



Highlands News



HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY HALL
729 FINLAYSON ARM ROAD
2014 GENERAL ELECTION HELD ON SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 15 AND ADVANCE POLLS HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5 AND 12 FROM 8AM—8PM

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2014 MUNICIPAL ELECTION - SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2014

Advance Polls: Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014

All voting for the 2014 election will be held at the Highlands Community Hall
729 Finlayson Arm Road, from 8am—8 pm.

The District has appointed staff member Tina Neurauter as the Chief Election Officer and Mr. Thomas Moore of T. Moore and Associates will be retained as the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

Currently the nomination period is underway - this means that if you are interested in running for a seat on Council you must submit nomination papers to the Chief Election Officer between the period of September 30 and October 10, 2014. A nomination package may be obtained from the district office.



Call the District office at 250-474-1773 or visit the website for information:
bc-highlands.civicplus.com/238/Municipal-Election

Highlands Winter Craft Fair
Sunday, November 16th
10am - 4pm - Caleb Pike Heritage Park
1589 Millstream Road
Showcasing new vendors and ones you've grown to love.
For information please contact
highlandswintercraftfair@gmail.com



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS Highlands Volunteer Fire Department would like to remind residents to examine their address signs for visibility, including after dark. The District's fire fighters are trained as first responders. In the case of fire and medical or other 911 emergencies response time can become critically important.

Address signs should have numbers that are four inches in height in contrast colour to the background. It is critical that numbers be readily visible from the road from all approaches as on many District roads emergency services will arrive from different directions. Check yours the next time you access your driveway.

A reminder that the Fire Hazard Rating can be found on Fire Department signs located near each entrance to Highlands or visit the home page at highlands.ca for current information.



2014 PROPERTY TAXES REMINDER

This is a reminder that as of 4:00pm September 1, 2014 an additional 5% penalty was added to outstanding 2014 property taxes. Outstanding taxes that are in arrears (1 year overdue) and delinquent (2 years overdue) will continue to accrue daily interest at a rate set by the province.

If you have any questions regarding your taxes, please contact our office at 250-474-1773. Please note our office hours are 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Late payments must now be made at the Municipal Office located at 1980 Millstream Rd. We accept cash, cheque or debit.

REGIONAL LANDFILL KITCHEN SCRAP BAN - JANUARY 1, 2015 On January 1, 2015, kitchen scraps/food waste will be banned from entering the Hartland Regional Landfill. Residents can expect their garbage service company to provide a separate tote in which to deposit these items before that date. Those who take their garbage to a private facility or directly to the landfill should ensure that kitchen scraps are separated. Other options for disposal of kitchen scraps include backyard composting (fresh vegetable or fruit scraps) and backyard food digesters (dairy, cooked food including meat and bones), use of a private facility or delivery to Hartland Landfill (there is a bin located at the garbage area). Yard and garden waste is not included in this program. To learn more, visit crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/kitchen-scraps/regional-kitchen-scraps-strategy or phone the CRD Hotline at 250-360-3030. For assistance in locating a service provider or private facility, or to learn about options to dispose of or recycle any item, visit myrecyclopedia.ca.

Community and Council News



BE BEAR AWARE !! The District and the area Conservation Officers would like to remind all residents that the number one attractant to bears is household garbage, and that it is the responsibility of the home owner to ensure that household garbage is securely stored until the morning of collection day. Other attractants include fruit trees, bird feeders and pet food. Fruit trees should be picked as the fruit ripens and ensure that windfalls do not accumulate. If you are unable to pick the fruit yourself consider a local organization like *Lifecycles* which offers a program called: *The Fruit Tree Project* http://lifecyclesproject.ca/initiatives/fruit_tree/ a team of volunteers will come and pick the fruit and share the harvest with the homeowner, volunteers and local organizations. Also, please consider only filling your bird feeders during the winter months and to feed and store your pet's food indoors.

Some quick facts about bears: bears have an extremely good sense of smell and can smell food over a kilometer away; garbage is the number one bear attractant cited when reporting a call; bears that become highly food-conditioned and habituated to humans are often destroyed because of concerns for human safety; in BC it is an offence to leave out items that will attract wildlife - fines may be applied. Please visit the following websites for more information on bear safety:

wildsafebc.com | bearaware.bc.ca | env.gov.bc.ca/cos/info/wildlife_human_interaction/docs/bears.html

The District of Highlands is seeking to fill vacancies for their New Select Committees. Council adopted the Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP) in late 2012 and completed updating the Official Community Plan (OCP) in 2013 to create synergies between the ICSP and the OCP.

The ICSP contains 9 Strategy Areas which have been grouped together to form the framework for 3 new Highland Committees that replace all of the existing Select Committees and Task Forces.

Social Sustainability Select Committee

(Strategy Areas: Healthy Community, Economy and Work, Education and Leisure, Transportation and Mobility, Food, Related Financial Sustainability)

Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

(Strategy Areas: Land Use and Natural Area, Energy, Building and Sites, Water and Waste, Related Financial Sustainability)

Heritage Select Committee

(Basis for work: Community Heritage Values and Heritage Vision for the District of Highlands; Recommendations for a District of Highlands Heritage Register; Sustainable

Highlands and Highlands Community Heritage Register)

The District is also seeking individuals who would like to participate electronically only. These E-Participants are non-voting members who may, at their own discretion, provide input to the various committees on specific issues that the committees are addressing. The E-participants would receive an agenda and provide any comments they may wish to make to the voting committee for consideration.

Terms of Reference for these committees are available on the District of Highlands website: highlands.ca.

Interested persons are invited to submit a letter and brief personal resume outlining details of residency, expertise / interest in sustainability, community activities and reasons for wanting to serve. All such applications should clearly specify the committee of interest and should be submitted by October 14, 2014 to the District Office, 1980 Millstream Road or by email to tneurauter@highlands.ca.



REMINDER: Halloween fireworks will need a permit issued by the Fire Chief. Watch for the advertisements in the Goldstream Gazette running throughout October for information on how to become qualified for a permit. **Bylaw No. 254, Highland's Fireworks bylaw, can be found on the district's website.** Fireworks may only be set off between 5 p.m. and 10 p.m.



WEBSITE FEATURES: The District's new website has many features. You will never miss a meeting of Council if you register using "Notify Me". You can control the notifications you receive including: agendas,

minutes, news alerts and community events. You can also find answers to common questions, as well as bylaw information, tax information, fire status and the latest information on the upcoming municipal election. The website also allows the users to report community issues, discuss local projects with fellow citizens, respond to topics, use the mobile site, and complete and submit forms such as the grant in aid application. One of the best updated features is the site's search engine - locating information has never been easier!

Please visit highlands.ca to view the much improved site.



The CRD Regional Parks *Fall Nature Outings and Events* brochure for October to December 2014

is now out. Naturalists lead guided walks, hikes, drop-in events and canoeing for all ages and abilities are available. Most are free, all are fun! Find the Fall brochure here : www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/parks-pdf/fallnatureprograms2014web.pdf?sfvrsn=4

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES Highlands new community hall is nearly complete! As noted on page 1, it will serve as **the voting place for this year's civic election. Currently, work is being completed on both the stage and kitchen areas.**

Replacement of the east fire hall is well underway, with lock up planned for November and final completion for April 2015.



Rendering of East Fire Hall

STAY INFORMED: visit the District website: highlands.ca

Council & District News



The NCC, in partnership with landowners and the District, holds a number of conservation covenants on private land parcels in the Highlands. One of NCC's responsibilities is to monitor and during the course of their work this year several interesting observations were made. The NCC produced a report for Highlands highlighting these discoveries. Read it online at highlands.ca/documentcenter/view/5146 or visit the district office.

ECOASIS – BEAR MOUNTAIN On June 23 the new owner of the former Bear Mountain properties held a public consultation at the School House. Information and ideas were exchanged with those residents in attendance. A comprehensive presentation is available on the district website along with two key documents, and can be viewed at highlands.ca/363/Ecoasis-Bear-Mountain.

CAPITAL REGION INVASIVE SPECIES PARTNERSHIP (CRISP) is a collaborative partnership of staff from municipalities, the CRD, the provincial government and other major land managers in the region. At the regular meeting held September 2, Council appointed Councillor Allen Dobb to serve as its representative on CRISP. Benefits of joining include improved sharing of information and a greater capacity to manage invasive species in Highlands through joint initiatives. See highlands.bc.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/1009?fileID=1692 and coastalisc.com/regional-committees/crisp for more information.



CARBON NEUTRAL The BC Climate Action Charter, to which the District is a signatory, commits local governments to be on the path to becoming carbon neutral in their corporate operations starting in reporting year 2012. At the regular meeting held May 5, Council considered options to purchase credits in order for the District to become carbon neutral for 2013. Council authorized the purchase of 70 tonnes worth of carbon credits, at a total cost of \$1,750 plus GST, through the Community Carbon Marketplace to benefit Island Biodiesel Coop, a Vancouver Island business. To view the detailed staff report, go to: highlands.bc.ca/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Item/970?fileID=1531



HABITAT ACQUISITION TRUST
helping people understand & care for nature in the capital region

Habitat Acquisition Trust's (HAT) newest campaign aims to document the habits and population of the ten known species of bats located on Vancouver Island. If you have a colony of bats on your property or in a building, or would like to learn more, visit www.hat.bc.ca/index.php/bats/about-our-program. HAT will also provide advice or assistance to those homeowners who wish to relocate a colony from a building.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013 In accordance with provincial regulation, district staff produces a report each midyear which summarizes and highlights the previous year's accomplishments. 2013's report is filled with facts about Highlands municipal services and contains great photos, too. It's available online at highlands.ca/DocumentCenter/View/5174 and at the district office, and is recommended reading for Highlands residents.

FIRE CHIEFS, PAST AND PRESENT It was with regret that Council received notice of Guy Brisbois' retirement as Fire Chief following a year's leave related to his temporary relocation due to work obligations. Guy served as Chief for four years following 15 years of service to the fire department. At the regular meeting held July 14, Council appointed Acting Fire Chief Dean Ford as Chief. Dean has served for 23 years to date. On behalf of the community, we sincerely thank both of these outstanding leaders for their dedication and service to our residents and district.

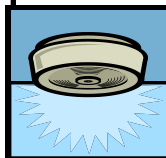
FIRE DEPARTMENT RECRUITING for 2015 volunteer positions is now open, with spaces for firefighters, first responder only, traffic controllers, out of district (fire fighter only) and auxiliary firefighters (requires previous experience). Applications are available online at highlands.ca/DocumentCenter/View/4058

Backyard burning is slated to open October 15 if the weather continues to be cooler and wetter. Please check signs as you enter the district and/or the district website for current information.

Did you know that smoke detectors expire 10 years after the date of manufacture? Check yours and replace as required.

Halloween celebrations will be held at the West hall only this year on October 31st and will feature fireworks, bonfire, hot dogs, games, candy, hot drinks, and maybe a laser show, too! Watch for details posted at mailboxes and online at highlands.ca.

Thank you to everyone that visited the Fire Department's table at the Fling!



Remember to replace the batteries in any battery-operated smoke alarms on November 2nd when we turn the clocks back one hour for the end of Day Light

October's Highlands Folk Music Coffee House is on Saturday, October 11th. All information can be found on the District's website at: <http://highlands.bc.ca/323/Highlands-Folk-Coffee-House>
For more information please call: 778-678-2409 or email: zhinoos9@gmail.com

Date: Oct. 11, 7.30pm (doors open at 7) | Place: Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road | Charges: \$5.00 /person - coffee, tea and goodies

RCMP INCIDENTS REPORT August 2014

AUGUST

- 01 - Animal call - Millstream
- 02 - Abandoned call - Rowntree
- 03 - Traffic - White Pine
- 04 - Animal call - York Ridge
- 06 - Abandoned call - Bukin
- 07 - Traffic - Ross Durrance/ Millstream Lake
- 07 - Theft from vehicle - Ross Durrance
- 09 - Traffic - Millstream/ Millstream Lake
- 09 - Fraud - Millstream
- 09 - Assist - Industrial
- 10 - False Alarm - Millstream
- 13 - Collision—Ross Durrance/ Hazlitt Creek
- 14 - Traffic - Finlayson Arm/ Millstream
- 15 - Theft - Southwood
- 15 - Mischief - Finlayson Arm
- 18 - Indecent Act - Westridge
- 22 - Collision—Millstream
- 23 - Bylaw - Millstream/ Red Cedar
- 24 - Firearms - Woodridge
- 24 - Theft from vehicle - Southwood
- 24 - Traffic - Millstream/ Taylor
- 26 - Traffic—Taylor
- 27 - Traffic - Munn
- 27 - Traffic—Munn
- 28 - Assist - Ross Durrance
- 29 - False Alarm - Munn Road
- 29 - Lost Property - Bear Mnt. Prkway
- 29 - Abandoned Vehicle - Taylor
- 30 - Firearm - Compton
- 31 - Firearms Act - White Pine
- 31 - Abandoned Call - Blacktail/ Jayhawk



SOIL DEPOSIT/ REMOVAL PROHIBITED AFTER OCTOBER 31

Bylaw No. 341, District of Highlands Soil Deposit and Soil Removal and Fees

Bylaw regulates the deposit/ removal of soil in the District of Highlands. Section 13 f) states: every Permittee holding a soil deposit or removal permit may only deliver or remove from the site that is subject to the permit between the dates of May 1 and October 31 of each year.

VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Volunteers of the month are all those who brought the community together at this year's 'Highlands Fling'. The community celebrated a beautiful sunny filled day together with excellent entertainment, vendor and community information booths. A job well done by all the organizers and volunteers. We thank you for your dedicated commitment and many important contributions to the Highlands community!



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 Councillor Diane Gill - didoll@live.ca / 250-391-8928
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District of Highlands Office - 250-474-1773
 CRD Bylaw Enforcement—250-474-3351
 CRD Animal Control (24 hrs) - 250-478-0624

CRD Parks—250-478-3344
 Wildlife Violations—1-800-663-9453

OCTOBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- OCTOBER 6 & 20- Council Meeting, School House, 7pm
- OCTOBER 10 & 24 - CRD Recycling Blue Box pickup
- OCTOBER 11 - Coffee House, School House, 7.30pm
- OCTOBER 13 - District Office closed for Thanksgiving
- OCTOBER 14 - Committee of the Whole, School House, 7pm (NB: Tuesday)

PLEASE visit the District website, highlands.ca for detailed agenda information in advance of meetings



BLUEBOX DAY RECYCLING REMINDER APPS are available at no cost in the app stores - search for *RecycleCRD* or visit crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/curbside-recycling-program to learn more.

Thank you to all those Highlanders who spent time and effort cutting and clearing broom over the past few months - the improvements are both noticed and truly appreciated!

HIGHLAND BRIDGES - PART THREE Turn off Millstream Road onto Finlayson Arm Road and you will shortly be crossing Bellamy Bridge. Brothers Frank and Edward Bellamy lived in a small cabin on Millstream Road near the Finlayson Arm Road intersection. Edward was the Highland District Postmaster from 1941 to 1945 distributing mail from his home. Edward passed away in 1946. Frank held the post of auditor or treasurer of the Highland School District. When the Highland School was preparing to reopen after being closed since 1923, Frank Bellamy helped out by reshingling the School roof. When the Highland School closed again in 1941, this time for good, Frank held on to the school trustee records. These dated from the **School's opening in 1893 to its closing in 1941. When Frank died in 1960** these records passed on to his niece, Nellie Cooke, who lived on the property next to him. A few years after her passing these very important records, now in the possession of the Highland Community Museum, were found in a **cardboard box in the attic of Nellie's garage.**



Deteriorated School House & Teacherage



School House & Teacherage today



If you would like an electronic copy of the Highlands News visit the District website's homepage: highlands.ca. Please consider passing this newsletter on to any tenants or other residents who are without a Highlands mailbox. Thank you!



Beautiful Rocks, a fascinating book about the history of Highlands, is available at the municipal office for \$29.95, or phone Daphne Allen, 250-478-7338.