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POWER OF DANCE: Members of the Tzinquaw Dancers group from Qu'wutsun perform at the Aug. 26 opening ceremony for the JSINSET ŠWELOKE exhibition of artwork by WSÁNEC artists Myrna Crossley and TEMOSEŃFET Charles Elliott, emerging artists TEMOSEŃ Chazz Elliott and Matthew Parlyb-Elliott. The exhibit itself, curated by Rose Spahan, opened Friday at Mahon Hall, but the official celebration took place at ArtSpring, with many members of the Tzinquaw group, the WSÁNEC and other nations, artists and community members present. Spahan, elder and knowledge keeper JSINTEN John Elliott and Salt Spring Arts representatives also spoke, and relative Nate Harris performed songs at both ArtSpring and Mahon Hall. JSINTEN will give a cultural talk today (Aug. 31) in the ArtSpring gallery. The Elliott family exhibition continues daily on the stage at Artcraft through Sept. 18.

RCMP

No charges following RCMP raid

Officials say response warranted to ensure safety during investigation

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

In the wake of a dramatic police action on Salt Spring, islanders are left with scant official explanation for what may have prompted it.

The community was rattled by the appearance last Tuesday of dozens of RCMP officers, a helicopter and an armoured vehicle at a Stewart Road property, as a search warrant related to firearms was executed.

Beachside Cafe and kayak tours company owner Jason Watkin identified himself on social media as having been interrogated by RCMP, and his property as the subject of the warrant.

As speculation on the nature of the action reached fever pitch on Friday, Aug. 26, Salt Spring RCMP and Vancouver Island General Investigation Section announced their investigation had ended and no charges would

be laid.

"The investigation has now concluded, and police determined there was no criminality with respect to the property or its owner," said Sgt. Chris Manseau, acting senior media relations officer for the BC RCMP. "The investigators have provided an update to those directly impacted and the file will be concluded without any charges being recommended."

Sgt. Manseau added only that the large number of officers and equipment were used due to the nature of the initial information received, to "ensure the safety of the community and the police officers on scene."

As of press time, no further details regarding either the search warrant nor the information that prompted its issuance have been released. For his part, Watkin has stated on social media that an individual who lived on

his property at one point made a claim to police that resulted in the RCMP action.

As a group of Watkin family supporters gathered at an afternoon rally outside the Beachside Cafe that coincided with the RCMP's Friday announcement, Watkin said the harrowing experience was tempered by the professionalism of the officers involved, who he said came to his home to inform him personally he would not be facing charges.

"They apologized a lot of times," said Watkin on Friday. "It's over, everything's dropped, everything's done."

"[The RCMP] sent the boss' boss' boss, that's what they called him," he said. "They gave me huge apologies. They thought I'd react totally differently. And then we didn't. And then we all hugged at the end."

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Also at the Friday gathering outside Beachside, islander Greg Clayton compared the Watkin situation to an RCMP raid on his Beaver Point property last December, which he said resulted from an allegation also made by an individual. Salt Spring RCMP said in a press release at the time "it was determined that the allegations made were unfounded."

In addition to more familiar police vehicles, an RCMP International MXT Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) was brought to the island last Tuesday. The APC is commonly utilized by emergency response team deployments.

The RCMP helicopter circled the area near the Stewart Road residence for part of the morning, before powering down on the field in front of Gulf Islands Secondary School.

PHOTO ABOVE COURTESY RALPH BLAKE; PHOTO AT TOP BY ROBB MAGLEY
From top, a crowd gathers outside of Beachside Cafe to show support for Jason Watkin and family on Friday; armoured vehicle is seen at the Salt Spring RCMP detachment Aug. 23.

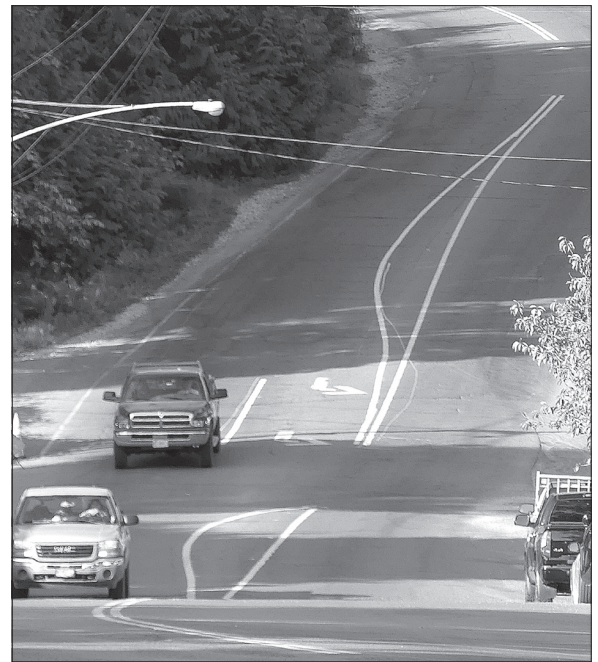


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NOT A MIRAGE: Island drivers were greeted by freshly painted yellow centre lines on Fulford-Ganges Road, above, and other major roads on Wednesday morning. Painting is coordinated by the regional office of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure area and done by contractor Lafrenz Road Marking. Centre lines had long been worn off in some areas of the island.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Maliview sewer plant gets grant

Federal, provincial monies cover bulk of project

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A struggling wastewater system received word of a nearly \$2-million boost last week, part of a round of federal and provincial funding that will have Maliview Drive residents breathing a sigh of relief.

The Maliview Wastewater Treatment Infrastructure Upgrade project will see \$1,989,000 in combined Government of Canada and Government of British Columbia investment, according to Infrastructure Canada. The upgrade was one of eight infrastructure projects in B.C., which split some \$20 million in funding — for everything from food security and pedestrian access to wastewater treatment and dam rehabilitation.

The plant upgrade at Maliview will increase treatment capacity, as well as improve treatment to protect the adjacent marine environment. Capital Regional District (CRD) director Gary Holman called the funding announcement a "big win" for Maliview ratepayers, who otherwise would be faced with the full cost of upgrading their treatment plant.

"CRD staff should be commended for their considerable effort in putting together a very detailed grant application," said Holman. "This is the kind of work they do that most of us don't see or appreciate."

Holman said the application process required significant design work and detailed project cost estimates, each with their own price tags — which, fortunately, were allowable uses for gas tax revenues.

"Projects like Maliview and the Ganges Harbour Walk have been grandfathered," said Holman, "but changes in gas tax rules won't allow use of these funds for design work going forward."

According to the CRD, the current system was originally built by a developer in the late 1970s, with CRD taking over operations in 1979. The only upgrades since took place in 2005 and 2006, and much of the system has reached the end of its service life.

Equipment failures at the plant, one as recent as Aug. 16-17, have resulted in partially treated wastewater being discharged into the ocean, leading to shoreline impacts and public health advisories. The advisory was lifted on Aug. 22.

Total cost for the system to meet regulatory requirements was estimated at \$2.2 million back in 2020; once begun, the project is expected to require 12 to 18 months to complete.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Applications for Volunteer Scrutineers

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Dated this 31st day of August 2022

Kristen Morley,
Chief Election Officer

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WATER

Record-high water leak absorbed

District says communication key to averting water loss

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What could be the largest water leak — and subsequent water charge — in Salt Spring history has the island's biggest water utility looking to improve communication among ratepayers, plumbers and the district in hopes it never happens again.

A single-family residence on Acland Road leaked more than 850,000 gallons of water over two months this winter, according to North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) staff. NSSWD trustee Chris Dixon said he believed it was the largest the district had ever seen, and the board agreed it highlighted the importance of being in clear communication with water providers when work is done.

NSSWD staff said they became aware of the leak in March when an operator performing a bi-monthly meter reading at the part-time residence noticed the dial spinning, suggesting a rate of 20 gallons per minute. The service was shut off immediately, and both the owner and the emergency contact on file were contacted by phone and email. The new reading was just over 865,000 imperial gallons higher than the one two months earlier, leading to a water bill of some \$29,000.

Piecing together the events that led to the leak, staff and trustees believe a miscommunication between the homeowner and a plumber hired to do work there led to a shutoff valve being installed after the meter, but left open — and, since no one contacted the district to let them know work was being done, no one from NSSWD was tasked to check the water flow. Pursuant to the water district's regulation bylaw, plumbers and homeowners are required to contact the NSSWD to shut off water before starting work; the meters, which are property of NSSWD, should only be turned off or on by district operators.

The district's leak allowance policy allows a billing adjustment once every five years, which can save ratepayers 50 per cent of the dollar amount of the overage or \$2,000, whichever is less. An application for adjustment must be submitted within 30 days from when the leak was discovered. Unfortunately in this case the request was not filed for several months, and despite

an appeal trustees were compelled last week to deny the bill adjustment.

"It breaks my heart to see this," said Dixon, adding that the district should redouble efforts in the public education process "to stress the importance of following the process, as far as turning the supply on and off with NSSWD staff, so people will maybe think twice."

District financial officer and office manager Tammy Lannan said staff had already been ramping up communication on the matter prior to the leak, as customers and plumbers have been shutting off valves on their own despite district policy.

"The intent is to save as much water loss as possible in the event of leaks," said Lannan. "Plumbers on the island have been told numerous times they need to call us to turn the water off or on. We've communicated to customers as well, it's in the newsletters."

The problem might also be exacerbated, staff believed, by off-island contractors unaware of policy — as well as a lack of awareness by part-time residents. To address the former, ideas floated included increased visibility for the policy on the NSSWD website.

As a point-of-touch effort, Dixon suggested a laminated sign could be placed in each meter box, explaining the policy and potential price tag if not followed.

"Then we would be communicating with the target audience," said Dixon, "the people who are down on their hands and knees."

Staff were directed to explore the cost of that option, in hopes it could be rolled out during routine meter reading.

In other NSSWD news:

- The hiring of new district manager Colum McCready, who will be moving to Salt Spring from Gabriola Island, was announced.

- Trustees heard from staff that despite the lack of rain this month, the district is in "fairly good shape" as far as water reserves and potential restrictions. Acting district manager Vaughn Figueira said both St. Mary and Maxwell lakes were at good levels going into September, and restrictions were more likely to be lowered than raised in the near future.

- Staff were directed to finalize a letter to the Salt Spring Island Conservancy for their signatures, in support of Transition Salt Spring's Maxwell Creek Fire Risk Reduction Implementation Plan. The project will restore a second-growth Western hemlock and Douglas fir ecosystem to the area, increasing its natural fire-resistant properties and available wildlife habitat.



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EDITORIAL

Arts are vital

While the arts have always been highly valued in the Gulf Islands, it wasn't until access to arts events was curtailed by the pandemic that many became aware of how important they truly are.

That's one reason that summer events like Salt Spring Arts' Summer Outdoor Concert Showcase, and Pitchfork Social's Harry Manx concerts and Wendy Judith-Cutler's An UnDutiful Daughter play at Beaver Point Hall were so appreciated by their audiences. No doubt about it: live performances have been missed.

As organizers of the September-long On the Rise Climate Arts Festival explain, the arts are also instrumental in reaching people on an emotional level

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when it comes to processing complex issues such as climate change. For those struggling with a sense of helplessness when it comes to solutions, the arts can be a catharsis for those kinds of emotions, including what's known as "climate grief."

As Darlene Gage of Transition Salt Spring (TSS), one of the groups spearheading the festival, has said, "The arts are able to reach people in their hearts, bypassing some of our survival mechanisms and expanding our capacity to see things in different ways."

What's also important about On the Rise and other recent arts events is the effective collaboration involved.

On the Rise has seen TSS, Salt Spring Arts and Grafitti Theatre join forces to make it happen, along with financial support from the Salt Spring Island Foundation, an agency that brings so many events to life on the island through generous grants programs.

The remarkable JINSET SWELOKE (Family Growing Ourselves Up) exhibition at Mahon Hall and related events is another example of partnerships through the arts expanding hearts and minds, and bringing First Nations communities together while reconnecting with their traditional territories on Salt Spring.

Another collaborative event — the PAS250 Parallel Art Show fundraiser — is also taking place this weekend at ArtSpring, supporting the exhibition of work by Gulf Islands artists that runs in tandem with Salt Spring National Art Prize events, which will be mounted again next year.

As we head into autumn, there's so many opportunities to refill our depleted arts stock and be energized to face the challenges ahead.



Climate dialogues uplifting

BY RYDER BERGERUD

VIEWPOINT

I'm talking to Meeru Dhalwala, co-owner of and chef at Vij's in Vancouver. After she and Angus An performed an induction cooking demonstration at the Healthy Climate Solutions Fair last week, I'm asking her some questions for an article I'm preparing on induction cooking. However, our conversation has wandered in a different direction.

She's talking about Bob Stowe, a member of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE), whom she'd met over at the Healthy Climate Solutions Fair. He had passed her a CD, which recorded the first fundraising concert Greenpeace ever held.

"Okay, I don't listen to James Taylor and Joni Mitchell, I don't even have a CD player," she tells me, "but then I read the CD booklet, and I was mesmerized."

The liner notes were written by Bob's sister, Barbara. They tell the story of how Greenpeace was founded in their living room by their parents and six friends.

"They talk about the concert, how they did it, and how they got the money to get a ship and a captain to go to this island, and [a year later] stopped the nuclear testing on Amchitka Island. And I'm not kidding you, this is such a good story."

She's right. It's incredible. For a second I think about the fact that we're off topic. But no, I realize, we're right on topic. This is where change begins: Determined dreamers getting together in living rooms.

Dr. Deborah Curry, a family physician in

Vancouver and a member of CAPE, unfortunately had more than one patient pass away in the past year due to the recent fires, floods and heat domes in B.C. Through her work with CAPE, she met with members of the municipal and provincial government about the health impacts of climate change. And she was shocked with the way fossil fuel businesses and politicians were being so cavalier about the warnings CAPE was giving them about the health impacts of climate change now and in the future.

The idea of a climate solutions fair came to her over the past year when she started reading about the work of visionary engineers such as Mark Jacobson and Saul Griffith. She then met a few talented artists and climate activists at an art build for 350.org's Just Transition event in March 2022. Dr. Curry and Wei Li, a Vancouver-based Emmy award-winning storyboard

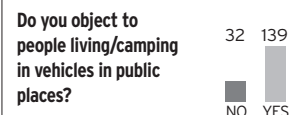
artist, started attending and inviting others to local climate potlucks. For several months, members of CAPE and others in the climate community held biweekly calls to organize the Healthy Climate Solutions Fair.

Now, after a successful and uplifting event in Vancouver, we're bringing the exhibit to Salt Spring. Come join us at the Salt Spring Fall Fair, Sept. 10 and 11. We're setting up a tent where we'll have poster displays, each describing a different climate solution, designed by Emmy and Annie award-winning storyboard artists. You never know what might come out of your next conversation about climate!

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GISRA update

In June, the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association (GISRA) signed a nine-month lease with BC Housing for our Kings Lane property.

This allowed BC Housing to place temporary supportive housing there for vulnerable members of our community who have been housed at the Seabreeze Inne. Permanent supportive housing is being completed for them at 161 Drake Road. The recent placement of temporary housing on Kings Lane has resulted in questions from the community regarding how this lease will affect our existing plans to construct a 50-unit seniors' residence there.

For the past 18 months, GISRA has continued to work with architects, contractors and a financing partner to produce a viable plan for our seniors' housing project on Kings Lane. Once this process is complete, plans will be shared with the public to determine if there is sufficient interest to proceed. Assuming sufficient community interest, construction will commence after we receive the necessary permits. We anticipate that our activities prior to construction will exceed our lease with BC Housing by several months and, even if an extension is necessary, will not disrupt our

schedule for the new seniors' housing development.

GISRA is pleased that we have been able to support our community in a way that is consistent with our newly adopted vision: "a world where all seniors have a safe, comfortable, suitable home to live in with dignity in a caring, community environment."

HARRY BARNES,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
GISRA

Join Channel Ridge residents

This is a response to Greg Middleton's Aug. 24 letter entitled "No sympathy for cell tower area residents."

Thanks for voicing your opinion, Greg, that cell tower area residents "should just suck it up and be quiet for the sake of the common good." However, I'd like to share a few facts you may not be aware of.

The protesters aren't against cell towers. They are simply asking that Rogers place the tower in a more appropriate location. This is not a tower or no tower discussion but rather a question of where to place the tower. And given the 567 hectares of bare land in Chan-

nel Ridge with several ridges as high or higher than the proposed site, and no medium density residential area nearby, it doesn't seem unreasonable to ask Rogers to place their 14-story tower elsewhere.

Rogers has six existing towers in and around the Gulf Islands: located on Mount Tuam on Salt Spring, Stockade Hill on Galiano, Cramer Hill on North Pender, Mount Parke on Mayne, Warburton Pike on Saturna and Maple Mountain in Maple Bay. All of those sites except Mayne have no homes within 500 metres of the tower, and on Mayne the 23-metre tower has no homes within 270 metres of the site and only 12 homes between 270 metres and 500 metres.

Rogers' proposed 40-metre tower site in Channel Ridge has 49 homes within 500 metres, 29 homes within 270 metres, eight homes within 100 metres and three homes within 50 metres. One of the subcontractors shared that he has put in more than 150 cell tower foundations over the past 20 years and has never seen a tower of this size placed so close to a residential area.

So rather than ask your fellow Salt Spring residents to "suck it up," perhaps you might consider joining us and asking Rogers to suck it up and move their proposed site to a more appropriate location!

Also, you may not be aware of how poor a corporate citizen Rogers has been throughout this process. They disregarded regulations, falsified their application to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, refused to meet with residents in person and ignored the LTC when they were asked not to break ground on the site. So alternatively, perhaps you might consider pulling your support for Rogers and simply change cell-phone provider.

JULIAN CLARK,
CANVASBACK PLACE

Road paint gift

As I prepared for bed, it was a quiet warm evening, yet filled with an unknown anticipation. Next morning I understood why! Overnight, our main roads had been painted with beautiful fresh yellow lines. I drove my car with a new, unexpected pleasure and confidence.

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KEN LEE,
SALT SPRING

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"They gave me huge apologies. They thought I'd react totally differently. And then we didn't. And then we all hugged at the end."

JASON WATKIN, SUBJECT OF RCMP RAID ON STEWART ROAD PROPERTY

When it comes to memory, forgetfulness is a useful survival tool

Memory. Remember when you still had one? We're not talking about tragic and debilitating conditions such as Alzheimer's or dementia here, but rather those small memory lapses that make you forget the names of people you know or where in the world you left your reading glasses this time.

It's said that nostalgia ain't what it used to be but I can't say that I really remember if it ever was. All I know is that there are vast pieces of memory that flit in and out of my head like butterflies high on cannabis pollen. And it's not just me. All around me I hear others, both old and young, complaining about it. Basically, we are all standing in front of an open refrigerator door wondering what we are looking for with blank looks on our faces and no trace of an answer in reach.

It hit me, personally, just the other day. I was putting a new roll of toilet paper on the holder in the bathroom when I suddenly realized that I could not remember whether I normally pull the sheets off over the top of the roll or up from under the bottom. I tried both ways and neither felt familiar. Not that it really mattered, but in the end I left the roll sitting on the bathroom counter in hopes that my memory would be jarred back to normal with the passage of time.

And it's not as if it's just one kind of memory that is eluding us. Memories come in many sizes and flavours. There's short term, like where you left the keys that you were just holding in your hand. There's long term, such as the name you gave to your very first teddy bear that you refused

to sleep without even into your 20s.

You've got your motor memory, semantic memory, explicit and implicit memory. There are even those believers in reincarnation who claim to have past lives memories. It's strange how the very same people who can't remember what they ate for lunch can go into vivid detail about what kind of boots they wore into battle when they fought against the Normans at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

My least favourite memory loss issue involves forgetting to turn the lights off when leaving a room. No matter how many times I remind myself, more often than not I will waltz mindlessly out of a room with the lights still blazing for no purpose at all. This is coming from someone who used to be the conscience of the world and was always noodging the kids to turn off the lights so as not to be wasting needless money on electricity bills or destroying the planet by leaving the light switch turned on for an unnecessary 30 seconds.

If you are seeking someone or something to blame for your loss of memory, you need look no farther than your own brain. Indeed, there are a great number of parts and regions in the anatomy of the brain that control and manage a variety of functions dealing with memory. For instance, the hippocampus, a seahorse-shaped structure located in the medial



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

temporal lobe of the cerebral cortex, is in charge of both spatial navigation and long term memories. A faulty hippocampus may be the reason they say we can never go home again. We probably can't remember where

home is and, even if we did, we would lose our way getting there.

Another group of structures near the centre of the brain, the basal ganglia, aid in remembering learned motor activities and modify muscle movements, thereby maintaining posture. If our basal ganglia were to gang up and desert us, not only would we forget what our fingers are supposed to do when we sit down to play the Moonlight Sonata at the piano but we would probably trigger Gramma's ire by slouching terribly while trying to remember.

The brain stem is the lowest part of the brain and it controls some of the basic functions such as breathing and heart rate. In males, it performs the vital duty of sending a reminder to put the toilet seat up before peeing (there is no known part of the brain in charge of reminding men to put the seat back down afterwards).

Recent neuron research on memory loss has unearthed complex cellular systems in the brain that have not yet been officially named. One such system, let's call it the passcodious oblongata, is responsible for storing every computer password you

have ever used and making sure that you can retrieve the one you need only after exhausting all the ones that won't work. Although all the passwords are safe from bionic hacking, they can be wiped out by catastrophic events such as a large sneeze. It is a well-known fact that the brain is quite symmetrical and can be divided longitudinally into two hemispheres which are responsible for diverse duties and functions. The corpus callosum is that part of the brain which allows the left side to communicate with the right. Forgetting which shoe goes on which foot is probably not the result of a faulty corpus callosum, but not remembering which goes on first, the shoe or the sock, can be attributed to a wonky miscommunication.

Nobody asked me, but I truly believe that forgetfulness is a useful survival tool. If we remembered everything we had ever learned or experienced in our lives, our brains would be so overloaded with information that we would be rendered paralyzed in both thought and action. Basically, it would be comparable to having our biological hard drives filled to capacity. It is the ability to have most of our memories automatically deleted that allows us to prioritize the ones that are vital to our well-being and survival.

A friend once told me that if you remembered everything you ever learned, it would be about as useful as having a map the same size as what it is a map of. I'm not sure I understand what that means, but I'll have to remember to get back to it as soon as I figure out the toilet paper roll conundrum.

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LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

'Solitude' author returns to island

Grant Lawrence and musicians at ArtSpring

BY ROBB MAGLEY
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Grant Lawrence's latest book has been sitting atop the BC Bestseller List since late May, and as he returns to Salt Spring to perform and share parts of it, the author, singer and CBC personality made a point to say this was not a "book tour."

"It's more 'an evening of stage and song,'" laughed Lawrence, who certainly has logged plenty of hours in both.

Lawrence will be part of an ensemble performance at ArtSpring theatre Friday, Sept. 9, bringing back a new iteration of a show he brought to Fulford Hall before the pandemic, a self-described West Coast version of the CBC show Vinyl Cafe — here featuring a hand-picked assembly of musicians who will bookend readings from Return to Solitude, the sequel to 2010's Adventures in Solitude.

"Music is very near and dear to my heart, and I have a great appreciation for original Canadian music," said Lawrence. "Over the years I've gotten to know a lot of incredible songwriters, and in B.C. a lot of them end up on Vancouver Island or the Gulf Islands."

The lineup includes Kathryn Calder, from the New Pornographers; sometime Salt Springer



COURTESY GRANT LAWRENCE
 Grant Lawrence on the water. The author and musician visits the island on Sept. 9.

and current Victoria resident Jay Malinoski from Bedouin Soundclash; Tom Hooper from The Grapes of Wrath, an island resident and childhood favourite of Lawrence's; and Salt Spring singer/songwriter Phœnix Lazare.

So, absolutely not a book tour. "I used to do book tours, and they'd be in the back room of a library, or they'd be in some small room in a community centre," said Lawrence. "But I love the variety show aspect of me telling a story, maybe getting some laughs or gasps — depending on the nature of the story — then switching it up to a song."

And while the three-year wait between Salt

Spring shows might seem long for islanders, it was nothing like the one Lawrence put his publisher through; he characterized Adventures in Solitude as a "surprise bestseller," and a follow-up needed time to come to fruition.

"Nobody really expected the first book to be a success," said Lawrence.

But the central themes seemed to resonate — small communities, living with ferries, going to a family cabin, rejecting certain parts of family life before coming back to them — and the book took off, short-listed or winning several nonfiction awards and cementing his position as an author.

"So the publisher said, 'Quickly, write another one!'" said Lawrence. "But not enough had happened yet."

Eventually he collected enough stories from the wellspring of Desolation Sound — new characters, some returning and some passing away in suitably eccentric style.

"I write about the tragedy of Bernard the German," said Lawrence. "I won't get into spoilers, but the way he left this world is something I would never have predicted."

Lawrence hopes readers will agree it's all been worth the wait. Smugglers fans will be pleased to hear he will sing next Friday — at least a little.

"In the finale," said Lawrence. "It's not a Smugglers song, but it's a really great song, and a great way to end the show; I think everyone on Salt Spring will love it."

LITERARY

Writers on tap

Day and poetry night

Two literary events are being hosted by the Salt Spring Public Library next week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., the library will host a book talk with author Day Schildkret, author of Morning Altars and Hello, Goodbye.

Schildkret is "an artist and teacher who has inspired tens of thousands of people to make life more meaningful," states a press release. "He is devoted to healing our culture through meaning making in a modern world."

Then on Thursday, Sept. 8, also at 7 p.m., the Poetry Open Mic night will be held via Zoom, with featured poet Natalie Meisner, the award-winning author of six books.

To register for the poetry evening, email programs@saltspringlibrary.com.

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RECITAL

Tempo hosts duo

David Storm and Bill Morrison perform

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Following the popular Tea à Tempo events each week all summer, September is the start of first-Wednesday-of-the-month performances. Sept. 7 will see local musicians Bill Morrison and David Storm perform at All Saints by-the-Sea beginning at 2:10 p.m.

When the pair met a few years ago, they discovered a shared joy in playing music together. Since Bill was 70 and David was about to turn 70 at the time they met, they called themselves the "270s."

Storm has been the organist, pianist and music director of the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring for almost 15 years. He has played gigs at Meadowbrook, Greenwoods, Heritage Place and Lady Minto Hospital Intensive care with a number of different musicians. He was also the Salt Spring Singers choir accompanist for five years.

Victoria native Morrison was for 10 years the lead singer of the eight-piece R&B dance band called Backstage Betty. Over the past few years he has continued to perform with the Jukebox Junkies.

Wednesday's audience will hear music by Elton John, Billy Joel, Fleetwood Mac, Paul Simon, the Eagles, Mark Knopfler and Bruce Springsteen. Morrison is happy to be the singer as Storm looks after all accompaniment on his new Roland RD-2000.

IN FINE VOICE: Singer-songwriter Nate Harris from the Stz'uminus Tribe plays at the JSINSET-SWELOKE exhibition opening at Mahon Hall on Friday night, after having played a couple of songs earlier at the more formal ArtSpring reception.

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what's on this week



Wed. Aug. 31

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo. Violinist Kieren Denny performs at All Saints, joined by violinist Carolyn Hatch and bassoonist Kerry Graham. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.

El Jose's Cuban Dance Party. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

JSINSET-SWELOKE Cultural Talk. J,SINTEN John Elliott, gives talk about Elliott family exhibition in the ArtSpring gallery. 4:30 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum. Open in Bittancourt House on the Farmers' Institute grounds on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thur. Sept. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Outdoor Concert Series. Daniel Lapp, Adam Dobres and friends perform in Centennial Park. 6 to 8 p.m.

Improv Theatre. Mateada Lounge. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Terry Warbey & Gordo. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Fri. Sept. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

John Herbert. On the deck at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

Salt Spring Underground. On stage at Moby's Pub. 5 to 8 p.m.

DJ Skywater. Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Valdy. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is MLA Adam Olsen. United Church Meadow. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity. Follow the signs from the Salt Spring Public Library through Mouat Park toward Rainbow Road. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Mondays.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Sat. Sept. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Call Me CC Cabaret Theatre. Hilarious musical comedy starring Climate Change itself! Part of the On the Rise Climate Arts Festival at Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 p.m. Tickets/details: www.transitionsaltspring.com/rise

Marianne Grittani Trio. On deck at Moby's Pub from 5 to 8 p.m.

Coal Davie. On stage at Moby's Pub from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sharon Bailey Band. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. In Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Sun. Sept. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salt Spring Jazz & Blues Jazz Jam. At the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

Daryl Chonka. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday Artist Series. Live music at Fernwood Road Cafe. 1 to 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Indigenous Teaching and Welcome Ceremony at Xwaaqw'um. Robert George (Qwiahultuhw), an Elder from Quw'utsum (Cowichan), will lead a welcome ceremony and teaching at Xwaaqw'um (Burgoyne Bay). 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Part of the On The Rise Climate Arts Festival.

PAS250 Choosing Gala. Holders of 45 tickets make selections of 45 art pieces in a fundraising event for the Parallel Art Show. ArtSpring gallery. 6 to 9 p.m.

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.



Mon. Sept. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Duck Creak Trio. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Tues. Sept. 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jessica Benini. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Meeting. Regular monthly meeting at Community Gospel Chapel and viewable online. From 9:30 a.m. with trustee reports/town hall beginning at noon.

Book Talk with Day Schildkret. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.



Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed. Sept. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo. Bill Morrison and David Storm perform at All Saints by-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.

The K-Tones. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

• **DC League of Superpets** runs Wed., Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. **Where the Crawdad Sings** is on from Friday, Sept. 2 to Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. **For more movie info, see thefritz.ca.**

EXHIBITIONS

• **JSINSET-SWELOKE** (Family Growing Ourselves Up), a multidisciplinary exhibit of work by four members of the Elliott family from WSÁNEĆ: Myrna Crossley and TEMOSEN, Charles Elliott, and family members, emerging artists TEMOSEN Chazz Elliott and Matthew Parlyby-Elliott is the **Showcase Exhibition** at Mahon Hall through Sept. 18, daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

• The PAS 250 fundraiser for the **Parallel Art Show 2023** sees art on display in the ArtSpring gallery from Friday, Sept. 2 until the gala choosing event on Sunday, Sept. 4 (from 6 to 9 p.m.) See ssiartists.com for info and one of 45 \$250 tickets to choose an art piece.

• **Olga Szkabarnicki** presents **Bedsheets & Recurring Dreams, Monumental Dance Portraits**, at Salt Spring Gallery until Sept. 14, Wednesdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• **Self-Guided Art Walk** - part of the **On the Rise Climate Arts Festival**. Grab a map at Mahon Hall and head downtown for the self-guided art tour by over a dozen local artists.

• Local island textile artists share their perspectives and stories about climate change in **A Planet in Crisis** exhibit at ArtSpring through September. Part of the On The Rise Climate Arts Festival.

• **Ultimatum of the Scattered World** is an art installation on display at the Salt Spring Public Library program room from Sept. 3 to 27.

• **Artcraft** show and sale of work by more than 100 Gulf Islands artisans runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 18.

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Bylaw 530: stealth legislation

BY FRANTS ATTORP

The Islands Trust, established in 1974 to protect the Gulf Islands in perpetuity for all British Columbians, is being destroyed covertly and without due process by the very people who were elected to defend it.

The latest assault on the agency comes in the form of Salt Spring's draft Bylaw 530 which seeks to blanket rezone most of the island to allow for thousands more suites and full-time cottages (called accessory dwelling units or ADUs), often in areas with no community sewer and water. The purported aim is to provide more affordable housing, but even proponents believe the bylaw will bring few benefits. The many long-term downsides are not even discussed.

When major bylaws are presented, an amendment to the official community plan (OCP) is required to keep documents in sync and make the community aware of what's happening. On the Gulf Islands, OCP amendments are particularly important as any changes must align with provincial legislation (the Islands Trust Act). Without that harmonization, the whole system of environmental protection collapses.

In a February staff report, Trust planners made it clear that a previous attempt to allow cottages in all zones failed because Trust lawyers said it was "not consistent" with key parts of the OCP. The report states: "An amendment to permit ADUs in all zones will be affected by the same policies; therefore, an amendment to the relevant Salt Spring OCP policies will be required."

Despite this unequivocal advice from their own staff and lawyers, Salt Spring trustees are pushing ahead without amending the OCP. The Bylaw 530 staff

INDEPTH

report lists many legal reasons why the OCP must be amended, including requirements of the Local Government Act, but then adds this bombshell: "However, the direction from Salt Spring Local Trust Committee is to avoid the OCP amendment process to address the housing crisis . . ."

An OCP amendment is not a mere technicality; it would identify the exact parts of the OCP that are being dumped, such as keeping growth "incremental", allowing only "few and minor" zoning changes for affordable housing, and limiting the island's build-out population (when all existing lots are fully subdivided and developed) to "a little more than 17,000."

Lost in all this is the long-overdue public review of Salt Spring's OCP, which would create a new vision for the future through extensive public consultation.

Spelling out the implications of Bylaw 530 in this way could result in significant blowback from the public. It might also cause the bylaw to be rejected by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. Any delay could leave insufficient time for a remake prior to upcoming trustee elections.

In an attempt to downplay the significance of the bylaw, trustees are cit-

ing short-term housing studies showing little uptake of ADUs, while making no mention of long-term, negative consequences. They dismiss concerns as "fear mongering."

Trust staff, meanwhile, have started to use weasel words. The word "densities" has now become "intensities," and "rezoning" has been replaced by "adding a permitted accessory use." But none of these word games can hide the fact that the bylaw will increase Salt Spring's eventual build-out population far beyond the 17,000 now allowed, a number already deemed unsustainable by major scientific studies.

Lost in all this is the long-overdue public review of Salt Spring's OCP, which would create a new vision for the future through extensive public consultation. Such a process would air key issues such as sustainability, limited resources and infrastructure, settlement patterns, rural character, the population cap, strategies for dealing with a never-ending housing crisis, and, of course, the preserve and protect mandate of the Islands Trust.

Rather than enter such dangerous waters, trustees have decided to hire a consultant to engage with the public — but only after major changes have already been made to the island and only to sell a narrow, predetermined agenda.

Island residents are being herded like a flock of sheep toward a future they didn't choose. Public process has become public processing. Voters have an opportunity to clean house on Oct. 15, but, in the meantime, must demand an answer to a single burning question: Where is the OCP amendment for Bylaw 530?

The writer is a Meadow Drive resident.

Different LTC tower treatment criticized

BY WILLIAM STEINER

Does anyone remember a monopole that was proposed by CREST to be built by Telus on vacant land at the Legion? That was back in the spring of 2019, pre-Covid. A completely different world.

As I remember, the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) ultimately voted for non-concurrence. CREST withdrew the application and Telus decided not to build the monopole.

This is an excerpt from the April 25, 2015 Driftwood:

"CREST is a private not-for-profit corporation that is responsible for providing radio communications to emergency response agencies in the Capital Region, including BC Ambulance Service, the RCMP and Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue. Its application will go to Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada for approval, but local governments can submit a recommendation of concurrence or non-concurrence. The LTC is scheduled to address CREST's request for concurrence after Tuesday's town hall ends.

"CREST manager Gordon Horth said the organization is in the process of upgrading its entire system, but downtown Ganges has been identified as having the most significant radio coverage gap across the entire region.

"Planning staff have recommended the LTC submit concurrence based on the benefit to emergency communications, the public consultation undertaken by the proponent, and an independent analysis demonstrating the power density meets Health Canada standards (Safety Code 6).

Opponents to the project state that it is too close to vulnerable populations, with seniors housing and medical services in high density around the site. They believe that electromagnetic radiation could be especially harmful to these groups and to the environment.

"Horth said the monopole design will emit minimal radiation while looking as attractive as possible, with green paint to help it blend into the trees.

"This is world standard as to the quality of the build, and it certainly complies with federal regulations," Horth said.

To the LTC I say it is hypocritical to deny the monopole but allow the Rogers tower. Health reasons were cited and followed when the LTC acted in 2019 to defeat the construction of the monopole at the Legion; a precedent was set. Why are you not following it now?

The LTC originally voted for concurrence to construct a tower, using a

system 20 times more powerful than the proposed monopole at the Legion site, to be built within 42 meters of the closest residence. The LTC's handling of the Rogers tower proposal has been sloppy and negligent at best.

I have a few questions for the LTC:
1. Why was the decision reached not to build the monopole near the Legion in 2019, when clearly it was within the rights of Telus/CREST to do so?

The proposed monopole certainly complied with all federal regulations, just like the proposed Rogers tower on Canvasback Place.

2. Was the LTC in any way involved in the decision that Telus/CREST made withdrawing their application for the Legion monopole site?

3. Were there alternate sites considered when the decision was reached for non-concurrence by the LTC, concerning the proposed monopole site at the Legion?

4. Why aren't our rights being protected in the same vigorous manner as LTC opposition to the Legion monopole in 2019?

5. Are we not citizens, just like the citizens living around the Legion in Ganges? Why are we less important than those citizens?

The writer is a Canvasback Place resident.

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MORE LETTERS

Sound reasons

In last week's Driftwood, Greg Middleton contributed a thoughtful and succinct letter to the editor in which he addressed Rogers Communications' proposed erection of a new cell tower in a residential area of Channel Ridge. He expressed his disagreement with the actions taken by Channel Ridge residents opposed to its erection and operation on a site contingent with their homes.

He makes a valid point regarding the result from the tower's construction. It will improve the communication capacity of key service providers such as first responders, fire fighters and ambulance staff, benefitting all Salt Spring Island residents and visitors.

However, the Channel Ridge residents opposing this construction have very sound reasons for their opposition. Construction of the new tower on the proposed site will have a negative impact on their physical and financial well-being.

That is why they demand that the new tower be constructed in an area providing the same service in a site that wouldn't negatively impact its neighbours by its presence. They know that such completely undeveloped land exists just a short distance from the proposed erection site. Rogers steadfastly ignores this option.

It seems to me that it is in the interests of all islanders to support the latter option. After all, the tower development in an undeveloped area would give us all a needed service at a much-reduced social and economic cost.

LES BROST,
CANVASBACK PLACE

Points raised

Kudos go out to the hosts and all of the participants at the Aug. 18 public hearing discussion on Bylaw 530.

It was refreshing to see concerned community members sharing their thoughts passionately and respectfully. So much shared concern is held by those in support of the bylaw, as well as those against it that it should be clear to trustees and staff what changes need to find their way into the language of the bylaw before its third reading. Among those points raised by many of the speakers:

- Stronger, written prerequisite that applicants offer their accessory dwelling unit for long-term rent, tracked annually with the onus being on the applicant to supply their proof of long-term tenancy.
- An attempt to include tiny homes in the definition, as they are less costly to build and have a considerably lighter impact on the environment.
- A preference for applications coming from areas of less ecological significance or vulnerable watersheds.
- Continued conversation with Tsawout First Nation to address the concerns they have regarding the bylaw's possible impact on archaeological sites, and an explicit focus on housing Tsawout community members.



AND THEY'RE OFF: The first bunch of motorcycles and riders leave Gulf Islands Secondary School for the 2022 Salt Spring Toy Run event on Saturday, while Bruce and Wendy Eggertson of Santa's Workshop – the beneficiary of funds raised by the event – greet the group with signs and a teddy bear. Following a ride around the island, participants were joined by the public for a BBQ and music at the Legion.

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I am generally in support of Bylaw 530, and hope that the feedback offered at the public hearing is reflected in the completed bylaw language. I believe that this is an opportunity to add meaningful housing options on the island, and is proof again that our community can work together to create solutions that take multiple viewpoints into account.

BEN CORNO,
SALT SPRING

Tsawout say no

The Tsawout First Nation's letter of objection to Bylaw 530 needs to be widely known.

Though mentioned briefly at the Aug. 18 public hearing, it was not included with other documents provided in the public handout. I have since obtained a copy from Trust staff.

Here are key points, written on Aug. 16 by Tsawout lands manager Casey Dick-Wyatt.

Bylaw 530, her letter states, "will significantly change the environmental trajectory of the island by pushing the living capacity well past the standards that were originally outlined in the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan. Furthermore, Bylaw No. 530 does not address the potential impacts increased development and living capacity will have on Tsawout First Nation's rights to manage the traditional territory for now and future generations."


Citing the Douglas Treaty of 1852 under which the Tsawout hold their lovely reserve near Fulford (which they generously allow islanders to use for walking), the letter then cites recent court cases that have upheld the Tsawout's aboriginal rights, not only on the reserve but also across their wider traditional

territory on Salt Spring and elsewhere.

The letter clearly states that the Tsawout "oppose the approval of this project," ending: "Until there are adequate assessments to address future impacts of Bylaw 530 on surrounding environments and Tsawout First Nation interests we would have no other choice but to oppose [it]. In the wake of reconciliation, we expect our inherent and established aboriginal rights to manage our resources and traditional territory be respected and upheld within the final decision."

Our trustees — especially Bylaw 530's main proponent Laura Patrick — often talk a good talk about reconciliation with First Nations. Now they must walk the walk: a walk that can only go nowhere for this reckless and ill-conceived bylaw.

RONALD WRIGHT,
SALT SPRING



Proposed Bylaws 231 and 232

Rezoning portions of District Lot (DL) 68 and 72 and all of DL 64 and 87 to Nature Protection

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What are Proposed Bylaws 231 and 232 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 231 and No. 232 will amend the Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108 (OCP) and the Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127 (LUB) by rezoning portions of DLs 68, 72 and all of DL 64 and 87 to Nature Protection. DL 68, 72 and 87 are owned by the provincial Crown and are currently designated Forest and zoned Forest 1 (F1). The Galiano Conservancy has recently acquired District Lot 64. It is currently designated Rural and zoned Rural 2 (R2).

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DL 64 Lot 1 District Lot 64 Galiano Island Cowichan District Plan VIP89337

DL 68 Lot A District Lot 68 Galiano Island Cowichan District Plan VIP76636

DL 72 Lot 1 District Lot 72 Galiano Island Cowichan District Plan VIP75373

DL 87 Lot A, District Lot 87, Galiano Island, Cowichan District, Plan VIP56353 Except Part In Plan VIP61539

Parcel Identifier Numbers: DL 64 028-990-943 DL 68 026-010-186 DL 72 025-673-165 DL 87 018-223-826

How do I get more information?

Copies of the proposed bylaws, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the Galiano Island Current Project [webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after August 19, 2022.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) will be held prior to the Public Hearing and will provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments.

Submissions

Written submissions may be delivered prior to 4:30 p.m., September 2, 2022 via: [Mail or drop off: Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8; Email: vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca)

At the Public Hearing: Written submissions will only be accepted until the close of the Public Hearing. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.



ISLAND LIFE



ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Salt Spring EV ownership continues to grow



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Some of Salt Spring Island's many electric vehicle owners gather Thursday for a photo at the Salt Spring Golf Course for the monthly Green Drinks social gathering where people discuss social change and environmental topics. ICBC reports that as of 2021, 380 EVs were registered on Salt Spring, a 40 per cent increase from the previous year. At that rate of growth, Salt Spring's EV group estimates the island is on track to meet the Climate Action Plan 2.0 emission reduction goal of at least 50 per cent by 2030 over 2007 levels for passenger vehicles.

Latest figures cause for celebration

BY JIM STANDEN
SALT SPRING EV GROUP

As early as 1996, entrepreneur Tony Seba predicted that the adoption of fully electric vehicles would be a disruptive technology and that they would catch business analysts by surprise, with an S curve rather than straight-line adoption.

What is an S curve for EVs? For the first few years, there is a gradual increase with the early adopters. Then, as the word gets out of the benefits of electric driving, the purchase rate accelerates, even exponentially as the purchase of gas and diesel vehicles declines. Finally, there is market saturation, the rate of interest peaks and the sales curve then flattens out. The S curve has been seen from the adoption of radial tires to cell phones.

On Salt Spring Island, with our environmental mindset, we were early adopters (starting in 2012), and in 2020, we discovered we had the highest passenger car EV ownership (by population) of any local community in B.C. But with only 2.2 per cent of the passenger vehicle ownership, we were yet to enter the steeper mid-section of the S curve and still had a long way to go to reach a 2030 objective of 50 per cent reduction in passenger vehicle emissions since 2007.

Where are we now? By referencing the ICBCs Open Data License Report of vehicle ownership statis-

tics for 2021, Salt Spring increased EV ownership by 108 cars to a total of 380. That number represents a growth rate of almost 40 per cent over 2020 and guess what, after some analysis, we believe we are still the highest EV passenger vehicle ownership (by population) of any region in B.C. As of the end of 2021, EV's represent over 5.4 per cent of all passenger vehicles on Salt Spring, and that is a lot of quiet driving, inexpensive fill ups and cleaner air. And that was with a pandemic, supply chain issues and dealers having very little inventory to meet the increasing demand. Without these business challenges, the ownership number would have certainly been much higher. Now there are long wait lists at the dealers, used units are very difficult to find and are holding their value.

Based on this trend which confirms we are entering the steeper part of the S curve adoption, if the vehicles can arrive at the dealers, we should see even a greater percentage of purchases in 2022 and in future years.

We are confident that our accelerating EV adoption will ensure we are on track to achieve the CAP 2.0 emission reduction goal of at least 50 per cent by 2030 over those in 2007 for passenger vehicles. The EV Group is continuing to access reliable and consistent databases and methodologies and will report emission reductions as we crunch the numbers. We plan to include the emerging growth of commercial vehicles in our count next year.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Applications for Volunteer Scrutineers

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Assent Voting

Public Notice is hereby given that the assent of the electors is required with regard to Bylaw No. 4507, "Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2022".

On **Saturday, October 15, 2022**, during the 2022 Local General Election, qualified electors within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area will be asked to vote on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4507, "Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Establishment Bylaw No.1, 2022", authorizing the establishment of a local community commission for the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, to be comprised of four elected commissioners and the Electoral Area Director, to oversee and advise on economic development, wastewater disposal, community parks and recreation, small craft harbour facilities, transit and transportation, street lighting, grants-in-aid, compensation for livestock injured by dogs, and the contribution services for arts, public library, and search and rescue?"

YES or NO?"

Application for Scrutineers

Scrutineers for and against the question must be appointed if applications are received from persons who wish to volunteer for the positions. Only persons entitled to vote as electors on the question noted above are entitled to act as scrutineers. If sufficient applications are received, one scrutineer for and one scrutineer against the question will be appointed for each voting place. One scrutineer for the question and one scrutineer against the question will also be appointed to be present at the determination of the official results and, if necessary, at a judicial recount.

Applications from persons who wish to volunteer as a scrutineer for or against the question will be received by the Chief Election Officer between **9:00 am on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 and 4:00 pm on Friday, September 23, 2022**. Applications will be received during regular office hours, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, at the Capital Regional District (CRD), PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6 OR by emailing elections@crd.bc.ca.

To obtain an application form, or for questions about the application process, contact Marlene Lagoa, Deputy Chief Election Officer, by emailing elections@crd.bc.ca, call 250.360.3127 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3127.

Dated this 31st day of August 2022

Kristen Morley,
Chief Election Officer

For more information, including a synopsis and copy of Bylaw No. 4507, visit:
www.crd.bc.ca/LCC-vote

GREEN TRANSPORTATION

Charger loans available

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Enterprise cooperative steps up

People wanting to install an EV charger at their home or business can access financing at low interest rates through Green Loans Salt Spring, with the support of the Salt Spring Electric Vehicle Group and Transition Salt Spring.

The EV Group realized that their fundraising surplus could be put to good use as loans to owners who wish to install or upgrade their EV charging systems. Discussions with Green Loans Salt Spring led to the creation of a dedicated loan pool in their portfolio of loan opportunities. The application is online at www.greenloansaltspring.com. When combined with provincial government incentives, EV owners can apply for a low-interest green loan that covers up to half of the charger's installed cost.

Green Loans Salt Spring (Transition Salt Spring Enterprise Cooperative) has, for the past 11 years, supported local projects and businesses with loans from its 100+ members. Its Climate Action Loan pool also offers low-interest loans up to \$5,000 to individuals for heat exchangers, water tanks, new wood stoves, and other improvements that address climate change issues and reduce our carbon footprint.

"It's great to see groups like Green Loans Salt Spring and Transition Salt Spring's EV Group working together to make the move to electric vehicles easier," said Bryan Young, Transition Salt Spring chair. "This is exactly the kind of collaboration we need across our community to take action to reduce emissions 50 per cent by 2030 and prepare Salt Spring for the dramatic changes to our climate that are already underway."

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DEREK LUNDY

December 14, 1946 – August 21, 2022



Derek died peacefully on August 21, 2022, in the palliative suite at Lady Minto Hospital. His wife Christine and daughter Sarah were at his side. It was the culmination of an intense three month journey from a healthy man planning a significant sailing voyage, to someone experiencing lung congestion, to an eventual cancer diagnosis and all that that entailed. He is survived by Christine and Sarah and his mother, Mary, who turned 100 this month.

Derek was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland. Coming from a land where intolerance and violence were woven into the fabric of daily life seemed to engender in Derek deep values of tolerance and respect for diversity. He strongly believed that no position, no matter how right, should be imposed on anyone through force.

Derek's parents, Alex and Mary, moved with him to England while he was still an infant. They emigrated to Canada in 1958 when Derek was 11 years old. As a teen growing up in St. Catharines, Ontario, Derek discovered a love of sailing that would remain throughout his life.

Derek obtained both a master's degree in history and a law degree from the University of Toronto. At law school, he met Christine, who was to become his wife and his love. In Christine, Derek found another lover of the sea and sail. In 1987 they both quit their jobs and headed out on the high seas for two years in a small sailboat. The voyage included crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the Virgin Islands and sailing as far south as Venezuela.

A few years after completing their sailing adventure, Derek and Christine embarked on what proved to be an even more satisfying adventure with the arrival of their daughter, Sarah. Derek also found a new vocation — that of a writer. He began with legal journalism but soon was writing books. In 1998, *Godforsaken Sea: Racing the World's Most Dangerous Waters*, was published and rose to the top of the national bestsellers' list. This success allowed him to devote his time fully to writing creative non-fiction. Often stretching genres and writing styles, he explored topics which included the lure of the sea, the complex history of Northern Ireland and the notion of borders as they form between lands and people.

The success of *Godforsaken Sea* also allowed Christine to quit her job as a lawyer which meant the family could move permanently to Salt Spring Island in 2002. On Salt Spring, Derek found a deep sense of community and formed many circles of friends. He was on the boards of ArtSpring, the library and the Salt Spring Forum. He continued to write and took great joy in navigating the coastal waters on Gertrud, his beloved Bristol Channel Cutter.

People often talk about a person's relationship to cancer as being a 'battle' — a fight that they either win or lose. Those words do not describe Derek's response. Derek met each bit of bad news with courage and acceptance. Throughout the period of his illness, Derek's heart continued to open and expand to the kindness of people and to the love around him. There was often a tear in his eye — not from pain but from being touched by how kind people were. He treasured the time he was able to have with his daughter Sarah, to hold her and tell her what happiness she had brought him.

In the final weeks of his life, it was the many, many people who mattered to him who became the focus of his attention and reflection. He asked that we share a quotation from a favourite poet of his, W.B. Yeats:

*Think where man's glory most begins and ends,
and say my glory was I had such friends.*



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Last week's New Moon in Virgo waxes from its Crescent to First Quarter Phase as September gets underway. Mercury in Libra is already beginning to slow down prior to its retrograde cycle which will cross over into early October, followed by its 3-week recovery period as it retraces the 'shadow' or Zodiacal degrees while in retrograde motion. This period is not often mentioned but it tends to manifest as a continuation of the mishaps and communications bloopers that tend to occur. Think of it like a hangover after a party. Not every Mercury Retrograde cycle is the same, by the way. The sign it is in, the aspects it makes, the backdrop of all the other planets, which is ever-changing and NEVER quite the same as it was before is the variable within the context of the otherwise consistent pattern. So, avoid pat interpretations and wide-eyed convictions of what will happen and what you should and should not do during any retrograde period, but especially that of Mercury.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) You are likely to be in a mood to weave business with pleasure. A slow but sure pace of productivity will allow you to visit and converse or pleasantly whistle while you work. Taking a break from outcome-oriented thinking will prove rejuvenating, for you and others around you.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) A creative impulse is guiding your focus. Yet, an eye for details and precision is featured. Be aware of tendencies towards perfectionism, which is a relative illusion, and replace it with the goal of excellence instead. You will also be keen to cover multiple bases, so flow with a multi-tasking rhythm.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21) Directing your focus and energies close to home is likely now. You may notice your energy levels running quite high, activating an impulse to start new projects. Yet, you will feel at least as much inspired to engage socially. With a general spirit of upliftment on the airwaves, social success is likely.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22) Some cycles lead us to work both inside and out and this is one of them. Ironically, the inner work is to recognize and acknowledge your own beauty and that of others too. Take a break from the dividing, sorting, categorizing and critical eye and remember you are a soul, a child of God.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23) An exuberant mood is a source of inspiration as you are moved to colour your world with beauty, love and laughter. Yet, there is an edgy element at play as well, prompting you to go against the grain or to deliberately break with convention and social conformity, supporting you to see the world as with new eyes.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22) The New Moon in your sign will manifest as a series of new initiatives. These will likely include inspired efforts to make improvements and to increase the beauty of your home and living environment. Making key investments that will contribute to making dreams come true is also highlighted.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) A cycle that can be described as a subtle shift to listen more and talk or engage less is now underway. In this process, you may notice that your tendency to observe is higher. Seeing people and things as they are as opposed to how they could or should be will bring peace and illumination.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) An impulse towards more independence as a means of increasing your sense of individuality is in the spotlight. You may seek solitude and quietude for a while to open yourself to receive, which is ever a good idea. Fill your tanks with inspiration and vitality to simply yet fully be you.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) The time has come to make your presence known. This includes getting more attention that you feel you have earned and deserve. This includes making yourself more available to others as well, so that they know what you have to offer and how they can benefit from your skills, gifts and talents.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) Seeing a bigger picture, yet with the precision of facts and details, can be described as a journalistic or scientific approach. Both imply analytical and critical thinking. Aspiring to gain a more balanced perspective beyond biases and conditioned perspectives will prove liberating.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19) A deep dive into a process of change and transformation is underway. The goal is to break free of limiting beliefs and negative self-concepts to lay claim to your power. To do so, aim to assess if, how and why you are afraid of your power. Recognize that power is not control, but it does equate to vitality.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20) The primary relationship in life is ever with one's own body, mind, heart and soul. Until and unless this relationship is healthy, whole and balanced, inner conflict and struggle will be projected onto others. Understand this projection paradox and focus to heal within, beginning with affirming your right to be happy.



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