



Sandy Hook Community Association

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Annual General Meeting

THE Most important meeting of the year anywhere.

Friday, May 22, 2009 at 7:00 PM

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

Guest Speaker

Mr. Daniel Bouman,

Executive Director, Sunshine Coast Conservation Association

Conservation on the Sunshine Coast and a focus on living with our furry and feathered friends here.

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

Reports—Elections—Open Discussion of Issues

REFRESHMENTS

President's Message — Many thanks to all of you who took the time on a Sunday afternoon (March 22) to attend the Open House and get an update on our neighbourhood planning process. The input that many of you provided was very useful to André Boel, the Planning Department staff person tasked with putting it all together. In my opinion André is doing an excellent job but it's a long process and you'll have more opportunity to comment when the second draft is ready. Stay tuned.

I look forward to seeing you at our AGM.—*Gray Waddell*

See the legal stuff for the AGM on the next page .
Be sure and let us know if you have any questions or input



Boat Launch—All of the unregistered/derelict boats have been hauled away by the District so if

yours is gone please contact the Parks department. As we go to press there are about 6 empty spots available—all on the west side of the ramp. Remember you **MUST** register your selection. Please try to do so on our website but if you cannot do that phone Bob at 885-5766.



CoastRide—East Porpoise Bay has now joined in and as we go to press we expect

Tuwanek to be on board. We are revisiting the way the cards are done and will be approaching the District for help on signage—especially in the downtown area.

See the new map for East Porpoise spots on the website coastride.net. CoastRide is our solution to not having a bus line—to saving on gas—to get cars off the road to fight global warming and pollutants.

Do your share and register and use CoastRide - see www.coastride.net



Web Change—If you noticed, the heading of this page has a change. Sandy Hook CA now has a new domain name or

www address of its own—www.sandyhookca.com so you can jump right to us if you wish. The old way of going to the SCAF site at www.sechelt.net still is valid so you have a choice.

We are also inaugurating our new general email address:

mail@sandyhookca.com

Just a way to make things a little more direct in your community.

Give it a try.

4335 Those mystery houses.

—We reminded you of this in the January newsletter but then the weather was so bad who wanted to be outside fixing house numbers. We did not see any improvements at all.

Just a reminder—are your house numbers really clear—look from a strangers point of view?

If any of the emergency services had to pick out your house would they lose valuable response time sorting out which house was yours? Fixing this is a pretty cheap bit of insurance for you and your family. Do it now (counts toward home improvement tax deduction even).

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, and Mike Sutcliffe.
- b) Serving out their two year terms Bob D'Arcy and Gray Waddell.
- c) Standing for first term: Gene Scanlan, Peter Harvey, Paul Manson and Ivana Cappelletto.
- 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.



Mail Box Menace Update—your board has met with the Post Mistress and noted money in the district

budget to fix this dangerous spot. It seems to be progressing and we have until next winter to resolve the issue.



Sechelt Community Associations Forum (SCAF)

- 12 representatives of the community associations met with

the District Council and the new CAO on April 7th to inform and be informed about District and community concerns and ideas. Some highlights were:

- No way the upgrading of the poles by BC Hydro on Highway 101 can be coordinated with any highway improvements so probably traffic will be severely impacted twice.
- André Boel of the DoS staff will help research and write up applications for senior government grants.
- The acquiring of the gravel reserve at the end of Deerhorn from the Province and to be public park was pushed again.
- Bylaw revisions and enforcement were a major topic

The full minutes of the meeting are available online at the SACF website (sechelt.net)

inlet for many miles and also around many homes in our neighborhood. While backyard burning of waste is prohibited in Sechelt, large-scale burning of cleared land waste can be carried out under a permit. If you were aware of this recent burn and/or have any comments, please email your Association as we continue to look at this issue.



B&B Times 3 - The April 8 Council of the Whole meeting included a presentation

and extensive discussion by the Council of a request to change the existing Bylaw permitting only two-bedroom Bed and Breakfasts to allow three bedrooms. The appeal is based upon many existing Sechelt B&Bs, including some in Sandy Hook, that have operated with three bedrooms for many years. Council is taking the request under consideration and we will keep you informed of the outcome.



Fix Up, Clean Up, Build Up

— It's spring and the sound of hammering is in the air. Sandy Hook has several new homes underway as well as work being done on existing ones. You can help ensure all of this work proceeds smoothly and with minimum possible noise pollution by reporting any construction activity that falls outside the specified time limits of 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM (no Sundays or Holidays). You have the right to check that the required construction permits for projects are posted and who is the owner of the property. And, when doing your own clean-up, remember that Sechelt Bylaw number 345 specifically enables citation of unsightly or dangerous property.

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.



A Burning Issue - At its most recent meeting your Community Association discussed the issue of large-scale burning of waste from lots being cleared. This was prompted by the recent burn of cleared lots in Sandy Hook; smoke from the burn moved up the

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

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