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**WORDS IN PLACE:** Jared Qwustenuxun Williams points to and speaks one of the Hul'q'umi'num' words on new Indigenous interpretive signage on the woodland trail on Salt Spring Centre of Yoga property near the Salt Spring Centre School, with teacher Schuyler Witman seen behind. See the page 12 story about a celebration of the project's completion.

**NSSWD**

## FitzZaland and Lam win seats

Waterworks trustee election sees record voter turnout

**BY ROBB MAGLEY**  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With a record number of votes cast, newcomers Elizabeth FitzZaland and Steve Lam have been elected to serve on the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) board of trustees.

The results were announced during NSSWD's annual general meeting held Thursday, April 27 at Community Gospel Chapel. Financial officer Tammy Lannan told attendees FitzZaland received 643 votes and Lam 428; Leigh Large received 337 votes and incumbent Gary Gagné had 331.

FitzZaland thanked all ratepayers who voted. "I am honoured to join the board and represent the interests of everyone who relies on NSSWD for water," she said. "With new and experienced senior staff and an invigorated

board, I think it's an exciting moment for the district and our entire island community."

Lam said, "I am honoured and humbled to be elected as one of your two trustees. It is clear from the high voter turnout that the community cares deeply about how its water is managed. I look forward to bringing my considerable water treatment experience to the board, particularly as we embark on funding and building the new Mount Maxwell water treatment plant."

At the AGM, Gagné thanked voters and the board, saying he was optimistic about the water district's future.

"It's been an honour to participate in this organization, and to see it flourishing today with new staff," said Gagné. "I'm happy to see the 'new blood' on the board, and I'm really excited for the organization going forward."

Gagné has been a NSSWD trustee since 2019.

Of the 965 total votes cast — a record turnout, noted board chair Sandra Ungerson — 917 of them were mail-in ballots, with just 48 in-person. Lannan said there were 41 "spoiled" or rejected ballots, including ballots that those more than two candidates, did not have a name, witness or signatures included, or were submitted by an otherwise disqualified ratepayer (e.g. ratepayers with outstanding money owed to the district for more than a year).

"I'm excited about our two new board members," Ungerson told attendees, as she thanked everyone for voting. "The plans we have for this coming year are ambitious, science-based and driven by the best possible work that every one of us can do to deliver what the ratepayers ask from us."

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TECH THREATS

# GISS officials report computer security breach

'Ransomware' cyberattack puts students files offline

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A file server used to store student work at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) was the subject of a "ransomware" attack last week, according to school officials, who said in a Friday newsletter that they were informing all students and families of the potential privacy breach "out of an abundance of caution."

"We believe this to be a very low-risk breach," said GISS principal Ryan Massey, "and our information technology team is working hard to contain the breach and strengthen preventative measures."

"Ransomware" attacks typically involve a malicious piece of software, created to deny users or organizations access to computer files. The attacker encrypts the files, and then demands a ransom payment to decrypt them.

District officials became aware of the ransomware attack Thursday, April 27. School District 64 (SD64) privacy officer Lori Deacon said an admin folder on a school server —

used by the school's IT department for files like software installers for GISS computers — was infected and locked with a variation of the Cryptolocker ransomware. A shared student folder is housed on the same server.

Deacon said a text file placed on the infected system did demand a ransom, however officials did not engage with the developer of the ransomware, instead immediately removing the server from the network and quarantining all its files.

A variation on the attack has been known to include data theft, but district staff had found no evidence that personal information had been removed from the network. After running antivirus scans on the server, school officials said they also didn't find any infected files within student folders.

"Please be reassured that, based on what we have learned, the risk of potential harm or the misuse of sensitive information is low," said Deacon. "We are monitoring all district systems to determine if there is any continued threat. At this time, we believe that there is little risk remaining."

Examples of "personal" student information that may have been accessed from the file server during the attack include class

work, student first and last names, writing samples, class assignments, essays, photos, or "other digital files that a student may wish to save related to their course studies," according to Deacon, who sent a letter to students, parents and caregivers Friday evening.

As of now, according to officials, there is no action students need to take, although the student files housed on this server remain unavailable; access will be restored once officials determine the data is safe. Deacon said the district's information technology team was in the process of deploying monitored threat detection and response software on all computers in the district, working to harden the district's firewall security rules, and would be developing new security practices.

"We are continuing to monitor the situation," said Deacon, "and are working with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia to ensure we are taking all reasonable and expected steps necessary to protect and secure the personal information within our control. Again, we are acting with an abundance of caution, and are working with guidance from experts in the field."

## TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

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	1007	0.9	3.0		0430	3.1	10.2
	TH 1729	2.9	9.5		MO 1227	0.1	0.3
JE 2204	2.3	7.5	LU 2108	3.4	11.2		
<b>5</b>	0330	3.0	9.8	<b>9</b>	0140	2.9	9.5
	1035	0.6	2.0		0456	3.1	10.2
	FR 1821	3.0	9.8		TU 1314	0.1	0.3
VE 2247	2.5	8.2	MA 2205	3.4	11.2		
<b>6</b>	0347	3.1	10.2	<b>10</b>	0321	2.9	9.5
	1107	0.4	1.3		0522	3.0	9.8
	SA 1915	3.2	10.5		WE 1406	0.2	0.7
SA 2335	2.7	8.9	ME 2259	3.4	11.2		

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BC FERRIES

## Committee hears more Fulford change details

Schedule expansion and trestle work

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Fulford Harbour will see additional sailings — and some disruption from construction work — as BC Ferries rolls into summer.

A new 10-sailing schedule between Fulford Harbour and Swartz Bay starts in late June and may overlap somewhat with urgent piling work, according to BC Ferries staff, who met with Salt Spring Island's Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) Monday, April 24. The usually biannual meeting finally took place after scheduling conflicts and weather-related postponements, giving commissioners their first chance this year to visit with ferry officials.

The 10-sailing plan — nine on Sundays — is an attempt to relieve strain during peak season, with the first sailings this summer departing Fulford at 6 a.m. and the last leaving Swartz Bay at 10 p.m. The structure builds five round trips into each crew shift, according to fleet deployment and scheduling manager Steve Anderson — a "tight fit" but vital to the schedule. BC Ferries hopes the additional sailings will relieve line-up congestion,

and staff said they plan to monitor whether it works.

"We'll certainly be looking at the on-time performance, as well as overload statistics and overall traffic volumes," said Anderson, noting that adding what amounts to 25 per cent capacity per shift most days should have a significant impact on service. "It will depend on how people adjust between different sailings. If people do spread out, there should be less congestion and more people getting where they want to go."

Those extra sailings may be impacted by some urgent work under the trestle at Fulford, as several timber piles there need to be replaced. That work is scheduled to begin at the end of May, even as the current sewage system work currently snarling traffic at the terminal finishes up — but community relations manager Tamara Olson warned a start date may be pushed back.

"It might be postponed, just due to [difficulties with] getting the timber here," said Olson. "Depending on when the supply chain issue is resolved — and that's partly to do with the border and the strikes — we'll have a better idea."

The piling work needs to be done during very low tides, according to Olson, which restricts crews to the

early summer season.

"In a perfect world, we wouldn't be doing it at this time of year," said Karen Johnston, executive director of communications and engagement. "But it's a safety issue."

TAP changes

In other news, BC Ferries announced the following morning that the provincial Travel Assistance Program (TAP), which covers transportation costs for residents travelling within the province for non-emergency medical services not available in their own communities, will no longer be subject to ferry booking fees — a cost not previously covered by the program.

Going forward, islanders travelling on reservable BC Ferries routes can provide their TAP confirmation number and book their ferry travel without the \$18 fee. Johnston had told commissioners to expect an announcement about the program, and that staff were developing ways to prioritize and simplify loading for passengers travelling for medical reasons, which might include a dedicated lane for TAP or Medically Assured Loading customers at unstaffed terminals.

For information on TAP and how to make bookings, visit [bcferries.com](http://bcferries.com).

Capital Regional District CRD

### Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission

#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906 (Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1991) residents within the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

**Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

#### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906, real property owners or residents in the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (four members must be residents or owners of a business; one member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area; and one of the five members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). There are three positions, expiring December 31, 2023.

#### Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 1906 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

Personal information collected is in accordance with s.26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of administering the Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission nominations. Personal information submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the purpose for which that information was collected. Any questions about this matter should be directed to Shayla Burnham, Committee Clerk, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation: 250.538.4304 or email: [sburnham@crd.bc.ca](mailto:sburnham@crd.bc.ca)

MARINE REGULATIONS

# Southern resident killer whales get wide berth

Feds reactivate measures and set Pender, Saturna protection areas

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For the fifth year in a row, federal authorities are implementing restrictions to protect southern resident killer whales (SRKW) on the west coast — including a return of salmon fishery closures and the establishment of two interim “sanctuary zones” in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Transport Minister Omar Alghabra announced the action alongside a host of measures Wednesday, April 26,

intended to help “protect and restore” the critically endangered whales’ population.

Effective immediately, Transport Canada said it is reinstating avoidance distance requirements — and vessels will be required to stay at least 400 metres from all killer whales in Southern British Columbia coastal waters from Campbell River around to Ucluelet, including Barkley and Howe sounds. The measure is in effect until May 31, 2024. If killer whales approach any vessel, boaters are required to put their engine in neutral and wait for the animals to pass.

For 2023, the Southern Gulf Islands fishery closure for commercial and recreational salmon will be in effect from the first confirmed SRKW presence in the area, and extends from now to Nov. 30



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Southern resident killer whales that are the subject of reinstated protection measures in the Gulf Islands region.

— a month later than last year, according to Transport Canada, to recognize that whales are being reported in the Salish Sea in greater numbers later in

the fall. Monitoring of the area will begin on May 1.

In addition, starting June 1, two interim sanctuary zones off Pender and Saturna islands will prohibit all vessel traffic until Nov. 30, subject to exceptions for emergency situations and Indigenous vessels. A 20-metre corridor next to the shoreline will allow kayakers and other paddlers to safely transit through these zones, although if a killer whale is in the sanctuary at the time, paddlers must remain 400 metres away from the whales.

The agency also said an agreement had been reached with B.C. whale watching and ecotourism industry partners to “abstain from offering or promoting” tours for viewing southern resident killer whales.

SSIFPD

## AGM has upbeat tone

Fire hall could be done earlier, says CAO

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District is back on track with traditional annual general meeting timing following a few years of disruption due to the pandemic.

The April 24 version was a straight-ahead affair, with the 2022 audited financial statements approved, written reports received and committee membership for trustees finalized.

“I’m really excited about the future of the department,” said chair Rollie Cook. “I think we put a few of the years of drama behind us. We’re now building competently, quietly and we’re moving forward. It’s really gratifying.”

He praised the leadership of department chief Jamie Holmes, all career and paid-on-call personnel and his fellow trustees. Cook also commented on the hiring of chief administrative officer Rodney Dieleman, who came to the island from Manitoba last year.

“He’s brought a wealth of administrative experience and talent to our department,” said Cook. “And we’re grateful because we are undertaking a major initiative to build a new main fire hall. And it’s terrific to have somebody who knows what we’re doing.”

Dieleman provided a brief update on that project. He said floor plans are just being finished now, and ground will hopefully be broken in October. He said the hall could be ready by the first quarter of 2025, which is much earlier than first anticipated.

Cook also praised the effectiveness of the 24/7 staffing model in not only quick response to the Salt Spring Linens & Drycleaners fire but an incident at the Rainbow Road pool in February, where an electrical fire set off alarm bells in the middle of the night and the duty crew was able to address the issue promptly.

Members of the public attending and trustees approved an increase in trustee remuneration from \$200 to \$300 per month and from \$250 to \$350 for the board chair. Trustee Rob Oliver was the only board member to vote against the increase. Cook said it had been determined that trustees are able to vote on the annual remuneration motion, which was not clear in the past.

Dieleman said the budget impact would be about \$5,000, and that those funds were already in hand due to the district not having a bookkeeper for a period of time.

After the AGM, David Courtney was welcomed to the board as the newest trustee, elected by acclamation along with incumbents Mary Lynn Hetherington and Cook, who was also voted by trustees to be the board chair for another year.

Capital Regional District



Membership Opportunities

Water and Sewer Commissions

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications for volunteers to serve as members of various Water and Sewer Commissions. Terms are for two years, starting January 1 each year.

- ▶ **Beddis Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 4 members within the Beddis water service area (3 members must be owners of real property, and 1 member may be a resident or owner of real property). The service consists of 137 parcels and provides drinking water to 128 connections.
- ▶ **Cedar Lane Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 3 resident or owners of real property within the Cedar Lane water service area; or a person who is prepared to represent the service area. The system provides drinking water to 37 connections.
- ▶ **Cedars of Tuam Water System Commission** (1 position available) – includes 2 members within the Cedars of Tuam water service area (1 member must be an owner of real property, and 1 member may be a resident). The system consists of 16 parcels, and provides drinking water to 17 connections.
- ▶ **Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission** (no positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fernwood and Highland Water service area (3 members must be resident electors, and 1 member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). The system consists of 333 parcels, and provides drinking water to 321 connections.
- ▶ **Fulford Water System Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fulford Water service area (3 members must be owners of real property, and 1 member may be a resident). The system consists of 102 parcels, and provides drinking water to 97 connections.
- ▶ **Ganges Sewer Service Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 5 members within the Ganges Sewer service area (4 members must be residents or owners of a business, 1 member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area, and 1 of the 5 members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). The service consists of 416 parcels, and provides sewer service to 591 connections.
- ▶ **Maliview Sewer Local Services Commission** (no positions available) – includes 3 members within the Maliview Sewer service area (2 members must be resident electors, and 1 member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). The service consists of 94 parcels, and 100 connections.

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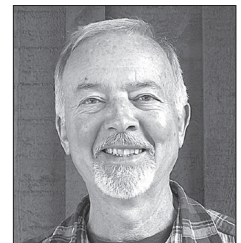
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LCC ELECTION

# Eight more candidates introduced to voters

Islanders tout local roots and fresh ideas for LCC

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Campaigns kicked into high gear this week in anticipation of Salt Spring's first Local Community Commission (LCC) election later this month.

The 15 candidates officially approved by the Capital Regional District (CRD) to run for the four open seats on the commission are: Gayle Baker, Jesse Brown, Kylie Coates, Benjamin Corno, David Courtney, Lloyd Cudmore, Nejmah Guermoudi, Jamie Harris, Jennifer Kerrigan, Jennifer Lannan, Eric March, Donald Marcotte, Jennifer McClean, Earl Rook and Brian Webster.

Election day is May 27; the Driftwood has profiled six candidates who have reached out to us so far: Gayle Baker, Earl Rook and Brian Webster in our April 12 edition, and Jesse Brown, Benjamin Corno and Nejmah Guermoudi in our April 26 edition. Today we present eight more who submitted information by the press deadline. Amongst this group, Lloyd Cudmore, Jamie Harris, Jennifer Kerrigan and Don Marcotte (on page 5) are running as a slate.

## Eric March

Eric March originally moved to Salt Spring Island to work on one of the island's many farms; since then, he said he's been learning about the production of local cider — working in turn for each of the island's cideries.



ERIC MARCH

"As much as Salt Spring Island, its nature and its people have captured my heart, we live in a community that can be difficult for, if not hostile to, our working class," said March. "Without our retail and service workers, our ferry workers, our agricultural and production workers, our eldercare, pharmacy and medical workers, our community turns into a theme park for landowners and tourists."

March believes the primary benefit of the LCC will be that by increasing the number of elected officials in local government, we will see an increase in diversity of representation in that government; he said it's time for Salt Spring to have an elected official to represent younger, working and renting members of the community, drawn from those very demographics.

"If I am elected, I intend to work tirelessly to do everything within the power of the LCC to advocate for and improve the lives of Salt Spring Island's working and renting class — and to allow those improvements to trickle up to the rest of the community," said March. "I hope, whatever the result of our election, our Local Community Commission ends up with a variety of voices forming a chorus of effective government. I hope that on May 27 the voters of Salt Spring Island give me the opportunity to bring a fresh new voice with new ideas to the Local Community Commission."

## Kylie Coates

Kylie Coates said he's a "true Gulf Islander, born and raised here," attending Salt Spring Elementary and graduating from GISS in 2000.

"I grew up on a farm on Salt Spring," said Coates. "This taught me about responsibility, and this has served me well over the years."

Coates said his travel across Canada and all over the world has given him a broad perspective about life and culture, and pointed to his record of volunteerism — an important aspect, he said, of giving back to your community.

"Donating money is one thing, but donating time is another," said Coates. "I have volunteered with the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce as a director. It gave me an insight into the concerns of both local business as well as tourism, and what we at the chamber had to focus on to assist businesses in thriving."

Projects he worked on there which give him the most pride include working with the RCMP and CRD to help clean up and prevent vandalism in Ganges, and instituting a beautification project with three murals already in place — and more planned for the future.

"For the last six years, I have been working with the Wagon Wheel Housing Society towards getting low-income housing for workers and families on Salt Spring," said Coates. "We also created the Salt Spring Laundromat, as it was desperately needed in our community."

Coates said he is running for the LCC because he believes he has something to offer. He recently ran for CRD director, and previous to that election ran for Islands Trust.

"When I ran for CRD, I was able to have many discussions with CRD director Gary Holman about the LCC," said Coates, "and he encouraged me to run for the betterment of our community, and make the LCC work for all Salt Springers. Win or lose, I will continue my volunteer efforts in making Salt Spring a better place to live."

## Jennifer Lannan

Jennifer Lannan said Salt Spring Island has been home — or home base — since her family moved here in 1991, living here full-time since 2008. While raising three children with husband Johnson Emekoba and running a small business in Ganges, Lannan has been volunteering for the community as treasurer to the Salt Spring Saturday Market Society and chair to the Gulf Islands Early Learning Society — which oversees two facilities, one in the start-up phase.

Lannan pointed to her background in large and small business as well as her advocacy and support of several community endeavours — most recently becoming a co-representative to the DPAC for Salt Spring Elementary School. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies and Philosophy.

"This is a sensitive time where our community's governance is starting a new chapter," said Lannan. "I hope electors choose candidates they trust and will ignite the LCC with a strong footing while listening to the population with an inclusive approach."

Lannan said she hoped to see the LCC swiftly address problems that affect working families.

"We need to work together for a thriving community with highly functional services that are adaptable for current and future needs — as well as respectful to history,"



KYLIE COATES

said Lannan. "Solutions need to be acted upon now."

Lannan said the community needs flexibility for its diverse society, from transit to parks and recreation plans and building a strong year-round economy. She said she was looking forward to seeing how the new commissioners work to make the best choices within the CRD to assist the various groups working to make Salt Spring Island a more dynamic place.

"I decided to run for the LCC because I want to be a voice for the family demographic," said Lannan. "I come to the table as a fair and independent choice as a commissioner and I stand for equity, diversity and inclusion of all people and their needs. The past few years have been challenging for our community and I hope to see the LCC bring some fresh air."

## Jennifer McClean

Jennifer McClean said most will know her as Jenny, and that she's "an islander and a parent" who works downtown and wants to be part of an LCC that gives more voice to people from the community. With a wide range of interests in community services currently run through the CRD, McClean said she wanted to see that body become more democratic.

"There should not be so many limits put on community participation in meetings as we have seen with the current format," said McClean. "We need to open the floor and make time for presentations from the public — at times that suit the public to join."

McClean has been involved with the school PACs in School District 64, and also fundraised for the preschool, running through "all the regular hoops" Salt Spring parents face. A believer in support and food programs that "bring everyone together and join at a point of intersection," McClean volunteers with the Chuan Society on community projects.

"Sharing is caring," said McClean. "Community kitchens, ride shares and alternative housing models are all on my list of what I envision for our shared future. I believe in community programs that are free or affordable and do not create barriers of cost for families."

McClean said she wants to have a greener Ganges that is more of an inclusive community space, with less congestion in town, and brings to the table a host of ideas — ranging from multiple transit and parking improvements to a "car free" festival in Ganges.

As a regular attendee at the commission meetings for services being folded into the LCC — as well as taking part in the Ganges Village planning process with the Islands Trust and other advisory committee meetings — McClean said she saw "no CRD traction" to align services with what islanders truly needed.

"Too many of the important ideas are shuffled to the back of the line by the current groups in charge," said McClean. "I would like to cut through that and get some improvements here. I know it can be done."

McClean wants to see town planning that gives use, rather than removing use; she is an advocate for several transit improvements and generally a "more vibrant village," adding that CRD land there should be prioritized for housing, rather than other purposes like an EV charging station.



JENNIFER MCCLEAN



JENNIFER LANNAN

Capital Regional District

## Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911 (Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2015), residents within the Highland and Fernwood Water Local Service Area are invited to attend:

**Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, June 8, 2023  
**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

### Committee Membership Opportunity

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Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (three members resident electors; and one member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

### Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

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**LCC CANDIDATES**

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**Jamie Harris**

Jamie Harris said when he first came to Salt Spring over 30 years ago, he fully immersed himself in the "traditional west coast lifestyle," reading every historical book he could find about the region.



**JAMIE HARRIS**

"I was very intrigued to see how early settlers, along with First Nations as well as the blended families of both, thrived in these resource-based endeavours," said Harris, eagerly wanting to become involved in commercial fishing, logging and farming himself.

"I actively pursued work in all of these areas," he said. "I have been very active in sustainable logging here on Salt Spring Island for many years, striving to hone my skills to this day."

Harris said he supplied many people with firewood over the years, enjoying good conversations while unloading firewood from the truck.

"I have made many great friends, including local First Nations, through work and play here," said Harris, "and have gotten to know a large number of islanders from all walks of life. I alongside them call this place home."

Harris said he was running for the LCC in hopes of having an impact on improving the community, after "30-plus years of watching our community suffer from wasted tax dollars" and from witnessing CRD support for "certain non-governmental organizations who are willing to flat out lie as well as use very misleading information in order to further their concerning ideological agendas at the cost of our communities' social well-being — while threatening our ability to address the workforce ownership housing crisis we have long been facing."

"I say enough is enough," said Harris. "It

is time for a common-sense, reality-based approach to decision making when deciding where to focus our tax dollars."

Harris said he felt long-time "generational islanders" with families and children of their own were the best place to start when choosing to elect competent and qualified representation.

"With a positive narrative and initiatives that will help start to repair the damage done to our communities' social well-being while at the same time improving our economic well-being, we can achieve a sustainable sense of hope and security for working families, their children and for retirees alike," said Harris.

As a current trustee representing Salt Spring at the Islands Trust, Harris said he would bring added value to the LCC by achieving an "automatic collaborative reality" between the CRD and the Islands Trust.

**Jennifer Kerrigan**

Jennifer Kerrigan said that as a fourth-generation islander with a strong dedication to her community, her family and the future of Salt Spring Island, she couldn't imagine a better environment to raise her children.



**JENNIFER KERRIGAN**

Kerrigan and her husband Matt own and operate two successful businesses while raising their kids and being "active and intentional" community members. She said she is passionate about seeing the island thrive through sustainable growth and innovative development, pointing to her administrative and legal support background as attributes she brings to the table. Those skills, she said, have been honed during her years of tackling massive projects as a legal administrator, production coordinator and in recent years working alongside her husband.

Kerrigan said she is currently working with other residents to bring to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee an initiative to prevent further pollution of harbours, address dan-

gerous safety concerns, regulate liveaboard vessels and remove derelict vessels. Kerrigan feels strongly that keeping our town, harbours and community safe and viable for all stakeholders for generations to come is the highest priority.

Bringing a "different and often unique" perspective to every challenge presented to her, and a belief in being highly solution-oriented, Kerrigan said she truly cares about the island, its families and its future. With a sincere and approachable disposition, Kerrigan said she's "someone you want on your side to help navigate the issues at hand in our community."

**Don Marcotte**

Don Marcotte is a Salt Spring Island community member with "deep roots" in the area, and a passion for making a positive impact on his home.



**DON MARCOTTE**

Born and raised on the island, Marcotte said he has always appreciated its many natural wonders, including the stunning ocean and extensive trails, and enjoys riding. He pointed to his background in mechanics and experience as an owner-operator of a successful trucking outfit as the source of a "deep understanding of how infrastructure and transportation affect daily life on the island."

Currently working at the highways department, Marcotte feels responsible for ensuring the island's roads are well-maintained and safe for all residents and visitors. As a father of four, he said he is highly invested in the future of the island and is dedicated to ensuring that it remains a wonderful place to raise a family.

Marcotte's experience working in various industries on the island has given him a wealth of knowledge, he said, as well as insight into the workings of Salt Spring and the surrounding islands. His warm and friendly personality allows him to make friends easily, he said, and

that a "quick wit and positive outlook" has helped him become highly regarded throughout the community. Marcotte feels he is a true asset to Salt Spring Island, and said he hopes his contributions to the area will be felt for generations to come.

**Lloyd Cudmore**

Lloyd Cudmore is a fourth-generation Salt Spring Islander, a proud owner/operator of a local construction company, and has completed many challenging, large projects, pointing to Murakami Gardens for Salt Spring Island Community Services and the Islands Pathway project as examples.



**LLOYD CUDMORE**

With deep-rooted ties to his family, friends and community, Cudmore said he was "incredibly grateful" to have been able to raise his two children here alongside his high school sweetheart Tandy.

"I know how to work collectively, effectively, efficiently and, most importantly, on-budget," said Cudmore, adding he understood "the importance of connection" and was attuned to the needs and opinions of clients and the community.

Cudmore said he was highly eco-conscious, and passionate about learning and challenging himself — and about teaching others how to experience growth while practising sustainable methods in different parts of the industry.

Being able to connect with people on many levels has given him a unique perspective, said Cudmore, allowing him to stay rooted in the past while remaining forward-thinking and innovative when looking at the future. And as an active participant in his children's education and extracurricular activities, Cudmore feels this has given him valuable insight into the younger generation's concerns and their outlook on their future. He has continued to maintain those relationships and feels their voices are highly relevant to the island's future.

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### EDITORIAL

# Tasks for trustees

**W**hen we hear the words “record turnout” at the conclusion of an election, we invariably cheer.

Whether through contention, conviction, or just a well-run campaign, more votes are always a sign of an involved electorate; after this latest North Salt Spring Waterworks District Board of Trustees election, we hope we’ve seen something of a preview of our upcoming Local Community Commission (LCC) race — and in more than just numbers.

The water board election saw 965 votes cast — from more than 3,000 ballots sent out in the mail, according to financial officer Tammy Lannan. That number blew past the 775 returned ballots in 2022, and the 750 or so votes we saw in 2020. A casual election observer might conclude that a nearly 25 per cent increase in total votes — accompanied by the rejection of a long-time incumbent and the election of two brand-new trustees — reflects a move by a dissatisfied body of voters looking for change.

### THE ISSUE: NSSWD trustee election

### WE SAY: Campaigners wanted the job

a ballot doesn’t mean it’s unfamiliar to voters.

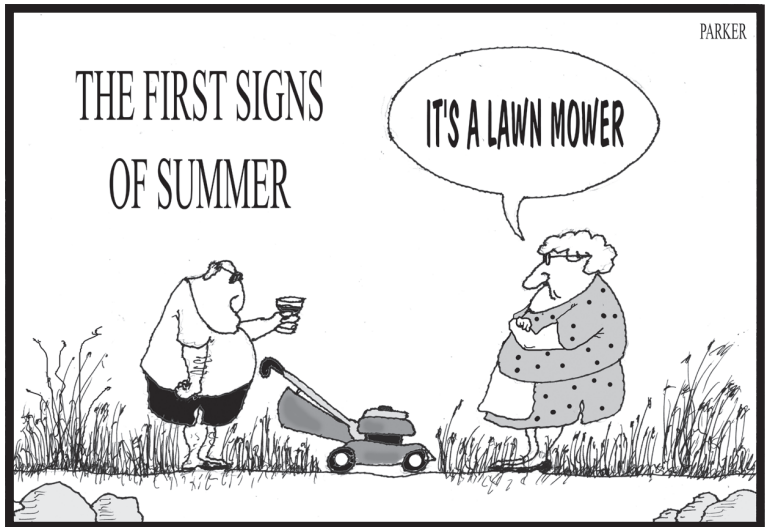
Only a fraction of voters turned up at the district’s annual general meeting, where trustees and staff laid out not only a line-item accounting of financial information over the past year, but also a similarly exhaustive plan for next year. They also presented for the first time a “road map forward” on their review of the district’s water moratorium — a long-in-the-making effort identifying opportunities for both a comprehensive examination of the policy, as well as exploring ways to increase water supply and storage.

New trustees will join those already on the board to look at both current and future water demand projections, the state of the utility’s infrastructure and options for capital projects already “on tap” for water quality, distribution and storage facility improvements. All of this work will necessarily precede decisions they might want to make regarding allowing any new connections.

In short, there has been a lot of work done to get here, and there’s another enormous stack of it just ahead. Rather than turnout and changing faces being a referendum on performance, we believe the “new blood” on the board this week truly wanted the job and were ready to embrace that work.

We expect no less from our LCC candidates.

But on Salt Spring, a campaign’s “ground game” is often difficult to quantify. And just because a name is new on



# Baker gets writer’s vote

BY SAMANTHA SANDERSON

## VIEWPOINT

I am pleased that we have chosen to form a Local Community Commission (LCC) through the Capital Regional District (CRD). It’s at last an affordable way to increase our ability to govern ourselves.

I think an important requirement for being an LCC commissioner is having an open mind and an ability to find consensus. We Salt Springers tend to pride ourselves on our disagreements with each other on key issues. I think we don’t need to carry this to our new governance commission. I think we need a group of experienced folks who can work well together to make the new commission strong and effective. This will not be an easy task. It will be hard to achieve hoped-for local benefits if the commission is struggling with internal disagreements, with commissioners who are actually opposed to the LCC model, and a mammoth bureaucracy that has trouble letting go.

We need some commissioners who have experience working with a large bureaucracy and who understand what is required of their role. They need to be able to listen to each other, especially those with different views, and find solutions that will allow the commission to get things done. They need to know how to lead, not just how to promote a particular agenda.

Given the above, I will be voting for Gayle Baker. I have known Gayle for many years. We have been fellow dog walkers through the lives of five dogs (between us). Together we created the Salt Spring Community Alliance after the divisive incorporation referendum. We wanted a forum where folks on different sides of community issues could come together, respect and listen to each other, and build understanding and unity. Out of this Gayle built and chaired the governance

working group. It consisted of 20 or so people who represented the predominant views on governance for Salt Spring.

This group included politicians who were or would be running against each other, as well as pro- and anti-incorporation folks. In two years, with her guidance, the governance group unanimously agreed to recommendations that culminated in the referendum to form an LCC.

Gayle also created the invaluable ASK Salt Spring initiative. For the past four years, every Friday morning, ASK Salt Spring has made our political and community leaders accessible to all Salt Springers.

I have watched Gayle work over the years. She consistently finds a way to make governance and community issues accessible to everyone. She has worked tirelessly, always as a volunteer and on a shoestring, to make things go better for everyone — most recently as the chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission, which will now be handled by the LCC. Gayle will also bring her seasoned experience working with the CRD bureaucracy, a skill needed by at least some members of the LCC.

Gayle is a true community leader. She does not come to the table representing a particular issue or set of issues. At the same time, she is deeply knowledgeable about many of the issues. She is also well connected to most of our community leadership, this being balanced by giving voice to all citizens by means of ASK Salt Spring.

One of Gayle’s great strengths is persistence. I have never seen her give up on something she thinks is important. At the same time, she doesn’t dismiss others or undermine their views if they are different from hers.

In my view our fledgling commission needs Gayle Baker.

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Yes  No

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# ISLAND VOICES

## LETTERS to the editor

### Bylaw 530 won't create affordable housing

We are concerned that the proposed Bylaw 530 will fall short of its aim to provide affordable housing. We think it will only create more short-term vacation rentals (STVRs), increase already high property prices and produce very few actual affordable long-term rental units.

We understand that the trustees are under intense pressure to try and address the national housing crisis here on Salt Spring. Yet trustee Laura Patrick has said herself that the number of landowners who will create new housing through Bylaw 530 would be low, with the "best case uptake between seven and 10 per cent." And of this small amount of new housing created, how many will actually be long-term rentals offered at an affordable price, not more STVRs?

So we ask, what is the point of Bylaw 530, if not to provide affordable housing? Wouldn't it make more sense for governments to direct their efforts to building non-market housing (i.e. co-op housing) or buying property and then selling it for below market prices with restrictions on future selling prices to keep it affordable?

Please remember that the provincial

and federal governments have benefitted greatly from this inflated housing market through taxation. Why weren't some of these funds earmarked for affordable housing?

We appreciate the efforts of our trustees to come up with a solution to a national problem but unfortunately, we feel Bylaw 530 carries too many uncertainties and just doesn't cut it.

**LESLEY BULMAN AND  
WIET VERHOEVEN,**  
SALT SPRING

### Channel Ridge residents deserve support

I would like to acknowledge Chris Anderson's very informative letter "Rogers cell tower debacle" letter in the April 19 Driftwood.

Mr. Anderson has been watching the ever-increasing growth of RF contamination in our midst for many years and consequently is very knowledgeable of this subject.

Very few people understand this phenomenon and even less seem to care about it. Most just think 'great, we'll have better cell service' (which is not necessarily true by the way, depending on where you live),

without any thought of the health implications.

Many people, including on Salt Spring Island, wonder why they don't feel "quite right" or feel a little "off." Some become very sick but their illness can't be diagnosed. This is almost never attributed to RF radiation emissions.

The communications and hydro companies will always say that the RF radiation from their equipment is perfectly safe, just as the tobacco industry for decades would not acknowledge that smoking causes cancer.

I sympathize with our fellow Salt Spring Islanders who live just yards away from the proposed Rogers 5G tower on Channel Ridge. I don't think there is anyone here who would want this in their back yard. While they, as some have commented, did buy property close to the existing tower so shouldn't complain, it is relatively benign compared to this new monster that's proposed by Rogers, again, without any consideration of the possible health danger they are unleashing on the local community.

There is no valid reason why this tower cannot be located in a more remote area further away from residents. No doubt Rogers would argue that this would be too costly. Well, I certainly wouldn't sympathize with that argument coming from one of Canada's largest multi-billion-dollar corporations.

How about more support from the Salt Spring community for our neighbours on Channel Ridge, in getting this tower moved to a safer location? After all, you wouldn't want it in your back yard, would you?

**GILLEAN PROCTOR,**  
SALT SPRING

### Irresponsible dog owners disappoint

In last week's "rant" Pat Gorman shared that a dog walker, upon being questioned, admitted to her that offensive poop deposits probably belonged to his dog.

He added that there is no law on Salt Spring that says you have to clean up after your dog. He is wrong. CRD animal control has bylaws related to such things as leashing, noise, etc. These bylaws are very specific about cleaning up after doggies: "Owners are responsible for the immediate removal & lawful disposal of any excrement deposited by their dog(s)."

It is disappointing that there are so many irresponsible dog owners on our island who disrespect public and private spaces. Shame on you. (I am a long-time dog owner.)

**LYNNE PARTRIDGE,**  
SALT SPRING

**MORE OPINION** continued on 8

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I realized that my generation is the first generation that actually was able to hang on to the language. Every generation above me for the last five generations has not had that opportunity."

JARED QWUSTENUXUN WILLIAMS, QUWUTSUN HULQUM'NUM' SPEAKER, CHEF AND FOOD SECURITY WARRIOR

## Get ready to tune in to scintillating sounds on future radio station

You may recall that last month I somewhat optimistically announced my plan to become an internet influencer and, consequently, a millionaire. Well, I've changed my mind and have decided to become a famous radio broadcaster.

There was a time when a disco jockey (DJ) played records on the radio and they were invariably loud and ebullient young men, who called their listeners "pop pickers" and wore tight trousers, very often in purple or lime green. Before that, when radio truly ruled the waves, announcers wore dinner jackets and bowties and read the news with English accents so cut-glass they made the Queen sound common. Back then, even Canadian newscasters enunciated with Churchillian precision.

Today, a DJ is mostly a man or woman with a little knowledge of music who rubs records up the wrong way to make a noise that young people dance to. Now don't get me wrong, I used to dance to DJs once and my hippy, hippy shake was a thing to behold in those disco days when my dad's disdain for the Rolling Stones or the Beatles would match my own

for Drake or Jay-Z today. So, in my new chosen profession I shall be playing my own choice of music interspersed with bon mots, witty asides and pearls of wisdom, but don't expect any jazz or too much up-to-the-minute Salt Spring news because as you well know, nothing much happens on Salt Spring.

"And in today's news, the Islands Trust did something to annoy someone again, a Salt Spring driver was spotted using their indicators on the Fulford road and the mung bean harvest has gone well . . ."

The jazz thing is entirely personal — I detest it. I'd rather listen to fingernails on a chalkboard than a bunch of musicians looking for a tune.

I've started locally and have thrown my not-inconsiderable weight behind Gulf Islands Radio, which is presently only on the internet, but thanks to the relentless drive of Damian Inwood and his team of fellow devotees it is approaching the point of becoming a fully fledged, grown-up FM radio station with its own call sign, CHIR.FM, and a radio mast on top of Mount Belcher. In time, you will simply tune to 107.9 FM on your



**Paul McElroy**  
+ ANOTHER THING

radio dial and with luck, I shall join you in your car, living room or bedroom. Isn't technology a wonderful thing?

My first foray onto the island's airwaves was dramatic. Before uttering a single word I managed to take the station off the air by falling from my chair and unplugging everything that should have been plugged. So, if you were the listener whose musical entertainment was cut off midstream a few Saturdays ago, I can only apologize, but how was I to know the chair had wheels?

Our studio is in a portable at the old middle school, the unsurpassed Salt Spring Island Multi Space, and doubles as a supermarket of old records staffed by even older disc jockeys. Every Saturday Damian and his dedicated sidekicks are down there logging a

mountain of donated LPs and CDs to raise the funds to finance CHIR. FM while alternating as cheery announcers to our listeners. Or listener.

And that's a bit of a problem at the moment. Our listenership (if there is such a word) is a tad on the small side. Well, to be honest, it's a tad on the virtually non-existent side, which is a bit like producing a newspaper that only your mum reads. But that's not to say Salt Spring isn't ready for its own radio station and that there isn't a populace out there all wiggle-eared and eager to be broadcast to. They just don't know it yet.

Going full FM, however, means the government gets to poke its nose in and regulate us because there's nothing a government enjoys more than a good regulation. Consequently, the CRTC (governments are also partial to initials) sets out what your little Gulf Islands radio station must include in its daily output. Music is good, provided a reasonable proportion is Canadian and Indigenous, so Buffy Sainte-Marie's career on Salt Spring can expect a boost. Above all, the CRTC insists that you can't just plug a memory stick

loaded with songs into the system or stand your mike beside a record player and churn out an uninterrupted stream of music. It insists on a good proportion of spoken words.

So there will of course, like the CBC, be interviews with celebrities when, for instance, Damian interviews me and I interview him the following week.

But the music is everything to the guys at CHIR and they will root through a donated box of old vinyl or CDs like crows on a carcass, so whether you're looking for Metallica's Greatest Hits or Nose Flutes A Go Go and everything in between, this is the place to be on Saturday when the CD and vinyl sale is on.

It never fails to amaze me what other people regard as music — except jazz of course, which doesn't actually qualify as music to me — but if I've learned anything from my irregular Saturdays at the CHIR studio it is that it doesn't do to sneer at someone else's taste in tunes. Especially while sneaking out with Cat Stevens' Greatest Hits in your pocket.

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# Wellness project updated

BY THE MENTAL WELLNESS INITIATIVE TEAM

INDEPTH

This article is an update on what the Mental Wellness Initiative (MWI), a close partnership of the Salt Spring Health Advancement Network and the Salt Spring Community Health Society, has been up to since hosting six successful summits focused on local wellness supports. It is also an appeal to our community to consider making a donation to the initiative and to get involved.

The Mental Wellness Initiative is endorsed at the provincial level by our MLA, Adam Olsen, who has said, "The Salt Spring Health Advancement Network's (SSHAN's) Mental Wellness Initiative is a brilliant, community-led approach to addressing the crucial gaps in the mental health services of Salt Spring Island. Since the Mental Wellness Initiative's inception I have been kept apprised of their efforts. I extend my wholehearted support and belief in the approach and efforts on behalf of the whole community. Community fundraising will support the Health Advancement Network's efforts to obtain grants, and empower my office's lobbying efforts to secure funding through the Ministry of Mental Health and Addictions. Please find it in your hearts to support this very important initiative."

Last year the MWI welcomed the Salt Spring community together over Zoom to learn and share ideas around community mental wellness. Six summits brought together local service providers, individuals with lived experience expertise, people who are marginalized, and interested community members. Bringing diverse voices together, mobilizing cooperatively around issues of/for mental wellness and co-creating a community of belonging were the goals of the summit project.

What emerged from the summits were three active working groups that have been meeting, planning and creating.

The peer support working group sees Islanders Working Against Violence, Salt Spring Island Community Services, lived experience expertise, professional counselling and the Salt Spring Community Alliance (SSCA) coming together to design peer support outreach work in the community. This working group has also been working with the Chamber of Commerce, SSCA, Salt Spring Community Health Society and RCMP to initiate a Goodwill Ambassador Project, with trained volunteers providing connection and support around Ganges village. You'll see ambassadors with easily identifiable vests in the village soon.

The working group focused on volunteer counselling has created Reach Out Salt Spring, with a website in development and campaigns for recruiting at least 10 professionals providing 10 free counselling sessions. This working group consists of an adult mental health practitioner, community paramedic, lived experience expertise, firefighting personnel and a nurse in training.

The third working group is the communications group, which has been working to support the peer support and volunteer counselling groups and overall MWI through internal communications and externally through this article and an upcoming brochure.

One goal of the Mental Wellness Initiative is to create a community that can be responsible (response-able) around health and wellness; a community that is willing to come together, to include those impacted by the decisions and to invest in healthy relationship building.

We see the work of the MWI, in particular the work of building A Culture of Care, as creating positive ripples in the community and deepening our partnerships and efforts together. We feel proud to continue to have committed engagement from our community and we look forward to more people getting involved.

Volunteers are needed. There are opportunities to volunteer as a Goodwill Ambassador, help with ongoing coordination of the Ambassador program, assist in recruiting volunteer counselling (and other) practitioners, and participate in a working group. If you want to make a difference in your community, please contact David Norget (davidnorget@gmail.com) or William MacPherson (willieionsaltspring@gmail.com) to find out more.

Donate. Please also consider making a donation to the Mental Wellness Initiative. As we await word on funding applications, the MWI is at a vulnerable stage and so we are making a community appeal. Donations from the community will lessen our dependence on grants, provide a secure future for the initiative, and of course, strengthen our grant applications by demonstrating community support.

Now is a great time to donate as your donation will be matched by an "angel funder." Donors who contribute \$20 or more will receive a charitable tax receipt.

If you, or someone you know, wishes to give to the Mental Wellness Initiative, please consider donating in one of these ways:

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#### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3248 (Fulford Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2004), residents within the Fulford Water Local Service Area are invited to attend:

#### Fulford Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

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PHOTO COURTESY SSI JAPANESE GARDEN SOCIETY  
**DRUM BEATS:** The Uminari Taiko drum group from Vancouver performs. They will be part of the entertainment at the 12th annual Blossom Picnic in Heiwa Garden in Peace Park on Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other features are Bon Odori dance, martial arts demos, paper airplane making and flying, plus other games and fun for children. Japanese food, such as okonomiyaki, omusubi rice balls and home-style inari sushi, will also be sold. The event is organized by the Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society and the island's Japanese community.

# Positively Forward group endorses three for LCC

**BY POSITIVELY FORWARD**

On May 27, islanders will elect the first four commissioners to the new Local Community Commission (LCC). Voting is open to all Salt Spring renters and home-owners eligible to vote in B.C. elections.

Of the 15 candidates running for the four positions, Gayle Baker, Earl Rook and Brian Webster have our enthusiastic support.

Baker and Webster were both instrumental in developing the original proposal for an LCC, both have served on CRD commissions and have a deep understanding of Salt Spring's local governance. Earl Rook has years of experience managing complex organizations in both the public and private sectors, is a local POD leader for the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program, and is active in a number of local groups, including Salt Spring Island Garden Club (president), Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre, Bandemonium Concert Band, Swing Shift and Salt Spring Island Sailing Club. All three candidates are deeply committed to the success of the LCC and have strong collaborative skills.

This election is vitally important. The creation of the elected LCC is perhaps the biggest change to Salt Spring's local governance since the Islands Trust was established in 1974. After May 27, the elected LCC (five commissioners in total, including the CRD director) will shape the future of this community, making decisions about most of Salt Spring's local CRD services, facilities and budgets — decisions that have previously been made by CRD staff and the Salt Spring CRD director.

Many strategic decisions with long-term implications must be made by the commissioners in the initial months. Those elected will need to jump into the role fully prepared with a good understanding of potential approaches. Critically, they must intend for the LCC to succeed, which will involve gaining the approval of islanders over the course of the first term. We think that Gayle Baker, Earl Rook and Brian Webster have the necessary skills and experience to make LCC decisions that will serve

Salt Spring well in the uncertain times ahead.

Positively Forward is reviewing published information on the other candidates as it becomes available and will be pleased to support a fourth candidate, if appropriate.

*Positively Forward is a collaboration of island volunteers researching and advocating for improved local governance on Salt Spring Island. They say they believe that improvements within our existing system are achievable. People can learn more at [positivelyforward.ca](http://positivelyforward.ca).*

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**LCC ALL-CANDIDATES DEBATE**  
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**Notice of Advance Voting**

2023 Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission Election

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that General Voting Day will be held from **8:00 am to 8:00 pm on Saturday, May 27, 2023** to elect persons to serve as Commissioner on the **Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission** from June 2023 until after the 2026 General Local Election, held in accordance with the *Local Government Act*.

**Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission – Four Commissioners to be elected.**

To view the list of candidates, please visit our website at: [www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote)

**Voting Opportunities**

**ADVANCE VOTING** opportunities will be available on **Wednesday, May 17, 2023 and Wednesday, May 24, 2023 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

**Mail Ballot Voting**

Mail ballot voting is open to all resident and non-resident property electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area. To register to vote by mail, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to [elections@crd.bc.ca](mailto:elections@crd.bc.ca) no later than **May 5, 2023** to permit time for mailing. Applications received after this date will be available for PICK-UP ONLY and will not be mailed. Application forms are available at [www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-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 Thursday, May 25, 2023** at the addresses below:

**Hand Delivery:**  
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**Electoral 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, reside within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting. 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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- ▶ a recent title search, state of title certificate, or property tax notice, showing the names of all 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/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-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 further information** please contact the Capital Regional District at 250.537.4448 or by email at [elections@crd.bc.ca](mailto:elections@crd.bc.ca).

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May 2023

Kristen Morley  
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**POETRY**

## Griffin-winning poet anchors open mic evening

Jane Munro visits Salt Spring for library event

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This month's Poetry Open Mic featured poet is Jane Munro from Vancouver.

The open mic takes place Thurs-

day, May 4 beginning at 7 p.m. at the program room in the Salt Spring Public Library, with Munro taking the mic at 7:30 p.m. after local poets have shared their work.

Munro's Blue Sonoma (Brick Books) won the 2015 Griffin Poetry Prize. Her newest poetry collection is False Creek (Harbour Publishing, 2022). Recent books include Open Every Window: A Memoir (Doug-

las & McIntyre, 2021) and Glass Float (Brick Books, 2020).

Her previous poetry collections include Active Pass (Pedlar Press), Point No Point (McClelland & Stewart) and Grief Notes & Animal Dreams (Brick Books).

Munro is a member of the collaborative poetry group Yoko's Dogs (Jan Conn, Mary di Michele, Susan Gillis, Jane Munro) who

have published Whisk (Pedlar Press), Rhinoceros (Gaspereau) and Caution Tape (Collusion Books).

Munro has taught creative writing at universities, led writing workshops, and given readings around the world.

The library is grateful to the League of Canadian Poets for their generous funding supporting this event.



PHOTO COURTESY JANE MUNRO

Jane Munro, the featured poet at the May 4 Poetry Open Mic at the library.

**STAGED READING SERIES**

## 'Red' play colours Mahon Hall

Acclaimed script and production about painter Mark Rothko on Sunday, May 7

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Theatre Alive's 2023 staged reading series continues with Red — the award-winning play by John Logan about American abstract expressionist painter Mark Rothko.

Red runs at Mahon Hall on Sunday, May 7 at 7 p.m.

Ray Colleran takes the role of Rothko, and Hayden Rabson plays his young apprentice Ken.

Rabson's mom Cindy Akers Rabson, who is a professional voice-over animation director, is directing the play, with support from Chris Humphreys of Theatre Alive.

Cindy said Humphreys had approached the Rabson family about doing the play last year. Cindy's husband Jan — who was a professional actor and especially known as a voice artist based in Los Angeles — was to play the part of Rothko. However, Jan died suddenly from massive cardiac arrest while he and Cindy were on a cross-Canada train trip last October.

Humphreys asked the family if they still wanted to carry on, and Hayden — who was a Gulf Islands School of Performing Arts student — said yes, but only if his high-school English teacher Ray Colleran would play the part of Rothko.

"Ray was a big and important part of Hayden's teen years as a role model and as a mentor," explained Cindy.

Colleran has been seen in a number of community and Gulf Islands Secondary School theatre productions over the years.

Hayden's brother Adler will be running sound and lights for the show, while Humphreys is the producer this time out. The event will be dedicated to the memory of Jan Rabson.

The play takes place in Rothko's studio in the late 1950s. He has been commissioned to do a piece for a



PHOTO COURTESY THEATRE ALIVE

Actor and high school teacher Ray Colleran with Salt Spring artist Josephine Fletcher and the Rothko-like canvas she painted for the set of Red, the award-winning John Logan play about controversial artist Mark Rothko set in the 1950s.

new Four Seasons restaurant and faces personal conflict because of the project.

"So it's about that process for him and coming to terms with what he was doing," explained Cindy. "And his assistant, who's a budding young artist, comes in to assist him through the process and ends up being there for two years. It covers their relationship, the mentorship, and understanding what separates the different artists, and basically Rothko educating him in quite a colourful way — because he was quite a character."

While as a staged reading the set and props are minimal, Theatre Alive will use a large "mock Rothko" painting, created by Salt Spring artist Josephine Fletcher.

"She's also given us drop cloths filled and splattered with paint because she's a very, very prolific

painter, and brushes and all of that," said Cindy, adding that everyone is grateful for Fletcher's generosity and assistance.

"It's a true Salt Spring collaboration," she said.

Red premiered at the Donmar Warehouse in London in 2009, and ran on Broadway in 2010 with the same director, Michael Grandage, and two actors: Alfred Molina playing Rothko and Eddie Redmayne as Ken. It won six Tony awards in 2010, including for best play, as well as other industry awards. Playwright Logan is also known for film scripts such as Hugo, Coriolanus, Rango, Sweeney Todd, The Aviator, Gladiator, The Last Samurai, Any Given Sunday and RKO 281.

Tickets for Red (\$20) are on sale at Salt Spring Books and the door. Cash only.



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LITERARY ARTS

# Salt Spring youth wins national poetry contest

Maia Cassie impresses judges as finalist at Calgary event

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring Island teen has won first place in a national poetry recitation competition that had 20,000 participants this year.

Maia Cassie, who is in Grade 11 at Queen Margaret School (QMS) in Duncan, entered after learning about the Poetry in Voice event online. Entrants were required to memorize and perform three poems from a variety of resources from the Poetry in Voice website.

Cassie's choices were *She Said* by Robert Bringham; *Regardless* by Aisha Sasha John; and *The Ghosts of Women Once Girls* by Aja

Monet. After being selected as a semi-finalist, Cassie was flown to Calgary for the April 21 on-stage competition, where she earned first place in the English recitation category, a trophy and a \$3,000 cash prize.

"The Poetry in Voice national finals were an absolutely unforgettable experience, and I'm so honoured to have had the opportunity to go," said Cassie. "My time in Calgary was packed with fascinating workshops on everything from changing the world through poetry to making paper by hand, and I got to meet so many talented, passionate poets and performers. I could've never anticipated what a welcoming and inspiring community I would discover through this competition."

Competition judges were poets Richard Harrison, Micheline Mayor and Titilope Sonuga.

Poetry in Voice is a not-for-profit organization that encourages all Canadians to read poetry aloud and holds the annual competition open to all high school students in Canada.

Cassie was accompanied on the trip to Calgary by her QMS humanities teacher Katie Colosimo.

"After spending the week with incredible student poets and reciters, as well as engaging in activities led by professional poets, I have made professional connections across the country and discovered a renewed enthusiasm for the power of poetry," said Colosimo. "I am excited to bring the Poetry in Voice program into QMS classrooms in the future, and to share at least a bit of the inspiration I feel after this week."

April was also National Poetry Month in Canada.



PHOTO COURTESY MAIA CASSIE

Maia Cassie holds the trophy she won as the first-place winner of the English-speaking category of the national Poetry in Voice competition in Calgary.

## what's on this week

Wed. May 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tea à Tempo: Billie Holliday Tribute.** Suzanne Gay (pianist and vocalist) and Hannah Brown (vocalist and storyteller) perform at All Saints. 2:10 p.m. Followed by optional tea and treats.

**ArtSpring Presents: Kunj Ikeda - Sansei: The Storyteller.** Multidisciplinary event explores the Japanese internment. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m. plus a post-show panel discussion on Salt Spring Japanese history.

ACTIVITIES

**Music Bingo.** Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. May 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Poetry Open Mic.** With featured poet Jane Munro. Library program room. 7 p.m.

**Open Mic.** At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Craig's Karaoke.** At Moby's Pub. 7 to 11 p.m.

**Joan Bessie.** Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10:30 p.m.

Fri. May 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Tetsu.** Mateada Lounge. 8 p.m. to midnight.

**Karaoke.** At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Cinco de Mayo With DJ Boomtown.** Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

**ASK Salt Spring.** MLA Adam Olsen is the guest in the SIMS lobby. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Red Dress Day.

A day to honour and reflect on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Red dresses will be hung in Centennial Park trees all day.

**Bob McDonald: The Future is Now.** Quirks & Quarks host and author is the keynote speaker for the Electrify Salt Spring festival. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.

Sat. May 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Broadway Gold: Celebrating 50 Years of Salt Spring Singers.** Concert at ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

**19 Strings.** At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

**Daryl Chonka & Band.** Mateada Lounge. 8 to 11:30 p.m.

**Buck Dodgers Band.** Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

**Saturday Market in the Park.** Centennial Park market. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Harbour Air Electric Plane Visit to Ganges Harbour.**

Part of the Electrify Salt Spring festival. Exact times not yet determined but the plane should be at the float plane dock all day.

**Electrify Salt Spring Panel.** Discussion with engineers, educators and project directors who are working on some of the most consequential climate mitigation projects in our society. GISS Multi-purpose Room. 2 to 5 p.m.

Sun. May 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Broadway Gold: Celebrating 50 Years of Salt Spring Singers.** See Saturday listing, except the time is at 2 p.m.

**Blues Jam.** Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.



**Theatre Alive Staged Reading Series: Red.** John Logan's Tony-winning play about painter Mark Rothko runs at Mahon Hall. 7 p.m.

Sun. May 7

ACTIVITIES

**Ruckle Heritage Farm Day.** Demonstrations, fun for kids, animals, music, food and more. Ruckle Provincial Park. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



**12th Annual Blossom Picnic.** Celebration of spring and Japanese culture at Heiwa Garden in the Peace Park. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Book Launch: Connie Kuhns.** Salt Spring's Connie Kuhns launches *Rubymusic: A Popular History of Women's Music and Culture.* Mateada Lounge. 2 to 4 p.m.

**Meditation Retreat: Thoughts & Sensations Are Innocent.** Day-long retreat led by Nicola Bishop. A Star of the Sea event at St. Mary's Church. 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Optional half-day attendance from 9:30 a.m. to noon.) Register through staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

Tue. May 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

**Songwriters Circle Acoustic Open Mic.** At the Legion. 6 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

**God and Gods, Theism and Atheism.** A conversation facilitated by Heather Martin and Brian Day on the place of God and gods in the spiritual life and how a spiritual path takes shape with or without a deity. A Star of the Sea event at St. Mary's Church. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Preregistration appreciated but not required at staroftheseassi.ca.

**Trivia Tuesday.** At Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

**Local Community Commission All Candidates Meeting.** Organized by Transition Salt Spring, SSI Farmland Trust, Positively Forward and Island Pathways. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Go to [tinyurl.com/LCC-Forum](http://tinyurl.com/LCC-Forum) for the link.

Wed. May 10

ACTIVITIES

**Music Bingo.** Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

CINEMA

• **Living**, starring Bill Nighy, winner of Best Actor Oscar this year, runs Friday, May 5 to Tuesday, May 9 nightly at 7 p.m., plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee. Rated PG. 1 hour 42 mins. See [thefritz.ca](http://thefritz.ca) for more movie info or phone 250-538-7718.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Diana Dean** – Showcase opens at **Salt Spring Gallery** on Friday, May 5 with a reception from 5 to 7 p.m. and continues Wednesdays through Saturdays until May 24.
- **Archipelago: Contemporary Art of the Salish Sea** featuring San Juan Islands artists **Danielle Dean, Glenn Hendrick, RaVae Luckhart, Joe Miller, Raven Skyriver and Tom Small** runs daily at **ArtSpring** from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 24.
- **Gallery 8's Symbolically 8 14th Anniversary Exhibition** features work from all gallery artists, daily through May 21.
- **Expressions - Art Works by the Draw the Line Art Collective** is the May exhibit in the program room at the library.

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# ISLAND LIFE

## EDUCATION

# Centre School trail signs celebrated



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Jared Qwustenuxun Williams, left, talks to Salt Spring Centre School students, staff and Salt Spring Centre of Yoga community members before a trek on the woodland trail to see new signage (sample at right) featuring Hul'q'umi'num' words and information about the natural life in the forest.

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## WHAT'S ON

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### Indigenous nature and language focus shares knowledge

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

For children who attend Salt Spring Centre School (SSCS) on Blackburn Road, the woodland trail is a well-

loved part of their learning environment.

At a gathering last Thursday to celebrate new Indigenous signage on the trail, school principal Kate Richer described how when she asks former students about their best Centre School memories, they invariably "say 'the forest.' Playing in the forest, the walks, everything they do outside . . . And so we want to really acknowledge this place, a very special place that really belongs to none of us but that we're very thankful that we have the privilege to be here for."

Thanks to the Salt Spring Island Foundation (SSIF), Quw'utsun chef and "food sovereignty warrior" Jared Qwustenuxun Williams and other contributors, students and anyone who walks on the trail can now see images of native plants on the trail, and read text about traditional uses and other cool information, along with a number of Hul'q'umi'num' words.

The project idea came from SSCS teacher Schuyler Witman, after replacing old natural history signs on the trail was discussed. At the April 27 event, Witman read a journal entry she had written, giving insight into her moti-

vation. Williams also addressed the group, and talked about how easily the youngest SSCS kids had grasped the Hul'q'umi'num' words he was teaching them, in contrast to the difficulties some elders seem to have.

"And I realized that my generation is the first generation that actually was able to hang on to the language. Every generation above me for the last five generations has not had that opportunity."

Williams said it was wonderful to hear the language that was almost lost being spoken by the SSCS children and for the trail sign words to be part of Hul'q'umi'num' language revitalization.

He also spoke about how every living thing — tree, plant, animal, blade of grass, etc. — is considered a "relative" who has passed. He drummed and sang to invite the ancestors to walk with the group on the trail.

Members of the school and Salt Spring Centre of Yoga communities also attended the event, along with Salt Spring Island Foundation administrative assistant Rebecca Martin. The SSIF grant came from the SSIF Indigenous Priorities Fund.

## SALT SPRING FOUNDATION

# Grant awards announced

### Next cycle in Indigenous Priorities Fund

SUBMITTED BY SSI FOUNDATION

The Salt Spring Island Foundation recently announced the recipients of its Indigenous Priorities Fund (IPF) grants for 2023.

The IPF was established by the foundation in 2022 to celebrate Indigenous culture and to increase community belonging and inclusiveness. It aims to support projects that encourage reconciliation through education, understanding, dignity and respectful action.

A committee of Indigenous community members assessed the applications. In 2022, a total of \$27,783 was disbursed amongst six projects. In this second cycle, eight projects were selected, and a total of \$67,145 has been disbursed.

The projects in 2023 include SD64's expansion of the Indigenous Native Plants Garden at the Huy ch'qu Gathering Place (Rainbow Road) and activities to celebrate Earth

Day; Social Planning Cowichan/Quw'utsun' Cultural Connections Society's multimedia exhibit called Thu-it starts with Thu-itstuhw; an Indigenous learning area at the Salt Spring Public Library; and a celebration at the unveiling of the Indigenous Interpretive Panel Project from the Salt Spring Historical Society.

RAVEN's Festival Afloat will receive a grant for its paddle-powered music festival, which raises funds and awareness for Indigenous-led legal challenges. The Salt Spring Arts Council will continue to foster the inclusion of Indigenous artists and cultural practitioners in their programs throughout the year. And Tsawout First Nation Fisheries Department will receive funding to restore and rebuild the connection to culture and place on Salt Spring Island.

As well, "Our Grandmothers' Garden" is being created by the Stqeeey' Learning Society. The purpose of this Garry oak native food garden is to create a safe, accessible space for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people to learn about, participate in and support First Nations food sovereignty and security.

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## Cedar Lane Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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HOUSING

# Mayne connects with Habitat

Non-profit group gives presentation to community

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders packed Mayne Island's Agricultural Hall to hear how a Victoria-based non-profit's ownership-building model might help ease housing shortages there.

Habitat for Humanity Victoria CEO Scott Dutchak told the assembled crowd their organization was ramping up its advocacy efforts for affordable home ownership in the coming year, possibly expanding their reach into the Gulf Islands.

"Our charity covers the 'Greater Victoria area,'" said Dutchak, noting that refers to the entire Capital Regional District (CRD), including the Southern Gulf Islands. "You'll see more and more of us, especially when we start our new campaign coming later this year, talking about the need for affordable housing in the CRD."

Habitat's model, according to Dutchak, starts with a donated plot of land, then builds housing on it; their mission focuses on paths to ownership, rather than rentals. Dutchak said the group's studies over the years have continually pointed to the benefits of including ownership options

in every regional affordable housing plan.

"There's an opportunity for inter-generational wealth transfer, we know that children do better in school," said Dutchak. "We know that the stability that homeownership provides to people allows those children to thrive and even have better health outcomes."

Habitat for Humanity works with families, typically those with young children, who are employed. They have to be in need, said Dutchak, but they also have to be able to pay a mortgage — even if it might be too small to buy into the housing market.

"As you can imagine, with interest rates these days, household incomes and so forth, the portion they're able to secure through a traditional mortgage does not cover the entire cost of the home," said Dutchak. "That's where we come in."

Essentially, in exchange for 500 hours of volunteer service to Habitat and the community — "sweat equity, but we don't call it that anymore," Dutchak chuckled — Habitat provides qualified participants with a second, interest-free mortgage to make up the difference. The goal is to build the two loans — and the house project cost — in such a way that the new owners will be paying 30 per cent of their income toward the cost of housing.

It's literally a moving target, he said. Habitat means-tests homeowners

every year, so as incomes rise and fall the payment follows suit.

"So for example, if the family finds themselves out of work for three months, we will waive our mortgage fees," said Dutchak. "Or if they start doing better, if they start having more household income, we expect our mortgage [payment] to increase, so that it's always 30 per cent of income."

Habitat is also registered on title, with the right to buy back the house if the family decides to leave — ensuring that housing they create in a community remains affordable. Dutchak said the mortgage model also allows the family to realize gains in the appreciation of the value of the house, based on the principal paid off, capped at two per cent per year.

They emphasized that Habitat doesn't build single-family homes exclusively. Acknowledging the constraints of water and septic on islands, Dutchak said whatever local planners could see fit to permit — and whatever number would best "realize some economies of scale" in the infrastructure — they could work with.

"We have prototypical plans for our townhouses, for example, that are 20 by 35 feet, two or three storeys high," said Dutchak. "Again, depending on what the planning requirements are, we can fit anywhere. We're trying to create opportunities."

Visit Habitat for Humanity Victoria online at [habitatvictoria.ca](http://habitatvictoria.ca).

CLEAN ENERGY

# Floatplane visit, McDonald talk on tap

More Electrify Salt Spring festival events this weekend

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Aviation and green-energy enthusiasts have a chance this weekend to spy an electricity-powered floatplane landing in Ganges, with a very familiar logo on its tail.

Harbour Air's "ePlane" is set to touch down in the harbour Friday, May 5, depending upon the best weather window but likely in the afternoon/evening, according to organizers, part of the weekend's Electrify Salt Spring program events. Kjell Liem of Salt Spring Community Energy said the Ganges landing was the only Gulf Islands stop this tour for the all-electric, Canadian-built de Havilland Beaver.

"The plane will continue to downtown Victoria," said Liem, "making Salt Spring a critical recharging base."

After landing, the ePlane will be available to view, and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 6, members of the ePlane team will be on site to answer questions.

Electrify Salt Spring is a month-long program bringing experts on electrification and renewable technologies together on the island, as well as a 10-year anniversary celebration for Salt Spring Community Energy. On Friday, May 5, CBC Radio host and author Bob McDonald will speak at ArtSpring on the possibilities for a clean energy economy and reversing the climate crisis; for tickets visit [artspring.ca](http://artspring.ca). For details about other events, such as a May 6 panel discussion at GISS, visit [saltspringcommunityenergy.com](http://saltspringcommunityenergy.com).

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Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3055 (Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2003) residents within the Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Area are invited to attend:

**Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023  
**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

**Committee Membership Opportunity**

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3055, real property owners or residents in the Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is two plus the Electoral Area Director (one member must be an owner of real property; and one member may be a resident). There is one position expiring December 31, 2023.

**Nomination Instructions**

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 3055 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission

**Notice of Annual General Meeting**

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held.

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693 (Salt Spring Island Water, Sewer and Liquid Waste Disposal Commissions Bylaw No. 1, 2010), residents within the Maliview Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

**Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023  
**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
 124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

**Committee Membership Opportunity**

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693, real property owners or residents in the Maliview Sewer Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is three plus the Electoral Area Director (two members must be resident electors; and one member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

**Nomination Instructions**

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 3693 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

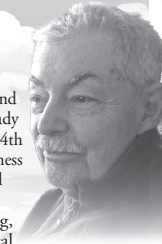
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### Ernst "Ernie" Göran Westlund



Ernst "Ernie" Göran Westlund passed away peacefully at Lady Minto Hospital on April 24th after a few weeks of serious illness and many years of physical decline. Ernie was a pioneer in computer programming, consulting, and technical writing in his homeland Sweden. He emigrated in 2004 and became a proud Canadian citizen and Salt Spring Island resident. He loved island life and with his camera captured many amazing flowers in the Brinkworthy neighbourhood. Ernie is survived by his wife Maria Westlund, his adoptive daughter Annika Lund with family Geoff and Kai Fishleigh, his former son-in-law David Norget with family Tisha Boulter, Simon Boulter and Amelia Norget and in Sweden his daughters Åsa Tamm and granddaughter Clara Tamm and Anna-Karin Rosman and grandson Todd Barker as well as his brothers Börje Westlund with wife Hedda Jonäng and Håkan Westlund with wife Marianne Westlund.

At Ernie's request, there will be no service. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation or to a charity of your choosing. The family would like to extend our warmest thanks to the whole staff team at the Lady Minto Hospital for their amazing care and kindness.



### HILDA AND ARTHUR LACY

2023 marks 100 years that our grandparents moved to Salt Spring to farm and raise a family. They were both very active at St. Mary's church in Fulford where we'll be honouring them with a memorial marker.

Please help us to celebrate graveside on Saturday, May 13th, service commences at 1pm. Afterwards we will gather across the church at the OAP Hall. Please bring something to eat and photos/stories to share if you have any. Coffee and tea provided, this event is open to all those that knew our granny and grandad.

### Celebration OF Life

Norman Stephen Elliott  
May 13, 1939 - Dec. 14, 2022

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### Coming Events



### SALT SPRING SANCTUARY AGM

The AGM of the Salt Spring Sanctuary Society will be held on  
**Saturday, May 13, 2023 - 12:00pm**  
at The Root (189 Beddis Road)  
**ALL WELCOME**

### Coming Events

### There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Central Community Hall Society

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### Legal Notices

To: The Plaintiff, Blake Richard Gold

TAKE NOTICE THAT on April 25, 2023 an Order was made for service on you of a Notice of Intention to Withdraw as Lawyer by Barri A. Marlatt, issued from the Victoria Registry of the Supreme Court of British Columbia in proceeding number 183630 by way of this advertisement.

If you wish to object to the withdrawal of Barri A. Marlatt as your lawyer in this proceeding, you must, within 14 days after service,

- file in the Victoria registry an Objection in Form 113, and
- serve on Barri A. Marlatt a copy of the filed Objection.

You may obtain from the Victoria Law Courts Registry, located at 850 Burdett Avenue, Victoria, BC, a copy of the Objection in Form 113 and the order providing for service by this advertisement.

This advertisement is placed by Barri A. Marlatt, whose address for service is #1 - 505 Fisgard Street, Victoria, B.C. and has a fax number for service of 250-360-0208.

### Legal Notices

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## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

Michael O'Connor - Life Coach Astrologer  
www.sunstarastrology.com 1-800-836-0648 sunstarastrology@gmail.com  
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**Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)** The Scorpio eclipsed Full Moon could prove extra emotionally complex for you. You could undergo any number of emotional reactions. Financial interests and concerns may be the most obvious practical theme. Yet, it is your emotional relationship and subsequent reactions to money that is highlighted.

**Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)** This eclipse occurs in your relationship sector. You can expect changes to occur accordingly. These could prove positive as well, especially if you have a good attitude regarding their interpretation and implementation. The influence could also lead to new associations and subsequent opportunities.

**Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)** What aspects of your daily routine and lifestyle, in general, are in need of change? It could be an issue of bad habits or the need to let go of traditional attitudes and approaches that no longer genuinely serve you. Focus on soberly and realistically assessing what needs to go or what changes need to occur.

**Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)** It is natural to become over-identified with various aspects of our personality. This can prove especially true if we achieved fame and acclaim for various roles played. Yet, change is the law and it is pushing you to entertain new roles and methods. Be open to reinvention of habitual roles as necessary.

**TIP OF THE WEEK:** The historic Hybrid Solar Eclipse culminates as a Lunar Eclipse on May 5 at the powerful 15th degree of Scorpio. This degree is symbolically associated with the last 8th period or approximately 45 days of the year leading to Winter Solstice. In this regard, it carries with it themes of ending, death and decay but also the realities of

**Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)** Is your comfort zone eclipsing your sense of freedom and success? This is often the case in regard to missing opportunities. Although success is a relative term, circumstances may require that you become more responsible in terms of your choices, especially in as much as they inhibit your overall health.

**Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)** Our perceptions are often guided by our beliefs and convictions and lead to our interpretations. Are you sure you see things as they are or have you become attached to conclusive attitudes? If doubt exists, dialogue and debate are warranted and they include deep listening and possible reevaluation.

**Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)** Our values and priorities are deeply guiding factors regarding our choices, much like our beliefs. Often both are either inherited or socially conditioned. Sometimes we assume that our thoughts are our own, yet upon closer examination, we might realize that they were learned from outer sources.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)** Are there aspects of your self-concept and overall attitude and habitual mode of expression that no longer serve you? This is an important question to ask at this opportune time with the Lunar Eclipse in your sign. The key now is to avoid the temptation to try to change others and to change yourself.

change and the promise of regeneration, rebirth and renewal. As wonderful as is the promise of the latter, it is the process of ending, change and death that is the hard part. The impact of a Lunar Eclipse is generally emotional and subjective as opposed to eventual. Due to its association with the Lunar South Node, which is also in Scorpio, the

symbolic message includes the need to consciously let go, move on and not look back. It should be noted that the Full Moon is not the time to plant the seeds of intention as is commonly assumed. It can prove exciting regarding various ceremonies, yet its emphasis is more fully on individually, priorities, and associated healthy boundaries.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)** Making our subconscious, to which we are generally unconscious, conscious is a golden key to personal power. Worse than just buried treasure, sometimes what lurks in the subconscious are hidden enemies such as limiting beliefs, attitudes and self-concepts. To clear them, all you have to do is identify them.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)** Do you know what makes you unique and special or do you have the attitude that you are neither? This eclipse is offering you the opportunity to break from of habitual self-concepts which can be understood as your apparent comfort zone, but which is actually causing you to feel quite uncomfortable, emotionally.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)** It is common to either feel frustrated with our life or to feel like we are not realizing our potential. However, these opinions may not be accurate, and a clearer understanding of our life might reveal that our circumstances offer more than we realize in terms of time and space without extra obligations.

**Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)** Whether we realize it or not, our entire scope of perspective on reality is linked to our core philosophy. Do you know what yours is? If asked, would you be able to describe what yours is? Above all, is yours healthy and empowering, or is it negative and cynical? This is your cue to undergo a process of inner review.



# SPORTS + RECREATION

## RADIO SAILING

# Club hosts sailing race



PHOTO BY NANCY JOHNSON  
Radio-controlled sailboats race in waters off the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club on Saturday as part of a three-day national championships event.

### Championships highlight top competitors

The national championships for the International One Metre (IOM) class of sailboats was successfully held last weekend at the Salt Spring Island Sailing Club, with 36 boats participating, including a large contingent from the U.S.A. "California and Washington states have a long history of coming to Salt Spring

and have spread the news of our prime venue for sailing," said event participant Martin Herbert in a post-event report. "Local sailors welcome the chance to race with this talent base to improve their own game." Herbert said race officer Leah Mathieson did an excellent job of marshalling the racers and international sailing judge Don Martin ran a fair and efficient regatta. At the end of 32 races, Mark Golison and Jess Atkinson from Califor-

nia took first and second place while Canadian Peter Grimm took third. Local sailors Herbert, Paul Faget, Gyle Keating and Mark Wallace took sixth, 12th, 26th and 30th. All four local sailors scored podium finishes and spent time leading individual races. In the national championships for wooden IOMs and Herbert and Faget took first and second place, both sailing locally designed and built boats. Third place was won by Jason Rhodes, a Vancouver sailor.

## MARTIAL ARTS

# Salt Spring jujitsu team makes its mark at tourney

Local program grows with new SIMS practice space available

SUBMITTED BY SS JIUJITSU

Members of Salt Spring's kids' jujitsu team are making a name for themselves, and taking Vancouver Island by storm. Jujitsu coach Rachael Gilliam took 13 children and youth to the South Island Open Grappling Tournament in Chemainus on April 22 to compete against kids ages four to 17 years. The team returned with 11 medals, including five gold, four silver and two bronze. It was the second tournament for the team, having competed in the South Island Open tournament on March 11. At that event the team returned with another 10 medals: five gold, three silver and two bronze. Gilliam holds a black belt in jujitsu, a notable accomplishment for a woman in a sport largely dominated by men.

She has been practising and teaching jujitsu for 16 years and continues to train and coach kids and adults in the new martial arts space at the Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS). The jujitsu program at SIMS has grown exponentially since it started as a PARC program in the portable classroom next to Rainbow Recreation Centre. With the generous support of the Salt Spring Island Foundation, specialty safety floor mats were purchased and installed in the new martial arts space at SIMS. The program now has seven classes a week and over 75 participants aged three to 14. Gilliam said she is so proud of her team. "It takes courage to step onto the mat and compete in front of everyone," she said. "Jujitsu teaches us determination and focus, behavioural and emotional regulation, focus, drive, motivation, willpower, camaraderie and overcoming our fears to face them head on. What a gift it is to allow kids to learn the beautiful art and sport of jujitsu."

Capital Regional District



## Beddis Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

Ensuring that public health and safety protocols are followed, a hybrid in-person/virtual meeting will be held. Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3247 (Beddis Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2004), residents within the Beddis Water Service Commission Local Service Area are invited to attend:

#### Beddis Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

The electronic Zoom link will be provided on the first page of the agenda package posted to the CRD website: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca) four days prior to the meeting.

### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3247, real property owners or residents in the Beddis Water Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024. Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (three members must be owners of real property; and one member may be a resident or owner of real property). There is one position expiring December 31, 2023.

#### Nomination Instructions

When submitting your nomination, please include the committee name in the subject line, your full-name, telephone number and residential address along with the nominee's full-name, telephone number and residential address. Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term.

Bylaw No. 3247 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

Personal information collected is in accordance with s26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of administering the Beddis Water Service Commission nominations. Personal information submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the purpose for which that information was collected. Any questions about this matter should be directed to Shayla Burnham, Committee Clerk, Salt Spring Island Parks and Recreation: 250.538.4304 or email: [sburnham@crd.bc.ca](mailto:sburnham@crd.bc.ca).

# HAVE YOUR SAY



Proposed Bylaws 223, 224 and 229  
North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review Project  
COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING  
NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

The North Pender Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review Project consists of three proposed bylaws:

- **Bylaw No. 223 - The proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment Bylaw No. 223 would support and enable the amendments found in the Land Use Bylaw in Bylaw No. 229.**
- **Bylaw No. 224 - Proposed Bylaw No. 224, if adopted, will replace the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) No. 103. Bylaw No. 224 includes technical amendments, new bylaw formatting, and numerous other bylaw amendments with the purpose to support policies in the OCP.**
- **Bylaw No. 229 - Proposed Bylaw No. 229 includes amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that require enabling policies in the OCP. These include rezoning site specific properties and includes maximum floor area regulations for dwellings.**

#### 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 [North Pender Island Current Project webpage](http://North Pender 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 April 28, 2023.

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. The Public Hearing will occur in person per the details on this notice.

#### Submissions

Prior to the Public Hearing: Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., May 12, 2023, by Email: [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca) or Mail or Drop Off: Islands Trust, 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8  
At the Public Hearing: Only written submissions presented at the Public Hearing will be accepted until the close of the Public Hearing. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing  
Saturday, May 13, 2023  
at 1:00 p.m. (in person)

St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall  
4703 Canal Road  
North Pender Island, BC

Who should attend?  
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws.

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## VOLLEYBALL

## Athletes overcome obstacles



PHOTO COURTESY INGA MICHAELSEN

Jahluca Grooms spikes the ball in a game with his Victoria Volleyball Association Chargers Black U18 team, which heads to national competition in Calgary this month. The Gulf Islands Alumni Athletic Association is spearheading efforts to raise funds to cover travelling costs for students who play on higher-level off-island teams.

## High-level team participation leads to GISS sports fund rejuvenation

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Four Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS) volleyball players have had provincial-level experience this season, with some now headed to national championships.

None of the athletes play for a Salt Spring Island club team; there isn't one. Playing at the higher club level means long days of driving and deep commitments, according to parents and coaches; and while it can be a lot to handle, the experiences are hugely rewarding, even as finding resources to accomplish it all can be its own challenge.

Players' results speak for themselves. GISS students Jahluca Grooms and Julius Galea-Ley won silver medals playing for the Victoria Volleyball Association (VVA) Chargers Black U18 team, which is headed to nationals in Calgary later

this month. Finn Hughes played for the VVA Chargers Black (U17, Div. 1) team, placing fourth at B.C. championships, and has been "called up" to join the U18 team headed to nationals. Izzy Nowell played with Mariners Nemesis (U18) and Silas Nowell played for the Mariners Poseidon (U14) team.

**"They've really learned how to prioritize and focus on what's important to them."**

INGA MICHAELSEN  
GISS parent

To even participate in club volleyball, they've all needed to hop the ferry up to three times a week and head to either Nanaimo or Victoria, plus take extra trips for weekend tournaments. It's an impressive show of dedication on the part of the kids and no small amount of effort for parents as well, but it comes at a cost.

According to Gulf Islands Alumni Athletic Association (GIAAA), in past years some team fees have been as high as \$500 for a single student's season — and that's just the beginning.

"It's a \$4,000 to \$5,000 commitment to play off-island sports," said parent Inga Michaelsen — a huge financial burden on a family. At the senior level, ferry fares are often covered by general athletics funding; accommodations are not, however, and older athletes who compete in multi-day tournaments that often require an overnight stay due to ferry schedules — or, in the case of national competitions, even flights — are forced to find their own funding.

Several students have run crowd-sourcing campaigns to fill the gap. Parent Rachel Hughes said she was astounded — and grateful — at how many in the community responded to calls from her family for help paying for trips.

"It was amazing, I can't even begin to say," said Hughes. "People just came out of the woodwork, and [Finn] had the money to pay for his plane ticket."

But while these can be successful, it can be uncomfortable for parents to ask for help in support of their child. Casting about for funds to cover travel expenses adds another layer of complexity beyond the juggling act of school, sports and social lives.

"They've really learned how to prioritize and focus on what's important to them," said Michaelsen. "There are some centralized funding programs — like Jumpstart — but they're limited."

GIAAA is ramping up efforts to connect islanders and businesses with their mission to support student athletics at GISS. They hope to reduce the barriers to participation for GISS athletes; if a student wants to put in the work, GIAAA wants to be there to support them.

Sponsorship opportunities range from one-time donations to recurring subscriptions and the "Signs in the Gym" program that puts sponsors on either side of the score clock.

For information on how to help, visit [qrco.de/GISSAthletics](http://qrco.de/GISSAthletics).

## ROAD RACING

## Sneakers complete stellar VIRA series



PHOTO BY JOE CAMILLERI (VIRA)

Salt Spring Sneakers member Mira Byron finishes the Hatley Castle race. Byron dominated the F20-24 division in this year's VIRA series.

## Season culminates in top finishes

BY SUSAN GORDON  
FOR SALT SPRING SNEAKERS

A segment of the Salt Spring Sneakers Running Club, which comprises a handful of primarily masters-age runners, becomes a formidable team of race competitors throughout the winter and early spring in one of the most challenging race series in the country.

The Vancouver Island Race Association (VIRA) eight-event competition sees regulars year after year, moving up in age groups in five-year increments, forming friendships and friendly rivalries with islanders who revel in the pursuit of exceptional fitness. Race distances range from five kilometres up to the half marathon.

This year, one of the youngest participants to have run with the Sneakers, Salt Spring born-and-raised Mira Byron, dominated the F20-24 division, taking home multiple gold medals and concluding the series with a first-place win overall. Byron earned the Coach's Choice MVP Award for having acquired the most overall points in the VIRA series, significantly contributing to the team's outstanding seventh-place finish among many groups with much larger memberships. There are 114 teams listed on the VIRA Cup Results page.

Jill Thompson closed the season with the April 23 Bazan Bay 5K and her third personal best time of the year. Thompson's efforts won her the Sneakers' Most Improved Runner certificate and second place overall in her F40-44 age division.

Eric Ellis had another consistent, successful year in his M75-79 age group, placing third after points were tallied for the series. Ellis received the coach's award for Outstanding Team Captain for his focus and dedication to details and statistics, providing those racing with course specifications, ever-changing weather reports up to the start of the race, and even confirming all-important ferry status on race day. He is also a VIRA board member.

Along with the three previously mentioned, Sneakers were consistently placed in the top 10 in their respective age groups throughout the season. To qualify for a series award, runners must complete five of the eight events to be in contention. Final tallies included: Catherine Bennett (third, F70-74), Anna Ford (seventh), Marion Young (fourth), Eric van Soeren (third), Julie van Soeren (12th), Doreen Peron (ninth, F65-69), and Pat Peron (sixth, M65-69).

Anne Synnes was a strong finisher in her division in several VIRA races as she trained for the Vancouver Sun Run, placing sixth in her age group out of 228 women. The team was joined by Melanie van Soeren and Conrad Nickels of Vancouver for the Sooke 10K, where van Soeren ran a PB and finished second amongst female racers overall.

Next up for Salt Spring runners is a local fun run (details TBA), triathlons, trail races and other summer multi-sport competitions. The club welcomes new runners and walkers interested in joining group workouts, regardless of age or current level of athletics. There is no charge for membership or scheduled runs.

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# All-Candidates Debate

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