

Quarterly information for residents by the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD).



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

Local government elections in British Columbia are held every three years. This includes elections for mayors, councillors, regional district electoral area directors, school trustees and trustees for the Islands Trust. The next local government elections will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011.

While provincial elections are administered by Elections BC, local government elections are managed by chief election officers that are appointed independently by each local government.

In most provinces, the eligibility for voting in local government elections is limited to residents only. In British Columbia, residents can vote, as can persons that own property in a local government jurisdiction, even if they do not reside there (some restrictions apply). More information on elector eligibility is available in the Voter's Guide to Local Elections in British Columbia (developed by the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development) or from your local government.

Local Governments have a substantial impact on people's lives. For example, the SCRD provides services ranging from parks and recreation to waste management, from building approvals to the provision of water, from public transit to docks, and much more. Elections are the most visible way for the public to directly influence their local government and the community where they reside or own property. Mark your calendar. General Voting Day is **November 19**.

For more information, go to www.scrd.ca/General-Government.



Together
we can be
the change
we want to
see in our
community!

One Coast, One Climate

About One Coast, One Climate and the Community Energy and Emissions Plan (CEEP)

The SCRD, in partnership with the Town of Gibsons, the District of Sechelt, and the Sechelt Indian Government District, is taking a leadership role in addressing climate change. Across Canada, communities and their local governments are taking steps to tackle this challenge by taking concrete steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The CEEP was developed with public input through workshops and forums in 2009 to identify policies, action areas and targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on the Sunshine Coast.

Seven key areas were addressed under the CEEP program:

- Create a culture of energy conservation for residents and businesses
- Support energy efficient land use practices
- Support a healthy, local green building sector
- Create reliable transportation opportunities to move residents efficiently
- Optimize use of local and regional renewable and alternative energy sources
- Support a local, energy efficient economy
- Optimize solid waste reduction, reuse and recycling

Community Energy and Emissions Plan Initiatives

Green Builders Forum

On September 20, the SCRD Building Division, BC Hydro Power Smart New Home program and Constructive Home Solutions are hosting the Green Builders Forum at the Seaside Centre in Sechelt. The free forum will provide participants with the opportunity to discuss proposed 2012 Building Code changes, see hands-on demonstrations, and much more. To register, send an email to ceep@scrd.ca with your name and contact information by September 12.

Climate Smart Project

On Tuesday September 27, the SCRD, along with the District of Sechelt and the Town of Gibsons will kick off a series of workshops funded by Fortis BC that are aimed at small to medium businesses. The workshops provide training and software to develop strategies to cut costs and improve operational efficiencies, navigate utility incentives and rebate programs and reduce risks and costs associated with carbon emissions. A limited number of subsidies are available on a first-come-first-served basis. For information, go to www.scrd.ca/Climate-and-Energy or call toll-free 1-888-688-6283 or email info@climatesmartbusiness.com.

To learn more, visit www.scrd.ca/Climate-and-Energy.

The Sunshine Coast is a community of communities creating a sustainable way of life through a collaborative decision making process. We are committed to an enhanced natural context, local control over local resources, a vibrant economy and an enriched cultural fabric.

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