

# ***South of Town Events***

***September, 2023***

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

We all knew it was going to happen yet somehow the end of the summer always comes as a bit of a shock. Things slow down at the qathet Regional District (qRD) during the warmer months to allow staff and directors to take time off but there was still plenty going on.

In July the Board approved grants for a number of organizations including \$5,000 for the Powell River Therapeutic Riding Association, \$23,000 for the Outdoor Recreational Users Group, and \$50,000 for the LIFT Community Resource Centre – all good initiatives worthy of our support. There were also two projects approved for Lasqueti Island - a Landowner Stewardship Program and the studying and recording of the Cultural History of the island. Both projects will be valuable and help guide future decision making.

One issue that got quite a bit of press recently was the decision to endorse a joint statement with the Tla'amin Nation. The joint statement was the outcome of a lot of effort made by individuals from both organizations and it succinctly conveys the feelings of the two governments. For those of you who want to read the joint statement please visit the qRD website ([www.qathet.ca](http://www.qathet.ca)) and search "Joint Statement" but the basic message of the statement is that the Tla'amin Nation and the qRD require that whomever takes over ownership of the mill site have a well thought out environmental remediation plan and enough money set aside to make sure that it can be completed. There are many examples of former industrial sites that were abandoned by their owners after bankruptcy proceedings and the cleanup was left for the public to pay for. The qRD and the Tla'amin Nation wish to have a responsible owner in place that will provide jobs and economic benefit to the community for a long time.

The qRD Parks and Trails Strategy was adopted by the Board this summer. A lot of research went into the report and many members of the public participated in the discussions and filled out surveys to let the researchers know what exactly the public priorities are. The Strategy presents an overview of the existing regional and community parks and trails systems, identifies trends and challenges, and puts forward a vision, goals and actionable recommendations to guide future direction for regional and community parks services. For those of you who are interested in reading the report please visit the qRD website and search for "Parks and Trails Strategy".

One last thing that I want to mention is that I did meet with a representative from BC Parks this month to discuss the boat launch at Saltery Bay and the poor state of the trail at Inland Lake. He already knew about the trail and it was very clear to him that upgrades would be very beneficial to the boat launch but of course he couldn't commit to anything at that time. I hope that this continued advocacy eventually bears fruit. Have a great September!

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

***Lang Bay Hall:***

**Tuesdays starting Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, 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. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

**Saturday, Sept. 9, 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.

**Monday, Sept. 11, 7:00: Lang Bay Community Club General Meeting** – All community members invited. Call 604-483-1440 for more info.

**Thursdays starting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage** – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info.

**Sunday, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-3:00: Boys & Their Toys Exhibition** – Local hobbyists young and old display their spare time passion that might inspire others. Entry by donation. To reserve a table contact 604-487-1259 or 604-223-0553.

**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!

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***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!

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***Kelly Creek Community Church:***

In-person Sunday services at 9:00 am (2380 Zilinsky Road) or join us on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.

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***Special Event!***

The Sunshine Music Festival will hold its 41<sup>st</sup> event at Palm Beach Park on September 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>. Food, crafts, sun, and of course the music! Come out and enjoy an awesome weekend at the park – it’s a perfect way to end the summer. For more info go to [www.sunshinemusicfest.ca](http://www.sunshinemusicfest.ca).