



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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NEW OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN ADOPTED

The District is pleased to advise all members of the North Saanich Community that on May 23, 2007 the draft Official Community Plan (OCP) was adopted. This updated OCP reflects the North Saanich community's vision of the type of area in which they would like to live. This is YOUR area plan and we encourage everyone to visit the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca to view the OCP and become familiar with all aspects of this planning document. On behalf of the District Council and Staff we would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of the North Saanich community who took the time to contribute to the OCP review process. Your input has helped create a plan that has received wide community support. If you have any questions about the new OCP please contact our planning staff at 655-5470. We look forward to your continued support and input.



NORTH SAANICH FLAVOUR TRAIL

The District of North Saanich Community Spirit Committee is organizing a self-guided local agriculture tour on August 26, 2007, to allow tourists and residents the opportunity to savour the flavours of our community. Also, well-known local chefs will prepare a luncheon and an evening dinner featuring local produce. Events include the following:

-  Saturday, August 25, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. - dinner at Chalet Estate Winery using locally grown, produced and manufactured products. Host - Linda Plimley. Tickets available at the Winery at 656-2552.
-  Sunday August 26, 2007 - lunch at Deep Cove Chalet featuring local fare. Tickets available at the Chalet at 656-3541.
-  Self-guided flavour trail - Sunday, August 26, 2007 - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Route maps available at the North Saanich Municipal Hall, The Roost, Deep Cove Market and Chalet Estate Winery.
-  The North Saanich Flavour Trail will highlight Highland House Farm and The Roost - a Farm Bakery. Farm tours commence at the top of every hour at Kildara Farms, Glamorgan Farm, Pendray Dairy Farm and Deep Cove Market will host a sampling event of local goods and provide family orientated activities. As well, Chalet Estate Winery will provide a wine and chocolate pairing at 3:00 p.m. on the Sunday, August 26, 2007. Local artisans and musicians will be featured throughout the day at the different locations.

NORTH SAANICH'S FIRST HERITAGE STRATEGIC PLAN

At the March 12, 2007 Council meeting, the North Saanich Heritage Strategic Plan prepared by Donald Luxton Associates was approved. This plan provides the District with a formalized action plan for the protection of North Saanich's heritage resources such as Glamorgan Farm, Holy Trinity Church and the Lillian Hoffar tree. As recommended in the strategic plan, the District has developed a North Saanich Heritage Register which currently lists the three existing heritage sites (Holy Trinity Church, Nymph Point Park and the Lillian Hoffar tree) and will list other significant heritage resources within the District as they are identified. The first strategic action of the Heritage Advisory Commission is to add to the North Saanich Heritage Register, and to this end an inventory of properties and sites with potential heritage qualities is being prepared. We welcome input from members of the North Saanich community who consider their property to have heritage character or value. For further information regarding the strategic plan please contact Susan Green, Planning Assistant, at 655-5475 or Councillor Anny Scoones, Heritage Advisory Commission Council Liaison at 656-9740.

The Heritage Advisory Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. in the Municipal Hall and welcomes your interest and input.

RENOVATIONS TO THE MUNICIPAL HALL UNDERWAY

The North Saanich Municipal Hall is going through some changes in order to provide better service to our clients and customers. We do not anticipate any major disruptions to public services however we ask for your patience during the upcoming alterations. If you have any questions about the Municipal Hall renovations please drop by our Development and Community Services counter for more information.

2006 NORTH SAANICH ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

We are pleased to advise you that, in accordance with Section 98 of the *Community Charter*, the District's 2006 Annual Report to the Community is available for public inspection as of June 5, 2007 at the Municipal Hall and on the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca. A Special Council meeting will be held on **Monday, June 25, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** at which the public will be given an opportunity to present submissions and questions regarding the 2006 Annual Report. At that time, Council will also consider the 2006 Annual Report for their approval.

WEST NILE VIRUS



While the West Nile Virus still has not been detected in B.C. at this time, it was detected in Washington State last year and the arrival in our province this summer is anticipated. The B.C. Centre for Disease Control (www.bccdc.org) and the Vancouver Island Health Authority (www.viha.ca/mho/disease/west_nile_virus.htm) continues to support local governments involved with risk reduction programs over the past several years. Mosquito monitoring will continue in North Saanich this summer. The District has also received funding to develop a communications plan as well as an emergency response plan. Health Canada (www.hc-sc.gc.ca/dc-ma/wmv-vno/index_e.html) notes that "While it's important to remember that the risks of being bitten by an infected mosquito are low and the chances of becoming seriously ill are even lower, anyone who is exposed to mosquitoes in an area that has West Nile virus has the potential to become infected."

Check out the above-noted links for suggestions on protecting yourself from the West Nile virus and ways to reduce mosquito breeding areas.

SCOTER TRAIL CLOSURE

Sections of the Scoter Trail Link located beside West Saanich Road along the Patricia Bay waterfront will be closed periodically over the next few months in order to allow the completion of a geotechnical assessment of the trail to evaluate the damage caused by winter storms. The assessment will identify short and long term solutions to prevent further deterioration of the trail from future storms. The District of North Saanich appreciates your patience while this evaluation takes place and requests that all trail users refrain from using the closed areas as the stability of the trail in these areas is unconfirmed at this time. Thank you.

THE NEW BUILDING & PLUMBING BYLAW HAS ARRIVED!

The District of North Saanich new Building and Plumbing Bylaw No. 1150 became effective on May 15, 2007. Based on the new 2006 British Columbia Building Code this new bylaw includes a section dedicated to plumbing and the new CRD requirements for Cross Connection Control. Copies of the bylaw are available at the North Saanich Municipal Hall for \$15.00 or at http://www.northsaanich.ca/shared/assets/Building_and_Plumbing_Bylaw1852.pdf.

OUTDOOR LIVING IN THE SUMMER

With the longer days and warmer weather of summer upon us, we all like to spend a lot more of our time outside enjoying our yards, gardens and patios. We also like to leave our windows open during the warmer months. Residents are reminded to be considerate of their neighbours when operating loud machinery in their yards. Please don't mow your lawn too early in the morning or too late in the evening. Parties held in the evening, particularly outdoor parties, should quiet down before 11:00 p.m. The District has a Noise and Nuisance Bylaw intended to ensure that your quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, and comfort is maintained during the entire year...and especially during the warm days of summer. Thank you for your cooperation.



For more information about the District's Noise and Nuisance Bylaw please visit the bylaw section of the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca.

LITTLEWOOD PIT GREEN WASTE DROP OFF

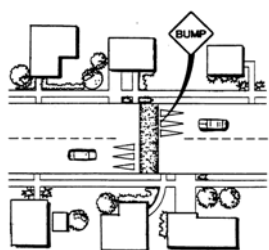
The Littlewood Pit Green Waste Drop Off Program was implemented in 2006 to provide residents of North Saanich with an alternative to burning their yard waste. The program continues to see a steady increase in participation from residents representing all areas of the District. The facility is open the first and third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Participants are charged a nominal fee of \$5.00 per car load and \$10.00 per truck or trailer load and is open to residents of North Saanich only. Please have your driver's license ready to show to the attendant when you come to drop off your green waste in order that we can verify your residency. Thank you.

REQUESTS FOR TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Occasionally the District of North Saanich receives concerns from residents regarding speeding traffic in their neighbourhoods. Most often these concerns can be addressed administratively through enforcement, education and engineering solutions. In cases where we are not able to address the issues through readily available low-cost solutions such as signage or road markings, a traffic consultant is hired to analyze the issue and recommend solutions or next steps. Low-cost solutions can be implemented right away. For solutions that involve higher costs, it is Council's responsibility to make the final decision based on the consultant's recommendations. For example, concerns regarding the following locations have recently been raised:

Location	Stage of Investigation	Recommended Next Step
West Saanich Road – Mills Road to Tseycum reserve	Not complete	Traffic measurement after repaving in summer 2007
10500 McDonald Park Road	Complete	Increased Enforcement
Amity Drive – Moxon Terrace to Bourne Terrace	Traffic measurement complete	Traffic calming study
Wain Road west of Highway 17	Traffic measurement complete	Traffic calming study
Tatlow Road at Clayton Trail	Not complete	Staff investigation
Speed Limit Review for roads where current limit exceeds 50 km/h	Not complete	Study by consultant

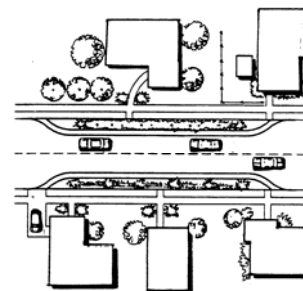
Following are illustrations showing the three most common approaches to engineered traffic calming measures - speed humps, roundabouts and curb extensions:



Speed Humps



Roundabouts



Curb Extensions

If you have any comments regarding traffic issues within the District, please contact Tim Tanton, Director of Infrastructure Services at 655-5460.

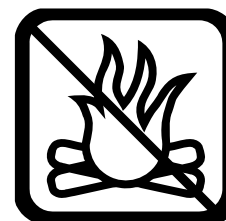
DEEP COVE / PAT BAY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

Based on the contractors' estimated schedules to complete construction, the schedule for start-up of the new sewer system has been revised. The McDonald Park area will be operational by mid-June, and the Deep Cove/Pat Bay area will be operational by the end of July. Residents wishing to schedule connection work on their properties should contact the Building Department at 655-5470 to obtain a plumbing permit.

NO OPEN AIR BURNING IN NORTH SAANICH

AS OF MAY 15TH, 2007 THE DISTRICT OF NORTH SAANICH'S OPEN AIR BURNING SEASON IS CLOSED

The only burning that is allowed **with a permit** is burning in incinerators with a screen between sunrise and sunset on Thursdays and Fridays and from sunrise until 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays until further notice. Outdoor open air burning is completely banned year-round in the Dean Park area between Forest Park Drive and the municipal boundary west of East Saanich Road. Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling, chipping and utilizing the Littlewood Pit Green Waste Drop Off Program. You may obtain an incinerator permit by calling 656-1931 and arranging to have your present permit extended or for a new permit site inspection.



WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

Bruce Williams – Chief Administrative Officer (implementation of Council policies and programs)
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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

Tim Tanton – Director of Infrastructure Services (sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) ttanton@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 1st and 3rd Monday of the month - Committee of the Whole meets every 2nd and 4th 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.

Mayor Ted Daly	656-8700
Councillor Peter Chandler	656-7226
Councillor Sheila Fea	656-2719
Councillor Cairine Green	656-3205
Councillor Anny Scoones	656-9740
Councillor Bob Shaw	655-9610
Councillor Bob Williamson	655-1270

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Advisory Planning Commission

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

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

Environmental Advisory Commission

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

Members	Al Burgoyne (Chair) Richard Bailey Ron Barnhart 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 3rd Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Farrell Boyce (Chair) 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 1st Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Members	Peter Hurley (Chair) Ann Aylard Susan Banas Debbie Gray Helene Malvet Freda Thorne
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

