



# Special Neighbourhood Planning Edition

## YOUR OFFICERS And Directors

### President

Gray Waddell—885-5606

### Vice President

Sue Jackel—885-2348

### Secretary/Treasurer

Bob D'Arcy—885-5766

### Past President

Joan Pedlar—885-7680

### Public Works Director

Mike Sutcliffe—740-8133

### At Large

Rupert Clark—885-5701

Jude Da Silva—885-3347

Eugene Scanlan—741-0603

# Sandy Hook Community Association

5916 Skookumchuk Road, Sechelt, BC, V0N 3A4

Email: [sandyhook@sechelt.net](mailto:sandyhook@sechelt.net) Web Site: [www.sechelt.net](http://www.sechelt.net)

Number-2 March 2009

## President's Message —

So, what do you really have to do on a Sunday afternoon anyway? How about Sunday, March 22nd between 2 and 4 PM. Mark your calendar right now so you won't forget to be at the Community Meeting room (in City Hall opposite the library) for Open House #2 in the year long process that started in July, 2008.

Perhaps a bit of background is in order so here goes. Unlike other Sechelt neighbourhoods, Sandy Hook and Tuwanek have never had a neighbourhood plan. Finally, back in '08 it was decided to do something about it. Andre Boel, Community Planner on District staff was given the job. He recruited reps through our Community Associations and we were off and running(?).

At first the District called it the Sandy Hook & Tuwanek Neighbourhood Plan Committee but after representation from Tillicum Bay residents who, technically are partly in Sandy Hook and partly in Tuwanek, the name was changed to...wait for it... "Sandy Hook, Tillicum Bay, Tuwanek Neighbourhood Plan Committee.". Try saying that every time you want to refer to the Neighbourhood that you live in!

Anyway, as mentioned, things got started in July, '08 and are scheduled to wrap up in June, '09. The first Open House designed to involve interested residents, took place on November 23 in the Arts Centre and was well attended. There was lots of discussion, some good ideas were brought forward and Andre received enough material to help him put together the first draft of a plan.

A number of committee meetings later there is now a second draft ready for your perusal and that's why we hope you'll be there on March 22nd. We'd like your thoughts on a number of things such as (but not limited to):

- ♦ Do you like the triple barreled name or would you prefer something like Sa-Ti-Tu (one suggestion) or Mount Richardson or Hidden Grove? Remember we are looking 20 years down the road here.
- ♦ Would you like a community centre where we could hold meetings, have social events, run courses? Where should it be located?
- ♦ What about commercial/industrial development?
- ♦ Do we want lots of walking/cycling paths joining our neighbourhoods with each other and with the village?
- ♦ What about wheelchair accessible trails in the forest?
- ♦ Should the trails in the Heritage Forest and Hidden Grove be off-leash for pets?

There are probably lots of other topics you'd like to bring up so March 22 is your chance.

What better way to spend your time on a Sunday afternoon anyway?

See you there.

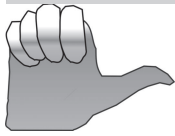
## What a Nice Idea !

We were walking down Deerhorn the other day and just ahead of us saw a young lady going back and forth across the road. She had a Clayton's plastic bag and a stick with a nail in it. She was picking up litter and had already filled one bag full in just a block.

We asked her, "how come?" and she said she had seen the idea in the paper last week. Going for a walk anyway so why not do something useful and good as she strolled along taking the air.

Of course we thanked her and thought what a good resident. We then thought maybe if we put this note here some other residents might take up the idea.

How about you? A bag. A stick or a glove. Go for your stroll and clean a street or so over a period. Pretty easy and a nice contribution to our community. A nice idea.



**CoastRide Program**—

Up to 62 registrants in Sandy Hook and although the weather

has discouraged some of the Riders now that things are warming up expect to see more of your neighbours out "hitching" a ride.

East Porpoise have confirmed that they are having their registration day on April 4th so shortly after that expect to see more on the road.

The most important thing is to keep your eye out for Riders looking for rides from town. That's on Wharf (near the traffic lights) by the Daily Roast parking lot—on Trail by the Shell station (kitty corner from the Mall) and some near the 4 way stop at Wharf and the turn to East Porpoise.

Remember, just call 885-5766 to set up an appointment for the 5 minute registration and picture taking.



**Hidden Grove**—We have been advised that the proposed logging on the boundary where all the trees are painted has

been put off until at least next year. That saves us re-routing the trail right away.

Your Association has also advised Councillor Fred Taylor of our support for his initiative to review and update the Community Forest organization and process. While we are certainly appreciative of the agreement for no logging in Hidden Grove there are still concerns about the

other inter-urban areas and watershed protection.



**Sechelt Heritage Forest**—the

new map signs are up at most of the intersections in the forest. If you have an idea where another sign is needed please let us know.

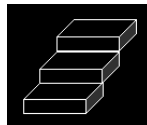
**Pan Pacific (the mine)** - your Association along with the SCAF group sent a letter to the province protesting a new proposal by PPA for a gravel crusher operation in Snake Bay (that's right across from lower Sandy Hook) with trucking through Sechelt village.



**Boat Launch**—no real news but the weather has been such that the Parks folks have not

been ready to start hauling

away the derelicts yet. They have promised to contact us as soon as they start and then we can start allocating spaces anew.



**Special Thank You**—to Mike Sutcliffe and Peter Harvey for putting in the little railing on the steps

at the top of Mt. Richardson. It is a real safety aid to those using the steps there.



**The Mail Box Menace**—it is over for another year (we hope) but once again your Association tried to get action on the danger-

ous conditions at the post boxes at Skookumchuk and Deerhorn. When temperatures went below freezing the whole area became a sheet of ice and at least one fall was witnessed and several near missies. We first contacted the District who explained that the responsibility really lies with the Post Office. John Wild at the District nevertheless acted promptly and got a sanding truck out the very next day and that made a big difference. (Thanks John for doing this even though it really is not your job to do). In the next while we are going to begin to press the Post Office to do something. It is not a small job as the boxes must be lifted to put proper drainage under them just for starters. Hopefully it can be accomplished over this summer so next year we do not have the hazard.



**Parks Master Plan**—Your Association recently submitted a complete set of comments to update the

plan formulated by the District for all park areas in Sechelt. We think our report was very comprehensive covering not just formal parks but beach access areas, community walking trails and more. A big thanks to Directors Rupert Clark and Mike Sutcliffe who laboured over several months on this job. You can read the submission on our website in the archives section.

Remember the portal to our website is [www.sechelt.net](http://www.sechelt.net). Visit for lots of other information too.

**2009 Memberships**—if you missed the call in last month's issue or just forgot, please send in your membership now. Remember you can mail in the slip or drop it in the special box on the bulletin board at the Tot Park (Skookumchuk /Deerhorn) or renew online using PayPal or your credit card.

**DON'T FORGET**

Membership—**\$10 per person**. Mail to 5916 Skookumchuk, Sechelt, BC, V0N3A4 **OR** at the Tot Park Box

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address in Sandy Hook \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Other Address (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Sandy Hook Newsletter by \_\_\_\_\_ Home Delivery (usual) \_\_\_\_\_ Email (off-coast) \_\_\_\_\_ Postal (special)