

DIRECTOR'S NEWS DECEMBER 2011
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GUMBOOT OFFICE

Join me at the Gumboot Café Saturdays 9:30-11:00am if you have an issue you want to discuss. If that time does not work for you, please email or call me to set up an appointment. I will be taking a holiday break December 18-January 5.

ELECTIONS

Thank you to the people of Roberts Creek for endorsing me as your representative at the SCRD for another three years! Through the course of the campaign I met many new people and heard about your desires and your concerns. I plan to continue the dialogue throughout the term and invite you to participate with me through my Gumboot Office, various community committees and ongoing consultations.

Thank you to Barb and Hans for putting your names forward to stand for election. Election debate is an important part of our democratic process and it is because of citizens with the courage to run for public office that a lively community discussion can happen. Hans, your activism for the environment is important and I hope you will continue to bring issues of concern to the attention of local government so that we can assist. Barb, you provide a

valued and popular service to our community through your Fish Locker. It is wonderful that we are able to purchase clean wild fish at a home based business in our neighbourhood. I wish you continued success.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the election: the supporters of all the candidates, the Community Association and the Community School for hosting all candidates meetings, and the elections staff who made everything run smoothly. Congratulations to Greg Russell, Betty Baxter and Lori Dixon, the successful school trustee candidates for our area. I look forward working with you

OCPC ELECTIONS

On November 23 annual elections for the Roberts Creek Official Community Plan Committee were held at the RC Hall. Congratulations to new members Chris Motloch and Kirsten Rawkins and returning members Carolann Glover, Mike Allegretti, Elaine Futterman, Diane Sanford, and Roger Richmond. Continuing with a year left in their term are Mark Lebbell, Norma Brow, Scott Avery and Sheila Wilson. Thank you to outgoing members Jeff Rosnau, John Ennis, and Linda Hoehstetter. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of each month (except December and summer) at Roberts Creek School at 7:00pm and are open to the public.

RECREATION NEWS

Special Teen skates are happening through until the Holidays: the first Friday of each month will be a Teen Toonie skate and the second Friday of each month promoted as Teen Skate bring a friend for free.

The Youth Centre at the Gibsons Community Centre has started a food bank to assist hungry young people who attend the Centre. Please help by bringing donations of non-perishable food items to the Community Centre on Park Road.

DAKOTA RIDGE

The Dakota Ridge winter recreation facility will be opening a week early if current snow levels hold. Saturday, December 10 could be the big day! Ski and snow shoe season passes are 10% off if purchased before December 15. They are available at either the Gibsons Community Centre or the Sechelt Aquatic Centre. Fees for the use of the ski and snowshoe trails help to pay a portion of the cost of maintaining the trails, road and on site facilities. This year the SCRCD has been able to partner with cross country facilities at Manning Park & Cypress so that a Dakota Ridge seasons pass holder will get a 20% discount at the other facilities. A similar arrangement is being negotiated with Lost Lake and Callaghan Valley. For current conditions and information visit www.scrd.ca/Dakota-Ridge or join Dakota Ridge on Facebook.

PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, December 13, 7:00pm at the Roberts Creek Hall there will be a public hearing about a rezoning application by 12 property owners in upper Roberts Creek Byng, Firburn, Pixton areas to go from a 100ha minimum lot size to 1.75ha. Details about the application are on the SCRCD website. Everyone is welcome to speak or submit their views in writing.

PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

Construction of the pedestrian improvement project in the village core is scheduled to begin December 12. Disturbance during the holiday season will be minimized as much as possible.

The first part to be tackled will be a new bus pullout opposite the Roberts Creek General Store.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

As I mentioned last month, the Official Community Plan draft has been given first reading by the SCRCD Board. This launches the public consultation process. The document is currently being reviewed by other agencies such as the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, the Agricultural Land Commission, Sechelt Indian Band, and others. A plan for a comprehensive public engagement process is being developed to be rolled out in the new year. I will keep you posted through this newsletter about how you can be involved. The OCP is an important document which will guide land use decisions for Roberts Creek for the next 15 years or so. The document belongs to the community so it is important to hear from you about what you think about it. The draft is available on the SCRCD website www.scrd.ca/Roberts-Creek-OCP-Review

TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Choices (TraC) is a new initiative being set up to assist local government, businesses and individuals by promoting alternatives to private vehicles, including cycling, walking, and transit.

Initially TraC will be run by a four person committee followed by a more formal governed structure with Society bylaws, membership terms, etc.

If you want to be involved as a member of TraC (being set at just \$5), or as a volunteer Director, please contact martin@lifecycle.ca



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& SAFE HOLIDAY**

