



Spring at Municipal Hall

North Saanich News

District of North Saanich
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News from Council

Strategic Plan

On April 27th Council proudly adopted the Strategic Plan for 2009—2011. To obtain a copy of this document, please feel free to contact the Municipal Hall. It may also be viewed on our website at www.northsaanich.ca. It is located under the “Reports and Publications” section of “Municipal Hall”.

Neighbourhood Meetings

The first neighbourhood meeting of 2009 was held Wednesday, April 8th at the Deep Cove Elementary School. Many residents attended and Council addressed questions on a variety of issues. The schedule of neighbourhood meetings for the remainder of 2009 has now been established. Make sure to mark these dates in your calendar! All meetings will start at 7:00 pm sharp.

Wednesday, June 3rd—Neighbourhood meeting for *Dean Park and the Southeast Quadrant* to be located at Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road.

Wednesday, October 14th—Neighbourhood meeting for *Curteis Point / Lands End* to be located at the North Saanich Middle School Gymnasium, 10475 McDonald Park Road.

Wednesday, December 2nd—Neighbourhood meeting for *Ardmore and Pauquachin First Nation* to be located at the Ardmore Golf Club, 930 Ardmore Drive.

Summary notes from each meeting can be viewed on our website. Follow the link under the “Residents” section titled “Community”.

Dunsmuir Lodge

Council would like to thank residents for the significant amount of concern expressed by the community regarding the closure of Dunsmuir Lodge. Council has requested that the University of Victoria include the District of North Saanich in its discussions regarding the future of Dunsmuir Lodge, and will keep the community apprised of any developments.

Would you like to receive this newsletter by e-mail?

The District of North Saanich will be compiling an “E-mail notification database”. If you would like your name added to this list, please e-mail Charlene at cnash@northsaanich.ca.

Your Mayor & Council

- Mayor Alice Finall
250-656-6668
- Councillor Peter Chandler
250-656-7226
- Councillor Ruby Commandeur
250-655-3368
- Councillor Sheilah Fea
250-656-2719
- Councillor Cairine Green
250-656-3205
- Councillor Anny Scoones
250-656-9740
- Councillor Bob Shaw
250-655-9610

In memory of

Marika Townshend

Everyone at the District of North Saanich was saddened to hear of the passing of Marika after a lengthy battle with cancer. Her dedication and commitment to the community will always be remembered and cherished.



Looking east over Pat Bay towards Mount Baker

Burning Closure / Municipal Drop Off Pit

Outdoor burning is now banned until further notice. This includes burning in incinerators, fire pits and open piles. Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling and chipping. The Municipal Drop Off Pit on Littlewood Road behind Municipal Hall is open the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During the months of May and June, the Municipal Drop Off Pit is open the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on a trial basis, with the possibility of extending this service permanently. The cost is \$5 per carload or \$10 per pick-up truck or trailer load, and you will be required to show proof of residence or property ownership. Contact Brian Robinson at 250-655-5481 for further information.



Please remember to secure large loads so that debris is contained.

Safety and Security on our Beaches, Trails and in our Parks

The District of North Saanich is working with the local RCMP detachment to address concerns with improper behaviour on our beaches and in our parks, such as parties, alcohol consumption and beach fires. The RCMP has committed to increasing patrols and liquor enforcement of public parks, beaches and access locations. To report an incident to the RCMP, contact the local detachment at 250-656-3931. You will be connected to a dispatcher who will relay your information to an officer on duty. Residents are encouraged to call early, before a situation escalates. If your situation requires immediate police attention, please dial “911”.

Marine Shoreline Inventory Project



The District of North Saanich has 40km of ocean shoreline with some of the most stunning scenery on the west coast. A Marine Shoreline Inventory is currently being completed for the Saanich Peninsula including the District of North Saanich, which will provide a virtual “snapshot” of waterfront areas. Watch for this on an upcoming Council agenda.

New Guide to Parks, Trails and Beach Accesses

The new “Guide to Parks, Trails and Beach Accesses” is nearing completion. This revamped guide is full of pictures and new information on cycling routes, heritage sites and everything you ever wanted to know about North Saanich’s parks and trail system. Stay tuned for more details on this very popular booklet.

A Reminder to all Dog Walkers...

Our parks, beaches and trails are also very popular with our “four-legged” friends! Please remember to keep dogs under control at all times when walking in the District, and don’t forget to properly dispose of any deposits left behind. Your neighbours and fellow walkers will be most appreciative.



“Farewells” and “welcomes”!

This Spring we said farewell to Debbie Mandi, our Payroll Clerk, and Carol LePoidevin, our Utilities Clerk who retired after 37 years of service. We recently welcomed Shireen Clark (Accounting Clerk II), Emmanuel Iturralde (Tangible Capital Asset Analyst), Ian Rogers, (Building Inspector/Bylaw Enforcement Officer), and Ray Ehrlich (Senior Accountant). And a belated congratulations to Chris Day, our new full-time Driver.

Welcome to the team!

2009 North Saanich Farm Market

Everyone is invited to the official opening of the North Saanich Farm Market for 2009 on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at St. John's Church at 10990 West Saanich Road. The market will be open every Saturday from June 6th until October 10th (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.), and will offer a large selection of seasonal fruits and vegetables, arts and crafts, baked goods and entertainment. The Farm Market is sponsored by the North Saanich Food for the Future Society and is organized around principles of collaboration, cooperation and community building. For more information contact Susan Chandler at 250-655-3378 or Diana Chown at 250-656-9633.

Agriculture Area Plan

Council has determined that an Agricultural Area Plan for the District is a strategic priority. Such a plan will recommend actions to increase agriculture and farming activities within the District addressing food supply and local capacity building. It will cover a number of possibilities for improving the viability of farming in North Saanich. Continuing pressures on agriculture, including the cost of land and drive for urbanization, increase the need for coordinated community effort to assist farming. There will be opportunities for all interested individuals and groups to be involved. To begin the planning process, the consultant has arranged two Community Dialogue sessions focused on the future of food and agriculture in North Saanich, at 7:00 p.m. on May 27th and June 11th at the Mary Winspear Centre. We strongly encourage interested members of the community to participate. For more information please contact Tracy Olsen at 250-655-5471 or tolsen@northsaanich.ca or Barbara Brennan, Chair of the Agricultural Advisory Commission, at 250-656-7808.



To register for either of the Community Dialogue sessions, please call 250-655-5477 or e-mail admin@northsaanich.ca.

Controlling Invasive Plants



North Saanich does not support the use of pesticides.

Residents are strongly encouraged to control invasive plants on private property. English Ivy, Scotch Broom and Himalayan Blackberry are only a few of the many invasive plants found in North Saanich. These plants grow very quickly and will soon choke out everything in their path. Please do your part to control invasive plants... plan a neighbourhood "ivy pull" or join the District's "Adopt a Park" program and assist in the maintenance of trails and parks. By working together, we can control the spread of invasive plants. For further information, please contact Brian Robinson at 250-655-5481.

McTavish Interchange Project

On April 7th the Provincial and Federal governments announced a joint infrastructure grant of \$21 million, sharing costs with the Victoria Airport Authority's contribution of \$3 million, for total funding of \$24 million to construct an interchange at McTavish Road and Highway 17. Mayor Finall arranged a meeting with provincial representatives, Council, Staff and airport representatives prior to the announcement to consider the proposed design for the interchange. Subsequent to the announcement, she arranged a further meeting for Sidney Council and staff, North Saanich Council and Staff, and the Provincial representatives to address concerns by both Councils regarding the needs of their respective municipalities. The provincial representatives have met with residents in the locality of the interchange to further consider design matters. There will be further public meetings by the Province in June. For further information, and to pass on any questions or concerns, please contact Levi Timmermans at the Ministry of Transportation at 250-387-2107.

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Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays excluding Statutory holidays

Main switchboard: 250-656-0781

Fax: 250-656-3155

Administration: 250-655-5450

Finance: 250-655-5496

IT/GIS: 250-655-5499

Engineering: 250-655-5460

Building Inspections, Bylaw Enforcement and licensing:
250-655-5470

Public Works: 250-655-5480

After hours Public Works: 250-920-9235

Fire Department: 250-656-1931

After hours non-emergency fire: 250-475-6111

Emergency: 9 1 1

Non-emergency RCMP (i.e. traffic issues): 250-656-3931

E-mail: admin@northsaanich.ca

Website: www.northsaanich.ca

Advisory Commissions

Advisory Planning Commission
(meets at 7:30 p.m. every 4th Wednesday of the month)

Agricultural Advisory Commission
(meets at 4:00 p.m. every 1st Thursday)

Environmental Advisory Comm.
(meets at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Wednesday)

Heritage Advisory Comm. (meets at 10:00 a.m. every 1st Wednesday)

Parks Commission (meets at 4:30 p.m. every 3rd Thursday)

All meetings are held in Council Chambers and are open to the public.

Who to contact at Municipal Hall

Bruce Williams—Chief Administrative Officer (implementation of Council policies and programs). E-mail: bwilliams@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250) 655-5452

Curt Kingsley—Manager of Corporate Services (Council meetings/procedures, human resource matters and local government elections). E-mail: ckingsley@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250) 655-5453

Ralph Gillis—Director of Financial Services (the District's budget and taxation). E-mail: rgillis@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250) 655-5496

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Patrick O'Reilly—Director of Infrastructure Services (subdivisions, design of drainage systems, roads, sewer and water). E-mail: poreilly@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250)655-5461

Gary Wilton—Director of Emergency Services (burning regulations, the North Saanich Volunteer Fire Department and emergency planning). E-mail: gwilton@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250)656-1931

Brian Robinson—Works Superintendent (District parks and trails, repairs and maintenance of drainage systems, roads and utilities). E-mail: brobinson@northsaanich.ca Phone: (250)655-5481

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