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SMART METERS

Meter appeal refused

Hopes temporarily dashed by court outcome

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The B.C. Court of Appeal denied a Salt Spring resident and B.C.-wide group the right to appeal a B.C. Utilities Commission decision, shattering hope for smart meter opponents across the province on Tuesday.

"The legal argument made against the wireless meters was based on the fact that they are not required or even mentioned in the Clean Energy Act, but apparently the judge didn't seem to think that was a problem," appellant Andrea Collins wrote by email to the Driftwood in response to the judgement.

"It seems to me that our democratic rights are quickly disappearing and that we are now living in a 'corporatocracy' instead of a democracy."

Collins and the Citizens for Safe Technology Society had asked for leave to appeal the BCUC's dismissal of a complaint against BC Hydro on grounds that the body does not have jurisdiction over the Clean Energy Act, which exempts the smart meter program from BCUC oversight.

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STVRS

Trust won't appeal STVR decision

Lawsuit deemed "heavy handed"

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee does not intend to appeal last month's B.C. Supreme Court decision in a case against an online-based Gulf Islands vacation rental company.

"I think our decision not to appeal is correct,"



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

RESPECT: Salt Spring World War II veteran Terry Byron gives a salute at Sunday's Remembrance Day service in Ganges. More photos on Page 13 and on the Driftwood's Facebook page.

said Peter Grove, a Salt Spring Island LTC member, in a statement released Friday. "While it is the duty of the local Trust committee to uphold the official community plan and the land use bylaws, and to enforce the law as may be necessary and appropriate, I believe that launching the lawsuit in this case was heavy handed."

The Oct. 29 judgement by Justice Peter Leask ruled against an injunction sought by members of the previous Salt Spring LTC to prevent the owners of Westcoast Vacations Inc. from facilitating the

use of residential homes on Salt Spring for short-term vacation rentals.

Although STVRs are not permitted in Salt Spring's residential properties, the presiding judge determined that the activities of the online booking service did not constitute a breach of the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw.

"I believe it's right to accept the judgement of the court," said LTC member George Grams. "Continuing this action serves neither the interest of the community nor the local Trust committee."

ISLANDS TRUST Fraser proposal suffers setback

LTC pursues review of industrial lands

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owners of an Atkins Road property face an uphill road in their quest to build a small-scale industrial park after their application to have the property excluded from the Agricultural Land Reserve was denied.

The Agricultural Land Commission said it could not justify the request to exclude 1.8 hectares (4.5 acres) of land from the province's ALR because it lacked evidence that "existing industrial sites are fully developed" or that there is "an overriding demand for additional industrial sites that cannot be met on sites outside the ALR."

Commissioners added that the property, which is the site of Fraser Auto Repairs, is largely undeveloped and "has reasonable agricultural potential."

Furthermore, ALC members said information received from the Islands Trust indicates no benefits of developing this property for industrial use, as compared to sites outside the ALR, have been identified.

Salt Spring LTC members agreed to do what it takes to support the application, but couldn't provide any guarantees to the applicant.

"It looks like, from the ALC's test, that the Industrial Lands Needs Assessment would need to show that

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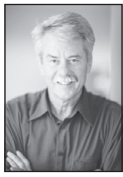
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Human rights case next on CFST agenda

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In the application, Collins et al asserted BCUC had wrongfully dismissed their complaint that BC Hydro was installing smart meters without a proper certificate of public convenience and necessity as required by the Utilities Commission Act.

Justice Edward C. Chiasson disagreed, however, and instead looked at the group's original complaint in his 12-page judgement.

"I do not agree with the applicants' characterization of the issue as jurisdictional," he wrote.

"The question is whether BC Hydro

is exempt. This is a question of interpretation. The BCUC is not in any way constrained from making that inquiry."

At the heart of the matter was the CFST argument that wireless smart meters pose a public health risk and are therefore not authorized as an exemption under the Clean Energy Act. CFST also maintains the act does not specify that wireless smart meters must be installed when hard-wired smart meters are available.

"In my view, the BCUC's interpretation of the CEA was reasonable. In fact, I consider it to be correct," Chiasson wrote in response to these arguments.

"There is no language in the CEA or the regulation that differentiates wire-

less from cable transmission of data. All that is required is the ability to transmit."

Collins said CFST will now devote its funds and energy to a human rights case regarding the health risks of electromagnetic radiation.

She also invited the public to attend a screening of Josh del Sol's new film *Take Back Your Power*, showing at The Fritz on Thursday, Nov. 22 at 7 p.m.

The film is a documentary about the world-wide smart meter program. Del Sol will be in attendance along with guest speaker Cal Washington, a specialist in "contract law."

Admission will be free or by donation.

Industrial advisory group now being formed

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existing industrial lands are fully developed and that there is an overriding demand for additional sites that cannot be met on properties that are outside the ALR, so that's a pretty high threshold," said Salt Spring LTC chair Sheila Malcolmson. "We're going to do the work, but we might not be able to deliver."

Much of the Trust's efforts to deal with industrial land on the island will consist of following through with recommendations made by the Industrial Task Force in 2009 and completing an Industrial Land Needs Assessment for the island.

Trustees who met on Thursday voted in favour of the Industrial Work-

ing Group's \$22,000 budget, \$12,000 of which will be dedicated to the needs assessment.

Should the applicants fail to update their application before October 2013, the ALC will prohibit any further applications for the property for five years.

"The timeline is very crucial," said Noella Fraser, one of the owners of 240 Atkins Rd. "Time is money."

Speaking to Salt Spring LTC members during the town hall session of Thursday's meeting, Fraser suggested the time has come to rethink the concept of "industrial" land on Salt Spring.

"I think the word industrial echoes back to the Industrial Revolution where there was a lot of pollution," she said. "I think we've managed to educate ourselves

and change the way we do things.

"We really need to address the definition of industrial land on Salt Spring. We will never have anything that is more industrial than an auto-body shop or cement plant. It's just not going to happen here."

According to LTC member George Grams, approximately 40 per cent of Salt Spring's agricultural activity takes place on land outside the ALR. Regardless of that statistic, he said, discussions with ALC members ruled out the possibility of a land swap.

"I wasn't given a very sympathetic response," Grams said. "They don't allow land swaps of that nature."

Salt Spring's Islands Trust office encourages island residents to step forward and submit an application to join

the newly formed Industrial Advisory Planning Commission before Nov. 28.

The IAPC will include up to nine members who will be tasked to follow up on recommendations made by the 2009 Industrial Land Task Force, simplify the island's current industrial zones and definitions, and comment on ongoing efforts to satisfy the conflict between a need for more industrial-zoned properties and a desire to preserve the island's rural character.

Anyone wanting to participate can stop by the Islands Trust office at 1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., call 250-537-9144 or email ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca.

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Balancing act: fluctuating funds vs. stable programs

How the struggle to maintain programs under a constantly changing funding scheme led to the four-day week

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SECOND IN A SERIES

Like all school districts across the province, the Gulf Islands has learned to navigate a tense balancing act in response to Ministry of Education funding changes — and most often, the changes have meant severe reductions at critical moments, leading to tough decisions like the change to a four-day school week in 2004.

Wendy Herbert, who was district superintendent when a drastic upcoming shortfall became clear in 2003, said previous experience with near-disaster, including coming back from the brink of bankruptcy just five years earlier, had given the board the necessary strength to deal with the challenge without panicking.

"It took our breath away when we realized all the initiatives that had been in place under the previous funding model were going to change," Herbert said.

"[But] because the board had trustees who had experienced that, they had a reasoned approach to the situation facing us — they felt there would be ways to deal with the situation and there would be a number of different ways."

Meeting in committee with partner groups and representatives from each island for a full year, trustees looked at almost every possible scenario to reduce the projected \$1.1-million shortfall without harming the high school program. Closing either the middle school, one of Salt Spring's elementary schools or an outer island school, moving the Phoenix program and closing its schoolhouse, and reconfiguring staff were all on the table.

"They wrestled with various ideas and responses they heard from the different communities, but at the same time they understood they had to act as a district and represent all the students on all the islands," Herbert said.

"But it wasn't easy, at all."

A common approach to declining enrolment across the province was to close schools, but the Gulf Islands' unique geography meant such a step would involve much more than just putting kids on a bus to the next town.

"That was something we really looked hard at because the schools are such an important part of the community," said

May McKenzie, the board's long-serving chair. Without offering much employment, she said the outer islands would likely lose all their remaining young families if schools were to close.

McKenzie explained how the ministry's complex funding model made the process more difficult than it would at first appear. Schools located a certain distance away from the main board office qualify for more funding, for example, and so do schools with fewer students. Because of those variables, closing the extremely low-enrolment Saturna school would have actually cost the district \$40,000 per year.

At the end of the debate, the board recommended going to a four-day school week for estimated annual savings of \$400,000, and another year of public consultations began. When the vote

years of the switch, the district was unable to find any actual students it could help. A before- and after-school care program at Salt Spring Elementary was extended to include 10 hours on Fridays, but soon closed down because there weren't enough participants.

While there were vocal opponents to the change, current superintendent Jeff Hopkins suggests people tend to believe the status quo is best because that's what they've known.

"Sometimes we trap ourselves in various ways of thinking — in my opinion having four or five days has nothing to do with the quality of education," he said, adding that student learning outcomes have not gotten worse.

As for teachers who complained, he said, "Some people have adapted to the four-day week and others have tried to fit

"We don't know what will happen in the next election, and contract negotiations are also coming up again."

MAY MCKENZIE, SD64 board chair

on the four-day week finally took place, two trustees voted against it, but all indicated they would support the majority decision. As a result, McKenzie said, the district was able to sustain and grow its programs. Low-enrolment courses like Literature 12 and Calculus 12 are still available at the high school, arts programs have been continued, and all the outer island schools are intact.

The social and educational impact of the four-day week is something that's still being debated, but district administrators say there's no direct evidence against it. Herbert said the board agreed to make the change as long as no harm to any student was done by the action.

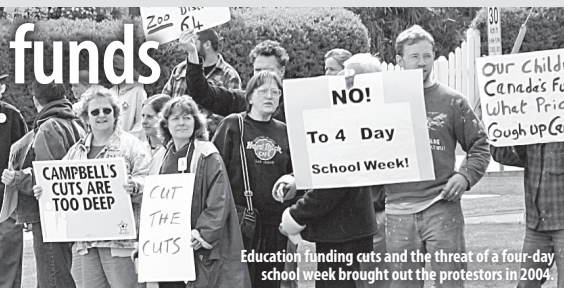
And despite anecdotal reports that some kids were being left at home on Fridays in the early

a five-days teaching style into four days and it's not working as well. . . Sometimes it's about a method that worked really well in the past and doesn't work now."

Hopkins agreed, however, the district could perhaps have done a better job supporting teachers to make that transition.

While trustees continue to revisit their historic decision when planning the next school calendar each year, funding realities do not suggest a change back to five days is likely, even though recent adjustments to the funding model have benefited smaller rural districts.

"It's pretty stable right now, but you never know what will change from on high," McKenzie said. "We don't know what will happen in the next election, and contract negotiations are also coming up again."



Education funding cuts and the threat of a four-day school week brought out the protestors in 2004.

Road to education marred by frequent funding gaps

When Gulf Islands school trustees realized in 2003 that they would be facing a potential \$1.1-million shortfall by the 2005/06 school year, they took it as just one more bump on an already dangerously pitted road.

Thirty years ago, the Socred restraint measures marked one of the toughest early challenges. The Gulf Islands school board cut nine staff positions to make up a \$230,000 budget shortfall after the province imposed a program of spending restraint. Other cuts came to the budget's supply, fuel and electricity portions and the transportation allowance.

The restraint measures were imposed after schools were already one-third through the educational year, and because of the district's small size, amounted to a loss of \$220 per student in the Gulf Islands — compared to \$57 per child in Duncan.

Ten years ago, school trustees were again reeling after learning the district would be on the hook to come up with its share of a \$150-million provincial shortfall, when Education Minister Christy Clark announced the government would fund only the first year of teacher wage increases negotiated to take place over three years. Preliminary estimates suggested SD64 would lose \$160,000 in funding in the second year of the contract and \$320,000 in the third year. The wage increases had been set according to a contract the government had itself imposed.

The \$1.1-million shortfall projected for 2005/06 was partly the result of the salary slam, partly due to declining enrolment, and partly because of additional allocation changes that favoured larger districts.

Strategies for meeting funding gaps have been creative. In addition to moving to a four-day

school week, SD64 was one of several districts to form and operate a business company under the provisions of the 2002 School Amendment Act.

The School District 64 business absorbed an existing international student program, introduced an online education course and bought a 50 per cent share in a preschool/early grades school in Poland. The company was dissolved in 2007, and has been working to pay off \$600,000 in debt ever since.

District treasurer Rod Scotvold said most of the debt stemmed from ending the relationship with the slow-earning Polish school. The online program created to introduce Canada to foreign students also did not earn the expected return, although the district has since recovered its costs through internal use.

An unexpected surplus allowed the district to pay down close to \$400,000 on the debt at the end of the 2001/12 school year. But unexpected blows continue to come — such as in 2009, when the ministry announced just 10 days before the school year began that it wouldn't be handing out the annual facilities grant.

"We're able to weather these things in part because we went to the four-day school week and because Rod Scotvold is very conservative in his budgeting," school board chair May McKenzie said.

Additional ways of bringing money to the district include running the tuition-based Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts, the international program and the Saturna Ecological Education Centre. Creating a middle years program for the outer islands has helped increase funding by keeping students on their remote islands longer, and incorporating North Vancouver's Windsor House School into the district has also added funds.

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RCMP

Hit-and-runs occupy police

August break-in probe also continues

Salt Spring RCMP have received reports of three vehicle hit-and-run accidents over the past week, which have occurred while cars were parked in various locations around Ganges village.

The incidents occurred near the Waterfront Gallery next to the post office, at the Country

Grocer parking lot and behind North End Fitness.

Police also received a report of mischief at Moby's Pub shortly after midnight on Sunday morning. A rock was thrown, breaking a window pane, and a witness reported seeing someone fleeing the area.

Anyone with information about any of the above incidents should contact the Salt Spring RCMP detachment at 250-537-5555.

Police are still investigating and following leads on a number of break-ins to residences that occurred in August.

Investigators ask anyone who may have recently purchased household items from a residence on Rainbow Road, or from persons living on Rainbow Road, to please contact the local detachment or Crimestoppers.

Call toll-free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).



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GRAZING GUESTS: Fulford school's greenery attracted some visitors on Tuesday morning. Staff member Gail Neumann says this happens once in a while, but the sheep tend to leave once the children arrive for school.

Salt Spring
FOCUS ON SENIORS

Stigma of dementia another barrier for Salt Spring families

Salt Spring families living with the impact of dementia are also coping with stigma, according to a new study.

Nearly three-quarters of people with dementia, and 64 per cent of family caregivers, believe there are negative associations for those diagnosed with dementia, says Alzheimer's Disease International.

Another alarming statistic revealed in the ADI report: 40 per cent of people with dementia say they have been

avoided or treated differently.

The report puts a spotlight on stigma as a real issue that impacts individuals and families who are living with Alzheimer's disease," says Meriel Randerson, Greater Victoria Support and Education Coordinator for the non-profit Alzheimer Society of B.C.

"We want residents to know that there is hope and there are ways for overcoming stigma so that we can all better support families on the dementia journey and work with decision-makers to ensure that the rights of people living with dementia and their family caregivers are recognized."

The society offers education programs and support groups for both the individual who has been diagnosed with a form of dementia and their caregivers.

A free local support and information group serves as a forum for sharing practical tips and strategies for coping with the disease. It helps create support and friendship with others whose lives are affected by dementia.

For more information contact Randerson at 250-382-2052 or rranderson@alzheimerbc.org.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, visit the Alzheimer Society of B.C. website at www.alzheimerbc.org.

The society leads a provincial effort to help transform dementia care in B.C. and gives the public tools to influence government and the health-care system to ensure that the delivery of services and community programs meet the needs of people affected by the disease and their families.

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WATER RESOURCES

RAR mapping meeting scheduled

Public consultation at special public meeting on Nov. 21

The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee is looking for more public input on the process of stream mapping to meet its Riparian Areas Regulation requirements, with a special business meeting planned to start at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Central Hall.

According to a news release, the LTC has been working to comply with B.C. legislation aimed at protecting and restoring fish habitat since 2010, but implementation has been delayed due to problems

identifying the watercourses that are subject to the RAR and in accurately mapping those watercourses.

"Mapping provides the evidence upon which future drafts of bylaws may be based," the news release explains.

"The local Trust committee wants to hear your feedback during this research stage before any policies or bylaws are drafted."

Preliminary results from a peer-reviewed mapping process show the location of fish-bearing streams or potentially fish-bearing streams within the St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake watersheds. The maps include tributaries and ditches that flow into these streams and lakes.

The meeting will include information about the maps, issues arising from the mapping and the prospect of having more mapping done on other parts of the island. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

The maps, reports, staff reports and other background information are available online in the "projects" section of the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area webpage at www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ltc/ss/edparl2010.cfm.

In other Islands Trust news: Salt Spring trustees have agreed to grant up to \$3,000 from their 2012-13 Local Trust Committee special projects budget to support a Dec. 1 meeting hosted by the Salt Spring Water Council.

The open community meeting will discuss the problem of St. Mary Lake water quality, with the aim of "creating an informed community understanding of the issues."

Trustees Peter Grove and George Grams acknowledged they had received some feedback from a few residents who did not feel LTC money should be used to pay water council volunteers for their time and services.

While Grove said it "fussed" him that almost half of the money was for payments to water council members, Grams said it would be a case of "cutting off our nose to spite our face" to turn down the funding request and have the event not take place as a result.

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Spree charges tallied

Low case-load prompts court by conference call

One of the individuals alleged to have taken part in a series of farm stand thefts in October will face his first charges in court on Jan. 9, 2013.

Brodie Dailly is slated to appear to face multiple charges related to possession of stolen property, break and enter, impaired driving, resisting arrest and

possession of a break-in instrument. The 20-year-old Salt Spring man has been charged with 28 criminal code offences.

Dailly was taken into custody on Oct. 19 after Salt Spring RCMP officers pulled over the red Chevrolet pick-up he was travelling in near the corner of Fulford-Ganges and Drake roads. He was apprehended after a short-lived attempt to flee police.

Dailly and others who appeared in Ganges Provincial Court on

Thursday morning were treated to the second conference-call court session this year. Rather than having a judge preside over court proceedings in the flesh, cases were handled by an off-island judicial case manager contacted by speaker phone.

Court heard that the decision was prompted by the relatively low number of cases in Ganges.

"This is an ongoing problem with the functioning of this court," said defence counsel Tybring Hemphill.

SALT SPRING ISLAND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

A study to determine the future governance structure for Salt Spring is an expressed community desire. To start the process, SSI Electoral Area Director, Wayne McIntyre and our two SSI Trustees, George Grams and Peter Grove, will strike a Governance Study Committee of which they will be ex-officio (non voting) members.

Applications for the committee from community members who have the time to commit and the wish to examine the governance structure with an open mind and a collaborative, investigative and analytical approach will be accepted until December 6th, 2012.

An application form can be downloaded at: sigovernance.wordpress.com

Further information and guidance notes can also be found on this site.

ISLANDS TRUST

Affordable housing idea touted for Swanson Road

Proposal an effort to comply with island's land use bylaw

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The owner of a multifamily dwelling on Swanson Road is asking the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee to consider a rezoning application that would create five units of affordable housing.

"It's a great location in town and the units are pretty new," property owner Sheena Bull told LTC members on Thursday. "Everybody that lives there is pretty happy."

Current residents of 147 Swanson Rd.'s six units may be happy, but they happen to be in violation of a zoning rule that caps the maximum number of units on the property at two dwellings.

The current structure, Bull said, contains over 7,000 square feet of floor area, 10 washrooms and the potential for six three-bedroom units with washer and dryer. She said the property is ideal for young families or people who seek a home-office space.

Miles Drew, an Islands Trust bylaw enforcement officer, confirmed the property already exceeds the maximum number of units permitted under Salt Spring's land use bylaw. The rezoning application and proposal to convert five of the units to

affordable housing has, according to a Nov. 1 Trust staff report, "been prompted in an attempt for voluntary compliance with land-use regulations."

According to the island's official community plan, an increase in density should only be considered in exchange for a community amenity, such as affordable housing, from the developer. Any promise of community housing would need to be backed up by a housing agreement or similar mechanism, states the staff report.

Trustees referred the application to the Capital Regional District's building inspection unit and the Ganges Sewer Commission, Vancouver Health Authority and North Salt Spring Waterworks to determine if the increased density on the property is appropriate for the site, specifically concerning the property's septic system.

"I've already received a number of complaints from neighbours in the area so I assume it is a problem right now," said LTC member Peter Grove during Thursday's meeting.

LTC members have asked that staff put off creating a draft bylaw until the applicant provides a draft housing agreement and confirmation of the lot's servicing capacity by the relevant public agencies.

Any decision to rezone the property will be the subject of a public hearing if a draft bylaw is given first reading.



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EDITORIAL

Busy times

Ask any of Salt Spring's elected officials what they think of island politics after a year on the job and chances are they'll be too busy to offer a very complete answer.

It's not that they don't answer calls or return emails, or take advantage of every opportunity to evade one-on-one communication — far from it. Local Trust committee members George Grams and Peter Grove and Capital Regional District director Wayne McIntyre have done an admirable job handling the pressures of small-island politics since they were elected in November 2011.

It's common practice, for example, that roughly 20 minutes of each Salt Spring Local Trust Committee regular business meeting is set aside to give elected officials an opportunity to

bring people up to speed on the major political happenings of their lives since the last meeting. The short reports tend to get crammed with the insightful highlights from innumerable meetings large and small on Salt Spring and beyond. Officials rattled off such a dizzyingly long list of reports during last

THE ISSUE:

After one year in office

WE SAY:

Issues coming to a head

week's meeting that two out of our three representatives were no longer 100 per cent sure what day of the week it was.

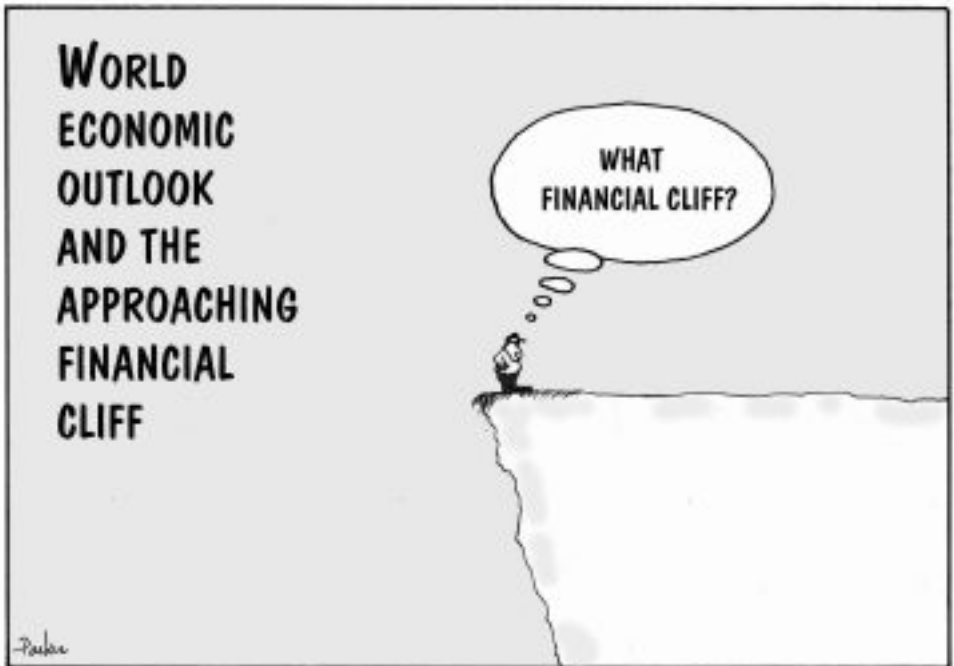
That respectable members of society not know what day of the week we're on was definitely worth a few chuckles from participants at last week's meeting, but it speaks to a greater cause for concern.

Whereas the trustees' and CRD director's first year on the job was spent getting up to speed with the working of our island's distinct brand of governance, things are no doubt about to get a whole lot faster in the months ahead.

During the past year, elected officials have done a great job of prioritizing topics such as the governance study, industrial land issues, short-term vacation rentals, secondary suites and affordable housing, water quality in St. Mary Lake, and the Riparian Areas Regulation.

These are each hefty topics in their own right and they're all set to evolve during a second year in office that's bound to have our elected officials wondering not only about what day of the week it is but possibly about what month we're in.

All we can say is: Keep up the good work, and keep your calendars handy.



SSI getting short shrift by VIHA

BY PHYLLIS BOLTON

Recently a woman was overheard voicing her disappointment with the closure of the operating room at Lady Minto Hospital.

She was explaining the response of Fulford residents to the request for donations for a new OR. They convened a number of fundraising events such as bake sales, rummage sales and garage sales in order to contribute every penny the community could raise. Islanders are generous of heart and rose to the occasion in the best way they were able. Many opened their wallets and gave handsomely in support of a project that would be of significant benefit to the islanders as well as to our visitors. Prior to the closure of the LMH operating room by the Vancouver Island Health Authority in mid-2008, surgical services had been available here for more than 50 years.

The decision to build a completely new OR suite was made after a survey carried out by Accreditation Canada, in which the existing OR was found to be too small and therefore inadequate to supply the needs of the patients requiring general surgery. Accreditation Canada is a non-profit, independent organization, whose mandate is to carry out a survey of hospitals to "improve the services they provide to their patients and clients based on standards of excellence."

Quality of care is a major concern and therefore it is important to point out that statistically the outcomes of general surgery at LMH were found to be every bit as good and in some cases better than the outcomes of general surgery in other hospitals, including tertiary care hospitals.

Once a need has been recognized at a publicly owned health care facility, an estimate is obtained. Next, the Capital Regional Health District must be advised, as this publicly elected group is required to fund 40 per cent of the total cost. The CRHD approved this expenditure and went a step farther by recommending to VIHA that for very little more money a new hospital could be built.

VIEWPOINT

There was a considerable time lapse at this juncture.

Thus when VIHA made the decision not to build a new hospital the initial estimate for the OR was no longer relevant. A second estimate proved to be considerably in excess of the first. The CRHD approved its 40 per cent of the larger amount, but VIHA reported that it could not pay 60 per cent of the current estimate and came to the community to make up the difference. The total amount realized from Salt Spring associations and individuals was \$780,000.

The cost of the construction of the state-of-the-art operating room included the purchase of equipment of the same calibre. Where, might you ask, is that equipment now? It appears the beneficiary is the Saanich Peninsula Hospital. The one remaining piece of OR equipment at LMH is the anaesthetic machine. Only VIHA can answer the question as to how long it will remain.

There are other questions to be answered. Where is the OR team now — doctors, nurses and support staff? Where is the money for the OR budget? How many patients who required general surgery have been sent off island? Presumably there were beds kept for the use of surgical patients. To what use are these beds now being put?

The following email was received on Nov. 2: "Hello SOS Committee. Do you know that, in spite of the OR being empty six days a week, if you need a colonoscopy on Salt Spring the bookings are now being made for March and April 2013? In conversation with Dr. Morse, he is only being given one day a week by the hospital in spite of the fact that the needs of the community are much greater. Who is the culprit in this situation? What can be done?"

Once again, islanders and our hospital are being given short shrift.

We cannot abide the subtle covert actions of VIHA to render the hospital impotent. We must demand answers to our questions.

The writer chairs the Save Our Surgery/Hospital committee.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should B.C. pursue marijuana legalization?

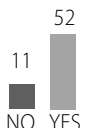
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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Are you happy with the U.S. election results?



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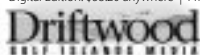
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IslandVoices

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"It seems to me that . . . we are now living in a 'corporatocracy' instead of a democracy."

ANDREA COLLINS, CITIZENS FOR SAFE TECHNOLOGY

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: Salt Spring's Giant Book Sale is coming up. What's one of your favourite books?



JANE CAMPBELL

I love mysteries, especially by Donna Leon. They're all set in Venice and each time I read them it takes me back there.



NICK GAFFEY

Shantaram, by Gregory Roberts, because it originates in my hometown of Melbourne and travels around the world as the main character turns his life around.



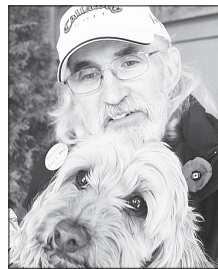
DARREN LINNELL

The Four Agreements, by Don Miguel Ruiz, because I think it's an important life resource for everyone.



SARAH NUGENT

I would say Daughters of Fortune by Isabel Allende. It's a fantastic journey of a woman disguised as a man during the gold rush.



HERB BURNETT

Infinite Jest, by David Foster Wallace, because it's a marvelous book.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Read and reply to letters online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com under the Opinion tab.

Village architecture

Last week's Driftwood article on bus shelter design by Elizabeth Nolan has found a receptive audience in Europe. The Salt Spring Transportation Commission received a letter from Marco Parisi in Italy.

Marco is an Italian technical surveyor specialized in the installation and management of bus shelters in Tuscany (Florence, Prato, Lucca, Pisa). He also describes himself as a bus shelter lover. "Bus Shelter Lovers" is a group on LinkedIn where people share information about bus shelters.

Your Italian reader took it upon himself to circulate the Driftwood article throughout Italy to all members of his shelter group. He expressed much interest in the SSITC community consultation

process on bus shelter design.

Speaking for myself, I am very hopeful that many of your Salt Spring readers will be equally inspired by this opportunity to contribute to village architecture in Ganges by sending design ideas to the SSITC.

DONALD MCLENNAN,
CHAIR, SSITC

Ferry consultation

I have looked quite carefully through the information package presented by the consultant conducting the B.C. Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement process and there are a number of things I agree with.

We should be looking for efficiencies. Where there are severely underused runs, we should take a hard look at the possibility of eliminating them, providing there are

real savings to be achieved. A cable ferry at Denman may make sense. Switching to natural gas looks like a winner based on the experience of Norway. Standardization of vessels sounds good. I don't want bridges in the Gulf Islands but, in any case, I don't think there is a financial case for any.

The problem I have with the approach taken is that, in establishing cost-cutting goals, it fails to discuss our performance against peers in the industry. Our neighbours in Washington and Alaska offer good comparisons. In his review of the Coastal Ferry Act, Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee pointed out that while Washington State Ferries receives taxpayer support of close to 40 per cent of total costs and Alaska Marine Highway nearly 80 per cent, BC Ferries receives less than 20 per cent. We still

want to improve the efficiency of our system, but we have nothing to be ashamed of.

The discussion paper points out that the commissioner said that ferry users should contribute to cost cutting, but it forgot to mention that he also said that fare increases should be capped at the rate of inflation and that fares had reached a "tipping point." The government decided not to accept the fare recommendation of the commissioner, so fares will rise by about twice the rate of inflation. Tipping point?

On reviewing BC Ferries' financial statements I find that the combined annual provincial and federal subsidies on our two Vancouver Island connections (Fulford and Vesuvius) dropped from \$8.2 million in 2004 to \$5.6 million in 2012, while on the northern routes they rose from \$17 million to

\$56 million. I have no wish to "beat up on" our northern neighbours as they have quite enough problems to deal with, but this points out where a large part of the loss comes from.

Perhaps we can learn from Alaska when it comes to the northern routes. Ways may be found to cut costs on these routes, but a lifeline service must be maintained and it will cost plenty. In Alaska, most of the routes are considered part of the U.S. national highway system so qualify for federal funds. The state pays for the building and maintenance of terminals and both participate in the funding of new ferries.

We have a long, rugged coastline that offers environmental, forest and fishing resources and, as our governments like to emphasize, it provides Canada's gateway to the Pacific. This is a tre-

mendous asset for B.C. and Canada and it is perfectly proper for both taxpayers to pick up the cost of this vital service.

A few months ago Mayor Dianne Watts of Surrey put out a question to the provincial government. She asked how they arrived at a decision to toll, or not toll, a bridge or highway. She is no doubt still waiting for an answer because it seems there is no consistent policy regarding the financing of transportation infrastructure — roads, bridges, transit — and ferries.

I would have a lot more optimism for this consultation process if such a policy were in place.

TOM TOYNBEE,
SALT SPRING

MORE LETTERS continued on 8

'Taxpayer subsidy' talk skews ferry discussions

If you've never seen an editor's Twitter-fit, I can tell you it's not a pretty sight.

Some days it doesn't take much for me to start frothing about the bits of Twitterdegoak that flash onto my computer monitor every few seconds when something big is happening in the world.

On the morning of Oct. 29, for example, as a teleconference with B.C. Transportation Minister Mary Polak unfolded, a couple of journalists who love to point out what pampered babies live on B.C.'s islands were tweeting some of the numbers released in a background document for the B.C. Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement process.

"BC taxpayers subsidize Gulf Island ferry users \$130 round trip from Tsawwassen and \$120 from Swartz Bay," tweeted veteran legislative reporter Keith Baldrey.

Black Press legislative correspondent Tom Fletcher jumped on the bandwagon with "Swartz Bay-Gulf Islands subsidy: \$60.79 per vehicle. Gabriola-Nanaimo \$13.16 per vehicle," and other shameful figures from the report.

I silently tweeted back a few expletives.

Journalists and data are a dangerous mix. Most of us in this business are mathematically challenged, so when someone hands us numbers to work with we're ecstatic. Flashing them around makes us sound authoritative and like we know what we're talking about.

BC Ferries has attached "taxpayer contribution" figures to each ferry trip because it can, not because doing so tells the real tale about

its services. Looking at detailed route statements for more than a one-year period is actually a more useful exercise, but not so easy to summarize in a public report — or to tweet.

When it comes to passing judgement on Salt Spring Island, the number 3 is a favourite one for Baldrey. Long-time islander Tom Toynbee alerted me to CKNW's Nov. 2 Cutting Edge from the Ledge radio segment, in which Baldrey emphasized in shrill tones how the "tiny" island of Salt Spring had "three" ferry terminals, making it sound as if they must be within a stone's throw of each other.

Such skewed messages are blasted out to the rest of B.C., reinforcing an already uninformed vision of island life and provincial economics.

Yes, Salt Spring Islanders have so much choice that when we have to get to a medical appointment in Victoria, Duncan or Vancouver, we play a jolly coin-tossing game to determine which ferry we feel like lounging on that day.

Maps are also useful journalistic tools. If Baldrey et al took the time to find one, they'd find that Salt Spring is 180 square kilometres in size, almost twice the size of the City of Vancouver, and plunked into the sea in such a way that the three routes connect with vastly different areas of the region.

Since having three terminals is apparently a silly luxury for such a wee bump in the coastal



Gail Sjuberg

OTHER WISE

BC Ferries into a privately run, profit-making beast — something it could never be — it is a government service, somewhat like health care.

If we're going to characterize island dwellers as parasites on other B.C. taxpayers, "putting an individual subsidy price tag on every ferry trip, I have another way of looking at it. We could set up a twinning service with B.C. Interior taxpayers who need certain government services more than I do — like health care — and can start paying each other's bills. I have chosen to live on an island, which some may view as a stupid choice. Other people in this province choose to smoke, drink or eat themselves into a state where they need more healthcare services than I do, which I would consider a stupid choice. Maybe it's time to bypass government intervention altogether, and I can pay the medical bills for one of those foolhardy people, and they can pay for my ferry trips. They would undoubtedly be getting a better deal.

Sound ridiculous? It is. Just as quantifying

BC Ferries' operating debt as "taxpayer contributions" is ridiculous. This terminology isn't used in other discussions about specific public services — how did it find its way into this one?

As Tom Toynbee points out, while islanders should be assured that BC Ferries personnel aren't swayed by chatter about Salt Spring being "overserved" because they understand the geographic and operational realities involved, we can shift our worry to the political side of things. If BC Ferries funding and operations become a political issue to be determined by MLAs in the rest of the province, and the overwhelming message they hear from constituents is "I don't want to pay for Gulf Islanders' expensive transportation habits or the vacations of the idle rich who visit those islands" we could be in trouble.

At this point, thankfully, minister Polak doesn't appear to be fainting over the "taxpayer contribution" data.

"It isn't a straight numbers issue," she said during the Oct. 29 teleconference. "It isn't just about which routes are making money and which routes are losing money."

I and most island residents don't believe every ferry sailing to or from any island — including our own — is sacred, or that nothing should change.

Let's just make sure that service-cut decisions are made for the right reasons, based on meaningful numbers and outcomes, and by people who understand what they're talking about.

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OPINION

One year later

It has been a year since I was elected a trustee for Salt Spring Island. It was an honour then and remains an honour now to serve this community.

I am frequently asked how I am enjoying the job of trustee. The answer is "hugely." It is what I had expected and much more besides. At the outset, I did not appreciate just how well run is the Islands Trust, the high calibre and training of its staff, and how dedicated and interesting would be my fellow trustees, not the least of whom is George Grams.

During my campaign for election, I made a number of commitments. The one-year mark seems an appropriate time for a review of progress. I committed to pursue a governance study, as did trustee Grams. That is now under way. I committed to supporting young families by encouraging affordable housing and jobs. Our move to legalize suites is a step in that direction, together with our encouragement of affordable housing projects. In addition, we are working to implement the Industrial Lands Task Force recommendations to provide suitable locations for appropriate businesses, which will hopefully lead to employment opportunities.

The implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation is progressing. Both St. Mary and Cusheon lake watersheds stream mapping is complete. Public input on the mapping and next steps is being sought with a meeting scheduled for later this month, in addition to information notices in the Driftwood and on the Exchange, and direct mailings to those who may be affected.

Potable water, of vital importance to all of us, is high on our agenda. The recently constituted St. Mary Lake Working Group is made up of representatives from provincial and local government agencies that have responsibility for the health of the lake and the distribution of potable water. This will bring inter-agency collaboration to the management of the lake, the goal being to develop and implement an action plan to put in place measures that will protect our drinking water sources.

One of my earliest objectives was to forge a closer working relationship with the Capital Regional District. This has proved to be an easy and rewarding goal to meet because of director Wayne McIntyre's collaborative and inclusive approach to governance.

Some important issues that remain outstanding include working on the harbour management plan, village area planning and a quality management review of the Trust's operations. In addition to these ongoing projects, your trustees are involved regularly in meetings with community members and staff to discuss land-use issues, proposals and concerns.

I am grateful for the depth of engagement shown by islanders, and for the feedback, opinions and suggestions that I have been offered during the past year. It is a privilege being your trustee and I thank you for the opportunity.

PETER GROVE,
SALT SPRING LTC MEMBER

Quiet outdoors

I read with interest the Nov. 7 Page 3 article about GISS taking measures to quiet classrooms so the students could better concentrate and study.

I am a close neighbour of the school and I am hoping that this policy will soon be applied to the school shop. When the shop is in operation the noise from the machinery measures close to 80 decibels and that's 65 meters away. At 85 decibels hearing protection is required by the Workers Compensation Act.

This is very noisy for a residential neighbourhood. The planer and the exhaust fan are the biggest offenders. Neither has a muffling device in place.

I once worked as a shop teacher and I am a supporter of industrial education. I would not want to see the program hampered. The staff is very apologetic about the noise. They have known for years it is an issue.

I only ask that measures are taken to quiet the school outside as well as inside. This is a real problem for neighbours who want to work or play outside.

We need to concentrate too!
FRANK NEUMANN,
KANAKA ROAD

RANTS and Roses

SIMS would like to send many hoops filled with roses to the following people for helping make the Harlem Crowns fundraiser such a huge success: Country Grocer, Uptown Pizza, Sports Traders, SS Books, the GISS Alumni team, referees Myles Wilson and Blake Gold, Tom Langdon, Wendy Scott, and the SIMS parents and players. Thank you for your support!

To Wendy at Pharamasave: A big box of "chocolate covered marshmallow roses" to thank you for your kindness. Linda


A class full of poppy-coloured, very special multi-stemmed roses of thanks to the children of Salt Spring Elementary School Grade 3 choir with teacher Erika Verlinden and Marie Beaudoin for making the extra effort to arrive with perfect timing and contributing your voices to the Remembrance Music and Munch concert at All Saints last Wednesday. Your presence and singing from the heart are very much appreciated by all who attended this moving annual community event.

A spooky bunch of black roses to Country Grocer, Thrifty Foods, Island Star Video and the Salt Spring Inn, as well as the many individual community members for your contributions to the Halloween Spookhouse. It was a fun and successful fundraiser for the four island improv teams.

Bushels of roses, once again, to the produce department at Country Grocer, for their donation to our Cafe 653, held at the Fulford Hall flea market on Saturday. Thanks for joining us in support of our hall.

Greenwoods Eldercare Societies 4th Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale fundraiser was an amazing success! We raised an incredible \$5,000 that will directly support our residents' recreation programs. The mood was lively, the residents excited and many smiles shared throughout the day. We share our heartfelt appreciation to everyone who so kindly baked, bought, created and gave of their time to make this day the success it was. Our residents, their families, staff, volunteers and our many friends have made an outstanding contribution! Carla Molloy, recreation coordinator, GES

Have Your Say!



SPECIAL COMMUNITY MEETING TO REVIEW STREAM MAPS FOR ST. MARY LAKE AND CUSHEON LAKE WATERSHEDS

You told us we needed better mapping and we listened. The Islands Trust has new maps that show the location of fish-bearing streams, potential fish bearing streams, and streams that carry water to them within the St. Mary Lake and Cusheon Lake watersheds.

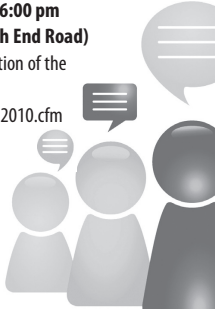
The Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee wants to hear your feedback on the recently mapped streams before considering any policies or bylaws that would implement the province's Riparian Areas Regulations.

The Riparian Areas Regulation is part of the province's legislation to protect and restore BC's fish habitat. This regulation requires local governments to protect the features, functions, and conditions that are vital in the natural maintenance of stream health and productivity for fish habitat, potential fish habitat, and streams that carry water to them.

Wednesday November 21st, 2012
Doors Open 5:30 pm - Meeting starts at 6:00 pm
Central Hall (The Fritz Cinema, 901 North End Road)

For more information about the implementation of the Riparian Areas Regulation visit:
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THEATRE REVIEW

Suburban wars on Mahon Hall stage

Salt Spring Community Theatre comedy runs Nov. 16-18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

If Salt Spring is famed for its healthy internal debate on all possible subjects, the intensity is nothing compared to the politics raging within the fictional confines of Coriander Lane, the setting of the Salt Spring Community Theatre production *Love Thy Neighbor*.



Scott Merrick plays the postman and Laurie Blakely is "queen of the block" Leona in Salt Spring Community Theatre's production of *Love Thy Neighbor* by Gary Ray Stapp.

For its latest offering, which opened at Mahon Hall on Nov. 9 and returns for three more performances this weekend, Community Theatre has put together an ensemble cast of veterans and newcomers to tackle the battle for supremacy in a typical suburban cul de sac. While the script takes place in middle-America and is rife with American stereotypes, the able directing of Jacquie Szoke and Lynne Terry provides a more interesting interpretation of the stock material than might otherwise be offered.

The action revolves around the unpleasant Leona Crumb, whose desirable home gets the most sunshine, hosts award-winning marigolds and has benefited from the most tasteful decorating scheme of all the houses in the subdivision.

Though clearly the queen of the block, Leona is equally concerned with her neighbours' appearances. The prospect of new people across the street causes much distress, but the family of hill folk that moves in threatens to send her fully off the deep end. Adding to Leona's daily annoyance are her couch-bound husband, a dopey but well-meaning neighbour and her husband, the local realtor and a catty Avon lady, as well as a much put-upon mailman and a terrified paper boy.

As the one character who appears in almost every scene, Laurie Blakely impressively holds the stage as Leona. She is convincingly self-important in her heels, blonde up-do and giant binoculars, and similarly convincing in her downward spiral as she's more and more unhinged by the family of garish hicks. It's to her credit that Blakely

successfully wins the audience over to a character who's really not that likable.

One of the strengths of Salt Spring Community Theatre is the group's willingness to actually include the community, opening roles to new performers in every production. *Love Thy Neighbor's* surprise find may be Simone Cazabon, who doubles as Judy and Bambi. Though Judy is written as sweet but dumb, Cazabon's quirky delivery and physical expression add genuine humour, which was supported by much audience laughter on opening night.

Megan Manning, who has appeared in several island productions including *Steel Magnolias*, brings a similar warmth and humour to the unlikely named realtor Rose Bush. Her power suits and heels are matched by a knowing Brooklyn/Jewish-type accent that comes off perfectly.

Crystal McIntosh has the bee-hive hairdo, leopard print-wearing Gafina for her first role, and since there's no way to quiet down this purposefully over-the-top character, she has fun with the delivery. Her responses to Leona's sarcastic snaps sound completely

innocent, though everything she says enrages her neighbour to new levels.

Chris Anderson (not of anti-smart-meter fame) brings gentle affability to Paul, the slightly bumbling school teacher who prefers not to eat at home, while Jules Benson makes a funny cameo as the new paper boy.

Regular theatre participants are also made good use of, with Fred Williamson as the mostly unseen Albert, Wendy Beatty as Ava and Galfina's Maw, Scott Merrick as the postman and Connor Berkman as a way-too-motivated police officer. Professional actor Jake Roberts does a fine turn as the hillbilly who unwisely sets his sights on Leona. What could have been overbearing was understated and gentle — at least as far as possible for a large shirtless man in overalls and long wig.

With an unexpected turn of events at the end, *Love Thy Neighbor* has plenty to offer as an evening or afternoon's entertainment. Show times are 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 16 and 17, and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 18. Tickets are on sale at Salt Spring Books and at the door.

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Arts council jazz fundraiser for the hall

The second of the Salt Spring Arts Council fundraisers for renovations to the kitchen of Mahon Hall takes place on the evening of Friday, Nov. 23 at Mahon Hall.

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. for an evening of great jazz with QuintEssential — Salt Spring's own mainstream jazz quintet, founded by members of Salt Spring

Swing Shift big band in 2008. The evening starts with jazz of the 1920s and moves through to the 1950s —traversing a fabulous 40-year landscape of jazz suitable for listening and dancing.

QuintEssential musicians are Randy Marchi, trumpet, fluegelhorn and vocals; Karen Arney, piano; Dave Milutinovic, drums; Donna Vanderwekken, bass; and Ted Hickford (replacing the regular member John Moore) on saxophone. Joining the quintet for this occasion will be Sue Newman,

who will add her vocals to those of Marchi. Newman will also demonstrate the charleston.

Mahon Hall is a unique heritage building managed by the SSAC that serves the needs of arts and community groups on the island. Opened in 1902 as an agricultural hall, and now the home of the renowned ArtCraft exhibit and retail show, it has been in constant use for 110 years. But like all heritage properties, it needs care and attention, including some significant renovations.

The community is invited to enjoy the talents of local musicians and contribute to the Mahon Hall fund at the Nov. 23 concert and dance.

Tickets are \$20 and available at RE/MAX, Acoustic Planet, the Salt Spring Arts Council (at 250-537-0899), and through SSAC board member Janet Halliwell (250-537-5383).

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Kelby MacNayr Trio up next in ArtSpring's cabaret series

Intimate gallery show set for Nov. 18

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Victoria percussionist Kelby MacNayr will be joined by two nationally recognized musicians from Portland — bassist Tom Wakeling and pianist Randy Porter — for an evening of great jazz in the ArtSpring Gallery on Sunday, Nov. 18.

The latest show in ArtSpring's innovative cabaret series puts the audience together with the most interesting contemporary arts and music for a low ticket price. Just \$10 for adults (\$5 for youth) is needed to enjoy an evening with performers who often appear at the world's great festivals.

MacNayr has played with countless leading jazz performers and is a faculty member with the Jazz Port Townsend Festival under director John Clayton. His talents include mastering the rhythms of jazz, classical, new music and folk from around the world, including the music of Cuba, Portugal, Zimbabwe and Brazil.

"For me the style of music isn't so important," MacNayr said during a recent interview with the Driftwood.

"There is a sincere desire of humans to communicate to other

humans their life experience. Music is a medium that enables us to draw on that experience and share with others in a manner that sort of enables us to get it out into the real world — thoughts and feelings that are difficult to articulate become expressible."

MacNayr said although music has that ability for expression in all genres, jazz has the added quality of immediacy.

"It allows us to communicate, reflect and express, all at the same time," he said.

"Jazz musicians are expressing as it happens."

Though he's performed on some major festival stages, MacNayr will be right at home playing ArtSpring's gallery space, since he prefers the connections made at coffee houses and pubs. He enjoys smaller venues because he knows what he's hearing is what the audience is hearing.

"As a performer I want to know the details are coming through clearly, and in an intimate venue, we can do that," he said.

MacNayr is bringing with him two performers who are members of Portland's Alan Jones Sextet. The percussionist counts Jones as one of his most important mentors, and playing with people who understand the same musical



Percussionist Kelby MacNayr.

language sets the stage for magic to occur.

Calling Wakeling and Porter "some of the most inspiring musicians I get to play with," MacNayr explained that all work gets better with repeated practice, but practising with great musicians can "open up whole new worlds of what's possible."

The program will draw on a common history informed by jazz greats and the spark of creativity that comes from innovation. As MacNayr explains, innovation doesn't mean creating a whole new style of playing.

"Innovation has to occur in the moment. It has to have the integrity of you standing out on a limb, truly not knowing what's going to happen next. That's when the electricity happens."

In the end, audience

members can expect a fun evening that marks the start of a new creative endeavour, since it will be the trio's first performance as a combination (though each member has previously played with the other).

"We'll try to bring together three distinct musical personalities and draw on a vocabulary of subjects and then use those as a jumping-off point, like we're paragliding off Mount Maxwell — using something solid to dangerously jump off of," MacNayr said.

"My goal is to connect with the audience in a real manner," he added.

"As an artist it means trying to play with as much integrity and openness as you can."

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets are available at ArtSpring or artspring.ca.

RECITAL

Toccatas and fugues at Simply O

Don Conley performs for November recital

Lovers of organ music will be excited by the Simply Organic organ recital for this month, with accomplished organist Don Conley at the console in All Saints church on Nov. 21.

By popular demand from Simply Organic's regular audience, the program will feature two powerful toccatas and fugues by J.S. Bach — the Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BWV 531, and the famous Toccata and Fugue in D minor.

The second half of the program will be a collection of improvisational pieces by French composer

Louis Vierne and Jean Langlais.

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FUNDRAISER

Cortes group hosts local art fundraiser

Bateman, Mortifee among Children's Forest campaign supporters

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Cortes Island initiative to protect 600 acres of forest lands for children is counting on fellow islanders' support of the project at an art auction at the ArtSpring gallery on Friday, Nov. 23.

The Artist's Journey brought visiting artists to Cortes in the summer of 2012, where they were joined by local artists to create works of art inspired by the forest. These works were then donated for auction to raise the funds necessary to publish the book *Forest Alphabet: Artistic Visions of a Forest in Trust to the Children*, a fundraising and awareness campaign supporting a Cortes conservation effort.



Robert Bateman's barred owl piece is up for auction in fundraiser.

The goal of the Forest Trust for the Children of Cortes Island is to purchase several Island Timberlands holdings that are adjacent to the Carrington Bay Regional Park Reserve and place them in trust for all the children of Cortes Island in perpetuity.

"These five parcels of land occur at the heartland of Cortes, are ecologically significant and contain provincially designated sensitive ecosystems," explained Sabina Leader-Mense, a biologist who is at the heart of the campaign.

"The forest lands are also home to many rare plant communities and species that are listed on both the provincial and federal species-at-risk lists."

The idea of dedicating the sensitive lands to children was inspired by a model created by the Heiltsuk First Nation, which acquired a 74-hectare parcel of land near Bella Bella. A non-profit society was established to hold the land in trust for the youth of the Heiltsuk First Nation, and to operate the Koeve River Youth Programs.

Since forming the idea for the trust three years ago, Leader-Mense said the children of Cortes have enthusiastically embraced the idea. Children at the Linnaea School created artwork to go along with the *Forest Alphabet*, which was written by Leader-Mense. Both creations, along with children's submissions calling for the forest's protection, will form the substance of the book. Currently existing as a print-ready file awaiting publication, the book is endorsed by Robert Bateman, Tzeporah Berman and Ann Mortifee. Bateman also participated in the Artists' Journey and has donated a piece to the upcoming auction, along with several other Salt Spring artists.

"The people of Salt Spring have been really supportive. We have a really nice community link happening right now," said Leader-Mense.

The sealed-bid auction will be officially opened by Mortifee, who is an honorary director of the Forest Trust for the Children of Cortes Island Society, at 3 p.m. on Friday. The public is invited to join the acclaimed musician along with husband, jazz flautist Paul Horn, for an afternoon tea and chat in the gallery while viewing the artwork until 5 p.m.

Mortifee will speak at 7 p.m. on her work creating the Trust for Sustainable Forestry. Cortes children will then help bring the event to its finale at 9 p.m., when they will reveal the winning bids.

Artwork can also be viewed and bid on before the event by visiting www.corteschildrensforesttrust.org. Sealed bids can be sent by email to slmense@telus.net.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

COLOUR AND BEAUTY: B. Louise Woodward's fibreglass sculpture *Teresa* and oil paintings on the wall are part of the *Surrounded by Beauty* retrospective of the well-known Salt Spring artist's work. Woodward, who died in April at the age of 85, was not only a prolific artist with pieces in numerous private collections in North America and France, but also known for teaching art to groups in B.C., Mexico and France. Woodward was a member of several Salt Spring groups, and found inspiration for her artwork throughout the island, in her garden and in Mexico, where she spent time each winter. *Surrounded by Beauty*, comprised of paintings, sketches and sculptures, ran from Nov. 3 to 8 at ArtSpring.

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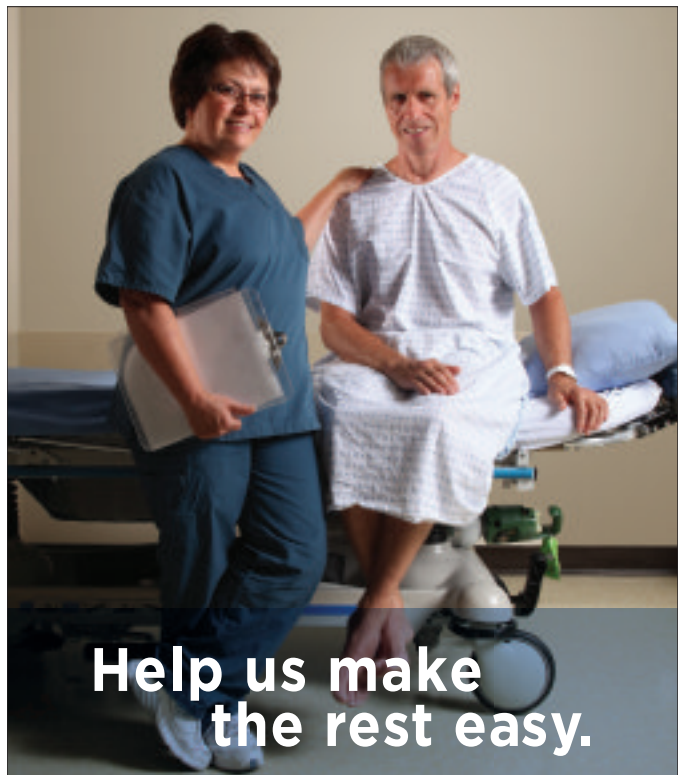
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Dying With Dignity - How to Die in Oregon Film Screening. Salt Spring chapter shows How to Die in Oregon. Winner of a 2011 Sundance Film Festival award. Salt Spring Seniors Services Society. 2 p.m.
Patterson Family History. A Salt Spring Historical Society visual presentation by Gladys Campbell. Central Community Hall. 2 p.m.
Exit Through the Gift Shop. First in a series of series of seven art house films being shown at the Fritz. 7 p.m.
Community Kitchen. Sign up weekly at Family Place. Parents and kids ages 0-6. 1 to 3 p.m.

Thurs. November 15

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Open Mic Special Tribute.
 The Local. 6 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Double Book Launch. The Judge and the Lady by Marilyn Horsdal and The Apple House by Gillian Campbell. Lions Hall. 7 p.m.
BC Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement Open House. Ninety minutes of a public open house, followed by a 90-minute Q&A period. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.
SS Weavers and Spinners. Show, Ask & Tell session. ArtSpring. 10:30 a.m.
Stay & Play Drop In. Come for a bowl of soup! Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.
Bingo. Meaden Hall on the first and third Thursday of each month. Legion Ladies Auxiliary fundraiser for GISS bursaries. 7 p.m. with early bird games at 6:30 p.m.
Rollerblading to Music. Every Thursday. Fulford Hall. 7 p.m.
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Fri. November 16

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Love Thy Neighbour. Community Theatre ensemble comedy. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
The Coalition. Rock/dance. Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Giant Book Sale. A Salt Spring Literacy fundraiser. Thousands and thousands of great-quality books! Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Stay & Play Drop In. Light lunch provided. Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat. November 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Barley Bros. The Local. 3 to 5:30 p.m.
Live Sitar with Phil. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Barley Bros. Salt Spring Inn. 6 p.m.
Flora Scott Trio. Jazz, blues, world beat and Latin music. Harbour House Hotel. 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Matthew Vincent Lacarte and Friends. Bluegrass. Moby's. 8 p.m.

Sat. November 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Love Thy Neighbour. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 7:30 p.m.
With All Our Hearts. Viva Voce! choir concert, with debut by Viva Voce Youth! choir. ArtSpring. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast. Drop-in with free pancakes for dads and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Anglican Christmas Bazaar. Handicrafts, baking, jewellery, and more, plus lunch and desserts. All Saints. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
5th Annual Home-based Business Fair. Grab and go goodies and hard-to-buy-for Christmas gifts. Community Gospel Chapel. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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Sun. November 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
With All Our Hearts. See Saturday listing, except the time is 2 p.m.
Love Thy Neighbour. See Friday listing. Mahon Hall. 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Diana English. Piano bar every Sunday evening at the Harbour House. 6 to 9 p.m.
Kelby MacNayr Trio. Part of the Gallery Cabaret Series. Victoria percussionist Kelby MacNayr with Portland-based bassist Tom Wakeling and pianist Randy Porter for an evening of great jazz. ArtSpring Gallery. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Giant Book Sale. See Friday listing, except the event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Channeled Spiritual Teachings. By Ananda, every Sunday in November. Teachings on a variety of subjects from sexual energy to world events. Still Point Yoga Studio. 3 p.m.
Cyber Safety: Laws, Parenting, Behaviour. A Centre for Child Honouring event with guest speaker Sandy Garossino, former Crown prosecutor. Harbour House Hotel. 2 p.m.

Mon. November 19

ACTIVITIES
Patagonia Sailing Presentation. Nick and Jenny Coghlan, aboard their Vancouver 27 cutter Bosun Bird, will take their audience from Cape Town across the South Atlantic to the spectacular glaciers of Tierra del Fuego. Salt Spring Sailing Club. 7:30 p.m.

Tues. November 20

ACTIVITIES
Stay & Play Drop In. Come for a bowl of soup! Parents and kids ages 0-6. Family Place. Noon to 3 p.m.
CPR/AED Course. To register or for more information on the next CPR/AED course contact, Karen Mout at the Lady Minto Foundation office. 250-538-4824 or karen.mout@vha.ca. Lady Minto Hospital portable. 12:30 p.m.
Island Arts Centre Society AGM. ArtSpring. 4 p.m.

Wed. November 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Simply Organic. Don Conley performs Bach toccatas and fugues and other works at free recital. All Saints By-the-Sea. 10:10 a.m.
Open Stage with Richard Cross. Every Wednesday at Moby's. 8 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Habana Eva. Film screening as part of SS Film Festival's Best of the Fests series. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.
SWOVA AGM. AGM for SWOVA Community Development and Research Society. SWOVA office. 5 p.m.

ACTIVITIES
Coral Reefs of the World. Slide show presentation featuring the underwater photographer of Ken Sutherland, presented by Ann Donahue. Lions Hall. 7:30 p.m.
Islands Trust RAR Mapping Special Meeting. Public consultation meeting at Central Hall. 6 p.m. with doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Texas Hold'em Poker. The Local. 6:30 p.m.
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EXHIBITIONS

- Fine art documentary photographer **Susan Huber** shows photos at **Fernwood Road Cafe**. Huber shoots in large format and hand prints her work using 19th-century printing techniques.
- **Wendy Ffrench** shows new work at the **Harbour House Hotel**, Restaurant and Organic Farm through **November**.
- Desert Dreams, a show of new works by **P.F. Brown**, is in the **ArtSpring** lobby through **November**.
- Paintings by **Carol Leslie** are at **Salt Spring Coffee Company Cafe** through **November**.
- **Kathy Robertson** shows her landscape paintings at **Bruce's Kitchen** through **November**.
- Salt Spring Photography Club member **Margaret C. Benmore** shows images at **Country Grocer**
- **Roaster Cafe** titled Hollywood comes to the Salish Sea, inspired by a trip to the Shaw Ocean Discovery Centre in Sidney.
- **Migs Edwards** watercolours are hanging at **Island Savings**, with sales supporting an art scholarship for GISS graduating students.
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SOLEMN SCENES: From left, Salt Spring RCMP Const. Stephen Casey by the cenotaph in Ganges; veteran Ron Holcroft carries a wreath; navy members of the HMCS Oriole participate in the parade. For more photos, see the Driftwood's Facebook page.

FILM

Habana Eva first of fest bests

Today's Cuba in focus at Nov. 21 film

BY MURRAY REISS
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Habana Eva, the first offering in the Salt Spring Film Festival's "Best of the Fests" international film series, is the perfect film for the end of November.

As the days get shorter and the skyfills with gloom, islanders dream of escape to a hot sunny tropical island. For a few hours at ArtSpring on Wednesday, Nov. 21, Habana Eva will make those dreams come true. Director Fina Torres takes us to Cuba for a romantic farce that's been charming audiences with its breezy style and sparkling performances. Sexy, subversive and very entertaining, Habana Eva won the best feature film prize at the recent Los Angeles and New York Latino International Film Festivals.

Eva (celebrated Venezuelan

actress Prakriti Maduro) is a young seamstress in a drab clothing factory that makes only one style of dress. She dreams of designing beautiful clothes but knows she will never get the chance. She gets no help from her boyfriend Angel (Carlos Enrique Almirante), an unemployed architect who can't quite manage to commit.

When Eva meets hunky vacationing expat Jorge (Juan Carlos Garcia) she sees an opportunity to break out of her boring routine. She quickly agrees to be his guide as he photographs Havana's landmarks for a supposed book about Cuba Then and Now. It's not long before they're into a torrid love affair.

When Jorge disappears back to Venezuela without a word of farewell, and his book proves to be a front for clandestine high-rise developments, Eva is left confused and maybe heartbroken. Her partner in crime in navigating these problems and more is best friend

Teresa (Yuliet Cruz), a trained attorney and practising prostitute.

A chance encounter with Jorge's elderly aunts, who recognize Eva's design talent, sweeps her up in a madcap plan to convert the women's magnificent, dilapidated Havana mansion into a tea house and fashion museum.

Havana provides the perfect setting and is itself a major character. Few films have depicted the city — and its now derelict, once elegant mansions — in such a beautiful, haunting light. With touches of screwball comedy and a dusting of magical realism, director Fina Torres has woven a rollicking sex farce into a powerful metaphor of today's Cuba.

To add to the tropical vibe, DJ Jose Sanchez will warm up the audience with Cuban music before the film.

Tickets for Habana Eva are \$10 from ArtSpring. The film starts at 7:30 p.m.

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Adapted from an unknown author.



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Not only is this model of housing effective for seniors, but assists others in the family who would otherwise not be able to own a home. The senior benefits, as family members are nearby to check in with them daily and offer supports.

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JAN MACPHERSON

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PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY

MARINE LIFE

Coral reefs come alive in photo show

Images of travelling Salt Spring divers at Lions Hall Nov. 21

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Like many Salt Spring residents, Ken Sutherland and Ann Donahue like to explore some of the world's warmer climates.

But unlike most people, the couple spends much of their time away in the water, photographing coral reef dwellers. After some 20 years, they have amassed a large collection of photos taken by Sutherland and edited by Donahue.

While Donahue, a retired teacher, has shared some of the images and information with small groups over the years, she is responding to requests to bring her presentation to a wider audience with an event called Coral Reefs of the World on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at Lions Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m.



Anemone fish as photographed by Salt Spring underwater photographer Ken Sutherland.

Images range from manta rays to anemone fish, and creatures seen in the Caribbean, the Red Sea, South Pacific, Micronesia and South East Asia.

Donahue says their trips now focus on trying to find animals they haven't seen before. In February of 2014, for example, they plan to look for thresher sharks in the Philippines as part of a group of medical personnel who like to dive. Sutherland works part-time as a doctor at the Esquimalt naval base.

Underwater photography has a number of inherent challenges, explains Donahue.

"You have to deal with current issues, equipment, keeping track of where people are and your air levels."

Donahue is usually the one in charge of the practical considerations, and will also scout out marine life to be photographed, while Sutherland takes the photos. She has also traditionally been the photo editor, although he is increasing his role in that area.

Sutherland has won a number of awards for his images, including one for a photo of a flatworm, which Donahue convinced him to submit to the competition even though he didn't think the subject was exotic enough to warrant much recognition.

While Sutherland and Donahue are not marine biologists, they are passionate about the species they encounter and about the need to preserve fragile coral reef ecosystems.

The couple's overall favourite spot is probably Micronesia. There they enjoy participating in photo events such as Mantafest and taking in the islands' rich culture, with the people being "resistant to Western influence." Fiji and the Solomon Islands are similar in that way, she adds.

Next Wednesday's presentation will include information about Micronesian culture and another area of particular enthusiasm — sharks.

Entry is by donation, with proceeds benefiting the Salt Spring branch of the BC SPCA.

Calendars and cards featuring Sutherland's photography will also be available for cash purchase.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

OVER TO YOU:

Lyda Smith, left, who has volunteered at the Salt Spring library for 17 years in roles ranging from long-term planning committee chair to head third, passes the clipboard to new volunteer coordinator Glenys Rudden at a farewell and thank-you event for Smith, who is moving to Sidney with her husband Sid. Smith and Rudden have shared the volunteer coordinator position for the past few years.

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9:00 am - Highland Water Service Commission

10:30 am - Fernwood Water Service Commission

1:00 pm - Highland/Fernwood Water Service Commission

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B.C. Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement October 29 to December 21, 2012

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure is inviting the public and communities to participate in the B.C. Coastal Ferries Consultation and Engagement.

The province-wide consultation and engagement process will gather input on elements of the government's vision of connecting coastal communities in an affordable, efficient and sustainable manner, as well as considerations to address the immediate challenges facing the coastal ferry system.

How Input Will Be Used

Input received through the consultation and engagement process will be considered, along with technical, financial and policy considerations, as the Ministry determines how to achieve \$26 million in savings to 2016 and plans for the long-term sustainability of the coastal ferry network.

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Community	Date	Time	Location
Nanaimo	November 15	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Coast Bastion Inn
Salt Spring Island	November 15	9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ** 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	The Harbour House Hotel
Cortes Island	November 28	11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Gorge Hall
Victoria	December 5	1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Hotel Grand Pacific

Public Open House Schedule

The first 90 minutes will be a public open house. The second 90 minutes will be a question and answer session with the project team. No RSVP is required for public open houses.

Community	Date	Time	Location
Gabriola Island	November 13	Completed	The Haven
Penelakut (Kuper Island)	November 14	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Adult Learning Centre
Thetis Island	November 14	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Thetis Island Forbes Community Hall
Pender Island	November 14	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Pender Islands Community Hall
Salt Spring Island	November 15	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	The Harbour House Hotel
Nanaimo	November 15	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Coast Bastion Inn
Galiano Island	November 17	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Galiano Community Hall
Quadra Island	November 27	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Quadra Island Community Centre
Mayne Island	December 3	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Mayne Island Community Centre
Saturna Island	December 4	5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Saturna Island Community Hall
Texada Island	December 5	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Texada Island Community Hall
Victoria	December 5	6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Hotel Grand Pacific
Hornby Island	December 8	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Hornby Island Community Hall
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DEATHS

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HANN, William Charles (Bill) passed away on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, after a sixteen-month battle with brain cancer. Bill is survived by his loving wife Maureen and his little treasures Alexander 6 and Samantha 4, as well as his Mum and Dad, Lavinia and Bob, sister Joelle, Maureen's parents Dianne and Terry and her sister Mia and family.

Bill was born in Victoria on June 8, 1975 and the family moved to Salt Spring Island six weeks later. Bill attended elementary school on Salt Spring and later moved to St. Michael's University School in Victoria. Following graduation, Bill attended Bishop's University in Lennoxville, Quebec, earning a Bachelor's degree in Business Management.

After university, Bill learned to fly, then flew float planes in the Queen Charlottes, before going to the Maldives for six months. On his return to Canada, Bill flew with Harbour Air, Central Mountain Air and then achieved a life long dream of flying for WestJet.

Bill was hardworking and professional, yet always eager to help anyone in need, friend of stranger. His friendliness and wonderful, dry sense of humour made him friends wherever he went. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

No flowers please. Donations, if you wish should go to St. Michael's University School Annual fund (year of 1993), WestJet Pilots Association fund, Christ Church Cathedral School Bursary fund, or the BC Cancer Society, all of whom have been incredibly supportive through this difficult time.

For information on the Celebration of Life for Bill Hann, please call Lavinia and Bob at 250-537-9566.



RAMONA (MONA) MAY WARREN

On October 30, 2012 Mona passed quietly away in Ganges at the age of 84. Predeceased by her husband Wilf in 1987 Mona is survived by her daughter Dorothy (Russell), son Danny (April), several nieces and a nephew.

After moving from Calgary in 1951 Mona spent many happy years at the old farmhouse in Burgoyne Bay, where the door was always open and the coffee pot always on. You never knew how many people would be at Sunday dinner, and at Christmas there was only one rule - no one should spend Christmas dinner alone. After Wilf died Mona moved around the Fulford and Beaver Point area for several years, staying busy and involved with the community. She learned to drive at age 60 and thoroughly enjoyed the independence that gave her.

From 1989 to 2001 she was the Fulford Days "pic-lady", organizing and running the pie stall. For a change of pace Mona moved up to Ganges and the last 13 years of her life were spent in the warm and convivial surroundings of Croftonbrook, where her passions for bingo and cribbage flourished.

A warm hearted and outgoing woman, Mona tackled life head on, facing adversity with a feisty strength. She will be sorely missed by her family and friends.

A gathering to remember Mona will be held December 1st at the OAP room downstairs at the Fulford Community Hall from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



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Dr. Hetty Clews

July 18, 1929 - Nov. 5, 2012

Dr. Hetty Clews, of Victoria, British Columbia passed away with family at her side on Monday, November 5, 2012 in the Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Born in Rowley Regis, Birmingham, UK, July 18, 1929, to Wilfred and Florence Minnie Upton, Hetty was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. She was also an acclaimed actor, singer, author, director, and educator. She completed her BA in Theology at the University of Birmingham and a BEd, MA, and PhD in English at the University of Saskatchewan. Her passion for the theatre led her to be involved with the Saskatoon Summer Players, the Gateway Players, ArtSpring, the Langham Court Theatre, and numerous other theatre companies—a testament to her love of supporting community access to the arts. An active volunteer, Hetty regularly dedicated her time to such causes as hospice, libraries, and the environment. She held great comfort in her faith, and was a lay minister both in England and on Salt Spring Island, BC. Hetty was an excellent cook, a whiz at Scrabble, and had a beautiful voice, which she was not afraid to use, whether it was to welcome friends and family into her presence, or to sing. Everyone who knew her knew how she loved people, and her secret chocolate stash was never a secret for too long in her household.

Hetty is survived by her husband of 59 years Dr. Alan Clews; her son Simon (Susan), her daughters Alison (Bob), Margaret (Sheldon), Madeleine (Hugh); her grandchildren Sarah (Geoffrey), Rachel (Adam), Katherine (Dave), Justin (Kimi), Sam (Ashley), Emily, Erin, and Laura; and her great-grandchildren Colin, Ryan, and Julian. She will be greatly missed by Barbara Wood and family, Margaret Downton, Janet Stokes, Max Taylor, Allan and Margaret Harris, Patrick Queely (Helen), David Holmes, Marie Clews, Bonnie Taylor, and many others.

The memorial service will be held at 10:30 am November 14th, 2012 at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria, BC.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Society of BC.

"In our beginning is our end, and in our end is our beginning."



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S.S.J. Historical Society

REGULAR MEETING

2:00 pm Wednesday, November 14, 2012
At Central Hall

This program is a history of the Fulford Patterson Family

Check our web site http://salspringarchives.com/historical for more program details

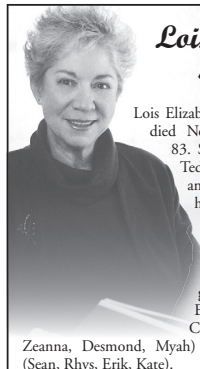
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Lois Elizabeth Shipley

Lois Elizabeth Shipley (née Leader) died November 9, 2012, aged 83. She survived her husbands Ted Sisson and Bob Shipley and will be deeply missed by her family including her sons Kirk (Valerie), Rand (Karen), Chris and Ross (Sharon), her daughter Cathy as well as her grandchildren (Karl, Ian, Evan, Ben, Jenn, Randi, Connor, Haily, Eric, Zeanna, Desmond, Myah) and great-grandchildren (Sean, Rhys, Erik, Kate).

Lois was free and youthful in spirit until the end. She will be remembered for her candour and spontaneity, her quirky wit and quick intelligence, her sympathy for the underdog and the entire animal kingdom. Her laughter could be heard above a crowd and will echo in the memories of all who loved her. Lois was an original; the world is a duller place without her.

Her wishes were embraced by the poem, "To Remember Me" by Robert N. Test which ends: *Burn what is left of me and scatter the ashes to the winds to help the flowers grow. If you must bury something, let it be my faults, my weaknesses and all my prejudice against my fellow man. If, by chance, you wish to remember me, do it with a kind deed or word to someone who needs you. If you do all I have asked, I will live forever.*

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to Dr. David Woodley and the people at Access Care Management who all went out of his way to ensure Lois stayed home for as long as possible.

A celebration of her life will be held near her home in the Spring.



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The Island Art Centre Society (ArtSpring) will hold its AGM on:

Tuesday, November 20th at 4:00pm

ArtSpring
100 Jackson Ave,
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- Financial and Annual Reports will be received and considered.
- The election of several Directors of the Society will be conducted.

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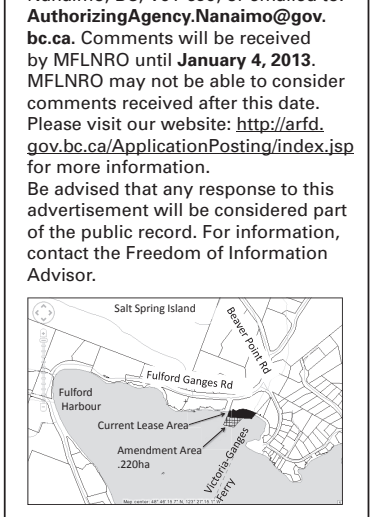
The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is 1414050. Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations at 142 - 2080 Labieux Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9T 6J9, or emailed to: AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca. Comments will be received by MFLNRO until **January 4, 2013**. MFLNRO may not be able to consider comments received after this date. Please visit our website: <http://arfd.gov.bc.ca/ApplicationPosting/index.jsp> for more information. Be advised that any response to this advertisement will be considered part of the public record. For information, contact the Freedom of Information Advisor.

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This Week's **Noroscope**

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
Some deep changes have been brewing in you and these are being strongly activated now. These changes may be for the better so have faith. However, it remains important that you consciously cooperate with them. A process of metamorphosis let alone a mere transition has begun.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)
The seeds of change have been planted in your relationship life. Some of your core beliefs and associated perceptions, attitudes and approaches are all under review. Reaching out to a wider scope of association is likely and ideal. Variety in your social life may be the spice.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)
Taking charge of your health continues. Various features of your entire lifestyle stand to undergo needed change. Seeking counsel and guidance and/or education or instruction for long-term consideration is ideal. A change of pace, rhythm, habit, attitude and perhaps location are all implied.

Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)
A creative, inspiring, passionate and romantic cycle has been seeded. Yet, to realize the fulfillments implied you will likely have to work diligently. Adjusting your scope to encompass long-term considerations is ideal. Patience and faith in the eventual outcome is implied.

Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)
Getting a firm grasp on your dreams may sound like an oxymoron but it is the theme outlined in the stars. To succeed you will need some leverage. Learning new skills, cultivating latent talents and/or laying claim to anything else that will increase your personal power is implied.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)
Some significant changes in your perceptions are being activated. Above all, your self concept is under review. Do you over or underestimate your abilities, worth and value? Are your current lifestyle rhythms or daily habits conducive to your goals and ambitions?

perhaps a much larger reserve yet.

Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)
A new tide of creative purpose and passion has begun. Yet in order to ride the waves with confidence you will have to make some extra efforts. These include the inner work of overcoming lack of faith, doubt and worry.

The seeds of change have been planted in your career and/or social life. A steep learning curve is implied. This will challenge you to face your fears and lay claim to hidden reserves of power. Yet, the journey implied can prove to be enjoyable and even fun.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)
A fresh stimulation of your higher mind is now underway. Some measure of training is implied and is necessary to strengthen your confidence. Yet, allowing for creative variety is important for the sake of synthesis and innovation.

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SMOOTH OPERATOR: Isaac Faulkner tries out the new climbing wall that was installed at the Rainbow Road Pool at the beginning of November. The four-foot-wide plexiglass sheet extends 11 feet above the water and offers users a variety of different hand and foot holds, similar to those found on a traditional climbing wall. The structure, valued at approximately \$10,000, was funded by Recreation Excellence at no cost to the island's taxpayers.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

GISS qualifies for provincials

Team clinches third-place berth

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands Secondary School's senior boys soccer team ended its four-year drought in Nanaimo on Wednesday by narrowly punching its ticket to the provincial championships.

The Scorpions got off to a great start at the Vancouver Island AA-level championships by blasting hosts Woodlands Secondary 5-0 with goals from Billy George, Farley Cannon, Ronan Gunn, Tim Camps and Sam Miles.

Despite outshooting its second-match opponents by more than 12-2, a game-winning penalty shot by Kwilikum Secondary in the match's final minutes was enough to give players and coach Doug Pearson cause for concern.

"For me, this was pretty emotional. It was pretty nip and tuck," he said. "We were definite-



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The GISS Scorpions are set for the senior boys' provincial soccer championships in Burnaby next week.

ly the best high school team there, but the best team isn't always the best team on game day."

The Scorpions rose to the occasion on the second day of competition by winning a critical match against Victoria's Saint Michael's University School. George took advantage of an all-GISS first half to score what would stand up as the game's only goal.

Based on the teams' goal differential, SMU made it through to the final, Kwilikum was

eliminated and GISS was left to face Lambrick Park of Victoria.

"From the first whistle, GISS came out flying," Pearson said of his team's final match.

Jan Staiger provided the Scorpions with a huge boost of morale by slotting the game's first goal early in the first half. Gunn made it 2-0 and George gave the Scorpions a three-goal lead before the half. Nevan Young and Rafa Fenameno added two more for the 5-0 victory.

The win gives the Scorpions Vancouver Island's third and final berth for the five-game provincial championship scheduled for Nov. 19, 20 and 21 in Burnaby.

"Though the team will be seeded lower, the players know they can medal and, if everything goes right, win the whole thing," Pearson said.

Fundraising efforts for the team continue throughout the week. To contribute, contact Pearson at GISS by calling 250-537-9944.

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MEN'S SOCCER

Old Boys feel Zgoda's wrath

FC emerges with draw

BY SEAN MCINTYRE
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A strong start wasn't enough to give Salt Spring's Old Boys an edge in their Saturday match against a powerful team of Polish ex-patriots.

Zgoda FC built a two-goal lead before the match's halfway point in spite of the Old Boys' sensible play and well-controlled passing game.

Team spokesperson Richard Steel said Jeff Pawson did a great job to keep the defensive line in shape in spite of the early deficit.

A third goal for Zgoda early in the second half only added fuel to the Old Boys' fury and frustration.

"The Old Boys struck back, challenged hard for the ball and got back to their short passing game," Steel said.

John MacDonald was able to finish off a fine move to get one back and extend his scoring streak to three games.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

Old Boys players shake hands with Zgoda opposition in a 3-1 loss Sunday.

"We knew it would be a tough game and that it would be difficult to control their powerful midfield," Steel said in his post-game report. "We started well but lost control after their first goal. We never gave up and Jim Witherspoon was excellent in goal."

The Old Boys host the Centaurs at the GISS field on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 12 p.m.

In Vancouver Island Soccer League action,

Salt Spring FC managed to stay out of the Division 1 cellar thanks to a draw against fourth-place Nanaimo United on Saturday. Gord Akerman scored FC's lone goal, bringing his season total to four goals.

The match, which was Salt Spring FC's second tie in three games, improves the team's record to 1-6-2. The team will try to climb the standings when it travels to Victoria on the weekend to play Vic West

(5-4-0) on Saturday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

Elsewhere in VISL play, Salt Spring Alumni gave hometown fans plenty to cheer about during the team's 3-1 weekend win against Gorge FC. The victory was made possible with scores from Patrick Hayes, Mike McCormick and Richard Lee.

The team faces a crucial challenge when it hosts Bays United (4-3-1) on Sunday, Nov. 18, 10:15 a.m. at Portlock Park.

VOLLEYBALL

Sr. boys on to island tourney

Provincial berth in sight for Scorpions

Gulf Islands Secondary School senior boys volleyball players are ready for island championship action after defeating all north Vancouver Island teams in the tournament they hosted over the weekend.

With the victory firmly in hand, the Gulf Islands team will travel to Comox to play in the island championship tournament co-hosted by Highland and Mark Isfeld schools from Nov. 15 to 16, with a berth at the provincials at stake.

Coach Kellie Booth said in a post-tournament report that Jackson Sweetnam led his team to a sweep of Wellington, Woodlands,

Highland, NDSS and Mark Isfeld schools by playing focused, determined volleyball. The always crafty Lukas Wenzel did double duty as the other half of the setting duo, with Ben Richardson out for the championship tourney after being injured last Monday.

Returning from injury was middle blocker Carson McCormick, who dominated at the net all weekend, Booth said. Outside hitter Kyle Matheson was also in fine form, powering hits at the opposition relentlessly. Near flawless jump serving by Michael Elser and solid net play from Ethan Frigon kept teams on the defence.

Chris Perrins spiked and served consistently, while Eduardo Silveira passed and served with accuracy, gaining many Scorpions points.

Aaryn Funk, Gaelen White and libero Gunnar Rasmussen played inspired volleyball when called upon.

"I am very proud of our team," said Booth.

"We are ready for the challenge at the island championship. The boys have steadily improved and were ranked sixth in the province earlier this season prior to injuries to some team members. With all of our players back for this weekend, I believe we will be a tough match-up for any team."

Booth said GISS volleyball alumni have helped coach and mentor the 2012 team. Evan Henshall, Hal Cook and Cole Wrigley have all served as assistant coaches during the season and many past players have attended practice.

YOUTH SOCCER

Fury elevate game in close match

Hard-fought tie speaks volumes

BY JOSH BYRON
SS FURY COACH

The Salt Spring Fury travelled to Victoria for a match-up with Juan De Fuca under sunny skies on Saturday.

As the game evolved, it was obvious the Fury were in tough with their competitors. Juan de Fuca maintained possession of the ball early, spreading wide on the pitch, and passing the ball around as if to toy with the Salt Spring squad. Strikers Fraser Byers and Colton Archer worked feverishly pressuring their opponents to relinquish possession. In the 14th minute, the tandem was rewarded when their tenacity caused a turnover in front of the opposition goal. Byers' shot was stopped, but Archer was in position to bury the rebound, giving the Fury a 1-0 lead.

The goal came against the flow of play, and on the ensuing kick-off the home team's possession game turned into an attacking game. It only took a few minutes before the score was 1-1.

Despite being outplayed, the Fury continued to battle through the first half and into the second, gaining confidence as the game unfolded. Salt Spring midfielders Noah Hart, Davis Cooper-Smith and Jaidyn Byron began determining the play, giving forward Drayke Young a few chances to put Salt Spring ahead.

But in the 40th minute, Juan de Fuca scored on a fast break for a 2-1 lead. Not willing to give up, the Fury per-

severed and were matching the play of their counterparts stride for stride. In the 50th minute the Fury were rewarded a penalty shot off a hand ball. Archer claimed the shot and with ease and a confident demeanor, beat the goaltender to the low left corner for his second goal of the game and tied the match 2-2.

With now only 10 minutes to play, the pace of the game intensified and the urgency from Juan de Fuca was evident. The Fury's defence pairing of Logan Wenzel and Bradon Nordine was outstanding. The two made life miserable for the Juan de Fuca forwards, limiting their quality scoring chances.

The Victoria team continued to attack in desperation as net minder Izaak Gaines was called upon to make numerous saves, including one from point blank range and another diving save to tip a shot just past the goal post. In the 58th minute, heartbreak struck when a pass found a wide open Juan de Fuca forward at the side of the goal, giving the home team a 3-2 lead with minutes to play.

Still unable to accept defeat, Salt Spring went to the attack off the kick-off. With 120 seconds left the adversity and emotion seemed too overwhelming to overcome. But with less than one minute to play, Archer located Byron on a throw-in, coming across the field. Byron received the bouncing ball, turned and directed a volley towards the goal that eluded the goalie's outstretched fingers before dropping just beneath the crossbar and giving the Fury a hard fought 3-3 tie.

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