

# SANDYHOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

# newsletter

## FALL 2023

### WHEN THE RAINS BEGIN – PREVENTATIVE TASKS FOR WATER DRAINAGE

As we move into Fall, it's time to think about our impending seasonal changes and the ultimate rain that will come. It's also time to think about drainage over the winter around our properties and neighbouring streets.

Anticipate where the water will flow during heavy rains around your property  
Here are a few things to proactively take a look at and prepare for:

? Are ditches full?

? Are culverts clear of debris, branches and leaves?

A little clearing with a rake or blower around your yard and bagging when it is dry can make a huge difference! Try not to blow debris onto the road as it will end up building up on the shoulder and prevent water from draining into ditches.

If leaves and debris have built up on the side of the road, creating small channels through to the ditch really improves opportunity for water drainage.

Clear gutters and downspouts of accumulated leaves and debris.

Water will take the downhill path of least resistance - which isn't always the route we want it to take! Plan now and avoid dealing with a more challenging issue later in the year.

If you do see a problem that is a bigger issue than you can tackle, or you have questions, please contact us at [sandyhookcommunityassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sandyhookcommunityassociation@gmail.com) and we will be happy to assist.



Example of a channel to allow water to flow off road

### SANDY HOOK WILDLIFE



RECENT SIGHTING - COUGAR

Night time visitor in Lower Sandy Hook

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 16** — Community  
Garage Sale & Sandy Hook Daze  
10 am—2 pm

**November 21**  
**Sandy Hook Community  
Association AGM**  
6 - 8 p.m.  
Sechelt Arts Centre  
5714 Medusa Street

Watch for more information  
coming soon!

HAVE YOUR VOICE COUNT  
AT THE AGM

BY BECOMING A MEMBER  
OF SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY  
ASSOCIATION.

DETAILED BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND LINKS AVAILABLE ABOUT TELUS WILDERNESS POINT  
please visit SHCA website, watch for an email or go to 'Everything Sandy Hook' on facebook

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS WATER SURVEY – COMPLETED & COMPILED IN SUMMER 2023

In early July, a neighbourhood water survey was conducted with the members of the eight Sechelt Community Associations. Some of the objectives for the survey were to engage association members, gather and collate diverse opinions and provide recommendations based on the survey results. Key findings from respondents:

### What the District of Sechelt can do:

- Increase water storage
- Implement water meters
- Promote conservation
- Regulations or halting new development
- Collaborate with Indigenous communities
- More transparent communication

### How Residents get Water updates

- 83% The Coast Reporter
- 46% Community Associations
- 42% Word of Mouth
- 35% SCR D website
- 30% District of Sechelt website
- 17% Facebook
- 15% Council or Director Meetings
- 7% SCR D "Let's Talk" Water page

### What the SCR D can do:

- Infrastructure development and storage
- Implement water meters
- More incentives for grey water recycling and rainwater collection
- Accountability
- Government collaboration
- Public education and awareness

### Top Recommendations for Council & Staff

- ➔ Investment in Water infrastructure and water storage
- ➔ Enforce water-efficient policies with new development
- ➔ More communication, public awareness and education
- ➔ enforce a moratorium on new housing developments
- ➔ offer more financial incentives to conserve water
- ➔ mobile non-potable water truck for community



## DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE 'GOLF BALL' IS?

*It can be spotted from locations in Sandy Hook*

It is a new weather radar tower that will assist

Environment & Climate Change

Canada scan 330 kilometers of skies past Vancouver Island, beyond the Strait of Georgia, into the interior and supplement information from the tower in Aldergrove.

The new tower will help provide better forecasting models and alerts if severe weather is detected.

This tower's height and location was chosen to fill in gaps in forecasting. The tower at Halfmoon Bay is 34.4 meters tall while most weather towers in Canada are 16 meters.



## SHCA MEMBERSHIP

### Why Join?

To be connected to your community by learning about upcoming events, neighbourhood news, wild animal sightings and emergency alerts. The funds support community events and maintenance of bulletin boards.

### Cost?

Only \$10 per adult person per year - January 1 - December 31 year per membership.

### To join you can:

- ➔ Fill out the membership form for each adult member for \$10
- ➔ Please list the names and Sandy Hook address you are providing payment for on cheque or e-transfer

**Payment** is by e-transfer or cheque

### ➔ e-transfer to

sandyhookcommunityassociation@gmail.com

- ➔ **write a cheque** to Sandy Hook Community Association

You can deposit your cheque in Community Association drop box at the bulletin board on Deerhorn, just below the Tot Park

or **mail to**

**5916 Skookumchuk Road  
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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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