



# NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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## OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN REVIEW PROCESS UPDATE

The process to review the District's Official Community Plan (OCP) is well underway and both staff and Council continue to work towards finalizing the draft plan in consultation with the community. A very well attended special Council meeting took place on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Mary Winspear Centre to provide Council and the public with an opportunity to review the draft OCP and provide feedback. At that meeting several members of the public presented their views on the draft plan for Council's consideration. A further staff report was presented at a special Council meeting held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting Council committed to holding neighbourhood meetings in the four quadrants of the District to solicit further input from the community on the draft OCP prior to holding the required Public Hearing on the plan. Dates for the neighbourhood meetings are as follows:

◆ Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> ◆ Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> ◆ Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> ◆ Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

The meetings will take place from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at appropriate venues within the four quadrants of the District. Further details about the neighbourhood meetings will be provided in a special newsletter which will be circulated to the community prior to the neighbourhood meetings to ensure all members of the North Saanich community are informed about the OCP review process and have the opportunity to provide input. Draft copies of the OCP, as well as other relevant documents, are available on the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca/Municipal Hall/Reports and Publications/Draft Official Community Plan](http://www.northsaanich.ca/Municipal_Hall/Reports_and_Publications/Draft_Official_Community_Plan) or at the Municipal Hall. The District appreciates the interest the community has shown regarding the OCP review process and encourages your continued input in order to establish an OCP that is right for **OUR** community.

## PLAYING IT SAFE - ALTERNATIVES TO PESTICIDES



The way we choose to manage pests in our yards is important for the well-being of our families and the environment. The risk of low-level pesticide exposure to the health and safety of the public, especially children, is uncertain. Just as we seek to reduce our exposure to other contaminants in our food, air, and water, the time has come to move towards the elimination of non-essential pesticide use in our community.

Many communities across Canada are exploring ways to reduce pesticide use through alternative methods. A large number of municipalities have bylaws limiting the application of pesticides for certain uses. Collectively, these initiatives reflect a movement toward a safer and more environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. The Capital Region, with its reputation for healthy living and a pristine environment, is aptly suited to be part of this growing trend. The District of North Saanich has embarked on an education program to encourage all residents to consider alternatives to pesticides including insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Please visit the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca](http://www.northsaanich.ca) and follow the quick link to "Alternatives to Pesticides" to view information on controlling garden and lawn pests such as aphids, codling moths, cutworms, and slugs. Printed copies of the information sheets available on our website are also available at the Municipal Hall so please drop by during regular business to view the display which is currently set up in the front foyer. Thank you for helping to keep North Saanich pesticide free.



## NOTES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### *Watch for Santa and the Firefighters*

The North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Santa Tour will take place in the Dean Park Area on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Santa will accept food and cash donations for the Peninsula Food Bank and he will be handing out candy canes to kids of all ages.

### *Christmas Tree Chipping*

The North Saanich Fire Department will be chipping trees from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wain Road Fire Hall. All donations will go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Phone-in pick-up requests require a minimum \$10 donation.

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## VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED

The North Saanich Fire Department is accepting applications for volunteer firefighters until November 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are motivated, physically fit and 19 years of age or older and available Tuesday evenings for training, you may have a future as a volunteer firefighter. Eligible applicants must attend an orientation meeting on the evening of November 21<sup>st</sup> and tryouts on the morning of Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> with training commencing on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007. Application forms are available on the Fire Department's website at [www.northsaanichfire.ca](http://www.northsaanichfire.ca) or at the Municipal Hall at 1620 Mills Road. You can also pick up a form at the main Fire Hall at 986 Wain Road weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings. For more information please contact the Fire Department at 656-1931.

## DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The District is seeking individuals to serve on its various advisory commissions. Most vacancies are for two-year terms commencing in January 2007. These commissions provide advice to Council on various issues including development proposals, parks planning, environmental matters, heritage sites, etc. If you have expertise or experience in any of these specific areas, or have a keen interest in such matters, we encourage you to apply. All members are appointed by the Council. The following commissions require members commencing in 2007:

- ◆ Advisory Planning Commission ◆ Environmental Planning Commission ◆ Heritage Advisory Commission ◆  
◆ Parks Commission ◆ Board of Variance ◆ Victoria Airport Authority ◆  
◆ Customer Service Committee ◆ Marine Task Force ◆

If you would like further information about these advisory committees or about how to apply, please see the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca/Municipal\\_Hall/Commissions\\_Committees\\_Etc](http://www.northsaanich.ca/Municipal_Hall/Commissions_Committees_Etc). or you may call (250) 656-0781.

## HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

### Heritage Strategic Plan

The Heritage Advisory Commission, in conjunction with the District's Development and Community Services Department, has initiated a strategic planning process with the assistance of Don Luxton and Associates. The Heritage Strategic Plan will allow us to proactively encourage heritage preservation through the development of a shared community vision for heritage conservation and a revised planning framework for the District's heritage program. Residents of North Saanich will be asked for input during the drafting of the plan. Look for updates in the next issue of the *North Saanich News*.

### Note Cards for Sale

The Commission is selling much-admired note cards of local heritage sites at the front desk at the Municipal Hall. Money raised will go towards plaques for the identification of significant sites in our District's history.

**"Conversations with our Past: Stories of North Saanich"**, which was first performed by the Commission and friends last February, is being published!! **A generous grant from the Saanich Peninsula Foundation Society has made this possible.** It is expected that this beautifully designed little book will be available for sale in November.

### Heritage Farm Day at Glamorgan

In June the Commission hosted "Heritage Farm Day at Glamorgan" and it was a great success! If you would like to see photographs from the event please visit the Heritage Commission's bulletin board at the Municipal Hall. You may also view photos on the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca/Residents/Photo\\_Gallery/Heritage\\_Day\\_2006](http://www.northsaanich.ca/Residents/Photo_Gallery/Heritage_Day_2006).

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS

The North Saanich Fire Department's See-A-Life, Save-A-Life Campaign is complete and we are pleased to announce that we raised almost \$30,000 to put towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera. Thank you to everyone who donated money, contributed items for our garage sale and auctions, supported our car washes and attended our open houses. A committee will review thermal imaging cameras looking for the best one to suit our needs. The cameras will be on display at the Fire Department's next open house. Thank you to all who have made this important acquisition possible.

## PENINSULA SINGERS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Peninsula Singers present **CHRISTMAS MEMORIES** in the Charlie White Theatre at Mary Winspear Centre. Concerts are December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Our featured artist is young soprano Loren Collier-Crawford. Tickets are \$15 per person and \$8 for children under 12. Tickets are available through choir members and through the Mary Winspear Centre Box Office 250-656-0275 after the middle of October.

## NOISE RESTRICTIONS

Residents are reminded that the District's Noise Bylaw prohibits the operation of heavy machinery prior to 7:00 a.m. and after 7:00 p.m. weekdays, prior to 8:00 a.m. and after 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and on Sundays and Statutory Holidays. Please avoid using machinery such as chainsaws, backhoes, and other noise-producing equipment during these times. Thank you for being considerate of your neighbours. For further information regarding the Noise Bylaw please call the Bylaw Enforcement office at 655-5470.

## HALLOWEEN BONFIRE

You are invited to attend the District's Annual Halloween Bonfire on October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Wain Road Firehall. Activities will start at 6:00 p.m. with a bonfire, hotdogs, drinks, cookies and of course fireworks at 7:30 p.m. There is **no collection of burnable materials this year** at the Wain Road Firehall. For further information about the Halloween bonfire please call the Fire Department at 656-1931.



## BURNABLES DROP-OFF PROGRAM

In an effort to reduce open burning in North Saanich, Council approved continued operation of the burnables drop-off program at the municipal pit off Littlewood Road. The drop off area is now open the first and third Saturday of every month (except December and January) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for North Saanich residents to dispose of burnable materials. Cost is \$5.00 per car load or \$10.00 per truck load. Please direct your inquiries regarding the program to Brian Robinson, Works Superintendent at 655-5481.

## NORTH SAANICH COMMUNITY SPIRIT COMMITTEE

Your input is needed! The North Saanich Community Spirit Committee is asking the community for input to help develop activities within the District that will enhance community pride and cohesion. Throughout the next few months a questionnaire will be distributed to gather your input. The Committee's vision is to enhance North Saanich by developing activities that raise awareness of our unique character. Questionnaires are available at the Municipal Hall. Please send us your ideas so that we can continue to build a strong and cohesive community.

## KEEP WATER IN SANITARY SEWER TRAPS



The District's Public Works Department wishes to remind residents that it is important to maintain water levels in all sanitary sewer traps within dwellings. The function of these traps which are located below sinks, bathtubs and floor drains is to prevent the entry of dangerous sewer gases into your home. In areas of the house that are not frequently used such as guest bathrooms, it is a good practice to pour a small amount of water down the drain every now and then to replenish the water that has likely evaporated over time.

## 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](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.

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| <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*

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| Members         | Ted Izard<br>Don MacKinnon<br>Richard Nordlund<br>Michael Shoemaker (Chair)<br>Kit Spence<br>Michael Stanlake<br>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*

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| Members         | Richard Bailey<br>Ron Barnhart<br>Doug Bernard<br>Al Burgoyne (Chair)<br>Ian Norie<br>Graeme Richardson<br>Brian Sibley<br>Elizabeth Stanlake<br>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*

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| Members         | Farrell Boyce (Chair)<br>John Braithwaite<br>Joan Coldwell<br>John Enright<br>Tom Gore<br>Floyd Mailhot<br>Joyce Nordlund<br>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*

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| Members         | Ann Aylard<br>Susan Banas<br>Diana Chown (Chair)<br>Helene Malvet<br>Patricia McAvity<br>Freda Thorne |
| Council Liaison | Councillor Anny Scoones   |

