



## All RESOLUTIONS from North Saanich Endorsed at UBCM

Mayor Finall, our acting CAO, and Councillors Green and Scoones attended the annual Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) Convention this autumn in Whistler. The four day long meeting consisted of workshops, private meetings with Ministers, and voting on the many resolutions.



North Saanich submitted five resolutions which were all endorsed:

- Removal of derelict vessels;
- Control of wildlife (deer and geese);
- Support of local mobile abattoirs;
- Arts and cultural funding; and
- Funding for farm market start-up costs.

The motion to change Council terms from three years to the proposed four years was defeated. With representatives from the Islands Trust, Sidney and Central Saanich, we met with Environment Minister Penner to discuss Marine Conservation and the future of our local waters. We met also with Richard Bulloch, the new chair of the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) and other representatives of the Commission, to discuss his report on the ALC.

distillery. Workshops on wind power, "greening" local businesses, and creating age-friendly communities, youth engagement opportunities, and wildfire risks were a few of the many forums attended. Our own Brian Robinson gave a presentation on our bike-jump park and the benefits of Partnerships. For more information on the many submitted resolutions and the UBCM and Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities (AVICC) process, contact Councillor Anny Scoones, 250-656-9740.

## TWO New Heritage Recipients

The Holt property on Wain Road and the Hodgson Residence are the latest recipients of the bronze Heritage Registration Plaques. It is rewarding to collect the stories associated with special places in our community and the Heritage Advisory Commission is very interested in acknowledging areas and buildings of Heritage interest. The Commission will be participating in Heritage week February 21-27, 2011. Stop by the Municipal Hall and visit the displays and learn about our heritage in North Saanich.



## Mark Your Calendars!

### Heritage Week

February 21-27, 2011  
Visit the display at the Municipal Hall

### Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings for 2011

- February 7 - Council
- February 14 - Committee of the Whole
- February 21 - Council
- February 28 - Committee of the Whole

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### Neighbourhood Meetings

- Dean Park / South East Quadrant  
**Monday, January 31 at 7:00 p.m**  
Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church 9296 East Saanich Road.
- Ardmore  
**Tuesday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Location to be determined (look for it on the website)
- Curteis Point / Lands End  
**Tuesday, September 6 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Municipal Hall
- Deep Cove / Pat Bay  
**Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 p.m.**  
Deep Cove School Gymnasium



## ZONING Bylaw

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Council is presently reviewing an updated version of the Zoning Bylaw. For the information of residents, this overhaul of our Zoning Bylaw has the following two objectives:

1. Consistency with the District's Official Community Plan (2007)

The previous Council unanimously adopted our new OCP after extensive consultation with residents. Under the provincial Local Government Act, Councils are required to ensure that their Zoning Bylaw is consistent with their OCP. The new version will do this.

2. Improving the format and readability

The present Zoning Bylaw was enacted in 1993 and has been amended no less than 41 times over the years. It is overdue for a makeover and the new updated version aims to be a more user-friendly format.

Once a final draft of the Bylaw is available, Council will arrange a public consultation process by way of a public hearing.

## Secondary Suite Pilot ALERT

### Attention Residents of the Southeast Quadrant:

Those residents of the Southeast Quadrant living in the area of the Secondary Suites pilot project need to be aware that the pilot is presently in place for one year, until October 2011. At that time it will be reviewed by Council to determine whether it should continue.

**New Suites:** The pilot project is an opportunity for residents who wish to have a secondary suite to apply for approval during this period.

**Existing Illegal Suites:** If a resident has an illegal suite, it is an opportunity to legalize that suite. An illegal suite may result in house insurance issues, fire and emergency response problems and difficulties at sale or refinancing of the residence.

It is important that residents comply with bylaw requirements for suites. For further information please contact Mark Brodrick, Director of Planning and Community Services at 250-655-5470, who will be pleased to assist. Also, see the summary of the pilot bylaw background on the District Website.



## North Saanich Residents Donate GENEROUSLY!

A generous amount of food and cash were collected during the North Saanich Eleventh Annual Santa Tour. As well, \$3,300 was raised at the annual Christmas Tree chipping and Open House put on by the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Fighters. Thank you to all residents and volunteers for your help and kindness.

## PET Talk

North Saanich is a wonderful place to enjoy the benefits of owning a dog. While the Animal Enforcement staff would like to encourage residents to enjoy our many trails and beaches, we would also like to reinforce some of the responsibilities of dog owners. The Animal Bylaw requires that owners must ensure that their dogs do not run at large. This means in all circumstances the dog must be under the direct and continuous control of a person who is competent to control it while on a walk or at home. If not under continuous and direct control, the dog should be secured within an enclosure or securely fastened so that it is unable to roam. In Dominion Brook Park dogs must be on a leash. Cy Hamsprn Park is being allowed as an off-leash park on a trial basis until August, 2011, at which time Council will reassess this use.



Dog owners are also reminded that the Animal Bylaw requires that you pick up after your pet. Finally, dog owners are advised that Section 17.4 of the Animal Bylaw requires that no owner of a dog shall permit or cause the dog to cry or bark in a manner which disturbs the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity of the place where the dog is kept.

If you have any questions regarding the Animal Bylaw, please contact Bob Jones at 250-655-5476 or the CRD Animal Control at 250-478-0624.

## BUDGET Deliberations

**\$** Council will be conducting budget deliberations commencing February 7, 2011. Residents are welcome to attend and questions regarding budget matters during these meetings is encouraged. We encourage residents to watch for postings of budget meeting times on the District website and at the hall.

## PLEASE Remember

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 do not see active service most of the year can suddenly become crucial links in the local drainage system. Residents are encouraged to do their part by keeping nearby drain inlets clear of debris and vegetation.