



Highlands News

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The Official Newsletter of the District of Highlands Council
 RURAL LIFE NATURAL BEAUTY STRONG COMMUNITY

A message from Mayor Mark Cardinal

This issue of our council newsletter is coming to you early in the month due to information we would like to circulate regarding the upcoming **Municipal elections on November 15th**, as well as some information on the upcoming **Federal elections on October 14th**. A special committee of the whole meeting will take place on **Monday, October 27th where we will see a presentation of the initial findings of our Comprehensive Groundwater Study**. All are invited to attend.

District of Highlands Municipal Election (November 15, 2008) *Voter Registration Information*

The District of Highlands adopted Bylaw 302 which provides for the determination of various procedures for the conduct of General Local Elections and other voting.

This bylaw provides for the use of the Provincial Voter's List as its list of registered voters for the District.

So.....

Do you know if you are on the Provincial Voters List?

Not sure? We can look for you.

Or perhaps your name or address changed since you last registered or voted?

Are you new to the District of Highlands?

If so please complete an application for registration form so that we can update your information or add your name to our Voters List for the 2008 Local Government Election.

You have until *September 23rd to register or make changes*

After that, you must register or make changes when you go to vote on:
November 5th, November 12th, or November 15th.

Thank you!

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If you would like an electronic copy of the *Highlands News*, Official Newsletter of the District of Highlands Council, please email June Cameron at the Municipal Hall at JCameron@highlands.ca.

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Council Meeting Schedule for October, 2008

Council Meetings: Monday October 6th & 20th

Committee of the Whole: October 15th (Special) & October 27th

Celebration of Highlands Green Spaces and Heritage Sunday, September 21st

We hope that residents took the opportunity to see the wonderful work of the Highlands Green Spaces and Heritage mapping project on Sunday September 21st.

Council would like to acknowledge the hard work of many of our talented community members as shown by the beautiful photos, artwork and mapping undertaken for this project. We look forward to the release of this map in the near future and encourage all Highlanders to get a copy for your homes once it is completed. Information on distribution of the maps will be forthcoming.

Millstream Meadows Remediation

The CRD is well underway with the remediation of the Millstream Meadows site. Excavation of the mix of contaminated soil, which has included building rubble, remnants of vehicles, evidence of domestic solid waste and dentures (among other interesting items) continues at a brisk pace. The original contract was to see remediation completed by October 31st. There is evidence that there may be more than the original estimate of contaminated material present, however the CRD is working diligently toward the end of October deadline. Truck traffic continues to be heavy as the contaminated soil travels off site for proper disposal.

Comprehensive Groundwater Study Results

The Groundwater Task Force continues to work with Golder & Associates on the Comprehensive Groundwater Study for the District. The study is over halfway completed with a draft report being reviewed by the Task Force. We anticipate that Golder will be making a presentation of the initial findings on **Wednesday October 15th at a special committee of the whole meeting**. Please note the day of the week, a Wednesday, so as not to conflict with the holiday Monday and Federal elections on the Tuesday.

Hanington Creek Bylaw Amendment

A public hearing for Bylaw No. 310, amendment to Hanington Creek was held at the onset of the September 15th council meeting. There were no comments

received during the very brief, and possibly record setting, public hearing. Following the public hearing, during the regular council meeting, council gave 3rd Reading and adopted the amendment bylaw for Hanington Creek.

West Shore Studio Tour

Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5, 2008

Please join us for the **Fifth Annual West Shore Studio Tour!** Building on our huge success in past years, 24 artists will open their homes and studios in Colwood, Langford, Highlands and View Royal to the public the first weekend of October 4th and 5th, 10 AM to 5 PM. Maps for a self-guided tour of the studios will be available after September 1st at The Cloth Castle, Reflections Gallery, and other locations throughout the area, or on line at www.westshorearts.org – click on Arts Events. For more information, call Barb at 474-6717 or Marcela at 519-4729.



Highlands Youth Program – Fall Schedule

Friday evenings 6:30 – 8:30 pm
October 3 to December 5, 2008

Schoolhouse Basement, 1589 Millstream Rd. Games. Swimming, movie night, skating and more.

Come and join the fun Ages 6 to 12 + yrs. Highland Heritage Park Society and West Shore Parks and Recreation For more information: Bob McMinn 478-4403 bobmcminn@shaw.ca

VOTER REGISTRATION

You must register to vote before you receive a ballot. The District of Highlands will use the Provincial Voters' List as the District's List of Electors for the 2008 Local General Election. If you are registered as a provincial voter, you should be on this list. To confirm that you are on the Provincial Voters' List please contact Tina Neurauter or June Cameron at the District office – 250-474-1773. Or you can register in person at a voting place when you go vote.

RESIDENT ELECTOR:

To be registered as a Resident Elector, you must meet the following requirements:

- Age 18 or older, or will be on the day of election;
- Canadian citizen;
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to election day (May 13, 2008);
- Resident of the District of Highlands for at least 30 days immediately prior to voting day (since October 15, 2008).
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

PROPERTY ELECTOR:

To be registered as a Property Elector, you must meet the following requirements:

- Age 18 or older, or will be on the day of election;
- Canadian citizen;
- Resident of British Columbia for at least six months prior to election day (May 13/08);
- Registered owner of real property in the District of Highlands for at least 30 days immediately prior to Election Day (since Oct 15/08).
- Must not be entitled to register as a resident elector in the District of Highlands;
- Not disqualified by any enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.
- **If there is more than 1 registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.**

ELECTOR IDENTITY DOCUMENTS

The following are valid identity documents for proving elector identity:

- a British Columbia Driver's Licence
 - a British Columbia Identification Card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
 - an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle Licence issued by the Insurance Corporation of BC
 - a British Columbia CareCard or British Columbia Gold CareCard
 - a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form DES8
 - a Social Insurance Card issued by Human Resources Development Canada
 - a Citizenship Card issued by Citizenship and Immigration Canada
 - a real property tax notice issued under section 369 of the Local Government Act or section 21 of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act
 - a credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution as defined in s.29 of the Interpretation Act, or
 - a utility bill issued for the supply of electricity, natural gas, water, telephone services or coaxial cable services by
 - a public utility as defined in section 1 of the Utilities Commission Act
 - a gas utility as defined in section 1 of the Gas Utility Act,
 - a water utility as defined in section 1 of the Water Act,
 - the British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority, or
 - a corporation licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission for the purposes of that supply.
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**PROVISIONS FOR IDENTIFICATION DURING VOTING
IN THE FEDERAL ELECTION (OCTOBER 14, 2008)**

For the upcoming **Federal** election (October 14, 2008) , voters in British Columbia will be required to show identification. There are three options for proving your identity:

- One original piece of identification issued by a government or government agency containing photo, name and address. For example, a driver's license.
- Provide two original pieces of identification. Both pieces must contain your name and one must also contain your address. For example, a health card and utilities bill. A list of acceptable documents are on Elections Canada website www.elections.ca
- Swear an oath and be vouched for by a registered elector with acceptable identification who is in the same polling division. That could be a friend or a neighbour.

*For those **British Columbians who are currently out of town or will be out of town** or their electoral district, for the **Federal election**, here are is the advanced polling information: Canadian Forces can begin voting Sept. 29, with their last day to vote being Oct. 4. Advanced polls start Oct. 3, followed by a second day of voting Oct. 4. Registration and voting in acute care hospitals starts Oct. 5 and the last day of advanced polls is Oct. 6. Voters can vote by special ballot. To do that, voters can obtain in person or by mail a voting package. They can phone their local returning officer or Elections Canada (1800 463 6868), access one online, or go into a local returning office. Special ballot voting ends Oct. 7.*

For more detailed information for the upcoming November 15, 2008

Municipal election push the special

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