



# Highlands News

The Highlands Council Newsletter

*Keeping you informed!*

## Mayor's Message

Highlanders welcomed in a snowy 2009, and countless tales abound of Highlanders helping one another this winter. Collectively, we are truly an impressive community!

The district's road contractors have done an exceptionally good job of keeping our roads clear, and they are to be commended. They remind us to not park on the road or in cul de sacs if at all possible, as ploughs cannot clear the snow in those circumstances. Understandably, it was sometimes difficult to find a place to put all the snow from one's driveway!

Council members are preparing to discuss priorities for 2009, and will be attending additional training sessions this month. On page 4, you will see a long list of appointments, which comprise duties in addition to each council member's preparation for and attendance at Highlands council meetings. Council members will soon have the honour of representing Highlands throughout the region while serving on the various committees.

Council invites your comment and input at all times, and extends a warm welcome to you at both council and Highlands committee meetings.

On behalf of council, I wish each of you a very Happy New Year!

*Mayor Jane Mendum*

## Santa Run 2008

The Annual Highlands Santa Run was an amazing success despite the inclement weather. Those residents in the east Highlands who braved the cold and took part in the hayride are to be commended for their fortitude! Firefighters, community volunteers, and Santa spent a long, cold day collecting what amounted to 10 shopping carts full of groceries, worth roughly \$3500. The food was delivered to the Goldstream Food Bank by event coordinator Joe Kadar, where it will be distributed to those in need. A very special thank you goes out to all the residents who contributed, to the many individuals who helped prepare and operate the firetrucks and sleigh, and an extra special thank you to Lloyd and Vic Williams, who donated an enormous amount of food for the cause. Way to go, Highlanders!

## A Highlands Christmas Story

Kudos to Councillor McLean, our roads maintenance contractor, and office staff! On December 23rd, Martlett Drive resident Christine Mah phoned Councillor Marcie McLean to ask if she knew anyone who could plough her driveway to get her ailing son home for Christmas.

Christine writes "She (Marcie) was so kind to go out of her way and contact the district office and organize not only my driveway to be ploughed but also Martlett Drive which was very icy at the time. We could not believe it on Christmas

morning when someone came and did our road again, I am so grateful... I want to thank everyone involved for this wonderful act of kindness... "

Many thanks to Councillor McLean, Highlands office staff, and Victoria Contracting and Municipal Maintenance Corp, Highlands' road maintenance contractor, for their special attention to the urgent situation of a Highlands resident!

And there's more! See page 3 for another good news snow ploughing story.

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## Highlands Coffee House

*submitted by Zhinoos Armstrong*

**Saturday, January 10th**, Highlands' Coffee House is holding a fabulous concert, featuring our own Highlands' talented **Karel Roessingh** with the very talented **Joey Smith**, playing new works from three solo piano CDs Karel released in November.

We will be celebrating the anniversary of the Highlands' Coffee House on this evening.

For those of you who know Karel Roessingh as both a Council member and as a former Mayor, here is more! Karel is a producer, composer, and musician who has scored for countless television episodes and many award-winning films and documentaries. His CDs have been distributed world-wide, and he's performed with ensembles of all kinds, from symphony orchestras to rock, jazz, country and show bands.

Joey Smith came to Victoria from Tennessee via the Glenn Miller Orchestra, with whom he toured as bassist for more than two years. He is in great demand by local musicians, and has accompanied Cleo Laine, Herb Ellis, Charlie Byrd, and countless well-known performers, and played in jazz festivals throughout the continent.

### **Caleb Pike Homestead**

**1589 Millstream Rd.**

**7:30 pm (doors open at 7:00 pm)**

Charges: Honour system, with a recommended minimum \$5.00/person. Includes tea/coffee & goodies. Under the age of 15: free.

If you have talent to share, let us know!

For information call Zhinoos at 727-9561

### **Munn Rd. Hit & Run**

If you know anything about a hit-and-run accident that occurred at about 6 pm on Wednesday, December 17th on Munn Road near Francis King Park, please let district staff know.

The incident, which took place during snowfall, involved an older model pickup truck, which did not stop, and a car belonging to a Highlands resident, which now sports powder blue paint from the collision.

*If you would like an electronic copy of the Highlands News please email June Cameron at the Municipal Hall at [jcameron@highlands.ca](mailto:jcameron@highlands.ca).*

## **RCMP INCIDENTS Nov 15th - Dec 15th**

*With thanks to Corporal Richard Boyle and Jennifer Brown of the West Shore RCMP*

### **Nov**

16th - Property Found - Blacktail Rd  
16th - Unspecified Assistance - Martlett Dr  
16th - Abandoned Vehicle - Millstream Lake Rd  
17th - Possess Stolen Property - Woodridge Pl  
20th - False Alarms - Millstream Rd  
21st - Collision-Damage over \$1000 - Munn Rd  
22nd - Property Found - Durrance Rd/Willis Pt Rd  
24th - Utter Threats - Rowntree Rd  
24th - Theft-Other Under \$5000 - Millstream Rd  
27th - Theft-Other Under \$5000 - Danby Pl  
27th - Traffic-Other Moving Prov - Deerfield Pl/Caleb Pike Rd  
28th - Animal Calls - Stewart Mountain Rd  
29th - Unspecified Assistance - Millstream Rd  
29th - Collision-Damage Over \$1000 - Lost Lake Rd/Millstream Rd

### **Dec**

01st - False Alarms - Rockridge Pl  
02nd - Theft Auto Under \$5000 - Stewart Mountain Rd  
03rd - False Alarms - Stewart Mountain Rd  
07th - Theft-Auto Over \$5000 - Millstream Rd  
07th - Arson-Property - Millstream Rd  
07th - False Alarms - Millstream Rd  
09th - Trespass Act - Industrial Way  
11th - Collision-Damage Over \$1000 - Millstream Rd/ Lost Lake Rd  
11th - Suspicious Pers/Veh/Occur Millstream Rd/Munn Rd  
12th - Criminal Harassment - Caleb Pike Rd  
12th - Collision-Damage Under \$1000 Millstream Rd/Finlayson Arm Rd  
13th - Theft of Truck Over \$5000 Millstream Rd/Lost Lake Rd  
13th - Traffic-Other Moving Prov. Millstream Rd/Lost Lake Rd  
14th - 911-False/Abandoned Calls -Caleb Pike Rd  
14th - Collision-Damage Under \$1000 - Millstream Rd/Millstream Lake Rd  
15th - Suspicious Per/Veh/Occur - Caleb Pike Rd/Millstream Rd

## **Highlands Youth Centre**

The Highlands Youth program meets every Friday in January, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Schoolhouse.

Specific activities aren't available at press time. For further information, contact Bob McMinn at 250-478-4403 or email to [bobmcminn@shaw.ca](mailto:bobmcminn@shaw.ca) or phone Amy at 250-474-2847.

# Council and Municipal News

## Brotherston Rezoning

The Brotherston family's application to rezone some of their property on Munn Road from one lot to three was adopted by Council on December 15th, after a public hearing. Two of the proposed lots currently have residences, and the third will be the subject of a covenant prohibiting residential construction.

The third lot holds heritage buildings, in which members of Council have expressed interest in preserving by covenant as well. Council has requested staff to bring the covenant to a future Council meeting before subdivision is approved.

## Munn Road Snow Ploughing

East Highlands residents will have noticed that the section of Munn Road under the power lines and through Francis King Park was ploughed more often than normal through the big snowfalls over Christmas.

Many thanks to our Emergency Co-ordinator Val Fletcher and CAO Chris Coates for negotiating with the municipality of Saanich and our own municipal roads contractors, Victoria Highway Maintenance, who actually did the extra ploughing.

Staff will be bringing this issue forward to council for consideration of maintenance for this section of road during snowfalls.

## Millstream Meadows Update

The CRD reports that onsite monitoring of the Millstream Meadows site east of Millstream Road across from the municipal office has found that contamination remains contained within the site boundaries, and there have been no detectable contaminants in tested wells within 1 kilometre of the site.

Work has begun to fence the excavation area, to divert water around the excavation, to maintain a pump and treat system for residual surface water in the excavation, and to enhance site monitoring. Contaminated soils have been removed from the site for treatment, and remaining soil has been tested to confirm that it

is not contaminated and can be used for backfill.

The CRD will continue to provide bottled water to all interested parties within a one-kilometre radius of the site. A remediation plan will be presented to the province and to the CRD board plan early this year. Meanwhile, staff and council members are awaiting a site tour, (the weather has prohibited what can be seen at the site), and CRD staff is preparing an update for nearby property owners.

If you have questions about the clean-up, you can contact Mary Anne Phillipone at 250-360-3148 or email [mfillipone@crd.bc.ca](mailto:mfillipone@crd.bc.ca), or visit the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca).

## 2009 Grant In Aid Applications

The District of Highlands is accepting grant in aid applications for the year 2009. Application deadline is January 31, 2009.

Organizations wishing to submit an application should contact the District office for the Grant in Aid policy and application, alternatively this policy and application may be downloaded from the District's website at: [www.highlands.ca](http://www.highlands.ca).

Applications should be submitted to the following:

**District of Highlands**  
**1980 Millstream Road,**  
**Victoria, BC V9B 6H1**

**Telephone: 474-1773 Fax: 474-3677**

**[ccoates@highlands.ca](mailto:ccoates@highlands.ca)**

## Community Calendar

Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm – Youth Program\* – School House

Fri 9th – CRD Recycling Pickup

Sat 10th, 7 pm – Highlands Coffee House\* – Pike House

Mon, 12th, 7 pm – Regular Council Meeting – School House

Wed 14th, 7 pm – La Leche League – call 478-0073

Mon 19th, 7 pm - Council Committee Of the Whole Meeting (COW) - School House

Fri 23th – CRD Recycling Pickup

Mon 26th, 7 pm – Regular Council Meeting – School House

*\*details elsewhere in this newsletter*

## Contact Information

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250-479-1725, [val.fletcher@shaw.ca](mailto:val.fletcher@shaw.ca)

CRD Bylaw Enforcement - 250-474-3351  
Animal Control (24 hrs) - 250-478-0624  
CRD Parks – 250-478-3344

RCMP non-emergency – 250-474-2264

Wildlife Violations – 1-800-663-WILD (9453)

Victoria Highway Maintenance  
8 – 4:30 Mon-Fri – 250-474-2688

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## Council Committee Appointments

Acting Mayor (fills in for the mayor as required):

2/12/08 – 31/05/09: Councillor Roessingh

1/06/09 – 30/11/09: Councillor Williams

CRD and Regional Hospital Boards:

Director: Mayor Mendum

Alternate: Councillor Roessingh

West Shore Parks and Recreation Society Board  
of Directors: Councillor Williams

Greater Victoria Public Library Board:

Councillor Roessingh

Intermunicipal Committee of Disability Issues:

Councillor McLean

Greater Victoria Family Court Committee:

Councillor Johannesen

Capital Region Emergency Service

Telecommunication Inc. Board (CREST):

Councillor Roessingh

Western Communities Policing Advisory

Committee: Councillor Johannesen

alternate: Councillor McLean

CRD Solid Waste Advisory Committee:

Councillor Gill

alternate: Councillor Williams

CRD Arts Committee: Councillor Dobb

District of Highlands Emergency Planning

Committee: Councillor Johannesen

alternate: Councillor Gill

District of Highlands Advisory Planning

Commission: Councillor McLean

alternate: Councillor Williams

Fiscal and Environmental Select Committee:

Councillor McLean

Community Infrastructure and Services Select

Committee: Councillor Gill

Sustainability Task Force: Councillor Dobb

Community Centre Task Force: Councillor

McLean

Groundwater Task Force: Councillor

Roessingh,

Community Rep: Michelle Mahovich

Treaty Advisory Committee: Councillor Williams

Regional Water Commission:

Mayor Mendum, alternate Councillor Roessingh

Juan de Fuca Water Commission:

Mayor Mendum, alternate Councillor Williams

## Volunteer of the Month

December's volunteers of the month are all those great samaritans who helped their neighbours get through our spectacular snowfalls over Christmas.