

Union Bay Community Club News Letter
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JUNE 2020

As expected, but now confirmed..

Bay Days are cancelled.



ON A HAPPIER NOTE.....



To all the wonderful citizens and friends of Union Bay,

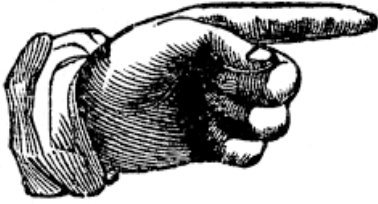
On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Union Bay Community Club we are very pleased to announce that we have surpassed 5K in donations for the new security system for our hall. We hope with the installation of this system that the unfortunate damages and break-ins will cease.

We plan on putting up a small plaque to commemorate 2020 being the year that we came together as a community and raised the money necessary. A huge acknowledgement to the Baynes Sound Lions Club for their 1k donation and to the Union Bay Credit Union for matching a whopping 2k once funds were raised. We could not have done it without all of the individuals who also donated. What a great community!

Visit our website at www.ubcc.ca for further updates on plans moving forward.

Sincerely,
The Volunteer Board of Directors
Union Bay Community Club and Recreation Association

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Many events are cancelled until further notice, along with monthly meetings:

- Union Bay church is suspending services.
- Community Club's monthly meeting is cancelled.
- All current events are suspended as the hall is closed.



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- At least we're all painfully bored together?
- A big shout out to those that have been forced to realize that their regular day is called 'quarantine'.

- You know you are in trouble when you are on your first day of self-isolation, but on your third bottle of wine.
- Why didn't the sick guy get the joke? It flu over his head.
- What did the guy say to the bartender? I'll have a Corona, hold the virus.

Update: Royston & Union Bay Sewer Extension Project

June 2020

CVRD continues to explore sewage treatment options

Wastewater management has been a regular topic for Royston and Union Bay over the years. Since a failed referendum on the South Sewer Project in 2016, there has been ongoing work to find a wastewater solution that protects the natural environment and provides cost effective wastewater treatment for residents.

"The CVRD, through the support of funds allocated by Electoral Area A, has continued to seek an affordable sewage management solution for the community's benefit. I am hopeful a new proposed framework may achieve this goal," said Director Daniel Arbour, Electoral Area A.

The last few years of review and assessment have led to a potential new option, that is currently being reviewed by staff and will be put forward to the community for feedback in the fall.

A NEW OPTION TO CONSIDER

In 2018 the Comox Valley Sewage Commission, which services Courtenay, Comox and K'ómoks First Nation, supported a request put forward by Electoral Area A to analyze the technical, regulatory and financial impacts of extending sewer services south to Royston and Union Bay. This feasibility study was funded by Electoral Area A.

Following this assessment, the sewage commission has now agreed to receive untreated wastewater from Royston, Union Bay and K'ómoks First Nation south lands. The decision means that Royston and Union Bay now have the option of connecting into the Courtenay/Comox system, and have wastewater treated at the CVRD's sewage treatment plant and discharged via the existing outfall, eliminating the need for a separate treatment plant in the south – if the communities chose to participate. Historically, sewer service has only been offered within municipal boundaries.

"This decision opens up an important option for residents in Royston and Union Bay that could see a solution to wastewater collection and treatment in this sensitive area," said David Frisch, Chair of the Sewage Commission. The historic decision by the sewage commission opens the door to a collaborative wastewater management solution for the region, offering potential efficiencies in required infrastructure.

COMING UP NEXT

With this option now on the table, the CVRD is moving forward with further assessment and technical evaluation, discussion with partners and pursuing grant opportunities.

A public engagement plan is also being developed to determine next steps. Thorough consultation and community input on the desired outcomes will be required to move forward.



Residents in Royston and Union Bay currently rely on onsite treatment systems, which require proper maintenance.

Questions and Answers for sewer extension project

There is much more to come as technical assessment continues and public consultation is planned and started, but below are answers to a few of the questions we expect residents will have:

How much will this cost homeowners in Royston and Union Bay?

The project team is working on updating cost estimates based on further technical work. Outcomes of grant applications will also influence the potential costs. As a result, there are no estimated costs to share at this time, but the CVRD recognizes that affordability for homeowners is key to support moving forward. More cost information will be available during the public consultation period.

How is Union Bay Estates involved?

The CVRD is in ongoing discussions with Union Bay Estates (UBE) about future service needs and proposed approaches. There is interest from both parties in working together to create a system that is efficient and that will meet the environmental and health guidelines established by the provincial regulators. Proposed options will be presented in partnership with UBE.

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THE SECOND WORLD WAR (Cont. from May 2020 DBTB)

CIVIL DEFENCE:

Early in the war, a civilian protection service called the Air Raid Precaution (ARP) was formed with 827 active members in the Comox District under the Police Sergeant in Courtenay. Bill Auchinvole was deputy warden for Union Bay. The men trained in all branches of civilian protection, including first aid, firefighting, and gas decontamination.

After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, Dec. 7, 1941, an air attack was reported as imminent on the Pacific Coast. So, on Dec. 8 ARP members went door to door advising and instructing the citizens about blackout. The airport at Comox and the shipping port of Union Bay were said to be targeted by Japan. This was taken seriously, and in fact, a Japanese submarine fired shots near Estivan.

Makeshift covers were made for windows, using blankets, cardboard and tar paper. Stores were soon depleted of green window blinds, building paper and plywood. Renters of the Colliery houses were provided with window covers for their many windows. Flashlights were to be painted so just a slit of light appeared. Car drivers who had to drive at night painted their headlights, leaving a perpendicular 3 inch strip, ½ inch wide. Several accidents happened as cars crawled along in the dark.

Precautionary measures were taken at Union Bay. A huge air raid siren was mounted on the school roof. Fire escapes were built from each class room. Teachers drilled the students on evacuation. At Royston and Courtenay schools, aid raid shelters were built with wooden floors and benches for the children to escape into. A fire hydrant system was completed at the Bay by the coal company. Home owners were advised to keep sand, a shovel and rake handy to smother incendiary bombs before a fire started.

A division of the Pacific Coast Militia Rangers Company 21, with members from Bowser to Union Bay, was formed under Captain Fred Currans of Fanny Bay. They were a motley crew, mostly men too old to join up or young boys waiting to enlist. They were initially equipped with only a steel helmet, arm bands and their own hunting rifles. Eventually, each was issued with a bone-dry jacket and pants, gas mask, and a 30-30 Winchester rifle. They trained once a week on the Coal Hills, with Paul Grundy and George Davis in charge. Sometimes they teamed up with Cumberland for a pretend fight with Courtenay and Royston. Gordon Horne brought old or broken bags of flour from his store, and the men put it in little paper bags which were used as hand grenades. Anyone hit turned white!

By Janette Glover-Geidt



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