

South of Town Events

June, July, August, 2025

From the Area C Director....

I apologize for the lateness of this issue – I was out of town attending my daughter's graduation and visiting family. It was a whirlwind trip but very much enjoyed.

May turned out to be a pretty quiet month at the qathet Regional District (qRD) after a very busy spring, and I'm not complaining. There were a few issues that were discussed that were more electoral-area-specific and didn't involve Area C, but one thing that was discussed, that is regional in nature, is that the Board authorized the Powell River Educational Services Society (PRESS) to receive funds that the qRD will receive in 2025 from the Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT). PRESS will use these funds to support the expansion of their NEST Co-Living Initiative and deliver additional housing units for workers in the qRD. The MRDT is a tax paid by visitors who stay in short-term accommodations on the upper and lower Sunshine Coast. The tax is mainly used to support local tourism, with the funds going to a designated group—such as the local government or a tourism organization. Since 2018, local governments that receive MRDT funds can use them for affordable housing, helping address the growing need for housing across B.C. The NEST Co-Living Initiative purchases and renovates homes so that multiple individuals can rent a single room in a house and share public areas, which provides them with lower-cost accommodation. We're always looking for ways to expand the housing options for our community, and this is just one more tool in the toolbox.

Earlier this month, I did have the opportunity to hitch a ride with the Tla'amin Nation on their crew boat over to Lasqueti Island to attend the unveiling of a new mural and the display of an archeological study that's recently been completed. While there was a lot of speculation in the past that Lasqueti Island was not a site of permanent settlement, but rather a place for many nations to hunt and gather (I believe there are twelve First Nations that include Lasqueti Island in their traditional territory), it has since been shown that there were permanent settlements on Lasqueti that date back thousands of years. It was a very educational and emotional event, capped off with a fantastic lunch put on by the locals. I really appreciated being invited to take part in the festivities and am grateful that the Tla'amin Nation was happy to let me tag along. The banter on the boat was just as important to me as the rest of the day was!

Prior to my trip, the rest of the Board and I participated in a communications training workshop facilitated by a presenter from the Justice Institute of British Columbia. I really appreciated the presentation and thought the trainer did a great job. I know that I am going to make an effort to incorporate some of his suggestions into my daily routine with the hope of becoming a better listener and communicator, two skills that will hopefully make discussion at the Board table easier and more productive.

Have a great summer!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall: On FB at langbaycommunityhallandevents or at 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 for more info. **Last potluck lunch June 10th prior to summer break. Resumes in September.**

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, June 7th & July 5th, 12:00-2:00: Lang Bay Community Club Monthly Market – July's theme is "Christmas in July" and is the last market of the year because of the new Farmers Market at Willingdon Beach, which will be running on Saturdays until Oct. Call Kathy for details 604-483-1440.

Sunday, June 15th, 9:00-11:30 am: Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast – Bring Dad out to this traditional event. Pancakes, sausage, hash brown casserole, tea, coffee, or juice. There will be a raffle and classic car display. All this for a donation to support Lang Bay Hall. Call or text 604-483-1440 for more details.

Mindful Moves Yoga & More: "Once in a Blue Moon" – June 11th & 25th, July 23rd, August 6th and 27th, 1.5-hour drop-in class, \$20 cash or eTransfer. For details, send an email to Robin at robin.inison@gmail.com and put "Blue Moon" in the subject line.

Sunday Aug 3rd, 1:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Potluck Picnic – Bring a dish to share, as well as a chair or blanket, and your own beverage. The LBCC will have the BBQ going with hotdogs available. Sorry, no pets for this event. Contact 604-487-1259 for more details.

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 for more information. No service on June 15th as Lang Bay Hall will be busy with their Fathers' Day Pancake Breakfast.

Youth and Family:

Tuesday, July 22nd, 10:00-11:30 am: The ORCA Bus will be at Palm Beach! Families are welcome on board the bus to enjoy toys and resources for young children.