

# ***South of Town Events***

***May, 2024***

## ***From the Area C Director....***

The first few months of the year are always busy for local government – the budget needs to be finalized and there are many opportunities for elected officials and local government staff to attend conferences that may benefit them. So far in 2024 I've attended the Electoral Area Directors' Forum, the Local Government Leadership Academy Forum, the Union of BC Municipalities Chairs and CAO's Forum, the Municipal Finance Authority AGM, and the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities AGM and Convention. I always regard these events as beneficial if I'm able to glean at least a few nuggets of information that I can use to improve how we deliver good governance to the qathet Regional District. So far I haven't walked away disappointed.

This month, in addition to our normal workload, we hosted a session with former Councillor and Mayor of the District of North Cowichan, Al Siebring. Al was brought in to give us some pointers on how to have more efficient and productive meetings, something that virtually every Board could benefit from. All of those in attendance found the session to be very useful and I hope to see the effects of his suggestions in the coming weeks and months. We also hosted a meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) which a number of Powell River Councillors joined us for. Prior to COVID these meetings were usually held on a quarterly basis but had been on hold until this past Thursday. These meetings give local government the opportunity to pass on the concerns of the public regarding all those things that MOTI is responsible for, including the rural roads, the highway, the culverts and the ditches, as well as gathering information about what projects may be happening in the future. I mentioned the local interest in lowering the speed limit through Black Point and was told that it would be a good suggestion to bring up with the Minister this fall as part of a request for a Safety and Mobility Study. I also brought up the desire for pedestrian bridges over Lang Creek and was told that our conversation with the Minister last fall had borne fruit and that a study of the bridge was in the works. It needs to be determined if the bridge is capable of supporting pedestrian bridges and just how big a project it would be. I don't know if or when we will be able to safely walk and cycle across Lang Creek but I'll keep pursuing it until someone tells me that it's not in the cards.

One little feel-good bit of information to drop prior to signing off – the Board approved a letter of support for Let's Talk Trash and the Ocean Legacy Foundation for their 2024 BC Clean Coast Clean Waters Initiative application to conduct shoreline cleanup efforts within the region. Back in 2021 those two organizations, with the financial support of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, established Canada's first Ocean Plastics Depot in Powell River. Since then, upwards of 300,000 kg of marine debris has been diverted for recycling and local reuse. That's good news that we can all appreciate. Have a great May!

***Clay Brander, qathet Regional District***

***Lang Bay Hall:***

**Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends** – Informal discussions, projects and pot luck lunches - everyone welcome. Contact Laural at lghascats@gmail.com for more info.

**Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 pm: Yoga with Danielle** - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493. **\*\*NOTE - NO YOGA May 21<sup>st</sup>\*\***

**Thursdays, 10:00 am (weather permitting): Fun with Plants!** - Meet with friends to work in the hall gardens - everyone welcome. Bring your favourite small tools. Call 604-487-1259 for more details.

**Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-1:00: Lang Bay Community Club's Monthly Market** - Tables are \$25.00 each and are limited. To book a table contact 604-483-1440.

**Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, noon-2:00 pm: Lang Bay Community Club's Annual Plant Sale** - Community members are invited to donate potted plants to this important hall fundraiser. Along with an assortment of plants, there is a 50/50 and the popular raffle. Just Frys & Dogs will be on site. Donated plant drop off times are May 9<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am – 1:00 pm & May 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am - noon & 3:00 – 4:00 pm. Contact 604-487-1259 for more details.

**Mindful Moves Yoga & More will return in the fall. Enjoy your Spring & Summer!**

**Cribbage will return Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> for our 46th year! Thanks to all who participated!**

\*\*\*\*\*

***Kelly Creek Community School Association:***

**Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 pm: Annual General Meeting** in the KCCS school library. All are welcome to attend! For more information please call 604-487-9925.

\*\*\*\*\*

***Kelly Creek Community Church:***

**Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 pm: Knitters' Café.** All knitters/crocheters welcome!

**Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 – 1:00: ORCA Bus.** Families with children aged 0-8 are invited to enjoy children's activities or check out the resource binder – older siblings are welcome to come along. Visit [www.youthandfamily.ca](http://www.youthandfamily.ca) for more info.

**Sundays, 9:00 am: In-person Sunday services** at 2380 Zilinsky Road. Also available on Facebook or YouTube. Contact 604-208-0446 or [office.kellyck@gmail.com](mailto:office.kellyck@gmail.com) for more information.