

CAMOSUN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

SUMMER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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The Camosun Community Association is a non-profit society with the mandate to promote, facilitate, support, and undertake activities that will enhance the quality of life for the residents in the Camosun Community within Saanich.

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BBQ at the 8th Annual Freeman & Veteran St. Neighbourhood Block Party last summer. To organize a block party with your neighbours, contact Saanich for permit info!

SAVE THE DATE

**Camosun Community Association
and
Mount Tolmie Community
Association**

2018 Fall Festival

***Saturday, September 15th
Browning Park***

Join us as the CCA and MTCA hold a joint Fall Festival to celebrate our communities in the Shelbourne Valley.

Games, face-painting, live music, exhibitors, crafts, food, and more to be enjoyed! Discover your community at this family friendly event!

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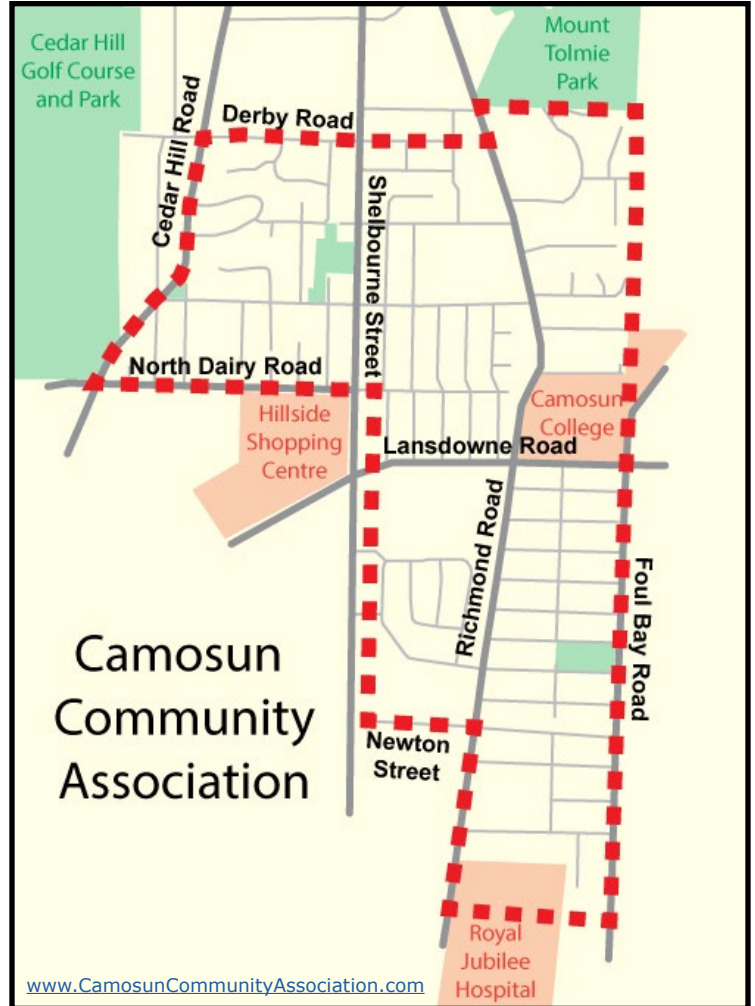
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Upcoming Events

- Gorge Canada Day Picnic**
Monday, July 1, 8:30am-4pm
 Gorge Tillicum Community Association
 Gorge Park
- Saanich Strawberry Festival**
Sunday, July 8, 11am-3pm
 Beaver Lake Park
- Camosun and Mount Tolmie CAs**
2018 Fall Festival
Saturday, September 15, 1-4pm
 Save the Date! Browning Park
 (west of Shelbourne Street between Knight Ave and McRae Ave)

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Camosun Community Association Boundaries



CCA Board of Directors

- President Sandie Menzies**
Vice President vacant
Treasurer Peter Gallagher
Secretary vacant

Directors at Large:

- Andrea Gleichauf
- Lisa Timmons
- Leigh Urquhart
- Meralin Young



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Shelbourne Community Kitchen

by Meralin Young and Laura Cochrane

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is a busy and welcoming place, and the Camosun Community Association is a founding partner in this vital organization. The Kitchen is a valuable community food resource that provides opportunities for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity to grow, prepare, and cook healthy food, in a supportive and empowering environment.

The Kitchen collaborates with many organizations, including UVic Student Society Food Bank & Free Store, Community Living Victoria, UVic Campus Community Garden, Victoria Immigrant and Refugee Centre, Victoria Women's Transition House, and Garth Homer Society.

In 2017:

- 758 meals were prepared in a variety of small group cooking sessions. Weekly canning and preservation sessions took place from August through October.
- 860kg of fruit was picked in partnership with LifeCycles Project Society, and used in cooking and food distribution programs
- 1674kg of produce was grown in the Kitchen's 2 gardens and received through the Grow-A-Row* program.
- 447 people received food support through the Pantry program.

In 2018, programs are well underway, and the onsite garden is being expanded to provide greater learning and growing opportunities.

The society's AGM on April 25th was informative and well attended, and the 2nd Annual Garden Sale on May 5th was a wonderful community event, and great fundraising success.

As you can see, the Kitchen is a place full of activity and opportunity. The programs are made possible by ongoing financial donations and volunteer support. To find out more about programs, making donations and volunteering, visit the website:

www.shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca

If you or your group would like a tour, contact the Kitchen at info@shelbournecommunitykitchen.ca or 250-590-0980

*a program that encourages local gardeners and farmers to dedicate a row of their crop to help feed people in their community.



Sunflowers at the community kitchen's garden on Shelbourne Street (photo credit: Shelbourne Community Kitchen)



3541 Shelbourne Street
Saanich, BC V8P 4G6

OFFICE HOURS:
Tue to Fri, 10am-2pm

A community food resource in the Shelbourne Valley
neighbourhood of Saanich, British Columbia.

ALL WELCOME!



**THE CAMOSUN & MT. TOLMIE COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATIONS**

Present the 2018 ...

FALL FESTIVAL

**SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 15th
1:00 - 4:00 PM
AT BROWNING PARK**

**Games, face painting, live music, exhibitors, crafts,
food and more to be enjoyed! Discover your
community at this family friendly event!**

Browning Park is located on Shelbourne St. between Knight Ave. & McRae Ave

Development Applications in the Camosun Community

A number of active land use development applications are proposed around the Camosun Community. The CCA works to ensure neighbours are informed and have an opportunity to provide valuable feedback to applicants and to Saanich. Make sure to check the CCA and Saanich websites for up-to-date information. Some of the current applications in the community include:

1910 Argyle Ave. + 3327 Richmond Rd.

Saanich is currently reviewing an application to subdivide the two lots into four lots and to rezone from RS-12 to a site-specific zone allowing a total of four single family dwellings. A neighbourhood survey took

place in May 2018. No Council date has been set at the time of writing, but check the CCA website for updates.

3281 Cedar Hill Rd.

Large & Co. are proposing to build two small houses and a duplex on the property. A rezoning would be required, but at this time no application to Saanich has been made.

1586-1592 North Dairy Rd. + 3200 Wordsworth St.

The proposed a 56-unit 4-storey multi-family building on the north side of North Dairy Road was approved by Saanich Council on April 24th. Construction of this Abstract Developments project is expected to begin later this year.

2707 Richmond Rd. + 1810 Kings Rd.

Abstract Developments proposed to rezone the properties in order to build a 16-unit, 3-storey, 3-building townhouse development. A community meeting was held with the applicant and neighbours on November 23rd, 2017 where concerns surrounding density, height, and traffic were noted. Saanich Council approved the project at a Public Hearing on June 19th.

1780 Townley St.

The Greater Victoria Housing Society received approval for their Townley House project at the November 7th, 2017 Public Hearing. Presently the existing building has been demolished and the site is being prepared for the new buildings.

1971 Woodley Rd.

The owner of the property is proposing to subdivide the property into two lots. The property is zoned RS-12.

Saanich Active Transportation Plan



Saanich Council approved the municipality's first Active Transportation Plan on June 18th. This Plan has created a vision along with policies and actions to guide the development of safe, attractive, and convenient active transportation options for people of all ages and abilities over the next 30 years. To learn more and to view the Plan visit the Saanich website:

www.saanich.ca/MovingSaanichFWD

Local History: *Memories of Lansdowne Airfield*

by Leigh Urquhart - With thanks to Saanich Archives

I write this story from my home on Queenston Street, South Saanich; the location was once part of the Lansdowne Airfield, Western Canada's first licensed airport in 1928. Once a farm pasture, this 77 acre property comprises part of the often called Saanich Panhandle – west of Richmond Road and between Lansdowne Road and Newton Street. Originally called Deans' Farm, created by two brothers in 1858, it has a rich aviation history. Even Charles Lindbergh (flew the first solo transatlantic flight), after arriving by boat from the orient, departed to Seattle from this airstrip in 1931.

Roughly 400 meters wide and 800 meters long, it was a grass runway used by first private aviators, some from WWI, barnstormers, and commercial airlines. The airfield was licensed as a landing field in 1927 and as an airport or aerodrome in 1928. During this time, BC Airways proposed a triangular route between Victoria, Seattle and Vancouver. They carried a few thousand passengers until their recently purchased Ford Tri Motor crashed into the Strait, en route to Seattle, losing all. That was their demise in 1929, and other small airlines came and went after that.

Most notably, prior to this commercial flying, was the accomplishment of Bill Gibson, a Scottish immigrant who was fascinated as a child with making kites and inspired by the Wright Brothers. In 1910, after test flying models in Beacon Hill Park, Gibson achieved aviation fame for designing and building the first Canadian powered aircraft to fly. Perched atop a horse saddle at the controls of a wood and fabric aircraft, the flight only lasted 200 feet before a crosswind caused a crash. His innovative engine and wing technology were world class at the time.

My interest started when an elderly relative

recited stories about gliders soaring above the field in the early 1930's. He said the flyers ran a cable winch from a cut down Buick. The Buick roared across the field south toward Bowker Creek, launching the glider air born. The pilot would disengage and float to the ground. Three loops of the field would secure the pilot a license.

This amazing little airport was abandoned in 1931, except for the occasional air show or "barnstorming". Most private planes moved to HBC property in Gordon Head. WWII came and the army established a camp at Gordon Head; all aircraft were relocated to Patricia Bay Airport.

In 1955, Lansdowne Junior Secondary was built on the site of the old hangar. Notably, today the student sports teams are named "The Flyers". Two significant stone cairns can be viewed today on the Lansdowne Middle school and Girls Alternative school properties, which chronicle aviator Bill Gibson and BC Airways.

Every day I am reminded of that historical aviation era, as BC Air ambulances fly low, dodging the cross wind over my house, while descending to the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

In 1942, pioneer flyer William Gibson (1876-1965) published a narrative poem, "The Bird Men". It tells of his early endeavors and the concluding lines encourage "those who live in the present, not to forget the past."



Excerpt from a map of Lansdowne Airfield

Hydro Field: For Sale?

by Andrea Gleichauf

The "Hydro Field" is a property located in Saanich between Haultain Street & Kings Road. An open section of Bowker Creek borders the field on the West side.

BC Hydro, a crown corporation, bought the properties in the 50s with plans to eventually, as the need for hydro increases, build a substation on the property.

It consists of three lots, 1843 & 1845 Kings Road are zoned R6, which means a house could be built on each lot without any rezoning needed. The largest parcel of the field is zoned P2 which is industrial. A substation or other industrial activity would be allowed to occur.

BC Hydro sees the land as a private unfenced property that the public has been allowed to use as green space. It is not a public park. As crown corporation land, the land belongs to the government of BC (which, one could argue, is us, the people).

BC Hydro has NOT put the property up for sale. Should BC Hydro want to divest itself of the property, the BC government, other crown corporations, First Nations interests would have to be considered first before BC Hydro could list the property on the open

market with a realtor to make it available for development by a private developer.

The District of Saanich, in the Shelbourne Local Area Plan (LAP), has identified the neighbourhood around the hydro field as lacking public green space. It is therefore very important for the health of the present and future neighbours that this property remains green space available to all. Saanich or the CRD needs to obtain the property to create a public park.

A group of concerned citizens has formed with the goal to preserve the hydro field as public green space. Their email is: ResponsibleKingsDevelopment@gmail.com



2017 Saanich orthophoto of the Hydro Field

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CCA Membership

We depend on the support of community residents. Your \$10/year (per household) can be submitted using the form below. All funds raised through membership fees are redirected back to the community helping cover the costs of events and projects.

Newsletter Distribution

Newsletter distribution is carried out by a dedicated group of volunteers. Newsletter delivery takes place no more than twice a year and involves distributing a bundle of newsletters in your neighbourhood. Anyone interested in helping out is encouraged to contact the CCA.

Board of Directors

We have a number of vacancies on our Board of Directors this year. Residents interested in volunteering as a Director are invited to contact the CCA or attend one of our regular Board Meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of each month (except for July, August, and December) at the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Contact the CCA

To contact the CCA, please email: CamosunCA@gmail.com

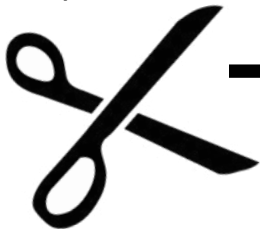
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\$10 per household per year

RENEWAL

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Emergency Preparedness

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