

DIRECTOR'S NEWS JUNE 2011
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TWITTER

I have (somewhat reluctantly) decided to try out Twitter technology. With this tool I will be able to call your attention to news and events very quickly. You can follow my announcements on Twitter @DonnaShugar.

This and all past newsletters are posted on my website, so if you know people who do not receive unaddressed ad mail, please let them know they can connect with me online.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

Over 100 people attended the launch of the first draft of the new Roberts Creek Official Community Plan on May 14 at the RC Hall. Many thanks to the OCP Review Committee members who were there to answer questions from the public and explain the maps and documents on display. The attendees especially enjoyed the humorous song the committee sang during the presentation part of the event! We also owe a huge thank you to Kim Schachte and Lloyd Bernhardt of Ethical Bean Coffee for their generous donation of coffee and related equipment to the Hall!

All of the event's display materials and the draft OCP are now on the SCRD website. Go to www.scrd.ca, click the Planning tab under

Departments and follow the link to Current Planning Projects. Hard copies are also available at the RC Library. Your feedback is requested. Please send your thoughts by June 15 to project.plan@scrd.ca If you have photographs that show off different aspects of our community that you would like to share for inclusion in the final document, please send those along as well.

BUS SCHEDULE

To accommodate changes to the ferry schedule the SCRD Transit Schedule has also been revised with a new shoulder season schedule running until June 27. Please make sure you have checked the new schedule on the SCRD website or call 604-885-6899 before you head out. The summer schedule begins June 28 and runs until September 5.

BIKE TO WORK WEEK

2011 is the first year that the Sunshine Coast hosts an official Bike to Work Week, May 30 – June 5! Get involved by registering your workplace team at www.biketowork.ca. Over 30 teams have been registered all vying to achieve the most km ridden to work! Keep a watch on the website for events being planned during BTWW. There will be daily Celebration Stations in Gibsons and Sechelt with different things happening each day, lots of prizes, free coffee and muffins.

VANDALISM AT PARKS & BEACHES

It has come to my attention that there has been some vandalism during beach parties at both the Flume Road Provincial Picnic Site and at

the Pier. (The Pier Park is operated and maintained by the SCRCD whereas the Flume Road Park is a Provincial responsibility.) It is perhaps time for us to consider forming a Citizens on Patrol group to monitor these areas during the good weather and especially on weekends. The C.O.P. groups in other areas on the Coast are well established. Their task is to monitor the trouble spots and to report incidents that they encounter directly to the RCMP. They do not intervene, but rather are eyes and ears in the community. I have organized a meeting at the RC Hall for June 22 at 7:30pm (following the RCCA monthly meeting) to have a discussion about this. A member of the RCMP will be there to provide more information and we will also have two members of the Gibsons C.O.P. group to share their experience. If you are interested please join us. If you are unavailable that evening, but would like to participate in a C.O.P group, please contact me by phone or email.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have received the Auditor's report for the 2010 fiscal year for both the SCRCD and the Sunshine Coast Regional Hospital District. I am pleased to report that the comments received were very positive and it was again confirmed that our financial department is efficient, thorough and accurate.

TALKING TRASH: ZERO WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Under Provincial regulations, regional districts must review Solid Waste Management Plans every five years. Ours is nearing the end of the review process and is ready for public feedback. Our updated plan builds on the Regional District's goal of being a Zero Waste Community. It sets out programs, policies and actions to manage the region's waste (and re-

sources traditionally viewed as waste) over the next five years, with strategic direction for 10 to 20 years. We'll be using the public feedback to complete final revisions to the plan and to improve recycling and waste management programs in our community.

In order to collect public input, the SCRCD and member municipalities are inviting residents and businesses to get in the loop by "talking trash" – in the literal sense. We want you to talk with friends, neighbours and SCRCD representatives about reducing, reusing, recycling and responsibly disposing of what remains.

The SCRCD will be collecting feedback during June starting with an information newsletter distributed through the Coast Reporter, then meeting with community groups, conducting a community survey and hosting open houses on June 20, 3:30-8:00pm at the Gibsons and Area Community Centre and June 21 at the Sechelt Indian Band Hall, 3:30-8:00pm.

Can't make it to an open house? Get the information online at www.scrd.ca where you'll find background information, plan documents, open house materials and the community survey. Surveys can be completed online or hard copies can be picked up and dropped off at the Roberts Creek Library.

HOME SHOW

The Coast Community Builders Association will be holding their second annual Home Show at the Gibsons and Area Community Centre on Saturday, June 4, 9:00am-5:00pm and the SCRCD's Community Energy Manager, Johan Stroman, will be participating at a booth with staff from the Town of Gibsons and the District of Sechelt to help you with information about energy reduction strategies for your home such as energy rebates for various types of home improvements.

