

Mount View Colquitz Community Assoc. Summary of activities April 2018 to March 2019

The MVCCA:

- holds nine general meetings a year on the third Tuesday of the month
- has a representative attend the monthly SCAN (Saanich Community Assoc. Network) meetings
- sends representatives to various workshops and provides feedback on Saanich initiatives
- hosts events such as a Spring Plant Exchange
- supports area initiatives from groups or individuals
- has at least one representative at all development project Open Houses
- has a representative to speak at council meetings where local projects are on the agenda

The MVCCA maintains:

- the Mt. View Park native plant garden
- a website that provides information on local issues and events
- connection with the neighbourhood through brochures and information booths; such as at Saanich Cycling Festival

MVCCA needs more members and particularly new executive members, to bring forward their ideas for projects and activities that will help build community.

Current Issues

This summer we expect there will be more homeless encampments in Saanich. In the Saanich Core there is tremendous pressure to densify, without an overlying plan to deal with the traffic, parking and the lack of local amenities. The Uptown Douglas Corridor study has not resulted in the tangible results we wanted. This area will bear the impact of the BC Transit bus exchange, the unbuilt housing at Uptown and the megastore that may be built at Douglas and Tolmie. Other project ideas, for within our area, include a casino and a sports facility (velodrome) with a hotel. The planned widening of Hwy #1 for a south side bus lane, is likely to result in more trees cut down and a loss of quality of life, for the residents on that side of the highway. That's the bad news, however we can foster civic pride and safe streets via interaction with our neighbours.

Opportunities

The MVCCA is interested in including more community members in our association and executive. Join to receive emails about events, meetings and issues in our area. By participation in the executive, you can play an active role and head up a time-limited project, of your own creation.

For example:

- plan an activity day for in Mt. View Park e.g. family day or Climate Café
- arrange for guest speakers
- plan a community survey, or knock on doors to inform neighbours about the MVCCA
- plan a neighbourhood social
- plan a weed pulling / planting event
- prepare a neighbourhood disaster plan
- plan a hydro pole painting event
- plan a newsletter to be mailed within our area
- arrange for a beautification project such a hydro box art, or mural
- work with Saanich and CRD to plan area signage, including historical sites
- manage a spring plant exchange

Thank you for your interest in your community.

Carol Hamill - April 2019