



# Highlands News



At the beginning of each month a concise guide to events and important dates in Highlands will be posted on <[www.highlands.ca](http://www.highlands.ca)> . Visit the website to help plan your month!



Highlands residents woke up to a wintery blast February 23rd. Although the snow and ice created challenges for commuters, the weather provided lovely scenic views.

*Photo credit: Alec Provan*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS** In 2010, seven new volunteer fire fighters joined the department and completed their training and are now full fledged fire fighters. This year, a further seven recruits are working to complete the training courses. The Department now boasts a near-full complement of volunteers! Members are still being sought for the East Firehall (any address east of Mt. Work Park on Munn Rd.). Further, officials welcome any and all interested persons to contact them regardless of where they might reside within the District.

If you are working to clean up excess fuel load in your yard (fallen branches, etc.) a reminder that annual burning restrictions come into effect in just one month (April 1) after which permits will be required for outdoor burning. Please note that a permit is required year round for hand piles larger than 1 metre by 1 metre or for machine-made piles. Contact the Fire Chief or Deputy Fire Chief to request a permit (contact information on page 4).

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**MAYOR'S MESSAGE** Council is very pleased to note that the Fire Department membership has increased; it is comforting for Highlanders to know that expert assistance is nearby in case of emergency. We sincerely appreciate all those who have recently signed up as well as those who continue to serve the community in these important volunteer positions. Fire fighting not for you? Please review the positions advertised on page 2 - any Highlands resident is eligible to serve as it is a variety of perspectives that brings value to the decision-making process. All inquiries are welcome.

Council is reviewing the annual municipal budget, and residents are invited to participate in the process over the next few months - please see the article on page 3 for further information.

A reminder for residents to regularly visit the district website, [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca). It is updated often, and is the very best resource for staying informed on community matters.

Mayor Jane Mendum

**TOUR DE VICTORIA - (BICYCLE ROAD RACE) - UPDATE** As reported in the January edition, the District has received traffic management plans for this event. At its February 21 regular meeting, Council reviewed the plans and approved use of the District roads (Munn, Millstream Lake North, and Ross Durrance Roads) between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 28th 2011.

The traffic management plans, (not specific to District roads), allow some traffic flow during the race by limiting the route to one lane. Details will be made available throughout the region ahead of time.

The staff report and regional traffic management plans can be viewed at: [highlands.ca/agendas/council/2011/02\\_21\\_Council\\_Agenda.asp](http://highlands.ca/agendas/council/2011/02_21_Council_Agenda.asp).

The Tour de Victoria website is: [www.tourdevictoria.com](http://www.tourdevictoria.com).

**THANK YOU FROM COUNCILLOR SIGURD JOHANNESSEN**  
I want to send out a sincere *thank you* to everyone, for your support and help during and after my surgery!

Honora and I appreciated your thoughts and prayers through a very difficult period. Since the surgery, every day gets better and better and I look forward to attending the next Council Meeting on March 7.

THE DISTRICT would like to extend a warm Highlands welcome to our new full time administrative assistant Liz Condon, who joined our staff on Monday, February 28th.

## ***The Highlands News — MARCH 2011***

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# Community News

**VOLUNTEERISM:** *Performing an act of kindness, freely giving of your talent, time, and effort for the simple fulfillment of community expectations.....*



*DOES volunteering an hour or two each month seem appealing to you? If so the District of Highlands is still inviting appointments to the following committees:*

- Community Infrastructure and Services Committee
- Fiscal and Environmental Committee
- Heritage Task Force
- Board of Variance

Full Terms of Reference for these committees are available on the District website: [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca).

Anyone interested in serving is invited to submit a letter and / or a resume detailing their interest to serve on one of these committees.

All submissions should be forwarded to the District office or email to: [tneurauter@highlands.ca](mailto:tneurauter@highlands.ca) by March 15, 2011.

*Generally, committees meet once per month in the evening, except July, August and December.*

## WORK ON SUSTAINABILITY PLAN CONTINUES

The Highlands Sustainability Strategy Advisory Committee (SSAC) has been very active in the past month by providing direction for a draft Integrated Community Sustainability Plan (ICSP). In the fall of **2010, nine strategy or 'theme' areas were defined.** At the Sustainability Fair in November, members of the public were involved in creating Descriptions of Success for sustainability in 2030 in each area. The next step was to define which actions would take priority in working toward a more sustainable Highlands; actions will be reviewed annually. The 42 recommendations from the 2009 Sustainability Task Force were used as a starting point for defining actions. They were revised and narrowed down to a manageable list of actions that could move us in the right direction in a relatively short period of time. Our consultant, the Whistler Centre for Sustainability, developed a series of indicators to help measure our annual progress. The indicators are currently being reviewed by the SSAC. A draft ICSP will be ready for public comment soon at: [highlands.ca/sustainability](http://highlands.ca/sustainability).

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



**REZONING APPLICATION RZ-01-11** At its regular meeting, Monday, February 21 Council received a report from the District Planner regarding rezoning application RZ-01-11 (1784 Millstream Road/ Finlayson Arm Road). The application proposes to create nine additional lots from two existing parcels (11 residential lots in total) and offers land for park and trail access as amenities. Council recommended sending this application to its APC and Select Committees, and referred the proposal to various outside agencies for review and recommendations. Council further requested that staff provide a subsequent report in future.

Signs indicating that the properties are the subject of a rezoning application have been installed. Information regarding this rezoning **application can be found on the district's website at:** [highlands.ca/planning](http://highlands.ca/planning). Click on *Current Rezoning/OCP Applications*; a table will open with links to detailed information.

The applicant, Fred York, invites public input to the proposed rezoning. If you have any questions or comments for the applicant, please contact Fred by phone (250-857-0360) or by email at: [yorkexcavatingfy@shaw.ca](mailto:yorkexcavatingfy@shaw.ca).

Questions or comments regarding this proposal may be directed to the **District's planner, Laura Beckett or Mayor and Council.**

Visit [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca) for contact information, or phone the District office (250-474-1773).



*The 2011 Census is staffing 35,000 jobs across Canada. Please tell friends and family about opportunities to work on the census. These jobs are ideal for: recently retired persons, stay-at-home parents, students and those wanting to supplement their income. Rates of pay (\$14.72 to \$18.04 an hour) vary by assignment. The work period is early March to the end of July 2011, depending on assignment. Visit the 2011 Census website or call 1-866-773-2011 for more information. If you can commit to at least 20 hours per week including evenings, weekends and holidays, apply now. To download and submit an online application, visit the website at: [census2011.gc.ca](http://census2011.gc.ca)*

### 2011 Council Meeting Schedule

March: 7 | 21  
April: 4 | 18  
May: 2 | 16  
June: 6 | 20  
July: 18  
August: 22  
September: 6 | 19  
October: 3 | 17  
November: 7 | 21  
December: 5 | 19

## PARKS EVENTS

### MARCH

Another exciting month at CRD Parks:  
Mar 5 | 1-30pm  
Forest Tea Party  
Francis King Park  
Mar 6 | 10.30-1pm  
Moss Landscapes  
Francis Ken Park  
Mar 19 | 1-3pm  
Spring Fling  
Francis King Park  
Mar 27 | 1-3pm  
Close Encounter of the Natural Kind  
Francis King Park

*For a complete listing of Nature Outings and Events call 250.478.3344 or visit [www.crd.bc.ca/](http://www.crd.bc.ca/)*

**STAY INFORMED:** visit the District website: [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca)

# Council & District News

**HERITAGE TASK FORCE UPDATE** Last summer, Highland's Council tasked us with our first step: "identify community heritage values and a heritage vision for the Highlands." After much community consultation, we presented our report to Council in January. The full report and synopsis can be viewed through the Highlands Heritage Task Force link at: [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca).

**Our second phase of work, which began in February, is to "recommend to Council property, buildings or other areas of the municipality to be included on a Community Heritage Register."**

A Community Heritage Register formally lists places that reflect the heritage values of the community. By first identifying community values associated with significant events, eras and trends in the community, we now have a Highlands-specific tool to ensure thoughtful and informed identification of different heritage resources for inclusion in the register. Once adopted, the heritage register will facilitate integration of heritage considerations in community planning, provide formal recognition for historic properties, and enable monitoring of heritage resources.

It is important to note that inclusion in the heritage register is not the same as heritage designation. A Community Heritage Register provides formal recognition of heritage places and is adopted by Council, but does not automatically provide legal protection. Heritage designation is a more involved procedure that results in the continued protection of heritage property through site-specific bylaws and the use of permits to monitor change. However, it is possible through the process of developing a Community Heritage Register important heritage resources might be recommended for future heritage designation. When heritage resources occur on private land, consultation with owners is a critical part of both processes.

Using community knowledge, and documented sources such as "Beautiful Rocks - A History of the Highland District", we will identify ten or more places that represent the range of heritage values brought forward by the community through our public engagement process. Each item in the heritage register requires a formal written "Statement of Significance" which includes a detailed description, the identification of heritage values, and a list of character-defining elements of the heritage resource. After Council's approval, they will be listed on the BC Register of Historic Places.

We welcome your comments and questions, and are always interested to hear from members of our community. View our webpage through the link at [highlands.bc.ca](http://highlands.bc.ca) and please feel free to email us at: [heritage@highlands.ca](mailto:heritage@highlands.ca).

Heritage Task Force Members

**2011-2015 FINANCIAL PLAN CONSULTATION** The District has begun the budget process for this year. The Community Charter requires local governments to enact a five year financial plan (budget) and to consult on the budget with the community. The consultation can take different forms depending on the needs of the municipality.

Highlands holds a series of budget meetings at the scheduled Committee of the Whole sessions on the second Monday of each month. The process for this year began with an overview on February 14. You will find the presentation on our website by looking at the February 14 Committee of the Whole agenda. The next scheduled session is for Monday, March 14, 7:00 pm at the School House. **These budget sessions provide a method by which to become familiar with the District's finances, but more importantly** provide community members with an opportunity to provide input into the services and proposed projects that the District undertakes.

**WATER ACT MODERNIZATION INPUT (B.C. GOV)** Council, on recommendation from the Ground Water Task Force, has provided comments and questions to the province on the recently released Policy Proposal for the new Water Sustainability Act. Concerns were raised around four areas, the "first in time, first in right" system, the lower limits which would require monitoring, tradable permits, and the delegation of authority. It is hoped that if the province responds to Council's questions in time, there will be an opportunity to provide further comment before the March 14th deadline. Public input is also welcomed. For more information, visit the Highlands municipal web-



## HIGHLANDS FOLK MUSIC NIGHT

Highlands Folk Music presents Bowker Creek on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>

An acoustic roots band that melds folk, bluegrass swing, blues, old time and country!

**Bowker Creek brings its own musical and harmonic arrangements to a diverse range of music styles. It's hard to actually nail down a specific genre as the band draws its influences from the varied musical backgrounds of its members. It's bluegrass fusion that melds folk, bluegrass swing, blues, old time and country.**

The evening begins with an open stage segment. Everyone welcome!

For more information please call (250) 474-5831 or email [musicinhighlands@shaw.ca](mailto:musicinhighlands@shaw.ca).



Time: 7:30pm

Place: Caleb Pike House, 1589 Millstream Road

Charges: \$5.00 /person - coffee, tea and goodies provided

# RCMP INCIDENTS REPORT

## January 16 to February 15, 2011

### JANUARY

- 16 - False Alarms - Taylor
- 17 - False Alarms - Stewart Mountain
- 19 - Unspecified Assistance - Hazlitt Creek Rd
- 20 - Unspecified Assistance - Hanbury
- 22 - Theft from Vehicle Under \$5000 - Caleb Pike/ Millstream
- 24 - Unspecified Assistance - Millstream  
Mischief \$5000 or < - Ross Durrance /Willis Point
- 28 - Abandoned Vehicles - Emma Dixon/Millstream
- 31 - Traffic-Other Moving Provincial - Munn

Mill-

### FEBRUARY

- 1 - Parking Violations - Lorimer/Millstream
- 2 - False Alarms - Stewart Mountain
- 4 - Theft from MV Under 5000 - Caleb Pike /Millstream
- 6 - 911-False/Abandoned Calls - Bukin  
Collision-Damage > \$1000 - Millstream /Hanington  
911-False/Abandoned Calls - Emma Dixon
- 7 - Break & Enter-Residence - Red Cedar  
Theft of Auto Under \$5000 - Lorimer
- 8 - Bylaw-Other - Duggan  
Break & Enter-Residence - Millstream Lake  
Traffic-Other Moving Provincial - Millstream /  
Finlayson Arm
- 9 - Mischief \$5000 or Under - Lorimer
- 10 - Suspicious Pers/Veh/Occurrence - Millstream  
Theft from MV Under \$5000 - Blacktail  
Theft from MV Under \$5000 - Southwood  
Property-Found - Caleb Pike /Highlands Park  
Theft from MV Under \$5000 - Blacktail  
Theft from MV Under \$5000 - Emma Dixon
- 12 - Unspecified Assistance - Millstream  
Mischief \$5000 or Under - Stewart Mountain /Millstream  
Collision-Damage Over \$1000 - Munn /Bukin
- 15 - Unspecified Assistance - Lone Tree



**VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH** This month we recognize Zhinoos Armstrong, who generously (and with great humour and style) organized and hosted the Highlands Folk Music for nearly thirteen years. Zhinoos always had jokes and pieces of wisdom to pass on to delighted audiences. This monthly community event has become a favourite among Highlands residents, and has brought many interesting and talented guests and visitors to the Caleb Pike Homestead over the years. Zhinoos ensured that proceeds from folk music nights provided donations for worthy causes, as well.

We're very sad to hear that Zhinoos has moved away from the Highlands. Thank you, Zhinoos, for your valued contributions to our community – you will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the best!

**IT'S ALMOST SPRING...** March 20, in fact, but many Highlanders are already 'spring cleaning'. For up-to-date tips on recycling unusual items and information on current pilot programs within the region, visit: [crd.bc.ca/waste/recycle/index.htm](http://crd.bc.ca/waste/recycle/index.htm) or phone the CRD Hotline at 250-360-3030 (regular office hours, closed for lunch 12–1 p.m.).

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 CRD Bylaw Enforcement—250-474-3351  
 CRD Animal Control (24 hrs) - 250-478-0624

### MARCH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- March 2 - Fiscal and Environmental Committee, Pike House, 7.30pm
- March 2 - Heritage Task Force, School House, 7pm
- March 3 - Sustainability Strategy, School House, 6.30pm
- March 4 & 18 - CRD Recycling Blue Box pickup
- March 8 - Community Infrastructure & Services, Pike House, 7pm
- March 7 - Regular Council Meeting, School House, 7pm
- March 9 - Community Centre Task Force - School House, 7.30pm
- March 14 - Committee of the Whole, School House, 7pm
- March 16 - Heritage Task Force - School House, 7pm
- March 16 - Advisory Planning Commission, Pike House, 7pm
- March 21 - Regular Council Meeting, School House, 7pm
- March 23 - Community Infrastructure, School House, 7.30pm

*PLEASE visit the District website, [highlands.ca](http://highlands.ca) for detailed agenda information in advance of meetings*

**HIGHLANDS HISTORY - DID YOU KNOW?** The next time you go to the Highland Municipal Hall, as you pull into the parking lot, take a quick look up to your right. Part way up the bank there is a small opening surrounded by bricks. This is the remains of the only known limekiln found in the Highlands. Constructed sometime in the 1880s, it is evidence of Highland pioneer's attempts at joining in a thriving industry. Lime was an important ingredient in cement and plaster and was used for fertilizer. Caleb Pike and his son Charles put this ad in the Daily Colonist September 21, 1886.

**"Millstream Lime Kiln, C & C Pike, Proprietors. The Lime from this Kiln is a clear white and beautiful article of great strength and unequalled for building and finishing purposes. It is acknowledged to be The Best Lime yet Discovered on the Island. It possesses all the properties of the justly celebrated San Juan Lime and is better in some respects, suited for every description of work. The proprietors feel sure that anyone trying this lime once will use no other. Samples may be seen at Mr. W.G. Lukers' Grocery store, corner of Douglas and Cormorant Streets Victoria with whom orders may be left. Orders by mail promptly filled. C&C Pike, Millstream, B.C."**



*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.