

**DIRECTOR'S NEWS JANUARY 2012**  
**AN UPDATE FROM SCRD DIRECTOR,**  
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**DAKOTA RIDGE**

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The Dakota Ridge cross-country ski and snowshoe facility is now in full operation for the season. Conditions over the holiday period have been excellent and many residents and visitors have been enjoying the snow activities. Day passes can be purchased at the Sechelt Aquatic Centre, the Gibsons Community Centre, at Alpha Adventures and Straight Coffee in Wilson Creek, and at Source for Sports, Off The Edge, and Halfmoon Sea Kayaks Outfitters & Coastal Adventures in Sechelt. The road is ploughed but can be icy so chains are advised. For current conditions and information visit [www.scrd.ca/Dakota-Ridge](http://www.scrd.ca/Dakota-Ridge) or join Dakota Ridge on Facebook.

Operations at Dakota Ridge depend to a large extent on a core of active volunteers. If you would like to join them as a trail host, please call 604-885-6802 ext. 0 and ask for Sam Adams or Carleen McDowell.

Peg Neilon, Chair of the Dakota Ridge Advisory Committee, has prepared an excellent question and answer sheet about the history and management of Dakota Ridge. Find it on the home page of my website.

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**CHAPMAN CREEK WATERSHED**

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Some of you may recall that the SCRD was required back in 2006 to do a source assessment of the Chapman Creek drinking watershed. This assessment identified all the potential risks to the drinking water system which serves the majority of people on Sunshine Coast. The follow up to the assessment has been to develop a Source Assessment Response Plan or SARP. The SARP examines all the risks and proposes measures to eliminate, or at the very least, to mitigate the impacts. Some of the risks are natural and unavoidable. Others are caused by human activity. The draft SARP is now available for public review and your comments are welcome. Please check the SCRD website for a down-loadable copy. On Saturday, February 4 there will be two public presentations of the draft SARP: in Sechelt at the Sechelt Indian Band Hall 10:00am-1:00pm and in Gibsons at the Gibsons Community Centre 3:00-6:00pm. Plans are to video tape the presentations so that they can be televised or viewed on line. Comments or questions can be emailed to [sarp@scrd.ca](mailto:sarp@scrd.ca) until March 9.

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**RECREATION NEWS**

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**Aquatic Club Demo Day:** Sechelt Aquatic Centre Jan. 15, 10:00-1:00pm. Chinook Swim Club, Pender Harbour Seals, Waterpolo, Senior Masters, Special Olympic Swimming, and Junior Lifeguards will be holding a club demonstration. Pay regular drop in admission to participate or watch for free.

**New swim lesson series** including various levels of lifeguarding begin this month at all pools.

**New fitness programs** at both Gibsons Community Centre and Sechelt Aquatic

Centre: **Ease into Exercise** – entry level class for those preparing for joint replacement surgery or those 12 weeks post op; **HITT** - 30 minute intense circuit class; **Family FUN Fitness Drop in Classes** - Work out with your kids in a 45 minute drop in fitness class that incorporates exercise, music and dance. Work out as a family and then cool off in the pool. (Sechelt only)

**New Winter programs at the Gibsons Community Centre:** Indoor Cycling Classes; Zumba classes; Partner Stretching; Knitting classes and drop in; Fencing.

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### ILLEGAL DUMPING

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Our community continues to be plagued by people who dump garbage in the forest and on our beaches. Hundreds of dump sites have been located and mapped. Look at [www.scrd.ca/imf/imf.jsp?site=DUMPSITES](http://www.scrd.ca/imf/imf.jsp?site=DUMPSITES). We do not have the funds to clean them all up so we are relying on the good will of community groups and individuals who are willing to do this. Dump fees will be covered by the SCR D. Contact Cathy Kenny in the solid waste department. Note it is illegal to dump garbage anywhere other than a recognized landfill site. Charges will be laid if you are caught!

It is also unacceptable to dump yard waste in the bush or on the beach. This is one of the ways invasive species spread. Please use one of the free drop off sites either in Gibsons or at the landfill.

If you notice illegal dumping particularly in a sensitive area, please report it to the Provincial RAPP line 1-877-952-7277.

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### ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

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There are a couple of vacancies on the Roberts Creek Advisory Planning Commission. This group of volunteers is appointed by the SCR D Board. We rely on the members' recommendations about subdivisions, development variances and other planning

issues. The APC meets on the last Monday of each month. Please contact me if you are interested.

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### SCR D MEETING SCHEDULE

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Standing committees of the SCR D meet on Thursdays: Infrastructure (solid waste, water, transit) Jan. 5, 1:30pm; Community Services (Parks and Recreation, Emergency Services) Jan 12, 1:30pm; Planning and Development (planning issues, bylaws and building) Jan. 19, 9:30am; Corporate and Administrative Services (finance and governance) Jan. 26, 1:30pm. Board meetings are at 7:30pm on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. All these meetings are open to the public. If you wish to make a presentation or speak as a delegation at one of these meetings, you must contact [Angie.Legault@scrd.ca](mailto:Angie.Legault@scrd.ca) 10 days prior to the meeting.

2012 budget discussions begin Jan. 16 and start Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday at 9:30am. Budget meetings are also open to the public. Listening to the budget discussions is a very good way to become familiar with the services and the processes of your local government.

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### OIL LEAK

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You may have noticed an oil smell when out walking along Beach Ave near Flume Road. A couple of weeks before Christmas there was a leak of home heating fuel in the area. The leaking tank has been removed and Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Transportation are working together to try to capture as much of the leaking oil as possible. Don't let your pets drink the water in the nearby ditches or any of the standing water at the Provincial picnic site at Flume Road. 1-800-663-3456 is the number to call when you observe an issue such as this. Someone is on duty to answer seven days a week. Make sure to get a file number and ask for follow up.

