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## RENEWABLES

# Solar panels delivered to GISS

### Scholarship project exceeds goal; installation underway

BY BRIGITTE HAYES  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Solar energy is about to become part of everyone's future at Gulf Islands Secondary School.

Thanks to volunteer efforts from Salt Spring's local Community Energy Group, donations from the community, and enthusiasm from students and residents, the GISS Solar Scholarship Project has exceeded its fundraising goal of \$63,000. Originally set at \$60,000, the goal was increased when it was determined that the high school roof could accommodate more panels than first planned.

Last weekend saw the panels and equipment delivered and placed on the gym roof, with work scheduled to begin this week. Once completed, the array of 84 solar panels will be the largest school-based solar photovoltaic array in B.C. and the seventh-largest grid-tied solar installation in the province.

Energy savings from the array are expected to exceed \$2,000 annually, and will be used to fund scholarships for students pursuing careers in climate science, renewable energy and related trades. The system is expected to provide scholarships for 25 to 30 years or more. In addition, the project will promote renewable energy education in the school district and greater community, and provide electric vehicle charging capacity.

Over 140 individuals, groups and businesses contributed during the fundraising campaign. Local business sponsors include Pharmasave, Windsor Plywood, Slegg Lumber, Mouat's, Country Grocer and Thrifty Foods. Organizations that helped include the Lions Club, the Mauro Family Foundation, the Saanich-Gulf Islands Green Party, the local NDP club, the 2014 GISS Reunion group, the Only Planet Cabaret, the Gulf Islands Retired Teachers Association, the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and the Raging Grannies. A matching fund created by Vince and Maggie Argiro doubled the value of donations made until Canada Day.

With a total project cost of \$106,000, additional funding came from a \$20,000 matching grant from Bullfrog Power, through their Bullfrog Builds Renewable Accelerator Program, which provides critical financial support for the development of new renewable energy projects across Canada.

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PHOTO BY RON WATTS

Solar panels to be installed on the roof of Gulf Islands Secondary School are lifted by a crane truck over the weekend.

## TRAGIC DEATH

# Foul play ruled out in Davidson case

### Coroner's office finally releases findings of 2012 death in Ganges

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A coroner's investigation into the 2012 death of a 28-year-old woman on Salt Spring has dismissed the possibility of foul play or suicide.

"I find that Crystal Davidson died on Salt Spring Island on Aug. 5, 2012 of positional asphyxia due to loss of consciousness as the result of a mixed drug intoxication with alcohol, methadone and cocaine," concludes provincial coroner Lyn Blenkinsop. "I classify this death as accidental and make no recommendation."

According to the document, Davidson met an acquaintance on Friday, Aug. 3. She is reported to have spent two days with the individual, during which time she consumed alcohol, cocaine and her acquaintance's prescription medications, including methadone, citalopram and lorazepam — drugs commonly used to treat addiction, depression and anxiety.

The report says Davidson lost consciousness on Saturday evening, after which time the acquaintance carried her upstairs and put her on a mattress in a small room to sleep.

"When the acquaintance awoke at approximately [2 p.m.] on [Sunday], he found Ms. Davidson unresponsive beside him," reads Blenkinsop's report.

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# Energy cost savings invested in GISS scholarship fund

## SOLAR

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Additional support was provided through the school district's carbon neutral capital grant, the Salt Spring Foundation and in-kind services provided by many professionals working on the project.

The solar scholarship project has gained

remarkable momentum in the community. It was first presented to the school board in December 2013, where it received an enthusiastic response and unanimous approval. Fundraising began at the Renewable Energy Conference in April, where the project was announced by GISS students Sky Losier and Keenan Nowak.

With the materials and equipment now

on the island, work can commence shortly. The system will be installed by district maintenance staff overseen by local solar installation expert Will Andrews. This approach ensures that the maintenance staff fully understands the system, while saving on construction costs and increasing the technical capacity for further solar installations on Salt Spring.

Once completed, the system will be connected to the electric grid. A monitoring system will allow the public to see the energy being produced at any time on the Internet. Demonstrations of the system and monitoring capability will take place at the public launch scheduled for January 2015.

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## EDUCATION

# SD64 expands flexible learning options

Hybrid program added at Fulford school

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring families who wish to combine home learning and alternative education programs with regular teacher interaction have a new place to do so at Fulford Elementary School.

A hybrid program like the one currently offered at Phoenix Elementary will allow students to combine different forms of study under the Learning Design Partners program. Options like WOLF outdoor education, Waldorf teaching and personalized learning plans will take place from Monday to Wednesday. Participants will then meet with each other and a designated teacher in the classroom setting on Thursdays at Fulford School.

Sue McKenzie, the principal of Phoenix Elementary School and Phoenix Home Learning

Partners, said the program has been added to meet growing demand for flexibility within the public school system. This demand was articulated at two district meetings on the topic, which were held on Oct. 1 and Oct. 8.

"One of the things that came out of the meetings is that parents would very much like to have another Phoenix, or hybrid opportunities," McKenzie said, adding the K-8 alternative school has become popular for its small size, sense of community and focus on the outdoors, among other reasons.

With the school full and a wait-list of approximately two years for new students to get in, the hybrid program also can't accept any new students. Creating a new alternative school could be an option in the future, but making room for more blended programming was something the district could offer now.

"That's something we could

do quickly," McKenzie noted.

In addition to parent appetite, a recent situation that saw a number of families withdraw from Fulford school and join a new distance learning program — based on Bowen Island and offered by the New Westminster School District — served to underline the need for options.

McKenzie said the loss of those students came as a surprise, since the parents involved hadn't talked about their plans before withdrawing at the end of June. There was also no communication between school districts.

"There was no discussion about how to better serve our students in their own district," McKenzie observed.

One benefit of the hybrid model is that the students are connected to their home community. Each student works with a resource teacher to help formulate a learning plan, but does the majority of the work outside the traditional classroom. However, students can

still enjoy social interaction, arts and outdoor activities, one-on-one tutoring and other benefits within the school setting one day per week.

McKenzie said Fulford's hybrid program is "something that's likely to evolve," but for now will start with one class. The number of students will depend on its composition: for example, if any kindergarten students register the class size will be capped at 22.

The way Thursday class time is organized will be determined in collaboration with the resource teacher and parents.

Families who were on the waiting list for the Phoenix hybrid program and those who attended the October meetings have been notified of the new option and were asked to register by Oct. 17. McKenzie said anyone else who is just hearing about it can check to see if space is still available through Phoenix and Fulford elementary schools or the school board office.

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## ISLANDS TRUST

# LTC questions 11% SSIWPA surcharge

Administration fee added to requisition

Local Trust Committee members want clarification over a proposed 11 per cent administration surcharge applied to a tax requisition for the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Authority.

Trustees unanimously approved a requisition for up to \$107,000 at Thursday's LTC meeting, but questioned

justification of an additional \$12,000 administrative surcharge.

According to Leah Hartley, Salt Spring's regional planning manager, the fee is supposed to cover the Trust's grants administrator and "any extra financial processing time needed" for the file.

"I've some difficulty with that," said LTC member George Grams. "Salt Spring Island contributes 40 per cent of the Trust's budget. I would prefer

some evidence that the grants administrator is spending in excess of 40 per cent of his time on applications that originate from this island; I don't believe that's the case.

"If it isn't the case, then it seems to me that there's a bit of double dipping here."

Sheila Malcolmson, chair of Salt Spring's LTC, said she's yet to hear or read anything about the surcharge. The fee is not mentioned in the Oct. 8 staff report presented to trustees.

The \$107,000 amount will fund part of SSIWPA's 2014/2015 operations.

"[The amount] is exactly the same as last year and it's proved adequate," said Grams, who also serves as SSIWPA chair. "The money has been used for coordination purposes. Other studies have been paid for by very successful outsourcing of funds to the tune of more than \$151,000.

"I'm hoping that can continue next year."

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# NEWS BEAT

## Heads up!

### Saturday Market in the Park:

Last official market of the season is on Oct. 25th!

## HERITAGE CONSERVATION

# Archaeologist wants accountability among peers

Professionals walk fine line between protection and desecration

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF  
FIRST OF 2 PARTS

For those of us untrained in the science of sifting through layers of earth to unlock the secrets of time, archaeology is epitomized by one man.

Bullwhip and fedora always at the ready, Henry Walton "Indiana" Jones made his name travelling to exotic locales to uncover lost tribes, sacred artifacts and the occasional love interest. Indy may have panache, but closer inspection reveals obvious lapses in protocol. A disregard for cultural norms, pocketing items in his leather satchel and the tendency to leave sites in flames or heaps of rubble are his default methodology.

Many of the professional and student archaeologists who convened in Nanaimo for Saturday's annual British Columbia Archeology Forum would scoff at Jones' Hollywood-inspired approach to their chosen career, yet real-life archaeology faces growing criticism from within that the field facilitates the desecration of heritage sites across the province.

"Since the introduction of the Heritage Conservation Act in 1977, the province of British Columbia and its agents, development proponents, government ministries and [cultural resource management firms], working in tandem under the auspices of the act have constructed

a narrative . . . [that] pronounces respect for First Nations and a strong desire to respectfully manage in a culturally appropriate manner First Nations heritage," said Chris Arnett a Salt Spring resident and PhD candidate in the University of British Columbia's archaeology department, to more than 100 participants at the event.

"I suggest that narrative is far from accurate, represents a false image of respect, obfuscates the connection between First Nations and their ancestors and submits the cultural practices of indigenous peoples and the rights of the dead to the objectives of the colonial state."

Arnett believes this "false narrative" could be corrected if the province paid more attention to First Nations history and cultural traditions than "competing pronouncements of archaeologists."

This would allow "archaeologists to avoid playing a role in the desecration of these culturally important locations," he said.

Speaking at a meeting of Salt Spring's Historical Society earlier this month, Arnett raised a few eyebrows by suggesting the plight of Grace Islet, where protesters continue to fight construction of a home among known heritage sites, highlights the need for greater professional oversight and a thorough rethink about how such places are perceived by non-aboriginals.

Unlike the legal or medical professions, Arnett added, archaeologists lack a set of enforceable professional standards.

"We don't have a universal approach to anything," he said.

"I know lots of archaeologists and most of them don't really care about cultural history, and I know that sounds shocking, but it's true."

Arnett said he believes part of the problem is the conflict of interest that arises when archaeologists are employed directly by real estate development firms or natural resource companies.

"It's driven by a business model, not a research model," he said. "I find that really problematic."

The provincial government states those who oversee work at the site of an archaeological assessment must have a master's degree in archaeology, anthropology, or equivalent, and experience in archaeological resource management and excavation.

The province's archaeology branch has the power to revoke an archaeologist's status in cases of dishonesty, plagiarism and the misrepresentation of results regarding projects permitted under the Heritage Conservation Act.

Lisa Rankin teaches archaeology at Memorial University in St. John's, N.L. and presides over the Canadian Archaeological Association.

Before taking on an academic position, Rankin recalls much gossip about the potential for conflict of interest while she worked in the consulting industry in Ontario.

"Having said that," she added, "there is a lot of difference between gossip, differing opinions and the actual situation."

Whereas the CAA comprises a broad base of professional and amateur archaeologists, provincial associations have flourished across



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

The plight of Grace Islet in Ganges Harbour, the subject of the September protest seen here, has contributed to growing unease among many archaeologists who feel the provincial government is using their expertise to justify the desecration of First Nations heritage sites across the province.

the country. The rise of such groups reflects a desire to foster accountability within the field. She said groups like the British Columbia Association of Professional Archaeologists have an established code of ethics, conduct and standards that all members agree upon.

Professional groups like the BCAPA, Rankin said, support and serve the needs of consulting archaeologists but may include academic archaeologists among their members.

A spokesperson from the BCAPA was not available to comment.

Rankin said the CAA reinstated a sub-committee on consulting archaeology earlier this year. The

group, which is set to convene in November, is tasked to contribute to the CAA's mandate of protecting provincial heritage and support "proper behaviour, investigation and the significance of people, particularly First Nations and Inuit communities who may be affected by our investigations."

"Should a consultant be found willingly undertaking work detrimental to archaeology, I am sure that they would report on it," she said.

*Next week: Tsilhqot'in Nation v. British Columbia represents tectonic shift for First Nations in most of British Columbia.*

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Jail & Bail hits town

Salt Spring Fire Rescue is doing its part to raise funds for breast cancer research through its third annual Jail & Bail event, happening at the Ganges fire hall this Friday, Oct. 24.

Islanders will have the opportunity to see notorious local personalities put behind bars at the fire hall lock-up for half-hour sessions between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Spectators can choose to donate the \$100 necessary to "bail" out the criminals, or bid higher to keep them locked up for longer.

Hot pink men's and ladies' T-shirts are also on sale for the month, although supplies are going quickly. Proceeds from the Jail & Bail and T-shirts sales go to the Breast Cancer Society of Canada. Donations can also be made directly through the Salt Spring Fire Rescue team page at <http://dressforthecause.ca/>.

The team's fundraising goal for this year is \$8,000.

### Special CFUW speaker visits

Susan Murphy, the past president of CFUW's national board, will speak to the Salt Spring Island branch of the CFUW at its

regular meeting this Saturday, Oct. 25.


Murphy recently walked 500 kilometres on the Camino de Santiago through northern Spain as a fundraiser for the CFUW Charitable Trust. She will speak about this as well as other aspects of her career.

The event begins at 10

a.m. at the Harbour House Hotel.

To celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2019, the CFUW is attempting to increase its scholarships to girls and women by \$100,000.

All members of the public are invited to attend the meeting.




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### ISLANDS TRUST GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and public hearing within a Regular Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the following proposed bylaws:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 244 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2013”; and
- Proposed Bylaw No. 245 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2013”

for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws at **12:30 p.m., Monday, November 3, 2014, at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Sturdies Bay Road, Galiano Island, BC**

At the public hearing all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaws.



#### Proposed Bylaw No. 244 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 2, 2013”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 244 is to amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995 by establishing a site specific policy in the Galiano Island Official Community Plan (OCP) to permit the creation of a subdivision with a minimum average parcel size as low as 2 hectares on the lands to be designated Rural Residential contingent upon the land to be designated Nature Protection by this amendment being transferred to the Crown represented by BC Parks and the Capital Regional District for parkland. In addition, Schedule B of the OCP (Land Use Designations) is amended to re-designate portions of the lands legally described as District Lot 79, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, along with a portion of the water, as depicted in the map to the left:



#### Proposed Bylaw No. 245 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 3, 2013”

In general terms, the purpose of Proposed Bylaw No. 245 is to amend the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999 by establishing a site specific regulation in the Rural Residential zone that would permit the creation of a 5 lot subdivision with a minimum average parcel size as low as 2 hectares on the lands to be rezoned Rural Residential, contingent upon the land to be rezoned Nature Protection (NP) and Park (P) being transferred to the Crown represented by BC Parks and the Capital Regional District respectively for parkland. In addition, Schedule B of the LUB (Zoning Map) would be amended to rezone portions of the lands legally described as District Lot 79, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, along with a portion of the water, as depicted in the map to the left:

A copy of the proposed bylaws and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee in respect of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing October 22, 2014 and up to and including October 31, 2014.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) (e) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the proposed bylaws may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Galiano Island, B.C., **commencing October 22, 2014.** The proposed bylaws can also be viewed on the internet at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) by selecting the Galiano bylaws webpage: [www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/bylaws](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/galiano/bylaws)

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1. The office of the Islands Trust by mail at #200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8, by Fax (250) 405-5155 prior to 4:30 p.m., **Friday, October 31, 2014**
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3. After 4:30 p.m., **October 31, 2014** to the Local Trust Committee at the Community Information Meeting & Public Hearing at 12:30 pm, **Monday, November 3, 2014.**

The public is encouraged to send any electronic response to [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca). The Islands Trust does not guarantee that any email submission will be received by the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee. Reasonable efforts will be made to provide email submissions, if they are opened and received, to the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee for consideration, but the public should not rely on email as a means of providing a written submission.

Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Inquiries regarding the proposed bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust Office, Kim Farris, Planner, at (250) 405-5194 or, for Toll Free access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver (604) 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867.

**NO REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE GALIANO ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Sharon Lloyd-deRosario, Deputy Secretary

## SALT SPRING LTC

# RAR set for Nov. 4 hearing

Business continues as term nears end

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Discussions about implementation of the provincial Riparian Areas Regulation continue to limp closer to completion despite 11th-hour concerns from the province that Salt Spring's proposed bylaw doesn't go far enough.

Staff at the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations have recommended against approval of proposed Bylaw 480 on grounds that the proposed 15-metre development permit area “is inconsistent with the Riparian Areas Regulation.”

Despite MFLNRO's objection, representatives from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure and Island Health recommend moving ahead.

Planner Stefan Cermak told trustees on Thursday that he is attempting to clarify the Trust's position with the MFLNRO ministry.

“They wanted assurances that, if something is happening outside of that 15 metres, within that 15 to 30-metre zone, it's going to protect the established DPA or [Streamside Protection and Enhancement Area],” he said.

Requirement for a qualified environmental professional to inspect development proposals within any applicable 15-metre DPA does not exclude potential protective measures outside of that zone, Cermak told trustees.

“The Local Government Act allows that if a development permit area is triggered, [QEPs] can make recommendations, as long as they're relevant, outside the development permit area,” he said.

Trustees voted to have staff schedule a Nov. 4 public hearing on proposed Bylaw 480. Salt Spring's LTC modified the bylaw to exclude some previously mapped streams and Swanson Pond from the legislation.

“It's problematic, however, the QEP clearly states it is not connected to any stream,” Cermak said when questioned by trustees about the pond's removal.

A detailed map of affected areas is available at the Trust office or on the Salt Spring LTC's website.

Nov. 4 hearing and meeting details are in a notice on page 11 of this paper.

## Ashya Road project passes

A south-end subdivision got the green light from Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee members who voted 2-1 in favour of the nine-lot project on Thursday afternoon.

“I think we should be raising the bar on environmental standards and on building standards on island,” said trustee George Grams. “We have an opportunity to ensure water conservation here and I think we should take it.”

The decision to rezone and amend the island's OCP gives owners of the Ashya Road lots the opportunity to incorporate secondary suites into their residences even though the site is outside the island's secondary suites pilot-project area.

The applicant's willingness to include rainwater harvesting and grey water separation technology in the homes helped to sway trustees. The project will also feature drought-tolerant landscaping, Energy Star appliances, and low-flush, dual-flush or compost toilets.

Five neighbourhood residents spoke against the project during an Oct. 15 public hearing. Opponents worry about the project's potentially negative impacts on water supply, sewage and the neighbourhood's rural character.

Trustees George Grams and Peter Groves said they were unconvinced about any potential sewage or water problems.

“The applicant has assured us that the hydrology report provided shows that there's 10 times the water supply that is required and also that the septic system is engineered downhill from all wells, so the concerns that some people were raising [on Oct. 15] I don't think are necessarily valid,” Grove said.

ECONOMY

# Local economic plan released

Ambitious actions set out for 2015

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

People with a passion for the economic and social health of Salt Spring had a look at the culminating work of the island's Community Economic Development Commission last week.

Toward a More Resilient Salt Spring is the name of the CEDC's economic development plan that details the activities of the relatively young commission of the Capital Regional District, provides an assessment of the island's current strengths and challenges, and an action plan for the immediate future.

"This is actually quite an ambitious agenda," observed CEDC chair John Tylee in introducing the report

to people from a range of community and economic sectors at the Harbour House Hotel on Thursday.

The CEDC has identified six areas needing specific attention: tourism, agriculture and food, Ganges and other villages, research, business support, and communications and advocacy.

The plan outlines actions that will hopefully occur in 2015, potential partners to make them happen, and outcomes the CEDC would like to see by 2018.

For example, economic diversification is suggested by finding opportunities in education/research fields, services to seniors and green industries. Seeking ways to get more public sector employment on Salt Spring and to attract entrepreneurs is also on the to-do list.

Creation of a permanent organization to advance village revitaliza-

tion is desired by 2018, with cooperation required from the Islands Trust, CRD, Chamber of Commerce, Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

The full report is accessible on the CEDC page of the CRD's website.

Tylee stressed that the island needs more quality employment opportunities to ensure younger people and families can live on the island along with the ever-growing over-65 cohort.

"We can't actually keep on going the way we are," said Tylee. "There's a real symbiotic relationship between what the younger and older people need out of the island."

Something else that is required is leadership to give the action plan some momentum.

"We need a champion or champions who will bring this stuff all together."

HOMELESSNESS

# Housing First targets homeless

Federal grant funds pilot

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island Community Services has launched a program to help islanders faced with mental health and addiction issues find safe and stable long-term housing.

"We've got funding for a pilot project slated to last nine months," said Rob Grant, SSICS' executive director. "That will get us to the stage of getting the program developed and

started, and then we'll move on to full implementation once we secure more funding."

Housing First works by finding appropriate housing for the homeless, and then provides support services to overcome the difficulties participants may face. Vancouver and Victoria have adopted similar policies with a proven outcome of a more cost-effective and efficient way to treat homelessness and its causes, according to SSICS.

Funding for the program is part of the Federal

Homelessness Partnering Strategy, a program designed to supply housing units and support services to people with the highest need. The federal government awarded nearly \$40,000 for the project. SSICS sourced \$6,000 from additional mental health funding.

Salt Spring Island Community Services has seen a steady increase in the use of its 20-person overnight emergency shelter in recent years.

The shelter opens for the winter season on Nov. 1. SSICS also hosts an Oct. 28 gathering to dis-

cuss homeless services, programs and supplies prior to the shelter's opening. Project Connect will take place at the outreach building behind Community Services from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. A hot lunch is served at 11:30 a.m.

Carol Bartheaux will coordinate the Housing First pilot project.

"The evidence is there to show that this works," Bartheaux said. "Putting people into homes removes a significant barrier to recovery from other issues which are contributing to homelessness. It breaks the cycle."

SEARCH

# Missing teen found safe Tuesday

Pender search initiated

Five members of Salt Spring Ground Search and Rescue assisted RCMP and Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue personnel to look for a missing 17-year-old on

North Pender Island Tuesday morning.

SAR manager Chuck Hamilton said the team was called out to assist in the search at approximately 9 a.m., when RCMP notified him that the girl had not returned from a party on Monday evening. The teen

was last seen by a friend in the wee hours of Tuesday morning.

The search was called off soon after the team reached Pender, when searchers discovered that the girl had contacted her boyfriend during the night and returned to her home on Salt Spring.

# Conclusion issued after two-plus years

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Emergency health services personnel were dispatched through 911 but unable to resuscitate Davidson.

"Although neither the alcohol nor methadone was present in lethal levels, they are both respiratory depressants and the combined effect of these substances, along with the diverted prescription medications that she consumed, resulted in a loss of consciousness," the report continues.

Blenkinsop says Davidson died due to a blocked air-



CRYSTAL DAVIDSON

way caused by her "face-down position."

Tuesday's release of the provincial coroner's report comes 26 months after Davidson's death.

When questioned about the delay in an interview six months after the incident, the Vancouver Island regional coroner said lengthy investigation periods are common in such cases.

Davidson spent several years of her life on Salt Spring but had more recently lived in Sidney and Hedley, B.C. before her death in 2012.

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# SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (GULF ISLANDS) NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING 2014

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given to the electors of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) that an Election By Voting is necessary to fill the offices of Trustees on the Board of School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) and that the persons nominated, for a four year term commencing December 2014 and terminating after the election held in 2018 in accordance with the legislation in the Local Government Act, as candidates at the Election By Voting and for whom votes will be received are listed below:

**GALIANO ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected:

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
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<b>LAWSON</b>	Shelley	RR#1, Site 24, Comp 28, Galiano Island, B.C. V0N 1P0
Elected by Acclamation		

**MAYNE ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
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<b>McKENZIE</b>	May	511 Whalen Road, Mayne Island, B.C., V0N 2J1
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<b>NICOL</b>	Jan	782 Steward Drive, Mayne Island, B.C. V0N 2J2
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**PENDER ISLANDS:** One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
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<b>HERLITZ</b>	Anna	2702 Doubloon Crescent, Pender Island, B.C. V0N 2M2
Elected by Acclamation		

**SALT SPRING ISLAND:** Three Trustees to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
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<b>LEE</b>	Ken	212A Sunset Drive, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1H4
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<b>MACDONALD</b>	Nancy	185 Forest Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1W4
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<b>PINGLE</b>	Rob	200 Cedar Lane, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R3
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<b>WAKEFIELD</b>	John	351 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C., V8K 1R7
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<b>WILKINSON</b>	Neal	Address withheld
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**SATURNA ISLAND:** One Trustee to be elected

Surname	Given Names	Residential Address
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<b>MIDDLEDITCH</b>	Susanne	PO box 99, Saturna Island, B.C., V0N 2Y0
Elected by Acclamation		

**General Voting Day** for the election of trustees will be open **Saturday the fifteenth (15th) day of November 2014**, TO QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64 (Gulf Islands) at the following places:

**1. SALT SPRING ISLAND**

Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road  
Salt Spring Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue  
Fulford Elementary School Gym, 203 South Ridge Road

**2. MAYNE ISLAND**

Mayne Island Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road

**3. RICHMOND, B.C.**

Richmond Secondary School, small gym, 717 Minoru Boulevard, Richmond, B.C.

Between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, the fifteenth (15th) day of November 2014** of which every person is hereby required to take notice and be so governed accordingly and

**Advanced Voting Days** for the election of Trustees Salt Spring Island will be open between the hours of **8:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday, the fifth (5th) day of November 2014** and Wednesday, the twelfth (12th) day of November 2014 at the following Voting Places:

**1. SALTSRING ISLAND**

Salt Spring Public Library 129 McPhillips Avenue

**2. SIDNEY, B.C.**

Mary Wiinspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue

Given under my hand at Victoria, B.C. this twenty second (22nd) day of October, 2014.

Thomas F. Moore,  
Chief Election Officer

**NOTE:**

A person must not vote in a local government election unless entitled to do so. If you are not on the List of Registered Electors you may register to vote on General Voting Day or Advance Voting Days providing you meet the eligibility requirements. You must produce two pieces of identification that proves your identity and residency and at least one piece of identification must bear your signature (e.g. drivers licence or credit card).

**RESIDENT ELECTOR**

To be a resident elector in the jurisdiction you are voting you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

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- You must be a Canadian citizen
- You must be a resident of British Columbia for a least 6 months immediately before voting day
- You must be a resident of the jurisdiction for a least 30 days immediately before voting day
- You must not be disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting at this election or otherwise disqualified by law.

**NON RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTOR**

To be registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector of the jurisdiction in which you are voting, you must meet the following requirements on the day of registration:

- You must not register as a resident elector
- You must be, or will be, age 18 or older on the day of voting
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- You must have been resident of British Columbia at least 6 months immediately before voting day
- You must have been a registered owner of real property within the jurisdiction you are voting for a least 30 days before voting day (the only persons who are registered owners of real property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding property in trust for a corporation of another trust)
- You must not be disqualified by the local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

You must produce two pieces of identification (at least one piece of identification must bear your signature), proof that you are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, written consent from a majority of registered owners that you have been designated to vote accompanied with adequate documentation, such as a Land Title Search, proving ownership of the property claimed as a basis for the vote.

A person may only register as a non-resident property elector in relation to one parcel of real property in the jurisdiction he/she wishes to vote.

## FIRE DISTRICT

# Board faces heat again

Fire trustees vow to improve functions and seek input

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Fire Improvement's District Board of Trustees promised to clean up its act after members of the public pointed out a number of inconsistencies, errors and omissions during their regular business meeting Monday night.

Former trustee Mark Lucich presented a delegation calling for the board to put its finance committee into effective use following an unsatisfactory town hall session on the 2015 budget held in September, and pointed out many concerns with an apparent lack of oversight into administrative spending. (See [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) in the Opinion section for a copy of Lucich's delegation.)

"This has to change. There needs to be a finance committee which takes the job of fiscal oversight seriously and which includes capable members of the public," Lucich said. "It is time this board found out where the money is going."

During his presentation Lucich pointed out chair Michael Schubart was wrong when he stated the district doesn't have a reserve fund because the province doesn't recommend that structure for improvement districts.

According to communication Lucich received from Joshua Craig, the fire board's point of contact at the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, legislation actually requires an improvement district to create a capital renewal reserve fund, and the district did so

with a 1984 bylaw.

Schubart acknowledged he was mistaken about the reserve fund issue.

"I apologize for my ignorance . . . I was led to believe, and I can't tell you by whom, that the province did not favour those things, so I stand corrected," he said.

Lucich also voiced concern that the finance committee hadn't held a formal meeting between August 2013 and its September 2014 meeting to review the draft budget.

"This was the only time the finance committee met to review and discuss the proposed spending of two and a half million dollars, and it lasted only 50 minutes," Lucich said, after noting the committee approved taking the draft budget to the board without suggesting any adjustments.

As a result, Andrew Peat, the board's corporate administrative officer, suggested the finance committee meet to review the interim financial statements and report back to the board, although the board had already accepted the document during the meeting.

Other problems were raised by members of the public during the town hall session prior to the business meeting. Julia Lucich observed the board had passed a resolution in January to print out correspondence and make it available at meetings rather than reading it out loud, but had not done so. A response to a letter she wrote in June was available at Monday's meeting, but not the original document. Several other recent letters were not made public.

As well, the response provided did not answer her question, which had to do with the compensation to highly paid fire district employees.

Schubart asked Peat to review the Financial Informa-

tion Act to determine what information the district must provide and what it is not permitted to provide for reasons of privacy.

Public participant Norbert Schlenker said that most public bodies in B.C. must supply the names of employees that make over \$75,000 and suppliers that get paid over \$25,000 per year. Improvement districts might be exempt from providing the information, but Schlenker urged the district to be voluntarily transparent in this matter, or he would submit a Freedom of Information request for every single invoice paid.

Julia Lucich also asked about meeting minutes that weren't posted to the district's website and repeated a past request about Bylaw 122, which had not been filed with board documents.

Trustee Ron Chamney agreed with Julia Lucich's concerns regarding the website and said he had also noticed the omissions.

"How can we do better to get information to the public? The web being the prime source in this day and age, we have to look seriously at upgrading that system and how we enter information," he said.

An item on how to improve the website was added to the agenda, and Chamney is soliciting public input on the matter. Emails with the subject line "web input" can be sent to [trustees@saltspringfire.com](mailto:trustees@saltspringfire.com).

Chamney also suggested assigning a staff member with a set time frame for posting information instead of relying on the current volunteer role. Fire chief Tom Bremner said the person responsible would be able to post things quickly as long as the information was passed on.

## ISLANDS TRUST

# New Trust bylaw officer gets hefty Salt Spring assignment



PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

Islands Trust bylaw enforcement manager Miles Drew, left, and new Salt Spring-Galiano enforcement officer Thomas Loo.

## Decision made after review of demand and needs

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Islands Trust hopes to speed up investigation of bylaw infractions by locating an enforcement officer on Salt Spring.

"I'm absolutely thrilled and am certainly looking forward to coming back to the Local Trust Committee frequently with issues being resolved," said Miles Drew, the Islands Trust's bylaw enforcement manager, during Thursday's LTC meeting.

Thomas Loo will work out of the Salt Spring office four days per week. He comes to the Trust from the Regional District of Central Kootenay and has experience as an enforcement officer with the province's Agricultural Land Commission. He is trained in environmental protection as well as emergency and security management.

"He is already quite familiar with the issues that we deal with," Drew said. "He is very well qualified."

The Trust's bylaw enforcement plan will see Drew based out of a home office in Nanaimo. One full-time bylaw enforcement officer and a part-time

administrative assistant will continue to work at the Trust's Victoria headquarters.

Loo's duties include investigation of land-use bylaw complaints on Salt Spring and Galiano islands. He may, on occasion, be called to address matters elsewhere in the Trust area, Drew added.

The decision to base an enforcement officer on Salt Spring follows a review undertaken by Trust staff in 2013.

"We wanted to better align the officers' office location with the demand, improve their ability to be in the field and reduce their travel needs," wrote David Marlor, the Islands Trust's director of local planning services, in an email.

The decision is not anticipated to result in any budget increase.

"There may be a small reduction in travel expenses," Marlor added.

Salt Spring bylaw enforcement cases represent approximately 30 per cent of the Trust's total number of files. About 11 per cent of cases originate on Galiano Island.

"Putting an officer here will drastically reduce travel time just to get to the place where the investigations take place," Drew said. "There's big advantages."

## TOURISM

# EV tourism potential explored

John Stonier gives special presentation

Salt Spring's future as an electric vehicle tourism mecca is the topic of a presentation at the Harbour House this Friday, Oct. 24.

Vancouver-based entrepreneur John Stonier will present his plan in a presentation co-sponsored by the Community Energy Group and Salt Spring Air that begins at 7 p.m.

Stonier's illustrated talk, Electric Tourism and its Future on Salt Spring Island, will explore steps that businesses, organizations and individuals can take to help create a destination for electric vehicle owners.

"With over 140,000 plug-in EV owners on the West Coast of North America (and rapidly growing), the future of EV tourism has already reached significant propor-

tions," states a press release. "John will outline the steps we can take to develop a reasonable-cost infrastructure for EV tourism, and then create a Salt Spring EV tourism brand to attract EV owners along the West Coast."

Stonier has owned several electric vehicles, including a DIY electric Porsche Boxster. He has been director of the Vancouver Electric Vehicle Association, has started several high-tech companies, and is currently the co-founder and CEO of VeloMetro, an innovative startup with the goal to provide a completely sustainable transportation option for urban commuters around the globe that is also cost-effective, environmentally friendly and fun to ride.

B&B owners, business managers, prospective electric vehicle owners and anyone interested in modern low-carbon transportation will appreciate the informative talk.

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# OPINION



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Bronze - Local Cartoon (Dennis Parker) | Bronze - Arts Coverage | Blue Ribbon Award - General Excellence



2014 BCYCA Awards  
Silver - Special Publication (Gulf Islander) | Bronze - Special Publication (Aqua) | Bronze - General Excellence

## EDITORIAL

# Working together

With the contributions of independent businesses being celebrated during Small Business Week, it's an ideal time to consider local economic development.

Finding ways to support small business owners and their employees is one item on a long list of actions recommended in the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission's just-completed plan called Toward a More Resilient Salt Spring.

Offering more training and mentorship programs to business owners is suggested, along with increased off-island marketing for local products. Developing a funded tourist marketing organization that promotes year-round visits and Salt Spring's unique green features is one specific goal, as is hooking up with the

### THE ISSUE:

Local economic development

### WE SAY:

New report deserves support

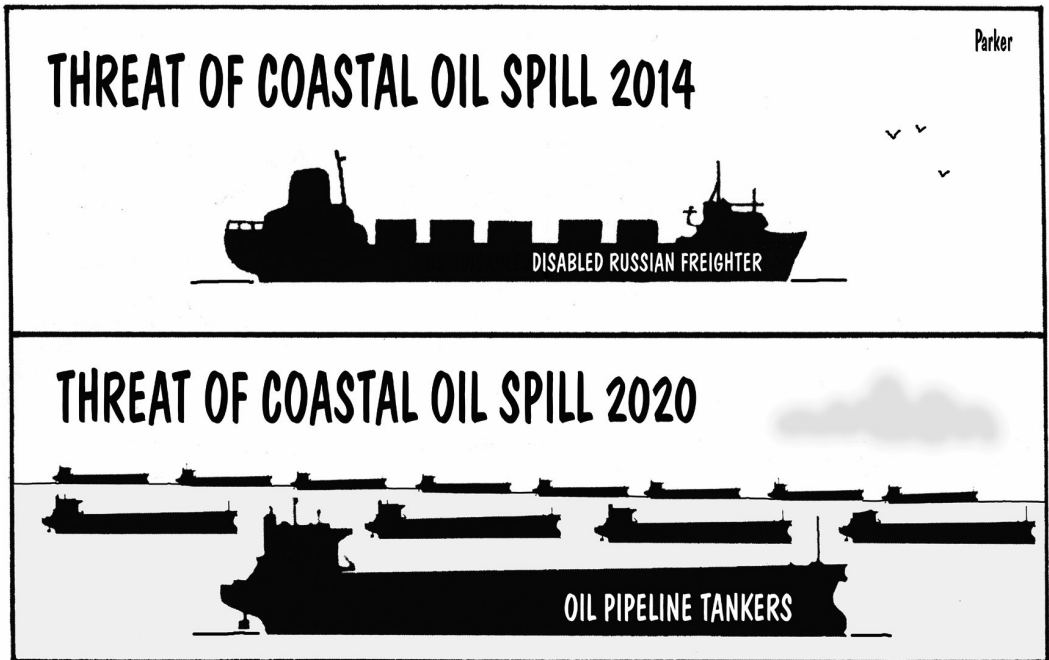
Experience the Gulf Islands initiative of neighbouring islands, and building on successes of the Area Farm Plan and the island's Agricultural Alliance.

Village improvement — including completing the Ganges boardwalk and making more of Ganges' seaside location — is another item on the list. Setting out to attract entrepreneurs, more public service jobs and partners for economic diversification in desired areas is also in the mix.

It's easy to get excited about the vision outlined in the CEDC's final report, but as CEDC chair John Tylee pointed out at a public event last week, the work has really just begun.

With a budget of only \$25,000 per annum, and a board of eight volunteers, the CEDC doesn't have the resources to get too far on most of its recommendations, so partnerships and collaboration are critical.

Tylee also noted, rather ominously, that among the 200 recommendations contained in two Salt Spring tourism-centred reports from the years 2008-09, "zero" items had been implemented. It would be a shame if nothing came of the research and hard work that went into the CEDC report, so islanders are invited to look at the report on the CEDC page of the CRD website and see if there's any way they can contribute ideas, connections or a concrete action. If not, reading it will at least provide a broader awareness of why economic development leads to healthy social diversity, something we should all be prepared to celebrate.



VIEWPOINT by Jan Slakov

# Local elections give direction option

Author Mike Nickerson speaks of the "question of direction" for this time: On the one hand we can choose "economic expansion" based on the presumption that "the greatest good is achieved by expanding economic activity; earning more and consuming more." On the other is sustainability, which "looks into the future with concern for generations yet unborn. Ecological laws of resource availability and the ability of the biosphere to absorb waste are respected. The goal is to manage our affairs in ways that strengthen community cohesion and the health of the natural world. Our purpose is to maintain healthy, secure livelihoods for all and to celebrate learning, love, laughter and other benefits of being human on a finite planet."

In our local elections, one candidate in particular, Christine Grimes, is deeply committed to this vision of sustainability. She agrees with Elizabeth May that the 1972 ban on tanker traffic along B.C.'s northern coast and the ban on oil and gas activity along the coast should be passed into law.

Some people will find it hypocritical for anyone who uses fossil fuel resources to support such policies. There's no denying that we all rely, to varying degrees, on fossil fuel energy. But we know our energy system is killing our life-support system and since our energy system is a human creation we can change it. We can have some positive impact acting as individuals, but it is only by acting together that we can make the fundamental changes we need.

Christine, with her involvement in Transition Salt Spring, the Dogwood Initiative and other groups, is part of a growing grassroots movement to prevent ecological (and attendant social) collapse. She is eager to act on what the managing director of the IMF calls "the greatest economic challenge of the 21st century" — the climate crisis.

We need all hands on deck to face this economic challenge. Salt Spring has a rare opportunity to learn from an expert, Naomi Klein, this Saturday, at a Salt Spring Forum event at the Salt Spring Middle

School. Indeed, there are many great opportunities coming up for people interested in doing their part. Keep connected with Transition Salt Spring to keep informed.

Another community with an opportunity to elect a visionary young leader is Prince Rupert. Twenty-eight-year-old Lee Brain first came to prominence when his testimony to the Northern Gateway hearing, in 2012, went viral. Like elder Lillian Sam of the Nak'asldi First Nation, I was moved to tears by that testimony.

Lee stated, "I am associated with one of the biggest oil men I know — my father." In Lee's voice you can hear the love and admiration he has for his father, as he describes how he "has worked in over 35 countries, speaks seven languages fluently and is one of the most brilliant men I have ever personally encountered... Although ideologically we do not see eye to eye all the time, we are connected by a deeper bond — an energy that is love that only a father and son can know."

Perhaps we can be inspired by Lee to respect and even love the many well-meaning people who have gotten us into the mess we are in, and yet hold firm to our commitment for a healthy future. Like Christine, Lee is involved in the Transition movement. As he says in his testimony, "It's time now for a full-scale, mass-mobilized transition process off the fossil fuel economy. We need to use all of our resources... wisely to create a whole new system of operation that is global in scale. This process needs to have the mobilization power comparable to the proportions of the Manhattan project, and then some."

I will be thrilled if, on Nov. 15, we learn that he was elected mayor, and double thrilled if another young grassroots leader, Christine Grimes, is elected here.

Peace and environmental activist Jan Slakov is a scrutineer for the Christine Grimes campaign.

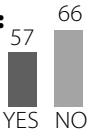
### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

## Do Russian military actions threaten Canadian security?

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### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

## Are you concerned by Ebola's spread into North America?



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "It is time this board found out where the money is going."

MARK LUCICH, FORMER FIRE TRUSTEE

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:**  
What makes for a successful small business?



**RICHARD DICK**  
*A strategy, plenty of hard work and putting yourself out there.*



**ALLAN CAZEMAJOU**  
*They way they treat people — being warm and friendly.*



**BRIAN MCARTHUR**  
*A wide range of products at competitive prices.*



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**TUULI HALLE**  
*I think the person in the business is very important ... I may be old but I still like to spend money.*

## Letters to the editor

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### Blank cheque

The upcoming election in November will also include a property tax requisition referendum to cover a large project on Rainbow Road intended to commence in 2015.

This money will not go to the bus. The tax requisition for transit has already passed through the Alternate Approval Process.

I have attended meetings of both the Islands Trust and the local transportation commission and have heard CRD director Wayne McIntyre give his report that he has transferred the capital reserve funds for Salt Spring to the Rainbow Road project. How much money is this? What is the total amount of capital reserve available? Has it all been committed?

What other projects will suffer because of this allocation?

I read the Oct. 15 Driftwood article that details the funding breakdown for this project. The money transferred from the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission (\$350,000) to this project is also funded by local property taxes. It is written that this is a "joint" contribution from Island Pathways and the SSITC. How can this be when the SSITC helps fund Island Pathways? The days are long gone when Island Pathways was funded by change thrown into the kettle.

What are the rules concerning public knowledge of this funding breakdown? Island Pathways is a registered charity and as it was explained to me last year

when I tried to come to their meetings, as such they are legally a private group. I was not given the time or place of their meetings and it was explained to me that they are under no obligation to tell me (although their AGM is opened to the public).

An article published in the Driftwood in 2013 by Jean Gelwicks noted that while the funding formula is complicated, "it works." However, it only works for the people who want the Rainbow Road project done and who trust that in spite of the recent changes that the project is secure to go ahead.

The requisition asked for on Nov. 15 amounts to giving a blank cheque. Vote "no" in November.

**JENNY MCCLEAN,**  
ATKINS ROAD

### Speaking up

We are former school trustees with 21 years of accumulated service in school trusteeship in Burnaby, B.C. and southern Alberta. That history drives our mutual concern for the organizational effectiveness of the Gulf Islands School District #64.

Let us be clear: There is much to applaud in the individual and group scholastic performances of SD#64 students. However, these successes often result from the efforts of dedicated teachers working with keen and motivated students under unnecessarily difficult conditions. We are deeply concerned about the manner in which the current school board functions as a board providing community oversight for public education.

School trustees should not be unquestioning supporters of the "programs de jour" championed by the district's administrators. Today's trustee must be an independent arms-length assessor of organizational effectiveness.

Trustees must ask and evaluate responses to critical questions: Why are we really going down this path? What is in it for our students and our community? Has this new initiative been carefully thought out with due regard for the downside risks? How will we know if an initiative has succeeded and where it needs improvement?

In today's world, it is more important than ever that trustees ask such "tough" questions. Public education budgets face increasingly fierce competition for public tax dollars, while expectations for our public

education system have never been higher. We need public school trustees who understand key governance principles and possess the experience and courage to stand tall and speak up for the best interests of our entire community.

John Wakefield is that kind of person, and he is standing for election as a trustee for SD#64. We have both worked with John, and are aware of his community commitment and very strong leadership skills. That is why we are delighted and proud to support him in this election. He will make an outstanding contribution to our school board, our students and our community.

**STAN SHAPIRO,**  
**LES BROST,**  
SALT SPRING

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# Merger will protect future of Island Savings

BY ROD DEWAR

Re: "Island Savings Should Remain Local" by Don Skerik, published in the Oct. 15 Driftwood.

I agree that Island Savings Credit Union members should carefully consider the proposed merger with First West Credit Union, but I strongly recommend that our members speak with a staff member they trust at the Ganges branch to understand the true facts around this partnership before casting their vote.

Every Island Savings employee has a different reason for supporting this partnership with their own "yes" vote and they are all available to answer questions or concerns about this proposal from any member. Island Savings employees in both the Cowichan Valley branches and at the administrative office in Duncan have offered to meet with Mr. Skerik multiple times over the past two weeks to review the business case and answer his questions, an invitation that he has declined to accept. As a result, he has presented several theories as facts in his Oct. 15 letter that I'd like to clarify for you:

- Neither Island Savings nor its members will be losing local control of our credit union — the same lending, deposit, insurance and financial planning decisions that get made today in Ganges or at head office in Duncan will still be made in Ganges or at head office in Duncan. Contrary to Mr. Skerik's assertion, local autonomy and decision-making is the very key to First West Credit Union's model. Just like it does today, Island Savings will have its own

president, leadership team, business plan and community investment program.

- Island Savings will also keep its head office in Duncan and its regional administrative office in Victoria — just as Valley First in Penticton and Envision Financial in Langley do today.

- While Island Savings-based directors will not comprise the entire First West Credit Union board, I believe governance will actually improve through better accessibility to online voting, expert employees supporting the board and the addition of an Island Savings regional council made up of passionate community members that will advise on everything the Island Savings region cares about most: community investment opportunities, business development and what we islanders expect from our credit union.

- Mr. Skerik also asserts that the "main" purpose of this merger is to lend more to businesses. The main purpose of this merger is to bring more value to each individual member through greater stability and creative teamwork with a like-minded credit union. Yes, we'll be able to lend more to local businesses, but this only makes up 30 per cent of what we lend every year. We'll also be able to lend more in individual mortgages and lines of credit — the very core group we're here to serve — and we will not be competing with other parts of the province to do so as Mr. Skerik suggests. What islanders

## IN RESPONSE

deposit will still be loaned back out directly to island members and businesses, just as is done today.

- We are not able to offer free chequing accounts for members now because these service fees make up a huge portion of the revenue we need to run our business each year.

Profitability will indeed grow due to increased scale, efficiency and cost-sharing and the business case — a document that every member is welcome to review at the Ganges branch — explains in more than 40 pages of detail how this will be done. Job loss and branch closures are not a part of this plan, as Mr. Skerik suggests. Guaranteeing jobs for each and every Island Savings employee was one of six non-negotiable criteria that your board used to evaluate every possible path forward for Island Savings. The efficiency instead will come from increased profits and money saved on combining contracts with suppliers that Island Savings and First West Credit Union already share.

As Mr. Skerik has pointed out, the proposed Asset Transfer Agreement was indeed approved by a clear majority. This means that eight out of nine of your board members strongly approved and recommended this proposal for your consideration and "yes" vote. When it came time to vote on the final details of the Asset Transfer Agreement, one board member disagreed with the phrasing used in one line of the agreement with respect to job security (unrelated to the

business case itself). Your other eight board members were fully supportive of the language used and the job security promise — that there will be no layoffs as a direct result of this merger — has been even further clarified for every employee of Island Savings.

Mr. Skerik has said that the board has not made a case for why Island Savings needs to make this change now, instead suggesting that we sit and do nothing and hope everything works out for the best — deeply impacting the lives of our employees and members based on chance instead of the 18 months of extensive research the Island Savings board and leadership team carried out to come to this decision.

I encourage you all to come to the Oct. 22 member meeting at the public library to learn even more about why we do indeed need to do this now and why status quo is no longer possible. Doing nothing now will severely impact our ability to serve you, our members, in the future. If that's not a case for change now, I don't know what is.

Again, I hope all of my fellow Island Savings members will call the Ganges branch at 250-537-5587 to speak directly with an Island Savings employee about your questions before you cast your vote this fall. This partnership is good for our members, our communities and our ability as a credit union to stay truly local.

*The writer is president and CEO of Island Savings.*

# expert ADVICE

## Real Estate

### Moving Checklists

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**UTILITIES:** Arrange electricity, cablevision, water, sewer & private garbage collection as applicable. It is advisable to book phone/internet WELL AHEAD of moving day to avoid delays.

**BANKING:** It is handy to set up affiliation or transfer accounts BEFORE moving in order to arrange direct debit for mortgage & utility payments.

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A person weighing 160 lbs. can burn an estimated 292 calories during a 1 hour aqua fit workout. A person weighing 240 lbs. may burn up to 436 calories during the same workout. The heavier you are the more energy it takes to do activities because your body has to move more weight. However these are only estimates -- calorie burning during exercise is individual.

Body weight is not the only factor that affects how many calories you burn. Intensity of exercise is the biggest key to calorie burning. There is a direct correlation between intensity of exercise and calorie burn. The harder you push yourself during aqua fit the more calories you will burn. You will also increase the benefits from exercise such as improved endurance, stronger cardiovascular system and healthy body weight.

If you want to improve your overall health with aqua fit classes, exercise 3 times per week for a minimum of 30 minutes at moderate to high intensity.

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MERVIN ANDERSON

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## Education

### Compass Rose Education Pathways

A subject that caught my interest early in developmental psychology was called "Metalinguistic Awareness" which just means thinking about how we acquire language skills; I was curious about learning how to read. There is the "top-down" theory: a child's brain already knows how to read and fits the pieces together as the child learns the specifics. The "bottom-up" theory says, we learn to read from identifying the letters and their sounds—learning from practice. My professor put the two together in an interesting metaphor as the photographer and the engraver. Each has a complete picture. "The photograph" of reading stays amorphous until the last seconds when it comes sharply into focus; it was always there. In "the engraving" of reading, you can see each fine detail emerge as progress continues. What I had to research and write an essay about was "The Effect Of Interest On The Learning Of Reading". Without interest, learning to read did not happen.



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## Marketing

### It's a Conversation with your Customers

According to the American Marketing Association, marketing is the activity, set of institutions, and processes for creating, communicating, delivering, and exchanging offerings that have value for customers, clients, partners, and society at large. In other words, marketing involves both a conversation and a contract with your customers.

The conversation starts with media, whether it's paid or native advertising, social media or word of mouth. Include your signage, labels, the way your staff interacts with customers and the integrity of your offers. Conversations also extend to the point of sale — racking, stacking; even the convenience of your parking lot. It's your website and whether it's user-friendly (does it load quickly? Does it provide useful information?)

The contract part involves meeting the expectations set by your "conversations." In a nutshell, did you deliver what you said you would? Is the product as good as you promised? Was the service? Did the customer experience meet the expectations created by you?

Businesses in this area operate in a very competitive market that includes all the Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and to a lesser extent, the Lower Mainland. It's really all one market. To stay on top, it's important to manage every aspect of your conversations with your customers.



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# Government should help elderly with hearing issues

Helen Hinchcliff's continuation about deafness and a mother who defiantly refused to admit she had a hearing problem was a difficult one to entangle (Oct. 15 "Aging in Place, Salt Spring Style - Say What?" article).

As a 96-year-old I can well remember as a boy in London, U.K. those brave people who wore a trumpet-size hearing aid.

Presumably Helen's mother could afford to buy a hearing aid and this might be an issue of her defiant character, which nobody can control. But has Helen considered her mother's

personal pride is an issue here? Remember she was brought up when people of around our respective ages were brought up to look their best.

Helen obviously knows a lot about the 21st-century scientific hearing problems and how they can be controlled. But the question remains: "How many thousands of people out there simply can't afford to buy one?"

I live on a restricted pension, need help with my hearing, but know I can't afford it. With the health cuts that continue to reduce urgent medical services, the likelihood of getting

help at age 96 would become a joke. Money up front old boy!

I too can switch on the kettle in my kitchen and hear it click off from my bathroom. I have been through the initial routine of going to see my doctor and being told he could find no wax or immediate obstruction. Stalemate.

My wife who died eight years ago after a seizure in Lady Minto Hospital and myself have lived on Salt Spring for a quarter of a century. We have paid our taxes and overheads, which government was happy to grab, but

who is concerned about my present welfare?

One would think that our age group would be given financial help and the health minister would make an exception for the elderly.

I had a monied relative who bought half a dozen different hearing aids and none helped her. Like Helen I can't afford to go back and forth to Victoria.

Much of this amounts to pure politics, things that politicians promise and don't intend to fortify. But the elderly are those at risk, undoubtedly.

Some of the blame can be placed on the public for failing to go to the ballot box. The Harper government is a scourge. It will be a year before he comes up for re-election unfortunately.

Finally, I conclude by reminding those who grabbed our money that one day they could well be without themselves, unless their present salary and future pension excludes them from that experience. Shame on them.

**GEORGE CLOGG,**  
SALT SPRING

## RANTS and Roses

### Rants

What a year for apples! All over the island they lie rotting under trees and along fences, even on sidewalks and parking lots in Ganges. Are we too affluent to harvest them? Too proud? Too lazy? Or just too darn dumb? Johnny Appleseed, not to mention Captain Apple, are mortified. Me too. Roger Brunt

### Roses

A rose to Island Comfort Quilts for all their support. Kathleen Dow

A spooky cauldron of magic Rose & Spider Soup to Country Grocer for partnering with Bon Acres Farm to offer all elementary school children on Salt Spring a free pumpkin to carve for Halloween. Fulford Community Elementary School

Roses to all the member of Island Savings Credit Union who have voted "yes" to the merger with First West Credit Union. And to those members who are as yet undecided, thank you for asking questions of us before casting your vote. Island Savings Salt Spring staff

Sweet dried roses to Therin and Henry, who put on their hip waders to rescue the Potters Guild sale sandwich board after vandals threw it into a pond. Melissa Searcy, secretary, Salt Spring Potters Guild

Congratulations and fragrant late-blooming roses to everyone who helped make Apple Festival 2014 so successful. Thanks to the 19 farm

hosts, the organizers who ran a very smooth event, the great volunteer team who are so helpful, the 10 farms that offered delicious lunches and the 1,500 happy apple lovers who came out and supported us, but most of all thanks to Mother Nature, who grew 306 Salt Spring apple varieties that we displayed at Fulford Hall. To pull off a fabulous Apple Festival was a great feat, requiring a real team effort. Thank you all.

A large bouquet of roses to Country Grocer, who generously donated hot dogs and the fixings to SIMS students for their Terry Fox Run. You are a great community supporter and we really appreciate it!

To Josh and Ken of Ken Byron Excavating, a field of sunflowers is sent your way to thank you for the work and above all for the friendly and caring way it was done. Carla

A truckload of roses to all those who came out to support the mitochondrial disease awareness fundraiser. A special thanks to our sponsors: Reel Action Fishing Charters, Mark Dodds firewood, Thrifty Foods, Country Grocer and the Rental Stop party supplies. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. J. Dodds

Salt Spring Vineyards would like to award buckets of roses to all who made the annual Harvest Grape Stomp such a great experience again this year: our wonderful staff, the great musicians, Brent the Oysterman and Anna the Empanada Lady, Country Grocer (who donated the lovely cake), friends and neighbours and all of you who came, stomped and enjoyed. Over \$300 was donated for Salt Spring charity.

replace the existing letters patent.

All organizations are also required to amend their bylaws, which must be approved by the membership and filled with Corporations Canada within 12 months of approval.

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island is pleased to announce that the articles of continuance, as presented to the membership last week, were approved. HASSI is committed to working with its members and the community to amend its bylaws to address public concern.

HASSI's purpose is to operate, maintain and manage commercial fishing harbours on Salt Spring Island. In addition to serving the fishing community, HASSI has continued to ensure safe, affordable moorage and access for a

multitude of purposes for the entire community.

HASSI has operated in conjunction with Small Craft Harbours since 1989 and in that time there have been many amenities and upgrades brought to the public docks by HASSI at no cost to island taxpayers, as well as maintaining a positive flow for future projects such as the boat ramp upgrade. Recognizing the importance of tourism, commercial business, core services and local recreational boaters, HASSI has worked at building and maintaining the wharves on Salt Spring Island.

HASSI looks forward to working with our membership sectors to modernize our bylaws and ensure that we continue to meet the needs of the community.

**KATHY SCARFO,**  
CHAIR, HASSI



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE RIPARIAN AREAS REGULATION SALT SPRING AND PREVOST ISLANDS BYLAWS NO. 480 AND NO. 482

**NOTICE** is hereby given that the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee will hold a Public Hearing concerning **Proposed Bylaws No. 480 and No. 482** for the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained therein. At the public hearing, all persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions.

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 4, 2014</b>
<b>PUBLIC HEARING LOCATION:</b>	<b>Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Ave., SSI</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

- Bylaw No. 480** in general terms amends Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 434 to meet the requirements of the *Riparian Areas Regulation* (BC Reg. 376/2004) by adding a new Development Permit Area (DPA7) which will only apply to specific areas.
- Bylaw No. 482** implements the *Riparian Areas Regulation* by amending Capital Regional District Bylaw No. 103 for Prevost and associated islands by inserting; a new Section 4.7 - Setbacks from Streams - Natural Environment Preservation; a new Section 4.8 - Soil Deposit and Removal; and in Subsection 6.8(3) - Setbacks Residential, by replacing the words "20 metres" with "30 metres".

#### INFORMATION:

In addition to the Public Hearing, Island Planner Stefan Cermak will be available at the following locations on November 4th to provide information about the Bylaws and to answer any questions:

Fulford Community Hall, Senior Centre, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road - From 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM  
Hart Bradley Hall, Lions Club, 103 Bonnet Avenue - From 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM

**Copies of the proposed Bylaws**, and any background material that may be considered by the Local Trust Committee, may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, **commencing Wednesday, October 22nd up to and including Monday, November 3, 2014 at 4:30 pm.**

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 892(2) of the *Local Government Act*, Proposed Bylaws No. 480 and No. 482 may also be viewed on the Islands Trust website at [www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca) as follows:

Bylaw No. 480 - under Islands>Local Trust Areas>Salt Spring>Bylaws>Bylaw 434 and scroll down to Bylaw Amendments.

Bylaw No. 482 - under Islands>Local Trust Areas>Salt Spring>Bylaws>Prevost Island Bylaws.

Phone enquiries regarding these proposed Bylaws may be directed to the Islands Trust at (250) 537-9144. For Toll Free access, request a transfer to the Islands Trust via Enquiry BC: in Vancouver at 604-660-2421; elsewhere in BC at 1-800-663-7867.

#### SUBMISSIONS:

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**To the Local Trust Committee:** at the public hearing on November 4, 2014.

**Written submissions made in response to this notice will be available for public review.**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT NO WRITTEN OR ORAL REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE OR ITS MEMBERS, AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC HEARING.**

Claire Olivier  
Legislative Clerk/Deputy Secretary

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### HASSI update

Canada's Not-For-Profit Corporations Act came into force on Oct. 17, 2011, and all federally incorporated organizations had until Oct. 17, 2014 to comply with the act.

This new act, which is designed to increase transparency and accountability and provide organizations with more modern governance principles, also confers certain rights to members, similar to those enjoyed by shareholders of for-profit corporations.

The new act does not apply automatically. Organizations must apply for continuance under the new act through the members' approval of the articles of continuance, which

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**CONCERTS**

## Concert band revives Dance of the Demons tradition

Halloween-themed show at ArtSpring

**BY ELIZABETH NOLAN**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Concert Band invites islanders of all ages to don a costume and head out to ArtSpring

for a Halloween matinee on Oct. 31.

The community band is busy preparing a ghostly, ghoulish and hair-raising good time with spooky music, lots of special effects and thrilling surprises for Dance of the Demons IV, says music director Dawn Hage.

"It's been a number of years since we've done a Dance of the Demons," Hage said, noting the concert band had put on three versions in rapid succession in the past decade.

"We felt it was time to resurrect the series, especially with Halloween falling on a non-school Friday this year."

Band members will be in costume for the show, and they hope children and adults will follow suit. Specially designed lighting and effects by ArtSpring's technical wizard Marv Coulthard means a full-sensory spooktacular is in store.

"This is one of Marv's absolute favourite shows because he can go crazy with the pyrotechnics and special effects," Hage said.

"I love creating a Halloween show with Marv," she added. "He is incredibly creative and skilled and comes up with the most mind-boggling effects. They're fun but also frightening and unexpected."

The show has been scheduled at 2 p.m. and takes place in one act, leaving plenty of time for children and adults to carry out their Halloween plans into the afternoon and evening. And while this is one concert that Hage can guarantee most children will enjoy, it's not just for the trick-or-treating crowd.

"Although it's family friendly, all ages will enjoy



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Some Salt Spring Concert Band members get into the spirit of a special Halloween matinee set for ArtSpring on Oct. 31. Children and adults will equally enjoy the presentation, says its director.

the show. It's really entertaining," she said.

"Anybody would enjoy this because it's good music. And it's a really fun show for us."

Musical selections include familiar movie themes, such as Phantom of the Opera, Superman, Pirates of the Caribbean, Psycho, Cruella de Vil and The Incredibles. The show also draws from the classics with Carmina Burana by Carl Orff and Ber

**"Although it's family friendly, all ages will enjoy the show."**

DAWN HAGE  
*Salt Spring Concert Band director*

lioz's March to the Scaffold. Selections that might not be

as familiar but are still on theme include newer works such as Snakes!, The Phantom of Dark Hollow and Dragons Fly on the Winds of Time.

Hage said smaller children might be frightened by some of the visual effects, but only for a short time, and nothing takes place that is gruesome or violent. With one show only, early ticket purchase is recommended.

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**BOOKS**

## Newest Patrick Taylor book launched

Hear author read at library event on Tuesday

The Salt Spring Island Public Library, in conjunction with Salt Spring Books, is hosting the book launch of international bestselling author and local writer Patrick Taylor on Tuesday, Oct. 28.

Beginning at 4 p.m., Taylor will read from his recently released novel, *An Irish Doctor in Peace* and at *War: An Irish Country Novel*, in the library program room.

*An Irish Doctor in Peace* and *at War* is the ninth book in the bestselling Irish Country Doctor series about a rural doctor who practises in County Down, Ireland, in the 1960s.



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Patrick Taylor reads from his latest book on Oct. 28.

In this novel that combines the past and the present, young Dr. O'Reilly heeds the call to serve his country at sea in World War II

while planning to marry midwife Deirdre Mawhinney. The other storyline of the novel follows Dr. O'Reilly 20 years later as he cares for the people of rural Ireland.

Taylor has gained countless fans with the Irish Country Doctor series that follows the adventures of two doctors and their patients in the village of Ballybucklebo, first visited in *An Irish Country Doctor*. The character of Dr. O'Reilly began in a medical magazine humour column to which Patrick Taylor, himself a doctor, contributed monthly.

The periodical series will be published next year as *The Willy O'Reilly: Irish Country Stories*. Taylor's fans can hear him read and have their books signed at the Oct. 28 launch.

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FILM

# Award-winning Mumbai film a feast of creativity

The Lunchbox at ArtSpring next week

A wonderful Indian film called *The Lunchbox* is the first in a new season of Best of the Fest screenings leading up to the 2015 Salt Spring Film Festival.

The *Lunchbox* is described by the film festival folks as “a delightful, witty and perceptive film that is at once a love story and an evocative portrayal of loneliness, loss and yearning.” Selected for the Critics’ Week at the 2013 Cannes Film Festival, *The Lunchbox* screening received a standing ovation and critical international acclaim. It went on to win the Critics’ Week Viewer’s Choice Award, the Grand Rail D’Or.

The *Lunchbox* is a touching and credible story deftly directed by Ritesh Batra. Packed with insight and simple truths, the film slowly reveals the hopes,

sorrows and regrets of its main characters, drawing the viewer into the lives of Saajan (Irfan Khan, the storyteller from *The Life of Pi*), a dour widower preparing to retire after 35 years in a drab accounting job, and Ila (Nimrat Kaur), an urban middle-class wife and mother desperate to spark the interest of her distant and distracted husband.

Ila tries to literally spice up her marriage by preparing new and delectable dishes for her husband to eat at his workplace, sending the lunchbox with the dabbawallahs — Mumbai’s famously efficient lunchbox delivery service. The dabbawallahs deliver millions of lunchboxes a day throughout the city, picking up freshly made hot lunches from homes and restaurants and returning the empty containers later in the day.

This remarkable delivery system was the subject of a Harvard University study which concluded that only one in a million lunchboxes

is delivered to the wrong person. This is the story of that one lunchbox, Ila’s lunchbox, delivered in error to Saajan, who enjoys it so much he practically licks the containers clean.

The *Lunchbox* is a film that will inspire a new appreciation for the art of storytelling. Told with romantic restraint, the film is never overwrought and the story avoids all sentimentality. Indeed, one of the many pleasures of Batra’s direction is his understated, less-is-more approach to the story and to the city of Mumbai, a character in and of itself.

Batra captures Mumbai with a documentarian’s eye, following the brightly coloured lunchbox, a harbinger of hope and possibility, as it travels by bicycle, trolley and train through the rich visuals and soundscapes of a bustling city of 20 million people. As Saajan’s assistant wisely tells him, “Sometimes the wrong train will get you to the right station.”



## Island Savings + First West Partnership

# Setting the record straight.

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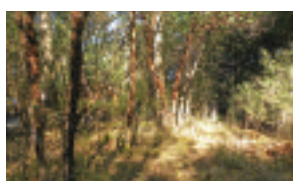
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PERFORMING ARTS

# Music and dance riches spill over in ArtSpring's week

String quartet, Bolshoi and The Bills

A wide spectrum of artistic offerings can be found at ArtSpring this week, starting with a concert by the Dover String Quartet tonight (Oct. 22.)

Formed in 2008 at Philadelphia's Curtis Institute of Music, the Dover String Quartet catapulted to stardom following a stunning sweep of the 2013 Banff International String Competition. The group won not only the Grand Prize but all three special prizes at the prestigious event.

The Dover String Quartet appears on Salt Spring during a concert season that will take them to over 100 venues around the world, including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Wigmore Hall in London and to New York to perform as part of the Schneider Concerts series. Their repertoire includes the early Beethoven String Quartet in A Major, Op. 18 No. 5, the Shostakovich String Quartet No. 7 written in memory of his first wife and Dvorak's lyrical and passionate String Quartet No. 11 in C Major.

The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Next up is a live broadcast of Boshoi Ballet in Russia, which comes to ArtSpring's big screen at 9:55 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26. The famous ballet troupe performs The Legend of Love, Yuri Grigorovich's passionate ballet of forbidden love and self-sacrifice with stars Svetlana Zakharova, Anna Nikulina, and Denis Rodkin. As with the popular Metropolitan Opera live series, audience members will see the performance close



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

ArtSpring is making room for the audience to dance when Canadian folk supergroup The Bills performs on Sunday, Oct. 26.

up, in this case with gorgeous dancers "on pointe" in Moscow.

Rendezvous French Patisserie's tarte aux tomates, Salt Spring Coffee and other treats will be available at intermission. Those who enjoy ballet should also mark their calendars for a Boshoi Ballet performance of The Nutcracker on Dec. 21, just in time for Christmas.

ArtSpring will be a busy place on Sunday, re-opening its doors later

that evening for a concert by The Bills. Events start at 6:30 p.m. with a Salt Spring Vineyards wine tasting. The 7:30 p.m. concert to follow offers an opportunity to see a Canadian acoustic supergroup.

"Their sound is panoramic, mischievous, fiercely unpretentious – and musically splendid," says the Boston Globe.

This extraordinary quintet is renowned among fans of all ages

for their instrumental virtuosity, lush vocal arrangements, exuberant live performances, evocative songwriting, and a refreshing sound that transcends musical boundaries and defies simple categorization. Strings, bellows, keys, voices, skin and bows are the vehicles for The Bills' unique sonic approach.

Since forming in 1996, the band has delighted theatre and festival audiences from Copenhagen to California, thrilling fans with their breathtaking musical explorations and their unscripted onstage wit and charm. In 2006 the band was voted Western Canadian Entertainer of the Year, edging out the likes of nominees Michael Buble and Jann Arden. With individual band members sporting world-class credentials in folk, roots, jazz, classical and world music, The Bills' live show is a legendary experience.

Along with De Temps Antan on Nov. 9 and Matuto on March 3, The Bills concert is one of three events during the 2014/15 season in which ArtSpring will make room for the audience to dance by removing part of the stage.

For more information or tickets to any of the above events, check out www.artspring.ca or call the ArtSpring box office at 250-537-2102.

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## PHOTOGRAPHY Avril Kirby shares pics

Harbour House reception tonight

Salt Spring photographer Avril Kirby is sharing some of the things she loves in an exhibit called *Favourite Things* now on at the Harbour House Hotel and restaurant.

She says the images are a happily disjointed lot, connected only by a personal fondness for the subjects or the processes by which they came to be.

"I've never been a blue satin sash sort of girl, I don't own a doorbell and I've never had schnitzel with noodles. I'd be more than pleased to show photographs of 'silver white winters that melt into springs' and 'wild geese that fly with the moon on their wings,' but I don't happen to have taken any. Still, in true Julie Andrews style, these are a few of my favourite things," she writes. "Light through windows, early morning sunshine that brightens the sad places in our lives, children, the bizarre and the dark beside the gentle and the light things of life, watery places at peace and in turmoil, dogs and other animals, and music."

An opening reception is set for the Harbour House on Wednesday, Oct. 22 between 6 and 8 p.m., with the show running until Nov. 30.

# people&community

**D.W. Salty** is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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**ISLANDERS**

## Phaedra Godchild forges fashion empire



PHOTO AT LEFT COURTESY PHAEDRA GODCHILD; PHOTO BY SEAN MCINTYRE

At left, Phaedra Godchild in her place of business in Calgary. Above, Phaedra with her well-known island mom Izadaura Godchild.

GISS grad speaks about life in exciting industry

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Since she became a part owner of Styleista, a Calgary-based consulting firm, Phaedra Godchild has provided fashion tips to television audiences, upwardly mobile young professionals and Stampede-goers. Driftwood reporter Sean McIntyre spoke with Godchild during a recent visit to talk about growing up on Salt Spring and her subsequent rise to the top of Cowtown's fashion scene.

**Driftwood:** Can you describe your connection to Salt Spring Island?

**Phaedra Godchild:** I was born in Vancouver, B.C. and moved to Salt Spring when I was four years old. I went to Fulford Elementary School, then GISS and I graduated in 1999.

**D:** What was the best part about growing up on Salt Spring?

**PG:** The sense of community and the absolute beauty of the island; being surrounded by the ocean, farmland and hiking up mountains. Growing up eating organic, health-focused food.

Finally, the friends that I made here and have stayed close with helped shape who I am.

**D:** When and why did you decide to leave the island?

**PG:** I left right after graduation to pursue my dream of working in the fashion industry. I left because I felt I would have better opportunities and educational options in the city. I moved to Victoria, then Vancouver, then Cayman Islands before moving back to Vancouver, where I earned my bachelor's degree in fashion design and technology. Then I moved to Calgary, Alta. where I currently reside.

**D:** Was that a difficult decision? How did you face the many unknowns of off-island living?

**PG:** I didn't feel it was a difficult decision because I knew I would always be able to come back and visit my mom whenever I needed to. The biggest challenge was being 100 per cent independent and all the factors that come with living apart from parents, like bills, etc. Otherwise, I loved the sense of adventure that came with leaving the island.

**D:** When did you become interested in the fashion business?

**PG:** My mom [Izadaura Godchild] has always had a vibrant fashion outlook and her closet was a joy to play in and explore. She had an old Singer sewing machine that I loved to use for altering clothes for my friends and, in high school, I would always draw outfits for my friends and I so we could plan what to wear that weekend.

While living in the Cayman Islands, where fashion was about five years behind, I realized it was time to get started and that's when I moved back to Vancouver and applied for the fashion design and technology degree. They only accepted 40 out of 300 applicants, so I felt blessed when I was accepted. I may have done a happy dance.

**D:** Can you describe what your company does and how you established it?

**PG:** Styleista is a fashion-styling company that specializes in styling photo shoots, advertising campaigns, appearing on television and in print. We also have a broad client base who we do wardrobe consultation and personal shopping for. The company was established by my business partner, Brenna Hardy, in 2010 and we joined as partners in 2013. We have seen extreme growth in the last year due to the advancing cultural scene and economic growth in Calgary.

**D:** Do you still have many connections on the island? How often do you come back? Is there anything you miss about Salt Spring?

**PG:** My connection to Salt Spring remains strong because I have my mom here and a couple of dear friends still living on the island. I try to come back a minimum of twice a year. I miss so many things about the island, but mainly I miss the laid-back energy, smiling and greeting people in passing, summertime swimming in the lakes, shucking oysters on the beach and, of course, my momma. My connection will always remain strong because all of my memories from Salt Spring are so special.

**D:** Your life in Calgary is undoubtedly very different from what would have happened if you'd stayed on the island. Did growing up Salt Spring give you any special skills or perspectives that have helped your career?

**PG:** I always feel so lucky that I was raised on a small island because I think we all turn out so much friendlier. I think the skills I learned from a young age were how to be independent and to work hard for what I needed in my daily life. The sense of community as well as diversity on Salt Spring encourages an open mind, non-judgement, acceptance and empathy. I feel my biggest takeaway from living on Salt Spring is to be open-minded to everything — which helps in the crazy world that is fashion.

For more about Godchild's company, visit [www.styleista.ca](http://www.styleista.ca).

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

In response to our request in the Fall 2014 Aqua magazine for people to let us know what GISS grads are up to, Izadaura Godchild connected us with her daughter Phaedra, with the resulting Q&A piece and photos on this page.

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# what's on this week



## Wed. Oct 22

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Dover String Quartet at ArtSpring.**  
Winner of the Grand Prize as well as all three Special Prizes at the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition plays quartets by Beethoven, Shostakovich and Grieg. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**NaNoWriMo - Write Your Book in 30 Days.**  
Information session on November challenge. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 11 a.m. to noon.

**Island Savings Members Meeting on Merger Proposal.**  
Credit union members invited to meeting to learn about proposed Island Savings & First West partnership. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 5:30 p.m.

**Texas Holdem Poker.**  
Hosted by Albert. Sign-up at 6 p.m. at The Local bar every Wednesday.

**Avril Kirby Art Opening.**  
Opening reception for Favourite Things, an exhibit of photographs. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Small Business Seminars.**  
Part of Small Business Week events. "You Have Started Your Own Business - Now What?," 5:30 to 7 p.m. Salt Spring Trades and Construction - Making it Work in Today's Economy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Harbour House Hotel.

## Wed. Oct 22

### ACTIVITIES

**Salt Spring Garden Club Meeting.**  
Pam Danglemaier and Elke Wehinger of Botanus Inc. are the guest speakers. Meaden Hall. 7 p.m.

**Shared Space Salt Spring Society AGM.**  
Annual general meeting. Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

**SongJam.**  
A 21st-century pub sing-along to vocal and instrumental backing tracks. Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m. (Note earlier time.)

## Thur. Oct 23

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Open Mic With Ross & Dave.**  
Every Thursday at Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission AGM.**  
Annual general meeting. Community Gospel Chapel. 10 a.m. to noon.

**Giant Book Sale Drop-offs.**  
Book donations can be dropped off at SS Literacy office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

**SSI Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission AGM.**  
Annual general meeting. Community Gospel Chapel. 1 to 3 p.m.

**Library Book Club.**  
This month's pick is Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. All welcome. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 to 3 p.m.

## Thur. Oct 23

### ACTIVITIES

**Business Excellence Awards.**  
Dinner, cash bar, prizes and awards for local businesses in 10 categories. Harbour House Hotel. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Wild About Plants.**  
Traditional and current uses of coastal B.C. plants. Photo presentation by Genevieve Singleton. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7:30 p.m.

## Fri. Oct 24

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Aidan Miller.** Rock/dance music. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**StoryTime at the Library.**  
Program for kids aged 3 to 6 at the Salt Spring Public Library. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

**Bridge at the Library.** Salt Spring Public Library. 10 a.m. to noon. Info/registration: Jean Elder, 250-537-0897, or Ruth Hopping, 250-537-9682.

**Giant Book Sale Special Drop-off Day.** Book donations can be dropped off at GIFTS (across from ArtSpring on McPhillips) from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Jail & Bail.** Pay to put or keep local "celebrities" in jail at the Ganges Fire Hall. A Breast Cancer Society fundraiser. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Electric Tourism and its Future on Salt Spring Island.** Vancouver-based entrepreneur John Stonier will present steps that businesses, organizations and individuals can take to help create a destination for electric vehicle owners. Harbour House Hotel. 7 p.m.

## Sat. Oct 25

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Aidan Miller.** Rock/dance music. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**Eden Energy Medicine Training.**  
Register with Cornelia J Krikke, 250-538-0196 or www.transformative-practices.org.

**Saturday Market in the Park.**  
Final event of the season. Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**CFWU Meeting.**  
With guest speaker Susan Murphy, past Canadian Federation of University Women national president. All welcome. Harbour House Hotel. 10 a.m.

**Salt Spring Forum: An Afternoon With Naomi Klein.**  
Canadian social activist and author Naomi Klein presents Capitalism vs. the Climate. Salt Spring Island Middle School Gymnasium. 1:30 p.m.

**Halloween Leather Mask Making Class.**  
Contact Andrea Russell, 250-539-5258 to preregister. Walker Hook. 3 to 6 p.m.

**NaNoWriMo: Write Your Book in 30 Days.**  
Information on the National Novel Writing Month contest plus technical advice on writing programs. Barb's Bakery and Bistro. 3:30 to 5 p.m.

## Sun. Oct 26

### LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**The Bills in Concert at ArtSpring.** 2006 Western Canadian Music Awards Entertainer of the Year plays rollicking show. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**Sue Newman and the El Zocalo Quintet.** 7:30 to 10 p.m.

### ACTIVITIES

**The Art of Relaxation.** With Celeste Mallet Jason in partnership with Workshops on the Rock. Still Point Yoga Studio. 9 a.m. to noon.

**Bolshoi Ballet Live Broadcast: The Legend of Love.**  
The Bolshoi Ballet's production, screened live from Moscow. ArtSpring. 9:55 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.

**Zombie Walk.** Community event has zombies and slayers meet at the Centennial Park gazebo and walk around Ganges. Makeup by donation starting at 10 a.m. Walk at noon.

**Men's Soccer.** The Old Boys play Cordova Bay. GISS field. 10:30 a.m.

## Mon. Oct 27

### ACTIVITIES

**ToddlerTime.** For parents and children under four. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 10:30 a.m.

**Chess and Scrabble Club.** Open to chess and Scrabble players of all ages and skill levels. Salt Spring Island Public Library. 2 to 5 p.m.

**Salt Spring Antique and Classic Motor Club.** Regular monthly meeting. ArtSpring boardroom. 7 p.m.

## Mon. Oct 27

### ACTIVITIES

**Resolving Community Issues Peacefully.** Professional mediator Gordon Sloan will give a presentation on how Salt Spring could resolve issues in a cooperative and supportive fashion. Presented by SSI Restorative Justice program. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 7:15 p.m.

## Tues. Oct 28

### ACTIVITIES

**Giant Book Sale Drop-offs.** Book donations can be dropped off at SS Literacy office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 4 p.m.

**Project Connect Day.** Focus on services for Salt Spring's homeless at SS Community Services. 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hot lunch at 11:30 a.m.

**Highland Fernwood Water Service Commission AGM.** AGM at the Salt Spring Library Program Room. 1 p.m.

**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

**Patrick Taylor Book Reading.** Taylor will read from his recently-released novel, An Irish Doctor in Peace and at War: An Irish Country Novel. Salt Spring Library Program Room. 4 p.m.

**Improv Comedy Workshop.** Everyone age 16 and up invited to take part in weekly workshop with Jan Rabson. Gulf Islands Secondary School. 7 to 9 p.m. Info: jan@pagesixteen.com

## Wed. Oct 29

### ACTIVITIES

**National Theatre Live: Medea.** Two shows at The Fritz Movie Theatre: 4 and 7 p.m.

**SSI Golf & Country Club Fall General Meeting.** Salt Spring Golf & Country Club clubhouse. 5:30 p.m.

**Best of the Fest: The Lunchbox.** Film festival hit about a mistaken delivery in Mumbai's famously efficient lunchbox delivery system, connecting a young housewife to an older man with magical results. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**SongJam.** See last Wednesday.

**Texas Holdem Poker.** See last Wednesday.

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• **Hector and the Search for Happiness:** Hector is a quirky psychiatrist who has become tired of his humdrum life. He embarks on a global quest to find the secret formula for true happiness. Based on the world-wide best-selling novel. Stars Simon Pegg and Rosamund Pike.

• **National Theatre Live: Medea** — For the sake of her husband, Medea has left her home and borne two sons in exile. But when he abandons them, Medea faces banishment and separation from her children. Cornered, she begs for one day's grace, and exacts an appalling revenge and destroys everything she holds dear. Wed., Oct. 29 at 4 and 7 p.m. Advance tickets at Island Star Video and Salt Spring Books.

### EXHIBITIONS

• **Avril Kirby** presents Favourite Things, a photography exhibit of some of her favourite things, at the Harbour House Hotel and Restaurant. The show opens with a reception on Wednesday, Oct. 22, 6 to 8 p.m., and continues through Nov. 30.

• **Salt Spring Gallery** on McPhillips Ave. hosts **No Public House**, an exhibit of photographs by **Peter Allan** of the now-decrepit Fulford and Vesuvius inns, until Oct. 30. (Gallery closed Mondays.)

• New works by fabric artist **Susan Paynter** are showing at **kiZmit Galeria and Cafe** on Beaver Point Road through October. For info about gallery opening times, call 250-653-4638.

• **Duthie Gallery** hosts two new installations by **Michael Dennis**. See **Council of Elders** in the **Hastings House field**, fresh from the VanDusen Botanical Garden, Vancouver, and **Michael Dennis' 7 Figures** in yellow cedar in **Duthie Gallery** on Churchill Road. The gallery is open Saturdays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. until the end of October and thereafter till February by appointment (250-537-9606).

• An exhibition of the late **Jack Avison's** watercolours is on display through October in the **Salt Spring library program room**. Portfolios of unframed watercolours and drawings will also be on display and available for purchase each Friday during October from 1 to 3 p.m., with proceeds going to a GISS graduate scholarship fund.

• **Across the Board** show and sale of paintings by **Judy Nurse** is in the **ArtSpring lobby** for the month of October.

• New works by **Gabrielle Jensen** are now on exhibit at **Gulf Island Picture Framing** in Grace Point Square.

• **Wendy french** has paintings hanging at **Penny's Pantry**.

• **Sam Lightman** shows photos at **Island Savings**.

• **Hannah Martens** has work on the walls of **Cafe Talia** through October.

PENDER FIRE RESCUE

# Pender training gets funding boost

Next phase for island's fire rescue facility

Between strong support from Pender Island residents and community groups, and an endowment from the Robert L. Conconi Foundation, Pender Island Fire Rescue can continue upgrading its training facilities.

The sum of \$100,750 was raised locally — far exceeding the goal of \$85,000 — and \$110,000 was received from the Conconi foundation during an Oct. 10 Pender Island Fire Rescue open house event.

Funds will go towards the second phase upgrade of the training facilities at Fire Hall No. 1 on North Pender Island, with work to commence immediately.

"Local, affordable training that ensures our firefighters can refresh all their skills and techniques regularly means when you call for help someone will come that knows exactly what to do," stated Pender Fire Chief Charlie Boyte. "That is what we all get out of this project. Effective training that challenges our firefighters to be the best they can be will improve the quality of service delivered in our communities, keep our firefighters much safer in their work, and is critical to the long term sustainability of our fire/rescue services."



PHOTO BY BRIGITTE PROCHASKA

From left, Pender Fire Chief Charlie Boyte, Robert L. Conconi Foundation executive director Sanja Simic and Pender Islands Fire Protection Society president Gord Soute.

Boyte said the new facility will provide realistic and complex training for multi-level live fires, and equipment to train for confined space rescue, self-extrication and forced entries. Roof ventilation techniques, and ladder and rope rescue skills will also be practised at the site.

Fire departments from the neighbouring Gulf Islands will also be able to use the

training centre once completed.

The Robert L. Conconi Foundation is a private family foundation established in 2003 to inspire lasting change and better communities in B.C.

Pender Fire Rescue is a volunteer fire department with 36 firefighters and 65 auxiliary members, who respond to approximately 240 emergency calls annually.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# Peaceful resolution options explored

Oct. 27 forum with mediator Sloan

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Salt Spring is a very caring island with many public amenities under the stewardship of enthusiastic volunteers. However, our community all too often has an unfortunate way of deciding important issues.

Without getting into specifics, let's consider what happens when a new or improved public amenity, invariably involving a lot of public money — think pool, library, fire hall, pathways, water treatment plant — is proposed for the island. Often, those responsible will

assume that no one could possibly object to their vision for whatever it is. But then, all of a sudden, acerbic voices pop up complaining about "unjustified expense," "lack of community consultation," and/or the "proponents going beyond their mandate."

Letters/articles from both sides of the issue quickly appear in the Driftwood and on the Salt Spring Exchange, and the debate becomes strident, abrasive and sometimes uncomfortably personal. The real facts are often evasive. What can we do to prevent — or at least reduce — increasing acrimony?

The Salt Spring Island Restorative Justice program — which works to bring consensual

agreements between perpetrators of minor legal offences and those affected by their actions — would like to see if its approach can be applied to community disputes. So we've invited top mediator and former islander Gordon Sloan to talk about how we might discuss issues publicly in a cooperative and supportive fashion rather than in the often hostile, belligerent fashion we've become accustomed to.

Sloan was one of the founders of the SSI Restorative Justice program. His interests in dispute resolution range from working with individuals to large corporations, governments and First Nations. He is fascinated by the role people's

values and group identity play in conflict resolution.

One of Canada's best known teachers of dispute resolution, Sloan currently teaches negotiation and mediation courses to a wide array of audiences in every part of the country. For more information about Sloan, visit his company's website — www.adreducation.ca.

Sloan's talk, which is open to the public, takes place on Monday, Oct. 27 in the Salt Spring Library Program Room at 7:15 p.m. His presentation will be interactive, so bring your concerns and questions. Admission is free, but seating is limited, so don't be late.

For more information: www.rjssi.org.

CLIMATE CHANGE

# This Changes Everything author visits

Naomi Klein on Salt Spring Island Saturday

BY JULIAN PAQUETTE SS FORUM

Naomi Klein writes: "Climate change isn't an 'issue' to add to the list of things to worry about, next to health care and taxes. It is a civilizational wake-up call."

The Salt Spring Forum is pleased to host the award-winning journalist, syndicated columnist and best-selling author on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 1:30 p.m. in the Salt Spring Island Middle School.

In her new book, *This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate*, Naomi Klein argues that our current economic model is fighting a war against life on earth. That our current form of capitalism — which pushes us to deregulate and privatize our economy as well as cut back the public sphere — is fundamentally at odds with what we need to do to respond to climate change.

Klein believes we need to respond to climate change with bold collective action. Rather than looking for leadership in our politicians, the leadership is in the streets.

One month following its publication, *This Changes Everything*



PHOTO BY ED KASHI

Naomi Klein

won the prestigious Hilary Weston Writers' Trust Prize for Nonfiction. It debuted at #1 on the Maclean's and #5 on the New York Times bestseller lists.

Klein is also the author of the international bestsellers *The Shock Doctrine* and *No Logo*.

She is a reporter for *Rolling Stone* and a contributing editor for *Harper's*. She writes a regular column for *The Nation* and *The Guardian*, and has also written for the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Globe and Mail*. Klein is on the board of directors for 350.org, a global grassroots organization working to solve the climate crisis.

Tickets to the event are available at ArtSpring by calling 250-537-2102 or online at www.tickets.artspring.ca, or at Salt Spring Books. Early ticket purchase is recommended.

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## Capital Regional District



## Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity (Referendum) | 2014 General Local Election

**Public notice** is hereby given that **General Voting Day** will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm** on **Saturday, November 15, 2014** to elect persons to serve a **four-year** term of office as **Electoral Area Directors for Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island** on the **CRD Board** from December 2014 until after the 2018 General Local Election held in accordance with the legislation in the *Local Government Act*.

### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
HENDREN	Garth	261 Canvas Back Place, Salt Spring Island, BC
MCINTYRE	Wayne	195 Broadwell Road, Salt Spring Island, BC

### Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area - One Director to be elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
CROPPER	Stephen	257 Lundy Lane, Mayne Island, BC
HOWE	Dave	7915 Swanson View Drive, Pender Island, BC

### Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Galiano Health Care Centre

Take notice that below is a synopsis of the proposed Bylaw No. 3955 for which the electors of the Galiano Island (includes *Galiano, Retreat, Wise, Parker and Gossip Islands*) within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**:

*Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 3955, "Galiano Health Care Centre Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2014" authorizing the CRD to establish a service to contribute to the costs incurred by the Galiano Health Care Society in operating and maintaining the Galiano Health Care Centre building and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$86,550) or \$0.19 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the service?*

YES or NO

A synopsis of Bylaw No. 3955: *The intent of Bylaw No. 3955, "Galiano Health Care Centre Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2014", is to establish a new service to contribute to the costs incurred by the Galiano Health Care Society in operating and maintaining the Galiano Health Care Centre building on Galiano Island in the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area, and to raise a maximum annual requisition of the greater of:*

- (a) EIGHTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$86,550) or  
 (b) \$0.19 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements in the service area, for funding the cost of this service.

### Taxation Impact

The proposed service includes a maximum annual requisition of \$86,550 and would result in an estimated annual cost of \$66.07 per average household in the service area.

### Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Salt Spring Island Community Transit & Transportation Service

Take notice that below is a synopsis of the proposed Bylaw No. 3956 for which the electors of the Salt Spring Island Transit and Transportation Service within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question on **Saturday, November 15, 2014**:

*Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District Board adopting Bylaw No. 3956, "Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2014" authorizing the CRD to increase the maximum annual requisition for the transportation service until 2018 so that it will be the greater of THREE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$396,250) or \$0.1346 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the capital and operating costs of the transportation service, including further improvements to the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan.*

YES or NO?

A synopsis of Bylaw No. 3956: *The intent of Bylaw No. 3956, Salt Spring Island Community Transit and Transportation Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2007, Amendment Bylaw No. 3, 2014, is to amend Bylaw No. 3438 by increasing the maximum amount that may be requisitioned annually for the Salt Spring Island Transportation Service until December 31, 2018 to be the greater of:*

- (c) Three Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$396,250), or  
 (d) an amount equal to the amount that could be raised by a property value tax rate of \$0.1346 per One Thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars applied to the net taxable value of land and improvements in the Service Area, for the purpose of funding further improvements to the North Ganges Village Transportation Management Plan

### Taxation Impact

The tax rate of \$0.1346/\$1,000 of net tax value of land and improvements will result in an increase of \$4.29/\$1,000 or \$37.80 per average household assessed at 2014 rates.

The above synopses are not an interpretation of Bylaw Nos. 3955 and 3956. A copy of the complete bylaws and this notice may be viewed at Capital Regional District (CRD) Headquarters located at 625 Fisgard Street, 1st Floor – Foyer, Victoria, BC from October 22, 2014 to November 15, 2014, Monday to Friday, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm except statutory holidays. The bylaws and other information, may also be viewed on the website: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting>

### Voting Opportunities

Voting places will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014** to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District at:

#### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Fulford Elementary School (Gym), 203 South Ridge Road, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., [Richmond, BC](#)

#### Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, [Galiano Island, BC](#)
- Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School, 5714 Canal Road, [Pender Island, BC](#)
- Piers Island Fire Hall, [Piers Island, BC](#)
- Saturna Recreation Centre, 140 Harris Road, [Saturna Island, BC](#)
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., [Richmond, BC](#)
- Mary Winspear Centre (Room 6), 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)\*

\*for those qualified electors who reside on Pauquachin or Tseyeum Indian Reserve Lands

**Advance Voting Opportunities** will be available from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at:**

#### Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, [Salt Spring Island, BC](#)
- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, [Sidney, BC](#)

#### Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, [Mayne Island, BC](#)
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#### Mail Ballot Voting

- is now available to electors who:
- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
  - expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 15, 2014) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014).

You must be a qualified Resident or Non-Resident Property elector to vote.

**To Register To Vote By Mail**, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a completed application form in advance of general voting day, November 15, 2014. Application forms are available on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot](http://www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot). Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

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 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6  
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If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may now register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about Monday, October 27, 2014 for the following:

- Electoral Area Director
- Islands Trust Local Area Trustee
- School Trustee
- Assent Voting for Salt Spring Island Transportation
- Assent Voting for Galiano Health Care Centre

If we receive your application after November 3, 2014, and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Information Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

### Electoral Qualifications

**Resident Elector** - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). Please note the CRD is using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors.

**Non-Resident Property Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

- have registered on or before Sept. 23, 2014, or
- apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
  - a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
  - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
  - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable).

A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting/elector-qualifications-registration>

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC driver's licence
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

### Please Note:

- Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, and provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the Local Government Act in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote. Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.
- Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2014

Thomas F. Moore  
 Chief Election Officer

INTERNATIONAL AID

# SOLID thanks its community partners

Support ensures help for African endeavours

ARTICLE SUBMITTED BY SOLID

The board of the Salt Spring Organization for Life Improvement and Development wishes to acknowledge and give thanks to our many community partners whose generous contributions of product, monetary donations and volunteer hours contribute to the ongoing success of the SOLID Exchange.

In particular, SOLID wishes to thank Beeswax Works, who partners with SOLID in providing more than \$500 worth of beautiful home-grown candle inventory yearly.

We are also immensely grateful to Harry Burton and the Apple Festival for granting SOLID a substantial yearly donation from his highly celebrated Apple Festival.

Ganges Gas has been hugely supportive of SOLID by offering us the market space in front of the Exchange. The rental of this space allows the SOLID Exchange to remain viable year round by supporting our operating costs.

Our ability to reach a wider audience via our website at www.solidsaltspring.ca is only possible with the volunteer support of Rob Wiltzen of Mobius Communications, who maintains our website and highlights current projects and upcoming events.

We consider ourselves so blessed to have many dedicated volunteers who are the public face of SOLID at the SOLID Exchange, and tireless contributors behind the scenes, such as the

Knitwits of Meadowbrook, and many other gifted artists who provide home-crafted merchandise for us to sell. Many members of our community selflessly provide SOLID with the earnings from their summer garden bounty, including Nancy Wigen and her fruit and veggie stand, Audrey Wild for her tomato sales, and Jill Wilmott and the members of the Raging Grannies for providing donated items for SOLID to sell in support of our African partners.

The members of the Anglican church have also been loyally supportive, in particular through fundraisers for school uniforms for Kenyan schoolchildren, and in their support of the annual Christmas card campaign, offering an alternate way to gift.

## Our fundraising campaign this Christmas will focus on three separate projects.

Kim Dalton had an innovative fundraiser with her Fancy Pants Party this year and SOLID was blessed to have benefited from an amazing event.

Finally to our patrons, loyal customers, and anyone who has walked into the SOLID Exchange and cared about our little store, and all of our African partners who benefit from the success of the store, we say thank you. We wouldn't be able to remain so successful without the ongoing support of all of you! We invite you to join us for after-

noon tea at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 16 at the Anglican Church. Also please visit the SOLID Exchange at Gasoline Alley to see new stock arriving frequently, and for alternate ways of gifting this Christmas.

Our fundraising campaign this Christmas will focus on three separate projects. A beautiful art card by Louise Adele will describe the project you have chosen to support, including the SOLID Comfort Fund for the Ndi Moyo Palliative Care Centre in Salima, Malawi which allows the purchase of simple foam mattresses and blankets for the winter months, and provides for basic needs, in particular maize flour for patients who are unable to afford to buy food to feed themselves and their families.

Another option is to support a gardening project which will enable HIV-positive mothers in Shianda, Kenya to sustain their families by creating an opportunity to nurture their own market garden. Your donation will provide eight kilograms of bean seeds and five kilograms of maize (corn) seeds, which form the basic Kenyan diet.

Finally, a school kit has been developed which will provide Kenyan school children with the essentials for learning: a uniform (no uniform in Kenya means no school), a backpack, an atlas, a dictionary, scribblers, pencils, crayons and other essential school supplies. Your gift will give one young Kenyan school child the opportunity to gain an education.

SOLID thanks you on behalf of our African partners and we look forward to seeing you at the SOLID Exchange.

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NATURE

# From wild to domestic and back again

Tales of dogs, wolves, foxes and flowers

BY BOB WEEDEN  
 DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

We surround ourselves with useful or enjoyable plants and animals. All of them — carp and corn, parrots and petunias, cows and columbines — had wild beginnings. They came from all over the globe. In our garden, for example, we have nasturtiums with relatives still at home in Ecuador, forsythia from China, daffodils from Spain, tulips from Turkey and red-flowering currants from the woods nearby.

Among our companions, dogs have endured us longest, by far. Our 30,000-year romp together is three times as long as any other animal or food plant. Cattle were domesticated first about 10,000 years ago. Cats have deigned to eat with us — with strict pre-partnership agreements — for 7,500 years. We have sat on horses for about 7,000 years, and on elephants even longer. Cotton and cereal grains have clothed or fed us for 10 millennia.

It's been a haphazard history, but for all its messiness you can find patterns. The first step has been to catch wild animals,



confine them and starve them into dependence. Taming, we call it. Sometimes they seem to offer themselves as companions.

A big, black male wolf showed up in Juneau, Alaska's favourite recreation area in 2003 and began to hang out with people and their dogs. He absolutely doted on dogs as playmates. He spent six winters there, visiting scores of hikers and skiers and their pets almost daily. A Wolf Called Romeo tells the tale with care and wonder. Watching biologists could only guess that Romeo had a "tame" gene of the kind whose existence in the dog family scientists just then were discovering experimentally. Romeo wasn't tamed, but could have been.

The second step is to move the tamed species out of its usual habitat into a place more convenient for people. We

transplant wildflowers into gardens and in far-off times brought wild cattle to our doorsteps. This always means a loss of independence for us as well as for the tamed companion, because we have to give it food and water, kill off predators or competing weeds, and provide shelter. Ever own a milk cow?

The third phase is selective breeding — the essential core of domestication — to change the wildling's characteristics so it is more sociable, converts food to meat more efficiently, runs faster, or has bigger and more colourful blossoms or more grain per stalk. We tamper endlessly with the marginal one per cent of a creature's genome that gives us want.

Idly, I began wondering whether these critters of our own devising, these big red apples and quilt-vested lap dogs and Kentucky thoroughbreds, could ever go wild again. My answer? "It depends."

Mules and sterile flowers and seedless grapes would be in trouble. On the other hand, the likes of cats, dogs and English ivy escape all the time. Hiking in Waimea Canyon on Kauai is like a walk through a barnyard, with feral dogs baying after feral goats, feral pigs snuffling at kukui nuts, feral cats staring

from shadowed thickets and nobody's chickens roosting under java plum groves.

Sometimes there are wholesale re-wildings. When fox farming became a losing business in the 1940s and 1950s, keepers opened cages and said "Shoo!" When the Spaniards decided there was no El Dorado in the American Southwest they abandoned hundreds of burros and horses whose progeny roam the region's scrubland and deserts 400 years later.

We are the ultimate domesticated creature, wholly dependent on our culture and its technology. Suppose a truly enormous computer glitch shut down communications, transportation, schools, hospitals, military ventures, industrial production, and energy and water distribution. Could we make it, in the wild? The 10 million or so folks who forage and grow food beyond civilization's reach — the people we remember rarely, and then only to pity — would do just fine.

The rest of us would be in deep trouble. With life as we know it just a dim memory, we would still have hands, reason, imagination and conscience for a fresh start. Most likely, we would begin by taming a dog for company.

## REAL ESTATE

# Active real estate pace continues

Most sales occur in sub-\$500,000 category

BY SUSAN DE STEIN

REALTOR, PEMBERTON HOLMES, SALT SPRING

The first six months of 2014 for Salt Spring real estate were busy, and the last three have been even more active, making for the best year to date since 2008 in terms of overall sales activity (buyers and number of transactions). Although demand has been the strongest it has been in several years, prices are still under pressure . . . as motivated sellers understand that the critical factor in getting a sale today is a competitive price.

Third quarter results (from July 1 to Sept. 30) suggest not only that demand for Salt Spring property is continuing to grow, but that a recovery in our island real estate market is showing signs of becoming more established. Barring unforeseen events on the economic front, we should be headed for a positive overall year with good prospects for 2015. These results suggest that prices are at or close to levels that are allowing still cautious and demanding buyers to venture into the market.

A total of 58 homes sold during the third quarter, for a total of over \$34 million, compared to 51 in the same period last year. In terms of dollar value, total sales were 29 per cent above last year's third quarter and just below the level set in 2007. Of these sales, 42 non-waterfront single family dwellings (SFD) sold at an average price of \$550,400. That number is skewed, however, by the sale of two expensive non-waterfront properties, one at \$2.575 million and the other at \$1.575 million. Excluding those two properties from the statistics yields an average non-waterfront SFD at \$474,170 for the

third quarter. (The nine-month average price for a non-waterfront SFD was \$519,616, suggesting that prices soften in a more competitive market later in the year.)

Waterfront sellers were more cheerful in the third quarter too, with nine home sales designated "pending," at an average price of just over \$1 million. Year to date, 17 waterfront properties have sold, for an average price of just under \$900,000. This compares to an average price for a waterfront home at the peak in 2008 of \$1.8 million — an average based, however, on just 11 sales that year. This is the second year in a row that waterfront home sales (for this period) have averaged below \$900,000.

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If there's a rub in all of this positive news, it's that: prices remain soft, well below historical highs. In terms of average SFD non-waterfront homes, prices have been fluctuating just above and below the \$500,000 mark for four years, down from a high of over \$600,000 in 2008. As ever, our market is small and it's difficult to draw statistically significant conclusions from the data.

Having said that, the number of home sales — 144 year to date, for a total volume of just under \$75 million, is a shot in the arm, the best number for several

years. Putting it in perspective, however, the nine-month equivalent in 2007 was \$110 million with 201 sales, and \$87.6 million on 123 sales in 2008.

Most of the activity in the third quarter was for homes priced below \$500,000, with 35 of the 58 sales in that segment. Between \$500 and \$750k, there were 12 sales, another three between \$750 k and \$1 million, then eight over \$1 million.

Just after the end of the quarter, at the beginning of October was the sale of a 100 acre, two-lot parcel on Sansum Narrows (known as Bold Bluff) for \$3.5 million. And there were a number of other properties awaiting final subject removal for them to be declared also "pending."

Good properties priced right are being snapped up quickly, with 12 SFDs selling in less than 30 days during these three months.

Price remains the most important factor to buyers, who know they are in the driver's seat and are bargaining hard. Although there are cases of properties selling above what realtors suggest is the market price, this happens with less frequency today. Sellers who are motivated to sell within a specific period do so by becoming the best value, \$ for \$, in the price range. In a market where prices have fallen for several years — and where there are more listings than buyers — buyers won't pay a premium even if they fall in love.

In the category of bare land sales, 12 properties have sold thus far in 2014, for a total value of just over \$2.7 million. This segment has been the slowest moving in the past few years, and as a result, buyers are finding some great values in the bare land category. A half-acre lot on North End Road changed hands at \$109,000; a 2.4-acre view lot on Mt. Belcher sold for \$207,000. In June, 24 acres on Sarah Way went for \$300,000.



PHOTO BY JEN MACLELLAN

**STOMP CHAMPS:** Stijn Francois, left, and Alandra Marino are all smiles after winning their round in the grape stomping competition at the Harvest Grape Stomp at Salt Spring Vineyards on Saturday. The annual event features live music, fresh food, wine and grape stomping.

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## STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

# Islands Trust honours David Denning

Award considered 'long overdue'

BY SEAN MCINTYRE  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee presented a community stewardship to David Denning on Thursday, recognizing the islander's enduring commitment to the natural environment and science education.

"We are really so gifted on this island with individuals who have not only the energy and enthusiasm to make contributions to the quality of our environment but who have exceptional skills that they bring to bear in doing so, and David is unquestionably on top of that list," said LTC member George Grams, during the Oct. 16 award ceremony.

Denning has continued a lifelong passion for science and education since moving to the island. He is actively involved with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, Transition Salt Spring, Climate Action Council and Gulf Islands Secondary School's solar scholarship project.

"David is committed to equipping everyone, especially young people, with the knowledge, skills and atti-



FILE PHOTO BY JOHN CAMERON

Biologist David Denning in his element.

tudes needed to be good stewards of nature. An entirely new generation of Salt Spring Islanders sees a shoreline differently because of his work," said trustee Peter Grove. "Few people on the island have done more to educate our community in the way to protect our environment and

we are very honoured to present this long-overdue award."

Denning is among seven individuals and two organizations recognized by the 2014 Stewardship Awards. Other winners were: the Pender islands' Barrie Morrison, Nancy Waxler-Morrison (posthumous), Christa Grace-Warrick, and Paul and Monica Petrie; Saturna Island's Brian Hollingshead; the Association of Denman Island Marine Stewards; and the Galiano Conservancy Association.

Denning received the award with humility, in spite of applause from the proud contingent of friends, supporters and colleagues who attended Thursday's event.

"I know this award is really a special award, but I think there are very many people on this island who deserve this award," he said. "I'm very fortunate to live in a community where so many people really do so much, and that's the real honour for me."

Stewardship Award nominations begin in February. The awards are given to individuals or organizations that have made a significant contribution towards the object of the Islands Trust.

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**Pip (Margaret Anne) Moore**  
Apr. 28, 1938 – Oct. 13, 2014

Our beautiful, brave, loving wife, sister and mother Pip died early Thanksgiving morning, after dealing with multiple myeloma for almost ten years. Pip was born and raised in Winnipeg, daughter of Les and Margaret Bastick and younger sister of Shelagh. She met her saxophonist-geologist John, the love of her life, while still in high school; she graduated from the University of Manitoba in Home Economics in 1958 and they were married the same year. She supported him in Boston during his graduate studies, after which they moved to Ottawa, where he became a professor at Carleton University until retiring in 1989. During that time, Pip raised their three children, continued her piano studies, earned a certificate in English as a Second Language, worked part-time with several NGOs and took enthusiastic part in overseas adventures: first in Europe and, for four years, in Ethiopia, where she engaged in leprosy rehabilitation and later in famine relief, working with the Lutheran World Service. In 1990 they went to eastern Indonesia with Simon Fraser University on an education project for almost eight years; there she honed her ESL skills and nurtured a fondness for Bali, where they visited many times and to which they returned often after coming home to Salt Spring Island. After her years in exotic places Pip sought a community life and found it here, in piano, choir, concerts, book club, bridge, crafts and volunteering for nine years at ArtSpring through its early stages of growth. Everywhere she found friends, who responded to her loyal, sunny, modest and generous nature and loved her in return. She was bright and perceptive, with a sense of humour and a trademark sparkle in her eye. She was proud of her children Margie, Bruce and Tanya and three grandkids Mitchell, Spencer and Max, who inherited her love of travel and experiencing new places and cultures.



From the time she was diagnosed, Pip never lost her determination to live; through a multitude of debilitating treatments she kept her smile and her positive outlook. Our thanks go out to all those who supported her: our superb family doctors David Woodley and Magda Leon, their staff and all the caring people at Lady Minto Hospital; Drs. Adrian Yee and Elaine Wai and the cancer teams at Royal Jubilee in Victoria and the Krall Centre in Vancouver General, who did their best with their science to stay ahead of the progress of her disease; Drs. Clarkson and Stone, the orthopaedic surgeons who kept her on her feet in her last year; the Salt Spring Home Care people; the Salt Spring Hospice volunteers who helped keep vigil in her last days; and all the good friends who supported her and us with their visits, prayers, gifts and love. Pip may have left us bodily, but her undying spirit lives in all our hearts.

There will be a musical celebration in honour of Pip at All Saints Anglican Church, Ganges on Sunday, October 26, at 4:00 pm, with a reception afterward. All who knew her are welcome. If you wish to make a gift in remembrance of her, please contribute to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, ArtSpring or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

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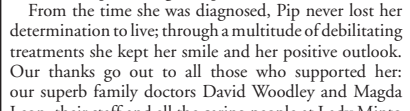
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**This Week's Horoscope**

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**Tip of the Week:**

The New Moon Solar Eclipse in Scorpio occurs on October 23 at 2:57 pm PDT. Of particular interest is the fact that the Sun and Moon are at 0 degrees Scorpio and that Venus shares the exact degree, thus a triple conjunction. Taken as a whole, the Solar Eclipse chart is packed with power and intrigue.

Mars and Pluto, which together rule Scorpio, both occupy potent positions adding to the overall tenor. Altogether, the chart indicates both an expansive theme that arouses a lot of attention and large scale events that will produce some sudden major shifts, changes and, since the focus includes Scorpio, endings. Amidst an already wide array of world changing events, this will synchronize with more to add to the long list. But these will occur on more individual/personal levels as well.

A Solar Eclipse is the truer 'Super Moon'. While the spectacle of the Moon appearing large in the sky due to its close proximity to Earth and due to it hovering close to the horizon is pretty awesome, it is the phenomenon of eclipses which hold true power from the perspectives of Astrology. The effects are powerful and large especially to those who have planets at or close to the degree which in this case is zero degrees. Thus people with planets or angles anywhere from 25 to 5 degrees of any sign will especially feel the effects, but the closer the aspect the bigger the effect.

The effects are usually life changing in a powerful way and the influences linger until the next solar eclipse which will occur in about six months.

Read all about it in my New Moon Newsletter which you can subscribe to if you have not already on my website. www.sunstarastrology.com

**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 20)** A journey into the deeper reaches of creating relationship harmony has begun. This is not stage one of this current process; more like stage ten. However, this is where the plot really begins to thicken. Your willingness is your first key to success here, following through by accessing helpful resources is the second and showing-up is the third.  
**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 21)** A powerful shift in your relationship world is being activated now. It will prove inspiring and stir your ambitions. However, some caution is advised as not everyone or all offers presented may be as genuine and sincere as they seem. This is a call for discernment. With a bit of weeding, you should come away with a bouquet of flowers.  
**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** Some noticeable shifts and changes in your overall lifestyle rhythm are rolling-in now. This is simply the next wave in a long sequence. Yet, it is one of the final phase of a larger cycle. Out with the old and in with the new is a core theme. A weave or art and culture and possibly travel too is also likely.  
**Cancer (Jun 21 - Jul 22)** Circumstances of late are moving you to focus on new plans and creative designs for the sake of your future. You are willing to work hard and do what is required to succeed. Thinking twice and carefully considering the results of your actions is extra important to you now. Negotiation with family members and other significant players is likely.  
**Leo (Jul 22 - Aug 23)** Some powerful energies and cycles of change are gestating close to home. Despite an expansive urge to expand your scope of vision and influence, you may first have to contend with matters close to home. These may simply require a thorough cleaning, clearing and organization process. However, they may also stir fears. Find reason to be inspired and vote for yourself.  
**Virgo (Aug 23 - Sep 22)** A busy, dynamic cycle is being seeded at this New Moon. It will activate your ambitions. Yet, to succeed you may have to dig deep again to access your hidden reserves and wellspring of faith and confidence. While study and learning is featured, this cycle refers more to dynamic action. Networking and communications with other key players is implied.

**Libra (Sep 22 - Oct 22)** Stimulating your financial flow and others sources of income is a central theme now and over the coming weeks. What are your best skills and talents? You will also feel moved to access the same in others who have the resources and leverage you need. A diplomatic negotiation process is implied; one that requires you to initiate the process.  
**Scorpio (Oct 22 - Nov 21)** This New Moon in your sign will activate an important new beginning in your life. You will feel moved and inspired to take pioneering initiatives. At least your usual mode of self-expression will carry an extra measure of passion and purpose. Coupled with the fact that this is an expansive time in your public and professional life, intend to make the most of it.  
**Sagittarius (Nov 21 - Dec 21)** You have endured a lot over the past few years. Much of once was has been dissolved, removed, wiped out. At best you have cleared the clutter and brought closure to a major phase in your life. Although this process will end soon, it is not over yet. Now it is important that you persevere faithfully. Like running a long race, maintain your pace through the finish line.  
**Capricorn (Dec 21 - Jan 19)** Your ambitions are running high. What you are focused upon depends on your situation. To succeed you may need to draw upon the talents, skills and resources of others. Achieving mutual satisfaction and success is ever the challenge and is true for you now. Work diligently to achieve this win/win balance and your success will be both material and spiritual.  
**Aquarius (Jan 19 - Feb 19)** A big activation of your public and professional sphere is getting a boost now. It will synchronize with the acquisition of new skills and tools for practical use. However, success may be determined by your ability to adjust your perspective and attitude to outer realities and circumstances. Above all, focus to increase your exposure.  
**Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20)** A widening of your perspective, philosophy and vision has begun. It will lead you to see yourself and the world and in the world in new ways over the coming weeks and months. Trust what is no longer working. Focus on where the actual openings are obvious. Yet, do your homework and research to decipher new prospects and possibilities.

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## Islands Trust - Local Trustees



## Notice of Election by Voting | 2014 General Local Election

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### Galiano Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
AGES	Dave	391 Cain Road, Galiano Island, BC
HARRIS	George Robert	520 Cameron Lane, Galiano Island, BC
POTLIE	Sandy	5630 Porlier Pass Road, Galiano Island, BC

### Mayne Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
CRUMBLEHULME	Brian	639 Horton Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC
DODDS	Jeanine Gay	720 Simpson Road, Mayne Island, BC
MAUDE	David P.	484 Cherry Tree Bay Road, Mayne Island, BC

### North Pender Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
BARBER	Dianne Beverly	37158 Schooner Way, North Pender Island, BC
HANCOCK	Ken	6610 Harbour Hill Drive, North Pender Island, BC
MASSELINK	Derek	4316 Clam Bay Road, North Pender Island, BC (Bright Future Party)
STEEVES	Gary	2702 Yawl Lane, North Pender Island, BC

### Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
GRAMS	George Frederick	890 Walkers Hook Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
GRIMES	Christine	544 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
GROVE	Peter Frederick	110 Ensilwood Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
MacDONALD	Vincent	1325A Sunset Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC

### Saturna Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected:

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
BRENT	Paul Sheldon	116 Winter Cove Road, Saturna Island, BC
JANSZEN	Pamela Joy	251 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC
MIDDLETON	Lee Robert	425 East Point Road, Saturna Island, BC

### South Pender Island Local Trust Area - Two Trustees to be Elected

Surname	Given Name(s)	Residential Address
JONES	Mike	7048 Wallace Drive, Brentwood Bay, BC
McCONCHIE	Bruce Michael	8806 Canal Road, South Pender Island, BC
SCHOLEFIELD	Wendy Alison	9944 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island, BC
THORN	Cameron Allan	209-2468 Bayswater Street, Vancouver, BC and 9884 Castle Road, South Pender Island, BC

The following constitutes the designated island trust areas for the purpose of electing Local Trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area** - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lot 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area** - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson. **North Pender Island Local Trust Area** - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area** - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Burial Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area** - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Island Local Trust Area** - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

### Voting Opportunities

Voting places will be open from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014** to qualified electors of the Capital Regional District at:

#### Salt Spring Island

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Elementary School (Gym), 203 South Ridge Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., Richmond, BC
- Piers Island Fire Hall, Piers Island, BC

#### Southern Gulf Islands

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Saturna Recreation Centre, 140 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC
- Richmond Secondary School, 7171 Minoru Blvd., Richmond, BC

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#### Salt Spring Island

- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Mary Winspear Centre, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney, BC

#### Southern Gulf Islands

- Agricultural Hall, 430 Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, BC
- Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
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**Mail Ballot Voting** is now available to electors who:

- have a physical disability, illness or injury that affects their ability to vote at another voting opportunity, or
- expect to be absent from the regional district on general voting day (Saturday, November 15, 2014) and at the times of all advance voting opportunities (Wednesday, November 5 and 12, 2014).

You must be a **qualified Resident or Non-Resident property elector** to vote.

**To Register To Vote By Mail**, eligible electors who meet the criteria must submit a **completed application form** in advance of general voting day, November 15, 2014. Application forms are available on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot](http://www.crd.bc.ca/mailballot). Completed application forms may be submitted via email, mail, in person or via fax at the following contact information listed below:

Capital Regional District, Legislative & Information Services  
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**Phone: 250.360.3129 | Toll free: 1.800.663.4425 local 3129**  
**Fax: 250.360.3130 | Email: [legserv@crd.bc.ca](mailto:legserv@crd.bc.ca)**

If you are not on the Provincial Resident Elector List or the CRD Non-Resident Property List of Electors, you may now register at the time of filling in your ballot. If you wish to confirm that your name is on the List of Electors, please call the number listed above.

After receiving a mail ballot application, the CRD will send out the applicable mail ballot package commencing on or about Monday, October 27, 2014 for the following:

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- Islands Trust Local Area Trustee
- School Trustee
- Assent Voting for Salt Spring Island Transportation
- Assent Voting for Galiano Health Care Centre

If we receive your application after November 3, 2014, and time does not permit mailing, you should arrange to pick up a package from the CRD, Legislative & Information Services, at the address listed above. To be counted for the election or assent voting, your mail ballot **must** be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8 pm on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at address listed above. It is the obligation of the person applying to vote by mail ballot to ensure that the mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer within this time limit.

### Elector Qualifications

**Resident Elector** - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature).

**Non-Resident Property Elector** - If you are 18 years or older on voting day (Nov. 15, 2014), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the jurisdiction for the past 30 days, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you:

- have registered on or before Sept. 23, 2014, or
- apply at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of application:
  - a **recent** title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of **all** of the registered owners,
  - 2 pieces of identification proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and,
  - in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners (including the person registering) designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property (**original signatures only; facsimiles of signatures not acceptable**).

A copy of the consent form may be downloaded from: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting/elector-qualifications-registration>

The following are acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity:

- BC driver's licence
- BC ID card issued by the Motor Vehicle Branch
- BC CareCard or Gold CareCard
- Request for Continued Assistance form SDES8
- Social Insurance Card (Canada)
- Citizenship Card (Canada)
- Real property tax notice (municipal or rural)
- Credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution
- Utility bill

### Please Note:

- Only **one** Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property, regardless of how many owners there may be. Further, you may vote for only **one** property, no matter how many properties you own within the jurisdiction.
- You may register on voting day if you meet the qualifications set out above. If you are already registered as a Non-Resident Property Elector, **and** provided that you still meet all of the requirements of the *Local Government Act* in order to be registered under this category, you are not required to re-register in order to vote.
- No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote. Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.
- Automated vote counting machines will be used for the Salt Spring Island vote.

For questions regarding voting and voter registration call the Capital Regional District @ 250.360.3129 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3129, or Mr. Tom Moore @ 250.472.0059.

Dated this 22nd day of October, 2014

Thomas F. Moore  
Chief Election Officer

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**SOCCER**

## 'Squeaky bum time' for the Old Boys

Salt Spring FC draws again

**BY SEAN MCINTYRE**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Old Boys snagged a fifth-consecutive victory in a hotly contested Sunday morning match-up against visitors from Juan de Fuca.

With several early opportunities called back by offside decisions, the Old Boys' fans expressed confidence from the sidelines.

Fans found reason to celebrate midway through the first, when Martin Thorn's through pass, intentionally-or-not dummed by Mike McCormick, allowed Dave Toynbee to stride on goal and put a well-placed shot in the bottom corner for a 1-0 lead, according to team spokesperson Fraser Hope.

A second goal followed swiftly with a fine individual effort by Mark Aston, who dispossessed a defender before hitting a powerful rising shot that the keeper was

unable to stop. McCormick grew the lead to 3-0 by converting a Dave Eadie pass, pivoting and shooting from about 20 metres out.

Jimmy Weatherspoon, keen to preserve Dennis Shaw's shutout streak, faced an early barrage with confidence until a Juan de Fuca sniper snuck through the Old Boys' backfield.

With hometown fans anticipating a Southampton score, Hope added, Andrew Haigh drew a foul deep inside Juan de Fuca's zone.

"Haigh immediately substituted himself to the bench," Hope said. "McCormick's tentative shot was well saved by the Juan de Fuca keeper. Haigh, when asked why he did not take the penalty himself, replied: 'I did not want to do what [McCormick] did.'"

Substitutions punctuated the second half as coach Danica Lundy distributed playing time evenly across an eager bench of Old Boys subs.

"Ben 'squeaky and deaky' Cooper went on a mazy run, crossing into the Juan de Fuca box for several 'invisible' assists from Haigh, Thorn and Mike Berendt before Cooper collected the final bounce and scored off his own cross," Hope reported. "Old Boys continued to attack with fine efforts from Doug Fraser and a give-and-go move from Aston and McCormick, which was turned on to the post by the keeper."

Disaster reared its head in the form of a valiant Juan de Fuca surge to bring the visitors within a goal of tying the match.

"Tensions rose on the bench and

amongst the spectators as a scenario familiar to many appeared a possibility. Juan de Fuca piled on the pressure, seeking an equalizing goal," he said.

Juan de Fuca nearly stained the Old Boys' pristine season with a shot off the crossbar in the game's final minutes.

"There is talk of Mouat's Trading dedicating places on the bench for the many substitutes who turn up for home games, such is the competition," Hope added.

The Old Boys' next match is against Cordova Bay on Sunday, Oct. 26 at GISS. Kickoff is at 10:30 a.m.

**Salt Spring FC ties again**

William George and Aaron Sedlbauer provided Salt Spring FC all the offence needed for the team's fourth draw of the season.

The 2-2 result gives Salt Spring FC (1-0-4) seven points and a fifth-place rank in the Vancouver Island Soccer League's Division 3A. Salt Spring's Jason Moulton was named match MVP.

The team's latest result comes one week after FC played to a 1-1 tie against Bays United on Thanksgiving weekend. FC's next game is away against the winless Vic West Wolves (0-5-0) on Sunday, Oct. 26 at 2:15 p.m.

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Results from Salt Spring United O30B's Sunday match against Lakehill were not available by press time. The women host Cowichan at GISS on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

**ON IT:** GISS Scorpions senior boys soccer team player Kai Kikuchi gets the ball in a recent home game. His team next plays Thursday in a playoff match after school. Spectators are welcomed.

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**YOUTH SOCCER**

## U14 earns shut out

Salt Spring has golden day in Sooke

**BY MARKUS WENZEL**  
SOCCER DAD

A surprisingly sunny Sooke Saturday saw Salt Spring's U14 silver squad take on an undefeated Sooke side in boys' soccer over the weekend.

Coach Sean Norgard ran the boys through a shortened warm-up session, preparing for what would be a tough game against opponents who, on average, appeared about three inches taller and 10 pounds heavier than our boys.

The first 10 minutes were played largely in the midfield, with Salt Spring using short, efficient passing to hold about 60 per cent of the early possession. Sooke preferred a kick-and-run game, sending their lumbering forwards on the occasional breakaway, but consistently stymied by sweeper Noah Hart. About 15 minutes in, Salt Spring struck first, as Logan Wenzel took a nice shot from about 10 yards, finding the top corner. Hart added to the lead in the 20th minute on a kick from the corner that was bobbled by the Sooke keeper, and fell across the goal line. Sooke rallied for a few chances late in the first half, but none that could elude the keen senses and big hands of keeper Isaac Gaines.

The Sooke squad looked to score early in the second, applying more pressure. Colton Archer, who mesmerized the opposition with his footwork the entire game, took credit for Salt Spring's third goal, which deflected in off a defender's attempt to head it out of danger. As Sooke was slowly losing hope of a comeback, Davis Cooper-Smith buried the team's fourth goal off a great outside run by Hart.

Davin Norgard scored the fifth off a great run through the middle and then found the top of the net, and Wenzel iced the game with the 6-0 goal on a hard shot from the 18-yard line.



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