



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

In recent years the issue of housing affordability has assumed increasing importance for municipal governments. In 2015, the Capital Regional District (CRD) released updated research respecting the increasing gap between housing needs and housing availability across this Region.

Building on this information, our local MLA and representatives from North Saanich, Central Saanich, and Sidney worked with the Community Social Planning Council of Greater Victoria to produce the Saanich Peninsula Affordable Housing Needs Assessment Report.

The report shows that on the Peninsula, 42% of households have annual family incomes of \$60,000 or less. For these families housing affordability is a major challenge. This is particularly so as the report indicates that over 96% of the housing supply available on the Peninsula is in a price range affordable to those with moderate to high incomes. This is out of reach for lower income families. Further research statistics show that simply upzoning areas to higher density, even to urban levels, does not provide affordability without measures included to ensure affordability

Since 2005 North Saanich, together with other regional municipalities, has contributed financially to efforts to provide more affordable and below market housing options in the Capital Region. Also, our Council has been working with staff for some time to assess the future of housing development in our

municipality. We have adopted a number of policies to encourage affordable housing. These include permitting secondary suites, guest cottages, and carriage housing on suitable properties. In addition, North Saanich already has a modest number of subsidized affordable housing dwellings, approximately 100 units, occupied by families, seniors, and special needs residents.

A key objective of our Official Community Plan provides that the District of North Saanich will "ensure that the long-term residential development of the community will retain the character of current neighbourhoods while responding to the need for senior and affordable family housing".

Consequently, on February 27, 2017 Council considered options in working toward an affordable housing policy, regarding Areas 1 and 2 created during the last Council term. It adopted a motion to restrict new development proposals to those which exclusively provide affordable housing through recognized affordable housing providers. Council ratified this motion on March 6, 2017.

Needless to say, working through these decisions is a complex matter. It will continue to occupy Council's attention for some time to come.

FAREWELL TO DENHAM TILL HOUSE

The District will be wishing a fond farewell to the Denham Till house. The Denham Till house was built in 1928. The park and house have historic value to the District for their link to long-time residents

Fredrick Denham Till and his wife Dora Madeline Till. The property, a generous gift to the citizens of North Saanich, was bequeathed for the purpose of preserving the land as a public park. The field was to be used as a playground for children and the fruit and nut trees were to be preserved for the enjoyment of the public. Although it was also suggested that the house could be used for a park employee or caretaker, the intended and actual public value in the property is largely in the

COMING UP

North Saanich Farm Market

Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
June 3 - October 7
St. John's United Church
10990 West Saanich Road

Community Meeting

Wednesday, June 21, 7 p.m.
Ardmore Golf Course
930 Ardmore Drive

Canada 150 Activity - Dominion Brook Park Picnic

Saturday, August 12
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Dominion Brook Park
8801 East Saanich Road

Tree Planting Event

Wednesday, September 27 - 9 a.m.
Warrior Point Trail

2017 Council and Committee of the Whole Meetings - 7:00 p.m.

June 5 - Council
June 12 - COW
June 19 - Council
June 26 - COW

July 17 - COW/Council

August 21 - COW/Council

September 11 - COW

September 18 - Council

land rather than in the house.

Council has been aware for some time of the need to repair and upgrade the Denham Till house. As a result, in 2014, Consulting Engineers were engaged to complete a Building Condition Assessment (BCA) for the Denham Till house. The intent of the BCA was to review and assess the present condition of the building and provide recommendations for repairs and upgrades to assure the continued life of the building and make certain the building was in compliance with the latest BC Building Code requirements. Subsequent to the BCA, the District commissioned a Capital Asset Management Plan, Change in Use Feasibility Assessment, and prepared a Denham Till Residence Residential Renovation Project tender package.

In March 2016, Council approved a \$150,000 budget for repairs to the structure and upgrades to the interior of the Denham Till Park house for use as a residential rental. The identified works were put out to tender and qualified contractors were invited to bid on the project. Only a single bid was received with a total cost of \$340,000 net of taxes.

Council authorized removal of the Denham Till Residence from the property due to the deteriorated condition of the building, the costly renovations required, the prospect of continuing to rent the property at a loss, and the District staff time and resources expended to maintain and manage the house. The land will continue to be used as a park as was the original intent of the bequeathment.

Council has directed staff to develop and implement a tree maintenance program for the property and seek public input on storyboards and ideas on future use of the house site. Please take time to send your suggestions to the District for possible story board information and uses for the

house site. You can provide input by email at admin@northsaanich.ca or in writing to the municipal hall.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Council's 2015 to 2018 Strategic Plan was updated and approved on April 3. It is an important document that Council uses to establish goals and objectives to achieve during its term. By adopting the Strategic Plan, Council sets direction for staff to undertake specific activities and projects designed to achieve the goals and objectives of the plan.

The Strategic Plan articulates Council's vision and mission statement for the community. It identifies the core services and sets out specific strategic priorities. Readers can review the achievements in each year of the plan timeframe in the "report card" included at the end of the plan.

Some highlights for 2017 strategic priorities include:

- Providing a facility for Pickleball users;
- Implementing the Sandown Agreement;
- Providing an enhanced emergency operation centre;
- Preparing a business continuity plan for municipal operations;
- Undertaking Canada 150 celebration; and
- Implementing the corporate asset management plan.

You can read the updated Strategic Plan on our website at www.northsaanich.ca under Document Library.

Did you know?

Most staff time is spent with ongoing services previously established by Council and required by statute. Staff endeavor to implement Council's strategic plan initiatives over the year with

the small amount of time and resources available after providing day-to-day services to residents.

NEW TEMPORARY WEBSITE

The District has launched a temporary website at www.northsaanich.ca after the previous website was compromised. The temporary site has been created to serve residents while the District proceeds with developing a new fully functioning website. More information and services will be gradually restored to the temporary site. The District thanks the public for its patience during this process.

CANADA 150 ACTIVITIES



North Saanich Council has a big line up of planned activities to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. The list is noted below. Please follow our website for more information:

- 1. Community Picnic at Dominion Brook Park**
The District is working with the Mary Winspear Centre and the Panorama Recreation Centre to have a community picnic at Dominion Brook Park on August 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 2. Three Things for Canada/ North Saanich**
Council encourages residents to do "three things for our community" and report their participation. Visit www.threethingsforcanada.ca for more information.
- 3. Sidney Days Booth**
Council will be having a Booth at Iroquois Park during the July 1 Sidney Days celebrations. Please drop by and greet your Councillors and participate in activities.

4. Plant 150 Trees

The District will be planting 150 trees. The main planting will occur on September 27 along Warrior Point Trail at the west end of Towner Park Road.

5. Flavour Trail Weekend

There will be a dedicated food event during the Flavour Trail weekend, August 18-20 to celebrate Canada 150.

6. Neighbourhood Block Parties

The District is stream-lining its application process and will be providing liability insurance to cover block parties for residents interested in holding an event

with their neighbours.

7. Free Public Swim and Skate
Council will be providing a free public swim and free public skate at the Panorama Recreation Centre.

Swim: Saturday, Oct. 14
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Skate: Saturday, Dec. 9
Noon - 1:20 p.m.

8. Street Dance

The Mary Winspear Centre and the Sidney Business Improvement Area will be hosting a community street dance July 2 in Sidney.

9. Fireworks Display

The District will be providing

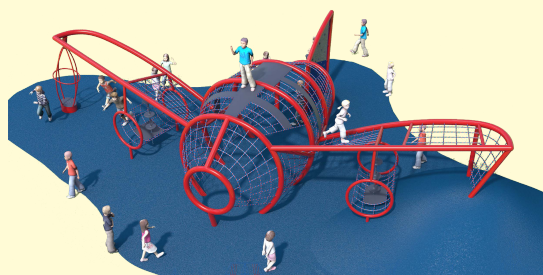
a larger, more exciting fireworks display at the Wain Road Fire Hall for Halloween on October 31.

10. Special Performance

In December, North Saanich will be sponsoring a special performance at the Mary Winspear Centre.

11. Dominion Brook Park Project

Council will be contributing \$50,000 to the restoration being undertaken in the Dominion Brook Park. The project will be a legacy in North Saanich in celebration of Canada 150.



JUBILEE PARK CROWDFUNDING APPEAL

In August 2015, Council decided to proceed with the phased development of a new children's playground at Jubilee Park. The park was envisioned to have an aeronautical theme and will be developed in four major phases.

The District has already received some generous corporate donations from Viking Air (\$25,000); VIH Aviation (\$6,000); Victoria Airport Authority (\$5,000); Coast Capital Savings (\$2,500) and Sea Span Ferries (\$500). North Saanich has also received a Canada 150 Grant from the Federal Government of \$60,100, which will be matched by the District.

The District is still approximately \$44,000 short of what is needed to complete Phase 1 and 2 of the park. Council decided to try something different and raise the remaining money using a brand new community crowdfunding platform called Wayblaze.

How can you help?

The District is reaching out to ask you, the residents and businesses of North Saanich and surroundings, to lend a hand by donating to the project. The money raised will allow the District to complete construction of Phase 1 and 2 of the park that includes the children's playground and an impressive giant aircraft themed structure.

To donate or find out more please visit www.wayblaze.com and enter 'North Saanich' to find the project. Using the Wayblaze website you can support the project by sharing the campaign widely with your networks using email, twitter, or facebook.

Please donate generously. Council really appreciates your interest and generosity in this important project for our community.

BURNING SEASON CLOSURE



On May 6, 2017 at sunset, all outdoor burning was banned within the District of North Saanich. This includes burning in incinerators, fire pits, and open piles until further notice. The only exception is chimineas and outdoor fire appliances with a permit, which can be obtained by contacting the Fire Department.

Please consider alternatives to burning such as composting, recycling, and chipping. The District's Green Waste Drop Off schedule is available at www.northsaanich.ca under Document Library.

ARE YOU PREPARED?

The Emergency Preparedness Guidebook is available. Are you and your family prepared to be self-sufficient for seven days? Stop by the Wain Road Fire Hall and pick up a copy of the "Prepare Yourself" guidebook. The guidebook is full of what to do in various types of emergencies, including information on what you can do before, during, and after an event and a 26 week step-by-step guide to help better prepare you and your family in the event of an emergency.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The North Saanich Emergency Program has engaged the Emergency Response Management Services corporation (ERMS) to provide an Emergency Mass Notification System to the residents of North Saanich. The system, in real time, will be used to communicate with residents and stakeholders in the event of emergencies and disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunami alerts, evacuation notices, or other safety threats.

EMERGENCY Notification System

To receive Emergency Notifications please register through our website www.northsaanichfire.ca

NORTH SAANICH COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Council has changed the name and format of the previous "Neighbourhood Meetings". Council will now hold three community meetings per year with the new name - North Saanich Community Meetings. The new name and format reflects an all inclusive community meeting format rather than by specific neighbourhoods. The next community meeting will be held Wednesday, June 21 at the Ardmore Golf Course.

2017 FLAVOUR TRAILS

Hit the trails and taste the flavour of North Saanich August 18-20. Visit www.flavourtrails.com for current information.

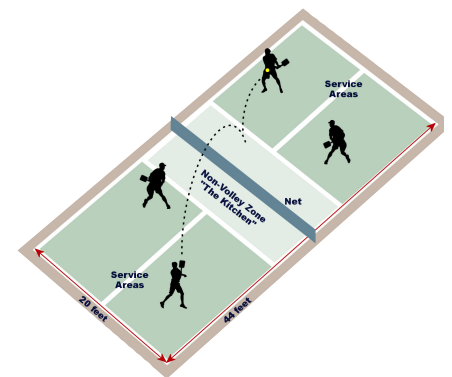


NEW PICKLEBALL COURTS

The District will soon have four new pickleball courts at Wain Park. The courts will be to the east of the parking lot along Birch Road. Construction began in April. Removal of the topsoil layer, construction of the sub-base for the courts, and provision of sub-drains were completed by the

District. Asphalt paving of the court surface and installation of the fencing is anticipated to be completed in May/June. Painting and completion of the courts as well as final landscaping is scheduled for July. Once applied, the paint will require a few weeks to cure before the courts can be opened for public use sometime in August.

For more information, please contact the Infrastructure Services department at 250-656-0781.



EMERGENCY	
Police, Fire, Ambulance	9 1 1
Non-emergency POLICE (i.e. traffic issues)	250-656-3931
Non-emergency FIRE (after hours)	250-475-6111
MAIN SWITCHBOARD	250-656-0781
Corporate Services	250-655-5458
Finance	250-656-0781
Planning and Community Services	250-655-5470
Engineering	250-655-5460
Public Works	250-655-5480
After Hours Public Works	250-360-8285
Fire Department	250-656-1931
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
Mayor Alice Finall	250-656-6668
Councillor Heather Gartshore	250-656-0974
Councillor Jack McClintock	250-888-4890
Councillor Geoff Orr	250-656-4562
Councillor Celia Stock	250-655-3437
Councillor Jack Thornburgh	250-665-6314
Councillor Murray Weisenberger	778-351-2213