

CAMOSUN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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 residents in the Camosun Community within Saanich.

Saanich Municipal Election All Candidates Meeting

Location: Camosun College – Lansdowne
Young Building- Room 216
Date: November 3, 2011 6:30-9:30pm

The Camosun Community Association, Mt. Tolmie Community Association, Quadra Cedar-Hill Community Association and the Camosun College Student Society, co-host this All Candidates Meeting for the upcoming municipal elections and invite you to participate.

The Meeting will consist of two sessions: the first will be for candidates running for the position of Mayor and the second for Councillors only. The sessions will be moderated by Alan Perry, past news reporter and news director.

This meeting is intended to be innovative and different from the usual debates. This is the first time questions will be formulated largely from the floor within the following specific themes:

1. Sewage & waste water management
2. Affordable housing, poverty, homelessness
3. Food security
4. Infrastructure renewal & expansion
5. Transit, transportation, bus & LRT
6. Municipal governance – mayor vs. councillors
7. Role of the Community Associations in municipal governance
8. Financing of major works & services & taxation
9. Parks & Recreation (local or regional)
10. Shelbourne Valley (Corridor)

Candidates are encouraged to show clearly their position and intents. Other questions will be open from the floor.



Community Celebration at New Browning Park

The annual CCA Family Picnic was held on June 11th at the refurbished Browning Park and was a huge success. Hundreds of residents enjoyed live music, free BBQ, arts & crafts, bouncy castle and dunk tank.



MLA Ida Chong, Mayor Frank Leonard and CCA President Micheal Crowe.



Taking aim at the dunk tank.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CCA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00pm

Camosun College Lansdowne

All CCA residents welcome. Coffee & snacks served.

The Roles and People of the CCA

Who is the CCA? The **Camosun Community Association** is non-profit society with an active group of volunteers representing approximately 1,800 residents within the CCA boundary. The CCA elects five Director positions annually at the Annual General Meeting and has a number of other volunteer Directors in special interest roles. Are you interested in getting involved with your local community? If so, contact president@camosuncommunityassociation.com to find out how you can get involved.

President

The president's role largely involves encouraging others in their chosen areas of interest. Correspondence to the CCA usually comes to the President who directs it to the appropriate Board Member. The President delegates, encourages and sets a tone to make sure things keep moving along. With the approval of the Board, the President sets times and locations for meetings and is the default meeting chair. With Board approval, the President is the authorized signatory for the CCA.

Vice President

The Vice President plays an active role in CCA activities and provides back-up to the President and other Board Members. Our current Vice President is also our Membership Director and the Annual Picnic Coordinator.

Treasurer

The Treasurer receives and deposits all monies payable to the association. This generally consists of \$10 membership fees and a small operating grant from Saanich. Applying to Saanich for the grant is a simple process done at the same time each year. The Treasurer also keeps the cheque book and the bank statements. Cheques require two signatures of the three or four signatories, all of whom are Board members.

Secretary

The Secretary takes minutes for our meetings and circulates minutes for approval after our meetings. The Secretary also retains the small CCA history archive files.

Membership

The Membership Director is responsible for receiving membership dues and maintaining the confidential contact information for residents who want to stay informed. Annual membership fees are submitted and received throughout the year. Residents often indicate areas of special interest for the CCA community, such as newsletter delivery, graffiti removal or land use, and the membership director maintains this interest list for future communication and involvement. The membership director is also responsible for sending email notices to those subscribed to the CCA email list.

Traffic and Block Watch

This individual gives direction to residents if they have concerns about traffic or security in their neighbourhood. On our present Board the Newsletter Editor is doing double duty and also filling in here.

Environment

The major matter that continues to occupy this portfolio is our advocacy for Bowker Creek. Other concerns include combating invasive species and the Walkability of our community.

Land Use

Whenever there is a rezoning or subdivision application within the community, the developer contacts the CCA to notify us of their intention to develop. The Land Use Director then meets with the developer on site to go over the site plan and exchange ideas. Following this, the CCA facilitates a meeting between the developer and neighbouring residents to discuss the plans. This gives the neighbours an opportunity to voice their thoughts and the developer a chance to address residents' concerns. The CCA subsequently either endorses the proposal or advises Saanich that we do not. In addition to work on development proposals, the Land Use Director represents the CCA on various committees, which at present include the Royal Jubilee Hospital Neighbourhood Liaison Committee and the Shelbourne Corridor Action Plan Stakeholder's Committee. Over the past two years, the redevelopment of Browning Park has been another important land use issue.

Newsletter Distribution Coordinator

Newsletter distribution is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers including 10 neighbourhood managers and numerous delivery people. 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 in a number of areas and would love to hear from people who may have an hour to spare twice a year and volunteer as a carrier.

Webmaster

The Webmaster keeps our website working properly. Each Board Member is encouraged to post their own material using our site's WordPress interface. The webmaster helps if needed. On our current Board, the Treasurer is also the Webmaster.

SCAN Representative

The Saanich Community Association Network (SCAN) is an umbrella organization for the 18 Community Associations within Saanich. The CCA has a representative at SCAN meetings to share local concerns, discuss common issues and connect with the other Association in Saanich. SCAN meets at 7:15pm on the first Wednesday of every month at Saanich Police Headquarters – public is welcome.

Picnic Coordinator

The CCA annual picnic and fun day typically alternates between Allenby Park and Browning Park. The Annual Picnic Coordinator relies on the support of other Board Members, families and community members to coordinate this fun summer event. The CCA receives sponsorship and support from many neighbourhood businesses to ensure this continues to be a fun and free family event.

Other Roles

Include Committee work and Directors at Large.

Richmond School Update

by Michael Crowe

Richmond Elementary School property is again vacant. This raised concern with some residents, and the CCA Board. We were concerned that the School District might revisit plans for the property. After contacting the North and South Jubilee Community Associations, as well as the Friends of Bowker Creek, we contacted the Trustee's via email to learn about their plans.

According to the response from Victoria School District Treasurer George Ambeault, at present the plan is to maintain the facility. It will have use as a temporary space while construction takes place at other schools. As they have not received approvals for any seismic work for the near future, the school is expected to be vacant for 2011/12. In the short term the Police will be using it for some training exercises. These will be of short duration and could occur over several months. The long term plans remain to maintain the facility, to provide space for students, when significant construction work is required at their regular school sites.

We appreciate the affirmation of this policy but would remind residents that, with the Fall election, a new Board begins a new term. We suggest that you sound out candidates now, before they are elected, to ensure that they are committed to preserving the space for the community.

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The Saga of Waste Water Management

by Yves Bajard

For many years, Victoria sewage has been sent into the Juan da Fuca Straits, untreated, with the exception of the sieving of solid contents of the effluents. The method, supported by a good number of experts in the matter, displayed no adverse effects to either humans or to marine life. The effluents reach the depths of the Strait and disperse. This was the official story until 2006.

Then on July 26, 2006, Barry Penner, BC Minister of the Environment, demanded the Capital Regional District (CRD) submit, no later than June 30, 2007, a change in the existing waste water management, which would focus around on-land sewage treatment. He also demanded the production of an interim progress report by December 31, 2006 outlining options on the type, number and location of facilities, preliminary cost estimates of the treatment and an implementation schedule. He demanded also that the CRD consider new technologies, alternative financing and delivery options, including private sector involvement.

This was the beginning of a long and protracted saga. A number of expert reports, CRD progress reports, and some public hearings have taken place. We are at a stage where nothing has started on the ground. The CRD submitted a progress report in June 2007, reacting to a further demand from the minister that the sewage treatment meet regulatory standards, minimize costs to the taxpayer by means of a Public-Private-Partnership (P3) arrangement, optimize the distribution of infrastructure, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions.. The CRD then entered a series of consulting work that has cost a few million dollars, for a project that was estimated then to cost approximately \$1.2 billion and the average homeowner \$550 in additional property taxes.

For the full article on the Waste Water Management visit www.camosuncommunityassociation.com

What Can We Do About Our Fragile Food Supply?

by Yves Bajard

Is it really fragile? On September 9, 2011 a 6.9 earthquake hit Vancouver Island. It was deep and offshore. Northern Vancouver Island shook a little but Victoria barely felt it. What if it hit the western end of the Fraser River Delta (a real possibility) affecting the airport, Tsawassen and Roberts Bank terminals, and cut off Vancouver Island from food supply?

For the full article on Food Supply visit www.camosuncommunityassociation.com

We thank our family picnic event sponsors: **Thrifty Foods, Coast Capital Savings, Victoria Family Chiropractic, Caorda Web Solutions.** Thanks also go out to Saanich Community and Legislative Services and Parks Departments, Bowker Creek Initiative and volunteers for help in making a great community event take shape.

Advertising in this Newsletter

Cost of advertising is \$30 for a business card size. This newsletter is published two to three times per year and is distributed to approximately 1700 households. For questions, or to place an advertisement, please call Tim Janzen @ 592-2954. Revenue from advertising is used to defray the cost of producing the newsletter.

Membership Fees

We appreciate and need your support! \$10 renewal or new membership dues can be submitted using the form below. All funds raised by the CCA are re-directed back into your community and help cover community events, newsletter publication and web site costs.

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VICKI SANDERS
Saanich Councillor

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead (1901 - 1978)

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The **Camosun Community Association** needs volunteers so that it can remain vital and active in this wonderful Saanich neighbourhood. Join us and support your community!

Camosun Community Association Membership or Renewal \$10.00 per year

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ I will help deliver newsletters yes no

I am interested in _____ ,

Send to: Camosun Community Association, 3030 Dean Ave, V8R 4Y9

(Cheques payable to Camosun Community Association)

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