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## Swansea Point Community Association

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**Fire Bans** 1-800-663-7867 [www.bcwildfire.ca](http://www.bcwildfire.ca)

**Fire Department** Call Out 911 Forest Fire to

Report 1-800-663-5555

**Bear Aware/Bear Report** 1-800-663-9453

[www.bearaware.bc.ca](http://www.bearaware.bc.ca)

**Fireworks Incidents** R.C.M.P. 911

Local Non Emerg # - 250-836-2878

## Presidents Report

Swansea Point Community Association

Betty-Jean Sachro Director, Acting President

President's address, July 1, 2022

We have had an eventful month since our last meeting with the Parade of Garage Sales, which occurred on Saturday June 4. It was well attended and I want to thank Barb Jorgensen again for organizing. We have been notified that we have a new fire chief. His name is Steve Norton and he resides on Swansea Point. He has indicated that he is interested in working closely with the Community Association and assisting in any way possible.

A few meetings have been held with regards to NEP (Neighbourhood Emergency Program) and the logistics around building a framework specifically for Swansea Point, to better manage urgent situations. Updates will be provided as changes are made.

Our lake has risen to levels not seen for a few years and many of our lake front folks have been busy sandbagging. Thanks to our fire department for building many of those sand bags and arranging for delivery of sand and bags to Eton road for residents in need.



Watch for changes to the Swansea Point Community Association web-site which is to be redone and will hopefully result in easier access to information.

A new tree has been planted at the entrance to Swansea Point in honour of our fire department both past and present. A dedication event is being planned for July 17 in combination with the community barbecue. Details to be provided shortly.

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## Welcome Swansea Point Fire Chief

It is with great pleasure and honor that I have been given an opportunity to serve the community as the Interim Fire Chief of the Swansea Point Fire Department. With the recent retirement of Fire Chief Dave Schurek and the effects that took place from the Vaccine Mandate, the Swansea Point Fire Department has been able to pull together and stay strong. The department is made up of a small group of extremely dedicated and motivated firefighters consisting of your neighbours and friends. Together we look forward to not only ensuring the safety of our residents, but we all look forward to doing our part in making Swansea Point the most heart-warming place to live.

My wife and I relocated to Swansea Point in February of 2019 and it didn't take long for me to join the fire department as it has always been a passion of mine. Although I have only been with the Swansea Point Fire Department for a couple years, I do bring experience from another hall from Northern Alberta. I was a member of the High Level Fire Department for 11 years where we stayed busy with an intense training regime and responding to an average of 300 calls per year. The High Level Fire Department is a Full Service Department which offers almost every service including Hazmat, Medical, Vehicle Rescue and Wildland Urban Interface (SPU). My career led me to move up the ranks from Firefighter, to Lieutenant and finishing off as a Captain. I also held the position as Fire and Safety Coordinator for the Town of High Level and served as a medic on the local ground ambulance doing responses within High Level and surrounding communities. While my work experience has mostly been focused on safety, my passion and hobbies have always led to helping others in my community.

I look forward to passing on what knowledge and experience that I have gained through my previous adventures. Our main focus for the department is to improve our training efforts and allow firefighters to perform to the best of their abilities. I am a strong believer of the Mantra, "Do not train until you get it right, Train until you can't get it wrong". Like every other firefighter in the world, I chose to volunteer as a firefighter to do my part to help out my community and my neighbours. By working with the community, our members will do the best to ensure the safety of our residents and guests.

I know that I have huge boots to fill, and I look forward to continuing what has already been started in creating a strong and professional Fire Department. We look forward to the return of all of our members that were placed on a leave of absence due to the Covid Mandate and have welcomed three new members to our ranks in the past couple months. With the wide variety of experience that each of our members brings to the table, I am extremely excited to see what the future has in hold for us. If you know a member or see one of your firefighters walking around in the community, please stop and say hello. We are always looking to meet new faces and turn strangers into friends.

My wife and I would like to thank you for welcoming us into your community and we look forward into planting some roots of our own.

Signed;  
Steven Norton



## SWANSEA POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

### COMMUNITY BAR-B-QUE

Please join us

**Sunday, July 17**

**11:00 – 1:00pm at the Firehall**



Come out to meet your community Firefighters, Community Association members, Information on NEPP, Bear Safety and a tree ribbon ceremony dedicated to our retired Fire Chief, past Fire Chiefs, Deputy Fire Chiefs and all past and current firefighters within our community.

Look forward to meeting you..

Are you in need of extra chairs or tables for a family function? SPTCA is now offering rentals to members and non-members to support your event. Please reach out to the association for more information.



Big Thank You to Mike Thoms for taking care of our beautiful flowers and beautification at the Swansea Point entrance.

*Congratulations* on a successful Garage Sale weekend this past June. Thank you Barb Jorgensen for organizing and all members who took part to make it a successful event.



## Memberships Due July 2022

We would like to welcome new members to Swansea Point Community Association. Membership registration will start this May to collect for next year Memberships. **AUGUST 1, 2022 – JULY 31, 2023**

Fill out membership application (attached), and e-mail it back with your e-transfer to: [treasurer@swanseapoint.net](mailto:treasurer@swanseapoint.net)

Return completed application: with a cheque to:  
Swansea Point Community Association

632 Davidson Drive  
Swansea Point, B.C V0E 2K2

Receipts sent upon request. Membership Card will be e-mailed to you.

New Fees: \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 couple



## NEPP—Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program

### Did you know?

Swansea Community Association is in the process of creating a resource list of available equipment, emergency supplies and skill sets of residents of Swansea Point. Names will be put in a google document that will be accessible by a dispatch system. If you have a skill set or equipment that might be needed in an emergency, evacuation alert, power outage etc, you can be added to the list. If a resident requires assistance, a buddy, a person to check on someone who might have needs or is alone, water, land line, a generator they can access potential help thru this tool. We will have several numbers you can call that will be able to access this list and find out if there is help for you!

Please complete your membership form to start the process or stayed tuned to whom you can call to offer help or access help. Information will be posted at the mailboxes in the near future. More information to follow.

Please upload the **Alertable app** on your phone. Check in with the **CSRD website** to learn how to download. This app will alert you to any evacuation alert or order in our area on your phone. Why is this helpful? Mobile home Park near 2 mile on and off evacuation alert for flooding, important to know if you are going back and forth to Sicamous. Maybe the road is closed??

### Things learned during last year's evacuation alert

Keep your gas tank full

Keep water, food and documents in a "Go Bag" Check out the CSRD website for more information

Anytime there is power, charge phone, secondary battery supplies and laptops.

Know who has water, landline, generators. This will be available through dispatch numbers

Hard lesson learned if power goes off while cooking... make sure you turn off burners immediately! You may not remember the burners are on when power comes back on...

I bring to the community both CISM (Critical Incident Stress Management) and Chaplaincy! I have taken training from the Association of Traumatic Stress Specialist, Assisting Individuals in Crisis, Crisis management from the Salvation Army. I also have completed Incident Command System 100, 200 and 300. I hold a certificate from the BC Association of Fire Chaplains along with 15 years experience on the Swansea Point FD, 6 years as Chief.

This year, 2022, is the 25th anniversary of the '97 landslide debris flow, the 10th anniversary of the 2012 high water bank failure and the 1st anniversary of the forest fire.



We live with stress in life, my desire is that I can help relieve some of it for our community. If interested please contact me [djschurek@gmail.com](mailto:djschurek@gmail.com)

Thanks again

David Schurek

### WildSafeBC Columbia Shuswap Program Coordinator

WildSafeBC (WSBC) is a program managed by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation (BCCF), a registered charity and not-for-profit. WildSafeBC's mandate is summarized in this following mission statement:

*WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education, and community solutions.*

British Columbia is one of the most biologically diverse provinces in Canada and we have some of the highest densities of bears, cougars and wolves in North America. As our society has become more urbanized, our populations continue to grow, and we continue to attract a high number of visitors, the number of interactions between wildlife and people continues to increase. With that increased interaction there is the potential for conflict and negative impacts for people, their property and pets, and wildlife. Experience and extensive research has shown that if the root causes of conflict are addressed, and people react appropriately when encountering wildlife, that many negative outcomes can be avoided. While not everyone is equally motivated to reduce conflict with wildlife, most of us can agree that personal and community safety is of paramount importance. WildSafeBC's motto highlights this common ground of "keeping wildlife wild and communities safe."

Olivia Lemke