



A Newsletter for the Town of Sidney

TOWN TALK

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Loan Authorization Bylaw Proposed Business Improvement Area

Through a successful Alternative Approval Process (counter petition) Town Council has given final adoption to Capital Projects Loan Authorization Bylaw No. 1958 to authorize the borrowing of up to \$3 million for the completion of three capital projects: 1. Lochside Drive Revitalization; 2. Iroquois Park Improvements; and 3. Public Works Yard and Facilities Improvements. Substantial provincial and federal grant funding (over \$2.25 million) has been approved for Lochside Drive and Iroquois Park projects and adoption of this bylaw enables the Town to take advantage of this funding.

Through this process, a portion of the electors who opposed the adoption of the bylaw were concerned with some of the elements within the improvement plans for Iroquois Park. Council has instructed staff to review those citizens concerns and schedule an open house this upcoming Spring to solicit public input.

Construction of the Lochside Drive revitalization project is scheduled to begin this Spring and improvements to Iroquois Park will begin in Spring of 2011. The Public Works project will be phased and is expected to begin later this year.

Council is very pleased to have received grant funding for these important local projects and know that they will be of great benefit to all of our community.

Administration Department Tel: 250-656-1139

Town Council Meeting 2010 - 2014 Financial Plan

Tuesday, February 9 at 5:00 pm
Town Hall, 2440 Sidney Avenue
(Council Chambers)

(and if required on February 10 & 11)

On December 21, Council received a letter from the Sidney Business Improvement Area Society requesting the Town to proceed with the establishment of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) for a defined area in downtown Sidney. A BIA is an association of property owners and tenants within a specified area that join together as a non-profit society in the interest of stimulating business and promoting the commercial area.

The Society, on an annual basis, would determine its revenue requirements and request that the Town set the appropriate levy on the property tax notice. There would be minimal financial implications for the Town. The Town's only role would be in the collection of this levy and then all funds would be passed over to the Society. These funds would be managed by the Society and used to focus on marketing and promoting Sidney.

On January 8, Council received a second letter from the Society requesting a withdrawal of their request for the creation of a BIA at this time. The Society wishes to take more time to have further dialogue with the business community and clarify the costs and resulting benefits that a BIA could create for Sidney.

Council encourages every business owner to participate in this process and become familiar with the pros and cons of this initiative.

Administration Department Tel: 250-656-1139

Annual Watermain Flushing Program February 1 to March 31

Minimal interruptions expected. Notifications to neighborhoods will be advertised in the News Review.

Engineering Department Tel: 250-656-4502

Sidney Wins

The Sidney Volunteer Firemans' Association, together with Town Council and staff, won the trophy in the challenge with their counterparts in North and Central Saanich to collect the most food and cash donations for the Sidney Food Bank. Our thanks to all Sidney residents who ventured out in the pouring rain on December 19 to generously donate over 100 boxes of food and close to \$3,000 in cash donations. The real winner was the Food Bank who used the donations to make a real difference to those who need assistance.

Thanks for your Support - Watch for us again Next Year !

Arts at Tulista Park

The Community Art Centre, situated next to a busy walker's route and award winning children's park, is a valuable place for arts news distribution and showcasing the creativeness of local visual artists.

As part of the 2009 summer Artisans show, the Arts Council offered children's free art classes and seniors' art classes - capitalizing on the magnificent view! Beginning January 13, the Centre will offer a photographic exhibition of our Sister Cities. From March to May, individual artists and/or groups are invited to reserve space for meetings, workshops or shows. In June the annual Artisans show representing over 60 artists will again take place.

Community Arts Council Tel: 250-656-7400

Community Awards

Do you know an amazing volunteer? Nominate them for a Hearts of the Community Award!

Beacon Community Services is seeking nominations for individuals who provide outstanding volunteer service within the Saanich Peninsula community. Nomination forms are available online at www.beaconcs.ca as well as through the Peninsula News Review, SHOAL Centre and Beacon Community Services Third Street Office and Thrift Shops. Nominees will be honoured on February 17, at 11am at the Mary Winspear Centre.

Beacon Community Services Tel: 250-658-0134

McTavish Interchange

Construction of the McTavish interchange began November 30, 2009, with site preparation and the placement of "preload" material to compress soft soils. Work is being carried out by local equipment operators using the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure's hired equipment lists, and through major works contracts tendered on BC Bid. The project is expected to generate 150 directly and indirectly related jobs.

Motorists are reminded of traffic adjustments during construction, including the closure of McTavish Road between Highway 17 and Lochside Drive that is expected to be in effect until Spring 2011. Access to the Pat Bay Highway is maintained via Amity Drive (right turns to/from northbound Highway 17 only), Mt. Newton Cross Road (all movements), and Beacon Avenue in Sidney (all movements). An extended closure of Canora Road, between McTavish Road and Rideau Avenue, will begin on approximately January 26. Motorists travelling to the airport will follow McTavish to East Saanich Road, turn north, and take the airport exit from the roundabout. For construction details and additional information, please visit the project website at [www.th.gov.bc.ca/highwayprojects/Hwy 17 McTavish Interchange](http://www.th.gov.bc.ca/highwayprojects/Hwy17McTavishInterchange). For the latest traffic conditions, visit www.DriveBC.ca.

This \$24-million project to improve safety and access and enhance transit is a partnership between the Government of Canada, Province of BC and the Victoria Airport Authority.

McTavish Interchange Project Tel: 250-387-8597

Snow Clearing

The Town bylaw requires businesses, individual property owners, strata councils and tenants to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their property. The Town will clear snow from major streets and as many downtown streets as possible. Snow and ice will also be cleared from the sidewalks at intersections and bus stops. Please remember your elderly or disabled neighbours who would appreciate your assistance.

Engineering Department Tel: 250-656-4502

2010 Citizen Appointments

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

Susan Myer	Mark Dickinson
Mel Satok	Ross Kemball
Viv Harding	Nicola Furlong
Elizabeth Martman	David Hamilton
Debbie Gray	Bill Cooke
John Bell (alternate)	

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Britta Frombach
Lisa Makar
Debbie Sherwood
Susan Simosko

HEALTHY COMMUNITY COMMISSION

Peter Yearwood
Bert Stevens
Britta Frombach
Ted Williams

PARKS & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE

Ray Konrath
Stanley Coe

PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Gay Helmsing
Jim McAllister
Wayne Hatt

PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION

Thomas C. (Tim) Chad

PENINSULA WATER COMMISSION & WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

John Macgowan

VICTORIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

Mel Rinald

TOWN CRIERS

Bert Stevens (Official)
Kenny Podmore (Honourary)

2010 Council Appointments

Advisory Planning Commission	M. Lougher-Goodey
Community Development Commission	Mayor
.....	C. McNeil-Smith
Healthy Community Commission	J. Hughes
.....	M. Loveless
Parks & Infrastructure Committee	K. Podmore
.....	M. Loveless
Protective Services Committee	S. Price
.....	K. Podmore
Finance Committee.....	Mayor
.....	C. McNeil-Smith
.....	M. Lougher-Goodey
Harbours & Waterfront Committee	Mayor
.....	S. Price
CRD Board & Health Board	Mayor
CRD Regional Water Supply Commission.....	M. Lougher-Goodey
CRD Arts Committee	M. Loveless
CRD Solid Waste Advisory Committee	S. Price
CRD Climate Action Steering Committee	S. Price
Peninsula Recreation Commission	Mayor
.....	C. McNeil-Smith
Peninsula Water Com. & Wastewater Com. ...	M. Loveless
.....	M. Lougher-Goodey
School District No. 63	M. Loveless
Vancouver Island Regional Library	J. Hughes
CREST	C. McNeil-Smith
Peninsula Agriculture Steering Committee.....	M. Loveless
Greater Victoria Labour Relations	Mayor
Victoria Airport Consultative Committee	S. Price
First Nations	Mayor
The SHOAL Centre	J. Hughes
Peninsula Community Task Force	Mayor
.....	C. McNeil-Smith
McTavish Road Interchange Task Force	Mayor
.....	M. Lougher-Goodey
Highway 17 Joint Steering Committee	Mayor
.....	S. Price
Emergency Measures	C. McNeil-Smith
S/N.S. Ball Facility Liaison Committee	S. Price
.....	K. Podmore
Beacon Community Services	J. Hughes
Peninsula Celebrations Society	K. Podmore
Sidney Business Association	K. Podmore
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	K. Podmore
Memorial Park Society	C. McNeil-Smith
Memorial Park Society Finance Committee	Mayor
.....	M. Lougher-Goodey
.....	J. Hughes
Society of Saanich Peninsula Museums	J. Hughes
Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre	C. McNeil-Smith
Peninsula Community Arts Council	M. Loveless
Sister Cities Association	M. Loveless

Town Contacts

Emergency	9-1-1
Administration / Mayor's Office	250-656-1139
Finance / General Inquiries	250-656-1184
Building Inspections	250-656-1725
Bylaw Enforcement	250-656-1725
Engineering	250-656-4502
Planning & Zoning	250-656-1725
Public Works & Parks	250-656-1034
Driver Services / ICBC	250-656-0614
Fire Department	250-656-2121
Police Department (RCMP)	250-656-3931

Mayor and Council

Mayor Larry Cross
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Councillor Marilyn Loveless
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Councillor Cliff McNeil-Smith
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Councillor Kenny Podmore
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Councillor Steve Price
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THANK YOU to Staff

On December 7, Council was pleased to acknowledge the following dedicated, long term service employees of the Town:

Chris Garthwaite	20 yrs	Craig Warburton	10 yrs
Mike Kimber	15 yrs	Randy Humble	10 yrs
Valerie Marchand	15 yrs	Wendy Taylor	10 yrs
Leanne Stanners	15 yrs		



Mary Winspear Centre
Conferences, Special Events and Live Theatre

Hats Off to Broadway - Feb 4

Ballet Jorgen - Cinderella - Feb 6 & 7

Canadian Blood Donor Clinic - Feb 11 & 12
and March 11 & 12

Double Diamond - Neil Diamond Tribute Band
- Feb 12 & 13

The Blue Danube - Palm Court Light Orchestra
- Feb 23

The Sorcerer - Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society
- Mar 13, 14, 20 & 21

Lester Quitzau Trio Concert - Mar 26

The Magic Pebble - Four Seasons Musical Theatre
- April 24 & 25

Box Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:30am - 12:30pm & 1:00 - 5:00pm

Saturday: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
(and 1 hour prior to show time)

250-656-0275 www.marywinspear.ca

TOWN HALL - JEANS DAY

Staff at Town Hall have been "dressing down" on Fridays and making \$ donations to the community. Staff have raised and donated \$1,000 to local charities in 2009. *Congratulations staff!*

2010 Council Schedule

Town Council Meetings for 2010 are scheduled as follows:

January 11 and 25	July 12
February 8 and 22	August 9
March 8 and 22	September 13 and 27
April 12 and 26	October 12 and 25
May 10 and 25	November 8 and 22
June 14 and 28	December 6 and 20

Regular Council Meetings are held at 7:00 pm at Town Hall (2440 Sidney Avenue) in the Council Chambers, unless posted otherwise.