

South of Town Events

April, 2024

From the Area C Director....

I apologize for getting this events page out a little late but I was at a conference the final week of March and the Easter Holidays meant the office was closed but it's not like anyone relies on the South of Town Events page for their up-to-the-minute reporting, right? A few days really doesn't make much of a difference, and in today's world where everything is expected to happen instantaneously, it's not so bad to experience a more relaxed form of communication.

March was a big month because it represented the finalizing of the budgets for the qathet Regional District (qRD) and for the Powell River Regional Hospital District, which I'm happy to report has officially changed its name to the qathet Regional Hospital District (provincial approval was received this month). The hospital district is made up of the City of Powell River, the five electoral areas, and the territory of the Tla'amin Nation, so it makes sense for it to have a name that represents a much greater portion of the area that it serves and one that matches the name of the hospital. While the territory of the Tla'amin Nation does not fall within the qRD, the Tla'amin Nation gave their support to the name change.

Other than the budgets, which I've spoken of in past newsletters so I won't go into them here, March was a relatively slow month for the qRD Board. One thing we did do was approve an application to the Union of BC Municipalities Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) for a grant to support public information and training associated with the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Since 2018 the qRD has successfully accessed CEPF EOC grant funding on five occasions, to support the purchase and installation of a backup electrical generator for the Community Services Office and to support EOC staff and partner agencies' training sessions and exercises, as well as public information regarding the region's community evacuation plans and community notification system. Currently the qRD's Regional Emergency Preparedness Service is utilizing the 2023 CEPF EOC grant funding to support the hosting of a series of workshops throughout the region focused on raising awareness in activating specific community evacuation aspects of the region's emergency plans. We all hope that we never experience the kinds of emergencies that the EOC is planning for but it's comforting knowing that there are people working behind the scenes who will have thought these things through.

Earlier this month I attended a presentation by the Powell River Community Foundation. After a slowdown caused by COVID, they're trying to get their name out there again and remind people that they have grant money available for registered charities and non-profits. They focus on projects that support arts & culture, children & youth, community health, education & literacy, environment, seniors, social & economic disparities, and social justice. I encourage you to look them up online if you think your organization would qualify for support.

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Lang Bay Hall:

Mondays, 9:00-10:00: Mindful Moves Yoga – Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or text 604-483-6759.

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.

Wednesdays, 11:00-noon: More Mindful Moves Yoga – Contact Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com or text 604-483-6759.

Thursdays, 11:00 am (weather permitting): Fun with Plants! - Meet with friends to work in the hall gardens - everyone welcome. Bring your favourite small tools. Call 604-487-1259 for more details.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info. Last night April 25th.

Friday, April 12th, 7:00 pm: Folk Concert - Saskia Delaronde & Nathan Tinkham. Canadian singers/songwriters. Tickets \$20 each, contact Wendy at 604-414-8099 for more information.

Saturday, April 20th, 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, May 11th, noon-2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Plant Sale - Community members are invited to donate potted plants to this important hall fundraiser. Along with an assortment of plants, there is a 50/50 and the popular raffle. Just Frys & Dogs will be on site. Donated plant drop off times are May 9th 11:00 am – 1:00 pm & May 10th 11:00 am - noon & 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact 604-487-1259 for more details.

Game Days are done but will resume in the fall. Thanks to everyone who participated!

Kelly Creek Community Church:

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.