



# NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE

As a result of a Special Council meeting held last November Staff is preparing several amendments to the Draft Official Community Plan (OCP) as directed by Council at the meeting. These changes include:

- Removal of Section 7.0 - Village Centres - and all other references to Village Centres.
- Edit the first sentence of section 2.1 in the draft OCP to remove any needless repetition.

Staff was also directed to prepare reports on the following issues:

- Regional Urban Containment and Servicing Policy Area (RUCSPA).
- Strengthening the wording of the text regarding the buffer zone foreshore at Tsehum Harbour in "Development Permit Area No. 1 – Marine Uplands and Foreshore" and the provision of information on what options are available for protecting this area over the long term.
- Strengthening the wording in the OCP to require all buildings, structures and neighbourhood developments to conform to the LEED concepts with a target of at least LEED silver and make reference to the Canada Green Building Council.
- Review the wording of sections 6.4 and 6.11 to ensure consistency with Council's recent direction to prepare a report on the possible legalization of secondary suites in the District.

Once Staff has completed these items, the revised Draft OCP will be placed on an agenda for further consideration by Council. Please contact the Municipal Hall at 656-0781 if you have any questions regarding the OCP review process.

## CHANGES TO COUNCIL MEETING RULES

In December of 2006 Council requested Staff to proceed with some significant changes to its meeting rules. Here is a summary of the changes which will be authorized by bylaw in the first quarter of 2007:

- A seconder is now required for all resolutions put forward at Committee of the Whole meetings.
- Decisions made at Committee of the Whole meetings do not require ratification at subsequent Council meetings.
- Members of the public who wish to speak during the "Presentations Pertaining to Agenda Items" section at the beginning of Regular Council Meetings on items which already appear on the agenda are required to submit their requests to speak at the meeting to the Corporate Officer by noon the day of the meeting.
- Members of the public who wish to speak on items which are not listed on the Council agenda may do so during the section of the meeting entitled "Public Participation Period Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (up to a maximum of 20 minutes)" which occurs towards the end of the meeting just prior to adjournment.
- Speakers appearing under "Presentations Pertaining to Agenda Items" or "Public Participation Period Pertaining to Items Not on the Agenda (up to a maximum of 20 minutes)" are restricted to speaking for 3 minutes unless authorized by the Council to speak for a longer period of time.
- Meetings may be conducted outside Municipal boundaries if the Municipal Hall is deemed to be of insufficient size to accommodate the anticipated attendance at the meeting, or where, because of damage to the Municipal Hall or some other emergency, the Municipal Hall is not available.



The District's policy regarding Council and Committee of the Whole minutes was also amended. Here is a summary of those changes:

- The preparation of verbatim transcripts of meeting tapes is ONLY permitted at the request of Council.
- The purpose of electronically recording meetings is for transcription purposes only.
- Tape recording of Council or Committee of the Whole meetings is prohibited by members of the public unless authorized by Council.
- Meeting tapes for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be retained for 10 weeks. Meeting tapes for Special Council and Committee of the Whole meetings will be retained for 20 weeks.

## 2007 HEARTS OF THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER AWARDS

With the new year here, it is a great time to nominate outstanding volunteers for a 2007 *Hearts of the Community Volunteer Award*. Volunteer nominations are now being accepted for these 9<sup>th</sup> annual awards, sponsored by Beacon Community Services and the Peninsula News Review. Help us honour people who exemplify true volunteer spirit in the following six award categories:




- ◆ Service to Seniors ◆ Service to Children and Families ◆ Community Service/Project by a Group ◆
- ◆ Overall Service to the Community ◆ Outstanding Youth Volunteer ◆ Lifetime Service Award ◆

Eligible nominees are individuals or groups who have done beneficial volunteer work on the Saanich Peninsula. Nomination forms are available online at [www.beaconcs.ca](http://www.beaconcs.ca), at Beacon Community Services' area thrift stores, Third Street office and Beacon Plaza Volunteer Centre, and at the Peninsula News Review. Deadline for submitting nomination forms is February 2, 2007.

All nominees and category winners will be honoured at a Hearts of the Community Volunteer Awards ceremony and luncheon at the Mary Winspear Centre on Tuesday, February 13, 2007. For more information, please call (250) 655-5310.

## ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES

**CRD ANIMAL CONTROL** is responsible for animal control services within the District of North Saanich. They can be reached at 478-0624.

DOMESTIC ANIMALS	DEER OR OTHER WILDLIFE	MARINE MAMMALS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dogs biting or killing people</li> <li>▪ Dogs chasing, attacking or killing livestock</li> <li>▪ Dogs killing other dogs or cats</li> <li>▪ Dogs or Cats sick or injured</li> <li>▪ Dogs running in packs (2 or more)</li> <li>▪ Other incidents involving a true and immediate public safety concern</li> </ul> <p>Call CRD at <b>478-0624</b> (474-5712 after hours)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seriously injured, usually hit by vehicle (exact location required) Call RCMP at <b>656-3931</b></li> <li>▪ Dead wildlife Call North Saanich Public Works at <b>655-5460</b></li> <li>▪ Bear/cougar sightings, other wildlife nuisances or problems Call a B.C. Conservation Officer at <b>1-800-663-9453</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Any problems involving marine mammals Call Fisheries &amp; Oceans at <b>363-3252</b></li> </ul> 

**STRAY ANIMALS** (dogs and cats) found after regular business hours **will not be picked up**. The finder is asked to keep the animal overnight and contact the CRD to pick the animal up the next day. If you find a stray dog wearing a current license during regular office hours, please 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). It is open Monday to Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Phone/fax number is **658-5745**.

## 2007 NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS

The District of North Saanich Council has once again scheduled a series of neighbourhood meetings in various areas throughout North Saanich for 2007. The meetings will take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7:00 p.m. at the noted 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.

Neighbourhood	When	Where
Dean Park/Southeast Quadrant	April 30 <sup>th</sup>	Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church
Deep Cove & Tseycum First Nation	May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St. John's United Church
Curteis Point/Lands End	September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sidney-North Saanich Yacht Club
Ardmore & Pauquachin First Nation	November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ardmore Golf Course



## AGRICULTURAL TASK FORCE UPDATE

After working with Council in 2006 on the agricultural section of the draft Official Community Plan, the North Saanich Agricultural Task Force is now preparing an agricultural strategic plan. Issues and initiatives such as a municipal food charter, edge/buffer planning, protection of lands within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the impact of agricultural activities on the environment, a farming policy, and water supply and cost will likely be addressed in the strategic plan. We welcome your input and feedback. For more information please contact Councillor Anny Scoones at 656-9740.

## NORTH SAANICH FLEECE VESTS FOR SALE

Just in time for winter! We have a limited quantity of fleece vests available in a variety of colours and sizes donning the North Saanich official crest. They are on sale for \$50 each. To purchase your vest or to check size and colour availability please drop by the Reception Desk at the Municipal Hall during regular office hours.

## BURNING PERMITS

Please be reminded that **a burning permit is required for all open fires in North Saanich's allowable burning areas.** This includes fires in incinerators, burning pits and outdoor fireplaces which are inspected for issuance of an annual \$25 permit. **With a permit** burning is allowed on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Please call 656-1931 to request an inspection to ensure you are burning in accordance with District regulations. Items such as clearances to property lines (10 feet) and structures (25 feet), and from surrounding grasses and trees will be checked. As an alternative to burning the Municipal Pit at Mills and Littlewood Roads is open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to drop off your yard burnables.



## COUNCIL COMPENSATION FRAMEWORK REVIEW TASK FORCE

The District of North Saanich Compensation Framework Review Task Force (CFRTF) was established in 2006 to "...develop and recommend to Council a framework that could be used ... during the third year of [Council's] term to establish Council remuneration." The Task Force consists of seven members of the public and a member of Council appointed as liaison. The CFRTF is required to establish benchmarks that have criteria on which to base compensation; to establish a system to initiate compensation review when levels fall below a predetermined compa-ratio; and to solicit input from various groups, including the public, during the development of this framework. The Task Force is preparing a report to Council and is seeking public input on some of the issues which are developing during their deliberations.

- 1 ~ Compensation may be viewed as being a stipend; that is a gratuitous contribution recognizing the volunteer aspect of the commitment to serving on Council without attempting to measure or compare outside the municipality.
- 2 ~ Compensation might be calculated by the time committed by council members with a comparison to employment income in the community and taken as a proportion of full time employment.
- 3 ~ Compensation can also be determined by evaluating amounts paid in municipalities comparable to North Saanich.
- 4 ~ Item 3 raises questions of establishing criteria for seeking comparator municipalities. The Committee has selected population, age of residents, number of staff, operating budgets, and residential and commercial property assessments in the development of the framework for comparable municipalities.

The Task Force is seeking your comment on these issues and any other information that will assist in the development of a fair and equitable compensation system for North Saanich Council. Visit the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca/Commissions, Committees, etc.](http://www.northsaanich.ca/Commissions, Committees, etc.) to review the CFRTF's Terms of Reference and minutes of meetings. Please e-mail your submission to [cnash@northsaanich.ca](mailto:cnash@northsaanich.ca) or mail it to 1620 Mills Road, North Saanich, BC V8L 5S9 or fax it to 656-3155.

## THANK YOU NORTH SAANICH RESIDENTS

Thank you to all North Saanich residents who donated to the North Saanich Firefighters' Food Drive on December 16<sup>th</sup> and to the Christmas tree chipping on January 7<sup>th</sup>. The food items and monies donated were greatly appreciated by the Sidney Food Bank and Muscular Dystrophy Canada.

## NEW BC BUILDING & FIRE CODES

The 2006 BC Building Code and BC Fire Code came into effect on December 15, 2006. The 2006 Building Code requirements apply to all buildings constructed on or after December 15, 2006, except those buildings for which a permit application was accepted prior to December 15, 2006. For more information about the new codes please contact the Development and Community Services Department or the Fire Department at 656-0781.

## WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

**Bruce Williams – Chief Administrative Officer** (implementation of Council policies and programs) [bwilliams@northsaanich.ca](mailto:bwilliams@northsaanich.ca)

**Sandy Bowden – Director of Corporate Services** (Council meetings/procedures, human resources matters, and local government elections) [sbowden@northsaanich.ca](mailto:sbowden@northsaanich.ca)

**Ralph Gillis – Director of Financial Services** (the District's budget and taxation) [rgillis@northsaanich.ca](mailto:rgillis@northsaanich.ca)

**Tracy Olsen – Director of Development and Community Services** (planning, zoning, building, bylaw enforcement, and licensing) [tolsen@northsaanich.ca](mailto:tolsen@northsaanich.ca)

**Gary Wilton – Director of Emergency Services** (burning regulations, the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and emergency planning) [gwilton@northsaanich.ca](mailto:gwilton@northsaanich.ca)

**Tim Tanton – Director of Infrastructure Services** (sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) [ttanton@northsaanich.ca](mailto:ttanton@northsaanich.ca)

**Brian Robinson – Works Superintendent** (district parks and trails, repairs and maintenance of drainage systems, roads and utilities) [brobinson@northsaanich.ca](mailto:brobinson@northsaanich.ca)

**John Carnell – IT/GIS Manager** (electronic mapping and information technology) [jcarnell@northsaanich.ca](mailto:jcarnell@northsaanich.ca)

## MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Council meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month - Committee of the Whole meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday. There are no meetings on statutory holidays. All meetings take place in the Municipal Hall Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. Check with the Corporate Services Department for the dates of summer meetings. All agendas and minutes are posted on the District's website.

<b>Mayor Ted Daly</b> .....	<b>656-8700</b>
<b>Councillor Peter Chandler</b> .....	<b>656-7226</b>
<b>Councillor Sheilah Fea</b> .....	<b>656-2719</b>
<b>Councillor Cairine Green</b> .....	<b>656-3205</b>
<b>Councillor Anny Scoones</b> .....	<b>656-9740</b>
<b>Councillor Bob Shaw</b> .....	<b>655-9610</b>
<b>Councillor Bob Williamson</b> .....	<b>655-1270</b>

## ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

### Advisory Planning Commission

*...meets at 7:00 p.m. every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Dan Carrier Michael Houle Ted Izard Don MacKinnon Kit Spence Michael Stanlake Carolyn Stout
Council Liaison	Councillor Bob Shaw

### Environmental Advisory Commission

*...meets at 7:30 p.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Richard Bailey Ron Barnhart Al Burgoyne Richard Nordlund Ian Norie Brian Sibley Elizabeth Stanlake John Thorp Jock von Kaldenberg
Council Liaison	Councillor Cairine Green

### Parks Commission

*...meets at 4:30 p.m. every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Farrell Boyce John Braithwaite Joan Coldwell John Enright Tom Gore Floyd Mailhot Joyce Nordlund Janet Silman
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones
APC Liaison	Carolyn Stout
EAC Liaison	Richard Bailey

### Heritage Advisory Commission

*...meets at 10:00 a.m. every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Ann Aylard Susan Banas Diana Chown Debbie Gray Peter Hurley Helene Malvet Freda Thorne
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

