

South of Town Events

April, 2025

From the Area C Director....

Man, it's nice to see the sun this morning – that's been a rare occurrence lately. I know the rain is necessary to create the snowpack that we desperately need for the drier months, but warmer weather and the longer days have me looking forward to what's just around the corner. I know it's mentioned on page two, but I want to take a moment to promote the Lang Bay Community Club's (LBCC) Annual Fundraising Plant Sale, coming up on May 10th. I usually set up a table at this event to promote qathet Regional District (qRD) initiatives and provide information to anyone who's interested, but this year I'll be at my son's karate tournament and am unavailable, which is unfortunate because I always enjoy attending the plant sale. The good people at the LBCC put on many events throughout the year and they provide a space for other activities to occur, all of which make Area C a better place to live. I encourage you to donate plants to the fundraiser and attend it yourself – it's a great way to see your neighbors and kick off the spring.

March was a busy month, and the two weeks of spring break were no break at all, at least for the qRD Board and staff. In addition to our normal meeting schedule, I had many other commitments on my calendar. For the past year or so, I, along with representatives from the city, the school board, the Tla'amin Nation, and other local groups involved in education and employment, have been helping the Vancouver Island University (VIU) tiwšɛmawtx^w (pronounced teew-shem-awt) campus gather and disseminate information regarding future local, provincial, and national employment opportunities, and have been using that information to recommend how they could structure their educational offerings for the next decade or so. It's been interesting work, and I look forward to reading the final report. I also took part in a meeting with the Four Tides Hospice Society regarding potential locations for their proposed facility. Four Tides (originally Powell River Hospice Society) was first envisioned more than ten years ago, and has since grown to provide a variety of services for our community. Their dream is to have a stand-alone facility where up to eight individuals would be able to access end-of-life care. The ideal location would be approximately two acres in size, in a quiet area with access to green space, on or near a bus route, and with city services readily available (water and sewer). Whatever money is put into the land comes out of the budget for the facility, so they're hoping to procure it for free or at a reduced price. If you, or anyone you know, may want to donate land or money to this worthy cause, or become a hospice volunteer, I encourage you to check out their website at fourtideshospice.org.

The end of March also brings the finalization of the 2025 budget and while there is an increase over last year, it's significantly less than was originally anticipated. By reducing the amount of money that we are setting aside for reserves, using surplus funds from 2024 for operational expenses instead of building up reserves, and fine-tuning a few things, the increase was reduced from an expected 23.5% to 16.3%. I know it's still a difficult pill to swallow, but these are difficult times that we live in, and I applaud the Board and the staff for finding a way to get to this point.

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall: On FB at langbaycommunityhallandevents or at langbaycommunityhall.ca

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends – Informal discussions, projects and potluck lunches - everyone welcome. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Wednesdays, April 2nd – 30th, 9:30-10:30 am: Mindful Moves - Yoga & More - Five-week session for \$70, prorated rates available, minimum six participants required. Drop-in rate \$15. Text or call Robin at 604-483-6759 to register.

Wednesdays, April 2nd, 16th & 30th (final session), 6:30-7:45 pm: Women's Connection Circle - Guided meditation, journaling & open sharing with Des. \$10.00 drop in, call 306-881-0900 for info.

Thursdays, 11:00 am: Gardening at the Hall – Join the volunteers tending to the hall flower gardens. Bring your favourite small gardening tools and a bucket. Contact 604-487-1259 for more details. Weather permitting.

Thursdays until April 10th, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage 46th Season! – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info. Crib starts up again on Sept. 11th so put it on your calendars!

Saturdays, April 5th and May 3rd, 12:00-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club Monthly Market. April will feature crafts and some garage sale items. Mother's Day is May 11th – come visit the market for some good gift ideas! Call Kathy for details 604-483-1440.

Sundays, April 6th and May 4th, 1:00-3:00: Song Circle at Lang Bay Hall – Everyone welcome. Join Pat Buckna for an afternoon of singing, playing or just listening. Suggested \$5 donation. For more info contact Pat at 604-485-5198.

**** Coming Up** Saturday May 10th, noon-2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Fundraising Plant Sale.** The community is encouraged to donate potted plants to the hall for this important fundraiser. Call Carol 604-487-1259 for more details.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

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.

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00: Knitters' Café - All fibre arts welcome.

Youth and Family:

Tuesdays, April 15th, 10:00-11:30 am: The Orca Bus will be collaborating with other Early Years service providers for a special "Play and Connect" event at Kelly Creek Elementary School.