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Ryde Community Co-operative Inc.

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## Your New RCC Board of Directors

We were very pleased to see the large turnout for the ham dinner and the AGM this past Saturday. Over 60 people came to enjoy Chef Larry and Anne's delicious dinner and then stay for the AGM.

The information shared at the AGM was not all doom and gloom about the future of the Co-op. In fact, we feel the Co-op is in the best position it could be and we feel very optimistic that the Co-op will prevail. The business plan for the Co-op provides strategies that will be used to manage the repairs and improvements that we know the building needs and outlines possible measures for generating operating funds. If you wish to read the complete plan it is available for download from the Co-op website by following this link: <http://bit.ly/1GB0u4u>. This business plan has been shared with the Town of Gravenhurst and the District of Muskoka.

Co-op member Morris Cooper explained the process of the original sale of the property and the successive transfers to the Trillium Lakelands District School Board. He further explained the legislation that is being used by the Province through the Ministry of Education that requires all school boards in Ontario to divest themselves of surplus properties. Morris has been in communication with Gravenhurst's CAO David Weldon, who has also been looking into options and precedents.

Our good news came from Co-op member Jonny Godfrey. You may recall that a couple of years ago, Jonny along with his father Sheldon Godfrey, came to meetings at the Co-op to request the support of the Co-op on applications for renewable energy (solar) grants. The membership voted in favour of this request and supported the four project applications. Jonny's companies have now been given government contracts for these projects and the Co-op stands to benefit financially for 20 years once the projects start producing. It was noted that these are very small projects that will be built just south of Huntsville.

Member Randy Jorgensen also presented his understanding of the status of the sale of the school and property from his perspective as our Ward 4 Councilor. It is very hard to predict what the Town's position is going to be until all the information is in and the asking price is announced.

The Ryde Board of Directors is in agreement that until this information is known, it is premature to focus on any one option. We do know that the assessment team was at the Co-op this past week and so we expect to have that information soon. In the meantime, we are continuing to gather support and promote our business plan. We have since met with Mayor Donaldson who assured us the Town will continue to work with us for a positive solution. As soon as more information is available, we will put it out to our membership.

The evening concluded with election of the 2015 – 2016 Board of Directors. The members of the 2014 – 2015 Board agreed to stand again for this coming year and were promptly re-elected along with new Member-At-Large, Janet Wilcox. We are all committed to keeping the Co-op and with your support we can do it!

## Strawberry BBQ: Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>

What does Chef Larry have up his sleeve for us this time? All things strawberry! Come out and see what our creative grill master is cooking up to help us welcome summer. Tickets are only \$10 for members and are available at the Summerland General Store.



## Vendors Wanted for Heritage Day, August 15<sup>th</sup>

Do you have a craft that you would like to sell at our Heritage Day in August? We are looking for vendors who would be interested in having a booth that day. The fee is \$25. You will be responsible for your own set-up and power will not be available. If you are

interested, please contact a Director for more information and an application form or download a form from the website

## Upcoming Events

- ✓ **Note:** Soup and Sandwich Lunch will return in November
- ✓ Bid Euchre – Every Wednesday at the RCC from 1 pm.
- ✓ VON SMART Exercise program – Every Monday & Wednesday starting at 9:30 am.
- ✓ Ryde Heritage Quilt Display at Muskoka Boat & Heritage Centre – May 15<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ WISE Seniors' Clubhouse – June 5<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Lunch will be provided.
- ✓ Tai Chi and Qigong - Thursdays – 10:30 – 11:30 am - \$2
- ✓ Internet Café *Biweekly* – June 15<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 – 1:30 pm - \$2
- ✓ Strawberry BBQ Dinner – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 pm
- ✓ Art Crawl – see us at Sawdust City – June 26 – 27<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ WISE Seniors' Clubhouse – July 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 – 2:30 pm. Summer picnic weather permitting.
- ✓ BBQ & Council Meeting – July 21<sup>st</sup> – BBQ starting at 5:30 pm – meeting at 7 pm
- ✓ Gravenhurst Daisy Awards – July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- ✓ Ryde Heritage Day – Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> – 10 am to 4 pm
- ✓ Ryde Display at the Summit Centre in Huntsville – Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> to Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>
- ✓ Ryde Culture Days Reception at Summit Centre – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> 4 - 6

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

- **Holy Manger Anglican Church**
  - Services will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 1 pm.
- **Ryde Free Methodist Church**
  - There will be a Family BBQ on June 13, starting at 4 PM. Mr. Gary Dennis, speaker; Mr. Bruce Stephenson will share more of his slides of northern Canada.
  - Last Youth Group Meeting is June 12, 7-9 PM.
- **Summerland General Store**
  - The June monthly \$20 food basket order is due in cash June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am and picked up on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Bring boxes or bags.
- **Great Moose Adventures**
  - *NEW* Nature Preschool opening this Fall. Only 5 spots available for this outdoor, education based program. Perfect for the Ryde community, as we are located on Housey's Rapids Rd.



### The Daisy Awards are Coming!

Let's make sure that once again, Ryde will be well represented when the Town of Gravenhurst's Daisy Awards are presented. This program recognizes property owners who have beautified their front yards with glorious gardens. In the case of waterfront properties, the judges will be looking for shorelines that follow sound ecological practices in maintaining buffer zones. You can nominate properties in the area. *Judging will take place on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.*

### June is Seniors' Month: Celebrating Vibrant Seniors & Vibrant Communities!

The Ryde Co-op is a community centre that serves all of its residents, but we do have a very healthy component of older adults. Did you know that 23% of Muskoka's population is 65+, compared to 15% provincially? In June, the Seniors' Secretariat celebrates our older adults. These are the people who have the wisdom and experience to lead us into the future. We consider that helping people stay in their homes in Ryde and live independently is a big part of our mandate. That is why we are actively pursuing opportunities and partnerships to enable us to provide more social, wellness and nutrition programs for everyone.



### WISE Clubhouse for Seniors

The District of Muskoka's W.I.S.E. Clubhouses will be continuing with Lindsay Lima (Seniors Wellness Outreach Coordinator). Please join us for friendship, laughter and a free lunch! This month we feature a special speaker on

Driving Safety. Come out and learn what to expect at the "driver's test" for those over 80. Please join us for friendship, laughter and a free lunch!

Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 summer picnic at the Co-op if the weather cooperates.

\*No Clubhouse in August---but the Seniors Community Advisor program will continue

Friday September 4<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Topic: Immunizations as We Age

Friday October 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Topic: Falls Prevention

Friday November 6<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Topic: Home maintenance and kitchen safety. *For more information call Lindsay at 705-645-4488 ext. 444. If you are seeking information on services available to seniors, please contact Joan Clifford at 705-687-3505 or Susan Ward at 705-687-4553.*

### June Fresh Food Baskets

The cost of groceries keeps going up. Thank goodness that we can take advantage of the Fresh Food Basket program, with excellent value in a \$20 box. Please pay in cash, at the Summerland General Store before Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, with the pick up on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to everybody who supports this program, but especially Ron and Carrie! *Here is a downloadable schedule:*

<http://bit.ly/1zYziH2>



### New Location for Barn Quilt

You may have noticed as you have driven by that the barn quilt formerly at the Donkey Shack has been relocated a little further down Doe Lake Rd. The decision was made to move it from the horse paddock at the Donkey Shack because it posed a potential danger to the horses. After all that Lynn has done to support the Co-op, the last thing we'd want to happen would be an injury to one of her horses.

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