

The Gibsons Way

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Brewing Up New Business

This fall, two new breweries have been endorsed by Council for their liquor licences. Work will be commencing over the next few months, with opening plans for early spring. Gibsons Tapworks will be located in lower Gibsons at 537 Cruice Lane and the Coast Distillery and Brewery in upper Gibsons at 1009 Gibsons Way. We wish the new businesses success!

Gibsons Public Market Update

Local residents and visitors alike are watching with interest the progress of the building which will house a fully-functioning, vibrant public market that will provide an anchor for revitalizing the downtown core and harbour areas of Gibsons. Throughout the major renovation, we have been impressed with the commitment and rigour of the Public Market team of volunteers, and the professionals hired to assist them, as they worked with skilled, local contractors to complete the project.

Once the renovation of the site is completed, the much improved community amenity will house a community kitchen, permanent farmers market and a marine education centre, in an excellent location not far from our library, museum and harbour. It is encouraging to see a partnership between government, business and the community enable the development of multifaceted project like this, which will benefit Gibsons and the Coast for many years to come.

Helen Alp Trail

At the July 5th meeting, Council voted to name the scenic trail from Shaw Road to Stewart Road 'Helen's Way' in honour of Helen Alp. Helen spent a considerable amount of time walking between upper and lower Gibsons, collecting bottles and cans for recycling, helping to keep the Town tidy. Council has prioritized the development of a continuous, integrated bicycle network promoting both recreation and transportation cycling, and the recently completed low gradient trail connecting lower and upper Gibsons welcomes casual hikers and mountain bikers who relish the opportunity to enter deep into nature, in the heart of town.

Fall Grants of Assistance

On October 4th, 2016, Council awarded the following Grants of Assistance:

- The Special Olympics Sunshine Coast is an active charitable organization offering sports programs for athletes age 3-70 who have developmental disabilities. The organization has over 45 volunteer coaches and 55 athletes. The SOSOC received \$600 to support hosting a curling bonspiel in Gibsons on November 5th. This event provided an opportunity to invite Special Olympic athletes and coaches from neighbouring communities to Gibsons. It also celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Gibsons Curling Club.
- The Sunshine Coast Skating Club is a local organization offering a wide variety of skating programs to a membership of 295. It also hosts community skating events. The SCSC received \$1,000 to support the upcoming "Elvis Rocks the Coast" featuring Elvis Stojko. This show, scheduled for March 11th, 2017 at the Gibsons and Area Community Centre, provides skaters the opportunity to perform with a Canadian skating legend while offering an entertaining show to the community.

Affordable Housing Progress

Council has been making steady progress in the area of affordable housing, a key strategy in building a positive environment for young working families to live here on the Coast.

Nine townhomes have been proposed for Gibsons Way, while the Sunshine Coast Affordable Housing Society in collaboration with Click Homes continue to work on exploring the use of unused road dedications as potential lots for affordable housing. Geotechnical reports have been completed on the road dedication sites and a surveyor will prepare site plans to assist Council and the Housing Society determine which road dedications are best suited for housing projects.



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