

COMMUNITY FOCUS

September 2026



We acknowledge and thank the **W̱SÁNEĆ** people on whose traditional territory we live, play, learn and grow.



MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Thank you for celebrating 75 years with us

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at Centennial Park to celebrate Central Saanich's 75th Anniversary. It was a day filled with local talent, from the music and food to the community displays and family activities. The day was a reflection of the spirit that makes Central Saanich such a special place to call home.

We are grateful to the incredible volunteers, performers, community groups, vendors, sponsors and staff who helped bring the celebration to life. Most importantly, thank you to the residents who came out to mark this milestone together.

As part of the celebration, a new piece of public art was installed at Centennial Park. The upright paddle was designed by **W̱JOŁEŁP** (Tsartlip) artist Chazz Elliott and fabricated in steel by Saanichton-based Pacific Coast Metalcraft. In **W̱SÁNEĆ** tradition, a raised paddle with the handle facing down signifies peaceful intention when arriving in another territory, and signals respect, connection and a desire for a positive relationship. Here's to a future that continues to uphold these values!



Top: Kids enjoying bubbles, Middle left: Delicious anniversary cake, Right: Jonathan Guthrie, owner of Pacific Coast Metalcraft (left), and Chazz Elliott, artist (right), Bottom left: Musical performers Madi and the Dads.

Our 75th Anniversary by the numbers

\$5,000+
raised for local charities

50 years of service by firefighter Rob Nelson

45 pounds of refundable can deposits donated to Stelly's Dry Grad

3,000+ attendees



100+ bikes stored at free bike parking

800 slices of cake

700 balls thrown at brave dunk tank participants

9 musical acts with performers raised in Central Saanich, including



11 emerging young artists

100 community organizations, food trucks, vendor and farms

97% of event waste diverted to compost and recycling (just 1/2 a garbage bag went to the landfill!)



Central Saanich



Pictured: Chief Tanya Jimmy, Tseycum First Nation; Chief Curtis Olsen, Tsartlip First Nation; Mayor Ryan Windsor, District of Central Saanich

Historic government-to-government agreement signed

The District has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with WJOŁEŁP (Tsartlip First Nation) and WSÍKEM (Tseycum First Nation) that establishes a formal government-to-government relationship with a shared commitment to reconciliation, collaborative stewardship and cultural respect.

Under the agreement, regular government-to-government meetings will oversee work on shared priorities, such as protecting the environment, supporting local jobs, learning about culture, preparing for emergencies, creating space for artwork and caring for ancestral sites.

KEATING BUSINESS DISTRICT REZONING

Council is considering a rezoning of the Keating Extraction Lands, which will see specific properties transition from various designations to 'light industrial', which aligns with the Official Community Plan and the long-term vision for the Keating Business District. The lands include multiple adjacent properties including the gravel pit and Municipal Yard. Consideration for rezoning these lands goes back decades, as an opportunity to expand the community's industrial land base. It could also include a potential opportunity to straighten Keating Cross Road, which will be examined for feasibility.

What is 'light industrial'? Light industrial permits business activities like manufacturing, warehousing and tech operations that do not create loud noises, smoke or offensive odors for neighbours. The height limit is 18 metres (approximately 59 feet).

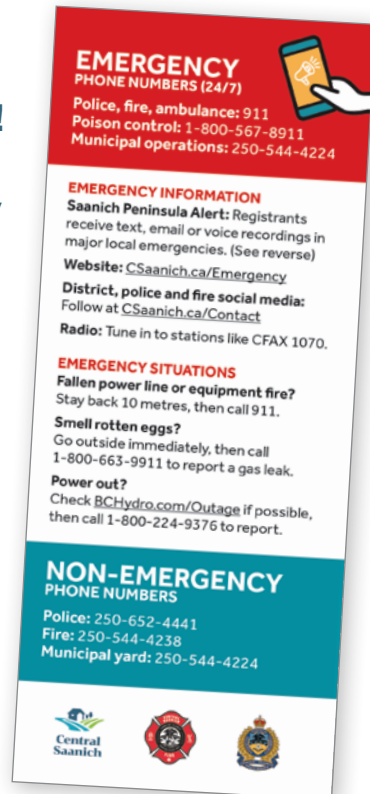
YOUR EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

Be prepared, not scared!

Emergencies can happen at any time. When they do, every minute counts! The best time to prepare is now.

- Please take five minutes to review the enclosed card.** It includes important phone numbers, a simple checklist to help you prepare and instructions for emergency situations in our community.
- Keep the card somewhere visible, like your fridge, and save a photo to your phone.** Make sure everyone in your home can easily find this information if they need it.

When we prepare together and support each other, our whole community is stronger and safer.



**NEW
SERVICE**



Help us support you when seconds count! You can now proactively share information about your people, animals, property and support needs so that firefighters can be informed if they respond to a call at your address. Create a free, secure safety profile today for your home or business: CSFire.ca

Saanich Peninsula Alert

Have you signed up for local emergency alerts? Saanich Peninsula Alert is NOT the same as automatic provincial alerts. All residents and businesses should register to get important local information by text, email or voice recording in case of major emergencies: CSaanich.ca/Alerts



BUILDING FOR THE FUTURE

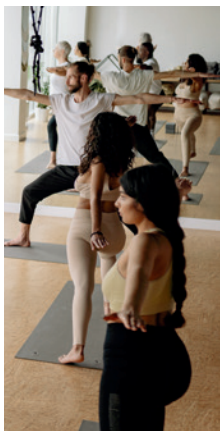
Major projects at Hovey Road, Mount Newton Cross Road and the Municipal Yard designed to support community needs, public services and long-term growth

1882 Hovey Road - Design and planning continue for a new building for the Police, Fire Station 2 and Municipal Hall on Hovey Road, across from Centennial Park. Hovey was chosen after a comprehensive consideration of multiple options including a renovation or rebuild at the current site. Key factors in the decision to build at Hovey included community feedback, a strong financial model, the opportunity for a mixed-use development at Mount Newton and recreation potential. Construction is scheduled to begin by the end of 2026.

1903 Mount Newton Cross Road - The current municipal building site has been rezoned to make way for a future mixed-use development that aligns with the Saanichton Village Design Plan and Official Community Plan. The District issued a Request for Proposals this summer and is currently looking at next steps.

1703 Keating Cross Road - The District's long-term plan to replace the aging Municipal Yard buildings is progressing. The current embankment stabilization work at the Yard will create flexibility as planning progresses. The District is exploring opportunities to subdivide and potentially sell a surplus portion of the yard site that is not needed for future operations.

Follow along: [LetsTalkCentralSaanich.ca/CivicRedevelopment](https://www.letstalkcentralsaanich.ca/civicredevelopment)



'Pumpty Dumpty' pump-out service helps protect Saanich Inlet

The District is proud to support a new pump-out service! Pumpty Dumpty is a unique community partnership that helps protect the health of the Saanich Inlet and all those who use it.

WJOLELP (Tsartlip) now owns the Pumpty Dumpty pump-out boat, which was kindly donated by The Butchart Gardens, and works in partnership with the Saanich Inlet Clean Waters Society to provide pump-out services to boaters that help prevent sewage discharge into local waters and protect marine ecosystems.



Recognizing the environmental benefits of this service, the District of Central Saanich provided \$35,000 in funding in 2026 to support the program and its ongoing efforts to keep local waterways clean and healthy for future generations. For information on the service, or to volunteer or donate, please visit [PumptyDumpty.ca](https://www.PumptyDumpty.ca)

We heard you! New bylaws address parking, noise and animal control

In response to community concerns about parking, noise and animal control, Central Saanich has updated several bylaws and enforcement tools. The changes include new definitions for aggressive and dangerous dogs, updates to the Traffic and Highways Bylaw to support active transportation and clarify event permits, and improved standards for boulevard use and vegetation clearance.

The updates also allow bylaw officers, police and CRD animal control contractors to issue tickets in person, on vehicles or by mail. Reduced fines apply when paid within 14 days. Central Saanich will continue to prioritize education and voluntary compliance, using enforcement when issues persist or involve health and safety. Learn more: [CSaanich.ca/Bylaw](https://www.CSaanich.ca/Bylaw)

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sep. 19 to 25 - Fall GoByBike Week

Take two wheels to work, school, errands or just for fun! Sign up to log your trips for prize entries: GoByBikeBC.ca



Sep. 26 - Tree Appreciation Day Saturday, Sep. 26 11:00 a.m., Tanner Park (6258 Rodolph Road)

Roll up your sleeves, help plant fruit trees near the play structure and be part of growing a tree canopy for future generations! *Planting supplies and refreshments provided. Please bring your own gardening gloves and shovel/trowel.*

Sep. 30 - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Coinciding with Orange Shirt Day, this date affirms that *Every Child Matters*, honours and remembers Indigenous children taken from their families and recognizes the ongoing impacts of the residential school system.

Oct. 15 - The Great British Columbia Shakeout Thursday, Oct. 15

10:15 a.m. Drop, cover and hold on—wherever you are! This time each year, millions of people worldwide practice what to do in an earthquake. It's a good time to update your emergency plan, emergency kit and add copies of insurance and medical paperwork to your grab-and-go bag. Run the drill in your home, school or workplace:

ShakeoutBC.ca



Oct. 17 - Central Saanich Election 2026

Local government decisions affect many aspects of daily life—from parks and roads to recreation and community services. Make your voice heard by voting for your Councillors, Mayor and School Trustees.

General Voting Day

October 17, 2026

8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Residents may choose to vote at:

- **Central Saanich Municipal Hall**, 1903 Mount Newton Cross Road
- **Brentwood Elementary**, 7085 Wallace Drive
- **Keating Elementary**, 6843 Central Saanich Road

Advance Voting Days

Wednesday, **October 7 and 14**

8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Municipal Hall, 1903 Mount Newton Cross Road

For voting information, key dates and candidate details, visit CSaanich.ca/Election2026

REMINDERS

PAWS in Parks: Remember Your Petiquette

Heading to a park with your dog? The CRD is reminding pet owners to follow the PAWS principles:

- **Protect** nature,
- **Always** respect others,
- **Watch** your dog, and
- **Scoop** the poop.

These simple actions help keep parks safe, enjoyable and welcoming for everyone while protecting wildlife and sensitive habitats. Learn more about responsible pet ownership in parks at CRD.ca/PetsInParks



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