

The Gibsons Way

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The George Hotel Application

The Town of Gibsons has received a development application for "the George", a 96 room hotel with 31 residential units proposed for the corner of Gower Point Road and Winn Road. The project has been reviewed by staff and additional information is being compiled by the applicant. This will be followed by a report to Council in June outlining the next steps for consultation and future consideration of bylaws.

Rogers Communication Tower

Rogers Communications approached the Town of Gibsons and the SCRCD offering to replace the existing telecommunications tower at the Gibsons and District Fire Hall (790 North Road). Rogers is in the final stages of completing a consultation process. A report on the consultation results and staff recommendations for the next steps will be presented to Council on May 21st.

Economic Development

We understand economic development to include human development - creating a diverse and vibrant economy requires building local skills and providing a supportive environment for local businesses to thrive. We are working closely with key organizations such as the Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority (GLHA) and Community Futures to maximize the potential of the Recreational Water Lease by attracting investment and economic activity. The completion of the first phase of GLHA's expansion plans is a great example of that. The new floating dock allows us to meet the needs of the commercial fishery as well as residents and businesses.

The Town and the adjacent electoral areas of West Howe Sound and Elphinstone have partnered with the Gibsons and District Chamber of Commerce to provide an improved socio-economic profile and dedicated point of contact for interested investors and future residents.

Aquifer Mapping

Gibsons residents are passionate about their aquifer, and preserving it is a high priority for Council. We understand about water's contribution to supporting critical ecosystems that lay the foundation for our livelihoods.

Since 2009 the Town has been engaged in an exhaustive study of the Gibsons Aquifer to determine its extents, where the aquifer water comes from, the potential population it could serve and how to protect this valuable asset. The final report on this aquifer mapping exercise will be presented to Council and the public on May 16th at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

The Aquifer Mapping report will guide staff and Council in assessing future development of the Town. The Town's proactive action in mapping and protecting this water supply has been gaining national attention as it serves as a good example in groundwater management practices that are being promoted by professionals in the field.

Walk on Water in Gibsons

To celebrate 2013 Drinking Water Week, Gibsons is hosting a "Walk on Water" event on May 25th. Take a 45 minute walk along the waterfront and through the Town to explore some of the features of the Gibsons Aquifer. This interpretive tour will provide a history of the Town's supply of pure drinking water from the glacial creation of the aquifer to present day. Staff have been working on this pilot project and will be seeking feedback from the public as to their enjoyment of this event and whether this tour should become a permanent feature in the Town.

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