



Mayor's Message

The District is happy to announce that Amanda Irving has been appointed as Corporate Officer in August following the departure of Melisa Miles - we wish Melisa well in her new endeavors.

Amanda has significant local government experience within the Capital Regional District, most recently with the City of Colwood as the Deputy Corporate Officer. Amanda's commitment to public service is an excellent fit with the District and we are very pleased that she has joined our small staff team and look forward to our work with her. Please join us in welcoming Amanda to the Highlands.



Highlands CO, Amanda Irving

South Island Powwow

September 30th marks National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The annual South Island Powwow is an opportunity to recognize Survivors and their families in the spirit of reconciliation. Through song and dance, we will celebrate traditional Indigenous cultures and resiliency to stand together on Orange Shirt Day.

When: September 30th, 2024

Gates Open at 10 am, Grand Entries at 12 pm & 6 pm. Colours retire at midnight.

Where: Royal Athletic Park 1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC. Free admission

NEW BURNING RESTRICTIONS

EFFECTIVE AUGUST 28, 2024

FIRE RATING IS MODERATE/HIGH

THIS MEANS the following outdoor burning is allowed by permit only:

<.5m RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRES

Free permits at: [HVFD.BURNPERMITS.COM](https://www.hvfd.bc.ca/burnpermits)

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024
3RD ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND POWWOW
Free Admission
Everyone is Welcome

YOUTH SPECIAL (BOYS & GIRLS SEPARATED)	ADULT IRONMAN	ROUND DANCE DRUM SPECIAL
1ST PLACE \$500	1ST PLACE \$3,000	1ST PLACE \$5,000
2ND PLACE \$300	2ND PLACE \$1,500	2ND PLACE \$2,500
3RD PLACE \$200	3RD PLACE \$750	3RD PLACE \$1,000

Royal Athletic Park
1014 Caledonia Ave, Victoria, BC

DISTRICT OF HIGHLANDS

Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders Needed

Maybe It's Time To Add A New Suit To Your Wardrobe

We have positions for Firefighters, First Responders, Traffic Control, Auxiliary Fire Fighters and even people who live "out of district" that want to be Highlands volunteer firefighters.

The CRD Invites Public Input as it Updates the Regional Water Supply Strategic Plan



“The Regional Water Supply Commission is planning for the future of our region’s water. We want to hear from the people we serve as we consider population growth, climate change and economic factors,” said Gord Baird, Chair of the Regional Water Supply Commission.

Greater Victoria residents are invited to take a brief [survey](#) to help the CRD understand community interest in the plan and preferred ways to share additional feedback as the strategic plan takes shape. **The survey is available online until September 30 at 11:55 pm.** Information gathered from the survey will help shape the future engagement for this project, which is expected later this fall.

<https://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/regional-water-supply-strategic-plan>

Highlands District Community Association Fall Events Update

Summer is almost over and that means it's time for the **Highland Fling**. Your Highlands District Community Association (HDCA), together with the Highland Heritage Park Society (HHPS) and the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department welcome you to this annual community festival and market open to all Highland residents, friends and family. The Fling is on **Sunday September 8th** at the Caleb Pike Heritage Park (1589 Millstream Rd) from 12 noon to 4 pm. There will be games, displays, live music, a market, hot dogs and ice cream, face painting and a giant Tug of War.

The fall HDCA Speaker Series will be bringing you two great talks:

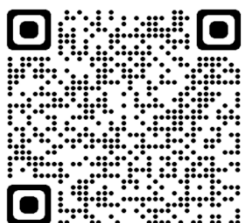
September 24th Septic Savvy presented by the CRD - Highlands District Community Hall 729 Finlayson Arm Rd (time to be announced)

October 8th (rain/cloud date Oct 10) The Night Sky presented by Sid Sidhu (time and location to be announced)

Don't forget the **HHPS Christmas Market** on November 17th - a great place to pick up Christmas gifts.

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=10006456217740>



Watch for HDCA events at the mailbox bulletin boards and the sandwich boards on the roadside at the entrances to the Highlands.

Website: <https://highlands-hdca.weebly.com>



HIGHLAND FLING

SEPTEMBER 8
12-4_{pm} SUNDAY

Caleb Pike Heritage Park
1589 Millstream Road

Local Market - Displays - Ice cream
Face Painting - Live Music - Kids Crafts
Balloon Animals - Hotdogs
Games - Giant Tug of War
50/50 Draw - Hay Mountain

Brought to you by
the Highlands District Community Association (HDCA)
the Highlands Volunteer Fire Department
and the Highland Heritage Park Society (HHPS)

Highlands Community Garden Update



"Your garden plot is never big enough, except maybe during harvest season."

And what a harvest season we are having in the Highlands Community Garden! Early communal crops of strawberries, raspberries, josta berries, loganberries and red and black currants have been replaced by figs, peaches blackberries and garlic. We will soon be harvesting plums, pears, squash, tomatoes, apples and hazelnuts to share from the communal garden plots and the orchard.

Do you want to share next year? Contact highlandscommunitygarden@outlook.com for more info about garden bed rentals and communal garden bed membership. And happy harvesting everyone!

Highlands Music Coffee House



Shinndig

The Highlands Music Coffee House started in 1998 to provide a community event each month where Highlanders, and anyone that enjoys music and arts, young and old, could gather once a month to listen to live music and have a place where kinship could grow. These music events are free for the 15 years and younger audience; also it is free (or whatever they can afford) for those who don't have the means (we merely provide a donation box). For the rest, we suggest \$15.00, this is so we can continue bringing talented musicians.

zhinoos219@gmail.com

September 21 - Shinndig

October 12 - Sari Alesh and Dave Conway

November 9 - Terry Boyle and Friends

Doors open 6:30pm, Sat. Night, 1589 Millstream Rd.

BC Hydro Rebates for Solar Panels and Battery Storage



As of July 23, 2024, BC Hydro is offering rebates up to \$5,000 on eligible grid-connected solar panels and up to an additional \$5,000 for battery storage systems to qualifying residential customers. You can install solar panels or a battery, or both to maximize the value of your project and your rebate.

Rebates for self-generation are one of the ways we're helping meet the province's growing need for renewable electricity and providing you with more options for managing your energy use.

Review our guides to [solar panels](#), [battery storage systems](#), and the process for connecting your system to our electrical grid through the [self-generation program](https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/electrical-connections/self-generation.html). <https://app.bchydro.com/accounts-billing/electrical-connections/self-generation.html>



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NOW RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS FOR SELECT COMMITTEES

The District of Highlands is seeking volunteers to contribute to decision making on matters affecting the Municipality. Community members wishing to participate are encouraged to apply by **December 27, 2024**.

The following Board and Committees are seeking volunteer members:

- Highlands Heritage Select Committee
- Highlands Social Sustainability Select Committee
- Highlands Sustainable Land Use Select Committee

For terms ending:
December 31, 2026
December 31, 2026
December 31, 2026

The District of Highlands is interested in learning what may encourage community interest for increased committee membership for its Social Sustainability Select Committee. Please forward your ideas to airving@highlands.ca.

In addition, there is opportunity for residents to participate on all Select Committees as an "E-Participant" with terms ending December 31, 2026. E-participants are not permitted to vote on meeting agenda items, however, are able to provide feedback on agenda items without attending meetings.

Terms of Reference for the Board of Variance and Select Committees are available on the District's website at <https://www.highlands.ca/367/Select-Committees>.

For More Information: Please contact the District office at 250-474-1773
Application Deadline: Friday December 27, 2024
How to Apply: Please submit a letter outlining details of relevant background information by the application deadline to Amanda Irving, Corporate Officer, by mail or drop box to 1980 Millstream Road, Highlands, BC, V9B 6H1 or by email to airving@highlands.ca

Contact Info

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778-350-8180
- Councillor Ann Baird
ann@eco-sense.ca
250-812-5481
- Councillor Gord Baird
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- Councillor Karel Roessingh
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- Councillor Rose Stanton
rose26@telus.net
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- Fire Chief Ford
firechief@highlands.ca
250-920-6970

Highlands Winter Craft Fair

Highlands Winter Craft Fair will be held 10am to 4pm on November 17 at Caleb Pike Heritage Park and at the Highlands Community Hall. If you wish to be a vendor contact me at daffjim@telus.net and I will send you an application. ~ Daphne Allen

- Municipal Office
info@highlands.ca
250-474-1773
- CRD Animal Control
250-478-0624
- CRD Bylaw Enforcement
250-474-3351
- CRD Parks
250-478-3344
- Wildlife Information
1-800-663-9453

Meeting Dates

Meetings held at Highlands Community Hall 729 Finlayson Arm Rd.

September

- Council – Monday – September 9 – 7 pm
- Social Sustainability Select Committee - Tuesday – September 10 - 7pm
- Heritage Select Committee - Wednesday – September 11 – 7:30pm
- Sustainable Land Use Select Committee - Wednesday – September 25 - 7:15pm
- Truth and Reconciliation Day Holiday – Monday, September 30

October

- Council – Monday, October 7 – 7 pm
- Social Sustainability Select Committee - Tuesday – October 8 – 7 pm
- Heritage Select Committee – Wednesday – October 9 – 7:30 pm
- Thanksgiving Holiday – Monday, October 14
- Committee of the Whole – Tuesday – October 15 – 7 pm
- Sustainable Land Use Select Committee - Wednesday – October 16 - 7:15pm
- Council – Monday – October 21 – 7 pm

November

- Council - Monday – November 4 – 7pm
- Social Sustainability Select Committee - Tuesday – November 5 - 7pm
- Committee of the Whole – Tuesday – November 12 – 7 pm
- Heritage Select Committee – Wednesday, November 13 – 7:30 pm
- Council – Monday – November 18 – 7pm
- Sustainable Land Use Select Committee – Wednesday, November 20 – 7:15 pm



Remember to replace the batteries in any battery-operated smoke alarms on Sunday, November 3rd when we turn the clocks back one hour. Get your fire extinguishers tested and clean your gutters. Should a fire start near you, these actions might save your lives and your home.

Stay connected! Check out our website at www.highlands.ca and subscribe to *Notify Me* which allows you to sign up to an unlimited number of email lists. Receive email or text message updates regarding the information you have requested that is important to you!

