

June Boot Tales Director's News

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Some of the lowest tides of the year await us with the arrival of the new moon mid-month. See you at the beach! Keep in mind that you can always check the News Blog on my website robertscreekmark.com to see if there are more recent postings on an issue.

Volunteer Corner

If you haven't come across the **Roberts Creek Directory of Everything** yet, you're in for a treat! This labour of love has been keeping Lesley Roberts and her team at Sustainable Local Economic Development in Roberts Creek (SLEDRC) very busy over the last few months. They have produced both a hard-copy and an online directory of (nearly) all things Creek.

The intent is to localize spending by both locals and tourists, and features 166 listings of Accommodations, Artists, Services, Shops, Trades, Community Organizations...Everything! This project provides a tremendous service to our vibrant community, and has been supported by Eco-Freako, the Sunshine Coast Wildlife Project, Vital Signs and Graphics, Mainstay Computing, and others.

Hardcopies can be found in your mailbox or at local stores, while the online version is at www.robertscreekdirectory.ca. It's mobile-friendly and even has a Search function! Send an email to robertscreekdirectory@gmail.com to get your listing added to the website.

Goldmoss Gallery

We are headed towards a formal Public Hearing on the Goldmoss Zoning Bylaw application. It is planned for **June 17th** (*not the 23rd) at 7 PM at Roberts Creek Hall. This will provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed application in its current form. As well as verbal or written submissions at the Public Hearing, written submissions can be made in advance to the Board via andrew.allen@scrd.ca or by mail. Further information can be found in upcoming Coast Reporter newspaper ads.

The Bylaw has been amended as a result of input from the Advisory Planning Committee, the OCP Committee, and other public feedback. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, the SCRD Planning Department has produced an informative website page with regards to this application. It can be accessed through the [News Blog page on my website](#), or

at www.scrd.ca/Bylaw-310-Update. It has been updated to include the proposed Bylaw in its current amended iteration, and a helpful series of Frequently Asked Questions.

In addition, on the morning of Saturday June 13th, planner Andrew Allen will join me during my usual Gumboot Office Hours, from 10-11 AM for an informal Q and A session. I would encourage you to have a look at the resources mentioned above in advance, and consider joining us for a cup of coffee that morning if you have further questions.

Marijuana Production Zoning Bylaw

A proposed zoning Bylaw that would permit marijuana production on lots 1 hectare or larger (subject, of course, to Federal and Provincial Laws) has been **temporarily put on hold**. The current Bylaw allows for production on properties 8 hectares or more. It was the preference of the Board to wait for the results of a pending Federal Case with regards to the matter. In the meantime, I continue to solicit feedback on this topic.

Childcare Survey

The SCRD is conducting a survey to better understand the community needs around early years (0-6) childcare programming. It can be accessed at www.scrd.ca/Children

Water Conservation

While the Sunshine Coast's Average Daily Consumption of water has dropped over recent years due to greater awareness of the need for conservation, we still use about 570 Litres per capita per day. That's roughly 100 L/c/d more than some comparable neighbouring areas, and about double the European average. That figure nearly doubles on hot summer days, when rainfall is at its lowest and our Chapman Lake reservoir isn't recharging, and **it sounds like we could be headed towards a hot, dry summer**.

Experts agree that demand management is fundamental to a robust water supply, and water metering is in the future for all of us on the Regional Water Supply. There are lots of good reasons to practice water conservation this summer not the least of which are drinking water and wildfire protection. Those of us growing food can look to strategies such as mulching, soil amendment, or the use of effective irrigation technology. Staff report a high volume of overwatering complaints this year, which speaks to a high degree of awareness for some, and perhaps not so high for others. Clearly, the education piece is key here, and the SCRD will have staff at special events and out in the community this summer.

Links to other water conservation tools can be found on the SCRD website at www.scrd.ca/Water-Conservation.

SCRD Recreation News:

In celebration of **June 6 National Fitness Day** our recreation facilities will be offering a special rate of \$5 for families, \$3 for Adults and Seniors, \$1 for Children and Teens. Check drop in schedules for facility hours and activities. In addition, SCRD and local Fitness Leaders are presenting the 3rd annual Mixed format class 10:30am-12:30pm at the Seaside Centre Courtyard on that day.

Other events

Pickle Ball Tournament June 6th & 7th Gibsons Area Community Center

Home Show June 13th GACC

Birthday Parties at the GACC

Celebrate your child's next birthday with an afternoon of fun activities!

Party Package Options:

- 1) Roller Skate Party
- 2) Sportsmania Party
- 3) Stay and Play Party (recommended for ages 3-5 years)

What Every Babysitter Should Know (Sechelt Aquatic Center) Saturday, June 6th 2015 - A 7-hour course designed to teach young people aged 11 and older how to baby-sit children or be at home alone. Certificate provided. Kids receive 2 Hours of First Aid training.