

MVCCA Newsletter Nov. 2020

If you have any news you would like to share please contact me for inclusion in a future newsletter.

Generally the MVCCA website is a good source of information on local news. I try to keep the focus on our area, as city wide issues are likely to be covered elsewhere.

In the past week. Saanich has planted more trees in areas such as Regina Park and Mt. View Park as part of a effort to improve the urban tree canopy. The road work project on Columbine Way is complete, including a much safer access ramp from Raymond towards Mackenzie School.

The pandemic has hampered the completion of some construction work in our area, it is of special concern that no progress has happened in the Nigel Valley re-development. The full service, veterinary hospital at 760 Roderick Street is close to completion. The Uptown mall has painted a portion of their roadway as a permanent public area.

The November 18th Saanich News features a front page article entitled “Neighbours rally to save Saanich daycare”: <https://www.saanichnews.com/e-editions/>

A rezoning to enable the subdivision of a lot on Canterbury Road is scheduled for the Nov. 30th council meeting. No other projects in our area are currently set for Council meetings. The next two Public Hearing dates are Dec. 15 and Jan. 12, 2021.

The Housing Strategy Task Force meetings are available for view on the Saanich website. At the last meeting they discussed Community Amenities Contributions (CAC's) and some policy options. This is the amenity or cash in lue, that a developer offers as part of a rezoning application. Saanich currently reviews amenities on a case by case basis, with no overall transparent and consistent policy. I will notify residents when the public input part to the CAC's study is announced. I am concerned that the development community will dominate this discussion.

The next Housing Strategy Task Force meeting will include a presentation on the Uptown Douglas (UD) plan, (Nov. 26 beginning at 5 P.M.). The UD plan was endorsed, in principle, but prior to a Public Hearing, Council has requested a supplemental report to address their questions. One of the issues is how to incorporate the CAC's targets in the UD plan, into the city wide policy.

Please phone me, if you have and questions or comments.

Best wishes,

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