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MEMBER TO MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS??

Would you be interested
in posting a brief (free!)
notice to other members
letting us know about
your local business?
This is available to paid
members and will be
offered as a trial in the
next issue.

Jeremy Osborne,
reliable teen available
for **lawn-mowing and
yard work**. 479-1757.

*(That's a real ad; give
him a call!)*

Contact editor Lisa
Martin at ldm@telus.net,
if interested.

Strawberry Vale Residents' Association: Meeting Information

The association held its **Annual General Meeting** on May 25. The guest speaker was Judy Brownoff, assisted by Tony Brcic. Judy Brownoff is a long-serving Municipal Councillor and is also Chair of the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee. Tony Brcic is the Project Manager. The presentation focused on Greater Victoria's sewage treatment project. This newsletter includes some background information and links to learn more about this issue.

The AGM also saw the election of the new board, following reports from the outgoing President and Treasurer. The association is pleased to announce its new board and welcome:

President: Sue Henry
Vice-President: Mike Fischer
Treasurer: Monike Frost
Secretary: Anne Stack
Past President: Barbara Meek
Director: Carol Liggett
Director: Paul Frost
Director: Marlene Todd

Dates for upcoming meetings are:

✓ **September 28** – *Speaker from
Habitat Acquisition Trust*

✓ **December 7**

@ 7pm at the Strawberry Vale Hall, 11 High St



MESSAGE FROM BARBARA MEEK, OUTGOING PRESIDENT

In the past year we have been keeping you informed of Association activities by means of meetings and newsletters. Between the March newsletter and the present time, there are several items of interest to report:

Development and Re-zoning:

- On June 22, Council of the Whole reviewed the application for re-zoning 3989 Holland, requiring adjustments to the Urban Containment Boundary. There was considerable public input and council rejected the application.
- Saanich has heard nothing further from Panama Flats and there have been no new applications in our area.

Traffic and Parking:

- With the warm spring weather, activities at various Saanich parks and playing fields have increased, creating parking problems for residents living near Layritz Park and Copley Park in this area. We have worked with the residents in pursuing these with the Traffic Division of the Engineering Department. In consultation with the Parks Department, they are addressing issues regarding scheduling times and the parking situation.
- In the case of Layritz Park, "Residential Parking" signs are being placed on adjacent streets and parking infractions will be monitored. A by-law for "Layritz Residential Parking" was recently passed by Council. There may be complaints of parking spillover to the unsigned sections of these streets which will also be monitored and reported to Engineering.
- The Copley Park situation is currently under review by the Parks and Engineering departments.
- *These are good examples of residents working together with your Association in problem solving.*

Streets and Sidewalks:

- The sidewalk extension on Wilkinson Rd. between Tulip St. and W. Burnside has been approved in this year's budget, something we have been pressing for over the past 3-4 years.
- West Burnside Rd. between Grange and McKenzie will be upgraded with curbs, sidewalks, landscaping and tree planting. *This will greatly improve the barren area along the Spectrum School grounds.*



Secondary Suites:

- In the 2009 Official Strategic Plan Council requested that staff undertake a pilot project pertaining to the potential legalization of secondary suites. The intent of the pilot is to collect more detailed information from residents of a defined area on potential legalization and corresponding regulatory issues. The information collected will be presented to Council for its review.
- Six community associations have agreed to be part of the pilot project, Mt. Tolmie, Quadra-Cedar Hill, Camosun, Mt. View-Colquitz, Rainbow Park and Gorge Tillicum. The Planning Dept. held a meeting with the pilot group and invited other community associations to sit in.
- There will be many opportunities for community consultation and input as this will take place over a number of months.

Meetings:

- Board members have attended several important meetings including a Community Dialogue on Waste Management, the Urban Forest Strategy and the potential Secondary Suite Pilot Project.
- Regular monthly meetings of the Saanich community Associations Network (SCAN) provide an opportunity to share interests and concerns with other Associations and to hear guest speakers on current topics and issues.

Participating in the Strawberry Vale Residents' Association is very interesting and rewarding as it provides me with a greater understanding of how our Municipality works, the issues, the goals and interaction with the many dedicated people involved. I have greatly enjoyed my involvement, most recently as President, and look forward to continuing over the next year as Past President.

I invite you to take an active interest and become more involved. You might even find yourself "hooked"!

Respectfully,

Barbara Meek,
Past President





**HELLO, I AM SUE HENRY,
THE NEW PRESIDENT OF THE STRAWBERRY VALE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.**

I am a native Victorian, and have lived in Saanich for 25 years, and for the past 20 years have lived in the Strawberry Vale Area with my family. I enjoy being an active member of my community, and have been on the Strawberry Vale Residents' Association Board for the past three years. I believe a closer-to-home community is a greener community, and hope to successfully promote this concept through my continuing work on the Board.

We have a hard-working, community-minded team working on the Board, and we welcome communication from residents in the area on issues of concern, as well as questions regarding zoning and development, traffic flow and safety, protecting our natural environment, and Saanich's services and programs.

I invite you to access our web site at www.thesvra.org to find out more information the Board's purpose, SVRA Members' meeting dates and location, membership application information, community events, Board activities and accomplishments. You will find links to our Newsletter and other Saanich community information.

We encourage residents to join the Strawberry Vale Residents' Association as members and possible future Board members, and to attend our quarterly Members' meeting which have interesting guest speakers on current local topics.

I have an interest in our Urban Forest, protection of our sensitive natural environment, retention of our agricultural land and promotion of local food sustainability, continual development of safe and interesting walking trails and bike paths, and adherence to the Official Community Plan.

I look forward to meeting residents of the area at future community events, SVRA Members' meetings and to work together to maintain and plan the best future for the Strawberry Vale, Carey, Marigold and Glanford Areas.

Sue Henry
President

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The Core Area Liquid Waste Committee is made up of CRD Directors. The Committee guides the project and oversees the advisory committees.

Members:

- Judy Brownoff (Chair)
- Barbara Desjardins (Vice-Chair)
- Denise Blackwell
- Susan Brice
- Christopher Causton
- Vic Derman
- Dean Fortin
- Graham Hill
- Frank Leonard
- Philippe Lucas
- David Saunders
- Charlayne Thornton-Joe
- Leif Wergeland
- Geoff Young



SEWAGE TREATMENT: A FEW BRIEF POINTS

Why is this going on?

In 2006, under the authority of the Environmental Management Act, the BC Minister of Environment directed the CRD to come up with a plan for sewage treatment. Due to challenges, the deadlines have been extended several times. At this point, the report is due by end of 2009. See: <http://www.wastewatermadeclear.ca/inthecrd/history.htm> for more background information.

What are the options?

Earlier this year, CRD staff presented three options to the Core Area Liquid Waste Committee. These options ranged from 3 to 12 plants with costs ranging from \$1.2B to \$2B. (There was some controversy about why other options such as Integrated Resource Management [IRM] and ideas from the private sector [eg. Corix] were not among the options.)

On June 2, the committee announced that it had selected “Option 1” as the preferred strategy. This option requires three treatment plants (Saanich East, Esquimalt, and the West Shore) and a wet weather plant at Clover Point. This option includes resource recovery and it is estimated that it will cost \$1.2 billion. *“Innovative resource recovery options, such as heat recovery and water reuse, will be part of the continued investigations by the CRD.”*¹ This option is based on the [Sustainability Assessment Framework](#), which promotes a “triple bottom line” that gives weight to social, environmental, and economic interests. A final report to the province is due by December 31, 2009.

¹ <http://www.wastewatermadeclear.ca/media/2009-06-02-treatment-option.htm>



What is “resource recovery”?

This term reflects a shift from looking at sewage as something simply to be disposed of, to a commodity with resources worth extracting. These resources include:

- Heat
- Biogas
- Water (*non-potable*)

What is a P3?

The term comes from the abbreviation of **Public Private Partnerships**, a contractual arrangement between government (or other public body) and the private sector that diversifies the costs and risks. Projects expected to cost over \$20M must be reviewed by Partnerships BC to see if a P3 is viable. While they may recommend P3, it is the CRD's decision.

There are concerns that P3's are effectively limited to large multi-nationals due to the scale and scope of these large projects. If the CRD chooses not to follow the P3 model, several contracts could be awarded to local contractors.

Who are the some of the other stakeholders?

Responsible Sewage Treatment Victoria (RSTV)
www.rstv.ca

This group describes itself as “an association of environmentalists, scientists, engineers, health care professionals and concerned individuals formed to apply the principles of evidence-based policy and management to the issue of sewage treatment for Victoria.”

RSTV asserts that the evidence does not support the argument that the current arrangement is harming the environment and they believe that “the most appropriate and responsible sewage treatment method for Victoria is the existing natural treatment system (NTS) with improved source controls and infrastructure upgrading.” This group includes the high profile Shaun Peck, a former deputy provincial health officer.

Sewage Treatment Action Group (STAG)
victoriasewagetreatment.org

At the other end of the spectrum, STAG wants to make sure that the CRD leaves “no stone unturned in researching possible benefits that the community could draw from sewage treatment, such as bio-gas, heat and water.”

STAG is also concerned that there is a need for more meaningful public consultation and real input. They are concerned, for example, about the CRD's interest in placing a plant at Macaulay Point, pointing out the benefits of locating it at the nearby McLaughlin Point (site of the decommissioned Esso Distribution Plant.)



**WELCOME LANA
POPHAM, MLA FOR
SAANICH SOUTH**

Lana Popham won the seat for this riding at the May 12 election, and has recently been appointed to the role of Agriculture Critic for the opposition. That is quite fitting, given her farming background.

Her constituency office will open on August 21, at 4085 Quadra Street. The phone number is not yet available.

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TRAFFIC PLANNING FOR THE 5-WAY INTERSECTION

In the fall of 2005, Saanich proposed closing the Hastings Street approach to the 5-way intersection so that it would become a traditional four-way intersection and operate more efficiently. Traffic would still be able to turn *right onto* Hastings from the intersection, and *right off* of Hastings. Saanich projected that this would shift a considerable amount of traffic onto local roads, notably North Road. Pressure from local residents forced Saanich to reconsider their plans. In November 2007, in response to long-standing local concerns about commuter traffic short-cutting through North Road, Saanich erected temporary barriers at North at Hastings.

In late 2008, Saanich hired Bunt & Associates to analyze the situation and present options to local residents and Saanich. After studying various models, Saanich and Bunt & Associates held a public meeting on June 12. Their recommended option is to close Hastings at the 5-way, as originally planned in 2005. In addition, they recommend closing it at Granville and maintaining the closure of North Road. This would see increased traffic on Santa Anita, including buses unless BC Transit agrees to revise the #22 route.

The public was invited to provide feedback until June 30, 2009. There has been no further reports or updates since that time.

You can view some of the information from the June 12 meeting here:

http://www.gov.saanich.bc.ca/resident/roads/pdfs/PI_S200912Jun09.pdf