



Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club

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## "The Paddling Post"

January 2022 Newsletter

### Special Annual General Meeting (AGM) Edition

The Victoria Canoe and Kayak Club respectfully acknowledges that its activities take place on the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples, and that the land and waterways' historical relationship with the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples have existed since time immemorial. The Club is committed to taking meaningful action to build respectful and reciprocal relations with the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples on whose land and waterways club members have the privilege of living, working, and playing.

### President's Message

We've just had our Annual General Meeting and got through a lot of business in record time! I'd like to welcome the new directors:



Secretary - Katrina White  
Big Canoe - Elizabeth Martinson  
Kayak - Wade Martinson  
Outrigger - Tony Hopkin (welcome back)  
Safety, Standards, Education - Britt Kohn (thanks for staying and taking on a new role)  
Clubhouse and Grounds - Sandy Rattray (welcome back)  
Storage - Gordon Evans  
Director 1 - Craig Thomson (welcome back to a new role)

We are still in need of a Treasurer. Please, if anyone is interested let me know! Peter Elson has been wearing three hats for the past six months as, in addition to his Marathon Director hat, he also took on Acting Treasurer and coordinating editor of the proposed bylaw changes. It has been an incredible amount of work and we'd like to have a Treasurer to take over the tasks from Peter. Peter has offered to help make the transition smooth for anyone interested.

I'd also like to thank the outgoing directors - Britt Kohn (returning in a new role), Susan Logan, Mary Marks, Ryan Ovens, Craig Thomson (also returning in a new role), Dan Walker and Mike

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Wheatley. A whole lot of work goes into keeping the club running smoothly and it has been a difficult year adapting to the ever-shifting pandemic rules.

The AGM was conducted in record time. We had done a lot of preparation regarding the bylaws so there wasn't any discussion as each one came up. We are now updated to reflect the changes in the *BC Societies Act*. Thank-you to everyone who worked to make it run smoothly, and to everyone who came out to have a say in their club.

To start the year off we'll be offering our first talk, a bit of a return to the general meetings back when we could meet in person, although this first one will be via Zoom. The first one is Feb. 15th at 7 pm, via Zoom. We have Jim Shortreed presenting on the state of the Pacific herring. Where can we find them, and what's there in the Gorge? Final details are still be worked out but you can register here:

<https://www.vckc.ca/event-4621836>

A reminder that you have to answer a question or two after you click the link to ensure your registration. More talks are in the planning stages so watch for emails!

Looking forward to paddling with everyone at some point this year.

Stay safe and stay healthy, my friends.

~ Kim Capson, [President](#)

## The State of the Gorge Pacific Herring

Come listen to this fascinating presentation by Jim Shortreed, discussing the health of the local Pacific herring population.

When:

**Tuesday, February 15th**

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Location:

**Online via Zoom**



(Photo by Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

Register for the Zoom session in advance at <https://www.vckc.ca/event-4621836>. Please note that you have to answer a question or two after you click the link to ensure your registration.

## Treasurer Update

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### From the Editor

This month's newsletter is an abbreviated edition, delayed to capture information about the Annual General Meeting (AGM) which was held a bit later than in previous years. We should be back to our regular format and regularly scheduled release following the monthly Executive meeting in February.

~ David Johnson, [Newsletter Editor](#)

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