

# ***South of Town Events***

***May, 2025***

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

The Board meeting agendas this month may have been shorter than they have been recently, but my commitments outside the Boardroom were extensive. Some were beneficial, some were necessary, and some were celebratory. The celebratory ones are always the best.

Just like every year, the first four months are weighted heavily with conferences. This month I attended the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) conference in Nanaimo, along with the entire qathet Regional District (qRD) Board and most of the City of Powell River's Council Members. As always, there were some good sessions and some sessions that didn't really apply to us, but I always consider it a success if I walk away with one or two ideas that will make me better at my job. The AVICC Conference is when local governments can put forward resolutions for debate and those that are supported are sent to this fall's Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference. The qRD submitted two resolutions – one supporting EV charging stations in rural areas, and another asking for the province to change their stance on Improvement Districts. For those of you who don't know, there are several Improvement Districts in the qRD that provide such things as water, sewer service, and fire protection, and hundreds more across the province. Historically, these Improvement Districts have been left out of grant opportunities with the idea that they would eventually be amalgamated into the regional districts in which they are located. This policy has unfortunately meant that they have not had adequate access to funding to keep their infrastructure in good repair, and now that infrastructure is failing. This is by no means just a local issue – it's a provincial issue – and hopefully the provincial government recognizes this soon.

I also attended a conference for regional district Chairs and CAO's that was valuable, and the Municipal Finance Authority (MFA) AGM. The Municipal Finance Authority is the body that local governments borrow from when we need to engage in large-scale infrastructure projects. We're lucky to have the MFA in BC as they have a higher credit rating than even the Government of BC does, which means we get to borrow money at a lower interest rate than pretty much anyone else. Every little bit helps.

April was bookended by two celebrations – the Tla'amin Nation opened their new Complex Care Housing facility early in May and there was the official groundbreaking for the new Northside Community Recreation Centre. Though the events recognized very different types of facilities, both are going to be extremely valuable assets to their respective communities. The Complex Care Facility will provide badly needed housing for some of the Nation's most vulnerable members; they hope to expand it from the four units to up to twelve or more in the future. The new Recreation Centre in Lund is more than likely going to make residents in the other electoral areas jealous as it includes two indoor pickleball courts, as well as a commercial kitchen and a stage. It's going to be a fantastic facility for years to come.

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

**Lang Bay Hall:** On FB at langbaycommunityhallandevents or at [www.langbaycommunityhall.ca](http://www.langbaycommunityhall.ca)

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends** – Informal discussions, projects and potluck lunches - everyone welcome. Contact Laural at [lghascats@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**Thursdays, 10:00 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.

**Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:00-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club Monthly Market.** Mother's Day is May 11<sup>th</sup> – come visit the market for some good gift ideas! Call Kathy for details 604-483-1440.

**Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, noon-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Fundraising Plant Sale.** Drop off donated plants on Thurs, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-1:00 or Fri, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 11:00-noon or 3:00-4:00. Just Frys and Dogs & Friends of Stillwater Bluffs will be there. Call Carol 604-487-1259 for more details.

**Mindful Moves Yoga & More: "Once in a Blue Moon"** - Once a month, 1.5-hour class, \$20 cash drop in. For details, send your email to Robin at [robin.inison@gmail.com](mailto:robin.inison@gmail.com) and put "Blue Moon" in the subject line.

**\*\*Coming Up\*\* Tuesday June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30-noon: My Voice – Planning Your Future Health Care Treatment.** If you become incapable of expressing your future health care wishes, it's good to have a plan already in place. Free session, registration is required. Call 604-487-9238 to register. Leave your name and phone number.

**\*\*Coming Up\*\* Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club Monthly Market.** Call Kathy for details 604-483-1440.

**\*\*Coming Up\*\* Sunday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Father's Day Pancake Breakfast.**

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***Kelly Creek Community Church:***

**Sundays, 9:00 am: In-person Sunday services** at Lang Bay Hall until further notice. Also available on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or [office.kellyck@gmail.com](mailto:office.kellyck@gmail.com) for more information.

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