

**DIRECTOR'S NEWS OCTOBER 2006**  
**AN UPDATE FROM SCRD DIRECTOR,**  
**DONNA SHUGAR**



I have resumed my "Gumboot Office" at the restaurant on Saturdays, 9-11am and continue to be available by phone (886-2843) and email ([donna\\_shugar@hotmail.com](mailto:donna_shugar@hotmail.com))

There are a number of **important meetings** coming up in October that you should know about:

**LRMP:** Monday Oct. 2, 8pm at the Hall. Gerald Schlesiger, Integrated Land Management Branch, will speak on proposed planning & land use for the Sunshine Coast Forest District. This is your opportunity to let the Provincial Government know directly that we need a fully funded and complete **Land and Resource Management Plan**.

**Kennels:** Tuesday Oct 3, 7pm SCRD Board Office, Field Rd.

This is a **public hearing** regarding amendments to the SCRD zoning bylaw. At present, breeding and boarding kennels (which are not defined) are allowed in most areas without any application process. The new wording provides a definition for "kennels" and allows for new kennels in Roberts Creek (and Halfmoon Bay) only if the property owner who wishes to build a kennel, either for breeding or boarding dogs, applies for permission through the public process known as "spot zoning." This means that the kennel could only be built with the knowledge of the neighbors, a Public Hearing and the approval of the SCRD Board. In other words, the location of the kennel will be approved and endorsed by the community. Please attend the public hearing or submit your comments by letter or email to the SCRD prior to the hearing date if you have thoughts on this issue.

**Downtown Traffic/Parking Study:** The SCRD budgeted this year for a Traffic and Parking study of Roberts Creek's "Downtown Core". The study is currently underway, and

encompasses the area from the school down through the commercial area, to the Pier. We have engaged the services of iTrans, an international traffic engineering firm.

There are two opportunities for public input into this study. The first is the attached **questionnaire**, which has been developed by the Regional District's planning department, in consultation with local community groups. Extra copies of the questionnaire are available at the General Store, along with a Drop-off box for completed surveys.

In addition, there will be an open house/public meeting around the issue of Transportation in Roberts Creek in conjunction with the monthly RCCA meeting on **October 25<sup>th</sup> 7pm at the Hall**. At this meeting, the consultants will present the results of their study, and there will be opportunity for public discourse, networking and brainstorming.

We have been reminded all too frequently recently, of the importance of this issue to our community. Clearly the issue of Traffic and Parking in the central core is related to transportation in the Creek as a whole. A group called the Roberts Creek Transportation Network (RCTN) has recently been formed to attempt to address some of the issues around road safety and non-vehicular traffic advocacy. If you are interested in being added to their e-mail list, drop a line to [mlebbell@hotmail.com](mailto:mlebbell@hotmail.com).

**Sustainable Microfarming Forum:** Sat. Nov 5, the One Straw Society will be hosting a day of lectures that will be useful to the small grower. There will be talks on Improving Marginal Land, Harvesting and Marketing, Legal and Bookkeeping Issues, Organic Standards, and Farm Efficiency. Contact Robin Wheeler for info. [robin@sunshine.net](mailto:robin@sunshine.net).