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The Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of over **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point Official Community Plans boundaries who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$10.00 per person and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.ca) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

Our society's purpose is to:

- Ensure that the development of the communities of Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your email address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Email opsrra@gmail.com if you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Marika Nagasaka at: opsrra@gmail.com to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar here and on our website.

Tuesday
September 2 **Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Wednesday
September 3 **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation**
Commission (SEAPARC)
Monthly Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC

- Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.
- Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.

Agendas and Minutes posted for each meeting at:
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm>

Wednesday
September 3 **Shirley Women's Institute**
7:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Saturday
September 6 **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**
Hike San Juan Ridge; Explore part of the Kludahk Trail
9:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

Register with Rosemary as numbers are limited as this hike requires 4-wheel drive and car-pooling.

Bring a lunch and water, wear good footwear, and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767
or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Wednesday
September 10 **WildSafeBC**
Public Information Meeting
7:00 p.m.
JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Wednesday
September 10 **Shirley Community Association
Meeting**
7:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Saturday
September 13 **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks &
Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca
Community Trails Society
Charters River to Grassy Lake**
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

Or, meet at 9:40 am at the Charters River bridge on Sooke River Road.

Expect an approximately 10 km hike, difficulty level 3+. Depending on participants and the weather, this hike may return via Monument Mountain. for some really spectacular views.

Bring a lunch, water, and dress for the weather. Good footwear a must.

Everyone welcome.

Contact Sid Jorna:
Phone: 250-642-2767 or
email: jdf.cts@gmail.com for more information

Tuesday
September 16 **Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee**
7:00 p.m.
JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Wednesday
September 17 **Shirley Fire Commission
Meeting**
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Friday
September 19 **Building an Electric Fence
Workshop hosted by WildSafeBC**
10:00 a.m.

FREE
Contact Debb Read to register
phone: 250 642 2997
email: capitalregionaldistrict@wildsafebc.com

Monday September 22	OPSRRA Board of Directors Meeting Members welcome! 7:30 p.m. Board Room SEAPARC Leisure Complex 2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC Agenda available on request. Contact opsrra@gmail.com
Tuesday September 23	Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission Monthly Meeting 3:00 p.m. JDF Local Area Services Building 3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC
Wednesday September 24	Shirley & Jordan River Citizens' Committee Official Community Plan Review 7:00 p.m. Shirley Community Hall Read documents at: https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/juan-de-fuca
Sunday September 28	Food Art Apple Fest 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Sunriver Community Gardens, 2380 Phillips Road Apple Shack Learning Centre in the Community Orchard For more information and to get involved: http://sookefoodchi.ca/applefest/
Wednesday October 1	Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) Monthly Meeting 6:30 p.m. Board Room SEAPARC Leisure Complex 2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. ● Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair. Agendas and Minutes posted for each meeting at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm
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Tuesday
October 7

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Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Saturday
October 4

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike Cedar Grove Trail to Cougar Ridge
9:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome.

Meet at the Roche Cove parking lot.

A 7 to 8 km, difficulty level 3, hike through gorgeous East Sooke forest.

Bring a lunch and water, wear good footwear, and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767
or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.
Web site:
www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Saturday
October 11

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Sooke Potholes Park to Peden Lake
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

Or, meet at 9:40 am at the Charters River bridge on Sooke River Road.

An approximately 10 km hike, difficulty level 3.

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Mondays

Karate for all ages
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Mondays

Pilates

10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Contact Sandra Smith:

website: www.svakayoga.com

email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Yoga

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Gentle Flow class for all ages

Contact Nicole Spackman:

email: shirleyhallyoga@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Malahat Art Space

2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Malahat Farm, 2675 Anderson Road

Held in the big garage to the left as you come up the drive.

Time to do art and crafts together, learn from each other and have fun.

Everyone welcome

For more information:

email kwoods@pacificcoast.net, or vero@malahatfarm.com

or call 250-642-0393 or 250-642-6868

Thursdays

Shirley Quilters and Crafters

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

[Everyone welcome](#)

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Saturdays

Pilates

9:30 am

Shirley Community Hall

Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)

Contact: Sandra Smith

website: www.svakayoga.com

email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Thursdays &
Sundays

Nia Dance / Movement Class

Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Sundays (September): 10:00 to 11:15 a.m.

Sundays (October): 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Melody Kimmell:

250-646-2995

movingmelody@gmail.com

2. **BEAR BUZZ: APPLE ALERT**

September is upon us. The berries are almost finished for the year and bears will now begin to look for other food sources.

Apples, pears and other fruit bearing trees begin to ripen, and can potentially become a food choice for hungry bears if not managed correctly. Such fruit can attract bears to our backyards, and this can increase the potential for bear habituation and human-bear conflicts. Attracting bears to your yard can also result in bears obtaining other human foods such as garbage, pet food, compost, and birdseed.

The responsibility to manage fruit trees and wildlife sustainably falls upon us. We plant fruit trees primarily for the beauty of the blossoms in the spring and to enjoy the sweet fruit in the fall, but we need to manage these trees responsibly so as not to attract bears. Phone calls to the Conservation Officer Service regarding conflicts with bears are on the rise in BC. Taking a proactive approach to attractant management is a critical step to sharing our landscapes with wildlife safely and sustainably.

WildSafeBC is an educational program that encourages efforts by all to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.

So what can we do?

- Pick fruit and allow it to ripen indoors or pick daily as it ripens. Do not allow windfall to accumulate on the ground.
- If you do not want the fruit, prune the tree vigorously to prevent blossoms or spray spring blossoms with a garden hose to knock them off.
- If you would like to make the fruit available to others, contact a local fruit exchange program, consider contacting Sooke Food Chi about the fruit-tree gleaning project to pick unwanted fruit, or donate to the food bank.
- Consider using [electric fencing](#) to protect your fruit trees.
- If you no longer want to manage your tree, consider replacement with a native, non-fruit bearing variety.
- Berries should be picked as they ripen.
- Consider replacing your berry bushes with native, non-fruiting varieties if you do not want the fruit.

3. **NEW OTTER POINT FACEBOOK GROUP**

The following article written by COPBC:

This is a group for visitors and residents of Otter Point BC to interact with each other: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/otterpointbc/>

Ideally, we in the community would be able to operate more directly with each other on local issues so therefore this group was reserved/created in 2012 by Otter Point Bulletin Board aka OPBB, they also have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OtterPointBC>

Some of the ideas that we can discuss in this group (copied/pasted from OPBB's page) are: latest wildlife sightings, emergency helpful tips, latest events or latest farm eggs on sale to name a few.

All of us may post, comment, share, like or retrieve anything we want as long as it is relevant to the community of Otter Point or neighbouring communities. However, the main focus of this Facebook group is Otter Point BC.

Please have common sense and respect within your activity on this page towards each other. No negative postings such as insulting each other shall be permitted.

Welcome!

~Community of Otter Point British Columbia (aka COPBC)

4. SUMMER WATER SURVEY

We've had a very dry summer. Is your water supply suffering?

Island water shortages have been in the news; we're probably all curious to know if this summer has caused issues with our local water supplies. OPSRRA has put together a short survey to find out if our area has experienced water shortages.

Please complete the ONLY the section(s) that apply to you. (Complete more than one section if you have more than one water supply.)

Your participation in this survey is anonymous.

OPSRRA will publish the results in the October OPSRRA newsletter, and send the results to the Regional Director and our MLA.

You have until September 30, 2014 to complete the survey.

Click [here](#) to complete the survey.

5. UPDATE: CONDITIONAL SALE OF ADMIRAL'S OTTER POINT FOREST

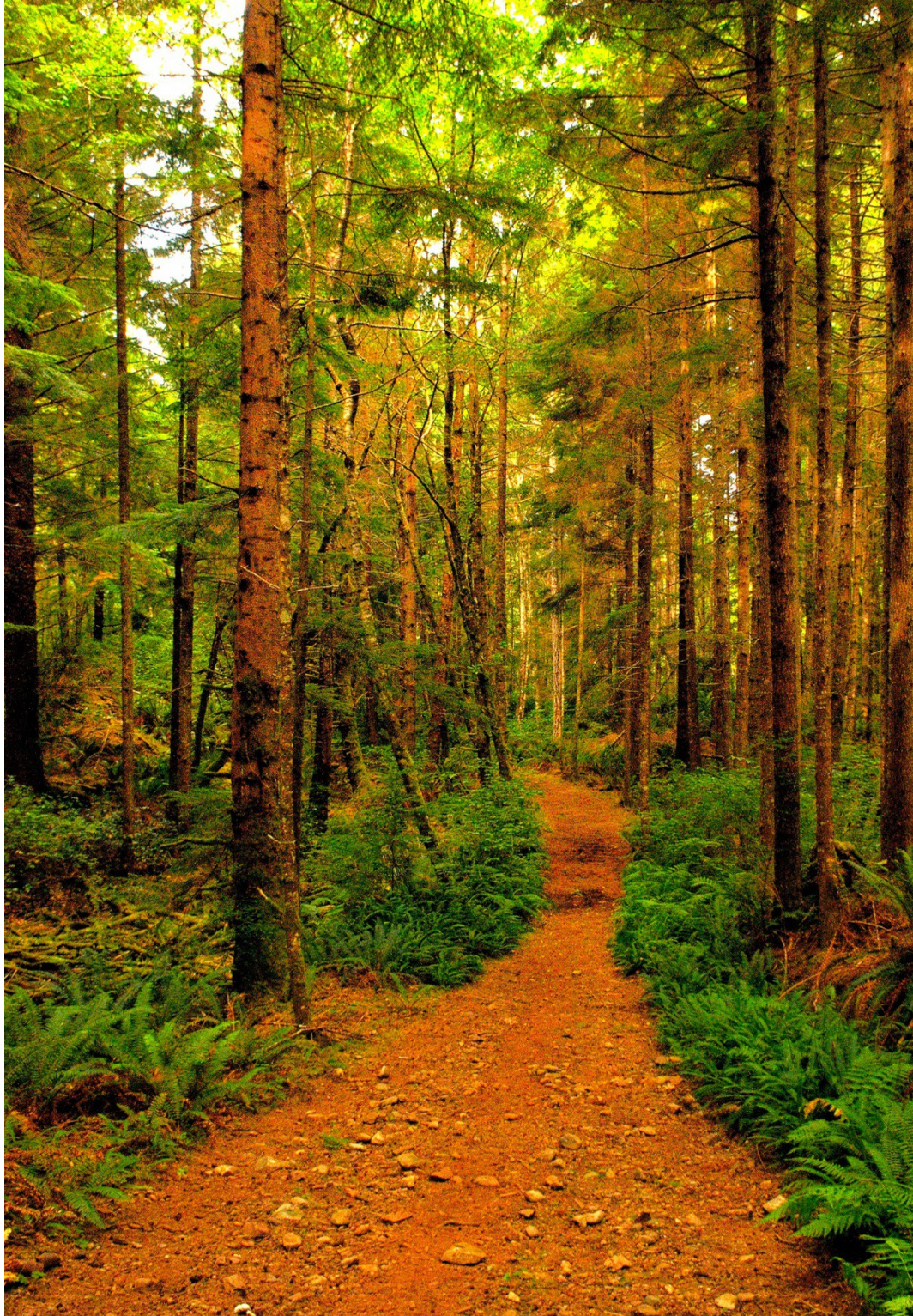
Submitted by Arnie Campbell, a director of the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society

The long anticipated real estate listing of the Admiral's Forest in Otter Point has happened. On August 8, 2014, the trustees for the estate of the late John Charles engaged a local realtor to list the 70 acre forest for sale, with an asking price of \$549,900. Two offers were submitted within a week, while the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society was continuing to look for financial backers to make an offer. The accepted offer is conditional and the purchaser has until September 10, 2014, to arrange their financing. There is reason to believe the new owners will leave the property much as it is and hopefully will allow some public access.

Meanwhile, the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society continues to follow the recent events and is looking for financial backers willing to support either a public access arrangement with the prospective purchaser or, should the sale not go forward on September 10, support the Society's offer of purchase. At the moment nothing is certain.

The Admiral's Forest is just east of Gordon's Beach and is part of a 135 acre property bought by Rear Admiral John Charles in the 1960s before his retirement from a distinguished career with the Royal Canadian Navy. He built a home there in the 1970s and operated the land as a private managed forest until his passing in October 2010. A

member of the family previously received title from the Admiral to 65 acres of the forest; the remainder (the portion for sale) is in a five-year trust, which expires October 2015.



One of the many spectacular trails left in the forest after the Admiral completed his logging.

The Admiral was known to many of us as John. He was interested in his community and passionate about the care of his forest, which he selectively logged and replanted. John was an OPSRRA director, a member of the steering committee for the Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Developing a Strategic Vision Project, member of the

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society and regular attendee at Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission meetings. Neighbours and others were allowed on his property as long as no motorized vehicles were used and they respected the land. In return, the visitors helped keep the trails open and monitored activity in the forest. During the 40 years he spent growing and caring for his forest the Admiral built roads to remove his logs and these later became the trails used by walkers and horseback riders.

Now a recreational and environmental legacy for the community is for sale. Perhaps the new owner will recognize this and will maintain some of the forest for public access. The goal of Trust is to see some of the dwindling green space in our community retained for recreation, conservation and wildlife habitat. We'll know more about the future of the Admiral's Forest after September 10, 2014.

The Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust received notice on August 27, 2014, that Revenue Canada approved its application for charitable status. This welcomed notification means that as of that date, donations received in support of the activities of the Trust can be acknowledged with a charitable tax receipt.

For more information about the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society and how you can help to support their efforts to acquire green space on behalf of the community, visit: www.jdflandtrust.ca

6. WHERE IN THE JUAN DE FUCA?

Where in the Juan de Fuca? is a continuing feature of the OPSRRA newsletter. We present a picture and ask you to identify where the building or object is located, what it is, or any significance it might have.

Last month, Michael Doerfler correctly identified the picture as the old Otter Point fire truck.



The old Otter Point fire truck, photographed in June 2014 by Arnie Campbell. Note the information on the door of the truck, which identifies it as the Otter District and not the

Pictured above is the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department's first real fire truck, purchased in May, 1978, from the Woss Lake Volunteer Fire Department. It was a 1949 International fire truck with the motor and running gear of a 1970 Chevrolet and had an 800-gallon water tank with a 250 g.p.m. pump. It is now parked in the Fire Training compound behind the Otter Point Fire Hall.

The fire department's first "fire truck" was a 1956, one ton Dodge flatbed truck. It came into service in October, 1977, and was equipped with a 250-gallon water tank, three pumps and storage lockers for equipment and gear.



The first fire truck as it looked when in use by the Woss Volunteer Fire Department. Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department photo.

Find pictures and more information about the history of the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department: http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/home/75_80/History75_80.shtml

This month's Where in the Juan de Fuca?

Tell us where the following painting is and its significance. No prize for the winner(s), but we'll give you credit for your "find" if you're okay with us using your name. The answer will be in next month's newsletter. Send your guess, by September 30, 2014, to: opsrra@gmail.com



7. **SHIRLEY DAY A SUCCESS**

Thank you for a very successful Shirley Day!

Shirley Hall and adjacent Pioneer Park were very busy on Sunday, August 17, 2014, when the Shirley Community Association hosted their annual Shirley Day.

There were over 25 vendors/community groups in the park, Shirley Fire Department cut up a car to demonstrate their Jaws of Life equipment, a very popular closed bid auction was held in the hall, the Shirley kitchen produced its usual yummy fare, the Salmon BBQ sold out...all contributing to an extremely successful day raising over \$2500 toward the maintenance of our 75+ year old Shirley Hall and Pioneer Park.

The Community Association would like to thank the following businesses/donors and individuals who contributed to Shirley Day:

AdrenaLine Zip Line Tour, Best Western Premier Resort, B & K Jewelry & Gifts, Barking Dog Studio, Cedar Coast Fibre Arts, Chevron, Epicure Selection, Suds & Pups, Foggy Mountain Forge, Honesty Tea, J & A LivingWells, Jenny's Olde-Country Fare, Lazy Gecko Eatery, Point-No-Point Resort, Seaflora Skincare Inc., Saltwest Seasoning, 17 Mile House, Shirley Delicious, Sooke Coastal Exploration & Whale Watching, Sooke Soil & Landscape, Sooke Video To Go, Stone Pipe Grill, Tugwell Creek Honey Farm, John Bellis - Haida Artist, Yvonne Black, Mary Brown, Judith & Mary-Claire Carder, Mary & Fern Dunn, Megan Einarson, Robin Fleming, Ava & Marty Gilbertson, Mel Kimmel, Cordell Klippenstein, Pascale & Christian Knoglinger, Sheena Mercer, Chuck & Colleen Minten, Fiona & Guy McDannold, Colin McMechan, Janet McTavish, A.Quinn, Ron Ramsay, Grant Richardson, Christien & Harold Shipton, Shirley Fire

Department, Jennifer Taylor, Jim Zettel, the market vendors in the park,.....and the community of Shirley.

Hope to see you all at next year's Shirley Day: Sunday, August 16, 2015

8. **UPDATE: KEMP LAKE WATERWORKS**

At the end of January 2013, the ratepayers for the Kemp Lake Waterworks Improvement District (KLWD) confirmed for the Trustees that they preferred the option of connecting to the CRD water system over building a new treatment plant for the Kemp Lake system. The issue did not come up because of any crisis; the water supplied to the ratepayers must, at some point, meet the standards for a system serving 500 or more people. The Island Health Authority oversees these standards.

Trustees Kevin Brehart, Richie Birch and Joanne Hemphill, with this direction from the ratepayers, have since been working with CRD staff and decision makers. There is mention of the project being completed with four new fire hydrants installed in 2016.

There are two main areas where agreement is needed. First is an accurate estimate of the cost. All new infrastructure will be paid for by KLWD ratepayers.

Estimates are for a capacity to deliver within the current improvement district boundaries at full build-out under the current zoning. The new two-kilometre section of pipe will be constructed to "post disaster" standards. Sooke Council was consulted with a view to future needs of Sooke residents along West Coast Road. Council decided to go with the current pipe size.

The existing distribution system in the KLWD meets the requirements of the CRD water system, but four new fire hydrants will be installed. A new pumping and chlorination station may be required; if so, it will be owned and operated by the KLWD.

When the cost estimates are done, Trustees can proceed to formal landowner approval for borrowing. Only ratepayers who live inside the boundaries of the improvement district will vote. For more information on the process, go to the KLWD website <http://www.kemplakewaterworks.bc.ca/>

The second area is negotiation and understanding of the fees and charges required for the hook-up, purchase and resale of water to the KLWD. JDF Regional Director Mike Hicks serves on the Juan de Fuca Water Distribution Commission and will continue working with the commission and KLWD Trustees to keep the process moving.

The Island Health Authority's official deadline for the Kemp Lake system to comply with the treatment standard is long past but, as mentioned, this is a proactive measure to prevent problems with our water supply. The change is not to address an existing problem. Their patience is appreciated. KLWD Trustees are commended for their diligence in pursuing this matter and Director Hicks for his effective work to improve water supply for Juan de Fuca Electoral Area residents.

9. **DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

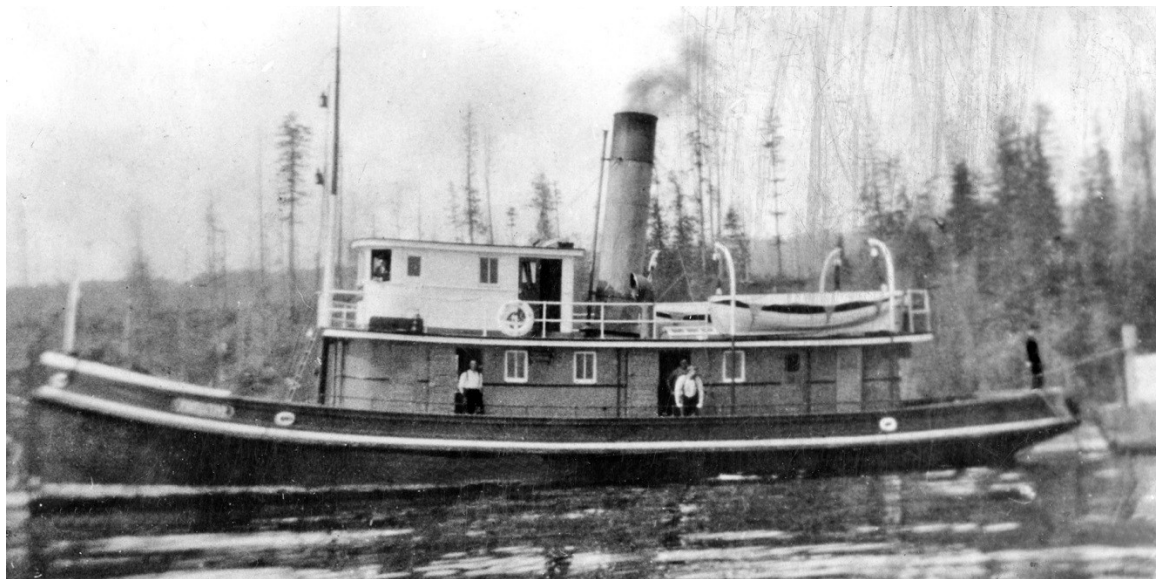
Tugs and barges transported just about everything to and from Jordan River before the road from Otter Point was completed in 1912?

The decade from 1905 to 1915 was one of tremendous economic energy and development in this area. Some examples:

- The large railway logging and sawmill ventures of the Jordan River Logging Company and others (1906–1915);

- The construction of the flow line (1911–1914) to bring water from Sooke Lake to Greater Victoria;
- The construction of the BC Electric Company's Jordan River hydroelectricity project (1909–1911) by Vancouver Island Power Co. to bring a new electricity source to Greater Victoria.
- The construction of the road from Otter Point to Jordan River (1912).

And tugs were a part of this era too. There was the tug, *Nidge*, owned by the Vancouver Island Power Company and used to carry passengers and deliver barges of construction materials during the construction of the powerhouse, dam, flumes and other infrastructure needed for the BC Electric Company's Jordan River hydroelectricity project. The *Nidge* was built in Vancouver in 1906, had a gross weight of 58 tons, 64 feet long and powered by a 16 horsepower engine. She had various owners, in addition to the V. I. Power Co., including Ross & Howard Iron Works Co. Ltd. of Vancouver (1906 & 1910), and the Ladysmith Lumber Company, (1907). She ran aground on December 17, 1912, off Macauley Point (Esquimalt) and wrecked by winter heavy seas.



Tug Nidge running from Victoria to Jordan River c. 1908. SRHS #700

An earlier logging enterprise brought the tugs, *Beaver* and *Mystery* to the area. The *Beaver* was built in 1892 in Ballard, Washington and was purchased in Seattle by the Jordan River Logging Company in 1907. It was a 51 feet long vessel powered by a 16 horsepower engine and had a gross weight of 38 tons. In June of that year the Victoria Daily Colonist newspaper reported that the tug left Victoria towing a barge laden with cargo of hardware, rails and other cargo destined for a new logging camp at Jordan River. The newspaper account went on to report that, "The Company has a large wharf near the mouth of Jordan River and proposes to build a logging railway running in for 2 miles. A large camp will shortly be established employing 150-240 loggers. Locomotives will be sent from Seattle, shortly for use on the line." The *Beaver* was later owned by Albert Berquist of Sidney (1909-11), the Bulman Lumber Company of Victoria (1911-18), Maritime Fisheries of Vancouver (1919) and Georgia Strait Towing (1920-25).

Not as much is known about the tug *Mystery*. According to an October 23, 1907, story in the Daily Colonist she was chartered by the Jordan River Logging Company to bring a boom of 250,000 logs from Jordan River to Victoria. The story also mentions that the tug towed large log booms to Sooke during a time when the company's mill at Jordan River was over milling and wanted to store the best of their logs until the market improved.

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** came from the archives of the Victoria Daily Colonist newspaper, the web site nauticapedia.ca, *The Sooke Story*

– *the History and the Heartbeat*, and *4,000 Years—A History of the Rainforest*, both written and published by the Sooke Region Historical Society.

Do you have a question or historical information about Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point that you want to share? Contact Arnie Campbell at: d.acampbell@shaw.ca or opsrra@gmail.com

10. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: www.opsrra.ca We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site (www.opsrra.ca) under **Business Listings**.

Note: OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B

ALM Organic Farm

Beaches West B & B

Bear Home Remodelling

Birds Edge Press

Coastal Crunch Granola

Eco Craft Lights

Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites

Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.

Full Circle Seeds

Glen's Gardening Company

Heron's Rest B & B

"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services

Jambo Pet Sitting Service

Kemp Lake Store Cafe
Knotty Beds by Nature and Cedar Surfboards
Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage
Ocean Wilderness Inn
Otter Point Beach House
Otter Point Electrical Service
Perfect Grade Plumbing
Reflexology by Marlene Barry
Road's End Construction
Sandy's Drywall Ltd
Stick in the Mud Coffee House
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast
Three Sisters Farm
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm
Tugwell Creek Meadery
Welcome Wagon
Wildewood Custom Homes
Wood Visions

11. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site.

This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site: www.opsrra.ca. To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director or email opsrra@gmail.com.

OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.
