



# NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT COMPLETE!

The project involved replacing decayed components, preparing and painting windows, trim, doors, steps and railings. The restoration work began in May and was completed by July 21st. Completion of this project means that a well-known and prominent landmark in North Saanich is once again in good condition. The church has had a heritage designation since 1981. The work was partly paid for with a generous grant from the Heritage Legacy Fund of British Columbia.

For more information please visit the District's website at [www.northsaanich.ca](http://www.northsaanich.ca) or call Jessica at 250-655-5475 or e-mail [jlam@northsaanich.ca](mailto:jlam@northsaanich.ca)

## LITTER IN THE DISTRICT

The District requests everyone to do their part to keep our parks, trails, and public spaces clean. North Saanich is a beautiful place to live and visit. Litter spoils the District's natural beauty and its negative impacts can go well beyond aesthetics:

- Litter can contain hazardous materials that pose a threat to public health.
- Litter can cause injury to wildlife and birds that mistake it for food.
- Litter can attract vermin into suburban areas.
- Cigarette butts can cause fires, and the wind and rain can carry them into waterways where they can threaten water quality and aquatic life.



Unless it is cleaned up, the effects of litter can be seen for years. It takes two to five months for paper to biodegrade; five years for plastic-coated paper cartons; up to 12 years for cigarette butts; 50-100 years for tin cans; 200-500 years for aluminum cans; and one million years for a styrofoam or plastic container. Please ensure you properly recycle and dispose of all your waste to keep our community safe, beautiful and clean. For more information please visit the CRD's Waste Management website at [www.crd.bc.ca/waste](http://www.crd.bc.ca/waste)

## THE SECOND ANNUAL FLAVOUR TRAIL

The Flavour Trail was held at the end of August and was an even bigger success than last year! Local visitors as well as those from far and wide, and of all ages visited a days - one farm hosted over 600 people! The self community in North Saanich. The participating tastings. Visitors saw everything from weaving production, rare heritage livestock, wine and They tasted kiwi fruit, organic salad greens, and learned about the agricultural history of North farmers. One of our new participants was the Federal Centre for Plant Health (beside historic Dominion Brook Park). Stay tuned for next year's Flavour Trail (August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2009) where we are hoping to include local nurseries and farms.



variety of our North Saanich Farms over two guided tour showcased the agricultural venues held farm tours, demonstrations and displays with local sheep wool, dairy honey production, and heirloom apple trees. bread made from locally milled flour. They Saanich, hop production and the pioneer

## THE NORTH SAANICH FOOD CHARTER

The North Saanich Agricultural Advisory Commission is currently working on a draft of our first Food Charter, a one page document outlining objectives to achieve local food security, sustainability and enhancement of agricultural production and policy, and agricultural education and health of our community. A copy can be obtained from Councillor Anny Scoones (250-656-9740) or any member of the Commission. Feedback and input is welcome.

## FARMER'S MARKET OPENS!

North Saanich now has a farmers' market, every Saturday morning throughout the summer, autumn and coming spring months behind the Deep Cove Store on the lawn. Come out and meet your local farmers, artisans and

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neighbours and see Atlantic Giant pumpkins, wildflower honey, bouquets of dahlias, and fresh organic blueberries for sale, grown right here in North Saanich. The last day this year for the Farmers Market is September 27<sup>th</sup>. Look for the market to start up again next spring!

For more information, call Alice Finall (250-656-6557) or Susan Chandler (250-656-7226).

## CARING FOR HEDGEROWS

Staff and Council have recently completed the draft of a revised Tree Protection By-Law. Within the By-Law are two policy documents, the Boulevard Policy and the Hedgerow Policy. Although the Hedgerow Policy relates only to public lands, the District wishes to urge residents to respect and care for their own hedgerows which are excellent erosion barriers, wind buffers and also serve as food and habitats for many species of birds. We would like to remind residents to please be aware of the nesting times of birds when pruning, planting, or landscaping your hedgerow. These times are generally from March to June.

The Parks Commission has recently established a "Friends of the Hedgerow" group and would welcome volunteers. Please call David Gill, Parks Commission member, at 250-656-6557. Hedgerows do not have to be a mass of tangled blackberry! They can be beautiful and enhance any landscape, especially if they contain native plantings such as trumpet honeysuckle, red currant, dog wood, hazelnut, mock orange and many other attractive and useful shrubs, even fruit trees. (Many native plants are drought and disease resistant too). Remember to keep invasive species under control, especially broom and ivy. These plants choke out valuable other plantings which need room and sunlight to flourish.



For more information on these policies and initiatives, and the new Tree Protection By-Law, contact Councillor Anny Scoones at 250-656-9740.

## MANDATORY SPAYING & NEUTERING FOR CATS

The District of North Saanich will soon be requiring that **ALL CATS** aged five months or older be spayed or neutered. Did you know that spaying or neutering your cat eliminates many medical and behavioural problems? In fact many cats will live longer and more comfortable, less stressful lives after being spayed or neutered. While spaying or neutering your cat will help control the cat overpopulation problem, you should also view it as a way to increase the length and quality of your pet's life with you. This issue was presented to Council by the Spay and Neuter Action Committee in the fall of 2007. Details of the regulations are not yet confirmed, however, it is anticipated that the Animal Control Bylaw will be amended to incorporate mandatory spaying and neutering for cats over the next few months. The District is also embarking on a community-wide awareness/education program to inform the public on the benefits of spaying and neutering cats. Information will be available at the Municipal Hall and on the District's website in the near future. Keep checking for further updates.



## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETINGS

Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend North Saanich Council and Committee of the Whole meetings, and the following guidelines are provided to clarify the public participation process at these meetings. If you have any questions with regards to public participation, please feel free to contact the Corporate Services department at 250-656-0781.

### Council meetings:

A member of the public wishing to address Council regarding an item on the agenda is required to register with Corporate Services by noon on the day of the meeting. A member of the public wishing to address Council regarding an issue that is not on the agenda is not required to register in advance of the meeting. All speakers will be limited to 3 minutes each.

### Committee of the Whole meetings:

A member of the public wishing to address Council regarding an item on the agenda is required to register with Corporate Services by noon on the day of the meeting. Presentations will be heard in order that the issues appear on the agenda, and speakers will be limited to 3 minutes each. Property owners and applicants wishing to address Council regarding an item on the agenda that specifically pertains to their property or application are not required to register in advance of the meeting. Presentations with regard to land use applications should not exceed 15 minutes.

## FOURTH ANNUAL DISTRICT BIKE AND HIKE EVENT

Attention recreational cyclists and hikers! The Forth Annual District Bike and Hike Event will take place on Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at St. Johns United Church (10990 West Saanich Road – opposite Deep Cove School). From 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. you will have the opportunity to chat with Parks Commission members and Councillors to share both your enthusiasms and concerns for the District's parks, trails and beaches. The biking and hiking guides will be introduced at 2:30 p.m.



Two cycling tours and two walking tours are being offered, one short (slow and easy) and one long (approximately one hour at a moderate pace). The routes have been chosen to feature some of North Saanich's agricultural, scenic and heritage sites. The tours will bring everyone back to the starting point at St. Johns Church around 3:30 p.m. Enjoy a glass of lemonade and a cookie while waiting for everyone to return. Come out and join in the fun, early fall is a great time to be outdoors in North Saanich!

## UPCOMING APPOINTMENTS TO DISTRICT COMMISSIONS

Are you interested in being more involved in the decision-making processes of the community? The District would like to inform all residents of the opportunity to serve on the District's Commissions beginning February 2009 and invite all interested residents to apply. For more information on the upcoming opportunities for appointment to the District's Commissions, contact the Corporate Services Department at 250-656-0781 or e-mail at [admin@northsaanich.ca](mailto:admin@northsaanich.ca).

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION REMINDER

Don't forget that all local governments in BC will be conducting elections on **Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** of this year. On General Voting Day the North Saanich local government election will take place at the Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will also be two advance voting opportunities held at the Municipal Hall. For further details and to see if you are eligible to vote in this year's election, please contact the Municipal Offices at 250-656-0781.

## WELCOME... AND FAREWELL!

In July the District welcomed Curt Kingsley, the new Manager of Corporate Services. Curt is quickly familiarizing himself with the operations and issues facing the District, and we welcome him as a member of our team.

In August the District said farewell to Ken Johansson, the District's GIS Technician, and Valda Stefani, Administrative Assistant for Development and Community Services and Infrastructure Services. Ken and Valda have been very important members of the team at North Saanich, and they will be greatly missed. Good luck Ken and Valda!

In September the District welcomed Kelly Alucz, the new Administrative Assistant for Development and Community Services and Infrastructure Services, and we look forward to working with her as a member of our team.

## 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

**Curt Kingsley – Manager of Corporate Services** (Council meetings/procedures, human resources matters, and local government elections) ckingsley@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.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Dan Carrier	Kit Spence
	Michael Houle	Michael Stanlake
	Ted Izard (Chair)	Carolyn Stout
	Ron Townshend	
Council Liaison	Councillor Peter Chandler	

### 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 (Chair)	Ian Norie
	Ron Barnhart	Ian Bruce
	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 (Chair)	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 (Chair)	Irma Thomson
	Rod Deacon	Freda Thorne
	Debbie Gray	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones	

### Agricultural Advisory Commission

*...meets at 4:00 p.m. every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at the Municipal Hall*

Members	Barbara Brennan	Brian Hughes
	Hamish Crawford	Ivan Mischenko
	Brian Dunic	Normand Schafer
	Alice Finall (Chair)	
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones and Councillor Sheila Fea	

