

SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

newsletter

WINTER 2023

2023 AGM - A DARK RAINY NIGHT

The 2023 AGM was held on November 21st and items of new business included discussion about abandoned boats at the boat launch area, drainage and road maintenance issues and improvements for Tot Park. Each issue is covered within this newsletter. The Board members for 2024 were also elected.

Tot Park

After receiving the feedback from the community survey regarding the proposed shelter at Tot Park, the following motion was discussed and passed:

MOTION: Use the existing funding allocated by the District of Sechelt to conduct a feasibility study of improvements to Tot Park that include a geotechnical study to determine drainage issues to be fixed, improving the drainage of the park, improving the playground, and if a different location within the park is appropriate for a smaller open-air structure.

As a result of this decision, the following next steps will be undertaken:

- ▶ Work with the District of Sechelt to hire a geotechnical engineer to determine what work is required to remediate the swampy part of the park
- ▶ Hire a playground designer / landscape architect to design appropriate upgrades to the playground equipment.
- ▶ determine if it is feasible to have a structure on the lower part of the park, assuming the swampy area can be remediated. This will leave the hill intact and increase the distance to the neighbours to the north.
- ▶ Explore alternative, less intrusive, open air designs such as the covered shelter at Jane Bowers Park
- ▶ Based on the information gathered, a revised plan for improvements to the park including a revised design for the structure will be taken to the 2024 AGM for discussion and motioning



Election of Board Members:

The following SHCA members were acclaimed at the AGM:

Susan Anthony-Anderson
Jennifer Garden
Randy Knill
Barb Muir
Mark Patterson

Kelly Kitchen was also acclaimed, but has since resigned from the Board. Thank you so much Kelly for all your work as President!

SANDY HOOK WILDLIFE



RARE SIGHTING - Lower Sandy Hook White Morphed Varied Thrush

Varied Thrush usually have rosy orange colouring on chest and wings, not white. Photo by Diana Mumford and identity confirmed by one of the Coast's birding experts, Tony Greenfield who has never seen or heard of a White Morphed Varied Thrush.

COMMUNITY BOAT LAUNCH CLEAN-UP

The Sandy Hook boat launch area has become cluttered with abandoned and derelict boats and kayaks. Some of been there for an extensive amount of time and are now overgrown with vegetation. With the hope to make this area more usable for Sandy Hook residents, a SHCA Board member approached the District of Sechelt for assistance as it is district property. The District is currently working on boat clean-up in Tuwanek and will provide the same options for Sandy Hook.

The process:

- ➔ Starting in the New Year, all residents of will receive notices to claim their boats. There will be a appropriate time period for response.
- ➔ If boats are not claimed, they will be taken to the District and stored for a period of time for owners to still retrieve the boat
- ➔ If not claimed, the boats will be disposed
- ➔ There will be a registration process for those wishing to use a boat space



DO YOU KNOW?

It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep the culverts that go under your driveway clear and water flowing.

During the wet, rainy months of winter, run-off water from storms is everywhere in the community and cleaning away fallen debris to make sure the water flows into ditches is very important to minimizing large water puddles. The culverts under the driveways must allow water flow.

Bylaw No. 516-3, 2022:

6. 44. Private Driveway Maintenance

All owners or occupiers of real property that have a Driveway accessing said lands shall at all times:

(ii) maintain any Driveway culvert(s) so that both the upstream and downstream ends of the culvert are kept free of any debris that may impede the free flow of storm water.

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SANDY HOOK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- President	Mark Patterson - Vice-President
Barb Muir - Treasurer	- Secretary
Members at Large: Susan Anthony-Anderson, Jennifer Garden, Randy Knill	

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**

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