



NORTH SAANICH NEWS

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HERITAGE WEEK - FEBRUARY 21st to 27th

The North Saanich Heritage Advisory Commission members are eagerly anticipating Heritage Week to be celebrated this year during the week of February 21st to the 27th. This year's theme is...

Heritage of Faith - Sacred Buildings and Spiritual Places

Plans for Heritage Week include an exhibit, which will be available for public viewing at the Municipal Hall, of photographs and scrapbooks recalling memories and stories of old North Saanich when farming and rural life ruled unencumbered by airfields and an international airport. Volunteers will be present during most of Heritage Week to answer questions or to discuss North Saanich's heritage. A display panel featuring North Saanich heritage will be exhibited in the Mary Winspear Hall located at 2243 Beacon Avenue in Sidney.

On Friday, February 25th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Municipal Hall, members of the public are invited to enjoy a unique opportunity to hear about North Saanich's sacred buildings and spiritual places. The following speakers will elaborate on the heritage significance of their particular areas of expertise:

- local Rector Bob Baillie - Holy Trinity Church which is a designated heritage site;
- Joan Coldwell, Vice-Chair of the Parks Commission - the history of Lillian Hoffar Park;
- Cora Jacks, Tseycum First Nation - First Nations sacred sites;
- North Saanich Councillor Anny Scoones will read from her book "Home, Tales of a Heritage Farm"

Refreshments will be served.

Please join us for Heritage Week as we celebrate North Saanich's historical culture and learn more about our community!

ADOPT – A – PARK PROGRAM

The North Saanich Parks Commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the many groups and individuals who have volunteered their time to improve our parks and trails network over the past year through the Adopt-A-Park Program. The trail stewards continue to provide a valuable service to the District by informing staff of maintenance and safety issues that might otherwise go unnoticed. Special mention goes to the Warrior Point Trail Stewards for their ongoing efforts to remove invasive ivy along the Towner/Derrick and Warrior Point trails; the Sidney by the Sea Rotary Club for their annual improvements to Lillian Hoffar Park (2004 saw the addition of six picnic tables to the park); and to the Friends of Dominion Brook Park who continue to work their magic in restoring this piece of North Saanich history.

For further information on becoming involved in the District's Adopt-A-Park program, please visit the District's website at www.northsaanich.ca or contact Brian Robinson, Works Superintendent, at 655-5481.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE



The District would like to thank North Saanich residents for their patience over the 10 day period (January 7th to 16th) during which the District was removing snow from the streets. While we were able to keep the priority routes open, we did receive some calls throughout the week about secondary streets not being plowed. Due to the intensity and accumulation of snow at the start of the storm, keeping up with it was a challenge and as a result some of the secondary routes didn't get the attention we would have liked to

have given them. Once the snow had been compacted on the roads and combined with the below freezing temperatures, it was very difficult to plow even though we were using salt because salt becomes ineffective at temperatures below -5°C. We also received calls from residents reporting that snow plows had pushed snow back into driveways that they had just dug out. Such concerns are common and unavoidable during snow removal exercises. With limited staff and funding resources available it is very difficult to clear snow from private driveways during such an intense snow event. The resulting thaw and heavy rains have also caused delays in the clean up of snow damaged brush and trees left all along the road allowances. Staff will be continuing to clean up the debris over the next few weeks.

2005 NEIGHBOURHOOD MEETINGS

The District of North Saanich Council has once again scheduled a series of neighbourhood meetings in various areas throughout North Saanich for 2005. The meetings will take place on the dates listed below commencing at 7:00 p.m. at various locations throughout the community. Please note when your neighbourhood meeting is taking place and be sure to attend. These open forum meetings are for you, the residents of North Saanich, to meet your Mayor and Councillors to discuss any matter of your choosing.

<i>Neighbourhood</i>	<i>When</i>	<i>Where</i>
Curteis Point/Lands End	March 29 th	Sidney-North Saanich Yacht Club
Dean Park/Southeast Quadrant	May 30 th	Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church
Ardmore & Pauquachin First Nation	September 6 th	Ardmore Golf Course
Deep Cove & Tseycum First Nation	October 11 th	St. John's United Church

KEEP YOUR ADDRESS SIGN POST UPRIGHT & VISIBLE

As a result of the recent snow storm, many sign posts displaying house numbers located at the end of residential driveways have been knocked over or otherwise damaged. Please ensure that your address sign post is secured into the ground in the upright position and is clearly visible for passers-by to see. Remember, if an emergency vehicle needs to find your address quickly, ensuring your address is clearly visible could save your life.

SENIORS, YOUTH & FAMILIES - A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

North Saanich is participating with Sidney, Central Saanich, and local community groups in the "Seniors, Youth and Families: A Vision For The Future" community consultation project taking place over the next year. Councillor Scoones is the North Saanich representative/liason on the project steering committee. The purpose of the project is to address the changing needs and interests in our Peninsula communities regarding three key areas:

➤ Recreation and Culture

➤ Housing and Transportation

➤ Community Living

Consulting with the public and service providers will help the project committee identify strengths, needs and improvement ideas for these three topics. Recommendations will then be developed to help guide future directions in the Peninsula communities. The Town of Sidney has begun the consultation project by making a questionnaire available to the public in January. We encourage all Saanich Peninsula residents to complete the questionnaire to help us gather initial input on the project's three topics. A summary of this information will be used to plan discussion groups with community residents and groups and in workshops with service providers. Findings and recommendations from the consultation project will then be presented at public open houses in fall 2005. So, put yourself in the picture and complete a survey - available at the North Saanich Municipal Hall at 1620 Mills Road and on the project information site at:

www.sidney.ca/Residents/Community/Vision2005/SeniorsYouthandFamilies

To share your North Saanich concerns and suggestions on these topics, please also feel free to contact Councillor Anny Scoones at 656-9740, e-mail ascoones@shaw.ca

NORTH SAANICH WEBSITE UPDATE

The new North Saanich website was completed in October of 2004 and is available for all members of the public to access now. The Saanich Peninsula Website Development Project was conducted in conjunction with the District of Central Saanich and the Town of Sidney. Most feedback from the public regarding the website has been very positive and some residents have suggested ways of improving the site. We welcome your suggestions and ask that you take a look at the site and assess it based on your own criteria. North Saanich promises to continue to improve and enhance the website in 2005. Some of these enhancements will include an online application for registration on the North Saanich list of electors, the ability to apply for your Home Owners Grant online, and the development of a web-based GIS application to provide access to the District's mapping information. Usage of the website is expected to increase as more information and applications are added. You can access the North Saanich website at ...

www.northsaanich.ca

Let us know what you think of the site by using the online feedback form at www.northsaanich.ca/municipal_hall/feedback

PLEASE LABEL YOUR WATER SHUT-OFF



Homeowners should ensure that water shut-offs are clearly labeled and easily accessible in case of an emergency. If a leak occurs or a pipe breaks in your house, the amount of damage can be significantly reduced by the timely closure of this valve. It is also worth considering that all persons in the house (including children) should know where the valve is located. If necessary a plumber can help you in locating this valve.

WILLINGDON/EAST SAANICH INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS

This intersection has been identified as having one of the highest accident rates in the District and we are working with the various jurisdictions to improve its safety. The intersection will be reconstructed in the form of a modern roundabout. Modern roundabouts can dramatically reduce accident rates and the severity of accidents when installed at locations such as this while avoiding the delays associated with traffic signals. Construction of these improvements will commence this spring. For more information on modern roundabouts visit www.roundaboutsusa.com.

LIST YOUR BUSINESS ON THE DISTRICT'S WEBSITE

A list of North Saanich businesses will be posted on the District's website under the "Business" section. Only businesses with a current business license (either North Saanich or Inter-municipal) will be eligible. If you would like your business posted here, please use the "Request for Service" form available on the North Saanich website to make your request. All businesses in North Saanich will be notified of this opportunity when the 2005 renewal notices for business licenses are sent out. Information such as business name, address, telephone number, e-mail address and website will appear in the Business Directory. Please contact the Municipal Hall if you have any questions about listing your business.

CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY NEEDS YOUR HELP

The Canadian Cancer Society will be conducting its annual door-to-door campaign throughout the Greater Victoria area in April to solicit donations for the Society, but they cannot do it alone...they need your help. If you are available to volunteer your time to assist with the campaign, the Society needs to hear from you. Please contact Andrea Voysey, 2005 Door to Door Campaign Coordinator, at avoysey@bc.cancer.ca or call her at (250) 818-0588. The Cancer Society would like to remind us all that cancer strikes one in three people and together we can win the fight for our lives.

DEEP COVE/PATRICIA BAY SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

1st Team Consulting Ltd. of Victoria has been engaged to carry out the detailed engineering survey and design for this project. Design is underway and construction will commence this spring. A second detailed newsletter (# 2) has been mailed this month to all property owners in the area to be serviced. This newsletter provides details on the project such as timing, costs, connection details, contact information, etc. and is available on the District's website.

KEEP THOSE DRAINS FLOWING

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

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 4:00 p.m. week days

After Hours: 920-9235 (4:00 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

Web Page: 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 (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 municipal 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 Bill Bird.....656-7833
Councillor Heather Goulet.....656-1115
Councillor Dorothy Hartshorne.....655-3034
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 7:00 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 10:00 a.m. every 1st Tuesday of the month at the Municipal Hall

Chair	to be announced
Vice Chair	to be announced
Members	Peter Arends (Tech. Advisor) Diana Chown Freda Thorne Helene Malvet Patricia McAvity Susan Ross Ann Saddlemyer
Council Liaison	Councillor Anny Scoones