

Directors Report Feb 2024

Supporting Small Homes Area D

Thank you to all those that have reached out to me regarding supporting Small Homes which some also call Tiny Homes here in Area D.

As this is a complicated issue that other Regional Districts and small Municipalities are also dealing with I am confident progress will be made here in our Regional District. I should add that there is tremendous support at the Board Table however Directors also realize that in order to support these smaller homes that there are many items that need to be considered.

For those that reached out to me on a specific issue here in the community. Please note!

Directors are not permitted to discuss active bylaw items.

Secondary Suite Incentive Program

After some confusion it has been confirmed that Area D residents who are wanting to create secondary suites they are eligible to apply for this grant. Applications will start April 17th 2024.

I encourage everyone who is interested in creating a Secondary Suite to check out

www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/secondary-suite

This grant opportunity is only available for Area D residents and homes that are in Area D.

Strathcona Gardens Program Updates

At the last meeting of the Strathcona Gardens I was pleased to see the new programs that have been developed working with the School District.

For Grade 3 - up to 540 students will be able to attend an 8 week swim program. This program was developed to meet the needs of the community and to recognize that there are times when after school events are not always easy to attend or can be accommodated in parent schedules.

Grade 10-12 Carihi Swim and Life Saving Program for up to 24 students. This will allow students to achieve Canadian Swim Patrol, Standard First Aid, Bronze Medallion and Bronze Cross Certificates.

Cedar Elementary School Skate and Swim for grades 3,4,5. This will be 3 times per week for 24 sessions of Skate and Swim Lessons. This will ensure all those in Campbell River and Area D have an opportunity to learn how to skate and swim.

Vancouver Island Regional Library

Just a reminder that library cards are free and the library has expanded its digital online services. The library has a large selection of ebooks, streaming movies and DVDs, growing digital music library to name a few.

Check out

virl.bc.ca

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