

May Boot Tales Director's News

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Flocks of geese overhead reminding us we're not the only ones with places to go and things to do as spring edges towards summer. 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. The Goldmoss bylaw application is a good example of that.

Volunteer Corner

The Roberts Creek Community Association held its Annual General Meeting in late April, and there are some changes to the Board. Welcome to new President Scott Avery, and Board members Kathleen Hudson, Stephen Bethune, Peggy Martin, Emily Cook and Douglas Fugge. Long time Board members John and Anne Dykes, and Jaynie Bethune are stepping down. The community is deeply appreciative to all that this group does to maintain our Hall and Library, and put on great community events. They meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7PM at Roberts Creek Hall.

In addition, long time Hall Managers Amanda Walker and Denise Woodley are "retiring". Heather Gatz will be the new Hall Manager. Contact information for the RCCA Board and the Hall Manager remain the same and can be found at www.robertscreekcommunity.ca

Board Advocacy

The SCRD Board clearly plays a role in advocating for local concerns with "senior" government. Sometimes these issues are referred to us for comment by other levels of government, such as a recent SCRD submission to the Woodfibre LNG Environmental Assessment process. Sometimes they are driven by a local issue that is federally or provincially legislated, such as watershed protection. Often the advocacy happens through collaboration with other local governments, like the Howe Sound Forum, the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities, or the Union of BC Municipalities. Sometimes it can involve a trip to Victoria. BC Ferries, oil spill preparedness, watershed protection, transportation planning, wood waste burning, the Site C Dam, and airshed quality are all areas that have received the Board's attention of late.

The challenge for the Board is to balance that legitimate and important advocacy role with a strong focus on providing efficient and effective core mandate services in areas like water, planning, solid waste, parks, transit and recreation.

Strategic Planning Ahead

The Board is beginning its Strategic Planning process, which will guide our areas of emphasis over the next four years. There will be a formal opportunity for public input that will be well advertised in the Coast Reporter and online. In addition, you are always welcome to contact me with your thoughts around the Board's strategic focus for the next 4 years. Know that my starting place in these and all discussions continues to be the priorities, values and approaches that I laid out during the November election and are listed on the campaign flyer on my website.

Water Restrictions Begin

As we begin to spend more time in the garden, it's good to remind ourselves that our water use more than doubles in the summer when rainfall is at its lowest. Most of that increase is attributable to outdoor water use. For that reason, the SCRD watering restrictions usually begin May 1st, and this year is no exception. In fact, events in California, a low local snowpack, and a growing awareness of the need for adaptation in the face of climate change make this a good example of our collective responsibility for a resilient future. Here are some of the current Stage 1 restrictions. More information can be found at www.scrd.ca/Sprinkling-Regulations.

Sprinklers, soaker hoses, irrigation systems and other watering devices can be used for outdoor watering. For even addresses, outdoor watering is allowed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7am-9am and from 7pm-9pm. For odd addresses, outdoor water use is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7am-9am and from 7pm-9pm. Hand held hoses with shut-off devices can be used anytime for watering trees, shrubs, flowers or vegetables.

Goldmoss Gallery

Both the Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Commission and the Official Community Plan Committee have considered the Goldmoss bylaw amendment application. A special thank you to the members of both committees and their respective chairs, who volunteered a lot of time and careful consideration with this referral. Their recommendations will come before the Planning and Development Committee in a staff report later this month.

In order to keep the community posted on the background, progress, and public process around this application the SCRD Planning Department has produced an informative website that will be regularly updated. It can be accessed through the [News Blog page on my website](#).

A reminder that if you do not have access to the Internet at home, that you can use the computer at the Roberts Creek Library, or the libraries in either Gibsons or Sechelt.

SCRD Recreation News:

Parent and Tot “Stay and Play”

Gibsons Area Community Centre, Mondays & Wednesdays – 9am-11am; Fridays – 11:45am – 1:45 pm, \$3.50/parent & tot, \$2.00 each additional child. Designed for ages 1.5-5 years. Parents and tots enjoy positive play and a supervised learning experience.

Quilt Show

May 1st -3rd, Gibsons Area Community Centre, Tickets at the door \$6

Aquatic Leadership Programs

Registration is now open for Summer Aquatic Leadership programs.

Sechelt Aquatic Centre Annual Shut Down

The Sechelt Aquatic Centre Annual Pool shut down begins on May 30th at 2pm
The pool side of the facility will be closed from May 30th at 2pm through June 23rd.

“Move for Health” Day, May 10th

Bring a friend and enjoy “2 for 1” at all of our recreation facilities!