

South of Town Events

March, 2024

From the Area C Director....

March is upon us which means the finalizing of the 2024 budget – I'll be happy to see it in the rear view mirror. Everything is pretty much pulled together at this point with just a few items left to be decided. All-in-all I'm satisfied with how the process has played out – there will be an increase, which is to be expected with the inflation that we're experiencing, but I'm convinced that the staff is doing a great job getting us the best bang for our buck.

One interesting thing on the agenda this month is in response to the enactment of the Accessible British Columbia Act (ABC Act) and the Accessible British Columbia Regulation. The ABC Act and Regulation required regional districts to implement the following measures:

- Establish an accessibility committee;
- Develop an accessibility plan; and
- Implement a tool to receive feedback on the accessibility plan.

At February's Committee of the Whole meeting the Board recommended that the Board adopt the 2024-2026 Accessibility Plan that was prepared by the qathet Regional District (qRD), the City of Powell River, the Powell River Public Library, and the Joint Accessibility and Inclusion Advisory Committee. This plan identifies actions that the participating bodies should take over the next three years to identify, remove, and prevent barriers to accessibility. The Board has already committed over \$64,000 in the 2024 budget to begin implementation of some of the concepts identified in the plan with the goal of making the qRD more accessible to all members of our community. The road to full accessibility is not a short one and this plan will not be implemented fully in the next three years, but by analyzing everything that the qRD does through a lens of accessibility, we will eventually reach our goal. Recently the qRD purchased the former Inclusion offices which are conveniently located on the same floor as the current qRD offices on Marine Avenue. This purchase will not only allow the staff to be more centralized, it will also allow for the relocation of the qRD boardroom to a space that is much larger and with more appropriate bathroom facilities. The current boardroom is unsuitable for the accommodation of mobility devices, there's very little room for members of the public who would like to observe the meetings in person, and the bathroom is too small for individuals of all accessibility levels to use. All of those issues will be rectified with the new location.

In closing, make sure you check out the events on the next page – there's always a lot happening in our community, much of it at Lang Bay Hall. Their 2024 AGM is coming up soon – make sure to become a member!

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Lang Bay Hall:

Mondays, Feb. 26th-March 25th, 9:00-10:00: Mindful Moves Yoga – Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or text 604-483-6759. Min. six registered students req'd – drop-ins welcome.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches - everyone welcome. 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.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info.

Saturday, March 16th, 10:00-1:00: Lang Bay Community Club's Monthly Market - Tables are \$25.00 each and are limited. To book a table contact 604-483-1440.

Saturday, March 23rd, 10:00 am (doors open 9:30): Spring Cribbage Tournament. Thirty-two players maximum, pre-registration and payment of \$25 p/p required. Lunch provided. Contact Kathy at 604-483-1440 to register.

Sunday, March 24th, 2:00: Lang Bay Community Club's AGM. Everyone welcome to attend and find out how to be more involved in your community through LB Community Club membership. Annual memberships \$5.00 p/p. Contact 604-483-1440 for more info.

Sundays, 1:00-4:00 until further notice: Game Day! - Bring your favourite board or card game to share or learn a new one. Teens & adults welcome, \$2.00 p/p. A draw will be held at the end of each month. Contact 604-223-0553 for more info.

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The KCCS gym is available for community use evenings & weekends. Birthday party rentals are \$25 - three hours max. Sports activities are usually free. For more info please call 604-487-9925.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

March 1st, 1:30-3:00: ORCA Bus. Families with children aged 0-8 are invited to enjoy children's activities or check out the resource binder. Visit www.youthandfamily.ca for more info.

March 29th, 6:00 pm: Joint service at Evangel Church, 5139 Manson Ave. This is a community-wide service hosted by the Evangel Church, Kelly Creek Community Church, Westview Baptist Church, Living Waters Church & Powell River Reform Church. All are welcome.

March 31st, 9:00 am: Easter Sunday service

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm: Knitters' Café. All knitters/crocheters welcome!

Sundays, 9:00 am: In-person Sunday services at 2380 Zilinsky Road. Also available on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or office.kellyck@gmail.com for more information.