

The Gibsons Way

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Harbour Expansion Project

Gibsons Landing Harbour Authority (GLHA) and representatives from partner agencies celebrated the completion and grand opening of a \$1.3 million upgrade and expansion of moorage facilities with a dockside ceremony Wednesday, May 29. The new drive-on concrete float represents the first of a projected multi-phase harbour expansion.

The new float is drawing interest from commercial and recreational users, including a proposed harbour-to-harbour walk-on passenger ferry service. The project is expected to be a catalyst for economic development in the harbour.

These improvements will also support the marine services sector by allowing easier access to the harbour. When businesses in our region succeed, our communities reap the benefits.

Parkland Tennis Courts

At a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, June 3, attended by Mayor Wayne Rowe and Sunshine Coast Regional District Chair Garry Nohr, developer Blane Hagedorn officially transferred Parkland's newly-built tennis courts to the Town of Gibsons.

In recent years, the Town has lost two major tennis courts when expansion of Elphinstone Secondary eliminated courts on its property, and construction of a new skateboard facility at Brothers Park required relocating that tennis court. These new courts are a much needed recreation amenity and a real benefit to residents of Gibsons and the adjacent areas of Elphinstone and West Howe Sound.

Bulk Water Agreement

On June 13, the SCRCD and Town of Gibsons signed a Bulk Water Agreement. The agreement signifies a long term partnership between the two local governments for the provision of high quality water to service the Upper Gibsons neighbourhood. This agreement will provide certainty for the Town of Gibsons to implement their Upper Gibsons neighbourhood plan over the next 25 years, and the commitment necessary for the SCRCD to plan and fund the infrastructure improvements necessary to sustain the provision of water services to the south coast over this same time frame.

Aquifer gets Global Recognition

The Gibsons Aquifer is receiving wider attention than just from the residents of Gibsons. The Town's Aquifer Mapping Study has come to the attention of the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto. The Program of Water Issues at the school has invited the Director of Engineering, Dave Newman, to join a panel discussion at the upcoming conference: *Underground Intelligence: The need to map, monitor, and manage Canada's groundwater resources in an era of drought and climate change*. A link to the discussion paper by Ed Struzik will be placed on the Town's website after the conference. Traveling with Dave will be three cases of Gibsons Aquifer water to be served at the conference during a water tasting break.

Shuttle Service Pilot Project

The Chamber of Commerce and the Town have partnered to offer a community shuttle service connecting the upper and lower areas of the Town. The shuttle will run every weekend from June 15th through to September 15th on a trial basis to determine if there is sufficient demand to support a permanent shuttle.

This has long been identified as a priority by community organizations and Town planners. The topography that creates the town's beautiful views also means a steep climb; a particular challenge for seniors and others without a vehicle. Stay tuned for further details.

View the schedule online at www.gibsonschamber.com or stop into either the Chamber or Town office to pick up a copy.

Armours Beach Site Plan

Council approved forming an advisory committee to consider options and make recommendations for the development of the Armours Beach site plan. Applications have been received and the Committee will be appointed early in July.


The Committee will meet through July and August with a goal of providing recommendations to Council in September in time for the 2014 budget deliberations.


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