



# NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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## NORTH SAANICH MARINE TASK FORCE



Recognizing the increasing demands for pleasure craft mooring space and services, the District of North Saanich is seeking input on how to balance this requirement with other uses of the District's foreshore and marine environments. Thus in April of 2007 the District established a Marine Task Force and charged it with the following mandate:

1. Review and possibly recommend changes to the permitted uses and restrictions of the current seven marine zones in North Saanich, and support these recommendations with economic and environmental assessments.
2. Develop and recommend a method to inventory sensitive shoreline areas with respect to beach erosion, marine and foreshore habitats, etc.
3. Review and assess the effectiveness of existing North Saanich bylaws, policies and procedures with respect to marine and foreshore developments.
4. Develop new policies as required to protect marine environments and regulate new marine development within the context of the Official Community Plan, and federal and provincial regulations.

In order to represent the full range of community interests and concerns, the Task Force is soliciting input from all interested parties. Marine industries and community interest groups have been consulted via detailed questionnaires regarding their priorities for the District's marine environments. In May of 2008 the Task Force will conduct a public open house at which it will present the information collected through the questionnaires and will solicit additional public input from attendees. If you would like to participate in the Task Force process please take advantage of the many opportunities offered such as ① attend a meeting of the Task Force (these are open to the public and meeting times are posted on the District's website), ② attend the upcoming open house in May, or ③ write a letter or e-mail to the Task Force Chair at the District Hall or [cgdi@shaw.ca](mailto:cgdi@shaw.ca). We appreciate and encourage your participation in this process.



## HELP HONOUR PENINSULA VOLUNTEERS

Organizers of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hearts of the Community Awards are seeking nominations of individuals who do exemplary volunteer service for seniors, children/families, and the overall community within the Saanich Peninsula. There are also awards for outstanding youth volunteer (14 to 19 years of age), lifetime service and community project/service by a group. Nominations close February 5<sup>th</sup> with all nominees honoured in the ceremony scheduled for **February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00 am** at the Mary Winspear Centre. Please visit our website at [www.beaconcs.ca](http://www.beaconcs.ca) for forms and pick up free event tickets at Beacon Community Services' offices and thrift shops. Thank you for supporting the volunteers in your community.

## HERITAGE WEEK ↔ FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> TO 24<sup>TH</sup>

Heritage Week is celebrated in communities throughout B.C. every year commencing on national Heritage Day which is the third Monday in February. The 2008 Heritage Week theme, "Taking Care of Business – The Heritage of Trade and Commerce", focuses on trade, commerce and business which are central to the history and development of every B.C. community and opens up a myriad of possibilities to recognize community heritage buildings, places and history, organize special events and celebrations, and forge partnerships with local business interests. Local heritage resources might include early trading posts, warehouses, family businesses, shops, department stores, commercial streets and districts, and buildings connected with business associations such as the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce.

This year members of the North Saanich Heritage Advisory Commission will be showing a half hour long DVD entitled "The History of North Saanich" from **Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The showings will commence at 2:00 pm in the Municipal Council Chambers. Light refreshments will be served after the showings and prizes will be given out. Please come out and help celebrate North Saanich's rich heritage.




## KEEP THOSE DRAINS FLOWING

We are all reminded at this time of the year that periods of heavy rainfall are to be expected from time to time. Many culverts, catchbasins and drains that don't see active service most of the year can suddenly become crucial links in the local drainage system. Residents are encouraged to do their part to keep nearby drain inlets clear of debris and vegetation.

## 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**.

## OUTDOOR BURNING BAN

The District of North Saanich is considering implementing a complete outdoor burning ban. Your thoughts on this initiative are important to us. Please provide any comments or questions you have regarding this issue in writing to the Fire Department at: e-mail - [gwilton@northsaanich.ca](mailto:gwilton@northsaanich.ca); mail or drop-off - North Saanich Fire Department, 986 Wain Road, North Saanich, BC V8L 5N8 or Municipal Hall, 1620 Mills Road, North Saanich, BC V8L 5S9. Thank you for providing your comments on this important community issue.

## 2008 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

Communities throughout B.C. will be conducting local government elections in 2008. Election Day is **Saturday, November 15, 2008**. You will be able to vote for your Mayor and Councillors from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. that day. If you are not able to vote on Election Day you may be eligible to vote at the advanced voting opportunities. The District uses the Provincial List of Electors for voting purposes. To ensure you are on the Provincial List of Electors please contact Elections BC via their web at <http://www.elections.bc.ca/reg/voter.reg.htm>; e-mail at [electionsbc@elections.bc.ca](mailto:electionsbc@elections.bc.ca); by phone at (250) 387-5305 (toll-free 1-800-661-8683/TTY 1-888-456-5448) or by fax at (250) 387-3578 (toll-free facsimile: 1-866-466-0665).

## PLEASE LABEL YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF



Homeowners should ensure that water shut-offs are clearly labeled and easily accessible in case of an emergency. If a leak occurs or a pipe breaks in your house, the amount of damage can be significantly reduced by the timely closure of this valve. It is also worth considering that all persons in the house (including children) should know where the valve is located. If necessary a plumber can help you in locating this valve.

## SHARE THE ROAD

As more people search for alternative modes of transportation other than the conventional family automobile, many jurisdictions are taking the "Complete Streets" approach to road network upgrades and when planning for new road development. The District's Cycling Subcommittee is in the final stages of a multi-year cycling network plan which embraces this concept. The Cycling Subcommittee will present its "Complete Streets" proposal to Council in the near future. The purpose of the plan is to guide the development and improve the District's cycling network. The "Complete Streets" proposal considers planning around many modes of transportation such as cycling, walking, scooters and equestrian use to name a few, which can be complemented by a comprehensive cycling network. Already we see more of these other users within our existing road network. North Saanich residents have also expressed concern about motorists driving too fast and passing cyclists and equestrians in unsafe ways placing all parties at risk. Please remember that we share the roads with all users and the District respectfully requests that motorists drive at the posted speed and to only pass other users when it is clearly safe to do so. Thank you for help keeping our roadways safe.



## RESPECT WINTER ROAD CONDITIONS

Please remember that weather conditions can make driving treacherous during the winter months. It is the responsibility of the driver of any motor vehicle to ensure they are operating their vehicle in a safe manner regardless of the road conditions. Slippery conditions can develop during periods of heavy rain or when temperatures drop below freezing. The District monitors weather and road conditions frequently and can react quickly to situations during regular working hours. In the event that road conditions deteriorate after normal working hours, District staff will respond as required. The public is encouraged to call 920-9235 after normal working hours and leave a detailed message with a return phone number so that staff can acknowledge your concerns and take appropriate action in a timely fashion.

## PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS - PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Assessment and taxation information on properties in North Saanich is now available to the general public on-line. In addition, property owners are able to check their account information using the access code found on the top right hand corner of the Property Tax Notice.

As an additional convenience, you may be interested in the District's Pre-Authorized Payment Plan. This program allows property owners to set up automatic monthly payments towards the next years' current taxes. The first payment will be August 15<sup>th</sup> and the last payment will be May 15<sup>th</sup>. There are no withdrawals for the months of June and July. All prepayments are locked in until the next tax due date and earn interest at a rate of 3% below the prime lending rate of the District's financial institution on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December in the immediate preceding year from the date of payment to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of June of the same year. The District will also accept partial payments throughout the year on your tax account. Monthly interest is paid on these payments at a rate of 3% below the prime lending rate of our financial institution. Currently the rate is 2% per annum. Please consult the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca](http://www.northsaanich.ca) or contact the District office at (250) 656-0781 if you have any questions regarding the payment of property taxes.

## 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 4:30 p.m. week days

**After Hours:** 920-9235 (4:30 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](mailto:admin@northsaanich.ca)

**Web Page:** [www.northsaanich.ca](http://www.northsaanich.ca)

## FAX NUMBERS



Please note the following FAX numbers for Municipal Departments:

- General**..... 656-3155
- Building, Licensing, Engineering & Public Works**..... 656-0782
- Fire Department**..... 656-0906

## WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

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

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

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

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

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

**Patrick O'Reilly – Director of Infrastructure Services** (sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) poreilly@northsaanich.ca

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

**John Carnell – IT/GIS Manager** (electronic mapping and information technology) 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 Sheila 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 7:30 p.m. every 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Dan Carrier	Kit Spence
	Michael Houle	Michael Stanlake
	Ted Izard	Carolyn Stout
	Ron Townshend	
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	Ian Norie
	Ron Barnhart	Brian Sibley
	Al Burgoyne	Elizabeth Stanlake
	Richard Nordlund	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	Floyd Mailhot
	Joan Coldwell	Joyce Nordlund
	John Enright	Janet Silman
	David Gill	
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	Helene Malvet
	Susan Banas	Irma Thomson
	Rod Deacon	Freda Thorne
	Debbie Gray	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones	

### Agricultural Advisory Commission

*...schedule of meetings is to be determined*

Members	Barbara Brennan	Brian Hughes
	Hamish Crawford	Ivan Mischenko
	Brian Dunic	
	Alice Finall	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones	
	Councillor Sheila Fea	

