

DIRECTOR'S NEWS APRIL/08
AN UPDATE FROM SCRD DIRECTOR,
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Please note: I will not be at the Gumboot on April 5 & 12.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

April 2, 7pm, at Roberts Creek Hall are the time and place for a public info session on **Personal and Family Emergency Preparedness**. Personal and neighborhood preparedness are keys to having safe and resilient communities. Colin Spence, Neighborhood Emergency Coordinator with the SCRD, will speak to the audience about personal and neighborhood preparedness and disaster planning. Please plan to attend. E-mail shemark@dccnet.com for more information.

RECYCLING

On April 5, 9-12am there will be a **Public Education Workshop** at Seaside Centre in Sechelt. This is your chance to learn more about recycling and product stewardship. Pre-registration is not required but is requested. Contact Dion Whyte, SCRD Sustainability Manager, 885-6800.

CALLING ALL COMMUNITY GARDENERS!

School District 46 and the Sunshine Coast Regional District invite you to attend a meeting to discuss the development of a 'Community Garden' at either Elphinstone Secondary School or Gibsons Elementary School.

In January 2008, SD 46 and the SCRD received funding from the BC School-Community Connections Program to develop plans for 3 potential projects one of which is to investigate establishing a model 'Community Garden' on potentially surplus school lands. The grant allows for planning and design of a Community Garden in concert with the local community.

When: Monday, April 7 at 6:30pm for a walking tour of potential garden sites, 7:15pm to 9:00pm for the discussion.

If you have any questions, contact Bill Beamish at 886-2463 or: bbeamish@telus.net.

EARTH DAY

Come celebrate Earth Day 2008 at the **Roberts Creek Pier on Sunday, April 20 from 12 - 5:00 pm**. The great line-up of local entertainment includes the Knotty Dotters, Celso Machado, Graham Ord, Anna Lumiere, Randeesh, Sokole, and more. Visit the booths containing local artwork and crafts, sample the food, and familiarize yourself with local issues. Cycle to Earth Day and receive a free bike tune-up! Or take the Earth Day shuttle leaving hourly from Davis Bay & Gibsons. Other related events include a kids' book and toy trading booth, a tour of the Gumboot & Heart Gardens at 10:30am, and a special showing of "Garbage Warrior," 7:30pm at the RC Hall.

If you wish to volunteer, book booth space or make a donation to the Earth Basket contact Sheila at shemark@dccnet.com.

LITTERBUGS

Volunteers are needed to **Pitch-in and Clean up Roberts Creek April 20-May 17**.

The RCCA is sponsoring this effort to pick up litter along the roads in Roberts Creek from the Cemetery to the Provincial campsite. You can help out by volunteering to clean up part of your neighborhood. Volunteers will be given Pitch-in Canada bags and garbage tags so that the bags can be picked up at curbside on your normal garbage day. Contact Elaine Futterman (604-885-2395; creekclayworks@dccnet.com) or Suzy Naylor (604-740-0963; suzy_naylor@sunshine.net) to sign up. You can also sign up and get your Pitch-in garbage bag on Earth Day at the Mandala. Put your name on the map of Roberts Creek and pitch-in!!

GREENSHORES

The Roberts Creek Green Shores Advisory Committee has been chosen from many excellent applicants and began

its work on March 25. A wide range of skills and perspectives are represented, including a marine engineer, a geologist, an architect, a biologist, a builder/contractor, a chemist, and a developer.. The members are: Heather Knight, Allan May, Trish Desbrisay, Olaf Lepper, Blaine Hagedorn, Barry Morrow, Diane Sanford, Gillian Kidd, Roger Sayer, Nicola Kozakiewicz, and Jeffrey Abbott. Dave Nanson of DFO will be another resource person. Check my website for updates.

SCRD NEW WEBSITE

On March 31 the SCRD launched its new website www.scrd.ca. There are some exciting new innovations on this site which is easier to navigate and contains a wealth of information that was not possible on the old site.

RECREATION

The new **Gibsons Arena and Community Centre** opened on March 29! Check the SCRD website for program details.

GRANTS IN AID

April 15 is the deadline for applications for SCRD and Roberts Creek Grants in Aid. Information and downloadable forms are available on the SCRD website. There are some changes this year. The municipalities are no longer in this function as they have their own Grant in Aid programs. Therefore you must explain whether your project has a regional or a local focus. Local projects will be referred to the grant in aid program for the individual area (e.g. Roberts Creek, Halfmoon Bay, etc.) Groups which are not registered societies will only be eligible to receive a maximum of \$500. The maximum for registered societies is \$5,000.

OCP REVIEW

The Official Community Plan is the document that guides land use decisions. The current OCP was made law in 1994 and will be reviewed this year. It is now time to put your name forward for the **Roberts Creek OCP Review Committee**. This is our opportunity to shape how development will occur in Roberts Creek and ensure our vision and life style are sustainable for future generations. There will be 14 community members selected to represent a cross section of the community

and a diversity of interests, expertise and knowledge. There will also be opportunity for public input throughout the process. To volunteer please send a letter outlining your background and interest no later than April 30 to Mark.Mcmullen@scrd.bc.ca or by snail mail to SCRD 1975 Field Rd., Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A1. The terms of reference for the committee are still being drafted. I will post them on my website when they are ready.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

The **RCCA AGM is April 23, 7:30pm at the Community Hall**. This important community group owns and operates the Hall and owns the Post Office/Library building as well as the park behind that building. The RCCA sponsors Creek Daze and many other community events, hosts and organizes Town Hall meetings on topics of interest and often makes the Hall available to other volunteer groups doing work that supports the community. At the AGM, elections for the RCCA executive will be held. RCCA members in good standing for the last 6 months may run for office &/or vote. This is the first year the elections will be conducted according to the new constitution so members who cannot be at the election can run for office by submitting a letter of intent to the president. Contact Mike Allegretti at 885-2395 or email mallegetti@dccnet.com. The AGM is a good opportunity to find out more about the RCCA and to join or renew your membership.

ROBERTS CREEK READING ROOM

Although we know it as the Roberts Creek Library, the real name of this important community asset is The Roberts Creek Reading Room. It is open 20 hours a week: Tue. 2-8, Wed. 2-6, Thurs. 2-8, and Sat.10-2. With over 10,000 volumes, it has one of the best fiction collections on the Coast as well as many nonfiction and reference materials. The children's section is an important part of the lives of Roberts Creek's young families. The Reading Room is run by a group of 25 dedicated volunteers. In 2007 the number of active registered borrowers totaled 1,571, comprised of 1,030 adults and 541 children. With a total Roberts Creek population of 3,307, 48% is a pretty impressive participation rate!