



THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH

APPOINTMENTS TO SAANICH BOARD OF VARIANCE

The District of Saanich is accepting applications from interested residents wishing to serve on the Saanich Board of Variance. The Municipal Council will be appointing two members effective January 1, 2010. Each appointment will be for a three-year term.

The Board of Variance is an autonomous body with the power to vary Zoning Bylaw regulations in situations where compliance with respect to the siting, dimension or size of a building or structure would cause a person undue hardship. The Board of Variance may not vary the density or use of land. In addition, the Board may grant minor variances, with limitations, to the provisions of the Tree Preservation Bylaw and to requirements under Sections 911(5) and 938(1)(c) of the Local Government Act.

The five member volunteer Board meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm for approximately 3 hours. In addition to this time commitment, members undertake site inspections prior to the meeting. Depending on the volume of applications, it is sometimes necessary for the Board to hold a second monthly meeting. All meetings are open to the public and involve the weighing of information and evidence to determine if variances are to be approved or declined.

For more information about the Board of Variance, please contact Isobel Hoffmann, Secretary to the Board at 250-475-1775, extension 3502 or via e-mail to isobel.hoffmann@saanich.ca. Information on the Board is also available on our web site at www.saanich.ca.

HOW TO APPLY: Saanich residents interested in being considered for the Board of Variance must submit a one page covering letter with a resumé to the Legislative Division **by 4:30 pm, Friday, October 23, 2009**. Our address is District of Saanich, 770 Vernon Avenue, Victoria, BC V8X 2W7, fax: 250-475-5440 or e-mail: clerksec@saanich.ca.

Residents submitting applications are requested to include the following information in their application: name, address, postal code, home and/or business telephone number, e-mail address, occupation, history of community involvement, other relevant history, technical or special expertise, and reasons for seeking appointment. Short listed applicants will be requested to provide references prior to interviews.