



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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2005 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

On November 19th local governments throughout British Columbia will be conducting elections. Please note the following details of the upcoming elections in North Saanich:

Saturday, November 19th, 2005

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church

9296 East Saanich Road

Here are some other things you should know about voting in the upcoming elections...

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Resident Electors:

- age 18 or older; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a resident of the District of North Saanich for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

Non-Resident Property Electors:

- age 18 or older; and
- a Canadian citizen; and
- a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration; and
- a registered owner of real property in the District of North Saanich for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration; and
- not entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law; and
- **if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of the owners may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**



You will be asked to vote for candidates running for the following positions:

- Mayor (1)
- Councillors (6)
- School Trustees (2)

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS:

Beginning October 4th until the close of general voting for the election on November 19th a copy of the list of registered electors will, upon signature, be available for public inspection, at the Municipal Hall during regular office hours (Monday to Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

VOTING DAY REGISTRATION:

Resident Electors and Non-Resident Property Electors who have not registered in advance may register on General Voting Day.

Resident Electors may register by producing two documents that provide evidence of the applicant's identity and proof of residence. At least one document must contain the applicant's signature.

Non-Resident Property Electors may register immediately before voting by submitting:

- a completed application form in accordance with Section 55 of the *Local Government Act*; and
- two documents that provide evidence of the applicant's identity. At least one document must contain the applicant's signature; and
- a Non-Resident Property Elector's Certificate obtained previously from the Municipal Hall or on voting day at the place of voting. The local government official must issue a certificate if the applicant provides:
 - a) satisfactory proof of property ownership; and
 - b) if applicable, has written consent from the other registered owners of the real property.

For further information on matters related to the upcoming local government elections, please contact Sandy Bowden, Chief Election Officer at 655-5453 or Tania Douglas, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 655-5455.

NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS

The nomination period for candidates to declare that they are running in the November local government elections opens at 9:00 a.m. on October 4th, 2005 and closes at 4:00 p.m. on October 14th, 2005. If you are interested in running as a candidate for the positions of Mayor, Councillor, or School Trustee in the 2005 local government elections, or would like further information regarding the nomination process, please contact either Sandy Bowden, Chief Election Officer at 655-5453 or Tania Douglas, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 655-5455. Nomination packages can be picked up at the North Saanich Municipal Hall anytime between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays, excluding October 10th which is a statutory holiday.

DEEP COVE / PAT BAY / MCDONALD PARK RD. / SEWER PROJECT

Construction work is now underway on the first two contracts for the sewer project. These contracts are for the collection system for the Deep Cove and Pat Bay areas and for the trunk main which will transmit the sewage from these areas to the treatment plant. The system is expected to be ready for individual property connections by the end of June 2006. Design work for the McDonald Park Road area section of the project will be done this winter with construction next summer and ready for connections by December 2006. A series of detailed newsletters for the project are being distributed to residents in and adjacent to the project and are also available on the District's website.

BIKE AND HIKE EVENT ~ OCTOBER 16TH

For those in the mood for an afternoon of healthy, family-oriented walking or cycling, the "Bike and Hike" event to be hosted by the District of North Saanich may be just the ticket. Everyone is welcome. The event will take place on Sunday, October 16th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will start and finish at the North Saanich Municipal Hall at 1620 Mills Road.

Participants are invited to bring their bicycles or walking shoes with them to the Municipal Hall at the commencement of the event - rain or shine. Members of the North Saanich Parks Commission will be on hand to welcome participants and to guide them on pre-selected walking or cycling routes. Participants may choose to stroll on foot or to roll on their bicycles. For each activity there will be a choice of routes ranging from short and easy, to longer and more challenging. Participants will depart at 2:15 p.m. and pace and distance will be such that the routes can be completed in 45 to 60 minutes. All routes will circle back to the Municipal Hall where light refreshments will be served, and participants will be encouraged to complete a questionnaire on cycling and walking opportunities in North Saanich. Copies of the questionnaire will be distributed at the event, and are also available in advance at the Municipal Hall and on the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca. Those who complete questionnaires will be eligible to participate in a draw for prizes donated by the three local sponsors of the event: Russ Hay's - the Bicycle Store, Capital Iron and Glamorgan Farm. Local musician, Ron Sera, will perform to help to pass the time while participants return and complete their questionnaires.



The North Saanich Parks Commission has a mandate to promote the use and improvement of an extensive network of trails, parks and beach accesses. This mandate has been expanded recently to include both recreational and commuter cycling. Cycling and walking are both health-giving activities, not just for participants, but also to the communities that encourage them. Recreational cycling and walking are increasingly attractive to tourists and visitors. Commuter cycling is good for the environment because it reduces automobile traffic and pollution. Participants in the "Bike and Hike" event will enjoy the benefits of healthy exercise and good company, and by responding to the questionnaire, they will be greatly assisting the Parks Commission and the District in providing safer and more enjoyable recreational opportunities.

For more information about this event, please contact:

- Councillor Anny Scoones 656-9740 • Farrell Boyce 656-7953 • Floyd Mailhot 656-5420 • Joyce Nordlund 656-8815 •

MISA PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD

The annual Municipal Information Systems Association (MISA) conference was held in Kamloops in early September. At this year's conference, the District of North Saanich, Central Saanich and the Town of Sidney were presented with the People's Choice Award for the presentation of the Saanich Peninsula Joint Website Development Project that was completed in late 2004. This award recognizes the most innovative municipal project recently completed in BC. The winner is selected by votes cast by attendees at the annual conference. The Saanich Peninsula Joint Website Development Project resulted in significant cost savings related to website development, content management software and website hosting. Future website development costs will also be shared whenever possible. The three Peninsula Information Technology Departments continue to work together to explore other ideas where collaboration will provide benefits and cost savings to residents of the Saanich Peninsula.

NORTH SAANICH MAP ON-LINE

In late October, the District will provide internet users with access to "*North Saanich Map*". This new internet application will provide mapping data via the District's website. The District's existing Geographic Information System (GIS) has been in use by internal staff members for approximately two years. The internet version of GIS will provide the public with the following mapping information:

- property boundaries • addresses and legal descriptions • roads, trails, parks, and beach accesses • water courses •
 - ALR boundaries • contours • aerial photos •
- (zoning boundaries will be added to the GIS in early 2006)

In order to determine future enhancements to the District's GIS, North Saanich residents are encouraged to provide their comments and suggestions on this new system.

HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMISSION UPDATE

This past spring and summer the Commission has actively pursued what is the beginning of an inventory in North Saanich heritage sites. To date this includes a list of over 30 sites that have heritage value or character. In June, following the Heritage Designation of the multi-stemmed western red cedar tree in Lillian Hoffar Park, the Peninsula News Review published the first article on what is intended to be bi-monthly heritage news. In September another article appeared on the history of The Stonehouse Pub. This summer we were delighted to receive a number of telephone inquiries from residents about the work of the Commission. Comments and questions truly assist us in our growth as a Commission. The Commission is looking forward to participating, once again, in National Heritage Week which will be held some time in February 2006. The theme is "Heritage of Cultural Places" and the next issue of North Saanich News will feature details of this event. In the meantime, we encourage anyone to attend our monthly meetings held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 pm, September to June, at the North Saanich Municipal Hall. At the beginning of each meeting is a public participation period when we invite you to comment on any aspect of initiatives undertaken by the Commission.

GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE



The District is one of six local governments in the greater Victoria area who participated in this Veterans Affairs Canada project commemorating the "Year of the Veteran" as well as the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This floral display is located on the west side of the front entrance to the Municipal Hall.

NEW NORTH SAANICH MUNICIPAL HALL SIGN

Look for this new sign to be unveiled sometime in mid October. Members of the District's Parks Department staff have been working diligently to enhance the entrance to the Municipal Hall. The new sign and planting bed, along with lighting improvements that were completed earlier this year, are all part of the new look for the Municipal Hall. Former long time employee and local First Nation's carver David Bill was commissioned by the District to carve the sign which features the District's coat of arms. David has been responsible for most of the signs you see throughout the District's parks system.

WILLINGDON / EAST SAANICH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This intersection has been identified as being one of the highest accident rate locations in the District. This location is at the junction of three jurisdictions, North Saanich, Ministry of Transportation and the Victoria Airport Authority (VAA). The District is working with the Ministry and the VAA as well as with ICBC to improve the safety of this intersection.

Rather than installing a set of traffic signals as a solution, the District is reconstructing the intersection in the form of a "modern roundabout". Modern roundabouts have been found to dramatically reduce accident rates and the severity of accidents while avoiding the delays associated with traffic signals. The improvements are scheduled to be complete by the end of November. The District's website has tips on how to travel through the roundabout for motorists, cyclists or pedestrians.

HALLOWEEN BONFIRE

You are invited to attend the District's Annual Halloween Bonfire on October 31st 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. Unfortunately there will be **no collection of burnable materials this year** at the Wain Road Firehall. A reminder to residents that the municipal pit at the end of Littlewood Road off Mills Road is open the third Saturday of each month from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to drop of your burnables. For further information please contact the Fire Department at 656-1931.



WHO TO CONTACT AT THE MUNICIPAL HALL

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

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

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

John Carnell – IT/GIS Manager (for information on electronic mapping and information technology) jcarnell@northsaanich.ca

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

Tim Tanton – Director of Infrastructure Services (for information on sewage treatment, drainage, subdivision development, roads, and public works) ttanton@northsaanich.ca

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

Gary Wilton – Fire Chief (for information on burning regulations, the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and emergency planning) gwilton@northsaanich.ca

Jack Parry – Manager, Major Projects (for information on the Deep Cove/Pat Bay sewer project and other assigned projects) jparry@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 Dept. for the dates of summer meetings. All agendas and minutes are posted on the District's website.

Mayor Ted Daly 656-8700
 Councillor Heather Goulet..... 656-1115
 Councillor Anny Scoones..... 656-9740
 Councillor Keith Thomas 655-0441
 Councillor Anthony Utley..... 655-3982

ADVISORY COMMISSIONS

Advisory Planning Commission

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

Chair	Richard Nordlund
Vice Chair	Michael Shoemaker
Members	Don MacKinnon Ted Izard Kit Spence Michael Stanlake Carolyn Stout
Council Liaison	Councillor Anthony Utley

Environmental Advisory Commission

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

Chair	Al Burgoyne
Vice Chair	Richard Bailey
Members	Alice Finall Cairine Green Ian Norie Graeme Richardson Brian Sibley Dwayne Smith Elizabeth Stanlake Gerry Still Doug Bernard
Council Liaison	Councillor Keith Thomas

Parks Commission

...meets at 4:30 p.m. every 2nd Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Brenda Shoemaker
Vice Chair	Joan Coldwell
Members	Farrell Boyce John Braithwaite John Enright Sheilah Fea Floyd Mailhot Janet Silman Joyce Nordlund
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones

Heritage Advisory Commission

...meets at 1:30 p.m. every 1st Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	Susan Ross
Vice Chair	Diana Chown
Members	Peter Arends (Tech. Advisor) Freda Thorne Helene Malvet Patricia McAvity Ann Saddlemyer
Council Liaison	Councillor Heather Goulet

