



COMMUNITY FOCUS

News & Information For Central Saanich

MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNCIL

Happy New Year! As we look back on 2017, we're pleased with the progress made on Council's priorities for the year. These included Brentwood Bay moorage, a Keating Business District plan, the cenotaph project, and more—you can follow these initiatives at centralsaanich.ca/currentinitiatives.

We remain committed to addressing affordable housing in Central Saanich. In 2017, we met with council members from Sidney and North Saanich to begin a conversation to learn from each other and to discuss opportunities for response to the housing shortage. This will be a pressing issue facing our region for some time, and we will continue to work on strengthening the tools we have in 2018.

Council is also looking to ensure economic development in our region remains healthy. South Island Prosperity Project (SIPP), which Central Saanich is a founding member of, recently hosted a public event, the Smart South Island Symposium, and asked: *How can we utilize smart technology to create a positive impact for communities across our region?* It was the first in a two-part series to look at smart and sustainable community development—and could even lead to a prize of \$10 million from the Government of Canada to implement a great idea. You can get involved at smartsouthisland.com.

In December, Council met and outlined our strategic priorities for 2018. You can read about them on our website's Current Initiatives page.



Want to lessen your environmental impact and reduce clutter in your home? Switch your Central Saanich utility bill to a paperless e-bill. You will receive all future utility bills and Community Focus newsletters electronically.

1. Head to mycentralsaanich.ca and sign in (or sign up for an account, if you don't have one)
2. Select Register Accounts from the menu and then Utility
3. Enter your account number and access code (Listed on your utility bill and also available by calling 250.544.4206)
4. Check the box next to Utility Bill
5. Go back to Accounts and next to Utility Bill, check "Email" and save



ADD YOUR VOICE

Our Council sincerely appreciates your input, and we consider feedback from the community when we make decisions. There are many ways you can share your thoughts with us.

1. Speak with a Council member
2. Write or email Council and have your correspondence placed on a Council meeting agenda
3. Make a presentation at a Council meeting
4. Ask a question during the Council meeting's public question period
5. Attend a town hall meeting (an informal setting chance to talk with Council members)
6. Attend a Public Hearing (Public Hearings are held for proposed zoning or Official Community Plan amendments)
7. Attend an open house (from time to time open houses are scheduled to receive feedback on specific projects)
8. Watch a past meeting at centralsaanich.civicweb.net/portal

TOWN HALL MEETING

Meet casually with representatives of Council to discuss topics of interest to you.

Date: Wednesday, February 7, 2018
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Log Cabin Museum,
7910 Polo Park Crescent, Saanichton



Brentwood Bay watermain project

The watermain in Brentwood Bay near West Saanich Road and Stelly's Cross Road were a high priority for replacement, and we are pleased to see the project almost complete. In 2017, contractors began the major project of replacing 2.1 kilometers of major pipes, hydrants and connections to several properties along West Saanich Road, Verdier Avenue, Early Place, Enid Place, Tantalum Road, Meadowlark Road and Stelly's Cross Road. The final work is being completed on West Saanich Road, between Sluggett Avenue and Carriage Lane.

The project is under budget, and we are pleased it is no extra cost to taxpayers. We were able to secure a major Provincial/Federal grant, which helped save considerable costs for Central Saanich. The total budget for the watermain project is \$1.226 million, of which \$705,000 is funded by the Federal/Provincial grant. The remainder is funded from reserves from the District's Water Utility.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for your patience with traffic delays and temporary paving work during this upgrade.



Fido gets a new, permanent dog tag

Central Saanich has adopted permanent dog tags, which are good for life and ensure the pet's tag number remains the same each year. Dogs still require annual licence renewal (to keep our information current and comply with the bylaw).



Licensed dog owners receive discounts from participating businesses by showing their 'Petiquette Perks' rewards card.



Dog owners may be able to quickly recover the cost of licensing by using their card. You can pick up your Petiquette Perks Rewards at the Municipal Hall.



Municipal Park updates

Cenotaph to be built

Central Saanich will soon have a permanent memorial to recognize those who lost their lives in times of conflict. Council has selected a site in Centennial Park for a cenotaph near the Hovey Road and Wallace Drive intersection. Opportunity for public review and comment on the design is planned for January 2018. Watch csaanich.ca for more info.

Adam Kerr Park gets new bridge

Adam Kerr Park is located at Keating Cross Road and Central Saanich Road. In it, is a pedestrian bridge that reached the end of its life last year. Municipal crews installed a new bridge that is now open for public use. Kudos to Karl Erskine, Parks Foreman, and his team for their work on the bridge replacement project!



Newman Farmhouse being restored

In July of 2003, the Newman family generously donated their 6.6 hectare farm to the District of Central Saanich for use as public parkland—we are fortunate to have this incredible property, which is used for agricultural teaching and harvesting. The farmhouse, built in 1905, has been in need of restoration, and we are pleased to announce the work is currently underway thanks to the support of the Province of BC through the BC | Canada 150: Celebrating B.C. Communities and their Contributions to Canada Fund and the Saanich Fruit Growers Association.



Edith Cooke Diamond is improved

Crews added field drainage to Edith Cooke Diamond in Centennial Park. It is a busy diamond, well utilized from spring right into October, and it is one of the nicest ball fields in town!



Brentwood Bay update

Council has given direction on a number of actions and they are underway. An application has been submitted for a Licence of Occupation (Nominal Rent Tenure) from the Province for Brentwood Bay. Letters

have been sent to the regional district requesting waiving of tipping fees. The Provincial and Federal agencies are working with the District on the planned clean-up of Brentwood Bay. An application to have the area listed as a Designated Sewage Area is near completion. A draft Management Plan is being prepared to manage the Brentwood Bay Public Moorage Area.



New webpages keep you informed about our community

Quick Links
I WANT TO:

Current Initiatives

centralsaanich.ca/currentinitiatives

This page is dedicated to projects identified by Council as priorities. Check the page for project developments and if you would like to provide feedback on a project, we encourage you to connect with us.

Rezoning Applications

centralsaanich.ca/rezoning

Curious about what rezoning applications staff and Council are reviewing? They're now all listed here, along with meeting dates and information about the application.



Recycle soft plastic, Styrofoam and more

Do you have piles of hard-to-recycle items around the house? Bring them to Stelly's School (1627 Stelly's Cross Road) on the fourth Saturday of each month (except December), between 9:00 a.m. and noon for a small fee.



Accepted items:

soft plastic
Styrofoam
plastic toys
foil
small electronics

For more local recycling depots, visit centralsaanich.ca/recycling

For more detailed information about acceptable materials and costs, see pmdrecycling.com.

Annual watermain flushing

Every year we flush our watermains to remove sediment and maintain good water quality. This takes place from January to May. The District cannot accept any responsibility for damages caused by low water pressure or the use of discoloured water. Therefore, we advise consumers to be on the alert for reduced water pressure and/or temporary discoloration of water.

Flushing schedule is available at csaanich.ca/notices. If you have special requirements for water clarity, please contact the Municipal Yard at 250.544.4224 ext. 3221.



James Island Dock gets facility improvements

In September 2017, a group of residents near James Island Dock contacted Mayor and Council with concerns about the parking area for the dock, the lack of washroom facilities, garbage from the public using the dock, and noise from visitors parking/camping overnight. The residents felt that a general clean-up of the parking area would improve the experience for visitors using the dock and address their concerns.

District crews installed a small washroom facility, improved lighting, cut back overgrown bushes and picked up debris from the area. Additionally, the Chief of Police approved no-overnight-parking regulations and several new parking signs have been installed. We are pleased the residents of James Island Road came forward and worked closely with us to enhance the neighbourhood.

Budget 2018

It's budget season, and we want to know what services are most important to you.

Ways to Provide Feedback

- Join the discussion and take the survey online at centralsaanich.ca/budget2018
- Drop in to chat at the Budget 2018 Open House - February 15, 2018, from 5.00 to 6.30 PM
- Attend the following Council budget meetings at 7:00 p.m. at Municipal Hall:
 - February 20, 2018:** Administration, Finance, Technology, Police, Fire, Planning and Building
 - February 27, 2018:** Engineering, Public Works, Parks, Sewer and Water
 - March 6, 2018:** Asset Management and Capital Program
 - March 13, 2018:** Budget Summary (and 2018 budget considered for approval)



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Backyard Burning

Lighting a fire contributes to smoke-caused air pollution. Before resorting to burning:

- Recycle or drop off materials at a collection facility
- Compost leaves and clippings
- Hire a tree trimming company to dispose of land clearing debris

If you are going to light a fire, here are some important ways you can help keep the air clear:

- Burn only during good venting conditions (clear skies)
- Light a quick burning and hot fire, which creates a minimum of smoke
- Don't starve the fire of oxygen
- Don't burn wet material—make sure the material has been dried for at least six months
- Don't burn prohibited materials—waste like garbage, plastic, painted wood can release toxic chemicals and is illegal to burn

Please see centralsaanich.ca/burning for more information about burning indoors and outside.

Five Welcome Totems now mark entrance to Saanichton

Over the course of the last five years, Doug LaFortune, a well-known local First Nations artist, has carved a totem for each of the five streets leading to Saanichton Village. The final totem was installed recently.

You can admire the totems here:
'The Heron'

East Saanich Rd., north of the Wallace Drive

'The Eagle'

South end of the Village on East Saanich Road

'The Orca'

Mt. Newton X Road east of the Saanich Peninsula hospital

'The Raven'

Centennial Park by the tennis courts

'The Protector'

1901 Mount Newton Cross Road in front of the Fire Museum



Training complete! Constable Johnston ready to serve Central Saanich

Left to right:
Chief Les Sylven,
Constable Ryan Johnston,
Deputy Chief Derren Lench

The Central Saanich Police Service is pleased to welcome back Constable Ryan Johnston from the Justice Institute of British Columbia.

Growing up in Victoria, Ryan was influenced by his father, who served in law enforcement for 32-years. He comes to our service with a number of accomplishments, including a Master's Degree in Pacific Asian Studies, being a martial arts instructor and serving as a reserve police constable in the CRD.

Raising a young family of his own, Ryan has the honor of serving and protecting the people of Central Saanich. Please help us welcome Ryan when you see him out in our community. We are proud to have him as part of our team!

Building inspection & counter hours

Building inspection and planning counter hours now have dedicated drop-in times to ensure our inspectors and planners are available and to also provide them with adequate time for appointments, inspections and other work. You are welcome to see if someone is available to assist you outside of drop-in hours. You may also book an appointment at a time convenient for you.

Best Times for Drop-in Service

Monday to Friday
8:30 am-10:30 am
3:30 pm-4:30 pm

YOU CAN NOW PAY FOR YOUR BUSINESS LICENCE ONLINE

Starting in Dec 2017 you will be able to pay for your business licence using online banking through your financial institution. Please use the five-digit account number found at the top of your invoice; it should begin with the number '5'.



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