



# Sandy Hook Community Association

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## Annual General Meeting

THE Most important meeting of the year anywhere.

Friday , June 6, 2008 at 7:00 PM

Sunshine Coast Arts Centre Gallery  
(corner of Medusa and Trail)

### Guest Speaker

*Councillor Darren Inkster*

Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee  
District of Sechelt

## Our Parks – Today and Tomorrow

This is a chance to thank Councillor Inkster for his leadership on the Parks and Recreation Committee, which has started the restoration of our beloved Sandy Hook public park to a site that welcomes everyone.

Members and non-members alike take this opportunity to get up to date.

Reports—Elections—Open Discussion of Issues

REFRESHMENTS

### President's Message—

I have been president of the SHCA for the last 2 years and its time for someone else to have a turn. I have very much enjoyed volunteering with this group and I encourage all in the community to take a turn at volunteering for the SHCA at some point - its usually fun and it is always interesting. *Peter Harvey*

**The Car Pooling Survey**—with this newsletter is a self addressed envelope and a survey form. The survey should be self- explanatory and is another effort by your Association board to tackle problems for the residents. This is a big one.

PLEASE read the survey page and **FOR EMAIL RECIPIENTS** see the link - [bottom of the Survey page](#)—for online completion. If there is no enthusiasm then the matter will be dropped but maybe it is something that can be put together for this side of the Inlet.

registered. There are a lot to go and we assume these are summer only folk who have not visited the boat launch for sometime or for some reason are not aware of this new program.

Boat spaces not registered by about the end of July will be emptied of whatever boat is there on the basis that it is a derelict. They will be stored for awhile by the District in their yard but getting them back to Sandy Hook will be the owners responsibility.

Current registered owners will be offered an opportunity to change to one of the newly freed up spaces on a seniority basis after the derelicts are gone.

By the way, the beach is not really for boat storage. We are very lucky to have a waterside park with beach and it is for all to use for recreation.

**Sandy Hook Park Changes**— your board has been working for a long time to get changes in our fine waterfront park. In particular, there were a lot of complaints about the large intimidating gate and the gravel drive-

way leading across the park and into a private home. Many folks, even when informed otherwise, felt that a large part of the park was private property and not to used.

We are very pleased to advise that some real progress has been made in this area and hopefully this summer you will see the big difference. You will hear more about this at the AGM! Guess you better attend.



**SilverBack**—At the council meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2008 in a 4/3 split vote SilverBack was voted down at its crucial third reading and change of OCP stage. It is possible for the Mayor to reintroduce it by May 2nd. Hold your breath as we go to press.

No doubt someday, someone will build something on this vast tract of land but we hope whatever it is will fit the wishes of Sechelters more.

If you want to read more then go to [www.sechelt.net](http://www.sechelt.net) and click the news item link.



**The Boat Launch Project** - at this time 18 out of the 40 boat spots have been

**New Path**—how many know that there is a full road allowance between the far west end of Porpoise Drive and Sandy Hook Road? It is there as a possible public right of way but the road has never been put in.



Your board and many members of the community have felt that a connection—just a path and a few stairs might enhance the walking experience in Sandy Hook. A circle route instead of back tracking.

Discussions are underway with the District to open this up by using volunteer labour for part of it and then the District Parks folks would finish off any hard parts. It may be a year or two but negotiations are under-

**YOUR OFFICERS  
And Directors**

**President**

Peter Harvey—885-4833

**Vice President**

Sue Jackel—885-2348

**Secretary/Treasurer/News**

Bob D'Arcy—885-5766

**Past President**

Joan Pedlar—885-7680

**Public Works Director**

Mike Sutcliffe—740-8133

**At Large**

Gray Waddell—885-5606

Rupert Clark—885-5701

**THANK YOU TO OUR  
Sandy Hook Volunteers**

**Our Newsletter**

Your editor would be left high and dry without the brave band of volunteer mail carriers who climb the hills and valleys of Sandy Hook to bring the newsletter to your door. Our heartfelt thanks to Delivery Chair Paul Pedlar and his valiant band of carriers: Sue Cayer, Robert D'Arcy, Eric Gorham, Sue Jackel, Zella Knudson, Deanna Pilling, Sandra Sharkey, Julie Towle, Eva and Len Tweedie, Fran Wilson

**Hidden Grove**

This Hidden Grove special committee along with the Trail Building Committee work tirelessly to enhance your outdoor experience: Gertrude Pacific, Michael Davidson, Bob D'Arcy, Mike Sutcliffe, Barbara DeMott, Marilyn Jares, Peter Harvey, Valerie Nash, Gray Waddell, Mike Lane, Ken Hall.

**Rule of Medicine:** Never go to a doctor whose office plants have died.

**We need Directors**

It is important to spread what little work there is around and it is just as important that we hear as many different views on Sandy Hook matters from the whole community. You can be a big help. Join the board of the Association. It is easy—about once a month, a couple of hours at one of the houses in Sandy Hook. You get to express your ideas and make things happen.

**Some AGM Legal Stuff**

1. **Submission of Additional Items for Agenda** - New items only must be submitted in writing at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting. Submissions should be made to the Secretary or President.
2. **Voting** - only current paid up members may vote. Renewals may be obtained at the meeting. New members must be paid up 10 days before the AGM in order to vote.
3. **Board of Directors** -
  - a) a nominating committee has reported that the following will be standing for re-election: Joan Pedlar, Rupert Clarke, Peter Harvey, and Mike Sutcliffe.
  - b) Serving out their two year terms Sue Jackel, Bob D'Arcy and Gray Waddell.
  - c) Standing for first time: Jude da Silva Povoas and Karen Chalmers
  - d) no nominations can be made from the floor.
  - e) Any 5 members may place in nomination, in writing, another member provided the name is submitted to the secretary no fewer than 5 days before the AGM.
  - f) We can have up to 12 directors plus the Past President.
  - g) the board can appoint additional new directors after the AGM and we welcome candidates.
  - h) Officers are elected by the board at a later meeting of just the directors.

**Membership Renewal**

You can join on line too using your credit card. [www.sechelt.net](http://www.sechelt.net)

**Sandy Hook Community Association—Annual Membership (Jan-Dec) \$10.00 per person**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Sandy Hook Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different) \_\_\_\_\_ Postal: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (CLEARLY—used for receipt) \_\_\_\_\_

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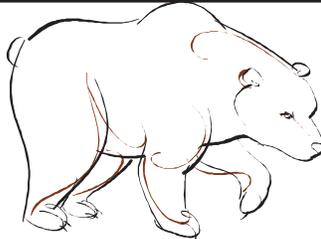
SPECIAL ADDENDUM

## HELP NEEDED EMERGENCY RADIO MONITOR

We need a contact person to keep us in touch with the Provincial Emergency Preparedness network. A CB radio is provided and a call in is required every evening at 8 PM. Paul Pedlar and Charlie Stevens, after a long period of covering for the rest of us, are no longer able to.

If you want more information call Paul at 885-7680 or Jim Wilkinson, the area coordinator, at 885-5523. If you do decide to give it a whirl, please advise Gray Waddell at 885-5606 so our records are up to date.

The perfect volunteer job for someone in the community who is not too physically active, or likes radio stuff or just feels like helping us all out.



## IT IS "BEAR AWARE" TIME AGAIN

The bears have had their sleep and are out roaming. Some are even inspecting Sandy Hook. A bear who becomes 'urbanized' can become a dangerous bear who may have to be destroyed.

Do your part to protect your community and the bears:

- DO NOT put garbage out until the pickup morning. If you are going to be away then ask a friend to do it for you rather than putting it out the night before.
- DO NOT compost kitchen waste as the bears love all those old fruits and vegetable bits.
- DO NOT leave dog food outside without the dog to "guard it".
- DO NOT have bird feeders that a bear can reach (they have gone along clothes lines and climbed balconies).
- DO be "Bear Aware"



## IMPORTANT SURVEY

No Bus so ...

Car Pooling?

...and something you can do about *global warming*



Most every year your Association board receives inquiries about and calls for action to get some sort of public transit to Sandy Hook. A few years ago we ran a survey to ask how many would use a bus if we had one. The responses were such that when we approached the local transit authority we were turned down for consideration.

A system is being considered by Qualicum Beach and it may offer a solution for Sandy Hook combined with maybe Tuwanek and East Porpoise Bay—mass regulated car pooling—matching people needing a lift with drivers going in the same direction. A similar program in the Washington, D.C. area since 1971 has been very successful in helping drivers utilize multi-occupant fast lanes while also helping folks get to work and back. In spite of no registration process and the fact that D.C. has one of the highest crime rates in the USA, there has never been an incident attributed to the program in all these years.

We are still doing research but so far a brief description is:

1. Car pool 'Sammy Stops' (A Good Samaritan Ride Program Ride Stop) would be designated in the community at high traffic locations and in Sechelt town where riders may be picked up.
2. All car owners who wish to participate are registered and given a window sticker. Registration provides a check that they are residents, and maybe such things as current insurance, no bad driving record or just a neighbour reference or whatever—yet to be determined.
3. All those who might want to use the service as riders would be registered and be given a card (different colours for different communities), again to provide confirmation of residency and maybe other points to be sorted out.
4. A person wanting a ride would only get in cars showing a sticker.
5. Drivers would only pick up those who could show a card.
6. There would be some rules but a paramount one would be; no money can be exchanged. Drivers would just be "good neighbours".
7. To cover the initial setup, stickers, cards and stop signs there might have to be a registration charge of say \$10 or \$15 per car and per carded person.

Think about some of the advantages:

- 😊 A public transit system for all residents.
- 😊 Probably little waiting time for a ride at most times compared to infrequent buses.
- 😊 By using it you save on gas and are more environmentally friendly fighting global warming.
- 😊 Inexpensive—One charge would do forever or at least for a long time.
- 😊 You will meet some more of the nice people in our community.

***Please complete the questionnaire*** on the other side and get it in to us as soon as you can. We have provided a super expensive self-addressed envelope to make it easy for you. Or drop it in special mailbox at the Tot Park (Deerhorn and Skookum-chuk). Just take a minute or two to help your community and yourself.

[Link to Online Form for the Survey—Please complete it.](#)

**A) For all residents**

1. I think that the Sammy Stop idea:

\_\_\_\_ would be good for the community and would help the environment

\_\_\_\_ would be good for me or my family

\_\_\_\_ is not worth the trouble (see comment space below)

2. If it goes ahead would you like it just for Sandy Hook or should we draw in:

\_\_ Tuwanek \_\_ East Porpoise Bay \_\_ Others - Describe \_\_\_\_\_

3. At the start there would be a need for a small committee to implement the program (design cards, choose stops, etc.) and after the start a very little bit of maintenance (replace cards, etc.). Would you be willing to help out

as your board cannot do all the jobs. If so either put your phone number here \_\_\_\_\_ or call us in the next two weeks at 885-5766 or 885-5606.

4. Would you be alright with a small registration fee (\$10 to \$20) to defer start up costs.

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

a) Should this be \_\_\_\_\_ per person or \_\_\_\_\_ per household?

b) Children be carded free: \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No and if so what age cut off? \_\_\_\_\_

**B) For drivers answering as drivers**

1. Would you be willing to be a Good Samaritan and pick up properly 'carded' riders. \_\_\_\_\_

2. How often on average do you go to Sechelt per week, best guess \_\_\_\_\_

3. Note any regular times (any day) you go to town by circling all applicable:

AM-7-8-9-10-11-Noon-1-2-3-4-5-6-7 OR \_\_\_\_\_ no regular times

and any regular times you usually return to Sandy Hook

AM-7-8-9-10-11-Noon-1-2-3-4-5-6-7 OR \_\_\_\_\_ no regular times

**C) For Potential Riders (including drivers too who want to save gas and the environment)**

1. How often per week can you picture yourself using the service? a) to town \_\_\_\_ b) back home \_\_\_\_

2. How far would you be willing to walk to a Sammy Stop? \_\_\_\_\_ approx. city block (s) -fractions OK.

3. Do you have children in the home who might use the service? How many? \_\_\_\_ Ages \_\_\_\_\_

4. How long a wait for ride would you consider acceptable? \_\_\_\_\_ minutes?

D) Print any comments you think would help \_\_\_\_\_

Consider enclosing your Membership Renewal from the newsletter with this.

[Link to Online Form for the Survey—Please complete it.](#)