

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL



Council is pleased to be back to a full complement of seven with the addition of Councillor Patricia Pearson who was elected in the April 6 by-election. Councillor Pearson is settling into her new role well, brings a welcome perspective, and is making a positive contribution.

Council approved the 2019 Strategic Plan in March and the 2019-2023 Financial Plan in May; both documents are available on the District website.

Strategic Plan priorities for 2019 include a number of ongoing initiatives such as enhanced communication, the Sandown agricultural lands, a library at Panorama, green resource & outdoor burning, marine policy work, and a review of the subdivision bylaw.

The District's new website went live in April, with site content now 90% complete. Feedback from 400 survey respondents has been very positive; we welcome your comments. We also approved and recently filled a new Communications Manager position which will enable the District to advance

various and beneficial Communications Strategy initiatives.

Council expects to receive a staff report regarding short term maintenance at Sandown at one of our summer meetings and also receive confirmation that the owner's reclamation & drainage obligations are complete. In addition, Council will continue to work through the more complex long-term operator selection process and expects to make a decision over the next few months.

The 2019 budget includes an overall tax increase of 3.04%. Residential, utilities, recreation/non-profit and farm class properties experienced an average 3.68% tax increase and business class properties experienced an average 1.5% tax increase. For the average residential property, this equates to an increase of \$47 in municipal taxes in 2019.

Homewood Ravensview held their grand opening June 18 in the beautifully renovated former Dunsmuir Lodge facility.

This event represented a significant milestone and tireless commitment over many years by Chief Rebecca David, Pauquachin Council and the University of Victoria. BOKEĆEN XAXE (Sacred) Society now owns the surrounding 30 hectares on the northern slope of ŁÁU, WELNEW (Mt. Newton).

Various capital projects are scheduled for 2019 including: Scoter trail (North), bike lanes on West Saanich Rd. from Frizell Rd. to McTavish Rd., Hospital Hill parking area (complete), and crosswalk safety improvements along East Saanich Rd. south of McTavish Rd.(complete).

As a Council, we believe in the importance of strong relationships with each other, with Peninsula and Regional colleagues, with Tseycum and Pauquachin neighbours, with businesses and residents. A key element of these relationships is communication and with that in mind we encourage you to connect with us by e-mail or phone; we are here to serve you.



The District's new and improved website was launched on April 12, 2019 for public use. Since that time, the District has been actively seeking input from North Saanich residents regarding

NEW DISTRICT WEBSITE

the content, design, and ease of use of the site. We are pleased to report that feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, with an overall approval rating of over 80%.

Based on helpful comments and ideas provided by website users, several key improvements have already been implemented, and District staff will continue to improve the site as more feedback arrives. Anyone who has not had a chance to provide feedback can

visit www.northsaanich.ca and take the Quick Poll at the bottom of the page to let us know what you think.

The project involved the efforts and input of all District departments and is one of several initiatives being undertaken by Staff towards Council's commitment to continually improving communications to the public.

PHASE 4 BIKE LANES WEST SAANICH RD

An open house was held for Phase 4 of the bike lanes on West Saanich Road on April 10 at Municipal Hall. There are just over 30 properties which front the project from McTavish Road to Frizell Road. About 30 residents attended and the majority expressed support for the project. The primary concern raised was speed along the roadway. Staff will investigate incorporating a speed board once the project is complete.

The design for the project has been completed and the works put out for tender which closes Tuesday, June 25. Construction is anticipated to begin later this summer. A grant application to BikeBC for this project earlier in 2019 was successful. The District will have one year from the date of award of the grant to complete the works and could receive approximately \$700,000 in funding from the Province.



STRATEGIC PLAN
Council has adopted its 2019 Strategic Plan, which includes its goals and initiatives for the municipality. The Strategic Plan can be reviewed by visiting our website at www.northsaanich.ca.

SCOTER TRAIL PHASE 2 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The District is in the process of completing a public consultation on the rehabilitation north section of the Scoter Trail. The consultation has involved a number of events to provide opportunities to gather public input. This included pop-up events at the Panorama Recreation Centre and Patricia Bay Park on Saturday, May 25, Deep Cove Market on June 5, a small group meeting, and open house on June 6. Feedback forms were made available at all the events and online and were collected until June 18. There will be a summer report to Council that compiles the feedback the District received from the public.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Food & Farm Festival (Flavour Trail)

August 16-18, 2019
www.flavourtrails.com

North Saanich Farm Market

Saturdays June 1 to October 12
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
St. John's United Church
10990 West Saanich Road

Community Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 2019
7:00-9:00 p.m.
McTavish Academy of Arts
1720 McTavish Rd

2019 Council Meeting Schedule

August 19 - Council & COW
September 9 - COW
September 16 - Council
October 7 - Council

ROAD SAFETY REMINDER



Did you know? More Canadians die on the roads during the summer months than at any other time of the year. Consumption of alcohol or drugs, driving while fatigued, not wearing seat belts, poor mechanical fitness of vehicles, and aggressive driving are

often implicated in these tragedies. The Canada Safety Council urges all Canadians to put safety first when they set out on their summer travels.

Canadians often travel tremendous distance when they go on vacations. This creates a temptation to keep driving for extended periods even when tired. Fatigue is a form of impairment, so don't give into the temptation to push on.

Maintain a safe distance behind other vehicles to give yourself time to stop safely, exercise caution when reversing, changing lanes and turning, and stay out of other vehicle's blind spots. Obey all signs and signals - including speed limits, traffic lights, stop signs, and railway crossings.

SPEED LIMIT CHANGE

Speed limit changes have been completed in the Dean Park and Southeast Quadrant areas with new and replaced signs installed in April. These changes were guided by the recommendations of a Pedestrian Safety Study for the East Saanich Road corridor and were approved by Council earlier this year.

The speed limit throughout the area has been set at 40 km/h. Road sections that were previously signed at 30 km/h, including the school zones, have not been changed. The speed limit reduction is intended to encourage vehicle drivers to lower their speeds throughout this area to create a safer right of way for pedestrians, cyclists, and all residents of the area.



BLOCK PARTIES

As we are now into the summer season, residents may be considering organizing a block party in their neighbourhood. Here are some tips for applying for a block party permit:

- Submit to the District Block Party Permit Application Form and Block Party Sign-Off Form to hold an event at least one month prior to the date of the event;
- Consult with all residents with properties adjacent to the road to be closed, as well as those immediately across the street from each end of the block. At least 60% of the households must support the road closure;
- A fee of \$25.00 applies to recover the cost of the insurance;
- Appropriate public access needs to be maintained to all roads, park, and adjacent facilities;
- Applicants are responsible for returning the site and/or route to its original clean condition following the event;
- A block party permit does not provide the permission to consume alcoholic beverages on public property;
- Road closures for a block party are not be permitted on arterial or collector roads.



Dennis Fletcher, Mayor Orr, Lorne Shaw, Derek Foster, Eymond Toupin

WORKING TOGETHER

The District would like to acknowledge the Saanich Peninsula Pickleball Association for their contribution of \$5,500 towards upgrades and amenities at the Wain Park pickleball courts. Our joint efforts provide opportunities to work together for a healthier community.

PANORAMA PLAY IN THE PARK

Every weekday evening through July & August join Panorama staff from 5:30-8:30 p.m. for FREE summer fun for the whole family. The fun includes interactive play, face painting, group games, and of course, inflatable fun on our giant 50 foot obstacle course!

This summer, there will be a few featured activities & special guests including Family Fitness, the portable skate park, story walks, and a community library station! Visit www.crd.bc.ca/panorama for more information.

	July (Not Jul 1)	AUGUST (Not Aug. 5)
Monday	Jubilee Park 1377 Mills Rd	
Tuesday	Pioneer Park 7130 West Saanich Road	
Wednesday	Rathdown Park 2170 Calvin Ave	
Thursday	Centennial Park 7400 Block Wallace Drive	
Friday	Tulista Park 9565 5th Street	

EMERGENCY Police, Fire, Ambulance	9 1 1
MUNICIPAL HALL	250-656-0781
After Hours Public Works	250-360-8285
FIRE DEPARMENT	250-656-1931
Non-emergency FIRE (after hours)	1-877-537-6725
Non-emergency POLICE (i.e. traffic issues)	250-656-3931
MAYOR AND COUNCIL	
Mayor Geoff Orr	250-656-4562
Councillor Heather Gartshore	250-656-0974
Councillor Jack McClintock	250-888-4890
Councillor Patricia Pearson	250-888-7202
Councillor Celia Stock	250-655-3437
Councillor Brett Smyth	250-656-1520
Councillor Murray Weisenberger	778-351-2213