

Area C Communicator

Notes from the Director

Greetings to all Area C Residents,

First let me start this quarterly newsletter by saying thank you for all the warm wishes and phone calls from all corners of this wonderful area we live in. I am so honoured to be able to serve you folks in Area C. Since the election, I have had and returned 147 calls about a variety of issues and somewhere in the neighbourhood of 80 emails; all of which raised a variety of worthy topics. As I write this newsletter, I am getting ready to meet with some of the major players in two different ministries, one of which is Highways. I would like to confirm Cathy Robinson as your Alternate Director for Area C.

On the 23rd of March @ 7:00 p.m. at the West Creston Hall, I am hosting the first Town Hall Meeting for Area C residents. These meetings will be held 4 times a year to ensure all residents of Area C have a chance to be heard and receive information about what is going on in the valley. Please join me for coffee, tea, cake & cookies and some light fellowship.

Town Hall Meetings

- **Regular Area C Meetings are scheduled for 2009 and will be held at the West Creston Community Hall at 7:00 p.m.**

2009 Schedule

March 23
June 22
September 21
November 30

Area C Citizens Committee Takes Shape!

A Community Meeting was held on February 12th to discuss and plan the formation of an Area C Citizens Committee. An area committee and Advisory Planning Commission (APC) will provide Area C with a direct link to the RDCK process that involves planning, development and zoning decisions and other important issues. Through this committee, the community will be kept informed and be able to become involved in the planning and future of our community.

Several community members volunteered to undertake the formation of an Area C Citizens Committee. They met on February 19th to lay the groundwork, outline a mandate and appoint a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. For more information please contact:

Chair Rhonda Barter: 250-428-2151
email: rhba1@telus.net

Vice Chair Rob Davidson: 250-402-8664
email: davidson@wynndel.ca

Organizations in Area C

There are a number of groups that are very active within Area C, two of which are highlighted in this issue. If you would like to share the activities of your group or society in future newsletters, please contact Cathy Robinson at 250-402-6576 or by email: robinsonbc@uniserve.com.

"Go Green"

To receive this Publication and other Community Bulletins online, please email Rhonda Barter at rhba1@telus.net

Goat River Residents Association

This active group represents approximately 100 residents who live in the Lower Goat River Area. They meet regularly to discuss concerns specific to their location. For more information, please contact Association President Roger Chadwick at 250-428-4533

West Creston Fire Protection Society (W.C.F.P.S.)

The community of West Creston is in an unprotected fire area. In September 2004, a group of concerned residents formed the W.C.P.S. a non-profit charitable organization, in order to provide some fire protection for their community. The Society receives no tax funding & must rely on yearly memberships, donations, grants and fundraising efforts in order to provide the equipment, fire phone call out system, insurance costs, and training.

Fire season is just around the corner so the WCFPS is hosting a S-100 Wild Fire Course for West Creston residents. This certification course will be held on March 28 & 29th and is **free** to West Creston Residents. There are 30 spots available. This course is funded through the Direct Access Grant Program. If you would like to register, or for more information, please call Jim McLeod at 250-428-8841.

With the assistance of Area C Director, Larry Binks, the RDCK has given West Creston a Community Development Grant for Enhanced Rural Fire Protection in the amount of \$7,000. This will help to cover some of this year's operating costs.

For more information go to www.westcrestonfires.info

or contact Society President Jim McLeod
250-428-8841

Let's Go Green!

The Area C Citizens Committee and Director Binks would like to establish an email data base so that information can be shared with residents as quickly and cost effectively as possible. Future publications of this newsletter would be sent via email thus reducing paper waste, financial costs and minimize our "carbon footprint". For those residents who do not have email capabilities, a separate mail out list will be established to ensure that all residents of Area C receive information bulletins and newsletters as they occur.

To be added to the electronic data base, please email Rhonda Barter at rhba1@telus.net. To ensure that you are on the mailing list, please call Cathy Robinson at 250-402-6576.

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