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CLIMATE ACTION PROCESSION: A traffic-stopping and well-costumed crowd joined a community procession through Ganges Saturday, Sept. 24, to express the urgency of the global – and local – climate emergency. The event was organized by Salt Spring Arts, Graffiti Theatre, and Transition Salt Spring as part of the month-long On The Rise “climate grief and action” arts festival.

SALT SPRING FIRE

Fire department tax hike coming

Budget met, board expects future increases to be smaller

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Taxes for fire protection will increase for 2023, although not by as much as last year — a trend officials expect will continue.

Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD)'s budget will grow to require a taxation increase of 7.87 per cent in the coming year, down from last year's 11 per cent increase but still “a large number,” according to board chair Rollie Cook.

The new budget is set at \$4.6 million. District officials said 2023 is expected to be the final year of larger-than-normal increases, after which they anticipate returns to pre-2018-sized growth each year, around 2 per cent.

A big concern for the board, according to Cook, has been the rise in prices in the current inflation environment — costs for things like insurance, vehicle fuel and heating have all risen. And while those costs are concerning, SSIFPD's chief administrative officer Rodney Dieleman pointed out that the budget was mostly dominated by the costs of wages and equipment.

“If you look at the pie chart, there's really only two big pieces of pie here,” said Dieleman. “There's a thin little piece for gasoline and utili-

ties, but wages and equipment are the driving costs of the organization.”

Those wage costs are generally up, he added, in large part because of the department's shift from a mostly volunteer force to a partially unionized, 24-7 protection program — increasing the number of paid positions on staff, as well as the hours they work. But going forward, he said, those changes are “baked in” for future budgeting.

“The news is kind of good,” said Dieleman. “That was the ‘hump’ we had to get past. That's all built in now, so we don't expect those kinds of big increases moving forward, only small annual increases.”

Fire chief Jamie Holmes agreed the financial picture was encouraging.

“We're finally off our old ways of borrowing for an apparatus, and then having to pay it off over the next 20 years,” said Holmes. “We are now funding all of our apparatus purchases out of the reserve funds, rather than having to go back to the public again and ask for an additional bylaw for borrowing.”

The budget for the previous year was largely balanced and as expected, with only a modest surplus of roughly \$43,000.

“It wasn't a big deviation from what we predicted,” said Dieleman. “It showed a good understanding of the market and environment.”

The 2023 budget predicts wage increases in

anticipation of a new contract with unionized members, and continues to set aside reserve funds for upcoming expenses, such as a new fire engine. Fire apparatus needs to be replaced on a 20-year schedule to maintain the department's rating with Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS).

In 2015, Salt Spring's fire protection district was given two grading classifications: a Public Fire Protection Classification (PFPC) of 6 (out of 10, with Class 1 being the best grading possible) and a Dwelling Protection Grade (DPG) of 3 (out of 5, again with 1 being the highest grade).

The PFPC rating is meant to reflect a program's ability to prevent and control major fires, such as those that typically occur in multi-family or commercial/industrial settings. The DPG is an indication of the underwriters' confidence in the program's ability to handle fires in smaller buildings, such as single-family homes.

Better PFPC and DPG ratings suggest less risk for insurers — and, subsequently, lower insurance costs for property owners.

While much of the checklist of suggestions from that 2015 assessment has appeared in SSIFPD's activities, including apparatus and fire hall replacement, there are some realities of living on an island that are difficult to overcome. Part of that, said Holmes, is maintaining a seemingly large fleet of vehicles.

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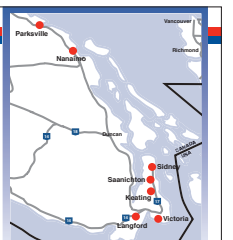
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LAND CONSERVATION

Finish line in sight

Creekside Rainforest campaign in 'final stretch'

SUBMITTED BY SSIC

Thanks to an outpouring of local support, Salt Spring Island Conservancy (SSIC) announced this week it is in the final stretch of fundraising, with \$20,500 left to raise in its effort to acquire and protect 15.5 acres of rare lowland coastal temperate rainforest on Salt Spring, known as the Creekside Rainforest.

This last spring, SSIC launched a community fundraiser for the Creekside Rainforest. Thanks to the generosity of many donors — and a major grant SSIC applied for and received — the acquisition project now needs to gather just a fraction of its goal of \$440,000. But organizers say SSIC, along with fundraising partner The Land Conservancy of BC, need to meet that goal by Oct. 13.

SSIC says the Creekside Rainforest is rich in biodiversity, and contains two ecological communities that are provincially classified as imperilled. The land is home to Western red cedar up to 250 years old, enormous bigleaf maples draped in moss and lichen, and numerous species associated with older rainforests,

including many at risk.

"The property's deep ravine, higher than normal rainfall, and northerly aspect, combined with the continuous forest canopy, create an exceptionally cool and moist microclimate," according to a press release from SSIC. "Island wildlife use this property as a corridor and water supply and, for species under stress from climate change, the Creekside Rainforest is a cool and moist refugium."

Cusheon Creek, one of the few salmon-bearing streams on the island, flows through the land. Salmonids, swimming upstream to their spawning and rearing habitat, benefit from the creek's cool temperature, maintained by the tree canopy's shade, according to SSIC.

Concerned neighbours initiated this conservation effort in fall 2021, with SSIC continuing and expanding these efforts over the past months. Upon completion of the project, SSIC says it will establish a nature reserve to ensure that the land is protected in perpetuity, with public access through planned hiking trails. To learn more about what makes the Creekside Rainforest unique, and help to protect it, visit saltspringconservancy.ca/creeksiderainforest or email info@saltspringconservancy.ca.

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"Every other community that has mutual aid available can utilize neighbouring communities' apparatus in their grading, if they can respond in X amount of time," said Holmes.

"For us to say that we have mutual aid with Pender doesn't really count, because by the time they get on a ferry and come over here, the response time isn't so great."

Holmes said some apparatus older than the 20-year mark have been well-maintained, and are kept on

reserve and made available to the province for wildfires — which brings revenue to Salt Spring if they are deployed.

The department was scheduled for a FUS review in 2020, but that was postponed by the pandemic. A new review is expected within the next year. Holmes said funding has been set aside for additional water storage downtown, which is expected to help the FUS rating.

In addition, he said the Fire Chiefs' Association of BC is petitioning FUS to change certification to 25 years instead of 20, which would help the department's funding models.

At its annual general meeting on Sept. 19, SSIFPD officially accepted its 2021 audited financial report. Cook pointed out that the auditor's statement had no issues with the district's financial statements.

"It's a clean audit, about as good as it gets in this process," he said. "We delivered a program on budget, with no major surprises, and the auditor was satisfied."

During the annual general meeting, a member of the public responded to a call for a motion to fix monthly remuneration of the trustees. The motion as passed set that at \$200 per trustee and \$250 for the chair.

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PARKS AND RECREATION

"Time is now" for Maxwell park donations

Funds still needed for community park purchase

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A deadline is fast approaching to raise money to secure a new park, and for anyone on the fence about donating, the coalition of community groups involved says the time is now.

A thus-far successful fundraising effort has gathered all but the last \$150,000 needed to purchase land at Hwmet'utsum (Mt. Maxwell) to establish the 75-acre Salt Spring Community Park. A sold-out dinner event at Foxglove Farm on Sept. 19 brought more than \$150,000 for the acquisition. Elizabeth FitzZaland of Salt Spring Solutions, one of the community groups involved, said perfect weather and company made for a great night of food and music.

"It was a wonderful evening, and Foxglove Farm is such a beautiful place, so graciously offered to us by Jeanne-Marie Herman and Michael Ableman," said FitzZaland. "We're feeling acutely grateful for all the community support, and it came from all different types of folks who have different reasons why they're excited for this project."

The fundraising event was exactly what the park project has always been about, added FitzZaland: bringing together different interests to protect the forest. Plans for the property include the establishment of a multi-use trail network for horseback riding, mountain biking and hiking. Managed and shared use of the park will secure conservation of the area while encouraging outdoor recreation.

But that remaining money needs to be raised by Oct. 31 for the coalition of community groups to finalize the purchase agreement between the CRD and the landowner. The purchase price of \$850,000 has already been discounted by the landowner from its \$1.7 million appraised value.

"The goal is to protect the forest and the mountain, as well as public access," said FitzZaland. "Now we're asking anyone who has been consider-



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Kathy Stack Trio plays original tunes at Foxglove Farm as part of a fundraising event for the Salt Spring Community Park.

ing donating, or thinking they should mention it to a friend — we have less than 40 days, and now is the time for those folks to step up and help us over the finish line."

FitzZaland said organizers are also looking for groups or individuals interested in coming forward as matching donors. As the coalition's charitable partner, the Salt Spring Island Foundation will issue tax receipts for eligible donations.

Another fundraising and informational event for the Salt Spring Community Park is on the calendar at the Mateada on Saturday, Oct. 15. For more information on the event, or to donate, visit the website: communitypark.ca

TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour


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Gary's priorities:

- improve Ganges' walkability; continue progress on Salish Trail
- complete design, help secure funding for Ganges Harbourwalk
- establish more EV chargers for public and future e-buses
- examine feasibility of Ganges fire hall as public food market and local government offices at Middle School
- on island liquid waste disposal, water reclamation at Ganges plant, and continued water storage / conservation incentives
- continue expansion of our public transit system

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EDITORIAL

No alarms at tax hike

When Salt Spring property owners voted to approve a replacement for the Ganges fire hall, they did so resoundingly.

And perhaps some of the three-quarters who voted “yes” did so, at least in part, because of the promise not to hike the tax rate to do so.

So, a Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District (SSIFPD) budget showing yet another large tax increase might have some calling foul. We say the budget (and financial audit) shows an organization in control of its finances, and that the latest hike is, as the board presented, a reflection of the financial landscape and goals of a department in healthy growth — not because of the new fire hall.

District officials explained that many upcoming expenditures, like new fire engines, are no longer going to be regularly paid for with new borrowing, but rather through saving for the future. And they plan to continue to prioritize maintaining (or improving) the district’s grade with underwriters to keep our insurance costs as low as possible, which shows good community responsibility and inspires trust.

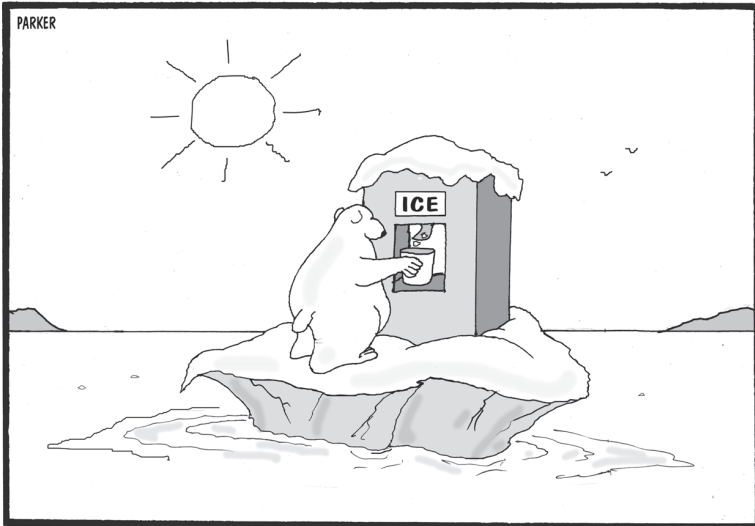
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Tax increases coming

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Fire department kept word

The size and nature of the turnout at SSIFPD’s Sept. 19 annual general meeting suggest we are not alone in this sentiment. At a gathering where the public is encouraged to ask questions and air grievances, fewer than two dozen attended, and among them not one was waving even the most proverbial of pitchforks.

To the contrary, it was a member of the public who, when considering whether the trustees should receive some measure of remuneration, spoke up with a number. And, while the subsequent motion was not carried unanimously — there was one vote against — the sentiment in the room was clearly that for the money, electors were getting a bargain. Against a budget of \$4.6 million, \$200 per trustee each month seems a small enough ask for the time and effort put in by board members.

Tax increases are rarely popular. And as nearly everything continues to cost more, it may seem to property owners that a larger increase is just one more thing to add to the growing pile of financial pressures. But we feel the fire department is finding economies wherever they can, taking at least some of the “sting” away from the tax increase. We look forward to SSIFPD continuing to live up to our community’s expectations.



Considering the art of the possible on Salt Spring

BY BRUCE CAMERON

VIEWPOINT

“Politics is the art of the possible, the attainable — the art of the next best.”
— Otto von Bismarck

Taking inspiration from a nineteenth century German imperialist may seem strange, but as we approach local elections on Salt Spring his words ring true.

This election cycle, we have a full slate of candidates for one CRD Director (three) and for two Islands Trust positions (eight). And the question of whether to approve the establishment of a Local Community Commission also looms large on the ballot this October.

Think of what is possible if Salt Spring voters say yes to the LCC proposal.

We will have more voices — four commissioners elected by us — to express our concerns and work together toward viable solutions. We will have monthly meetings at which all areas of CRD jurisdiction will be discussed, instead of separate meetings at different times working in silos.

We may even be able to exert more control over CRD staff resources and priorities. After all, the CRD administration should work for the island’s constituents, not for the Chief Administrative Officer based in Victoria.

Too often, possible solutions proposed to our problems, including concerns over climate change and the lack of workforce and affordable housing, are attacked by local critics on the premise that a bet-

ter solution will emerge over time. Recently some people have taken aim at the idea of an LCC because, in their eyes, any improvement in governance would only hurt their cause.

Supporting an LCC does not mean abandoning hopes for more self-government on Salt Spring. Establishing a local community commission may be an imperfect step toward better governance, but if we can improve governance now, let’s take that step, not wait for some perfect solution in a decade. The attitude of “incorporation or nothing” is depressingly pessimistic.

Ultimately, there are more optimistic future-oriented thinkers on this island than naysayers. Recent votes to approve the new firehall, support for building the new emergency room, and approval of the Vortex project in the south end, all speak to an air of change.

You may recall the bumper sticker “Don’t change Salt Spring, let Salt Spring change you.” I have always found that soundbite problematic. While it highlights the transformational quality that draws people to our little island, it has always seemed short sighted to me. The reality is that the only constant is change. How we as a community choose to adapt to changes that are coming will define our legacy.

Voting yes to the LCC proposal gives us a chance to navigate that change more effectively.

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ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

Is Fulford Creek threatened?

Now that a capacity study on Weston Lake has shown it would not be prudent to extend the Fulford community water system to the proposed Vortex site, many are wondering where else the developer might secure enough water to service a major tourist resort. Mr. Fullbrook has repeatedly claimed he has “unlimited” water rights on Fulford Creek, leaving the fate of the creek hanging in the air.

The March 3, 2022 minutes of the Trust's Advisory Planning Commission state: “There was a question regarding water availability. The applicant reported there is one unlimited water licence on Fulford Creek that was issued in 1930 and there is a second water licence on Soule Creek and the applicant has applied to connect the site to the Fulford Water Service Area.”

Then on Aug. 9, Mr. Fullbrook appeared at the Local Trust Committee meeting and stated: “There are two water licences

available to the site. The Fulford water licence is actually a well that's built into Fulford Creek. There's no limit to that water licence, so a property owner here could actually pull water from that creek. We believe that would be a detrimental approach to water usage so our approach is actually a more fulsome, sustainable use of water which is the extension of the Fulford Water Service Area.”

I and others have been unable to find any evidence to support these claims. On the contrary, BC Water Authorizations says there is only one commercial water licence appurtenant to the Vortex site, and it is on Soule Creek. The licence authorizes the use of only 9.09 cubic meters per day.

We have been further informed that all non-domestic licences must specify a maximum volume of water, and that there is “no chance” anyone could have an “unlimited” water licence for commercial purposes.

Since non-domestic use of groundwater (i.e. from wells) did not require a licence until 2016, Mr. Fullbrook could only be referring

to a commercial right to surface water (i.e. from the creek), which, if it exists, should be on record with BC Water Authorizations. But that agency cannot find a commercial licence for Fulford Creek in their database.

If Mr. Fullbrook is going to use the claim of “unlimited” water rights on a critical fish-bearing creek as an argument in favour of connecting to the Fulford Water Service Area, he should be required to produce evidence that he actually has such rights. Where is his licence and why has no one asked to see it?

FRANTS ATTORP
SALT SPRING

New LTC needed

Do we need two new Trustees whose decisions will be guided by the Islands Trust ‘Preserve and Protect’ mandate? We forget at our peril that the economy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the environment. If nothing else, the mother-nature-on-steroids events of the last four years—local, provincial, national and global—have alerted islanders that what

once was predictable is no longer so.

Salt Springers Ron Wright, a Canadian authority on the collapse of civilizations, and David Rapport, who measures ecosystem health and is a senior consultant to international governmental organizations, say we are in deep trouble, that we have already exceeded Salt Spring's carrying capacity, that old-school subdivision development must cease and ecosystems must be repaired. We should pay attention.

The Local Trust Committee (LTC) has specific and limited authority. It is responsible for land use, guided by our Official Community Plan (OCP), which is overdue for renewal. The Land Use Bylaw and Development Permit regulations spell out the nuts and bolts on how the OCP is implemented. Worth noting that the LTC cannot provide affordable housing, it only determines where it can be located and how ongoing affordability is ensured. Elected Trustees cannot work miracles, but they can use the tools available in a responsible way.

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WEEK:

“The reality is that the only constant is change. How we as a community choose to adapt to changes that are coming will define our legacy.”

BRUCE CAMERON

A brief guide to the care of your misunderstood yellowjacket

By this time of the year, as the season changes from summer to autumn, you've just about had it up the wazoo with wasps. I know, I know, they have their purpose too. They are Mother Nature's way of cleaning up the environment by getting rid of all the dead, decaying, decomposing, and rotting organisms left littering our biosphere. Why, I ask, can't they just leave us alone and go find some other planet to clean up?

As most of us know, the actual purpose that wasps have in this world is to annoy and harass us. We have quite a few varieties of wasps sharing our air space, including mud wasps and hover wasps to name a couple, but the one we love to hate is the heinous yellowjacket.

Although not as fear inducing as some flying insects found in other parts of the globe, such as the murder hornet or the tarantula wasp (which preys upon and eats tarantula spiders), these bad boys have made a habit of ruining the last remaining days of good weather.

Why are yellowjacket wasps so badly behaved as the summer draws to a close? It all has to do with their life cycle. There comes a point when the queen stops laying the eggs she has been producing to increase the size of the hive. She also stops releasing pheromone, the chemical which the lowly worker wasps are hooked on and which causes them to work overtime to bring food back to the hive.

In essence, they are forced to

go “cold turkey” into involuntary obsolescence. If that's not bad enough, the adult wasps are no longer able to digest the solid proteins they have been gathering to share with the larvae in the hives. As a result, the only substance that keeps them from starving to death are sugary liquids such as, you guessed it, that mug of beer you thought you were chugalugging on your own.

What's a poor yellowjacket to do? Suddenly he's unemployed, cut off from real food, disowned by his queen mother, and forced to find some semblance of meaning to his aimless existence. Naturally, he turns to drink. Wouldn't you?

Think of the yellowjacket as a bored teenager on steroids who is packed chockfull with copious amounts of attitude. If he could, he would turn his antennae around on his head and wear them backwards like a ball cap.

Basically, your dinner table is his mall and your beverage is his skate park. You may think that the beer in your mug or bottle belongs to you but he will bet you a mouthful of stinger that you are wrong and that he can invite himself to an all-you-can-sip free-for-all smorgasbord that is the best party happening since the last rave swarming at this summer's Burning Wasp Festival.

And it should come as no surprise that word of a patio barbecue gets around in no time flat.

Yellowjackets are particularly adept at social media, especially



Shilo Zylbergold
NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

WaspBook and In-sting-gram. It just takes one little post by a single vagabond scout, and the party is on! Before you can say “bzzzz”, the air is full of thousands of followers and your barbecue has gone viral.

Unlike bees, who have little barbs at the end of their stingers, and therefore can only sting you once before they have their stingers torn off their bodies, thereby killing themselves, wasps can inject their venom into you over and over again, and still live to brag about their exploits once they've returned to the hive. Even the venom that wasps employ is different than the ones used by bees.

The culprit for yellowjackets is a combination of antigen 5 and hyaluronidases. Together, these noxious chemicals can induce allergic reactions which may include pain, redness, swelling, itchiness, and, in the worst cases, difficulty breathing. In the most severe conditions, wasp venom which enters the bloodstream can cause anaphylactic shock which may result in death for the critically allergic.

Obviously, these wasps are not

exactly the types you would want to take home to meet the parents.

So, now that you're intimate with the inner workings of the yellowjacket wasp, you probably want to know how to get rid of them or at least increase the chances that they go do their dirty work over at your neighbour's place.

Swiping at them with one or both of your hands rarely does much more than aggravate them to the point that they are ready to engage in battle with any bare skin you dare to expose.

The South Africans have a saying that when you wave at a wasp, you are actually giving it the signal that you are inviting it to come closer. Fly swatters increase your chances of knocking a wasp out of the air, but you are just as likely to do damage to friends nearby you, especially if you accidentally swipe a wasp into somebody's open mouth.

Electronic wasp zappers that electrocute the little suckers with their electric grids have become the latest craze, but almost every male I know (including me) has first felt obligated to test out the strength of the shock by intentionally painfully zapping themselves. For some odd reason, females do not seem to possess this same macho gene.

A tactic that some people swear by is blowing air into a brown paper bag and hanging it in an area you want clear of wasps. The theory here is that the bag will be mistaken for an actual wasp nest and dissuade real wasps from

locating their hive nearby.

Most yellowjackets get a tremendous chuckle when they fly by these air-filled phonies and have actually learned to use them as signposts to tell them that food is near.

A very popular commercial product available in hardware stores is the wasp trap. There are quite a few models, disposable or refillable, but essentially they attract wasps into a chamber where they either drown in a watery liquid or perish from exhaustion because they can't find a way back out. Although these traps work brilliantly, no matter how many yellowjacket corpses pile up in the trap, you will find that there are just as many wasps still pestering you as there were before you set it up.

Nobody asked me, but I can't help but feel a little sorry for those remaining yellowjackets as they crawl and buzz around aimlessly in a drunken stupor from over-imbibing in the fermenting windfall apples strewn along the orchard ground.

Their zombie-like behaviour reminds me of the blank look in the eyes of the sheep at the Fall Fair before the border collies arrive on the scene to give their lives direction and purpose. But luckily, soon it will all be over for another year. The poor, desperate wasps will die off, and I can get back to the serious business of testing on myself how much punch those zappers really pack.

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The next four years will be a pivotal time everywhere, including on Salt Spring. We cannot isolate ourselves from the outer world, but we can in a small way come together to demonstrate solutions. I am

very concerned by the mistrust and divisiveness on all sides that has dogged the current LTC, and the direction taken over the last four years where Salt Spring Trustees made development-oriented decisions at Trust Council and at LTC meetings, ignoring expert local input, staff recommendations, and our OCP. One consequence has been my loss of confidence in LTC decision-making

and, particularly, in its ability to undertake OCP amendments and renewal that reflect the primary need to preserve and protect the natural environment, without neglecting other important land use considerations.

A fresh start could avoid the difficulties created by the former LTC. However counter-intuitive it may appear, it would be preferable, in my view, to elect two

untried Trustees each with deep Salt Spring roots and ecological understanding, broad experience in the greater world, and demonstrated ability to work collaboratively, than to re-elect the incumbent. I will be voting for Elissa Poole and Gary Gagné on October 15.

ELIZABETH WHITE
SALT SPRING

Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity (Referendum) | 2022 General Local Election

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022** to elect persons to serve a four-year term of office as Electoral Area Director for Salt Spring Island on the CRD Board from November 2022 until after the 2026 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Jesse	BROWN	146 Bradbury Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
Kylie	OATES	144 Fairway Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC
Gary	HOLMAN	160 McLennan Drive, Salt Spring Island, BC

Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission

Assent voting will be conducted at the same time for qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area on the following question:

“Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District 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?”

Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4507

Bylaw No. 4507 would establish Salt Spring Island as a local community governed by a “local community commission” or “LCC”, a body of elected officials with the authority to administer a scope of Salt Spring Island-specific services in place of the Capital Regional District Board or other CRD commissions. The proposed LCC is made up of four individuals elected by the Salt Spring Island electors, as well as the Electoral Area Director. The individuals are elected on a general voting day, typically the same as that of the Electoral Area Director, and hold office for a similar term.

The proposed services which the LCC would oversee and advise on are as follows:

- ▶ Economic development
- ▶ Island-wide wastewater disposal
- ▶ Community parks and recreation
- ▶ Pool facility
- ▶ Parks and recreation facilities
- ▶ Small craft harbour facilities (Fernwood Dock)
- ▶ Transit and Transportation services
- ▶ Street lighting
- ▶ Grants-in-aid
- ▶ Compensation for livestock injury by dogs
- ▶ Salt Spring Island arts, public library, and search and rescue contribution services.

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4507 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at CRD’s Salt Spring Island Administration Office, 108-121 McPhillips Avenue, or at CRD’s Victoria Office, 625 Fisgard Street. The bylaw and other information may also be viewed at www.crd.bc.ca.

Voting Opportunities

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Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- ▶ Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- ▶ Fulford Hall Seniors’ Centre, 2591 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- ▶ Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- ▶ Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC

ADVANCE VOTING opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 and Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

- ▶ Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- ▶ Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
- ▶ Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC

Mail Ballot Voting

Mail ballot voting is open to all resident and non-resident property electors. To register to vote by mail, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to elections@crd.bc.ca before **October 1, 2022** to permit time for mailing. Application forms are available at www.crd.bc.ca/vote. To be counted, the elector is responsible for ensuring their mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022** at the addresses below:

Hand Delivery: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Mailing by Post: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Elector Qualifications

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Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on general voting day, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you: a) have registered on or before August 23, 2022, or b) register at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of registration:

- ▶ a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
- ▶ two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property. A copy of the consent form is available at: www.crd.bc.ca/vote

Identification

The following are examples of acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity: BC Driver’s Licence; BC ID card (BCID); BC Services Card; Social Insurance Card; Citizenship Card; property tax notice; credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution; and utility bill.

For more information, please contact the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3642 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3642, or by email at elections@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2022
Kristen Morley
Chief Election Officer

Letter overstated LCC cost

Recent statements regarding the taxpayer cost of an elected CRD Local Community Commission (LCC) are greatly exaggerated. Beside the one time cost of an election in 2023 (thereafter held as part of local government elections), each of the four commissioners would receive modest stipends of \$10,000/year. This is justified because these commissioners will oversee 14 local CRD services, including those now administered by four appointed CRD commissions, to be dissolved. This compares to salaries of \$15-\$17,000 for councillors in municipalities with similar populations as Salt Spring, but who are also responsible for land use, roads and policing.

There will be some minor annual costs for commissioner laptops and software, but these costs can be largely offset by a \$5,000/yr provincial grant for LCCs, and current surpluses in the CRD Director’s budget. It is premature to speculate about any additional staff support for the LCC before it is even created, particularly given staff time savings resulting from dissolving four existing CRD commissions. Finally, it is elected officials who make such decisions, and I’ve repeatedly stated I won’t support additional admin staff for the LCC.

GARY HOLMAN
SALT SPRING ISLAND



Send your submissions to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

A glorious hanging basket to Thimble Farms for their ongoing support for the Second Chance Bursary.
- CFUW Salt Spring chapter

Many thanks and bunches of roses to all the people that helped support the Fall Fair BBQ fundraiser. Appreciation to Country Grocer, Mark Kilner from GISS, all the volunteers that made, cooked, served and supported, and all the farms that donated meat and fixings for the amazing burgers. Special thanks to Anne Macey for her tireless work, organization and all-out dedication that made this fundraiser an unparalleled success! See you all next year.
- The Salt Spring Abattoir

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ARTS AND HISTORY

Prince documentaries now online

Island filmmaker releases two films

BY ROBB MAGLEY
 DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring filmmaker Peter Prince has made a pair of documentaries available to view online, free of charge — something new, and something a bit older.

The first, Salt Spring Arts, is a five-minute short film concurrently being broadcast on the Shaw TV community channel; it offers insights into the work of the Salt Spring Arts Council, including a glimpse of its Mahon Hall exhibit that ran until Sept. 18 of the Indigenous artwork of the Elliott family, as well as the broader role the council plays in our arts and culture scene — with year-round events and activities to connect artists with their community.

"I've volunteered, and taken part in Salt Spring Arts' mentorship program in the schools," said Prince, "and I thought it might be a good way to show the gallery, and promote all the work that Salt Spring Arts is doing. It was fun to shoot."

The second is Prince's award-winning 1984 film Rediscovery — The Eagle's Gift, the story of the prototype for what has become a global movement of outdoor youth programs. Designed to empower youth through discovery of "the world within themselves, the world between cultures, and the natural world," today there



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID BORROWMAN

From left, Chaz Elliott, Charles Elliott, Myrna Crossley and Matthew Parly-Elliott with blankets woven by Crossley. The Elliott family's artwork is among the art featured in Peter Prince's Salt Spring Arts film.

are three dozen Rediscovery-affiliated camps in B.C., and still more across Canada, the United States and Thailand.

"The inspiration that youth program gave to other people, who adopted the model and created a Rediscovery of their own," said Prince, "all over the world, but particularly in Canada among the First Nations communities, having the elders come in to teach the kids the songs and the stories. I made lifelong friends, it was an incredible experience."

Shot in the summer of 1983, the film was broadcast internationally on networks in more than 70 countries; Prince was producer and

director, hauling the cumbersome equipment of the day into remote places to document the nascent youth camp.

"It was my first B.C. documentary, and it was quite exciting to go up there," said Prince. "I was all of 26 or 26 years old."

Years later, Prince sees the film as something of an historical document; many of the participants, including the elders, have passed away since. Of particular poignance may be the voice of the late Haida artist Bill Reid, who lent his talents to narration for the project; At one point Reid was a broadcaster for the CBC, and Prince said

it was a delight to have his participation,

"He was a great supporter of the youth program, really anything to do with the renaissance of Haida art and culture," said Prince. "When he understood we were making a film about Rediscovery, he agreed to narrate, and we went into the National Film Board studios. He took my script and made it better."

A digital restoration of the 16mm film Rediscovery — The Eagle's Gift and many of Prince's other projects — including several videos on Salt Spring's history — can be viewed at www.peterprince.ca or youtube.com/saltspringvideo.



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As a Buyer or Seller ask your realtor to guide you through the inspection process.

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MUSIC ON TAP

BackStage band at Tea à Tempo

Irish, Newfoundland, folk and gospel music

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS

Tea à Tempo's monthly fall concert series continues at All Saints by-the-Sea on Wednesday, Oct. 5, with lively music featuring a local group of musicians known as BackStage.

Edgar Hann, "Em" (Marilyn) Walker, Michael Aronoff and Adam Huber comprise BackStage, with a repertoire that includes Irish, Newfoundland, folk and gospel music.

BackStage is named after the studio that Hann and Walker built for performances — house concerts, drumming workshops and other classes — on their property in the south end. They have played at the Mahon Hall Homage Concert, and at the Fall Fair, Lady Minto Hospital, the Gumboot Gala, Tree House Cafe, and other local venues.

Walker, who records and performs as Em, gives workshops in drumming, shamanism, consciousness studies, ethnobotany and

other topics. She plays the Newfoundland ugly stick, along with guitar and singing lead vocals — not all at the same time.

Hann is a button accordion player from Newfoundland.

Between them, Hann and Walker have recorded four CDs that include traditional Irish/Newfoundland music as well as original jigs, waltzes and ballads.

Huber is a musician, author, carpenter/inventor and energy healer, currently offering bi-weekly crystal bowl and toning sessions on Salt Spring. He plays with many other island musicians, contributing guitar, harmonica, and lead and harmony vocals.

Aronoff is a long-time Salt Spring musician who wears many hats — he plays bass as well as mandolin, mandola and drum (again, not all at the same time) and sings harmony. He also plays with several other local groups.

Music begins at 2:10 p.m. with admission by donation, followed by tea and treats at a cost of \$4.

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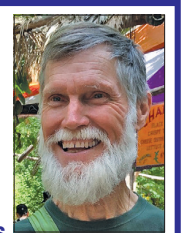
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VOTE GARY GAGNÉ for Salt Spring TRUSTEE on October 15.

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ISLAND LIFE

DRAGON BOAT RACING

Dragons take gold at Guts and Glory event

Challenging end to dragon boat season

BY DONNA COCHRAN

SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Spirit Point Dragons teamed up with Fairway Gorge Maximus Power on Sept. 17 in their final festival of the season — the Guts and Glory Championships along Victoria's Selkirk waterfront.

The unique race formats saw Outrigger Canoe OC6 crews alternating heats with dragon boat teams. The distances were considered "sprints" for the OC6 teams while dragon boaters consider them as "distance," i.e. gruelling!



PHOTO COURTESY DONNA COCHRAN

Spirit Point dragon boat paddlers come out on top at final event of the season.

The first race was a 1,000-metre "straight-shot" race from Point Hope Shipyards to the finish line at Halkett Island, requiring the teams to paddle a kilometre to reach the start line. The semi-final race was a 2,000-metre "oval" from the Halkett Island start line, under the Bay Bridge, lapping around two sets of buoys before returning to the Halkett Island finish line. Fortunately we were able to borrow a Fairway Gorge staff member,

Derek Chow, who expertly steered the team through all the turns and avoided a collision with a rogue Victoria Harbour ferry that crossed over the race course right in front of us.

The championship final was a 1,000-metre "doublestart" with the first start at Halkett Island. The race took the teams around both stanchions of Bay Bridge and back down the course with a hard stop at the 750-metre mark, followed by a held

re-start for the final 250 metres. Spirit Point/Maximus was teamed up with their main competition, Snogard Dragons, in the consolation finals. From the staggered start of the race our team gained momentum and pulled away from Snogard at a steady pace. At the hard stop 750-m mark, we were well out in front and got a fast restart for the last 250-m sprint. With the loud encouragement from coach Mary Rowles, the team

dumped everything it had left and crossed the finish line with a time of 6:55, beating out Snowgard's time of 7:24. We came home with a gold medal and a real sense of pride that we were able to "go the distance."

Spirit Point paddlers included Serena Mellen, Donna Cochran, Mary Lou Cuddy, Lesley Grott, Shirley Julien, Cora Platz, Melynda Okulitch, Wendy McEachern, Michael Pierce, Rob Huber, Andrew Okulitch, Wendy Anderson and Wendy's son and last minute stand-in Jamie Anderson. Maximus paddlers included Madhu Bannur, Ravishankar Gaddam, Mithun Somanathan Pillai, Ann-Marie Kelly, Ashish Malik and Jamie Polard.

A heartfelt "paddles up!" to manager Barry Green, who kept us on time all day (and all year) and our coach, Mary Rowles, for her many years devoted to the team. Rowles paddled for the OC6 Fairway Gorge Performance Mixed team that day so was seen hopping from one boat to another.

The new season starts in the spring and new paddlers are always welcome. Contact Mary Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.

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CRD DIRECTOR

Authorized by Seniors for Kylie Coates,
David Courtney -
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School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands)

Notice of Election by Voting; Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Salt Spring Island

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, s 98 (1) (2) and (3), to the Electors of Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Salt Spring Island that an election by voting is necessary to elect School Trustees for School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) from November 2022 until after the 2026 Local General Election, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Area 1, Salt Spring Island – three (3) Trustees to be elected:

Surname	Usual Names	Residential Address
BOULTER	Tisha	Salt Spring Island, BC
MACDONALD	Nancy	Salt Spring Island, BC
MCCLEAN	Jenny	Salt Spring Island, BC
PINGLE	Rob	Salt Spring Island, BC
SIPOS	George	Salt Spring Island, BC
SZUL	Anna	Salt Spring Island, BC

VOTING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified Electors of Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Salt Spring Island on: **Saturday, October 15, 2022 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at:**

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Hall Seniors' Centre, 2591 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
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ADVANCE VOTING will be available to qualified Electors of Trustee Electoral Area 1 – Salt Spring Island: **Wednesday, October 5, 2022, and Wednesday, October 12, 2022, between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at:**

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MAIL BALLOT VOTING is open to all resident and non-resident property electors. To register to vote by mail, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to elections@crd.bc.ca **before October 1, 2022** to permit time for mailing. Application forms are available at www.crd.bc.ca/vote. To be counted, the elector is responsible for ensuring their mail ballot is received

by the CRD Chief Election Officer **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022** at the addresses listed here:

- Hand Delivery: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1R7
- Mailing by Post: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

RESIDENT ELECTORS: You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on general voting day, are a Canadian Citizen and have resided in British Columbia for the past six months. If registering on voting day, you must provide two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature). Please note the CRD is using the Provincial Voters List for Resident Electors.

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For more information, please contact the Jesse Guy by email at jguy@sd64.org, or by email at elections@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022
Jesse Guy, Chief Election Officer



Notice of Election by Voting and Acclamation | 2022 General Local Election

Islands Trust—Local Trustees

(Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Piers, Salt Spring, Saturna, South Pender)



PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022** to elect persons to serve a four-year term of office from November 2022 until after the 2026 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, as Local Trustees for the five Local Trust Areas under the *Islands Trust Act*. The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Galiano Island Local Trust Area – two Trustees to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Lisa	GAUVREAU	Galiano Island, BC
Ben	MABBERLEY	Galiano Island, BC
John	RONSEY	Galiano Island, BC
Jane	WOLVERTON	Galiano Island, BC

Mayne Island Local Trust Area – two Trustees to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Jeanine	DODDS	Mayne Island, BC
Deb	FOOTE	Mayne Island, BC
David	MAUDE	Mayne Island, BC

North Pender Island Local Trust Area – two Trustees to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Aaron	CAMPBELL	Pender Island, BC
Deb	MORRISON	Pender Island, BC
Mary Beth	RONDEAU	Vancouver, BC

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area – two Trustees to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Ben	CORNO	Salt Spring Island, BC
Gary	GAGNE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jamie	HARRIS	Salt Spring Island, BC
Don	MARCOTTE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jenny	MCCLEAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Laura	PATRICK	Salt Spring Island, BC
Elissa	POOLE	Salt Spring Island, BC

South Pender Island Local Trust Area – two Trustees to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Dag	FALCK	Pender Island, BC
Kristina	PESZEL	Pender Island, BC
Cameron	THORN	Pender Island, BC

The following candidates are elected by acclamation:

Saturna Island Local Trust Area – Two Trustees to be acclaimed:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Mairread	BOLAND	Saturna Island, BC
Lee	MIDDLETON	Saturna Island, BC

The following constitutes the designated island trust areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust:

Galiano Island Local Trust Area - Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lot 145 Whaler Bay.

Mayne Island Local Trust Area - Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson.

North Pender Island Local Trust Area - North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lot 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets.

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area - Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Burial Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel.

Saturna Island Local Trust Area - Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel.

South Pender Island Local Trust Area - South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Island Local Trust Area on **Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

- Salt Spring Island** (including Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area, except Piers Island)
- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
 - Fulford Hall Seniors' Centre, 2591 Fulford Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
 - Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
 - Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC

Southern Gulf Islands (including Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, South Pender Local Trust Areas and Piers Island)

- Galiano Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, Mayne Island, BC
- Pender Islands School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- Piers Island Fire Hall, 116 McKenzie Crescent, Piers Island, BC
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ADVANCE VOTING opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022** and **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

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- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
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Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on general voting day, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the Island Local Trust Area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you: a) have registered on or before August 23, 2022, or b) register at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of registration:

- a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
- two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
- in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property. A copy of the consent form is available at: www.crd.bc.ca/vote

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The following are examples of acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity: BC Driver's Licence; BC ID card (BCID); BC Services Card; Social Insurance Card; Citizenship Card; property tax notice; credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution; and utility bill.

For more information, please contact the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3642 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3642, or by email at elections@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2022

Kristen Morley
Chief Election Officer

2022 CRD ELECTION

Let's hear from the candidates



JESSE BROWN

What skills and experiences do you have that would make you a good CRD Director?

I have 10-plus years of executive director experience leading not-for-profits and charities and know how to make great work happen on a tight budget. I have an immense appreciation for volunteers and the service they provide our community and will bring this respect with me to the role. I care about our kids' future and have campaigned for environmental causes and believe in balanced government spending. Visit www.saltspringtogether.ca for more info.

What would be your top three priority areas during your term?

Financial, community, and environmental sustainability. First, we can't have huge budget increases year after year. If elected I will review program budgets and contribution agreements that currently have little evaluation or oversight. Second, the environmental services that the CRD provides must be at the highest quality. I promise to address sewage spills and boil water advisories with the gravity they deserve. Third, the CRD must improve its relationship with the public. I hear too many negative comments about CRD which isn't healthy for our community. I want to work with Salt Springers to resolve this conflict with our government.

What is your position on the local community commission proposal and why?

Please vote NO to the LCC bylaw as it's expensive, divisive, and won't improve service delivery or culture at the CRD. I speak with knowledge having worked for the CRD supporting its Economic Development Commission and having studied comparative political systems (UBC '09). We will never replace the skill set of the expert appointed commissioners with four elected randoms. The reason we haven't heard of an LCC before is that they're not meant for communities like ours. Begs the questions, why are Gary Holman and his friends so keen on this expensive experiment and why didn't they properly consult the public before putting it to referendum? I promise to support our expert commissioners and save the public this expensive layer of red tape.



KYLIE COATES

What skills and experiences do you have that would make you a good CRD Director?

For over ten years I have worked for the Federal Government in national security and was responsible for the safety and security of Canadians. I had responsibilities of leadership and command of an organization six times the size of the CRD. If I was faced with a problem, it was my job to fix it. I have worked by myself, as well as with large groups. Some of the

skills acquired were working not only with inter-agencies in Canada, but with international agencies as well, and I feel confident that I can work with the 12,000 residents of Salt Spring in addressing and overcoming the hurdles and gridlock we are experiencing here. I have rarely met a problem that cannot be solved through determination, hard work and proper leadership. I believe that I have the skills needed to get the job done.

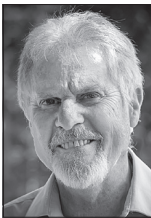
In 2006 I was invited to a diplomatic reception by the vice-president of North Korea and four of his ministers. For six hours we talked and took a tour throughout the Kremlin in Moscow.

What would be your top three priority areas during your term?

Saving Lady Minto Hospital from closing, getting housing built, and have the CRD in Victoria recognize we are an agricultural and rural area, and the #1 tourism destination in the Capital Regional District, as well as the third highest taxed area in the CRD, and these tax dollars should be reflected accordingly in our budget.

What is your position on the local community commission proposal and why?

There are five LCCs in BC currently, and the largest is a population of 900. The LCC is not working there. Out of the five, two of these LCCs (population 300 each) are working well, but I don't think it will work well with 12,000 people. We need governance, and sadly, this isn't it.



GARY HOLMAN (INCUMBENT)

What skills and experiences do you have that would make you a good CRD Director?

I was a consulting economist for 25 years and have worked on Salt Spring issues for over 30 years as a community activist, MLA, and CRD Director. Except for my four year term as MLA, I've lived full time on SSI since 1989. I've been involved in, and helped secure funding for many of Salt Spring's successes, such as the protection of Burgoyne Bay, Ford Lake and Grace Islet, building affordable housing, and establishing our successful Transportation Commission and public transit system.

What would be your top three priority areas during your term?

I want to build on the progress Salt Spring has made this past term. My top priorities are: affordable housing of all kinds, with a focus on properties already designated for affordable housing — CRD's Drake Road, Dragonfly, and SSI Land Bank properties. Renew CRD affordable housing funding, including incentives for affordable accessory dwellings, and secure permanent funding for our local homeless shelter; include SSI in Speculation and Vacancy Tax; and fund conservation measures for affordable housing in the water moratorium area. Climate resiliency, including continued investments in active transportation and public transit; food security; on-island composting and liquid waste disposal; and park land acquisition. Revitalize Ganges by building pedestrian/cycling infrastructure;

re-purposing the Ganges fire hall property; securing funding for Harbourwalk; upgrading Centennial Park and Mahon Hall; partnering with the RCMP on community safety, and the Chamber on village beautification. (See gary4director.org).

What is your position on the local community commission proposal and why?

I promised in the 2018 election to present an elected CRD Local Community Commission (LCC) to voters. An LCC, comprised of four elected at large Commissioners and the CRD Director, would assume authority over all services now administered by four separate, appointed commissions, which would be dissolved. An LCC will broaden elected CRD representation, make decision-making more transparent and accountable, and consolidate fragmented service delivery.

what's on this week



Wed. Sept. 28

ACTIVITIES
Salt Spring Island Garden Club Meeting. With guest speakers Bob and Verna Duncan on Growing Stone Fruits in South Coastal British Columbia. Meaden Hall. 6:30 to 9 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. 29

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
K-Tones (early set) & Kyle Windjack Band. Mateada Lounge. 7 to 11 p.m.
Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.
Green Drinks 5-7 p.m. at the golf course restaurant. Join us in the restaurant for refreshments and stimulating conversation; topics include EVs, rainwater harvest, solar, etc.

Fri. Sept. 30

ACTIVITIES
ASK Salt Spring. No session is taking place due to it being National Truth and Reconciliation Day.
StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity. Follow the signs from the Salt Spring Public Library through Moutat Park toward Rainbow Road. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fridays through Mondays.
Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Sat. Oct. 1

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
Pride On the Rise Dance. All 2SLG-BTQIA+ folks and allies welcome to the On the Rise festival closing event at the Farmers' Institute. DJ music by Boom Town Sound, Emily Andromeda, Salt Spring Samba Band and more. Food from Dos Amores. 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Kids welcome until 10 p.m. (with a games area and snacks).

ACTIVITIES

Paper Covers Rock. At Salty Pear. Workshop with Cecily Nicholson on Sense of Place. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Blues & Haiku – music and poems. 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday Market in the Park. In Centennial Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
StoryWalk. See Friday listing.

Sun. Oct. 2

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
ArtSpring Presents: Ballet Victoria. Broadway on Pointe and Other Works ArtSpring. 2:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Apple Festival. Self-guided farm tour and display and vendors at Fulford Hall. Program and tickets at Fulford Hall or outside the Ganges Visitor Centre. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Paper Covers Rock. Jenn Wint – Children's Storytime from 10 to 10:30 a.m. Workshop with Danny Peart: You Should Write a Poem, 12 to 2 p.m. Workshop with Kevin Spent: Making Chapbooks. 3 to 5 p.m. Info/register at papercoversrock.ca.
StoryWalk. See Friday listing.
Salt Spring Museum. See Wednesday listing.

Mon. Oct. 3

ACTIVITIES
Paper Covers Rock. Workshop with Liz Cairns: An Embodied Approach to Script Writing. 3 to 5 p.m.
StoryWalk. See Friday listing.
School District All Candidates Meeting, High School Multi-purpose room.

Tues. Oct. 4

ACTIVITIES
Drumming and Chanting from East and West, 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 2600 Fulford-Ganges Road, Fulford Join the circle! Facilitated by Marilyn Walker. Register at staroftheseasi@gmail.com
Paper Covers Rock. Workshop with Giselle Vriesen: Finding Truth in Fiction. 3 to 5 p.m.
Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 5

ACTIVITIES
Paper Covers Rock. Workshop with Gracie Gardner: From Memory to Menu. 3 to 5 p.m.
Salt Spring Museum. See last Wednesday's listing.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

• NOPE runs from Friday, Sept. 30 to Tuesday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. each night; no Sunday matinee. For more movie info, see thefritz.ca.

EXHIBITIONS

- **OCTOGONY** — work by Patricia Balsor, Susan Benson, Chintan Bolliger, Ronald T. Crawford, Jen Holmes, Patrick McCallum, Michael Robb (estate) and Michael Wall — runs at Mahon Hall daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Oct. 2.
- **Cheryl Long and Nathalie St-Amant** present *Translation*, a collection of paintings that explore the stories that emerge from landscape, at Salt Spring Gallery until Oct. 5. Tuesdays 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 of work by over a dozen local artists accessed via poster QR codes and your phone.
- 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 until Sept. 27. Part of the **On The Rise Climate Arts Festival**.
- **Pierre Mineau** is showing black and white landscape images in the **Country Grocer Café** for the month of September 2022.

Salt Spring Apple Festival

Display and vendors at Fulford Hall, and a self-guided farm tour. Tickets + programs at Fulford Hall and outside the Ganges Visitor Centre.

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Obituaries

Sasha
1925 - 2022

Sasha lived a deep rich life. She touched many people while she was here. Sasha danced joyously all the way home. Thank you to the people of Salt Spring for being so good to her.

Wendy Mullan
1957 - 2022

It is with the most profound sadness that our family wants to inform her community that Wendy Mullan left us. Daughter of the late John and Patricia Mullan, Wendy was born in Vancouver in 1957 and in 1961 her family moved to Toronto. At eighteen, Wendy visited the island and like most of us fell in love with it and stayed. Long time islanders might remember her as a beautiful young woman waitressing at The Harbour House or at the Kanaka restaurant. At the age of 23 she fell for a nomadic tree planter and (like she would say) made him her guy. Together they raised a family while managing a silviculture company. With her partner working all over the province and while taking care of her children at home she managed with great effectiveness the office work and, before the prevalence of wireless phones, communications between the field and the outside world. In 1998 they sold their company and Wendy concentrated on her gardening business and her work at fabric stores. She was kind, smart, funny and humble; late in life she would say that her only goal was to become a better person. She treated her clients' gardens as her own and many of her customers became lifelong friends. She was a graceful artist that used a variety of mediums to express her inner sense of the beautiful and a master at "l'art du quotidien". Left in sorrow are countless friends, her lifelong friend, partner and admirer Claud, daughters Gisele and Sandrine, son Emile, sister Kelly, grandfriends Kaleb, Cohen and Levi and grandchildren Ada, Maeve and Hugh who in his great 8-year-old wisdom knows that "she is still here, we just can't see her". She will be forever missed and gladly remembered. The family wants to express its gratitude to all the health workers involved with Wendy for their dedication and professionalism, and her friends for the love they showed daily during this difficult journey. If you want to honor her memory, please donate on her behalf to our hospice on Salt Spring or the Victoria Hospice where Wendy spent her last days.

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TIP OF THE WEEK: READ MORE IN MY NEWSLETTER. SIGN UP IS FREE ON MY WEBSITE!

The September 25 Libra New Moon (2 Libra 48) is now waxing towards its First Quarter phase, manifesting as a beautiful half moon on October 2. As lovely as this image is, it means the Moon has arrived at its 90-degree angle (square aspect) from the Sun. The general interpretation for the square is that the energies of the planets are at 'cross purposes' and tend to manifest as tension and conflict. More specifically, the conscious awareness principle of the Sun is in contrast or conflict with the emotional flow that the Moon symbolizes. Positively, the Libra Sun and Capricorn Moon (both Cardinal signs = King) are suggestive of practical dynamics, like a busy day at the market - often exciting and fun, but hectic... Venus in Libra meanwhile will help smooth things out especially with it in its own ruling sign (= 'honour'). Also, on October 2, Mercury stations (appears to stop) and resumes direct motion again while in critical thinking Virgo, its own ruling sign as well.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) Who and what do you love and why? Beyond notions of free will choice, your destiny is a strong determining factor. You can simply enjoy the feeling, which will manifest as uplifting moods, or you can better understand why, which can prove valuable as well. Who are you beyond simply answering with 'me'?

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20) A creative cycle asks you to give more than you might want to now. Although your energy levels are probably running high, taking things slow but sure, Taurus, style, is also likely. Focusing to stretch your mind and imagination is featured and could prove more valuable, and liberating than other constructions.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21) A playful, romantic and frolicking mood vies with a more practical inclination. This more serious side can be best engaged as a fall clean-up. Decorating to align with the seasonal celebration of colours could strike the golden mean between the fun and function currently tugging on your mind.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22) Libra time is one when achieving a better balance between the responsibilities of jobs and career and home and family is pronounced. It comes down to assessing where your focus has been leaning over the past several weeks and months. Although it is an expansive time in your outer life, assess the balance.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23) Libra time emphasizes a sharpening of your mind. This includes what and how you perceive and interpret the world. Would you say you see reality as it is? Actually, we each see reality much more fully 'as we are'. This refers to our nature, personality and social conditioning. Avoid assumptions and acknowledge your biases.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22) Establishing a more solid base of values and priorities is emphasized now. Ideally, some of your focus includes thinking with your heart and feeling with your mind. Not to be mistaken with your beliefs, the emphasis on your heart is towards deciphering what you deem your truth.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22) A steady shift of pace to a more expressive phase has begun. You want to see, be and engage with beauty. This projection will likely include social and perhaps even romantic engagements. Behind the diplomacy, your critical faculties will remain fully operative, yet you will gladly leave them out to keep the peace.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) Turning within to your inner light feels important now. The simplest way to do so is to focus on your heart center, which is actually your higher mind. You can simply dwell there peacefully, wherever you are. Or, you can engage in conversation. Begin with deep gratitude, then ask if you need help, then open to receive.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Thoughts of freedom and what is right, true and just are stronger on your mind than usual. You yearn to express yourself fully but may feel restricted somehow. This condition might last a little longer but will soon change. In the meantime, focus to do some background study to prepare.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19) As eager as you may feel to be seen, heard, and acknowledged for your efforts, you may feel a little lost for words. Many thoughts and emotions flowing through your mind all vying for attention may be the issue. It might help to write them down to get clearer. Your ability to concentrate will increase steadily this week.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19) Venus now in Libra joining forces with the Sun will lift your spirits. The same is true of Mercury turning direct. It has had the effect of dividing your focus between outer engagement and diving deep into your thoughts about larger realities. Enjoy this opening and take a break from serious matters.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20) A cycle of transformation of your perspectives and attitude continues. Giving more even than usual is part of the plot. Positively, you recognize that in giving you receive as it serves to put you in your heart. Be there with and for others as much as you can. You will re-enter a creative cycle again soon.

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NATIONAL DAY OF TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on Friday, September 30 National Day of Truth and Reconciliation Day statutory holiday - and will reopen 9am - 4pm on Monday, October 3.

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PRIDE

Tim and John reflect on years of marriage

Challenges and joy

BY MARCIA JANSEN

Seventeen years ago, John Dolman and Tim O'Connor's marriage made the front page of the Drift-

wood. During this year's Island Pride, the owners of TJ Beans Coffee Shop reflected on their time on Salt Spring as one of the island's first openly gay couples.

O'Connor and Dolman surprised

their friends with their wedding on Christmas Eve 2005, the year that Canada became the fourth country in the world to legalize gay marriage. The couple met in 1989 while they were both working for

television network CTV in Toronto, moved to Salt Spring in 1994 and had a civil union celebration at Welbury Point in 2000.

"We had a ceremony with friends and family, a minister from Vancou-

ver, a wedding cake and the whole shebang. It felt like a wedding," O'Connor and Dolman say of their civil union celebration.

The decision to officially get married in 2005 was a spontaneous one. "We got a speeding ticket in Victoria and were on our way to the government agency office to pay it. In our car, we were listening to CBC Radio and heard prime minister Stephen Harper say that he wanted to re-open the same-sex marriage debate. So when we got to the office we paid for a ticket and a marriage license at the same time, before it was too late," says O'Connor.

Dolman and O'Connor moved to Salt Spring when O'Connor's father died and he wanted to be closer to his mother in Victoria. They traded a big city, with careers at national TV shows and an eclectic circle of friends, for a small rural island on the west coast. It was a welcome change in a time when they had lost many friends to AIDS. "People in Toronto were skeptical about our move. Some of them thought we wouldn't last for longer than six months, but 30 years later we are still here."

In their first years on Salt Spring, O'Connor and Dolman still worked for CTV, filming in Vancouver and flying back and forth every six months to Toronto. But eventually they opened a successful video rental company in Ganges called Island Star — that is, "until 2014, when Netflix became popular, the government subsidized cable TV and the library started loaning out DVDs for free. That was the end of it."

Nine years earlier, though, they had opened TJ Beans, in the heart of Ganges. "We both loved coffee, but we'd never made one. Jill Thomas, at that time the owner of the Tree House and Rock Salt cafés, generously let us train with all her baristas."

O'Connor and Dolman have supported numerous community events and causes like the Special Olympics, the haunted house, Remembrance Day and the community Christmas dinner with the United Church.

O'Connor and Dolman felt welcomed by the community of Salt Spring, even though openly gay couples were less common than in Toronto. But there were challenging times as well. In 2007, homophobic posters directed at the couple appeared on every hydro pole in town, and a homophobic slur was written with pink eyeliner on the back door of the video store. "It was shocking — we'd never encountered this in Toronto," says O'Connor. "Luckily the kids who did this were caught on video and had to perform community service."

The incident led to an outpouring of love for the couple from people and businesses on the island. "Our store looked like a funeral home, we received so many flowers," says Dolman. "And other business owners put stickers on their windows to show support for us and for gay people in general. It was incredible."

The incident in 2007 aside, O'Connor and Dolman have never regretted their move to Salt Spring. As they stand in between the rainbow flags in front of their coffee shop, O'Connor says, "If these flags keep people out of our business, I don't want them to come in anyway."

Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by Voting and Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity (Referendum) | 2022 General Local Election

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Piers, Saturna, South Pender)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022** to elect persons to serve a four-year term of office as Electoral Area Director for Southern Gulf Islands on the CRD Board from November 2022 until after the 2026 General Local Election, held in accordance with the Local Government Act.

The persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area – One Director to be elected:

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Paul	BRENT	116 Winter Cove Road, Saturna Island, BC
Ben	MCCONCHIE	9805-B Spalding Road, Pender Island, BC

Notice of Assent Voting Opportunity – Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service

Assent voting will be conducted at the same time for qualified electors of the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area on the following question:

"Are you in favour of the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board adopting Bylaw No. 4484, "Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2022" authorizing the CRD to establish an integrated transportation service for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area to raise a maximum annual requisition up to the greater of SIX HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$675,000) or \$0.1414 per ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) of taxable land and improvements for the purpose of funding the operating costs of the service?"

YES or NO?"

Synopsis of Bylaw No. 4484

The intent of Bylaw No. 4484, the "Southern Gulf Islands Transportation Service Establishing Bylaw No. 1, 2022" is to establish a new integrated transportation service for the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area to coordinate, fund, and operate land and water-based transportation services within the electoral area. The bylaw permits the CRD to raise a maximum annual requisition for the purpose of funding the service to the greater of six hundred and seventy five thousand dollars (\$675,000) or \$0.1414 per one thousand (\$1,000) of taxable land and improvements in the service area. The maximum requisition is the upwards limit of what would be collected.

Please note that this synopsis of Bylaw No. 4484 is not intended to be or understood as an interpretation of the bylaw. A copy of the complete bylaw and this notice may be viewed at the Capital Regional District offices located at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria B.C. during business hours.

This information may also be viewed on the website at www.crd.bc.ca.

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area on **Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

- ▶ Galiano Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- ▶ Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, Mayne Island, BC
- ▶ Pender Islands School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- ▶ Piers Island Fire Hall, 116 McKenzie Crescent, Piers Island, BC
- ▶ Saturna Recreation Centre, 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC
- ▶ Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC

ADVANCE VOTING opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, October 5, 2022 and Wednesday, October 12, 2022 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

- ▶ Galiano Lions Hall, 992 Burrill Road, Galiano Island, BC
- ▶ Mayne Island Community Hall, 493 Felix Jack Road, Mayne Island, BC
- ▶ Pender Islands School, 5714 Canal Road, Pender Island, BC
- ▶ Saturna Recreation Centre, 104 Harris Road, Saturna Island, BC
- ▶ Saanich Peninsula Presbyterian Church, 9296 East Saanich Road, North Saanich, BC

Mail Ballot Voting

Mail ballot voting will be open to all resident and non-resident property electors for the 2022 General Local Election. To register to vote by mail, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to elections@crd.bc.ca before **October 1, 2022** to permit time for mailing. Application forms are available at www.crd.bc.ca/vote. To be counted, the elector is responsible for ensuring their mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 4:00 pm on Friday, October 14, 2022** at the addresses below:

Hand Delivery: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th floor, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC V8W 1R7

Mailing by Post: Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC V8W 2S6

Elector Qualifications

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

Non-Resident Property Elector - If you are 18 years or older on general voting day, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you: a) have registered on or before August 23, 2022, or b) register at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of registration:

- ▶ a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all of the registered owners,
- ▶ two documents proving identity and residency (one must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a completed consent form signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property. A copy of the consent form is available at: www.crd.bc.ca/vote

Identification

The following are examples of acceptable classes of documents for proof of identity: BC Driver's Licence; BC ID card (BCID); BC Services Card; Social Insurance Card; Citizenship Card; property tax notice; credit card or debit card issued by a savings institution; and utility bill.

For more information, please contact the Capital Regional District at 250.360.3642 or Toll Free 1.800.663.4425 local 3642, or by email at elections@crd.bc.ca.

Dated this 28th day of September, 2022

Kristen Morley
Chief Election Officer

www.crd.bc.ca/vote
www.crd.bc.ca/transportation-vote