

CAMOSUN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

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The Camosun Community Association is a non-profit society with the mandate to promote, facilitate, support, and undertake activities that will enhance the quality of life for the residents in the Camosun Community within Saanich.

Upcoming Events

CCA Annual General Meeting - April 14, 7-9pm

With guest speaker Mayor Atwell
at Lansdowne Middle School
1765 Lansdowne Road

Saanich Cycling Festival - April 17, 11am-3pm

at Saanich Municipal Hall
780 Vernon Avenue

www.saanichcyclingfestival.ca

Shelbourne Community Kitchen Annual General Meeting - April 23, 1:30pm

General update and election
St. Aidan's Church
3703 St. Aidan's Street

See inside ⇒

NEW! Mount Tolmie - Camosun
Community Plan *and more*

NOTICE

Camosun Community Association Annual General Meeting

with guest speaker

Mayor Richard Atwell

*Thursday, April 14th, 2016, 7pm
Lansdowne Middle School - Library*

Join us at the CCA's 2016 AGM as we welcome Saanich Mayor Richard Atwell to speak to us about his vision and goals in the upcoming year.

Please consider joining, all are welcome and no experience is necessary! We encourage anyone with a passion or interest in the community to attend. This will be an important meeting for the CCA as there are many vacancies to be filled.

Refreshments will be served.

Mount Tolmie - Camosun Community Plan

Saanich's Official Community Plan (OCP) is intended to be an expression of the fundamental values and goals of Saanich and establishes direction for achieving a collective vision of its many citizens. Local Area Plans supplement the OCP by creating a local context and specific policies and guidelines which will help guide the future of individual neighbourhoods.

The Shelbourne Local Area Plan (SLAP) encompasses the Camosun Community Association area as well as the area of the adjoining Mt Tolmie Community Association. The SLAP is over 18 years old and one of the oldest Local Area Plans in Saanich. Saanich has yet to confirm the schedule for updating the SLAP and the other 11 Local Area Plans in Saanich.

The current focus in our area is completion of the Shelbourne Valley Action Plan (SVAP) which will guide transportation and land use decisions along the Shelbourne Street corridor between Torquay Drive and North Dairy Road. While the SVAP addresses land use and transportation in a significant portion of the Camosun area, it does not encompass all our neighbourhoods or the full range of policies covered by the SLAP.

The Camosun Community Association strongly supports a comprehensive update to the 18-year-old SLAP and to help begin the conversation, the Camosun and Mount Tolmie Community Associations are sponsoring a Community Planning Project for our combined areas. The goal of the project is to develop a community plan that can ultimately complement and help inform an official Saanich update to the SLAP.

Have your say in the future of your community!

Help begin the conversation about local interests and priorities of area residents. Share your vision of the Mount Tolmie - Camosun Community by filling out this survey online:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/mtccplan

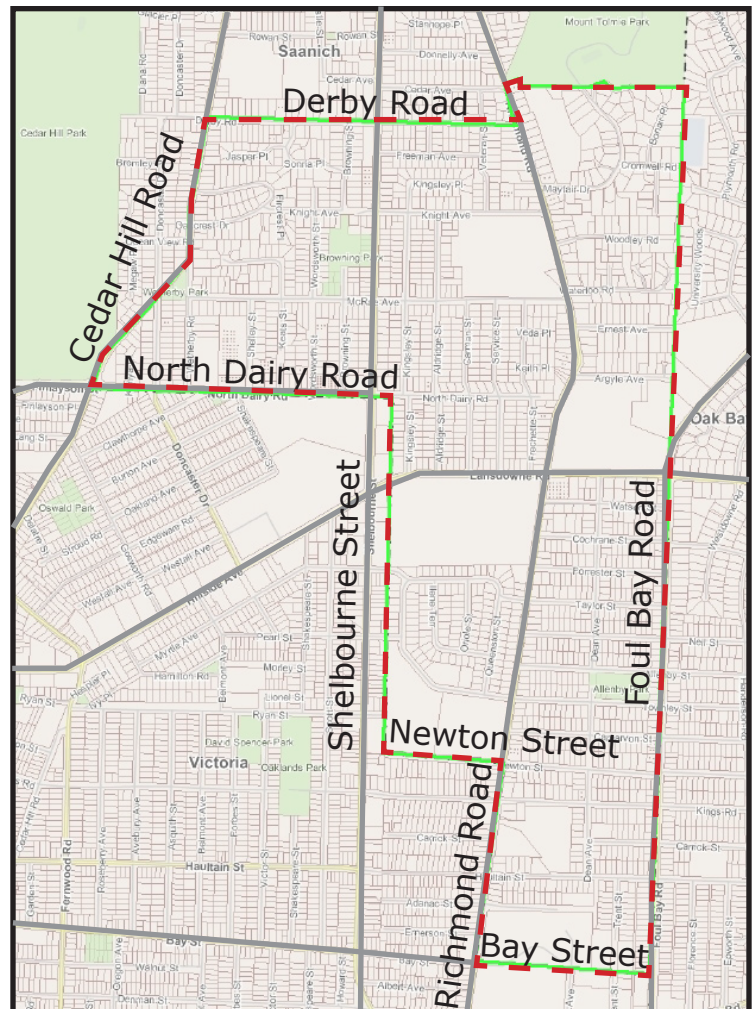
Please submit surveys by **April 10, 2016** to ensure your feedback is received. If you do not have access to the internet, please call (250) 858 4676 to arrange a survey in-person.

We appreciate all feedback! The results of the survey will be shared with residents and could help guide the Camosun Community Association in future operations.

If you have any questions, please email:

mtccplan@gmail.com

Camosun Community Association Boundaries



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Neighbours for the Wise Redevelopment of Townley Lodge - Al Lubkowski
tri@sailwithorcas.com

And thanks to all other regular volunteers not listed!

Sprouting Trade Camosun Student Project

Sprouting Trade is a bright new system that combines modern technology and backyard farming; creating a stronger and sustainable community. We are students from the Environmental Technology program at Camosun College and are working with Sprouting Trade to measure possible community involvement in the Camosun area. Determining who would be interested in buying, selling, and trading produce with their neighbours.

The idea of a community-driven food movement is an exciting way to unite a community. We will be surveying residents on their production, consumption, and interests in produce and building a replicable model that can be used on other communities. We are thankful for the opportunity to conduct this study and look forward to meeting community members.

Louisa Feary, Brandon L'Heureux,
Sally Zwiers

For more information, please contact:
sallyzwiers@gmail.com



Spring snowdrops in Browning Park

Land Use in the CCA

The CCA is involved in many land use proposals and plans in our neighbourhood to ensure the interests of our community are being met. Below is an update of some current plans and projects in the CCA.

1780 Townley Street

The Greater Victoria Housing Society (GVHS) has submitted a rezoning application to replace the 2-storey Townley Lodge (presently housing low-income seniors and persons with disabilities) with a new complex including a 4-storey apartment building. Consultations with the GVHS and neighbours are currently taking place. Check the CCA website for updates on when a public hearing date has been set. Until then, comments or questions may be sent to the Saanich Planning Department at: planning@saanich.ca

A group of concerned citizens have formed the *Neighbours for the Wise Redevelopment of Townley Lodge* who have expressed reservations about the novelty and scale of the project. There are significant concerns regarding the height, massing, and density of the proposed buildings in the single family dwelling neighbourhood. The aim of this community group is work with Saanich Planning and the CCA to find a solution that best meets the needs of all parties. To learn more about this group and to see a list of concerns submitted to Saanich Planning and the GVHS, please contact Al Lubkowski at: tri@sailwithorcas.com

Shelbourne Valley Action Plan

The Shelbourne Valley Action Plan (SVAP) is nearing completion! A final round of open houses took place this March to collect feedback on short-term mobility options. The open houses considered a 4-vehicle lane option with a separated bicycle track between Knight and Pear, as well as a 2-vehicle lane option with on-street bicycle lanes between North Dairy and Torquay. We are excited by significant improvements proposed along Shelbourne Street through our community in both options and anticipate having this SVAP adopted by Saanich Council this year. For more info: www.saanich.ca/shelbourne

Royal Jubilee Hospital Campus Plan

The Jubilee Hospital's MCP was adopted last year by the City of Victoria and received by the District of Saanich for information. This Plan will guide future development of the hospital which is important to many CCA residents neighbouring the site. Visit www.viha.com for more information.

Get Involved!

CCA Membership

We depend on the support of community residents. Your \$10/year (per household) can be submitted using the form below. All funds raised through membership fees are redirected back to the community helping cover the costs of events and projects.

Newsletter Distribution

Newsletter distribution is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers. Newsletter delivery takes place no more than twice a year and involves distributing a small bundle of newsletters in your neighbourhood. We are currently short of volunteer carriers in a number of areas. If able to help, please contact Caleb at horn.calebj@gmail.com

Shelbourne Community Kitchen

The CCA is a partner organization with the Shelbourne Community Kitchen, a food resource centre supporting our community. If interested in volunteering, please contact Kim at:

info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

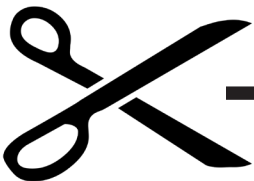
Call for Nominations

Many thanks to outgoing President Heather Parker and other volunteers for stepping up and supporting the organization over the past year. We hope to continue the momentum gained by returning with a renewed Board of Directors in 2016-17. Please consider volunteering as a Director with the CCA and come out to this year's AGM on **April 14th, 7pm, at Lansdowne Middle School.**

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CCA MEMBERSHIP FORM

\$10 per household per year

RENEWAL

NEW

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to volunteer with:

Summer Picnic

Newsletter Delivery

Emergency Preparedness

Shelbourne Community Kitchen

Community Plan

Bowker Creek Restoration

Traffic & Safety

Land Use

Other: _____

Send your payment and completed form to:
3030 Dean Ave, Victoria, BC V8R 4Y9

Cheques payable to:
Camosun Community Association