follow new provincial regulations that require public institutions to be accessible to those with reduced vision, mobility or hearing. They have made plans to hire a consultant from the Rick Hansen Foundation to do a full assessment of the facility so that problem areas can be identified and improved upon. I look forward to the day when everything is designed right out of the box to be accessible to everyone, regardless of personal limitations.

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Sunday, March 19th, 2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's AGM. Everyone is welcome to attend and find out how to become more involved in your community. Annual memberships are \$5.00 p/p. Contact Kathy at 604-483-1440 for more info.

Sundays starting March 19th, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga for Mommas – Deep core healing and nervous system regulation for mothers. Drop-ins welcome, \$20.00 per class. Text Jolene at 236-586-5000 for more information.

Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 pm: Country Dance Lessons - \$5.00 per person. Contact Ian at 604-208-9343 for more information.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Join members of the community for informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches. Everyone is welcome to attend. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

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

Wednesdays, March 29th–April 26th, 4:00-5:00 pm: Mindful Moves Yoga – Registered session, \$60 pro-rated for 3+classes, drop-in \$15 per class. Bring a mat & throw blanket. Contact Robin at 604-483-6759 or robin.inison@gmail.com for more information.

Thursdays, March 30th–April 27th, 9:30-10:30 am: Gentle Yoga - Ideal for beginners or those with limited mobility or arthritis. Registered session \$60. Bring a mat & throw blanket. Contact Robin at 604-483-6759 or robin.inison@gmail.com for more info.

Thursdays, 6:45 pm (play starts at 7:00): Lang Bay Crib Club – All players welcome, \$2 p/p. For more information contact Rob at 604-578-8465.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The Kelly Creek gym and Community House are open for public use. Most weekday late afternoons/evenings are available for pickleball, volleyball, meetings or other events; birthday party rentals on weekends. Please give us a call at 604-487-9925 and we'll get you sorted.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

In-person Sunday services at 10:00 am (2380 Zilinsky Road) or join us on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.