

South of Town Events

June, July, August, 2023

From the Area C Director....

Summer is just about upon us which means the South of Town Events page will take a short break even though it's business as usual at the qathet Regional District (qRD). I have asked the contributors to consider the next three months when promoting their events but if I hear about anything that isn't in the newsletter, I'll place it on my Facebook page and on the qathet South Facebook group.

May was a bit light on items that would be of particular interest to Area C residents other than the proposed changes to the Areas A, B and C Official Community Plans (OCPs). The lack of affordable rental accommodations in the qRD has been a subject of great interest the past few years and it's not going away anytime soon. Sewer and water services don't exist in most of the area outside of the municipality which means the qRD has limited tools with which to increase the rental accommodation inventory. Secondary suites have been a great way for property owners to create living spaces and earn additional income but in many cases the OCPs contained policy that discouraged property owners from developing secondary suites. The qRD Planning Department has prepared draft amending bylaws for the Electoral Area A, B and C OCPs that will ensure a consistent policy approach across the region in regards to secondary suites and accessory dwelling units (essentially suites that are not attached to the main house). These changes should make secondary suites an option for more property owners because they make Vancouver Coastal Health regulations that require there to be adequate sewer servicing and water supply the standard instead of lot size minimums. The proposed OCP amendments also align with Provincial priorities outlined in their "Homes for People Action Plan" which is meant to increase the affordable rental accommodations inventory across the province. Some of the key changes are as follows:

- Replacing the term "single family dwelling" with "residential dwelling"
- Secondary suites supported
- Common definitions across the OCPs
- Accessory dwelling units supported as an accessory use subject to proof of water and sewer servicing that meets provincial standards
- Density provisions removed and replaced with a condition for proof of water and sewer servicing that meets provincial standards

The motions to give first and second readings of the new amending bylaws for Areas A and C were approved but Area B's was defeated. Staff will be holding public information meetings prior to third and final reading of the bylaws.

Have a great summer and stay safe out there!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall:

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon until June 13, resumes in Sept.: 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.

Sunday, June 11, 9:00 am–5:00 pm: Powell River Garden Tour - Lang Bay Hall gardens will be featured. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at local nurseries.

Tuesdays until June 20, resumes August 1, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Saturday, June 17, 10:00-1:00: Flea Market – \$25 per table, six indoor and four outdoor (outdoor vendors supply own canopy). For more info contact Kathy at 604-483-1440 or kmait@hotmail.com. If popular, additional markets will occur on **July 22 & August 26**.

Sunday, June 18, 9:00-noon: Father’s Day Pancake Breakfast – By donation. Event includes a vintage car show from 9:00-11:00, weather permitting. Call Kathy at 604-483-1440 if you’d like to help!

Tuesday, August 8 – Blackberry pie filling for QF. Strong arms needed for stirring – call Kathy at 604-483-1440 to volunteer for this Christmas Hamper fundraiser.

The Lang Bay Hall tiny library is checked regularly and the inventory is updated by Powell River Kiwanis Club. Swing by and grab something for the hammock!

Whist and Cribbage at the Lang Bay Hall will start up in the fall. Make sure to practice over the summer!

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The Association is taking the summer off but stay tuned for fun activities in the fall. Have a great summer!

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.

Friday, June 17, 7:00 pm: Free movie night - "Jesus Revolution". Popcorn and refreshments will be served!

The ORCA BUS will bring children's activities to KCCC every Thursday throughout June and on July 13 and August 10, 10:00-11:00 am. Visit www.youthandfamily.ca for more info.