

South of Town Events

November, 2024

From the Area C Director....

It was a relatively quiet month at the qRD but that's fine with me – things will heat up soon enough when we start considering the budget for 2025. In the meantime, I'm going to try and take as much advantage of the trails before the cold and the wet really set in.

We did not have Planning or Finance Committee meetings this month and only one of our two regular Board meetings as key members of our staff were absent due to medical procedures, so the Board had less business to discuss than we usually do, which means I have less to update you on. One thing that did get some attention was the fact that the Resource Recover Centre (RRC) had opened but that it wasn't accepting cash as a form of payment. This caused some concern for certain members of the community and ultimately led to the changing of the practice. It will take a little time to get everything up and running, but the RRC will soon be accepting cash as well as credit and debit cards.

The RRC issue was a perfect example of how the system is supposed to work. The initial decision to not accept cash was made by staff after extensive research was done. There were many factors taken into consideration, including staff safety, risk of break-ins, number of cash payments, potential mishandling of money, and the additional cost of training, accounting, bank deposits, and security measures. The staff polled many local governments to find out what their policies were and what challenges they had encountered. They then took all this information into consideration and calculated the end cost of accepting cash at the RRC. It was determined that the small percentage of cash transactions compared to credit and debit transactions didn't justify the added expense, which would be borne by the taxpayers.

This is when the public played their part in the system. The qRD Board members received quite a bit of feedback from residents expressing their wish to have cash be accepted at the RRC. For the most part it was done in a very respectful way, which is exactly how we would want it to happen. The board members took the comments from the public into consideration and asked staff to write a report looking at the various options. At the end of the day, the Board decided that the added expense was worth the convenience of accepting cash at the RRC so that all members of our community could be served equitably.

In this scenario all parties played an important part. The staff looked at the issue from an unbiased position and recommended the most cost-effective and reliable business case. The public stepped up to express their desire for a change, and the elected officials, with the support of staff, made the decision to change direction and give the people what they requested. It's great to see it work so well.

Have a great November and make sure to check out the Lang Bay Hall Craft Sale!

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Lang Bay Hall:

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

Tuesdays, 6:45-7:45 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. For more information call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493.

Wednesdays, Nov. 6th – Dec. 11th, 11:00-noon: Mindful Moves - Yoga & More - Bring your yoga mat & throw blanket. Minimum six participants required: prorated rates available. Email robin.inison@gmail to register.

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage 46th Season! – Everyone welcome, \$2.00/player. Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for more info.

Sat, Nov 9th, 10-2 and Sun, Nov. 10th, 11-3: Lang Bay Hall Christmas Craft Sale – Join us for this popular annual event that features food vendors, raffle prizes, crafts, collectibles, and a whole lot more! Pick up unique Christmas gifts and have a bit of fun at the same time.

Saturday, Nov. 23rd, 10:00 am-noon: Mason Bee Care & Cleaning Workshop - Space is limited for this hands-on workshop and must be reserved. \$20.00 p/p. Call Carol at 604-487-1259 to book your spot. Lots of tips & information on the care of one of our best pollinators.

Thursday, Nov. 28th, 10:00 am: Decking the Hall - Join Community Club members as they come to decorate the community hall for Christmas. Call 604-483-1440 for more info.

The Lang Bay Markets and Fun with Plants! will resume in the Spring. Thank you for your support!

** Check out **Lang Bay Community Hall & Events** on Facebook for the latest updates! **

Kelly Creek Community School Association:

The Kelly Creek Community School gym is available for public use Wed & Fri evenings. Book it for a night, a week, a month or the whole year. Weekend birthday party bookings available - \$25 for a three-hour slot. Spots fill up quickly - call 604-487-9925 for more information.

Kelly Creek Community Church:

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 for more information. Check out the KCCC Facebook page for more events and information.

Thursdays, 1:00-3:00: Knitters' Café - All fibre arts welcome.