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www.bearaware.bc.ca

Fireworks Incidents R.C.M.P. 911

Local Non Emerg # - 250-836-2878

Presidents Report From 2022AGM

Swansea Point Community Association

Betty-Jean Sachro Director, President

With the fires of last summer still fresh in our minds, we have heard from community members regarding their concerns of the lack of communication and conflicting information received during that time period. As a result, we have worked at identifying ways that we can improve this including:

Gaining an understanding of the NEPP program by attending presentations from CSRD personnel. Discussions with our community NEPP representative on the operation of the program and the immediate need to further develop procedures within our community.

Posting pertinent, up to date information on our website, newsletters and bulletin boards

Keeping open lines of communication with our fire department and CSRD, Electoral area E, Protective services

Our Swansea Point Community Association website is in the process of a rebuild with Trilogy Solutions out of Salmon Arm as our vendor. We hope to have improved organization and communication especially with our neighboring communities of Mara Properties and Hummingbird Resort.

The board of directors, with encouragement of several residents, have decided that an AED or automatic external defibrillator should be available within the community. There are reports of increased waiting times for ambulances and due to the remoteness of our community, it would be a proactive move to have one immediately available to residents. Application for funding of this initiative has begun. We could arrange for CPR and first aid training and would encourage as many residents as possible to attend. We have many individuals within the community already certified.

We are happy to report that the repairs to the concrete on the boat launch was completed last spring. We have been made aware of several broken tiles on the walkway at the boat launch, which have been changed as needed, 16 in total. Residents are asked to report any unusual activity there, to the RCMP.

The telecommunications tower, to be erected at the firehall property has been approved and an agreement reached and signed. Construction should begin this fall between Telus and BC Hydro. This should definitely improve our cell phone service.

A beautiful little dogwood tree has been planted at the entrance to Swansea Point in honor of our fire department, both past and present.

Our community barbecue on July 17th was a success. Thanks again to our fire department for barbecuing! We encourage all residents that have not joined the Community Association to do so, not only to ensure you are in the loop but to assist in provision of services within our community that would be difficult to provide without the funding.

Pot holes within the community have been repaired. Our playground signs seem to be helping to slow the traffic a bit in these areas and this, along with improved lighting have definitely been helpful.

There has been a Mobimat for mobility challenged individuals installed, as requested by some residents, at Cambrian Park beach. We are looking into having handicapped parking spots designated in that area and maybe eventually a paved access.

Many of our residents have been using golf carts to commute to areas within the community. It is important to note that these have not yet been approved for use at Swansea Point and the board has begun looking into what would need to be done to get approval. Our local RCMP detachment have been consulted and their response will be included below

If you have questions or concerns regarding infrastructure or services within the community, I encourage you to forward those concerns to us at president@swanseapoint.net or to the CSRD at inquiries@csrd.bc.ca



We are currently updating the **Swansea Point website**. We are looking for pictures to submit to our web designer for our new website. If you have photos you would like to share, please email them to secretary@swanseapoint.net

Looking for photos of all seasons.



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The following information is from RCMP Sgt. Murray McNeil regarding operation of equipment on land and water for GOLF CARTS and SUP.

The link included refers to Neighbourhood Golf Carts under a pilot project. They are not to exceed a speed of 32km/h and they must be insured through ICBC.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/transportation/driving-and-cycling/road-safety-rules-and-consequences/neighbourhood-golf-carts>

ICBC regulates the use of Low Speed Vehicles (LSV) which are not traditional golf carts. Generally LSVs may operate where the speed limit is 40km/h or less. These vehicles are electric, have head lights, turn signals, brake lights, seatbelts, side mirrors, rear view mirrors, and a windshield.

Some municipalities including Sicamous have enacted bylaws allowing LSVs to operate on certain roads where the speed limit is 50km/h or less.

These vehicles have obtained license plates from ICBC and carry the required insurance.

It would be the responsibility of anyone interested in purchasing an LSV for use to confirm with the municipality and ICBC on where the vehicle could be operated and what would be required to obtain a license plate.

Everyone using Human Powered Vessel including a Stand Up Paddleboard, canoe, rowboat, and kayak is required to have a life jacket and a sound signaling device (whistle). The fine for not having a life jacket while operating a SUP, canoe, rowboat (human powered vessel) is \$230 under the Small Vessel Regulations. (SVR).

Anyone operating a motorized pleasure craft in Canadian waters must have a valid proof of competency (Pleasure craft operators card). Youth are not exempt from this requirement. The only exception is anyone renting a motorized vessel. The rental company will provide a safety checklist to meet the requirement.

No one under age 16 may legally operate a PWC (Seadoo).

Youth aged 12-16 may operate a boat with up to 40hp with no direct supervision. They must however have a valid Proof of Competency.

Youth under 12 years of age may operate a boat with a motor up to 10hp. They must have a valid Proof of Competency.

I hope this helps.

Sgt. Murray McNeil

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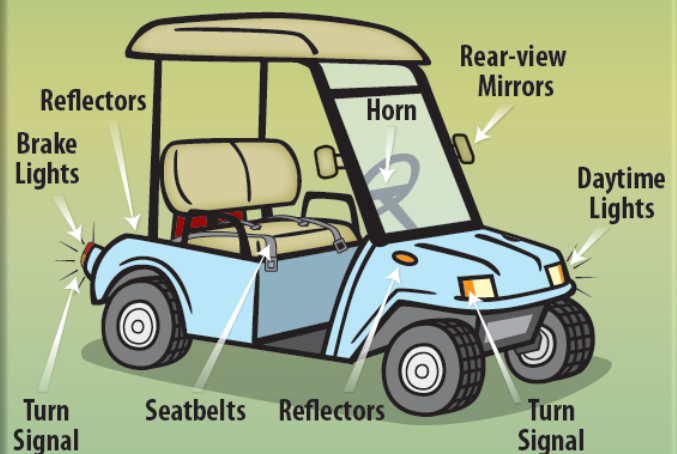
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NEIGHBOURHOOD GOLF CARTS

Vehicle Specifications



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Thank you to all members coming out to the Annual General Meeting and bringing your questions and concerns. We look forward to working together as a community for our new year of 2022-2023. Thank you to all members who have submitted their membership fees, and you will receive an email with your receipt.

Don't forget your membership! It is so vital to our community. Print form available below, fill out and email back to treasurer@swanseapoint.net, along with your e-transfer. You can also mail it in, or drop it off at any community event!

The Swansea Point Community Association (SPtCA) works hard to build community and get back to having events after two long years of COVID. The cost is still \$15.00 per member or \$25.00 per couple. Only one membership per household is required, but certainly each family member is encouraged to buy a membership. Benefits of being a member..

1. Monthly Newsletter Publication
2. Voting privileges at AGM
3. Invitations to Special Events
4. NEPP community- First Aid and Emergency Supplies
5. Community Beautification

What would you like to see at Swansea Point?

Please email president@swanseapoint.net

DID YOU KNOW?

Eton Road is no longer a CSRD park, but under the direction of MOTI (Ministry of Transport). There is no designated swim area and therefore swimming is at your own risk.

The beach below high water in all of BC is public and so can be accessed by the public and by watercraft as long as there is no swimming area. Only the docks and buoys are private.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/crown-land-water/crown-land/crown-land-uses/residential-uses/private-moorage>

Stay informed with last minute information or communication by following us on

Swansea Point Community Association Group Facebook page.



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/862468894134960/?ref=share>



THANK YOU

To Shaundra Boneham for working with Mike Thoms taking care of the flowers and our new community tree at the entrance of Swansea Point.

Update from CSRD - Parks

1. Washrooms – Foul Smell - Leko Precast has placed an extension to the venting stack at the Oxford Road vault toilet. The toilet is pumped regularly. We are hopeful that this will address concerns about odors emitting from the vault toilet. Cleanliness of the washrooms -the maintenance contractor responsible for maintaining the vault toilets is to inspect and clean the vault toilets daily during the dates of the April 1 to October 15th. If you have concerns with the contractor regarding empty hand sanitizer dispensers, toilet paper, cleanliness, please send any concerns regarding the conditions immediately to the following email: inquiries@csrd.bc.ca and Parks staff will be informed and can make the appropriate communication to the maintenance contractor to address the issues. Please cc secretary@swanseapoint.net.

2. Beach Maintenance - CSRD Parks has coordinated beach maintenance for woody debris pick up as soon as possible once the spring freshet has lowered water levels. At the direction of the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations they recommend that woody debris remain on the shoreline as long as possible during high water to prevent shoreline erosion. CSRD understand from our perspective that the debris impacts access and that ideally the debris would be removed immediately, however, they are balancing the timing of recent high water events and erosion control with the recommendations from senior government and community access. We hope that you also understand limitations that local government has with respect to authority to complete works in and around the lakes so we must be cognisant of provincial regulations with respect to environmental regulations. Over the past couple of years we have also had challenges finding contractors to complete the works. CSRD have arranged for a contractor to complete debris clean up and that work was completed late this year. CSRD advised that we have had ongoing issues with local residents dumping organic debris at several of the beach access sites from their private properties. This causes considerable maintenance concerns and additional costs and we are hopeful that residents can be educated not to place debris from their private residences onto public property.

3. Garbage - Under the current maintenance contract the garbage and recycling cans are to be inspected daily and garbage is to be removed when the bags are 3/4 full. Similarly to the issue of vault toilet maintenance, if any of your members see garbage receptacles that require emptying please advise them to email inquiries@csrd.bc.ca and we will have Parks staff contact the maintenance contractor to address the issue. CSRD confirmed that they do regularly experience illegal dumping from local residents where household garbage is being left at the garbage receptacles. This is an ongoing problem and we have attempted to place restrictor plates onto all of the garbage receptacles to prevent household garbage being placed in the bins. On occasion we have investigated the contents of the household garbage bags and found evidence of the names and addresses of those illegally dumping. Bylaw enforcement of these incidents is challenging and our best way to address this is through public education and stewardship.

With respect to the volleyball net at Canterbury Road Community Park. The old net was misplaced and a new net was recently purchased error on CSRD part, but currently set up.

Please use this link if you have any concerns in Swansea Point to report to CSRD :

<https://www.csrd.bc.ca/services/parks-recreation/report-a-park-or-trail-issue>

Thank you for your cooperation.

