

# ***South of Town Events***

***October, 2025***

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

September was a busy month, especially when compared to the relatively slow months that preceded it. On top of my typical workload, I attended five additional local meetings, welcomed everyone to the Kings home opener, moderated the Q&A period of Truth and Reconciliation Commissioner Marie Wilson's presentation at the Evergreen Theatre, and attended the week-long Union of BC Municipalities conference in Victoria where, in addition to the sessions, I had meetings with four different ministries and BC Ferries. The ministry meetings are good, in the sense that you get to meet with the ministers or ministry staff and make them aware of local priorities and desires, but in my experience there's not often a lot that happens because of them without continued pressure and advocacy. We need to keep reminding them about the issues that we're facing here in qathet if we ever hope to get Provincial support for them. We'll keep fighting the good fight with the hopes that eventually we'll get the win!

As many of you may know, I have been trying for years to get a pedestrian/cycling bridge built adjacent to the Lang Creek Bridge. I have made my pitch to everyone at the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT), from the local representatives all the way up to the Minister, but I unfortunately received word early this month that it wasn't going to happen. I appreciate the support that our local MOTT representative gave me, as well as those above him, but it just wasn't meant to be. At least not right now. I do appreciate that MOTT invested the time and money to at least make a proper analysis of the situation and come up with four options, which they then whittled down to one obvious one. The price tag on that option was just too high for them to justify, especially as the bridge is quite old and will need to be replaced in the next few decades. I explained that there is considerable development planned for the area, but the MOTT doesn't generally replace infrastructure based on "planned" development and they'll wait until the development justifies the investment. I can't say that I'm not disappointed and I still believe that a pedestrian/cycling bridge would be an asset to the community, but I'm afraid that I need to focus on other issues, at least for now. While I was having that meeting, I did make another pitch for a Safety Audit of the entire stretch from Saltery Bay to the border with the city so hopefully we'll see something happen there.

I am happy to report that the qathet Regional District (qRD) and the developers that own the area that is known as Mahood's Beach came to an agreement this month that could allow continued public access to that popular recreation area. This is not yet official, as it still requires Provincial approval, but if all goes as planned, there will eventually be a small park where the new path to the beach exists, as well as a public walking path to the sandy portion of the beach where everyone likes to hang out. I really appreciate the developer's willingness to work with the qRD and for them recognizing that Mahood's Beach is a beautiful part of our community that needs to be shared with everyone. Once subdivision approval is granted by the Province, I will report it in this newsletter.

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

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

**Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00: Song Circle** - Open to everyone - play, sing, or just enjoy the music. Admission by donation (\$5 suggested). For more info contact Pat at 604-485-5198.

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends** – Open to everyone - informal discussions, projects & potluck lunches. Email [lghascats@gmail.com](mailto:lghascats@gmail.com) or [lilian.thompson@telus.net](mailto:lilian.thompson@telus.net).

**Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga with Danielle** - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more info.

**Wednesdays, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-10:30 am: Mindful Moves Yoga & More** - Five-week session, \$75 p/p, Minimum six participants req'd. Contact Robin 604-483-6759.

**Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m.-6:45 pm & Fridays, 9:30-10:15 am: South of Town Fitness with Paula** - A fun and effective workout targeting core and lower body with a great stretch to finish. \$10.00 drop-in fee or eTransfer [paulagiroaday@gmail.com](mailto:paulagiroaday@gmail.com).

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

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-4:00 pm: Oktoberfest!** – Complete with in-hall purchases from Townsite Brewery, The Honour Box Bakery, and The Salted Daughter! Entry is by donation to Lang Bay Hall (\$5 minimum suggested).

**Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am: Crib Tournament.** - \$25 per person includes lunch – cash prizes and 50/50 draw. Preregistration by Oct. 13th required - call Kathy at 604-483-1440.

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***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](mailto:office.kellyck@gmail.com) for more info.

**Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00-3:00 pm: Knitters' Café** – All fibre arts welcome

**Friday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, 5:00-7:00 pm: 3rd Annual Light Up the Night "Trunk or Treat Event"**. All are welcome.

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***Kelly Creek Community School:***

The gym is available for public use on weekends and some late afternoon/evening weekdays. Birthday parties, pickleball, volleyball, yoga, or whatever floats your boat. Call 604-487-9925 for more info.