



A Newsletter for the Town of Sidney

TOWN TALK

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Official Community Plan Review Update

During 2006, the Town has been reviewing and updating its Official Community Plan (OCP). Public consultation and participation through the Spring and Summer resulted in informative feedback and comments which were useful in the creation of a new draft document. The Town would like to express appreciation to all who participated. The new OCP has now been drafted by Town staff with assistance from the Advisory Planning Commission, and is expected to be presented to and reviewed by Council in January. Following this, it is anticipated that a series of public Open Houses will be held in February to gather additional comments and feedback from the public regarding the draft OCP. For dates, times and locations of these Open Houses, please watch for advertisements in the local newspaper and on the Town's website. The projected completion date for the new OCP is late Spring 2007.

If members of the public have any questions or wish to discuss the OCP review process, please contact the Development Services Department at 656-1725. Relevant background information is available on the Town's website.

Snow Clearing

Reminder to residents, property owners, businesses, tenants, etc., that Section 38 of the Town's *Streets and Traffic Bylaw No. 353* requires property owners to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of their property. The Town's crew will keep arterial and collector streets open and will clear snow and ice from as many local streets as possible. The Town requests consideration and cooperation from all property owners to ensure the safety and convenience of the public at large.

Help Honour Outstanding Volunteers



Do you know a person who generously commits their time, energy and skill to volunteer activities in our Peninsula community? With the new year here, it is a great time to nominate them for a *2007 Hearts of the Community Award*, sponsored by Beacon Community Services and the Peninsula News Review. Nominations are being accepted for individuals or groups who do/have done beneficial volunteer work on the Saanich Peninsula in the following six categories.

Service to Seniors

Service to Children & Families

Community Service/Project by a Group

Overall Service to the Community

Outstanding Youth Volunteer (age 14-19)

(\$1,000 scholarship also provided)

Lifetime Service Award

Nomination forms are available online at www.beaconcs.ca, at Beacon Community Services' Third Street office, Beacon Plaza Volunteer Centre and the Peninsula News Review. **Deadline for submissions is February 2.** The awards ceremony for all nominees will be held on February 13 at 11:00 a.m. at the Mary Winspear Centre. Help us honour outstanding volunteers who exemplify true volunteer spirit. For more information and event tickets call 655-5310.

THANK YOU to the Town's Public Works staff for their hard work during the recent snow fall.

**Public Works Department
656 - 1089**

NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION

Beacon Avenue Roundabout

In early January 2007, the Town will commence work on the following construction projects located on Beacon Avenue, First Street and Seaport Place:

- First Street Sewer Replacement (Bevan Avenue to Beacon Avenue)**
- Beacon Roundabout, Medians, Lighting (Second Street to Seaport Place)**
- Beacon Curb/Gutter & Sidewalk (north side, Second Street to First Street)**
- Seaport Place Curb/Gutter & Sidewalk (Beacon Avenue to Landmark Lane)**

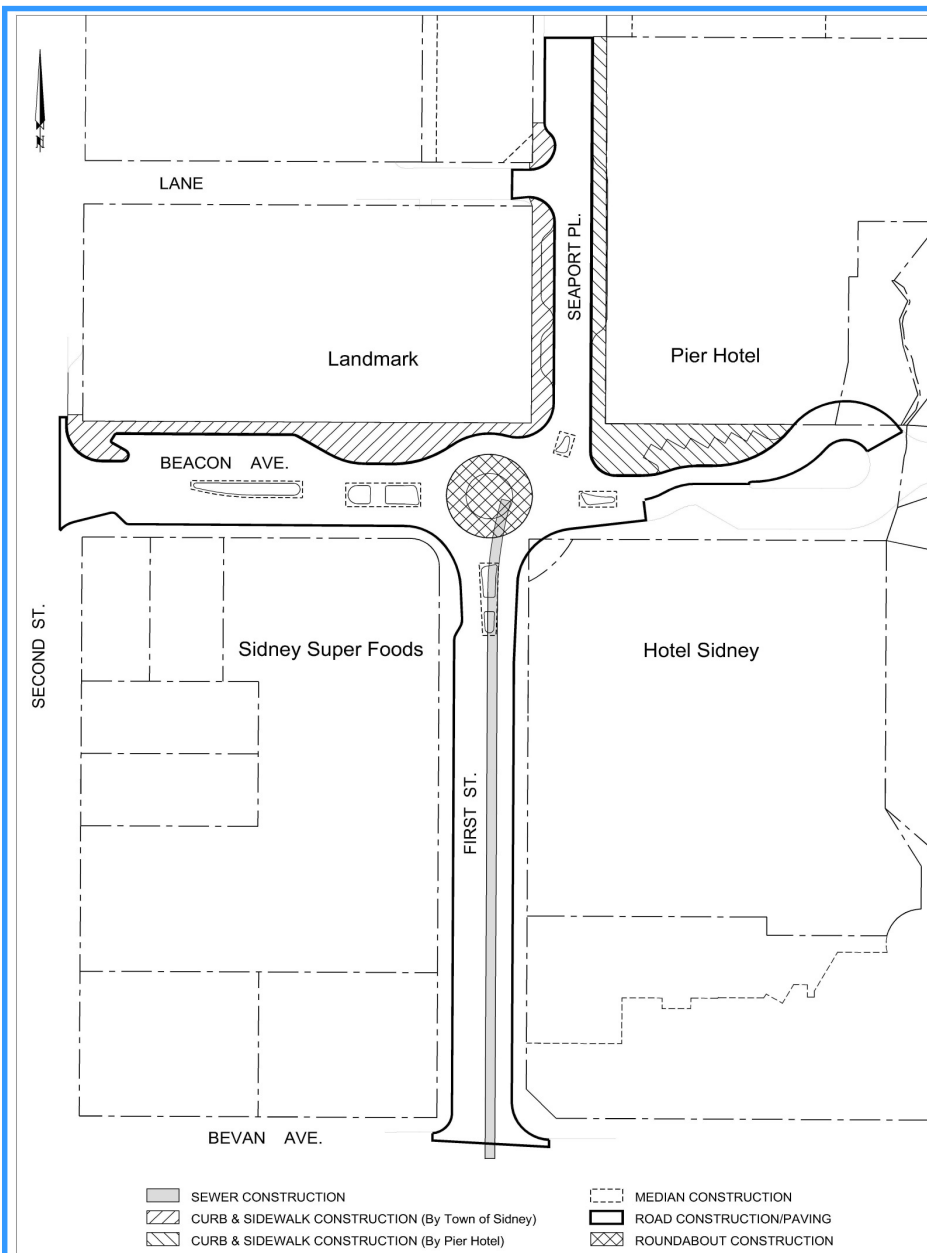
In addition, construction associated with the Pier Hotel development will be taking place on the north side of Beacon Avenue, east of Seaport Place. Construction is expected to take 12 - 14 weeks in total, depending on

the severity of the weather. The hours of work will be from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day, except Saturday and Sunday. The goal is to complete all major road work ready for asphalt resurfacing in late March or early April 2007.

Due to the scope of work and busy location, some disruption, noise and inconvenience from the construction is unavoidable. The Town will endeavour to mitigate such disturbances and maintain access throughout the construction period, to the extent that is safe and practicable. Drivers are advised to use caution and expect some delays or detours when traveling through the area.

Residents and businesses requiring further details about this work are advised to contact the Public Works Department at 656-1034 (for scheduling/construction inquiries) or the Engineering Department at 656-4502 (for design information). Updated information will also be periodically posted on the Town's website.

The Town thanks you, in advance, for your patience and cooperation.



Heating Season

Now that winter is here, heating systems are being used more often. If these appliances have not been properly serviced, a malfunction may occur with inconvenient or disastrous results. You should ensure:

- oil burners are checked and the smoke pipe is cleaned.
- chimneys and fireplaces are cleaned and the creosote removed.
- baseboard and electric heater elements are free from dust accumulation.

Remember too, smoke alarms are critical life saving devices, but to work effectively they must be regularly tested and maintained. We strongly urge you to test your smoke alarm today, for your sake and your families. Be sure to purchase a smoke alarm which is CSA or ULC approved. For more information, call the Sidney Fire Department at 656-2121.

THANK YOU

At a Special meeting on December 4, 2006, Council acknowledged the following Town staff members for their valuable long term service: Allan Pelton (20 years), Brian Gosling (15 years) and Dan Holder (10 years).

The Town Lights Up



Each year the crews begin decorating and lighting the Town up in November to ensure "Sidney Sparkles" for our annual holiday entertainment which includes the Lighted Santa Parade along Beacon Avenue and the popular "Sailpast" of lighted boats along the Sidney waterfront.

Beacon Avenue decorations include shining stars; glimmering candy canes; and glittering wreaths and evergreen hanging baskets on lighting standards. Other special features are a fifteen foot Christmas tree at Fifth and Beacon; a large snowman at the end of Bevan Avenue on the Pier; and a seasonal killer whale at the Fish Market on Beacon Wharf. In addition, there's a 50 foot mechanical Christmas Tree at Tulista Park. All the displays have been inspired and innovatively constructed by the Town's Parks staff. For example, the festive candy canes are made from drainage pipe wrapped with lights and garland and the evergreen wreaths are attached to ½ inch irrigation pipe mounted on a fabricated metal frame.

A special thank you to the Town's Parks staff for their hard work and continued dedication in making Sidney "light up" for the holidays.

Upcoming Events ...

Robbie Burns Supper

Jan 20, 5:30 p.m. , Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Dinner and dancing. Bon Accord Dancers,
Silent Auction and Whiskey Tasting.
Mary Winspear Centre. Call 383-6182.



Romanz L'Arte Del Tenore

Feb 17, 7:30 p.m. (one performance only)
Passionate...enchanted sound, 3 talented young tenors.
Mary Winspear Centre. Call 656-0275.

"Oliver the Musical"

Feb and March (various dates)
This musical stage version is adapted from Charles Dickens' Oliver Twist.
Mary Winspear Centre. Call 656-0275.

Sidney Classical Orchestra

March 2, 7:30 p.m.
Hollistone and the Emperor. Beethoven - "Emperor"
Piano Concerto. Conductor - Stephen Brown.
St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Call 480-1133.



"Dance Extravaganza"

March 10, 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.
Allegro Dance Company
Mary Winspear Centre. Call 656-0275.

"Tuesdays with Morrie"

March 21 and 22. Based on best-selling book.
Mary Winspear Centre. Call 656-0275.

2007 Citizen Appointments

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

Mark Dickinson	Connie Lougher-Goodey
Bruce McLarty	Murray Christian
Deborah Gray	David Hamilton
Ross Kemball	John Bell
Mel Rinald	Bill Cooke
Nick Coates <i>(alternate)</i>	

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Bert Stevens	Patricia Gagnon
Brenda Hood	Thomas O'Connor
Shelby Titian	Bruce Easson

POLICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David McGregor	Kathleen Archibald
Carol Quatermain	George Robbins
Stuart Adam	

YOUTH & COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dylan Trerice
Spencer Trerice

(Note: Further appointments pending.)

VISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Elaine Venables	Bill Cooke
Jane Hall	Debbie Sherwood
Melvin Satok	Roxanne Stewart
Meredith Reeve	Dianne Cross
Eileen Leddy	Anthony Whittall

PENINSULA RECREATION COMMISSION

Margaret Rothe

PENINSULA WATER COMMISSION & WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mervyn Lougher-Goodey

VICTORIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD

Mervyn Lougher-Goodey
Mel Couvelier

2007 Council Appointments

Advisory Planning Commission	T. Chad
Advisory Com. for Persons with Disabilities	M. Loveless
Police Advisory Committee	P. Wainwright
Youth & Community Advisory Committee	M. Loveless
Vision Advisory Committee	M. Loveless
Skateboard	Mayor
	G. Crispin
	B. Jones
Ports Committee	Mayor
	P. Wainwright
	T. Chad
	B. Jones
Emergency Measures Executive	B. Jones
Zoning & Planning Committee	P. Wainwright
	T. Chad
	L. Cross
Sidney/North Saanich Liaison	Mayor
	P. Wainwright
	L. Cross
Sidney/North Saanich Ball Facility	B. Jones
	G. Crispin
School District No. 63	M. Loveless
MPS Joint Finance Steering Committee	Mayor
	T. Chad
	P. Wainwright
CRD Board	Mayor
CRD Regional Water Supply Commission	L. Cross
Family Court Committee	G. Crispin
Greater Victoria Labour Relations	Mayor
Beacon Community Services	M. Loveless
Peninsula Recreation Commission	T. Chad
Peninsula Water Commission	P. Wainwright
Peninsula Wastewater Committee	P. Wainwright
Vancouver Island Regional Library	P. Wainwright
Agriculture Strategy Steering Committee	M. Loveless
Capital Health Board	G. Crispin
Capital Region Emergency Serv. Telecom. (CREST)	B. Jones
Restorative Justice	G. Crispin
Airport Consultative Committee	B. Jones
Peninsula Celebrations Society	M. Loveless
Peninsula Chamber of Commerce	L. Cross
Sidney Business Assoc. /Community Dev. Office	L. Cross
Silver Threads Society	B. Jones
Saanich Peninsula Society of Museums	P. Wainwright
Memorial Park Society	T. Chad
Sidney Volunteer Fire Fighters Association	T. Chad
Marine Ecology Station	P. Wainwright
New Marine Centre	P. Wainwright
Saanich Peninsula Arts Council	M. Loveless
Sidney Sister Cities Association	M. Loveless
First Nations	P. Wainwright