

South of Town Events

December, 2025

From the Area C Director....

I imagine by now most of you have noticed Sparkles, the reindeer, on the highway just as you approach Black Point when heading South. That's Mitch and Brian showing their holiday spirit, and you should take it as a reminder to add their Enchanted Christmas Forest Walk to your calendar. This year it will be open on December 17th–20th and on the 26th and 27th from 5:00–8:00 pm. Access is via Twin Eagles Road. New this year is a permanent shelter where you can stay dry, mingle with neighbours, and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate. Admission is free, but donations are always welcome to cover the costs. My thanks go out to the guys for continuing to put on this fun community event!

Earlier this month I was honored to once again be a part of the wreath-laying ceremony at the cenotaph in Townsite, which is part of the observance of Remembrance Day. Even though early forecasts called for rain, the solemn occasion was marked with good weather and many attendees. Remembrance Day, held on November 11th each year, is in recognition of the men and women who have served, and continue to serve our country during times of war, conflict and peace. I was pleased, as always, to see so many people turn out for the event.

In November, the qathet Regional District had a second intake of requests for Grants in Aid funding and we were able to give at least partial funding to several worthy organizations in our community. Some of the successful organizations were the qathet Film Society in support of their annual qathet International Film Festival, the qathet Regional Cycling Association for their Duck Lake Trail project, and the Lang Bay Community Club (LBCC) for a new heat pump in the Lang Bay Community Hall. The LBCC request was fully funded by Areas B (25%) and C (75%). The good people at the LBCC provide a space for a lot of fun activities, many of which are put on by the members themselves. In this day and age, where people are turning to online communication and relationships more and more, it's places like Lang Bay Hall that bring us together and allow us to foster relationships with our neighbors. It's worthy of our support.

Each year, in November, the qRD Board elects a Chair to serve for one year, and I am pleased to announce that I was chosen for that position again. This will be my fourth year as Chair, and I would like to thank the rest of the Board for putting their trust in me. I will continue to work to provide good governance for the community, which includes efficient use of tax dollars, creating a safe and supportive work environment for our staff, and providing the services and supporting the organizations that make the qathet Regional District a great place to live. It's going to be interesting in 2026 as we're entering an election year – the qRD Board, Powell River City Council, and the qathet School Board may all look very different in twelve months! If you're interested in running for any of those offices, and are eligible to do so, now's the time to start gathering information and making yourself aware of the issues of the day so that you can be prepared when campaigning begins. Good luck!

Clay Brander, qathet Regional District

Lang Bay Hall: On FB at @langbaycommunityhallandevents or at www.langbaycommunityhall.ca

The Lang Bay Community Club wishes to thank everyone for their support and generosity! We can't do it without you. Have a safe, happy and healthy holiday season and we'll see you back in 2026!

Every 2nd Sunday of the month, 1:00-3:00: Song Circle - Open to everyone - play, sing, or just enjoy the music. Admission by donation. For more info contact Pat at 604-485-5198.

Tuesdays, 10:30 am-noon: Lang Bay Friends - Open to everyone - informal discussions, projects & potluck lunches. Email lghascats@gmail.com or lilian.thompson@telus.net. ** Last one of 2025 on Dec. 9th, restarts on Jan. 13th **

Tuesdays, 6:15-7:15 pm: Yoga with Danielle - \$10.00 drop-in fee. Call or text Danielle at 604-223-9493 for more info. ** Last one Dec. 2nd, restarts Dec. 30th **

Wednesdays, Nov. 26th, Dec. 3rd and 10th - 9:30-10:30 am: Mindful Moves Yoga & More - Drop-in sessions \$17 - contact Robin 604-483-6759 for more info. Regular classes resume in Feb, 2026.

Wednesdays, 6:00 - 6:45 pm & Fridays, 9:30-10:15 am: South of Town Fitness with Paula - A fun and effective workout targeting core and lower body with a great stretch to finish. \$10.00 drop-in fee or eTransfer paulagiroad@gmail.com. ** Last class Dec. 12th, restarts Jan. 7th **

Thursdays, 7:00 pm sharp: Cribbage - Contact Rob at 604-578-8465 for info - \$2.00/player. Special Dec. 11th Crib Appy Night at 6:30 with crib afterwards. ** Last one Dec. 11th, restarts Jan. 8th **

Donations to our Christmas hamper program can be dropped off at the hall on Dec 9th, 1:00-2:00, Dec. 13th, 10:00-noon and 3:00-4:00, and Dec. 16th, 1:00-2:00. For info, contact Carol at 604-487-1259.

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 info.

Thursdays, Dec. 4th and 18th, 1:00-3:00: Knitters' Café - All fibre arts welcome.

Watch out for "**Christmas in the Grove**" in December. Fire pits, hot chocolate, and fellowship.

Kelly Creek Community School and Youth & Family:

The gym is available for public use on weekends and some late afternoon/evening weekdays. Birthday parties, pickleball, volleyball, yoga, or whatever floats your boat. Call 604-487-9925 for more info.

Malaspina Volunteer Fire Department:

November was quiet with just 15 total calls (9 First Responder, 1 MVI, and 5 Fire Fighter incidents). Several members attended a Critical Incident Stress Management course along with other qRD First Responders and will take part in a Regional Response Team for the area. Training of the new recruits is going extremely well. It is great to see the enthusiasm that they bring!