



Saltair District Residents Association (SDRA)

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SALTAIR RESIDENTS SAVE THIS DATE: Sat., Nov. 4th, 2023 - Local Area Plan Workshop

Your input, ideas, and future visioning are requested. We need as many participants as we can get! Please complete the **survey** on the CVRD website (<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/ideas-fairs-local-area-plans>) and plan on attending the CVRD hosted Local Area Plan Workshop for Area G Saltair. **Both** are used as input to the plan.

When: Saturday, November 4th, 2023

Time: Workshops, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm

Where: Saltair Community Centre Hall

There was an incredible turn out from Saltair residents at the previous LAP Idea Fair. Please join in for the second round and participate in the shaping of Saltair's local area plan. See the info sheet at the end of the newsletter.

JOIN US! Everyone Welcome – 2nd in our series of Community Conversations - WATER

November 12, 2 p.m. - SCC: Jesse McClinton & Todd Etherington (CVRD Mgr. Water Operations)

The SDRA is hosting Community Conversations events in the **Saltair Community Centre (SCC)**. These are planned to be monthly or bi-monthly, depending on availability of speakers and time of year. This month our area director (Jesse McClinton) and Todd Etherington will give an update on what's up with our water situation. This is your opportunity to provide input and ask questions. **POSTERS** are up beside local mail boxes and please share this newsletter (or just the poster) with friends and neighbours. Copy of the poster found later in this newsletter.



A Reminder.....SDRA Fundraiser

In order to raise money **for both the high school bursaries fund and to replenish our coffers** for advertising, promotion and supplies for our events and efforts, **we will have a table at the Saltair Community Centre Fall Market (October 28 - see Poster/Info at the end of the newsletter)**. It would be a huge help if you could chip in and contribute preserves, crafts, art, or whatever for our table. If you can, please contact Sue Miller at milder@shaw.ca and we'll get organized.

New Emergency Management Responsibilities for Local Governments (UBCM - Sep 15, 2023)

<https://www.ubcm.ca/about-ubcm/latest-news/new-emergency-management-responsibilities-local-governments>

This fall, the Province will introduce new emergency management legislation, including new responsibilities for local governments. The **Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness (EMCR)** has outlined key policy shifts in a **technical paper** with a focus on the impact on local governments.

UBCM has been consulting with the Province on this legislation and advocated for the supports necessary for local governments to fulfil their new responsibilities - specifically long-term funding and capacity-building framework.

The new legislation has been designed to address many recent challenges, including the increasing frequency and severity of climate-related disasters and emergencies. It also acknowledges and incorporates several new principles and provincial commitments. One of these in particular is a focus on all four phases of emergency management (mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery) as well as the role of climate change. ***(Where is the Emergency Management Plan for Saltair – which is NOT the slope stability bylaw.... Maybe we should generate our own!)***

Ladysmith & CVRD announce completion of Stocking Lake Dam infrastructure upgrades



<https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/local-news/town-of-ladysmith-completes-upgrades-to-stocking-lake-dam-4571131> September 27, 2023

According to a news release from the town, the project scope for the completed work involved addressing a leak that was identified over the winter and further strengthening the dam itself.

The contractor retained by the town removed material from the dam on the downstream side and laid rock riprap to further reinforce the structure and to address the leak, debris was removed from the spillway channel and a water barrier was installed and topped with rock.

READ MORE: [Building a higher dam will increase Stocking Lake storage capacity](#)

“The town and CVRD continue to explore funding opportunities from senior levels of government for the dam replacement,” noted the release, adding that a preliminary design for a new dam was completed in 2021.

Ladysmith utilities staff inspect the dam weekly to ensure that it is functioning properly.

BC Gov Patting Itself on the Back –

They’re removing single-use plastic supports in their seedling planting initiatives. See the website here for the full story: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2023FOR0061-001531>

The Province will remove single-use plastic wraps for all pine, spruce and cedar tree seedlings. In 2024, the plastic-free tree seedlings will support reforestation projects in every corner of the province. This decision follows a test in the Cariboo where they found the plastic supports weren’t required. They are very pleased with themselves: “Removing one single-use plastic has a positive impact on our environment, but removing three million single-use plastics per year is a massive achievement. By 2030, it is estimated that as many as 18 million single-use plastic seedling wraps will be eliminated within B.C. by the wider forestry sector. The removal of single-use plastic is part of the Province’s CleanBC goals to reduce plastic waste and create a sustainable, circular economy that fights climate change.”

Apparently they’re going to use recycled wood waste to produce the supports for the seedlings – makes perfect sense.

New Regional Recreation Commissions –

Following a successful referendum in 2022 to implement a usage-based funding model for Cowichan’s nine regionally significant recreation facilities, the CVRD established a new Commission structure for governance of those facilities. Four new sub-regional Commissions have now been established. The new commissions will have orientation meetings in late October 2023, and be in a position to review 2024 facility budgets in November 2023.

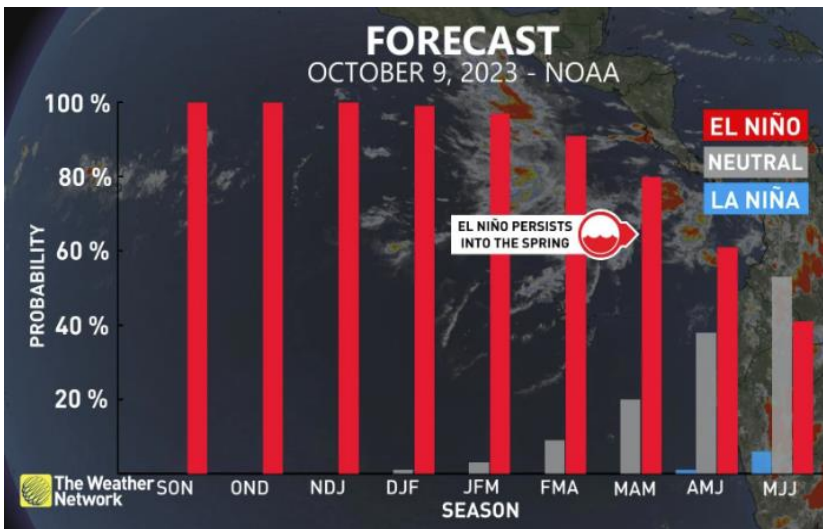
Cowichan North Recreation Commission will provide governance for Fuller Lake Arena and Frank Jameson Community Centre. Commissioners are:

Alison Nicholson (Director, Electoral Area E – Cowichan Station / Sahtlam / Glenora) • Jesse McClinton (Director, Electoral Area G – Saltair / Gulf Islands) • Ben Maartman (Director, Electoral Area H – North Oyster / Diamond) • Duck Paterson (Councilor, Town of Ladysmith) • Marsh Stevens (Councilor, Town of Ladysmith) • Chris Istace (Councilor, Municipality of North Cowichan) • Debra Toporowski (Councilor, Municipality of North Cowichan)

NOTE: North Cowichan is represented on ALL the commissions. (WHY?) (Maybe the commissions will come up with a better way of counting participants to figure out a fairer funding model? Unless North Cow is there to prevent it.....)

This Winter May Not Replenish Our Water

The Weather Network “Fall Forecast” does not bode well for our reservoirs, lakes and rivers. **Maybe we should be limiting our water usage for the entire fall / winter season until the actuals start to come in.** According to the Weather Network (check their website under the “News” header): “the wet pattern during the final week of September is not a sign of what is to come for the rest of the season. We expect that a mild and dry pattern will return and be the dominant pattern for the fall season. Despite the forecast for drier conditions overall, we are concerned about the risk of a couple of high-impact storms before the end of the season. The widespread warmer-than-normal ocean water temperature in the north Pacific supports a risk for excessive rain with any strong storms that impact the region.”



If the El Niño effect comes through as expected (although temporary fluctuations and differences are possible), this will be (again) precedent-setting and puts the globe into uncharted territory as far as global warming is concerned. Even the very deep ocean is being affected by this event and its impacts may not dissipate. Not only will the duration of this El Niño have lasting effects on northern hemisphere weather — it’s also the fact that it could grow into one of the strongest events on record — 80% confidence at the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in their prediction.

Graph shows predicted occurrence by 3 month ‘bites’: Sept/Oct/Nov, Oct/Nov/Dec, and so on.

SO WHAT IS THE CVRD DOING TO PREPARE OUR INFRASTRUCTURES AND SUSTAIN OUR COMMUNITIES IN LIGHT OF IMMINENT CLIMATE CHANGES?! A PLAN FOR 2050 IS TOO LATE!

I APOLOGIZE!!
But it was too funny –
Just had to share!!
YES, these are real signs
(Come on, you’ve felt this way
at least ONCE – right?)





Electoral Area - G

Saturday - November 4, 2023, 11 am - 2 pm

in person WORKSHOPS - 11:00AM & 12:30PM

Saltair Community Centre

CVRD is also inviting all residents to take the online survey to provide input to the planning

<https://www.planyourcowichan.ca/ideas-fairs-local-area-plans>

Visit this website for more information on how Local Area Plans will be developed between now and 2025.

The survey is open from **October 13 to November 15, 2023**, and complements the in-person community Ideas Fairs being hosted by the CVRD in October and November 2023.

The survey should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. You will only be asked to respond to questions applicable to your chosen Local Area Plan. Answering the questions is optional. Responses from the survey and Ideas Fairs will be used to develop the future vision, local area description, concept plan with complete community assessment for your local area plan.

What is a Local Area Plan?

Local area plans are planning documents that:

- Provide greater detail on growth management for communities.
- Build upon the vision, objectives and policy in the Official Community Plan for the Electoral Areas Bylaw 4373 (OCP).
- Shape more place-specific, well-designed and livable complete communities, and area-specific objectives and policy to address daily needs, infrastructure, transportation and housing.
- Preserve and enhance the qualities that people love and cherish about their community.

Each of the local area plans will be supported by a Complete Community Assessment.

EVERYONE WELCOME!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

2nd Community Conversation

WATER Issues



*Reporting from,
Questions to, &
Interaction with*

Jesse McClinton
CVRD Director
for Area G



Todd Etherington
CVRD Manager
Water Operations

Sunday, November 12th, 2 to 4 pm

**Saltair Community Centre
South Oyster School Road**

Hosted by the Saltair District Residents Association

INFO FROM THE SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTRE:



You are invited to come and meet over 30 local artisans and makers to shop for unique handcrafted items.

Open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saltair Community Society is also collecting cash donations for our local Foodbank, Chemainus Harvest House. Feel free to drop off a cash donation at the Saltair Community Hall.

TUESDAYS 630 PM
SALTAIR COMMUNITY CENTER
3850 S OYSTER SCHOOL ROAD
IN THE HALL

FIRST CLASS AUGUST 15

LEVEL UP HUB

JOIN US NOW
LEVEL UP SATELLITE CLUB

FIRST CLASS IS FREE

LEVEL UP FIT CAMP

\$10 DROP IN FITNESS CLASSES
INCLUDES PRE WORKOUT TEA & POST WORKOUT SHAKE
1 HOUR FULL BODY WORKOUT WITH MODIFICATIONS AS NEEDED
STRETCHING & A LOT OF LAUGHS
A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY
RESULTS!

LEVEL UP HUB - FITNESS & NUTRITION
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Watch for more next month