



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW PROCESS

The Municipal Council and Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Committee would like to take this opportunity to express thanks to all residents who took the time to complete the OCP questionnaires which were mailed out to all residents last fall. The OCP Review Committee collated the responses to the questionnaires and presented the completed report to Council in December. If you would like to review this document please drop by Municipal Hall and ask staff for a copy.

In the fall of 2003 Council also hired planning consultant Ken Cossey of KWC Planning Services to lead us through the OCP review process. All relevant background information, including the questionnaire report, has been provided to the planner who will now begin to prepare a background document and start the public participation process. This process could take a variety of formats i.e. public meetings and forums, newsletters, and perhaps a more targeted questionnaire. There are many ways to solicit public input and it is Mr. Cossey's job to determine which venues or venue will best suit the needs of this community. Mr Cossey's background report addresses various socioeconomic issues and trends and outlines various other land use issues as they apply to the District. Another part of his review will be to look at the current OCP format and determine if the District is taking advantage of all the various planning tools available to the District as outlined through the Local Government Act.

The questionnaire clearly identified a number of issues that should be addressed as a part of the review process. Some of these issues are noted in the following list:

- taxes
- affordable housing
- agricultural land use
- residential development
- commercial development
- bike paths
- protection of rural character
- protection of the environment

These topics, as well as others, require full and complete discussion with members of the community. We are at the initial stages of a project that will take approximately a year to complete. There will be many opportunities for the public to participate in the process and we will do our best to keep residents informed of the process along the way. Consult the District's website at www.crd.bc.ca/nsaanich for additional information about the OCP review process. Participation by North Saanich residents will enable us to come together as a community to decide what we want for our municipality.

The residents of North Saanich need to determine what it is we want for our community and what we are willing to do to get it.

END OF AN ERA ... AND THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ONE

Last November, the District said goodbye to one of its longest standing employees. Administrator Joan Schill retired after serving the District for 21 years. Joan began her career with North Saanich as the Deputy Municipal Clerk in 1982. She was subsequently appointed to the position of Municipal Clerk, and finally became the Administrator in 1995. Joan is enjoying her new life as a retired civil servant and tells us that there are many travel plans in her future.

As one door closes, another opens. The District of North Saanich is pleased to welcome the newest member of the North Saanich Team. Bruce Williams commenced employment as the District's new Chief Administrative Officer on January 19, 2004. Bruce brings a wealth of local government experience to this position having served in a similar capacity most recently for the Comox-Strathcona Regional District, and as well has worked in other local governments throughout B.C. during his long-standing local government career. Please join the North Saanich Municipal Staff and Council in welcoming Bruce to our beautiful community.

CARING FOR YOUR SEPTIC SYSTEM

Your North Saanich Municipal Hall has a supply of pamphlets explaining how septic systems work and how to care for them. There is additional information available about septic systems on the Vancouver Island Health Authority website at www.viha.ca. Feel free to check out the carousel located in the main foyer of the North Saanich Municipal Hall for other useful and interesting publications.

OPEN AIR BURNING REGULATIONS

You may be aware that the North Saanich Council has been considering amending the District's open air burning regulations to further restrict open air burning. This matter is still under consideration and to date **current open air burning regulations have not changed**. Open air burning, including incinerators, is permitted every day except Sundays



and Statutory Holidays from dawn to dusk. Please burn only dry materials and keep fires hot to reduce the amount of smoke produced by your fire. Permits are required for fires larger than 3' x 3' x 3' at a cost of \$25 and can be obtained from the North Saanich Fire Department. For more information please call 656-1931.

2004 NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS

The District of North Saanich Council held a series of neighbourhood meetings in various areas throughout North Saanich in 2003 and, given the positive response to these meetings from the community, the Council has scheduled neighbourhood meetings for 2004. The meetings will take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7:00 p.m. at various locations throughout the community. Please note when your neighbourhood meeting is taking place and be sure to attend. These open forum meetings are for you, the residents of North Saanich, to meet your Mayor and Councillors to discuss any matter of your choosing.

<i>Neighbourhood</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>
Curteis Point/Lands End	March 29 th	Sidney-North Saanich Yacht Club
Dean Park/Southeast Quadrant	April 13 th	Saanich Presbyterian Church
Ardmore & Pauquachin First Nation	May 31 st	Ardmore Golf Course
Deep Cove & Tseycum First Nation	October 12 th	St. John's United Church

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Enriching Our Community by Recognizing & Preserving Our Past

In August of 2003 Council authorized the establishment of the North Saanich Heritage Advisory Commission. The following members have recently been appointed for two year terms commencing January 1st, 2004: Diana Chown, Patsy McAvity, Helene Malvet, Susan Ross, and Ann Saddlemeyer, with Councillor Anny Scoones acting as liaison with Council. The Commission is responsible for advising Council on heritage designation and identifying everything that has value or character in capturing the unique heritage of North Saanich. Since the stewardship of our past can only succeed by everyone working together, we look forward to community-wide participation which is especially important in the early stages of identifying **all** types of heritage, ranging from buildings, sites, farms, roads and parks to trees, animal and plant life. We have all these examples in our municipality; please help us enrich our community in this exciting new/old way and avoid those last minute attempts to save valuable community resources! We welcome your input and invite you to attend our regular meetings (posted on the weekly Municipal Hall schedule).

USE "NORTH SAANICH" IN YOUR POSTAL ADDRESS



For some time now Canada Post has established North Saanich as a postal area so please, if you reside within the North Saanich municipal boundaries, ensure that your address includes North Saanich, BC when you give it out. That way it's clear to everyone, especially in the event of an emergency, that you live in North Saanich.

PENINSULA JOINT WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

In early December of 2003, the Saanich Peninsula Website Design and Development Project was approved by each of the Councils from North Saanich, Central Saanich and Sidney. The goal of this Joint Website Development Project is to design and develop three new websites to serve each of the Saanich Peninsula municipalities. While each website will have its own distinct look and content, the navigational structure will be common within all three websites. Providing this common website template should benefit the residents of the three peninsula municipalities and will also enable each municipality to retain its own identity. Significant cost savings will be achieved by sharing the development, software and hosting costs related to this project. The three municipalities will also benefit from sharing costs related to future development of the website. The Joint Website Development Project was awarded to GDS and Associates of Victoria and is scheduled for completion in May of 2004.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES



The contract between the District of North Saanich and the SPCA expired December 31, 2003. Effective January 1, 2004 the CRD will provide animal control services to North Saanich. All requests for animal control services including complaints or inquiries are to be referred to **CRD ANIMAL CONTROL AT 478-0624**.



DOMESTIC ANIMALS	DEER OR OTHER WILDLIFE	MARINE MAMMALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dogs biting or killing people ▪ Dogs chasing, attacking or killing livestock ▪ Dogs killing other dogs or cats ▪ Dogs or Cats sick or injured ▪ Dogs running in packs (2 or more dogs) ▪ Other incidents involving a true and immediate public safety concern <p>Call CRD at 478-0624 (474-5712 after hours)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Seriously injured, usually hit by vehicle (exact location must be given) <p>Call SPCA at 388-7722</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dead wildlife <p>Call North Saanich Public Works at 655-5460</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bear/cougar sightings, other wildlife nuisances or problems <p>Call a B.C. Conservation Officer at 1-800-663-9453</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any problems involving marine mammals <p>Call Fisheries & Oceans at 363-3252</p> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> </div>

STRAY ANIMALS (dogs & cats) found after hours will not be picked up. The finder is asked to keep the animal overnight (CRD will pick up in the morning). If you find a stray dog wearing a current license during regular office hours, call the Municipal Hall at 656-0781.

IMPOUNDED ANIMALS can be picked up at the CRD Animal Shelter located at 5401 Pat Bay Highway (just north of the weigh station) and is open Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone/fax number is **658-5745**.

NO CHANGE IN WATER RATES FOR 2004

After careful consideration of the proposal to change the funding of the operation and maintenance of the water system from a consumption rate to a flat rate per tri annual billing, Council has decided to maintain the consumption rate method. At this time the 2004 water rate will remain unchanged from last year. The rate is \$3.49/1,000 gallons.

CONTACT NUMBERS

Telephone Numbers:

- ⇒ Administration & Finance..... 656-0781
- ⇒ Engineering 655-5460
- ⇒ Zoning, Permits & Licensing..... 655-5470
- ⇒ Public Works..... 655-5480
- ⇒ Fire Department..... 656-1931

Hours of Operation: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. week days

After Hours: 920-9235 (4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. and weekends and holidays)

Emergency Fire, Police and Ambulance: 9 • 1 • 1

After Hours Fire Non-Emergency: 475-6111

E-mail: admin@northsaanich.ca

Web Page: <http://www.northsaanich.ca>

FAX NUMBERS



Please note the following FAX numbers for Municipal Departments:

- General/Administration..... 656-3155
- Building, Licensing, Engineering
and Public Works..... 656-0782
- Fire Department..... 656-0906

WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

Bruce Williams – Chief Administrative Officer (for information on implementation of Council policies and programs) bwilliams@northsaanich.ca

Sandy Bowden – Municipal Clerk (for information on Council meetings, agendas, correspondence, and local government elections) sbowden@northsaanich.ca

Ralph Gillis – Treasurer (for information on the budget and taxation) rgillis@northsaanich.ca

John Carnell – GIS/IT Coordinator (for information on electronic mapping and information technology) jcarnell@northsaanich.ca

Liz Holitzki – Director of Services (for information on zoning, building, bylaw enforcement, and licensing) lholtzki@northsaanich.ca

Jack Parry – Municipal Engineer (for information on sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision, development, roads, and public works) jparry@northsaanich.ca

Brian Robinson – Works Superintendent (for information on district parks and trails, repairs and maintenance of drainage systems, roads and utilities) brobinson@northsaanich.ca

Gary Wilton – Fire Chief (for information on burning regulations, the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and emergency planning) gwilton@northsaanich.ca

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Council meets at 7:30 p.m. every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at the Municipal Hall; Committee of the Whole meets at 7:30 p.m. every 2nd and 4th Monday at the Municipal Hall except holidays and during the summer. Check with the Municipal Clerk's Office for the dates of summer meetings. All agendas and minutes are posted on the District's website.

Mayor Ted Daly.....	656-8700
Councillor Bill Bird.....	656-7833
Councillor Heather Goulet.....	656-1115
Councillor Dorothy Hartshorne.....	655-3034
Councillor Anny Scoones.....	656-9740
Councillor Keith Thomas.....	655-0441
Councillor Anthony Utley.....	655-3982

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Advisory Planning Commission

...meets at 7:30 p.m. every 4th Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Richard Nordlund
Vice Chair	Michael Shoemaker
Members	Don MacKinnon Ted Izard Kit Spence Michael Stanlake Carolyn Stout
Council Liaison	Councillor Anthony Utley

Environmental Advisory Commission

...meets at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Al Burgoyne
Vice Chair	Richard Bailey
Members	Alice Finall Cairine Green Ian Norie Graeme Richardson Brian Sibley Dwayne Smith Elizabeth Stanlake Gerry Still David Work
Council Liaison	Councillor Keith Thomas

Parks Commission

...meets at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Brenda Shoemaker
Vice Chair	Joan Coldwell
Members	Farrell Boyce John Braithwaite John Enright Sheilah Fea Floyd Mailhot Janet Silman
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

Heritage Advisory Commission

...meets at 10:00 a.m. every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Susan Ross
Vice Chair	Diana Chown
Members	Peter Arends (Tech. Advisor) Helene Malvet Patricia McAvity Ann Saddlemeyer
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

