

Cortes Island (Area I) Regional Director's Report

It's Victoria Day and we awoke to a sky filled with sunlight - a pleasant change from the cold, wet weekend. Old timers always sowed the garden on Victoria Day weekend and I planned on following that tradition this year. This is a significant change from the years of market gardening when all plants would be in the ground by now. Though the gardens I work are much smaller now it is a challenge to find the time needed to plant and tend them – especially when the weather is uncooperative. So here are a couple items of interest to everyone—then I'm off to plant some vegetables.

Hydro Service Meeting Rescheduled

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the Hydro Service meeting has been rescheduled for June 5, at Manson's Hall, from 7pm-9pm. BC Hydro is sponsoring the meeting and has extended invitations to Telus, and North Island 911 to partake in the meeting. Both invitations have been accepted and representatives from Telus and North Island 911 will attend. As you may recall Hydro was forced to cancel its November meeting when the first severe storm rolled through. The wind damage caused by the severe weather events throughout the winter served as the impetus to expand the meeting to all affected service providers. I sincerely hope the weather cooperates this time and that all concerned island residents are able to attend.

Siskin Forest Park and Trails

During the past year the Comox Strathcona Regional District Parks Department accepted thirty-two acres of dedicated land and an adjacent trail system associated with the Siskin Lane Strata subdivision for parkland. It is time to officially name this recently acquired parkland. A name must be chosen that complies with the RD Naming of Public Facilities policy. Parks staff, the APC and I have all discussed various possibilities. The preferred name thus far is "***Siskin Forest Park and Trails***." This reflects a recognizable geographical landmark (Siskin Lane) and is in keeping with the donated purpose of the parkland. Did we get this one right and can it proceed to the board for official name dedication? This is your opportunity to voice your opinion.

Feel free to contact me about these or any other concern at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone -- 202-6488. You can also email me at brijen@oberon.ark.com anytime.

Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Hiebert—Regional Director