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**SILENT WITNESS:** A red dress hangs from a tree in Centennial Park last Thursday, one of several placed there to honour REDress day. Held across Canada, the day uses red dresses to draw attention to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women.

## ELECTIONS

# First polls for local election open today

Islands Trust and CRD candidates at meeting

The countdown for local government elections is on, with the first of two advance polls open today (Oct. 10).

Qualified Salt Spring voters can vote at either Community Gospel Chapel or the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and next Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Regular election voting day is Saturday, Oct. 20, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. On-island polls will be at Community Gospel Chapel, Fulford Hall seniors annex and the library. A poll is also open at Richmond Secondary School.

People do not have to own property on Salt Spring to vote, and non-resident property owners may qualify to vote as a non-resident property elector (with one vote allowed per property).

The requirements for resident voters are: People must be 18 years or older on Oct. 20, 2018, a Canadian citizen, have resided in B.C. for six months and on Salt Spring for 30 days.

All resident voters should bring identification that proves their residency, such as a driver's licence, BC ID card or CareCard, utility bill, credit card bill or property tax notice, for example.

Voter registration can take place at the time of voting.

People may also vote by mail. Details and application forms are available on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca/vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/vote).

An all-candidates meeting co-sponsored by the Driftwood and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce takes place at ArtSpring tonight (Oct. 10) from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Audience member questions will be taken.

The Driftwood has also published answers to four candidate questions in this issue of the paper, beginning on page 17.

## ISLANDS TRUST

# Industrial lands project on tap

Public hearing on controversial issues set for Tuesday

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Members of the public will have their chance to give input on a number of proposed changes to industrial land uses under new "general employment" zoning at a public hearing scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 16.

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee could potentially act on the information received at the hearing during their final LTC meeting of the governance term on

Oct. 18, with strong motivation to complete work on a project that has been in the works for six years.

But some members of the public are concerned about the apparent end-rush to a long and complicated process. They feel there was little notification given to residents or time to learn about the potential impacts of a new series of amendments made to the bylaws on Aug. 16 that included a number of potential "upzonings."

"I don't go to Trust meetings as a matter

of course, so I had no idea this was happening," Greg Slakov said on Monday.

Slakov lives near 251 Fulford-Ganges Road, a property that could receive new legal uses favouring the Salt Spring Metal Recycling business.

"I can understand wanting to get it done quickly, but I don't think that overrides our right to be informed of zoning that will change things for us," he said.

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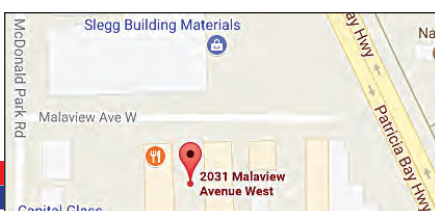
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# Expanded uses create problems

## INDUSTRIAL LANDS

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Under a project meant to ensure adequate supply of industrial lands, the owners of properties where industrial uses are taking place have been invited to maximize their potential and legalize certain activities if they are not already zoned for them. After a public hearing in February generated considerable pushback from industrial property owners who would be affected by the changes, another round of consultation resulted in a series of requests, which the LTC decided to incorporate in order to hear public feedback.

While all the properties were slated for rezoning under new "general employment" categories, a few had new uses added to the bylaws for the first time in August. Some affected parties only learned about the changes after notices for the Oct. 16 public hearing were published.

Slakov said his front door is around 105 metres away from a Salt Spring Metal Recycling car crushing bin, and he estimates 25 residential properties are located within 200 metres of the business. Prior to August, proposed rezoning of the site from Industrial 1 to GE 1 would have carried the same restrictions. The new variant as of August would make all current uses compliant. Permitted uses would include vehicle and other metal dismantling and

recycling, a laundromat, and storage of up to eight derelict vehicles.

Staff have recommended against the zoning upgrade, noting in the Aug. 16 staff report the business did not appear compatible with the surrounding neighbourhood and had generated abundant bylaw enforcement complaints.

Neighbours Karen and Walt Madro are among those who have made complaints in the past, and are disturbed to not receive direct notification of proposed zoning changes now.

"We've been trying to work constructively with the Trust and bylaw enforcement for three years, since April 2015, and to not be included in any of this is beyond frustrating," said Walt Madro.

Keith Ballantyne, who lives across the road behind Bishop's Walk, has also made multiple complaints about noise. After hearing about the new rezoning proposal from a friend last week, he circulated a petition in the immediate neighbourhood. As of Tuesday he had approximately 30 signatures.

Staff's recommendation for a more cautious approach to the overall project timeline received support at the Sept. 27 LTC meeting from trustee Peter Grove, who argued in favour of scheduling the public hearing after the Oct. 20 election. In contrast, LTC chair Peter Luckham and Salt Spring trustee George Grams argued the importance of moving ahead with the project.

"This Local Trust Committee has spent two terms considering this legislation. Not to conclude it this term would be an injustice, and to pass this on to new trustees, potentially new trustees — it's an enormous piece of work," Grams said. "The public hearing should take place this term, without any question. That

doesn't mean changes can't be made subsequently."

Grove has also re-assured residents that having the public hearing "does not mean the bylaw will move ahead as presented and/or that it will be passed at the last LTC of this term on Oct. 18."

## Other expanded uses

Another major change to the project since the last public hearing is the inclusion of 124 Lee Rd. under the Community Facility 2 zone to permit the existing waste transfer station, as per a long-standing request from owners Laurie and Nancy Hedger. The facility has operated under a CRD waste transfer licence for the past 15 years.

The LTC has also made amendments to permit expanded uses and/or legalize existing uses at the following properties:

115 Desmond Cres - outdoor storage of vehicles; 156 Alders - outdoor storage of vehicles; 340 Lower Ganges Road - carwash, laundromat and pet washing facilities; 331 Upper Ganges Road - commercial truck storage, bulk fuel storage, construction aggregate, and heavy equipment; 181 Beddis Road - outdoor storage of derelict vehicles, storage of waste materials, and outdoor storage of goods and vehicles; 225 Beddis Road - commercial truck storage, bulk fuel storage, construction aggregate, and heavy equipment; 1415 Fulford-Ganges Road - bulk fuel storage, vehicle dismantling and commercial truck storage.

A community information meeting where staff will outline the changes and take questions will take place at Meaden Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. on Oct. 16. The public hearing portion follows at 7:30 p.m.

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## SD64

# District enrolment sees drop

Lack of housing  
suspected factor

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Gulf Islands School District seems to be among those feeling the effects of the ongoing housing crisis this year.

As of Sept. 30 the total number of students enrolled in the district was 1,733, which is down 36 students, or two per cent, from last year.

"We don't have any quantitative data around the impact, nor do we have any information that really tells us why when we think people are going to be in our schools that they're not," said Linda Underwood, director of instruction in human resources at the school district. "Of course we know that one of the things that is impacting people's ability to be on the Gulf Islands is housing, so we have to suppose then that some of what we're seeing is the impact of not being able to stay. That's both for families and employees."

Underwood said there have been times when the school district has hired teachers or auxiliary staff who have had to turn down the jobs due to insufficient housing.

"Last year, two teachers-on-call said the reason for their inability to be available was that they had to go elsewhere to find housing," she said.

The impact has also been felt in the schools. Salt Spring Elementary School principal Shelly Johnson said that one family who was planning to move to Salt Spring from Saskatchewan had enrolled in the school but had to back out when they were unable to find anywhere to live.

"It's a story that we've heard many times over," said Johnson. "For the kids who aren't sure about their housing situation, it causes them to worry and it gives them anxiety. It affects their ability to learn if they're worried about whether or not they are going to be able to keep their rental or if they are going to be able to find a place to live."

When families move away from the island, it also affects the funding allocated to the school district. Provincial government funding is determined directly as a result of enrolment, and when those figures are down, the school receives less money.

The district has been working with other organizations to help mitigate the crisis. While in the distant past, school districts have provided

housing for their teachers and staff, the funding for such a project is simply not available. The Gulf Islands School District has provided some property for a project on Drake Road in conjunction with the Capital Regional District, but that project has stalled due to a lack of available water.

Rod Scotvold, secretary treasurer for the district, said that the district's priority needs to be on the classroom.

"Part of the challenge is that you have to decide what business you're in. Are we in the business of providing accommodation and housing or are we in the business of providing education?"

While housing for working families is in the best interest of the school district — more children enrolled in the schools means more funding for the district — projects that do not specifically benefit students in the classroom are difficult for the district to achieve.

"Even to get [the Drake Road] project approved . . . took over 10 years of work to make that happen," Scotvold said. "When the project gets under the auspices of an organization that can do something about it, and then it's restricted by the water shortage, it's quite frustrating."

# NEWSBEAT

## Heads up!

### LTC Industrial Project - Meeting & Hearing

Tuesday, OCTOBER 16

Meaden Hall, 5 to 7 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

## ENVIRONMENT

# Conservancy celebrates four years at Blackburn Lake

Wetlands restoration project ongoing

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In the past four years, the land around Blackburn Lake has transformed from a manicured golf course into a growing wetlands nature reserve.

Since acquiring the property in 2013, the Salt Spring Island Conservancy has been working to put approximately 110 acres of Cusheon Lake watershed land into conservation.

"The wetlands were the key priority in terms of restoration, particularly those around the lake," said Christine Torggrimson, executive director of the conservancy, during a recent public tour of the site. "It's always been our hope that by restoring more of those wetter areas and removing some of the old drainage lines that we would increase water quality by creating wetter areas to filter out residue that comes from erosion on the land."

In 1881, the land was used for farming. For approximately 100 years, potatoes grew in the fields around the lake. In the 1990s, the land was turned into a golf course and became one of the most disturbed places on the island. After financial issues caused the course to shut down, and due to the fact that all densities had been stripped off the land, it came into the possession of the conser-

vancy in 2013. The restoration project began in 2014 with a focus on restoring the wetland and removing the golf infrastructure.

Around 70 per cent of the water that ends up in Cusheon Lake has to go through the Blackburn Lake wetland, according to the 2007 Cusheon Lake Watershed Management Plan. Part of the conservation work has been to restore the natural filtration that occurs in wetlands, and to reduce the amount of sediment that ends up in the lake.

During its time as a golf course, most of that water ran underground through plastic pipes and drainage systems. The drainage material was removed by digging through the old fairways with heavy machinery. Old slopes had to be re-contoured, and boulders and logs were added to the area to help rebuild the wetland.

"They altered the drainage of the land so that it would function as a golf course, but that may not be the best thing for the lake or the watershed," Torggrimson said. "Some of the work in this process would be to reclaim the greens, as well as to create wetlands and to remove all drainage systems."

Walkers can still see the remnants of the old golf course. The Hole #2 sign still hangs above a bench along the trail, with a par of 4 on a 216-yard fairway. The hole is nowhere to be seen, however, except for the barren area that was once a green. Not many plants grow on the old golf greens, and the line between fairway and green is

marked by an abrupt change in plant life.

While conservation work is primarily undertaken to restore the natural state of the land, determining where to draw that line can be difficult.

"A lot of the planet has been changed by human beings over centuries. I'm not sure that we're ever going to return everything to what it originally was," Torggrimson said. "We're just going to do our best to embellish the wildlife habitat, support good water quality and have a nature reserve that we can cost-effectively manage over the long term."

Since the work began, the conservancy has noticed an increase in the biodiversity around the wetland.

"It's typical for areas near water bodies and with wetlands to be higher areas of more dense biodiversity," Torggrimson said. "In fact, we know that the red-legged frogs are coming over into the wetlands. We also think that there are more bat species in the area. As the vegetation grows up there are more spaces for bird habitat, for nesting, perching and feeding."

While restoration work is never finished, Torggrimson sees a few more projects in the short-term future. Some bridges need to be restored on the property, and this summer's drought has had a drastic effect on the cedar trees.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the conservancy is invited to call the office at 250-538-0318 to discuss upcoming opportunities.



PHOTO BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

Visitors tour the recently restored wetlands at the Salt Spring Conservancy's Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve in September.

## BC FERRIES

# Mechanical issues cancel Raven's Monday night sailings

Wednesday fueling schedule goes into effect today

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People travelling from Long Harbour to Tsawwassen had to spend more time on Salt Spring than they expected on Thanksgiving Monday, after sailings on the Salish Raven were cancelled due to a mechanical issue.

The year-old ferry had a problem with one of its right angle drive units, which transfer power from a horizontal driveshaft down toward the propellers. The cancellation left

multiple people stranded on Salt Spring for the night, according to the BC Ferries Twitter feed.

The Raven is not regularly scheduled for the route, and was acting as a supplemental vessel for the long weekend.

BC Ferries spokesman Darin Guenette said that "these things can happen whether it's new, 20 years old or 40 years old. The first priority is always to troubleshoot and get it repaired as quickly as possible."

The 6:55 p.m. sailing from Long Harbour was cancelled, as well as the 7:55 p.m. sailing from Sturdies Bay on Galiano. Other ships in the area helped cover the stops that would have been serviced by the Raven.

The Salish-class boats have had mechanical issues early in their deployments, with the Raven suffering a generator and engine issue in September 2017, and the Eagle being plagued with elevator problems.

"We don't like to see it happen with any ship," Guenette said. "I know that people see it and think that since the ship is brand new, there should be no glitches at all. It happens anytime in a ship's life ... Our engineers are pretty good at troubleshooting, so I suspect that they'll figure this out shortly."

Passengers travelling Wednesday evenings on the Tsawwassen-Gulf Islands routes will also face a number of scheduling changes

starting today (Oct. 10) due to a fueling change with the Salish Eagle. The 8:40 p.m. sailing from Sturdies Bay will now depart at 8:20 p.m. bound for Village Bay. The vessel will then depart Village Bay at 8:55 p.m. bound for Otter Bay, leaving Otter Bay at 9:35 p.m. bound for Swartz Bay.

People departing from Tsawwassen destined for Long Harbour will transfer onto the Queen of Cumberland at Sturdies Bay. Those departing from Village Bay destined for Long Harbour will not be able to make this connection.

Customers destined for Otter Bay (Pender Island) will not transfer at Sturdies Bay, and instead will remain on the Salish-class vessel.

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MATERNITY CARE

# Sustainable midwifery needs support

Proposal sent to B.C. health ministry

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
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Salt Spring Island is one of just a handful of rural communities around British Columbia that can offer local maternity services to women without having immediate access to Caesarian sections.

Local maternal care — encompassing pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum care — is available because there is a strong midwifery tradition on the island and necessary support from other health professionals. With just one practising midwife, though, and a raft of problems that make a practice exceptionally challenging to sustain, there is a risk that local service may not be available in the future unless there are significant changes made.

"It's a vulnerable service when you're relying on one practitioner," said midwife Erin Price, who took on the Salt Spring Midwifery practice after Maggie Ramsey retired following decades of service.

Price took her first holiday in two years this past summer. As the only midwife in town, she's effectively on duty 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. She keeps office hours for regular, scheduled appointments but can also be up all night attending a birth. Island physicians can help if they are on duty in the emergency room and a situation arises that sends a pregnant woman there. But there is no regular obstetrical service.

As well as her own stress about not having a safety net in place, Price said some of her patients who experienced relying on a locum during her short time off felt uneasy about what might happen in that period.

"And there's just the effect on them when one midwife is run off her feet. That affects the quality of care," Price said.

While the number of centres that offer primary maternal care in B.C. has dropped dramatically over the past couple of decades, there are important health, safety and financial reasons to ensure those left can be maintained. Along with Salt Spring, these are Port McNeill, Hazelton, Haida Gwaii and Invermere.

UBC's Centre for Rural Health Research states, "Ideally, maternity care is provided within an environment that supports operative delivery capability, should it be necessary." When infrastructure does not exist, the centre's research finds it is safer to have primary care services than none at all.

Salt Spring's Jude Kornelsen, who is co-director of the Centre for Rural Health Research with her husband Dr. Stefan Grzybowski, reports that maternity services without access to Caesarian have been found to be as successful as those that do have it, with a few provisions. These are having adequate access to emergency transport should a labouring mother need a higher level of care; cases that are appropriately screened and selected for risk before it's time for delivery; and that local practitioners are well supported by regional centres.

Statistics have shown that having local maternity service in general greatly improves the quality of care for women and their babies. Women who live somewhere with no maternity service have worse outcomes than those who have it, no matter where it is they go. That means higher rates of pre-term births, lower birth weights and an infant mortality rate that's three times higher, Kornelsen said. There's also the considerable cost to families when women have to travel for appointments

and to give birth.

Moreover, Kornelsen believes local maternity care is a fundamental building block of community vibrancy.

"Once you lose local access to maternity care it changes the nature of the community," she said.

A symposium which the Centre for Rural Health Research convened in June brought together key health professionals from the five remaining "1A" communities. Common themes that arose as challenging the sustainability of local midwifery started with the way midwives are remunerated by the Ministry of Health. Ongoing nursing support, including education around vaginal deliveries, was flagged as an important component, and having efficient emergency transportation was a major concern for all areas.

Price has received support from the local health community, who wish to make sure midwifery is sustained. She recently moved to Salt Spring Island Health Centre (the former Kings Lane clinic), which allows her to share an office and reduce her overhead considerably.

Physicians have also helped get the Rural and Remote Division of Family Practice - Salt Spring Chapter and Island Health involved in exploring possible solutions. Together, those bodies have determined that Salt Spring should have 1.5 full-time midwife positions that would be paid by salary through the health authority, rather than the existing fee model. They have submitted a proposal to the Ministry of Health to request this alternative model be approved.

"We've looked into every option, and this 1.5 FTE is the best model we could come up with," explained Dr. Paula Ryan.

"We've been trying really hard to sustain the service and support Erin in the good work she's doing," added chapter coordinator Janine Gowans.

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LIQUID WASTE

# Sewer project meeting goals

Completion in 2019 expected

The Capital Regional District has reported good news for the Ganges Wastewater Infrastructure Renewal Project, confirming in a recent staff report the project is progressing within budget and ahead of schedule.

Additionally, the report concluded that there is sufficient capacity in the system to accommodate growth within the existing service area.

The Ganges sewer system and treatment plant has received only minor upgrades and repairs/replacements since construction in the early 1980s.

"The current upgrade work is required as much of the original 40-year-old equipment in the plant has reached the end of its design life and needs to be replaced in order to maintain the high level of treatment that the plant has been providing," a CRD press release explains.

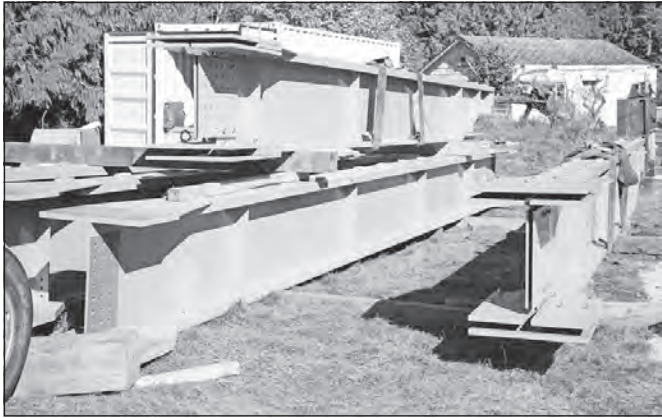
Sewer customers voted in favour of borrowing up to \$3.9 million to fund the project in a referendum held in 2015.

To date, replacement of the fine screen and pumps, installation of a new sludge thickening system, cleaning and upgrading of instruments in the equalization and membrane storage tanks, and replacement of the standby emergency generator have all been completed.

The motor control centre and upgrades to Harbour House and Manson pump stations will be completed later this year. Further upgrades will be made to the collection sewers in 2019 to reduce inflow and infiltration. Project completion is scheduled for summer 2019.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

# Fulford Creek gets stronger bridge



PHOTOS BY MARC KITTERINGHAM

At left, treated steel beams to be used in a new bridge across Fulford Creek on land owned by Michael Bapty, above, who points out rust on the underside of the old bridge.

Steel beams should last at least 75 years

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A 65-year-old bridge is being replaced on the south end of the island near Fulford Hall, since the current structure is unsafe for continued use.

Michael Bapty is replacing the bridge, which has been in place since 1952, because the pillars holding up the structure have become so waterlogged that it is unsafe to cross. Bapty purchased the property at 2611 Fulford-Ganges Rd. in 2017. The metal beams of the bridge have also rusted in the years of rain.

"If you look up the creek, there are all kinds of windfalls and whatnot," Bapty said. "With winter storms coming and high tides — the creek has about five

feet of water in it at high tide — one of those things is going to break up, come loose and knock out the whole bridge."

The new structure will be much stronger than the current wooden bridge. Sourced from Edmonton, the beams are made of doubly treated steel with a chemical base coat that is covered in a two-part epoxy colour coat, Bapty explained. The new structure will be sitting on pipes that will be cemented to the bedrock below.

"This is the kids' heritage right here. The structural engineer looked at the design and said 'I have to recommend that you inspect it after 50 years, but you absolutely have to inspect it after 75 years,'" Bapty said.

By comparison, the old bridge has been rebuilt three times since the original was completed in 1952. In those

days, building a bridge was a much cheaper endeavour. Wood was inexpensive and so was labour. The deck of the old bridge is made up of 2x4 boards that are laid on end crossing the whole expanse. In the permit application, Bapty explained that the bridge required a major maintenance program every 20 years.

In 1996, the bridge collapsed as a fire truck was driving across it. The incident prompted a rebuild, but since then there has not been any work done on the structure.

The construction process involves building the new bridge over top of the old one and lifting it eight feet into the air.

"Then from the bottom of the new one we're going to take off the top four feet of the old one and bring all of that up. Then

we're going to gently lower the new one into position on the old one," Bapty said.

Heavy frames will be placed on the concrete abutments with reinforcement jacks that will carry the load of the bridge. When the new deck is lowered, it will be placed on the reinforced pillars. Though the bridge is privately owned and will only have slow-moving cars crossing it, it has been designed for much more than that.

Permits for the bridge were approved by the Local Trust Committee on Aug. 16. For the project to go ahead, approval was needed through the Water Sustainability Act to be able to do in-stream work. The project was granted a one-month window that ended on Sept. 15 to do the work. Bapty said that timeline was met.

INFRASTRUCTURE

## Road repair almost done

Walkers Hook Road should re-open this fall

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Drivers can expect to use Walkers Hook Road sometime this year as major road repair work and adjacent shoreline reinforcement wraps up for the season.

The road has been closed to all but local traffic ever since a slide took three sections of embankment in the 600 and 700 blocks on Jan. 29.

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure reports that crews are continuing to address slide areas and are reinforcing the banks against erosion to help prevent future wash-outs from occurring. The project was started in August.

"The ministry is optimistic that the road will be re-opened sometime in the fall and thanks drivers and local residents for their ongoing patience and understanding," states a ministry spokesperson.

Eric van Soeren lives just north of the slide area and said he is pleased to see the extent of the repair work.

"It's taken an awful long time to get it done, but it looks like the repairs they're doing will last this time. I think they're going to work properly," he said.

Van Soeren said previous wash-

outs were addressed with patchwork, but the road continued to fail since it was built over sand and clay. The current project involved digging to a deeper level and rebuilding the road base with large rocks.

Two areas have now been largely addressed and a third will be repaired once weather conditions change again next year. The entire project is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2019.

The change to traffic use has meant a route adjustment for Salt Spring Transit as well as longer travel times for residents. Van Soeren said having to drive to Maliview in order to get to town adds from five to 10 minutes per trip.

That's not so much a problem as emergency situations, though. Storms and power outages can mean that island traffic arteries like North End Road get closed. In one such situation this year, van Soeren had to drive via Vesuvius and Southey Point to get home.

That's one reason he does not favour a permanent road closure, as some residents who have been enjoying the quiet have called for.

"For a safety point of view, it would be really bad if the north end was cut off," he said. "I'm not for a full closure because it makes us really vulnerable when trees and lines are down, which happens a lot in winter."

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# OPINION



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**EDITORIAL**

## Waste in haste

**F**or Salt Spring's Local Trust Committee and Trust staff, the long road to secure industrial land-use for the island was paved with good intentions.

But the multi-year project has so far served mainly to infuriate and confuse those who own such properties in the first place, and their neighbours in the second.

The LTC's latest action on a file that has stretched over most of two terms was to schedule a public hearing just days before the Oct. 20 election. The current slate of officials could conceivably make a decision on the transition of industrial-zoned properties to new general employment categories at their final meeting on Oct. 18.

**THE ISSUE:**  
 Trust's Industrial Lands Project

**WE SAY:**  
 Proposed timeline unfair to residents

Surely it was not the LTC's intention to sneak major upzonings past the public, but that's exactly what it looks like to some residents.

The trustees' wish to bring the project to closure and save the next LTC from having to wade

through six years of staff reports, meeting materials and correspondence is to their credit. So is their desire to bring an important piece of business to a close. But trying to make all parties happy in the short time left in the term has inexorably led to the Trust office shooting itself in the foot.

The LTC seemed to make the right call earlier this year when it voted to spend more time consulting with industrial land owners. That produced several requests to legalize non-compliant activities and the introduction of some new uses. The problem is that including those requests into one suite of bylaw amendments resulted in a complicated omnibus document. On top of this, the LTC vowed to leave it to the public to say what should pass — but decided against direct notification of affected property owners. Residents may remember, if they were not on vacation, that the Driftwood reported this in a story in one of our summer issues.

The LTC needs to slow down now and make sure everyone has the chance to review all the material carefully before it goes ahead — even though such a step could extend the project well into the next term or derail it completely. Due process and public trust require this.



**VIEWPOINT** by Greg and Holly Slakov

## Industrial upzoning process flawed

Since 2015, when Salt Spring Island Metal Recycling moved to the entrance of Ganges at 251 Fulford-Ganges Rd., it has been operating out of compliance with its land zoning.

This business consists primarily of crushing cars and other metal objects into large recycling bins using an excavator bucket. There is a brand new proposed bylaw amendment that will up-zone this property to allow the present car-crushing and derelict vehicle storage in perpetuity. If you think this seems like a bad idea, read on.

The lot has been zoned Industrial 1 (In1) for many years. This zoning allows "collection of recyclable materials, *excluding* (our italics) outdoor sorting and storage." To allow outdoor sorting and storage, the highest level of industrial zoning (In4) must be obtained. Most islanders will know that the crushing is conducted outside. The resulting noise and ground vibration has to be experienced to be appreciated, but the visual impact is apparent for all.

Ideally, this business would be conducted far from any residentially zoned land, but given that it is located prominently in a residential neighbourhood 400 metres from town on the main artery, surely the business should be required to conduct its operations indoors as per its zoning. This would mitigate the horrible noise, and the derelict cars and other unsightly refuse would be removed from plain view. It is disconcerting to note that the Trust planners recommended against the proposed upzoning, yet the Local Trust Committee (LTC) overrode this recommendation.

Since about 2010, there has been a review of our entire industrial land base, with many meetings and requests for

input to help shape the future of industrial zoning on the island. The plan for this lot's zoning has been to merely change its name from In1 to GE1 (General Employment 1). Suddenly, two months ago on Aug. 16, after discussion with the business owner, the LTC proposed upzoning the lot to GE1(e), which states:

"In addition to the principal uses permitted in the GE1 zone the following uses are also permitted: (a) Vehicle and other metal dismantling and recycling (b) Outdoor storage of derelict vehicles (c) Laundromat."

This new zoning will apply to no other property on Salt Spring. None of our group of concerned neighbours was contacted about this drastic change until Sept. 29. We find this lack of consultation and transparency unjust and very upsetting.

Time is short. A community information meeting and a public hearing will be held this Tuesday, Oct. 16 at Meaden Hall (Royal Canadian Legion, downstairs). The information meeting starts at 5 p.m. and the hearing starts at 7:30 p.m.

This hearing is the **very last time** that a member of the public can express their opinion on this matter to the LTC and have it officially heard before this bylaw is passed. Tell the Trust this is not the time for haste; let's take the time to get this right once and for all. You may express your concern by writing to the Local Trust Committee at [ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca), or better yet write your letter and bring it to the Legion on Oct. 16. Thank you for your concern.

*The writers live on Alders Avenue, about 100 meters from the car-crushing site.*

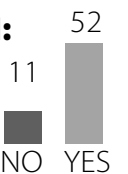
**THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Should the LTC pass its proposed industrial bylaws now?**  Yes  No

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**LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:**

**Does Lady Minto Hospital need a new ER?**



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# ISLAND VOICES

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK:** "I can understand wanting to get it done quickly, but I don't think that overrides our right to be informed of zoning that will change things for us."

GREG SLAKOV, ALDERS AVE. RESIDENT, ON INDUSTRIAL ZONING CHANGES

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**We asked:** What would you like to ask the election candidates?



**CAROLYN EVANS**

*How will they fix the housing crisis, particularly when it comes to Airbnbs?*



**JIM DICKINSON**

*I want to know if the candidates are authentic?*



**DOROTHY PICOTTE**

*How have things been since Salt Spring voted against incorporation?*



**YARROW SHEEHAN**

*What are their solutions to the housing crisis?*



**MARSHA GOLDBERG**

*How are they preparing to make local governance on Salt Spring Island more transparent and accessible to the rest of us?*

## Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to [news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com](mailto:news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com)

### Grow-ops no asset stance supported

Thank you for the opportunity to support Fred and Marianne Hobbs' position regarding grow-ops in their Oct. 3 "No asset" letter.

It is important to note that the grow-op at Cairns Place is on R7-zoned properties.

R7-zoning has a limit of 465 square metres (5,005 square feet) of greenhouse per lot.

The Cairns operation at 16,400 square feet contravenes the allowable greenhouse space on two lots by an additional 63 per cent (6,390 square feet).

Not only do these operations create obnoxious and perhaps unhealthy odours, noise pollution and excessive light, but to allow development that does not conform to the zoning bylaw does not support a "preserve and protect mandate."

In addition, it's possible that neighbouring properties will be devalued because of these operations.

Having already flagrantly ignored the zoning bylaw, according to the Trust's bylaw enforcement offer, the Cairns operation will be applying for a variance permit for the excess greenhouses already constructed. Surely this will not be granted.

It must be time for island-

ers to take a collective position on these and similar developments, which threaten quality of life on Salt Spring.

**NEIL AND PAT MACCONNELL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Climate questions for candidates

The Salt Spring Community Energy Society believes that society at all levels can, and indeed must, accelerate our actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Around the world there is an understanding that we risk catastrophic economic, social and health costs if we do not stop greenhouse warming in

the next 10-20 years. Despite government targets for greenhouse gas reductions, and despite technologies such as electric cars and renewable energy projects like the solar scholarship array on the high school, we are still not moving fast enough to reach a low-carbon sustainable society by 2035.

In the coming elections, there are many important community issues to consider, but climate action is possibly the most important for our's and our children's future. We hope voters will challenge candidates for Islands Trust trustee and CRD director to explain their stands on climate action, and for that purpose we offer these questions:

1) Will you, as a trustee, promote a position of climate action manager for the Islands Trust staff, and will you promote the serious undertaking of policies embodied in the Salt Spring Official Community Plan under heading "A6 Climate Change and Energy Efficiency," instead of ignoring these policies, as has happened since 2009?

2) As a trustee, what changes in land-use decisions will you promote that will help to significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from land use/development on the islands?

3) As a trustee or regional director, will you work tirelessly to promote energy

efficiency, renewable energy incentives and green technology incentives at the regional, provincial and federal levels for the purpose of accelerating greenhouse gas emissions reductions.

4) Should all land use or building developments be required to provide a certified carbon budget for the project?

5) What are your proposals for reducing greenhouse gases from transportation, which represents a major source of greenhouse gases on the Gulf Islands?

**DAVID DENNING,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

# Put aside fear when seeking housing solutions

**BY JASON MOGUS**

Last week the Driftwood published two opinion articles about the housing crisis that I found concerning: "Hard choices lie ahead" by Frants Attorp, and "Bending rules to create housing not an option," by David J. Rapport and Luisa Maffi.

The three authors propagated a number of myths about who is impacted by the crisis, what those working for solutions are proposing and how solutions fits within the mandate of the Islands Trust and the norms and values of our special community.

Whether they intended this or not, I and many others felt their arguments injected needless fear into the community and dampened the newfound sense of hope that working together we can finally and responsibly address the problem.

Let's start with the people we're talking about here. I'm not sure the authors have really felt into who is most impacted by the housing crisis and heard their stories, or really reckoned with the scale of the problem. I've spent the summer with colleagues at community tables listening, reading stories submitted to our website and hearing so many heart-wrenching stories. These are women, seniors who have lived here for 30 years, often post-divorce, sleeping in their cars. These are healthcare workers who have to take fewer shifts due to commuting times from off-island. These are farmers who can't house their workers, and businesses who

have to reduce hours because they can't keep staff. These are teachers who teach our kids and grandchildren and they are families with kids who bounce from rental to rental, often sleeping in tents, cars, hotels and god knows where in the gaps.

We are not talking about the classic definition of "homeless" people and all its perhaps unsavoury connotations here. Yes, we have very high homelessness here but the crisis is 10 times bigger than that. It hits at the very centre of the working and increasingly middle class who live and work alongside each and every one of us. The accusation that the island is being overrun by "itinerant people who come here with no job and no accommodation" is a dog whistle that lacks any data to support it. The only people I see massing on our shores are more millionaires building bigger mansions. "Who is going to sell them their groceries?" is a comment I've heard over and over again this summer.

The second myth is to imply there is a zero sum game between protecting the environment and supporting humans to live well within it. This is an old, tired argument. All five affordable housing projects proposed here have been thoughtfully designed to include world-leading environmental protections from rainwater catchment to conservation measures. More dense housing, in appropriate places, is widely acknowledged around the world to have significantly

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less climate and transportation pollution and resource impact than the rural sprawl we happily support now. Other solutions identified, like eco-village zoning for collective living and farmworker housing, would require farms to maintain strong environmental protections and practices.

Water is indeed the biggest issue on Salt Spring, and creative water solutions and conservation must lie at the core of each and every housing solution proposed. But what about water justice? Why must the entire burden of water conservation be put on any future affordable housing stock? What about conservation for the properties here already or the many new homes being built right now? That's the imbalance the current system supports.

Finally, it is inaccurate to say our laws and policies can't rise to this challenge because Islands Trust's mandate is only to preserve and protect the environment. The Trust in fact has a dual mandate, to protect island ecosystems AND our unique island culture. No one that I know who is looking for housing or working on solutions isn't an environmentalist at heart, and few of us live here without a deep respect for the incredible nature those who came before us so wisely protected.

Adapting our planning guidelines to allow for new ideas that help people while con-

tinuing to protect the environment is very far from the "anarchy" or "throwing existing rules to the wind" the authors threaten will happen with change. The creative solutions we will come up with here will help us live within ecological limits while ensuring a socially connected and fair community that is in fact more resilient in the face of future challenges and change coming our way.

Maybe we can even figure things out here that will be recognized and emulated around the world. Remember when Salt Spring was known big, bold ideas that address the world's biggest problems?

The affordable housing crisis is indeed one of the biggest problems of our times. It wasn't created overnight, nor will it be solved in only a few years. But we are going to solve it, and to do so we need islanders to first believe we can do it. I for one believe a community this wealthy in creativity, compassion, resources and intelligence can do this. But to move forward we need to see the whole picture, move beyond simple black-and-white arguments, drop the fear of change and learn to trust one another.

*The writer is a Salt Spring resident and consultant to advocacy campaigns around the world. He helped co-create [www.SaltSpring-Solutions.com](http://www.SaltSpring-Solutions.com) to work with others in addressing affordable housing issues.*

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Authorized by Jennifer Williams, Financial Agent

**MORE LETTERS**

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*The following letter was submitted to BC Ferries as a response to its request for input about the Swartz Bay ferry terminal upgrade and filed with the Driftwood for publication.*

I have lived on Salt Spring for many years and love it here.

However, there is now a need for better and more efficient services for all terminals. Long Harbour services were greatly improved in the summer with many direct services

to Vancouver — that is very badly needed. Leaving the house at 5:30 a.m. to catch the 6:15 and then sitting for three and a half hours on a ferry for a journey that should be only one and a half hours is unacceptable.

Both Vesuvius and Fulford terminals badly need extra services to reduce the present waiting time. You now have to be at the terminal at least one hour before the sailing and with so many huge trucks, often with trailers waiting in line. The present schedules are outdated and inefficient. The ferries can

also run half empty sometimes due to the weight restriction with the excess weight coming from huge commercial vehicles. We now need an extra ferry at both terminals to handle vehicle use.

I am not on my own with these requests. Ask anybody who uses these services and they will give you the same experiences.

Please listen to this request, and you will have earned the respect of all Salt Spring Islanders.

Thanking you in anticipation.

**YVONNE SAUNDERS,**  
SALT SPRING

## Shaw Family Community Grant Applications Invited

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## Empty mansions and crowded yurts proliferate

BY SHARON MCCOLLOUGH

Few, if any, would doubt that Salt Spring is experiencing a housing crisis. Home ownership is increasingly becoming an unreachable dream, as is finding an affordable rental. It is a complex problem requiring multi-pronged solutions.

One long-term strategy is to lobby the provincial government to amend the Residential Tenancy Act to reach a far more equitable balance between landlords and tenant, respective to rights and responsibilities. Additionally, we must convince our MLA to get Salt Spring included in the new speculation tax. We are a desirable area and are now surrounded by regions where the tax will be applied. It seems obvious that investors will seek to maximize their profits by buying untaxed properties, which will certainly exacerbate our housing crisis.

In our last OCP review process, the concept of limiting house size was raised in several focus groups but never fully considered. This has been done in other jurisdictions. Very few six-bedroom mansions are built to house families with 10 children. Very few mansions are built as primary residences. These drive up our real estate values, which affects both purchase and rental affordability. Non-resident ownership erodes authentic community.

I have talked to some in the construction, plumbing and electrical trades who are supportive of the concept. Because, instead of working on one 9,000-square-foot mostly vacant mansion, they could be working on three 3,000-square-foot homes for families who live and work in the community. They would still have jobs and an improved chance of finding their own homes at more reasonable prices. House size limitation would be one option to reduce the increasing disparity in island housing and could be explored in the next OCP review.

**Historically, our community has been consistently opposed to STVRs and it is the responsibility of elected trustees to actualize the community vision as expressed in the OCP.**

One of the easiest and fastest means to address the rental crisis is to enforce the current bylaw prohibiting short-term vacation rentals. There is empirical evidence that homes once rented to island residents have become commercial tourist accommodations. Every OCP that our island has ever developed has prohibited

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STVRs. The reasons have included wanting to protect the integrity of residential zoning by preventing disruption of residential neighbourhoods from increased parking, noisy partying, strangers next door, etc., as well as the risks of having no responsible person on the property when there is excessive water use (such as unnecessarily draining and refilling hot tubs) or dangerous activity such as outdoor fires being set. Due to the lack of enforcement, both off- and on-island investors have purchased multiple houses to run as lucrative tourist businesses. These houses have been removed from the residential rental market or are not available for purchase by year-round residents.

This enforcement would not affect islanders who vacate their homes for part of the summer as those homes remain their primary residences, nor B&Bs that are home-based businesses. It would definitely affect some investors who illegally operate one, two and three houses commercially year round: investors who have knowingly and intentionally violated the bylaws for personal profit. Historically, our community has been consistently opposed to STVRs and it is the responsibility of elected trustees to actualize the community vision as expressed in the OCP.

Other relatively quick means to help alleviate our housing crisis would be for our newly elected officials to revisit the housing stipulations regarding accommodations on operating farms and explore zoning that could accommodate tiny homes. These could be accomplished through OCP amendments.

Recently, we see bylaw enforcement officers focusing on “non-standard” housing situations such as tipis, yurts, trailers, etc. occupied by low-income island residents, while STVRs (including a six-bedroom five-bathroom house accommodating 16 guests for \$650 per night) are continuing to be advertised as available for tourists. This is differential bylaw enforcement. It may not be “economic and social class” motivated, but it certainly creates that impression.

We need to ensure that the current Trust and CRD candidates commit to 1. Proactive enforcement of the STVR bylaw; 2. Active exploration of additional housing options for tiny homes and operating farms; and 3. Proactive cooperation between the Trust and CRD to assist owners of “non-standard” housing in addressing any realistic health or safety issues. Our community crisis requires elected officials who will prioritize the interests of residents above those of tourists and investors.

*The writer is a long-time island resident and commercial accommodation provider.*

## Notice to the Public

### Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2018  
2:15 pm to 4:45 pm  
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Meetings are open to the public.

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## FIRE PREVENTION

# Why response time matters to reduce fire damage

Number of available firefighters is an important factor

BY MITCHELL SHERRIN  
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Firefighters strive to get to your home quickly when responding to emergencies.

At Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR), tools and clothing are set up to be deployed quickly. Firefighters train to respond with urgency. And emergency vehicles travel with lights and sirens so they can get to problem areas quickly. But why all the rush?

Time is loss. This is a simple concept; the more time it takes to get water on a fire, the bigger the fire gets. Similarly, the longer it takes to receive treatment for certain types of life-threatening illnesses and injuries (like cardiac arrest), the less likely chance there is for positive outcomes (like survival).

But what isn't readily understood is how quickly emergencies can change and how rapidly emergencies can get much, much worse. Many problems increase exponentially with time.

Various psychological studies have illustrated that most people overestimate their ability to respond to emergencies before they occur, while they also generally underestimate the severity of emergencies once they happen.

The reality is that, depending on conditions, fires can double in size in less than a minute. As rare as house fires are today, they're much more volatile than they were even 30 years ago due to changes in home furnishings and building materials; primarily homes today are filled with plastics and things that look like wood but are mostly sawdust or wood chips

and glue, including the structural components. Consequently, some buildings can suffer flashover (all things that can burn, burn) within five minutes of ignition; again, time is loss.

That's why firefighters aim to get on scene and begin actions quickly at a fire. The earlier the arrival, the smaller the fire, the easier it is to mitigate, and the less damage as result; again, time is loss. Firefighters constantly strive to improve response times through training as a matter of professionalism and personal pride.

SSIFR measures and monitors response times to seek improvement as an overall agency. Response times are also measured for application to the B.C. Building Code. Certain requirements for building construction can be affected for a building outside a 10-minute response by fire departments.

**A recruit drive is currently underway to add a few more local firefighters to the SSIFR roster.**

One document used to evaluate timely response to emergencies is the National Fire Protection Association 1720 Standard for the Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments.

NFPA 1720 sets out goals for response time and the number of volunteer firefighters required for various types of communities, based on population density. Communities are not required to

follow NFPA 1720, but it is widely recognized as an industry standard for minimum response criteria. There is a similar document written for fire departments staffed primarily by career firefighters.

According to NFPA 1720, Salt Spring Island would be classified as a rural community (less than 500 people per square mile). The NFPA 1720 target for a rural community is for six firefighters to arrive at an emergency within 14 minutes of dispatch 80 per cent of the time.

This NFPA target includes travel time (which helps to dictate where a community might locate fire stations). Once firefighters arrive on scene, they are expected to begin fighting the fire within two minutes.

SSIFR has demonstrated the ability to meet the NFPA 1720 target during the daytime (when staff are at the fire hall) but it's a little trickier to get six firefighters on scene within 14 minutes in the evenings when firefighters must first respond to fire halls from their homes. This is an area SSIFR has identified for improvements in the future.

Another aspect of NFPA 1720 is for fire departments to send an adequate number of firefighters to fires. NFPA 1720 calls for six firefighters (as a minimum) in rural environments. In addition, WorkSafeBC requires a minimum crew of four to six firefighters on scene to make entry in a burning building (depending on time and conditions) but other standards suggest even greater numbers.

After studies conducted by the U.S.-based National Institute of Science and Technology, best practice recommends a minimum of 12 firefighters for a residential structure fire and more than 20 firefighters for a fire in a high-risk



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Local firefighters switch air bottles before returning to fight a structure fire. From left, Nancy Pursell, Tom Pursell, Colby Sawchuk, Cody Hunsberger and Alex Reid.

building (like a hospital, school, or care home).

Home insurance rates also factor the quantity of available firefighters and home-insurance rates can go up or down based on several other variables such as distances from fire halls, age of fire apparatus and quality of available water supplies.

SSIFR staff currently includes 42 firefighters (including 10 new recruits and eight career firefighters), while the fire-insurance industry recommends a mini-

mum complement of 45 firefighters for Salt Spring Island.

A recruit drive is currently underway to add a few more local firefighters to the SSIFR roster. Please contact SSIFR for more information about response times, NFPA 1720 or the firefighter recruit application process. Islanders are welcome to call 250-537-2531 or drop by the Ganges fire hall at 105 Lower-Ganges Rd.

*The writer is a lieutenant with Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue.*

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## ART REVIEW

# Ceramics show gathers B.C. talents



PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

Thursday's opening night gala, with vases by Kuno Egger and EJ Feller visible at right

Ceramics exhibition and special events continue through Sunday at Mahon

around the province.

Local artists in the finalists exhibition are Kuno Egger, EJ Feller, David Jackson, Denys James, Julie MacKinnon, Lee-Ann Norgard, Pat Webber, Judy Weeden and Margo Zak. Mayne Island's Kristine Webber is also a finalist, and so is Asha Robertson — raised on Salt Spring but now based in the Interior.

To give a sample of the range offered just within the Salt Spring group, Egger's recent work combines bold, almost fluorescent colours and the terra sigillata finishing technique to offset classically elegant stoneware vases. One oval vase divides the brilliant crackle with black edging and a vertical centre line brushed with gold, creating the look of a marvellous beetle casing.

Feller adds a surprise element to her finely crafted, smoke-fired vessel in the form of a white disk-shaped ring, slipped over the narrow neck. Jackson's Crow on Column combines hand-built elements to create an arresting sculptural piece, with a realistic and dynamic crow sculpture contrasting the strong vertical lines of the pillar — itself softened by a tree design in rainy grey shades.

Finalists from Vancouver Island represent nearly everyone who received an award or honourable mention at the 2016 show, including the top prize winner Sandy Harquail. Viewers will find similarly strong work from her this time, and from fellow honorees Samantha Dickie, Vincent Fe, Anthony Mochizuki and Beth McMillin — although some have moved in new directions. Mochizuki's entries in 2016 included hefty slab-build forms. This time he has the most

delicate sea urchin shell shapes in unglazed white or black, patterned with holes punched through in radiating lines.

Victoria's Meira Mathison is influenced by the sea in a different way. Tidal Seaweed is a large pillowy piece, with a double-walled thrown structure producing the feeling of a thick fleshy pod. The hard clay surface looks as though it must be flexible. Earthy bronze tones are offset by ornamentation in copper green.

Eye-catching sculptural works abound at this show, with Together: Broken, a stunning piece by Bev Ellis perhaps the most prominent. The collection of articulated hanging pieces are hand carved and painted to become slender but hoary birch trunks, some with words such as "help" and "defeat" crudely carved into their bark. A very different use of the same finishing look is found on a square teapot by Ellis called Steep in the Wood.

Other sculptural pieces are quirky, humorous and even a little bizarre, such as Andrea Revoy's turquoise woolled sheep, sitting udders out in a salon hair-dryer chair. Anyuta Gusakova's Lady Blue is more mysterious, a mix of cloissoné and anime. The rabbit-eared face on long neck is disturbing for its lack of facial features but beautiful with its hand-brushed under-glaze in blue and silver over white porcelain.

Bridging the gap between functional ware and sculpture, well-known ceramicist Robin DuPont (of Winlaw) wowed many viewers with Perforated Stool, a large drum-shaped piece in porcelain with "quartz and feldspathic intrusions." The anagama wood-fired finish produces earthy tones that work well with the form, a chocolate brown cap and iron black drift complementing lighter caramel hues.

Peter Flanagan of Okanagan Pottery employs different finishing techniques to explore form and surface in his large platter 10,000 BC - Radical Transparency. Iron and cobalt applied to the centre create transparent and opaque areas that allow some of the carved spiral design to show through. The rim is decorated in two rings, a more intricate pattern of glazing giving way to clean slate scored with triangles of crisp white lines at the outer edge.

The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday. Saturday's show closes at 3:30 p.m. and then re-opens for the awards gala from 7 to 9 p.m. The final day runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, with a panel discussion involving the jurors running from 10 a.m. to noon.

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### BY ELIZABETH NOLAN DRIFTWOOD STAFF

October is the official month for major arts awards and exhibitions on Salt Spring, a time to be grateful for the wealth of talent pooled on the island and its ability to attract other inspiring artists to its shores.

With two editions of the biennale Salt Spring National Art Prize now behind us, 2018 marks the second run of the equally exciting Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards. The finalists exhibition at Mahon Hall, which opened Thursday night and concludes on Sunday, Oct. 14, once again provides a window into the vast possibilities of the art form while showcasing masters of technique.

So varied are the pieces in terms of traditional versus contemporary, functional versus sculptural and the crossover of all elements combined, many attendees at Thursday's opening event were wondering how the jury could ever make a final choice.

While 2016's inaugural show was restricted to Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, this year's event was opened to all of British Columbia. Working "blind" from photo submissions without any name attached, the jurors independently attached scores that resulted in a finalists list with a maximum 62 pieces. In the end, 37 artists were selected (some with two or three pieces each). The fact that nine of the finalists were from Salt Spring speaks to the high-calibre work being produced on the island, standing up to some of the big names from

FILMMAKING

# Upcoming film explores activism and adventure sports

Salt Spring's Jasper Snow-Rosen part of Beyond Boarding crew

BY MARC KITTERINGHAM  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Film Festival Society is bringing a new film that looks at what it means to be "radical" to ArtSpring next Wednesday, Oct. 17.

Entitled *The Radicals*, the Beyond Boarding company film is in part a typical snowboarding and surfing film. It features amazing shots of professional athletes in the most beautiful places in the world. However, it also looks at the communities that are built in those places. The four athletes in the film, Salt Spring's Jasper Snow-Rosen, and Marie-France Roy, Tamo Campos and Meghann O'Brien, look at how their passions often tend to take an extractive approach to the communities and environment that hosts them.

"We always say in the snowboard community that we take all of our enjoyment from the outdoors. It's our hobby, our passion, our fun and our careers," said Campos. "A big part of our challenge to that community with this film is to look at what that relationship would look like if it was reciprocal. I think that's a big conversation that the outdoor community should be having, especially with all of the issues that we face in B.C."

The dual meaning of the word "radical" fits neatly within the theme of the film. In the outdoor sports community, particularly within snowboarding, radical



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Jasper Snow-Rosen, left, and Tamo Campos and the team's camper in the snow while filming *The Radicals*.

means something that is over the top and exciting. Highly skilled riding or intense conditions are often considered radical. However, when a political spin is put on the word, "radical" takes on a different meaning.

"The idea came about that in some of the communities that we worked in like up in Iskut, the government and industry frames what they're doing in standing up for the land in the blockade as radical to try to associate it with being extreme and to discredit why the community would be standing up in the first

place," Campos said. "I felt like that was a word that bridged the two worlds, and at the same time had a lot of meaning . . . we wanted to shine a light on those radical voices in the communities."

Those voices were provided by story consultants brought on early in the filmmaking process. They were residents of the communities and were able to lead the story in a direction that an outsider would not have access to. Rather than filming an expedition on a local mountain and then interviewing some residents of the community,

the filmmakers let the community be much more involved.

"We're never going to be able to tell the story perfectly because we're outsiders. For us it's really important to give creative control back to the communities," he explained. "Through that section you see those relationships first hand and they really add a depth to that story that you wouldn't get otherwise."

The film also provides a different way to look at environmental activism. Campos grew up with environmentalists: his grandfather

is renowned activist David Suzuki. However, he felt that a lot of environmentalism was being presented through numbers and science. To Campos, the human element was always more important.

"It was the human impact of people affected by environmental degradation and climate change that really pushed me into activism," he said. "So much of film is entertainment, but we really want to create a tangible impact with these films. The issues aren't going away. We're trying to show what it looks like when you have a responsibility to the places you ride and the people who have always been there."

The film is touring to different festivals and community events. All proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to help with issues brought up in the film, including the Dzawada'enuxw court case against fish farms, and restoration work on the Bridge River.

Next week's ArtSpring screening begins at 7:30 p.m. After the film, Snow Rosen and Campos will talk about the film and answer questions from the audience.

CHAMBER MUSIC

## Penderecki group plays Haydn, Hatch, Beethoven

Island composer's work among repertoire

When the famous Penderecki String Quartet performs at ArtSpring later this month, the program will include a piece by Salt Spring composer Peter Hatch.

Once Upon a Time was originally written and premiered by the quartet as part of the 2015 Guelph Lecture titled On Being Canadian.

Approaching the third decade of an extraordinary career, the Penderecki String Quartet has become one of the most celebrated chamber ensembles of their generation. Currently Quartet-in-Residence at Wilfrid Laurier University, the four musicians from Poland, Canada and the U.S. bring together a varied yet collective experience to create performances that, according to the Globe and Mail, demonstrate their "remarkable

range of technical excellence and emotional sweep."

Ensemble members are Jeremy Bell, violin; Jerzy Kaplanek, violin; Christine Vlajk, viola; and Katie Schlaikjer, cello.

In addition to the Hatch composition, the Sunday, Oct. 21 concert will include Haydn's String Quartet Op. 77, No. 2, and Beethoven's String Quartet No. 8, Op. 59 No.2.

The concert begins at 2:30 p.m.

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# what's on this week


**Wed. Oct. 10**
**ACTIVITIES**
**General Local Election Advance Poll.**

Qualified voters can vote for CRD director and Islands Trust positions in advance polls at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Treasures Found: Fine Arts & Crafts of Salt Spring Island.**

Salt Spring Historical Society presentation by Brenda Guiled, with a focus on the wealth of art and craft works created over a century ago by the Ruckle family and their neighbours in the south end of Salt Spring Island. Central Hall. 2 p.m.

**Youth Book Club.**

Youth Book Club is an opportunity for kids who love reading to get together to read and discuss books, make crafts and enjoy snacks every second Wednesday at the Salt Spring Public Library. 3:30 to 5 p.m. Registration required through the library.


**All-Candidates Meeting.**

Trust and CRD candidates give presentations, answer questions and debate at ArtSpring theatre. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Free Beginner Spinning Lessons.**

Free lessons offered by members of the Salt Spring Weavers and Spinners Guild. Learn to spin on a drop spindle. All supplies provided. At GISS, 7 p.m. Book through Contact Us at saltspringweaversandspinners.com.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose.**

See last Wednesday's listing.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**

Museum is open at the Farmers' Institute Wednesdays through Fridays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. until Oct. 31.

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.**

Show runs at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Thur. Oct. 11**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
**Canadian Guitar Quartet.**

One of the finest guitar ensembles in the world performs at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Bar opens at 6:30 p.m.

**Open Mic With Jesse.**

Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 8:30 to 11:45 p.m.

**Open Mic at the Legion.**

Thursdays at the Legion. 7 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**
**Reconciliation as a Spiritual Practice.**

Day-long workshop led by Logan McMenamie, Bishop of B.C., at Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living (St. Mary's Church) in Fulford. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration required at staroftheseasi@gmail.com.

**Stay and Play Drop-in.**

Parents, caregivers and children 0-6 yrs welcome every Thursday. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

**Grief 101.**

Introductory event about grief and supports offered by Salt Spring Hospice. The session can be helpful for people to determine if participation in the Grief Support Group would benefit them. SS Public Library. 2 to 3:30 p.m.

**100 Women Who Care Orientation Session.**

Info session for new women's charitable group in the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 5 to 6 p.m.

**Channel Ridge Home Owners Association AGM.**

Annual general meeting at Meaden Hall. 7 p.m. (Note the location change from original spot.)

**Book Launch: Dave Manning.**

Pender Island writer and birder presents The Old Man and the Vultures at SS Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.**

See Wednesday listing.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**

See Wednesday listing.

**Fri. Oct. 12**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
**Soul Shakedown.**

Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**
**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.**

See Wednesday listing.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**

See Wednesday listing.

**Intergenerational Mother Goose Program.**

New 8-Friday program for families with 0-6-year-olds with an intergenerational relationship-building focus at Braehaven seniors residence. 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register through Family Place at 250-537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca.

**Flat to Form Demonstration Ceramics Workshop.**

Two-day workshop led by Katrina Chaytor as part of the Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards begins today. Check for space availability at: <https://ssartscouncil.com/product/ssica-chaytor-workshop/>

**What Happens After We Die? Intro Session.**

Introductory session for Oct. 13-14 workshop led by Sarah Kerr at Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 7 to 9 p.m. Participants will explore the soul's journey through life, death, and beyond. This session is a prerequisite for the workshop. Register at [soulpassages.ca/events](http://soulpassages.ca/events)

**Library StoryTime.**

StoryTime helps build early literacy skills with new books and old favourites, and with games, crafts and more. Salt Spring Public Library. 11 a.m. on Fridays until Nov. 30.

**Salt Spring Forum: Professor T.V. Paul.**

The forum presents War and Peace: A Conversation with Professor T.V. Paul of McGill University at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. Professor Paul is one of the world's leading experts on international security, with a particular focus on Asia. His latest book is Restraining Great Powers: Soft Balancing from Empires to the Global Era.

**Fri. Oct. 12**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Youth Games Night.**

Weekly drop-in games night is a great chance to meet up with friends over a board game. Salt Spring Public Library. 6:30 p.m. until late every Friday (except holidays).

**Sat. Oct. 13**
**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**
**Jazz Pianist Misha Piatagorsky.**

Concert by New York pianist at All Saints. 2:30 p.m.

**Knacker's Yard.**

Victoria-based Celtic traditional ballad band for people who are fans of The Dubliners and The Pogues. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**
**Saturday Market in the Park.**

Runs in Centennial Park through October. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition.**

See Wednesday listing, except the time is from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the gala awards event is from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Rainwater Harvesting Tour.**

Self-guided tour of six properties where rainwater harvesting is used runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance event.

**Fire Prevention Week Open House.**

At Ganges Fire Hall. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fire extinguisher training, fire prevention info, Sparky the Fire Dog, car seat safety, fire hose practice for kids, firefighter recruitment info, plus auto extrication demo at 12 noon.

**Salt Spring Garden Club Fall Plant Sale.**

Wide variety of perennial plants available, all sourced from SSI gardens. Farmers' Institute. 1 to 3 p.m. Free advice also provided by garden club mentor gardeners and a treasure table of tools and books.

**Sat. Oct. 13**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Grand Opening of Salt Spring Tennis Centre.**

Celebration of the completion of second indoor tennis court by the Salt Spring Tennis Association at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club property. Welcome and acknowledgements at 1 p.m., followed by special matches plus guest participation activities until 4 p.m.

**Salt Spring Squash Court Open House.**

Check out Salt Spring Squash Club facility on the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club property from 1 to 4 p.m. (Concurrent with opening of new tennis court on the same site.)

**Perinatal Education Classes.**

Three-Saturday series begins today through Family Place. 12 to 4 p.m. Register by phoning or emailing Family Place: 250-537-9176 or familyplace@ssics.ca.

**What Happens After We Die? Workshop.**

First of two-day workshop led by Sarah Kerr at Ram Spring Wellness Sanctuary. 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In this experiential workshop, participants will use ceremony, constellation and meditation to explore this side of the veil and the other. Oct. 12 intro session is a prerequisite for taking the workshop. Register at [soulpassage.ca/events](http://soulpassage.ca/events)

**Sun. Oct. 14**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition + Panel Discussion.**

Last day to see the SSICA finalists exhibition at Mahon Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. plus panel discussion at 10 a.m.

**Spanish Conversation Group Meetup.**

Everyone welcome to attend Spanish Conversation Group gathering at the Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

**Mon. Oct. 15**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Island Infants Discussion Group.**

A drop-in session for parents and babies with weekly speakers. Family Place. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**From Foraging to Feasting Fundraising Dinner.**

A fundraising dinner for construction of The Root, a community facility for storing and processing local food. With chef Bill Jones of Deerholme Farm, and chef Daniel Shipley of Farm's Gate Food. SS Sailing Club. 6 to 9 p.m. Tickets at SS Books.

**Music Bingo.**

Every Monday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.


**Tues. Oct. 16**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Stay and Play Drop-in.**

Parents, caregivers and children 0-6 yrs welcome every Tuesday. Family Place. 12 to 3 p.m.

**Tech Cafe: WordPress Gutenberg.**

Session led by Phil Rees on Wordpress' new editor. SS Public Library. Noon to 1 p.m.

**Tuesday Farmers Market.**

Food-only market in Centennial Park every through October from 2 to 6 p.m.

**Tues. Oct. 16**
**ACTIVITIES**
**Film Screening: Abundant Land - Soil, Seed and Sovereignty.**

Free one-hour documentary about a Hawaiian community on Moloka'i opposing the biotech industry's use of the island to test genetically engineered seeds. A Transition Salt Spring event at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

**Trivia Tuesday.**

Trivia every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

**Industrial Lands Project Review Information Meeting + Public Hearing.**

For SS Local Trust Committee proposed bylaws, 488, 489 and 490. Meaden Hall. Info Meeting from 5 to 7 p.m. Public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

**Floor Hockey.**

Every Tuesday floor hockey resumes for the season at Fulford Hall. 7:30 p.m.

**Wed. Oct. 17**
**ACTIVITIES**
**General Local Election Advance Poll.**

Qualified voters can vote for CRD director and Islands Trust positions in advance polls at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Parent-Child Mother Goose.**

See last Wednesday's listing.

**Bittancourt House Museum.**

See last Wednesday's listing.

**EXHIBITIONS**

- **Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards Finalists Exhibition** continues at Mahon Hall until Sunday, Oct. 14. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Friday, Oct. 12; and then 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13 and the gala awards event from 6 to 9 p.m. The juried show of work by B.C. ceramic artists concludes on Sunday, Oct. 14 with a panel discussion at 10 a.m. and the exhibit open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Salt Spring Potters Guild 2018 Fall Exhibition** featuring state-of-the-art ceramics by several artists runs at Salt Spring Gallery until Oct. 17.

- Island textile artists **Linda Counsell, Bobbi Janowiak, Joanie Paterson, Karen Selk, Karen Tottman, Elna Gravelle, Gill Kidd, Susan Paynter, Danielle Manners** and **Janet Wheeler** are showing at **Kizmit Galeria/Cafe** for the month of October. Opening hours are Thursday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Oct. 28.
- **Impressions 3:** New works by the **Salt Spring Island Painters Guild Printmakers group** runs in the **Salt Spring Public Library's program room** until Oct. 30. On Saturday, Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., artists will give demonstrations of printmaking techniques.

- **Raincoast Fishes:** gyotaku fish prints by **Alexandra Morton** are on display in the **Salt Spring Public Library's display case** until Oct. 30.
- **Auntie Pesto's Cafe** shows new work by **Gabrielle Jensen**.
- **Mary Laucks'** exhibit of paintings is in the lobby of **ArtSpring** during October.
- **League 181** painters have new works hanging at **Country Grocer's cafe**.

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**Rainwater Harvesting Tour**

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## In Loving Memory

### JOHN MICHAEL COX

Oct. 10, 1962 - Oct. 9, 2017  
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His kitchen was always the life of the party, a happy place. Now it is a happy sad place full of memories with you in it.



*We miss you so much.*  
 Wife Susan, Son Cody, Mom Aileen  
 and your loving family and friends.

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## Phyllis Smallman

1945-2018



The family of author Phyllis Smallman wishes to announce the passing of their family matriarch, storyteller, beloved wife, and mother.

Phyllis grew up in the countryside of southern Ontario, where she spent her childhood accepting ill-considered dares from her four siblings, such as pig riding in a white frock. She met her life's partner, Lee Smallman, during high school and quickly recognized a fellow adventurer and dreamer. At the tender ages of 17 and 21, Phyllis and Lee were married, and spent the next 56 years laughing, creating, building, sometimes bickering, but always loving. Phyllis was occasionally overheard saying to Lee, "When I want your opinion, I'll jerk your chain."

At an age where others retire, Phyllis and Lee moved across the country to Salt Spring Island, where they joined a lively community of artists and innovators. Phyllis went on to write the award-winning Sherri Travis mystery series, and more recently the Singer Brown series, Long Gone Man and Beach Kill. Those who spent time with Phyllis knew her as a caring person who loved fiercely, laughed loudly, and was always a friend to anyone in need. In keeping with her dark sense of humour, her last book was ironically titled Last Call, the final Sherri Travis mystery. The night Phyllis died, Last Call won a "Reader's Favourite" Book Award. Our Phyllis knew how to make a grand exit.

At her request, there will be no final service. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the Canadian Cancer Society.

## Betty Pearl Delmonico

(nee Spanner)

SEPTEMBER 21, 2018

Betty, 91, of Vancouver BC peacefully passed away on September 21, 2018. She will be forever missed and lovingly remembered. Betty requested this be shared.

You can shed tears that she's gone, or smile because she lived.

You can close your eyes and pray she'll come back, or open your eyes and see all she's left. Your heart can be empty because you can't see her, or full of the love you shared. You can turn your back on tomorrow and live on yesterday, or be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday. You can remember her and only that she's gone, or you can cherish her memory and let it live on. You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back on life, or do what she'd want...Live, Love, Laugh and go on.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Cancer Foundation.



## RICHARD GEORGE MEECH

APRIL 23, 1954 - SEPTEMBER 29, 2018



There are no words that can capture the heartache of watching a starlit person slip through your fingers.

Richard George Meech was a humble, handsome, Harvard-educated man, full to the brim with heart, humour and grace. Driven by passion for wisdom, for the inner spirit, and for the elevation of the soul, Richard was enraptured with the great mysteries of the universe, the wonder of its garden planet and the sacred nature of all beings.

Blue eyes twinkled when he woke and never stopped. In every moment and every encounter there was curiosity and joy. His mastery was the art of living.

Richard's colleagues couldn't wait to embark on new projects, new adventures with him. He led bike trips through Europe decades ago that participants are still talking about - how can one forget gleeful, madcap, toga-clad dips in the Trevi Fountain?

Three years ago, after many successful years as a cutting-edge producer/director of documentary films, Richard moved from Toronto to Salt Spring Island, B.C., with his loving partner of 24 years, Kathryn Jill Rigby.

They started new lives. Changed their priorities. Conceived passion projects that ranged from saving orcas to healing the planet. Between them, there were no limits to what could be accomplished.

But a routine prostate biopsy on Wednesday, September 26 resulted in urosepsis and within 48 hours, the light of many people's lives was extinguished.

Immediate family, Susan Meech and Craig Miller of Toronto; Sarah/Sally Meech and Kurt Hanzlik, Dubai; Peter Meech, Los Angeles; and Nan Meech and Sava Tatic in Prague are all in disbelief.

Adored nieces, nephews and in-laws, Maddy and Nathalie Hanzlik-Meech; Rade Meech-Tatic; Tom, Wendy, Kenzie, Olivia and Keegan Rigby of Toronto; Penny, Peter, Tom and Anna Lydon of Winchester, U.K.; Sally Rigby, Katie and Stephanie Donaldson of West Vancouver, B.C., will never forget their playful uncle and cherished brother-in-law.

Joan Stewart Rigby Clarke, 89, lived for laughter-filled visits with her treasured son-in-law. Richard's own beloved mother Carol Meech suddenly passed away just weeks ago on September 12th.

Decades-old friends are bereft. New island friends are at a loss. A Celebration of Richard's life will be held in Toronto in December. Details will follow.

Condolences, photographs, memories may be forwarded to family members at meechandrigby@gmail.com.

## Norma Viola Bowen



Born in Medicine Hat, Alberta, April 30, 1930 Norma passed away on Salt Spring Island, BC October 2, 2018 with her family and friend at her bedside. She has left this world as courageously as she lived her life to be with her life partner Ivan who passed away 3 years ago. Norma is survived by three sisters Florence, Ruth,

and Ruby living in Alberta. Norma has four children Charlotte (Jeff)Thompson, Salt Spring Island, BC and Gerald (Susan), Robert (Kathy), and Greg (Marla) of Edmonton, Alberta. She is also survived by her grandchildren Chris, Pat, Candice, Jessica, Kayla, Cole, Mathew, and Seth plus many great grandchildren.

Norma was a born care-giver having a long career as a CNA working several hospitals in Alberta and Saskatchewan. She and Ivan were very active square dancers spending hours and miles on the road attending many square dance events. Norma never had idle hands engaged in gardening, sewing, and quilting and Ivan had built her many custom tables or desks to suit her various projects.

Meadowbrook was Norma's home on Salt Spring and she made many new friends and enjoyed the walkways around the residence with Missy her Yorkie at her side. Norma received excellent support and care from all the staff at Meadowbrook. She spend the last few days of her life at Landy Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island and she often commented on the excellent care by all the nursing staff. The family would like to express our thanks to the wonderful care Mom received in her final days. Thank-you to Drs. Reznick and Pendville who supported her medical and emotional needs and a special thank-you to Patti Field and Missy making the final hours peaceful.

Internment will occur later in Edmonton at the side of her husband Ivan.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

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**Louise Fuoco**

February 15, 1926 – September 17, 2018

Louise Fuoco, dearly loved, was born in Kamloops on February 15, 1926 to Donald Sinclair (Clair) Dalgleish and Leila Guardhouse Knight.



Louise's mother passed away when she was five, and she was raised for several years by her grandmother Agnes Dalgleish. As a girl, Louise loved to ride horseback across the hills of Kamloops, dressed in cowgirl breeches. She looked forward to her summers at the family cabin at Lac LeJeune, where she could spend time with her sister Dorothy.

Louise married Santino (Santy) Gaetano Fuoco, her high school sweetheart, in Kamloops on July 14, 1947. During her life with Santy, who managed bakeries throughout western Canada, Louise lived in Grand Prairie, Alberta, Victoria, Nanaimo, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Calgary, before moving to Salt Spring Island in 1977, making lifelong friends along the way. The couple celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary at their seaside home in Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island, and lived there happily for 28 years.

Predeceased by her husband in 2005, Louise leaves behind three children, daughter Theresa, and sons Russell (Star) and Michael (Karen), four granddaughters Holly (Dean), Kristi (Zeke), Leila (Max), and Nicole, and five great-grandchildren: Sophia and Eleanor Broadland and Ethan, Aubree and Ella Shook.

Louise was warmly welcomed into the Fuoco family and was especially close to her sister-in-law Tina Vigna. In 1954, Louise and Santy "won" a tiny cabin that they moved onto a waterfront lot at Scotch Creek on Shuswap Lake, and the Vigna family bought a property right next door. After selling the cabin in 1960, Santy and Louise returned to Shuswap in 2003 and built a summer home across the street from the original cabin. Louise loved her time at Shuswap, and at age 91, was delighted to take another dip in the lake she loved.

Louise was an accomplished artist with many talents—an award-winning quilter, seamstress, and knitter, whose great-granddaughters still wear her creations.

She was also an avid (and prizewinning) gardener, trained as a professional florist, and brought her artistry to Heritage Place on Salt Spring, where she lived for three years.

A longtime member of the Salt Spring Island Golf and Country Club, Louise played in many tournaments, and enjoyed the crazy antics of "the golf girls." She also enjoyed a good game of mahjong.

Louise was a fierce protector and friend to elephants and supporter of the Elephant Sanctuary in Hohenwald, Tennessee. She loved animals, especially cats. She was a fan of Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Tony Bennett and military tattoos. Louise adored hearing the bagpipes, and was proud of her Scottish heritage.

In February, 2018, Louise moved to Sidney All Care Residence in Sidney, BC. A week before she passed away, Louise, whose famous smile could light up a room, was thrilled to be named Champion bowler at All Care's weekly competition.

The family extends their appreciation and thanks to the staff at Heritage Place on Salt Spring Island and Sidney All Care for their excellent, compassionate attention to Louise during the last four years.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Louise can be made to The Tennessee Elephant Sanctuary, www.elephants.com or to Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, www.ladymintofoundation.com, 135 Crofton Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1T1.

A Celebration of Louise's Life will be held with Family and Friends in the Lower Mainland later in October. Louise will be forever missed.

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COMING EVENTS

**CHANNEL RIDGE HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm  
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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMING EVENTS

**1st Annual General Meeting of the Wagon Wheel Housing Society**

Thurs., Oct. 25, 2018  
3:00pm

Croftonbrook Seniors Residence - Lounge  
132 Corbett Rd.

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**Notice of Fall General Meeting**



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**JOB POSTING**

**The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates for the position of Artcraft Manager 2019.**

**SCOPE OF POSITION:**

Artcraft, a long-standing program of the Salt Spring Arts Council, is comprised of a gallery and retail program showcasing the work of Gulf Island artists and craftspeople. The Artcraft Manager is primarily responsible for managing the programs and operations of Artcraft, including Artcraft, Wintercraft, and Showcases which take place between April – December (35 weeks). Salary Range is \$25,000 - \$30,000 dependent on qualifications. Full Job posting is available at: <https://ssartscouncil.com/artcraft-manager-2019/>

**APPLICATIONS:**

Please send resume and cover letter, including 3 references to:  
**Artcraft Manager Hiring Committee,**  
**Salt Spring Arts Council**  
Applications should be emailed to [info@ssartscouncil.com](mailto:info@ssartscouncil.com)  
Deadline: Wednesday, October 18, 5pm

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**salt spring arts council**

**JOB POSTING**

**The Salt Spring Arts Council seeks interested candidates for the position of SSNAP Administrator.**

**SCOPE OF POSITION:**

Launched in 2015, the Salt Spring National Art Prize ([saltspringartprize.ca](http://saltspringartprize.ca)) is a biennial competition and exhibition of Canadian visual art. Associated with SSNAP are a parallel show featuring SSI artists, youth exhibitions and activities and artists talks. The SSNAP Administrator will provide administrative and logistics support to the SSNAP committees and activities. The salary is \$25 per hour, with most work performed remotely at the employee's home/office. Commencing November 2018, the monthly time commitment of this part time position will vary according to the lifecycle of SSNAP and associated events. Full Job posting is available at: <https://ssartscouncil.com/posting-ssnap-administrator/>

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**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)**

Creating a new sense of harmony, balance and flow in your life is in the spotlight. This process will likely require creative thinking. Whether your focus is to be innovative, strategic, clever or all of the above, you have work to do. On your 'To-do' list, you might want to include letting go of unproductive rebellious attitudes and behavior patterns.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)**

Focusing to establish a smoother, more harmonious and effective lifestyle rhythm is important now. Among your objectives is a list of creative goals, the tools required, the attitude to follow through and the space to do it. Clearing the way implies the clutter, whether in your mind or in your living space. This focus probably includes others and will require a diplomatic approach.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)**

Freedom is an important word for you these days and the desire for it is stronger than ever. It includes getting clear on what you have been made to understand you have to do, but do not really have to, after all. Such a realization can be described as reclaiming your personal power and setting clear boundaries. On the other hand, discipline is the key to freedom, as ironic as it may seem.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)**

You may feel the need for some additional creative space. Your interest may be simply to be rather than be busily engaged in doing. In this rather still state, your goal may be to experience peace or rest to recharge. Yet, you may also decipher what you truly need rather than merely want. Altogether, a contemplative and reflective cycle has arrived.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)**

Slowly but surely your confidence levels are rising. At least this is true in the bigger picture. In the short-term, you may find yourself extra busy. In addition to more errands and a busier social calendar, this includes a balance between cleaning-up and strategizing for the future. Taking a creative lead is featured as you maneuver to make improvements.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 23)**

You want more. This includes more prosperity and more peace. Balancing these timeless objectives is fundamental to life. The answer invariably includes deciphering what it means to be true to yourself. Otherwise, you will not feel peace. On the other hand, lack neither satisfies. Deciphering the middle ground may be described as the process of achieving wisdom.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)**

Keeping a steady flow now feels right and important. Yet, to succeed you need to be assertive. On the other hand, your focus is meant to include an attitude of selfless service. All of the above may seem rather contradictory. A new cycle is coming during which time you will be challenged to exercise authority yet in a more feminine or understanding and empathetic manner.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)**

Deciphering who is and perhaps are not your true friends is important now. Some of these may be family, some may be soul mates, while others may actually include unseen forces, like angels. Beyond all of these, we each must learn to be our own friend, primarily. This includes knowing what you need to feel nurtured, cared for and secure.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)**

Getting the attention you want, feel you deserve and have earned is important to you now. This includes people in positions of power and authority. Knowing who to trust in this regard is especially delicate at this time with Venus retrograde. Further, knowing what you want and need to say when you do get the attention is also important.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)**

The time has come to see a bigger picture. On the other hand, as this new vision gets clearer, you will have to adjust to its more earthy demands and requirements. This will include a longer list of tasks with closer attention to the details and probably a new set of skills and tools too. So, get ready for a busier cycle which is getting underway now.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)**

A cycle of change, regeneration and what can be described as transformation is underway. These include a change of perspective, priority, attitude and strategy. It is not simply a matter of hitting the reset button because it includes new elements. Positively, you will feel refreshed and empowered but you must first undergo the regenerative process.

# local ELECTIONS

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

If you have information on any of our streets, please contact us at: 250-537-9933 or [dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com](mailto:dwsalty@driftwoodgimedia.com)



## Meet your candidates

As part of the Driftwood's local election coverage, we asked the six Salt Spring Islands Trust candidates and two Capital Regional District candidates to answer four questions, touching on their personal attributes, the top issues and their plans, if elected.

Islands Trust candidates are Sabrina Ali, Kylie Coates, Peter Grove, Howard Holzappel, Darryl Martin and Laura Patrick. The CRD candidates are Gary Holman and Robin Williams.

Candidates have also answered in writing a number of questions put to them by the Community Alliance, an ad hoc, non-partisan group that formed following last fall's incorporation referendum. Members have been working on recommendations for how to improve the way governance and other matters function on Salt Spring Island. Answers are available through the [www.communityalliance.org](http://www.communityalliance.org) website or <https://bit.ly/2zZUff3>.

Voters can also see candidates in action at an all-candidates meeting tonight (Oct. 10) at ArtSpring from 7 to 9:30 p.m., or through a video posted on the [www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com) website after the event.

### Sabrina Ali - Islands Trust

**Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.**

**A.** My legal and political education and experience contributes to an understanding of the framework within which the Islands Trust operates and the specific language used in those circles. This enables me to be very effective in building consensus and in pursuing those initiatives that are priorities.

I'm a quick learner. I have occupied a lot of different roles in my life and each one came with its own learning curve.

I'm passionate about the mandate of the Islands Trust particularly. This is not just another elected position to me. I would love a chance to contribute to ecological governance and mindful community building. These have long been passions of mine.

**Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?**

**A. 1)** In terms of process, to have monthly town hall meetings, with the attendance of the six governing bodies with exclusive jurisdiction in their area at least twice a year, and increased consultation with the First Nations upon whose traditional territory we live.

**2)** In terms of issues, the housing crisis has reached emergency proportions. I

would like to do my best to see how I can contribute to a solution. In this context, I would also like to contribute to a Comprehensive Seasonal Occupancy Strategy.

**Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?**

**A. 1)** I would encourage those initiatives already in place.

**2)** In the short term, as it is getting colder and rainier and I know there are at least two senior women living in their vehicles, I would like to pursue the idea of a landlord-tenant matching service to open suites that aren't currently rented due to a bad past experience with a tenant.

**3)** In the longer term, mindful zoning initiatives, such as cottage housing, secondary suites, cluster housing and density bonuses, would be my priority. These balance the need for sustainable water, waste, transportation and emotional well-being management with the urgent need for shelter.

**4)** To achieve affordable, safe and sustainable shelter, we can ensure our bylaws are aligned with our goals as set out in the Official Community Plan.



**SABRINA ALI**

**Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs? Share your thoughts on how this can be done or why it cannot be done.**

**A.** Absolutely, because the spirit here is one of innovation, of fairness, and of compassion and personal generosity.

My activist experience has taught me that people with a vision, committed to shared principles, can accomplish their dreams. Mandela, Martin Luther King Jr., Gandhi and Mother Teresa were able to accomplish what seemed impossible because of the strength of their vision.

My personal experience has shown me that any vision is manifested with mindful intention and articulation and action. I put myself through seven consecutive years of university. I was able to back pack in Africa and in South East Asia, despite having spent all my resources on my education. I started my own law firm in downtown Vancouver. I have been a triathlete, and many other things.

I am now running for election with an organization that is mandated to accomplish ecological governance and mindful community development, lifelong passions of mine.

Where there is political and community will there will always be a way.

### Laura Patrick - Islands Trust

**Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.**

**A.** I work and collaborate well with others. I have an ability to find and communicate a balance between what is often perceived as extremes. I can think, feel and judge with empathy, and I care about the consequences of the decisions I make.

**Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?**

**A.** There is much that can and should be done. My priorities for the first year of my term as a local trustee are to:

- Improve coordination and collaboration with other governments and agencies that have an influence on local planning and services. The highest priority will be to develop an understanding of the housing crisis and develop a cohesive strategy for communications, actions and resources to address the crisis;

- Direct staff to review the many existing reports, surveys and studies that identify affordable housing innovation and best practices appropriate to our community, and to recommend steps for implementation;

- Improve public communication of Islands Trust requirements and processes;

- Engage our community in determining Islands Trust priorities and develop ways to measure progress;

- Review lessons learned from the previous Official Community Plan update and engage stakeholders in developing a plan to update the OCP;

- Evaluate the success of the Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance and initiate consultation to determine if it can or should evolve into a Trust Area-wide conservation authority; and

- Listen to the needs of our island's businesses and farmers about finding innovative land-use solutions that recognize their valued contributions.



**LAURA PATRICK**

**Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?**

**A.** The Islands Trust can:

- Take leadership to bring the CRD and all other island organizations with housing mandates together to develop a cohesive strategy.

This includes holding joint community forums that build on what we already know to find innovative solutions;

- Direct staff to review the many reports, surveys and studies that have already been completed that identify affordable housing innovation and best practices appropriate to our community, and to recommend steps for implementation, including making amendments to the Land Use Bylaw to remove unacceptable encumbrances to farmworker housing, secondary suites and cottages;

- Strongly advocate to senior levels of government, especially the CRD and BC Housing, for a unique housing strategy with dedicated funding, and for decision-making specific to the Southern Gulf Islands.

**Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs?**

**A.** I believe it is possible to sustain a healthy, vibrant community that is in harmony with the natural environment. Instead of fearing damage to our natural environment, Salt Spring can be a model community that attracts attention for its preservation and conservation culture, innovative green initiatives and technologies. We must first work together to measure and monitor what is important to sustain the social fabric of our island community (e.g., housing, food, water, healthcare) along with ecological indicators (e.g., biodiversity, water quality, protected land). This information helps us make decisions based on evidence and to shape our future through better planning.



Islands Trust

# Have Your Say

**Community Information Meeting**

Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Public Hearing**  
Tuesday, October 16th, 2018 from 7:30 p.m. onward

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**INDUSTRIAL LANDS REVIEW PROJECT**  
OCP and Land Use Bylaw amendments to enhance community economic sustainability on Salt Spring Island  
Bylaws No. 488, 489 and 490

## PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

**What are the bylaw changes about?**

Bylaw No. 488 amends the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan to:

- Replace the "Industrial and Commercial Services" Land Use Designation with a "General Employment" Land Use Designation on a number of Island properties;
- Establish policies for future "General Employment" growth near the junction of Rainbow and Atkins roads, near the junction of Long Harbour and Upper Ganges roads, and near the junction of Fulford-Ganges and Beaver Point roads.

Bylaw No. 489 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Replace existing "Industrial" zones with new "General Employment" zones;
- Expand the range of uses permitted on land zoned for "General Employment";
- Align "General Employment" zoning on a number of lots with the actual uses taking place there;
- Introduce new site coverage and setback regulations for a number of existing and new "General Employment" uses.

Bylaw No. 490 amends the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to:

- Ensure that solid and liquid waste disposal sites on the Island are appropriately zoned.

**How do I get more information?**

Copies of the bylaws and other information are available at the Islands Trust office from Wednesday, October 3, 2018:

- #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 2N8
  - Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.
- Written submissions are welcome until the end of the Public Hearing.

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## Howard Holzapfel - Islands Trust

**Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.**

**A.** My professional career has been devoted to doing business turnarounds. For companies in distress, I've been hired to do quick assessments and find solutions – to do a fast turnaround. Most of my career has been spent in real estate, planning, construction and broadcasting. I'm happy that, in my experience with land-use planning, I've managed to always uphold my values for environmental protection and community integrity. My family has lived on Salt Spring since 2010 and I continue to keep both my real estate broker's and general contractor's license active through payment of fees and continuing education courses. I am a good listener and will address your concerns.

**Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?**

**A.** In my first year in office I will review zoning on all developable and re-developable parcels on the island and

review land use and see how it fits or not into the Trust's mandate. I would like to have more community engagement with respect to growth over the next 20 years. I want to see a balance maintained so that all residents have options for affordable housing. I would like to bring in and support cost-effective programs for rain water harvesting, water and energy conservation — with a major emphasis on community education and support.

**Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?**

**A.** I know great people, tenants who would be forced off the island if their rentals were sold. I believe Salt Spring's future depends on finding good solutions for the affordability crisis.

With respect to the vacation rental issue I believe the best way forward involves regulation, using taxation from



**HOWARD HOLZAPFEL**

these rentals to help pay for affordable housing.

Affordable housing cannot be solved unless all agencies are brought to the table, meet monthly and resolve issues (Trust, CRD, water, fire, schools) and members of the wider community as well. I'm disappointed to learn that the Meadowlane seniors housing project presented a proposal for water provision which was rejected by the water district. I would like to work to make Meadowlane and other valuable projects viable, to reach workable solutions.

Several months ago I presented a plan to the fire board to create affordable housing for paid-on-call members at fire halls two and three. I asked Fire Chief Arjuna George to poll the staff, the response was positive. Benefits for employees and the wider community include: stabilizing membership by having affordable housing; providing a faster emergency response time for the south and central parts of our island; providing security for unoccupied fire halls.

**Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs? Share your thoughts on how this can be done or why it cannot be done.**

**A.** It is not only possible to move forward while respecting the preserve and protect mandate, it is essential. For this, community engagement and support are key. No one candidate can solve all the island's issues.

And each person has something to contribute. Part of my role is to help people bring the best they have to offer to land-use planning decisions. I want to contribute to the ongoing efforts to protect the environment and the community we love, in a way that works with the various forces of change we encounter.

More election candidate Q&As on pages 17, 19 and 20.

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**Peter Grove - Islands Trust**

*Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.*

A. Experience: I have been a trustee for seven years and therefore bring significant experience to the position. There are many projects and applications in progress which I would like to see completed.

Collaborative: I work well with others and seek common ground in decision making. I look for the best in people. I have a proven ability to work with individuals, groups and the community, facilitating communication, encouraging collaboration and cooperation.

Training: As a chartered accountant I have strong financial and management skills. As a mediator I am skilled at working with others. As an arbitrator I know how to make tough decisions.

*Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?*

A. To continue working with the CRD and the provincial government to address homelessness on our island; to encourage and support affordable housing projects that meet our island's requirements; to update the OCP, particularly to address housing needs and the realities of climate change; to develop an integrated, strategic long-range plan for the island, working with other agencies; to lobby the provincial government for changes to the building code which would enable the use of rainwater harvesting for multi-family residential housing; to pursue more effective local government working with community groups, the CRD, the provincial government, improvement districts and First Nations.

*Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?*

A. The Islands Trust represents 13 island groups and some 25,000 people. It has a strong voice and advocates on many issues of importance to island-



PETER GROVE

ers. It is in a strong position to advocate for changes to the building code and to Island Health's building requirements, which are presenting challenges to multi-residential projects.

At the local level the LTC can work with the CRD and applicants to zone properties to allow for their projects. The LTC does not have the ability or powers to develop its own housing; it must work collaboratively with those who have.

*Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs? Share your thoughts on how this can be done or why it cannot be done.*

A. Certainly. We need housing to support young families who serve the community and for our aging popula-

tion. There is a housing shortage which is being addressed with creative and environmentally sensitive projects. Increasing densities in village areas, cluster and cottage housing, and the use of secondary suites and seasonal cottages for long-term rentals will all contribute to easing the current crisis.

We all value our natural environment. For most of us, that is why we are here. So any development must be thoughtfully and carefully carried out, protecting natural resources and the landscape. As noted above, we need a long-term integrated strategic plan for the island and an OCP review where such matters can be addressed.



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**Kylie Coates - Islands Trust**

*Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.*

A. From an early age I was raised on a farm and learned the value of a hard day's work and the value of a dollar.

Another skill I have is being able to leave my ego at the door. I can talk and listen to anyone, and I can also admit when I'm wrong.

I've worked for large and small companies. For example, I spent two years assisting with building the patient care facility at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria and have also performed private contracting work for the Department of Defence (Canadian Navy & Army). So I am used to teamwork situations, as well as managing my own time. Due to the nature of both of these jobs, I was expected to, and did, pass a background security check.

*Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?*

A. In my first year I would like to open up communications with the other government bodies of Salt Spring to collectively develop a plan for affordable housing projects and water management, as well as other issues concerning all of us.

*Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?*

A. Right now there are five affordable housing projects being planned for Salt Spring. I would recommend we concentrate on the most feasible two and request the other three to stand down and get behind the other two for right now while we get the first two projects built.

I would also like to institute a moratorium on the Islands Trust preventing employers from providing temporary shelter for their employees (i.e., trailers, basement suites and tents) while there is a housing crisis going on, in order to allow those employed to stay employed, and providing much-needed staffing for businesses having difficulty securing staff due to lack of housing.

*Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs? Share your thoughts on how this can be done or why it cannot be done.*

A. I believe that most islanders respect and appreciate the natural beauty that Salt Spring is so fortunate to have, and that is why they choose to live here. Most will fight vehemently to preserve and protect. We have a population that is most passionate on the subject, and with many other community models out there to emulate, I see no reason why we cannot have both a thriving community as well as being able to maintain and protect the natural beauty and resources we hold so dear.



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## Gary Holman - CRD

*Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.*

A. Thirty years of commitment to Salt Spring and a record of accomplishment as a community activist, CRD Director and MLA. A proven ability to collaborate with others to achieve common goals. Finally, my past work with (now) provincial ministers and senior CRD officials, and an understanding of how the CRD can better support our amazing volunteers and community groups.

*Q. What are your priorities for the first year of your term?*

A. Meet with CRD staff, commissions and the Electoral Area Services Committee for briefings on projects and issues. Attend Local

Trust Committee town halls. Hold regular meetings with local trustees to determine joint CRD-Trust priorities, including the establishment of an inter-agency working group and Local Community Commission (see below). The seven affordable housing projects currently underway on Salt Spring will be my top priority, particularly the CRD Drake Road project (see below).

The 2018 CRD budget has received preliminary board approval, but I will review it carefully with CRD commissions and staff, and hold a public meeting before final CRD Board approval next March.

In 2019, we can complete pedestrian and cycling pathways around Ganges with already approved funding; expand public transit; identify an on-island liquid waste solution; develop plans for a new fire hall and keeping the Ganges hall public; and secure the harbourwalk

right-of-way. I will hold roundtables with senior CRD staff, commission chairs and community groups to resolve reported difficulties, and move forward initiatives like:

updating climate plans; composting green waste; establishing commercial charging stations; the community health centre; community radio; The Root food processing centre; and a public laundromat.

*Q. How can the CRD help to address the island's affordable housing crisis?*

A. The seven projects already underway, all with land secured and representing over 250 units, including the CRD Drake Road project, will have the biggest impact. The CRD



**GARY HOLMAN**

can assist by providing and advocating for senior government funding, as well as supporting services such as potable water, road improvements, walking/cycling paths, and waste disposal. The CRD should strengthen support for our Salt Spring Island Housing Council, which can help facilitate and eventually develop projects. The CRD should work with community groups to help establish secure housing and supporting services for the homeless, and partner with a proposed "hotel tax" to establish workforce housing. I support continued pro-active enforcement of bylaws banning STVRs, and a collaborative CRD/Trust process to regularize non-conforming, low-impact housing.

*Q. Do you support creation of a Local Community Commission? Why or why not?*

A. Yes. I participated in the Com-

munity Alliance Governance Working Group and Positively Forward reports recommending an elected-at-large LCC to broaden local CRD representation, share the CRD director workload, improve service coordination, and assume more operational authority from the CRD. These reports don't support conferring more authority to individual CRD commissions that would reinforce the already "siloed" nature of service delivery, but rather an LCC elected to represent the broad public interest. A local committee, appointed by Salt Spring Island's locally elected officials, could develop bylaws defining the composition, mandate and budget of an LCC, to be approved by the CRD Board and then put to local voters, similar to the incorporation process. If the referendum succeeds, candidates for CRD director and local community commissioners would run in the next election.

## Robin Williams - CRD

*Q. Describe 3 attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.*

A. I have 38 years extensive experience in public affairs and 33 years in business. I was a student politician who was introduced to senior-level government at a young age and have stayed involved ever since. I went on to build a business, to make payroll, but always contributed back as a volunteer community leader using my managerial and financial expertise.

I am a patient but persistent person, which has been demonstrated on my work creating the Ganges Harbourwalk Steering Committee. We will get the "boardwalk" completed in a win-win-win manner, including First Nations involvement.

I am unique in my local government experience having served six years on the trans-

portation commission, four as chair, and serving as an appointed trustee of the Islands Trust Conservancy and as their designate to the Trust Financial Planning Committee.

*Q. What are your priorities for the first year of your term?*

A. My first priority is to regain the respect and confidence of the CRD Board. This was lost after the incidents involving PARC from 2005-2008. I will return PARC to a management commission and will implement the recommendations of the 2007 KPMG report to give all CRD commissions training and support.

I will have two alternates with delegated authority. The first will handle water utility issues as we work towards an accommodation with North Salt Spring Waterworks Dis-



**ROBIN WILLIAMS**

trict. The second will handle PARC, trails and nature, and regional parks. Over the last 22 years, Salt Spring has provided Regional Parks with approximately \$9 million and received the cold shoulder in return. I want to see a multimillion dollar commitment to the regional trail starting with funding for Ganges Hill.

Finally, I will appoint a "Housing that is Affordable" champion. This will be a person who is dedicated to making a breakthrough on affordable housing. I already have a candidate in mind and will pay them one dollar a year from my own pocket.

*Q. How can the CRD help to address the island's affordable housing crisis?*

A. To really create housing that is affordable we need to look at land density. I believe an opportunity exists to design and construct a world-class housing zone in the upper Drake Road area, including the currently stalled CRD/SD64 project. I intend

to lobby for a seat for Salt Spring on the Island Health board. Island Health control many issues related to affordable housing, such as water and mental health subsidies. I currently serve on three affordable housing groups.

*Q. Do you support creation of a Local Community Commission? Why or why not?*

A. I am neutral on the idea of an LCC. It is currently the subject of an interesting discussion and I would like to hear more. It does seem to be a solution looking for a problem. Where the CRD problem really lies is in the relationship with the staff and administration in Victoria. Since 2008 Salt Spring has seen the administrative staff take more and more control. I intend to bring decision-making back to the island. I also feel there is an urgent need to form a Financial Planning Committee that includes all tax collection parties and those with significant financial impact. We need an island budget, not siloed budgetting.

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## Darryl Martin - Islands Trust

*Q. Describe three attributes or skills you have that you think will contribute the most to your effectiveness as a local politician, if elected.*

A. My understanding of the island's unique and complex government structure will contribute to my effectiveness as a trustee. I have gained this understanding through working inside that system. For five years I have served on the Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, as commissioner, vice-chair and chairperson. Two years ago I also accepted the role of alternate to the CRD director, which provided me the opportunity to participate as Salt Spring's voting member in a small but broad sample of CRD meetings here and in Victoria.

During my terms as CEDC chair, we were successful in persuading the province to recognize for the first time that, despite its affiliation with the urban CRD, Salt Spring should be entitled access to a rural development fund; and we identified that the housing shortage had worsened to the point it was impeding the island's economy. (We tasked a newly arrived commissioner with doing a survey of the shortage, which confirmed its importance and resulted in the CEDC making presentations to the Trust and CRD.)

It will be of great help to me as trustee that I have been engaged with Salt Spring since the early 1990s, and learned about its character, first as a part-timer with a cottage here, then for the past five years as a full-time resident. As Salt Spring's founding member of the Tour des Iles project, I have had the opportunity to engage with the

nearby Southern Gulf Islands.

My education and prior work experience have provided me with leadership and management skills. I graduated in mechanical engineering, augmented by additional coursework in management and economics, and worked in manufacturing and economic development fields, among others.

*Q. What priorities do you have for the first year of your term?*

A. My first year priorities are housing and fire. Decisive action by the Trust must be taken to moderate the workforce housing crisis. The Trust has the power to do many things to achieve this goal. Among them:

- Pass a bylaw to allow a significant number cottages to be built, that may be used for full-time rental. Specifically, modify the recently introduced Bylaw 512 to make a larger number of units possible, and specify that rainwater catchment may be used to meet the water requirement if the unit will be used by local workers;
- Closely monitor the Trust process to ensure that affordable housing projects like Croftonbrook, Drake Road etc. are not held up by Trust requirements;
- Work in vigorous cooperation with our MLA, CRD and others to reduce other impediments to affordable housing. For example, advocate with the provincial government to allow a Salt Spring approach to landlord-tenant disputes. (I have heard from some local property owners that the current legislation discourages them from offering property for rental.)



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Wildfire management will be the other high priority in my first year. In view of the dangerously dry conditions of the last two summers, the Trust's "preserve and protect" mandate requires it to take action to prevent wildfires or mitigate their effect. In cooperation with the fire district, CRD emergency planning and others, we should take steps to encourage distributed water storage, establish fire interruption zones and improve emergency escape routes.

*Q. How do you think the Islands Trust can help address the island's affordable housing crisis?*

A. Generally, I will work to ensure the Trust and residents recognize that adequate supply of a variety of workforce housing is essential to preserving and protecting the character of the island for its residents. See my answer to the second question, above, for more specifics.

*Q. Do you think it is possible to strike a balance between preserving and protecting the natural environment and providing for the community's economic and social needs?*

A. Yes, it is very possible to preserve the Salt Spring natural environment while meeting economic and social needs. Salt Spring has an abundance of knowledge and talent in all three of these areas: environment, economy and social. A healthy balance can be found by bringing this talent together with the various facets of our community to develop a way forward that most residents can agree on. If I become a trustee, the Trust, with its mandate and experience in developing official community plans, will be an effective and cooperative partner in this exciting process.



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