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CARRYING THE LOAD: Enjoying their time at the first Invasive Plant Drop-off event of 2023, held at Community Gospel Chapel on Saturday, are, from left, Alex Morse, who dropped off a truck load of Scotch broom, and Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) members Jodi Banford and Krystal Capranos. The day was organized by the Native Plant Stewardship Group, with help from SSIFR, Transition Salt Spring, the Salt Spring Conservancy and others. Isaac Amundsen of Good as Wood Tree Services provided the on-site chipping. Two more drop-off events are set for the Fulford Community Hall parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 28 and June 4.

LCC ELECTION

Candidates step out at debate

Collaboration and enthusiasm on display at Zoom event

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring voters got their first in-depth look at potential future members of the new Local Community Commission (LCC) on Tuesday, May 9, as an online forum brought a preview of engaged, earnest candidates in front of the public — and each other.

About 170 islanders tuned in to a Zoom discussion moderated by Transition Salt Spring chair Bryan Young and Salt Spring Island Farmland Trust co-chair Sheila Dobie. The two-hour event followed a tight format that included questions the nine candidates present had seen in advance, followed by several they hadn't — and even an opportunity for candidates to ask questions of one another.

And if that last was a test of the hopefuls'

capacities for respectful dialogue and collaboration once on the LCC, according to Young, the evening's winners may indeed have been the voters.

"I think we were prepared with the hammer to come down on everybody," said Young, who noted that even in the back-and-forth allowed between candidates, no one spoke over anyone or cut other people off. "I appreciate your grace, and your patience with one another."

Public questions — and those from candidates to one another — were directed at individuals, and the most went to former Parks and Recreation (PARC) commissioner Brian Webster. Webster was quizzed on his own policy priorities, and his answers were unapologetically ambitious — outlining not only a plan to deal with Capital Regional District (CRD) services within

the LCC's current mandate but a hope to expand to other services on Salt Spring.

"Do you really think we should be talking about this when the LCC is so new?" asked fellow candidate Earl Rook. "The commissioners might need some time to learn the system before we go delving off into new and different things outside the mandate."

"There are pressing issues in the community that we need to be dealing with," said Webster, pointing to challenges surrounding North Salt Spring Waterworks District's moratorium on new water connections and housing for working people as examples. "We can't wait around for the first term to pass before talking about [these] issues."

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Rook himself had a busy night; a question from candidate Jennifer Lannan on specifics from the Community Economic Sustainability Commission's March report on the island's economy led to the political newcomer positing how the economic development portion of LCC responsibilities might naturally encompass policies to encourage affordable housing — and even additional commercial or industrial space in Ganges.

"We need to support a diversified economy," said Rook. "[Small businesses] struggle just to get a place on the island where they could make a go with their business. Young artists don't have studio space, and in our farming community the price of land is making it terribly difficult for new people to enter."

Candidate Nejmah Guermoudi, who at one point led a lively discussion on a sustainable social and economic development framework known as "doughnut economics," spoke to ways the LCC could encourage walkability and active transportation on the island as part of environmental responsibility.

"We need the tourism," said Guermoudi. "We want these folks to come over. But they're all driving."

Guermoudi and candidate Eric G. March had a congenial back-and-forth — March said he was mostly a pedestrian on the island, cycling occasionally from his home "about five kilometres out" from Ganges.

"We really need to find ways to support our workers and our vulnerable community members," said March. "We need to build bike lanes, pedestrian pathways and better bus service — really get people out of their cars and lower that carbon footprint."

Candidate Gayle Baker pointed out it was "easy to say we need bike lanes everywhere," but that collaboration with entities like the Ministry of Transportation or BC Transit would take effort.

"As you all know, we don't own our roads," said Baker, who was the most recent chair of the Salt Spring Island Transportation Commission. "So unlike PARC, that can make some decisions, we have to partner, and we have to collaborate, and we have to have a good relationship. We've done some of that, but boy, we can do so much better."

Baker said she would use her collaborative experience to advocate for traffic initiatives, including better road markings, traffic calming and reduced

speed limits in Ganges.

Candidate Jennifer McClean pointed out the lack of public washrooms in Ganges, and brought a host of ideas to improve bus service on Salt Spring — a climate problem, she said, but also a socioeconomic one.

"I think we have to look at the people who don't have very much money," said McClean, who said she thought the cost of transit needed to move toward greater equity. "They're carrying the lion's share of the burden to solve climate change."

Candidate Ben Corno spoke to a pressing need for reducing fire fuel load inside the parks that surround Salt Spring's population centres — and how critical it would be in the future for local food growers to be supported by LCC policies as food security becomes a priority as the climate shifts.

"When we plan our villages, we need to be considering how our comfortable existence here could go badly, and plan away from those weaknesses," said Corno. "Empowering our local food system by supporting farmers and vendors of local foods, so that when we need them to step up, we have been supporting them to grow and become capable of making a difference."

Jesse Brown pointed to his own history working at the CRD — one of "getting things done" as a staff person working there.

"I want to bring that knowledge specifically around the economic development portfolio that is now under the purview of the LCC," said Brown. "What I can bring is the knowledge of someone who's a professional, who's working, who's raising children and who also knows Salt Spring."

Brown went on to a discussion with Lannan about how the experience of parenting impacts how one looks at community service. Lannan lamented what she had seen as division on Salt Spring, and hoped for ways around it.

"There are polarizing ideas, there's a difference of background or socioeconomic issues," said Lannan. "We have to look at all of what we go through with grace and humility — and we have to look to creating a safe and inclusive environment to make some changes. I hope we can all do this together."

The full debate is online at a link available through transitionsaltspring.com or the link in the online version of our story at gulfislandsdriftwood.com. An in-person forum hosted by the Driftwood and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce was held at Fulford Hall on Tuesday, May 16. The link will also be available through the Driftwood website and YouTube.



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FERRIES

Passengers' dispute leads to Vesuvius sailing delay

RCMP called to attend

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An argument at a Salt Spring Island ferry terminal escalated, according to officials — and the crew of MV Quinsam ended up holding in dock while police sorted it all out.

RCMP and BC Ferries confirmed that staff at the Vesuvius Bay terminal had called on police to attend a confrontation there between ferry passengers. Salt Spring RCMP Sgt. Clive Seabrook said officers were called

late afternoon Tuesday, May 9, and asked to assist with the driver of a vehicle.

"There was a dispute between two customers at the Vesuvius terminal," said BC Ferries public affairs executive director Deborah Marshall. "The Quinsam was delayed 25 minutes while we waited for police to arrive and address the issue between the two parties."

The matter was concluded, according to Seabrook, shortly after officers arrived. Apart from the delayed departure, BC Ferries said there were no additional disruptions to the Vesuvius-Crofton ferry service that day.

FOR THE RECORD

A story in last week's paper incorrectly stated that 20.7-megawatt chargers were needed to power BC Ferries' new electric ferries, when the actual power level required is 3.7 megawatts. That's what happens when writers rely on an AI recording transcription service and don't listen to the recording or read their notes to double check. Lesson learned!

INFRASTRUCTURE

Isabella Point Road rehab project complete

Transportation ministry says slope now resilient against future extreme weather events

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Isabella Point Road construction work is "substantially completed," according to a statement from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, with finishing touches continuing in the coming weeks. The construction team completed paving on May 2 and roadside barrier installation on May 4.

Officials said people had been supportive of the work done and seem happy with roadway improvements. The ministry said construction

crews made every effort to minimize the impact on the local community to stabilize the roadway, recognizing it as the only access for approximately 350 residents.

"The construction team successfully stabilized the slope below the roadway to be more resilient against future extreme weather events," according to the statement. "Drainage improvements have been installed to direct water off the road surface. An additional drainage review is underway and there is potential for more climate resiliency improvements for summer 2024 at other locations along Isabella Point Road."

Ministry officials also said crews had reached out to local drivers to let them know construction had been completed. In addition, as heavy equipment departed the changeable message signs and construction signage were taken down.



PHOTO BY JOHN MILLSON

Section of Isabella Point Road sporting new pavement, barrier and road sign following a nearly year-long project to repair a section of road and bank damaged in a November 2021 flood.

TRAFFIC

Smoking bus alarms drivers



PHOTO BY GEORGE MEARCE

Smoke from a School District 64 bus engine is seen in front of drivers on Blackburn Road on the afternoon of May 8.

No students aboard as diesel engine malfunctions

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A column of smoke stretching skyward from a yellow bus on Fulford-Ganges Road on Monday, May 8 alarmed motorists and brought fire trucks to the Blackburn Road area, but officials say the cause was just a breakdown — and that no students were aboard at the time.

School District 64 (SD64) director of facilities, capital projects and transportation Colin Whyte said the excessive white smoke came from the exhaust/engine area of the diesel school bus, and that the driver was able to pull safely off the road.

"We called the fire department just to be on the safe side," said Whyte. "They responded and ensured that the bus was safe to leave where it was."

Whyte said the bus would be brought in for diagnosis and repair.

Scheduled to-and-from school transportation for students was not affected.

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We invite other candidates who sincerely agree – and are willing to walk the talk – to join us in making this commitment.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT

CRD changes landfill fee structure

Attempts made to reduce per-capita waste amount

BY ROBB MAGLEY
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It's going to get cheaper to dispose of sorted refuse — and more expensive not to — as several proposed changes come into effect in the Capital Regional District (CRD) next year.

The CRD Board voted May 10 to approve several changes in waste collection policies for 2024, meant to divert material from the active face of the Hartland Landfill as it approaches capacity. Currently, according to CRD parks and environmental services general manager Larisa Hutcheson, more than 400 kilograms of waste per person, per year is disposed of at the landfill — far above the district's sustainability target of 250 kilograms by 2030.

"So we need to go from 400

kilograms per person a year to 250," said Hutcheson. "Getting to our goal will necessitate a number of policy adjustments that make a real impact on residents' behaviour, in terms of how they deal with various waste streams."

Among those adjustments is a proposed shift in how wood products, carpet and asphalt shingles are accepted at the facility — and subsequently diverted from the landfill itself. To incentivize residents and businesses to separate these materials beforehand, tipping fees for unsorted trash will rise — and the per-tonne rate for the material the CRD wants to divert will be reduced.

from \$110 to \$150 per tonne under the current plan, with fees for renovation or demolition waste that contained recyclable materials jumping to \$300 per tonne.

Treated wood products, asphalt shingles, carpet and underlay will be accepted at \$110 per tonne, and untreated "clean" wood products will cost \$80 per tonne to leave at Hartland. Salvaged wood — clean, unpainted and nail-free dimensional lumber over four feet in length — will be accepted free of charge.

Private or municipal general refuse haulers who collect from residential, commercial or institutional sources — and who attest to having a program in place to ensure organics and recyclable materials aren't going into the stream — will also see fee increases, but smaller and more gradual. Those services will pay \$125 per tonne in 2024 and \$135 per tonne in 2025.

The CRD Board also approved implementing a graduated bylaw ticket structure with higher fines for more serious infractions and/or repeated infractions.

"Currently we have fines in the order of \$50 to \$100; we're proposing \$100 to \$500," said Hutcheson. "There are a number of directors that felt that might not be high enough to really effect behaviour change, or that it would just be incorporated into the cost of doing business."

Staff will bring back a specific report on fine structure this summer, added Hutcheson, to be integrated into bylaw specifics in the fall.

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LARISA HUTCHESON
General manager, CRD parks and environmental services

These separated materials could still be brought to Hartland, where they would be transferred offsite and processed through contracts with the private sector.

"Staff are confident there are opportunities for these materials to be reused, or recycled," said Hutcheson.

The CRD said it expects to divert 27,500 tonnes of wood, 9,000 tonnes of asphalt shingles and 4,000 tonnes of carpet and underlay each year. "General" or unsorted waste rates will rise

TRANSPORT

Uber licence extends to islands

Ride-hailing app could launch with three months' notice

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Uber is set to operate in British Columbia, according to provincial regulators — including the region that covers the Islands Trust area, potentially as early as this fall.

B.C.'s Passenger Transportation Board (PTB) clarified this week that an approval for the application to transfer ReRyde Technologies' licence to Uber Canada not only included ReRyde's approved permission to operate in the Capital Regional District (CRD), but also in all five regions regulated by the PTB.

Uber was previously approved to operate only in Region 1 (Lower Mainland and Whistler); with the successful transfer of ReRyde's approvals, Uber "may now operate in Region 2 (Capital Regional District), Region 3 (Vancouver Island, excluding CRD), Region 4 (Okanagan-Kootenay-Boundary-Cariboo), and Region 5 (North Central and other regions including Islands Trust and Sunshine Coast)," according to a PTB factsheet.

"However, before starting to operate in Regions 3 and 5, the Board has directed that Uber provide three months' notice to the Board."

Uber will also need to obtain a license from the Registrar of Passenger Transportation within the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI); according to the PTB that license would be issued if MoTI was "satisfied that safety requirements are met." In addition, Uber would need to work with municipalities in each operating area to ensure compliance with local bylaws, according to the PTB.

Meanwhile on Twitter, Uber Canada celebrated, announcing immediate plans to roll out service in Victoria and Kelowna.

"Tens of thousands of local residents have signed up to ride," Uber Canada tweeted. "We plan to launch soon and will provide more information in the coming days."



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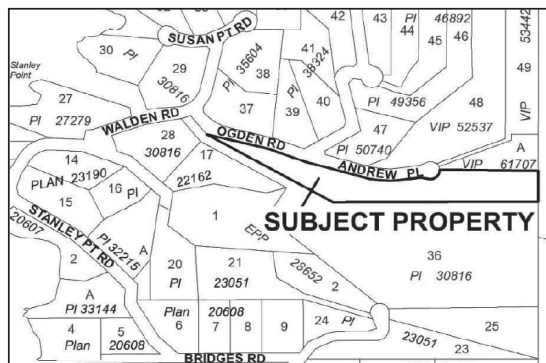
NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 494 of the *Local Government Act* that the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit. The proposed permit would apply to The Fractional North West 1/4 Of Section 23, Pender Island, Cowichan District Except Parts In Plans 20607, 20608, 21047, 21390, 22162, 23051, 27279, 30816, 32215, 35604, 38324, 46892, 49356, 50740, VIP52537 and VIP53442 (PID: 007-934-211). This property is located at **1101 Andrew Place**.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit the use of the subject property for the **temporary storage of personal possessions** in a maximum of six (6) shipping containers.

The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the attached proposed permit. The permit would be issued for **three (3) years** and the owner may apply to the LTC to have it renewed once for an additional three (3) years.

This permit was first considered at the March 17, 2023 LTC meeting. At that meeting, the LTC deferred a decision on the permit application until the May 26, 2023 LTC meeting. The LTC also directed staff to include an additional condition in the draft permit requiring the installation of additional fence screening on the western edge of the permit area.

The general location of the subject property is shown on the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing **May 5, 2023** and continuing up to and including **May 17, 2023**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 499 (2) (c) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on North Pender Island.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Brad Smith, Island Planner at (778) 679-5185. For Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: southinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca before 4:30 p.m., **May 17, 2023**.

The LTC may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **10:30 a.m., May 26, 2023**.

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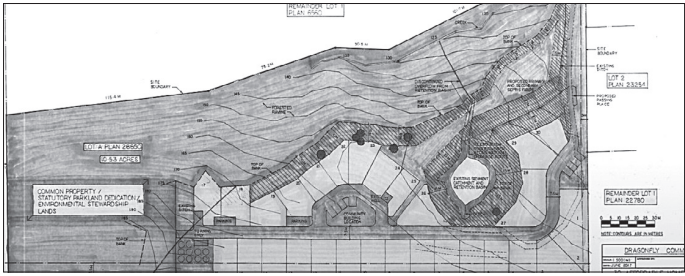
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HOUSING

CRD inches toward Dragonfly water service

Affordable homes project may need to leave NSSWD

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF



DRAGONFLY COMMONS IMAGE

Site plan for Dragonfly Commons on the development's website.

A long-languishing affordable housing project on Salt Spring got new attention this week as the Capital Regional District (CRD) advanced its efforts to establish a new local water service area for the Dragonfly Commons development.

The 30-unit project at 221 Drake Rd., which first began planning in 2016, is expected to bear the costs of building the water system to CRD specifications and standards, according to staff — and the CRD is contemplating taking over the service once its requirements are met.

But staff say the hurdles remaining are not trivial, and include not only a registered housing agreement for affordable housing on the property's title and a rezoning with the Islands Trust, but also establishing a connection to the Ganges sewer system — and even a likely re-drawing of the boundaries of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) to exclude Dragonfly from that district's service area.

Groundwater on the property has been shown adequate for the project, but will require a treatment and distribution facility for the multi-family development. CRD staff believe the province is unlikely to look favourably on a private water utility application in an area where either

NSSWD or CRD could operate the service — and NSSWD “declined to undertake the responsibility to supply water, should the future groundwater source no longer prove viable,” according to staff. The plan then shifted to imagine carving the project parcel out of NSSWD's service area so the CRD could manage it.

But changing NSSWD's boundary line will require amending the water district's letters patent — an action which itself will require a provincial Order in Council, a directive issued by the Lieutenant Governor on the advice of cabinet. And while CRD staff believe the issue can be scheduled before provincial officials either this fall or next spring, Salt Spring electoral area director Gary Holman pointed out a concern about a “catch-22” that might hinder progress establishing a water service under the CRD.

“One of the conditions for moving

the establishment bylaw forward is that there's an acceptable housing agreement on the development,” said Holman, speaking at the CRD Electoral Area Committee meeting Wednesday, May 10. “On the other hand, the Islands Trust may not want to proceed with the work drafting a housing agreement unless there's feasibility of the project.”

Salt Spring's CRD senior manager Karla Campbell said the CRD and Islands Trust staff were already in discussions to address such pitfalls. Holman also said the CRD needed to be cautious, ensuring that adding Dragonfly to the Ganges sewer system would not cause problems down the line for any housing planned for the CRD's own property at 161 Drake Rd., part of which is being leased to BC Housing for a supportive housing development there. “[Dragonfly] would have to incur all the cost applying to get into that [sewer]

service area,” said Holman. “And we want to make sure that our five-acre property doesn't get precluded. But that'll be worked out through further discussion.”

Dragonfly Commons plans manufactured or modular construction to keep costs down, consisting of one- and three-bedroom homes of 430 and 860 square feet and a centralized common building on approximately three acres of the property, targeting entry-level home ownership for “a diverse community of working people on Salt Spring with a range from low- to middle-income levels,” according to the project website.

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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 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.

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Capital Regional District CRD

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Notice of Annual General Meeting

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EDITORIAL

Prepare yourself

The weekend's unusually warm temperatures, plus the early-season wildfires in B.C. and Alberta, are reminding us that now is the time to get prepared in case wildfire strikes our islands.

Emergency Preparedness Week ran last week, with the Salt Spring Emergency Program providing some key messages about how people can best be prepared in the case of natural disasters. Those include joining the Capital Regional District's Public Alert Notification System, connecting with one's neighbourhood POD program (or becoming a volunteer), making an emergency plan and building an emergency supplies kit.

Next week, on Thursday, May 25, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. everyone can join a virtual community roundtable for a discussion titled Salt Spring Island On Fire, where the island's wildfire threat level is the topic. People can sign up via crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency.

THE ISSUE: Emergency preparedness activities

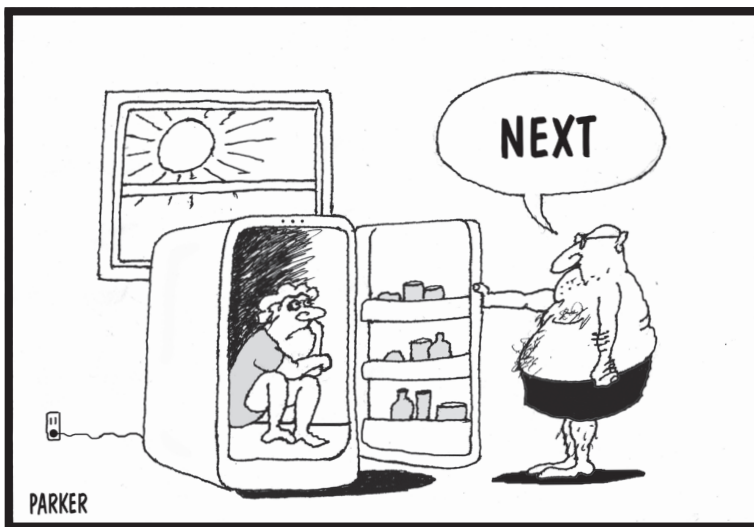
WE SAY: Several ways to be ready for disaster

The FireSmart program is another important part of emergency preparedness. Property owners are encouraged to take advantage of a free service provided by Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue, where fire-safety tips are offered to help reduce wildfire damage to one's home.

People can learn more about FireSmart directly from the fire department, or by attending the Saturday, May 27 Emergency Preparedness Fair at the Ganges Fire Hall, where personnel from the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program and other services will also be in attendance from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Yet another emergency preparedness-related event is Transition Salt Spring's June 1 webinar with forest ecologist Erik Piikkila about the importance of healthy forests in preventing wildfire and windstorm damage, as well as a June 4 walk led by Piikkila. An article on page 16 of this issue revisits the devastating December 2018 windstorm and includes Piikkila's perspective on how damage from future storms or wildfires can be reduced.

Safe Boating Awareness Week provides another opportunity to learn about reducing one's chance of experiencing life-changing catastrophes. Check out the Canadian Safe Boating Council website at csbc.ca or connect with the Royal Canadian Marine Search & Rescue Station 25 group, whose volunteers are saluted in this week's issue of the paper, at rcmsar25.com.



Listen to the old-timers

BY MIKE STACEY

I have been looking through my Victoria phone book dated 1940. There is a small section for Ganges; Miss FM Aitkens was the local agent. Phones were generally usable between 7 a.m. and midnight.

There were also instructions for using the new dial telephones, which I found riveting. Running through the names I was amazed by how many were still here 25 years later when I showed up, and remain here to this day. Akerman, Beech, Bond, Caldwell, Cunningham, Hepburn, Howard, Layard, Lee, Mouat, Murakami, Patterson, Ruckle (the Ruckle property was always open for the use of everyone, long before the family gave it to the province as a park, probably the most generous act to occur on the island since it rose out of the salt chuck), Toynbee, Wood, to name a few.

Those were the days when logging, hunting and fishing were not yet sins but rather a way to keep the family fed. Loggers wore their caulk boots into the Harbour House beer parlour. The wood plank floor was a sight to behold. I often wonder what would have happened if some poor fool had wandered in sporting a man-bun.

Not in the book were others who I think were here in the '40s, but phone-less, but definitely present in the '60s when I came to the island. Marcotte, Byron (not commonly known is the fact that all male Byron babies are capable of operating a backhoe from the moment of birth . . . fascinating!), Cudmore, Reynolds and so many more . . . all still here.

Now we have another election on the

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horizon and some of these names are appearing on signs. "They want to clear-cut Salt Spring!" some people say. Really? I highly doubt this. Even if they wanted to, how the hell could they do it? But this sort of crap makes great propaganda when a valid argument is not ready to hand. It's a Trump thing; tell a lie often enough and it soon becomes an "alternate fact," well on its way to becoming the truth in the eyes of those who want it to be true.

I hate to break it to you, folks, but these are the working people, the ones who keep the wheels turning. To me they represent a giant step back to a time when common sense was much more common, before so many other people came to save us from ourselves.

Jamie Harris has been ruffling feathers as an islands trustee, so he's obviously on the right track. The focus of the four on the red posters is what is good for everyone, especially the workers who can't find a place for their family members to live. Many have already left the island, leaving businesses short-handed and unable to keep up to demand.

I can picture some upper-crust resident rising in the middle of the night: "EGAD! My toilet is faulty! My kingdom for a plumber!" Sadly, there could be no plumbers left on Salt Spring. He would have to get one coming from the city, assuming a ferry crew was available.

A little accountability is a wonderful thing. The Local Community Commission with the right people might be the cure for what ails us. With the wrong people, another potential logjam. Listen to the old-timers.

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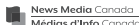
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THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Have you prepared a grab-and-go emergency kit?

Yes No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Do you already know which LCC candidates you will be voting for?



Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday 2 p.m. or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 2 p.m.

ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

Wisdom and intelligence

Fellow islanders: it's voting time again; this time for four positions on the Local Community Commission, or LCC. This group will be an adjunct to the Capital Regional District (CRD), providing local voices and decision-making powers and aiding Gary Holman, our CRD director, to decide what works here for all of us.

Whether you voted for or against this committee being formed, I would urge you to check out the candidates (there are 15!), and vote for the ones whose platform most closely reflects your thinking on public decision-making.

I would also like to recommend one candidate in particular, and that is Gayle Baker. I met Gayle through attending ASK Salt Spring sessions, which she hosts and manages, and which is a great forum for meeting our local leaders of all stripes. She has never failed to impress me with her strength of character, her insight and broad knowledge of how things work here on the rock, what can and can't be done, and her ability to put people together to further a cause. I know she has all our best interests at heart, and will bring wisdom and intelligence to the group, and to my mind will be a stellar commissioner should she win.

To be sure, there are a lot of strong candidates on the ticket, and I am confident that whomever wins, we will benefit from

having more local voices in the decision-making process on infrastructure matters. Please take the time to vote.

RON COOKE,
SALT SPRING

More meetings needed

I do not know which Local Community Commission (LCC) candidates I will decide to vote for. But I have a message for the four winners. This is especially true as the LCC evolves into a semi-city council.

1. In order to ensure diversity of representation and community support, an election of two or four positions at the same time would be superior if proportional representation was used as the electoral system. Please consider discarding the antiquated first-past-the-post system before the next election. Proportional representation has always had huge support in our community.

2. Executive local Capital Regional District staff have told candidates that the LCC will hold nine monthly meetings per year. That will never work. Many city councils have found weekly meetings effective. In our 12,000-person community, at least bi-monthly meetings should occur. Twenty-four meetings a year will give community members the time necessary to approach the LCC and facilitate the LCC decision-making process. They will keep the LCC's business on a timely basis. Anything less will

fail to keep up with the demands of the LCC's functionality and replicate our current delays.

3. All candidates talk about transparency. Meetings should occur at times of day and on days of the week when day-time workers can attend. A large suitable meeting place must be secured. Mid-week evenings at GISS's multi-purpose room with a proper audio system could be considered.

I think that Salt Spring Island is looking for community diversity enabling our LCC to have healthy community-wide debates. Representing the range of opinion from both the 537 and the 653 areas will be critical if the LCC truly represents all of us.

CURT FIRESTONE,
SALT SPRING

Best commissioner qualities outlined

The run-up to the election of commissioners to the Local Community Commission (LCC) has seen an interesting field of candidates, with interesting perspectives on local issues and what is required to be an effective and productive commissioner. It appears that there are more than a few who are passionate about specific issues, but have a limited concept of what is required to run a local government.

It seems to me that the qualities we should desire and value in a candidate are:

- A desire to facilitate positive change

versus merely saying "no."

- Prior experience in and/or with other governmental agencies or NGOs.

- A knowledge of the complicated three-legged form of government that currently runs Salt Spring Island (the CRD, Islands Trust and the province).

- Relationships with those who pull the strings of those various governmental agencies.

- Strong organizational skills.
- A demonstrated ability and desire to work with others in a collaborative manner.

- An understanding of the complex and unique issues we face on Salt Spring.

- The desire and skills to continue Salt Spring's successful history of working with volunteers.

- The energy and time to devote to what will be a challenging job.

- The ability to hear and represent the concerns of all islanders.

- The ability and skills necessary to see "the big picture."

Three candidates who possess these attributes are Gayle Baker, Brian Webster, and Earl Rook, all of whom I enthusiastically endorse.

I encourage all voters to carefully consider which candidates are truly qualified for the position of Salt Spring Island's LCC and will best represent the concerns and values of our diverse community.

PETER C. MEYER,
SALT SPRING

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I found the ability to learn by yourself without a guide and where you're supposed to be opened up a lot of creativity."

BEATRICE LACARTE, GRADE 7 FULFORD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT, ON GENIUS HOUR PROJECTS

Brits' ability to turn pomp into a fine art reinforced at Coronation

It was an accident. I hadn't meant to watch, but there it was in all its glory on my iPad. Well, not that much glory in truth, considering it was the crowning of a king and his queen. In fact, if I'm honest, as a former Brit I was deeply uncomfortable with the whole thing.

The coronations of King Charles the Third and Queen Camilla the First were just plain daft. Charles appeared to have wrapped himself in his granny's curtains and picked up a crown that was three sizes too big for him at Walmart while Camilla couldn't stop primping her hair under the cardboard cutout crown she'd been given. The white frock was a nice touch, but she wouldn't have looked any less majestic if she'd had a ketchup stain down the front.

And what was the point of it all? The other crowned heads of Europe, and God knows there are enough of them, simply pledge to be a good king or queen, swear on the Bible in a suit or smart coat, and get on with the little bit

of governance allowed to them. What they don't do is ponce around in velvet knickerbockers, gold buckled shoes and half a tonne of bling surrounded by a bunch of flunkies in even sillier costumes. The whole thing was so camp it only needed RuPaul as master of ceremonies to get it banned in Florida.

I've always been ambivalent about the British royal family, but mainly because, naively perhaps, I think the alternative is sometimes too awful to contemplate. If you've got an unelected king or queen, there is less chance of getting an elected Trump. Or a Putin. Or a Ferdinand Marcos Senior or Ferdinand Marcos Junior. And with a constitutional monarch today, we're spared another Henry the Eighth or George the Third, but now it seems that if you've got a Charles the Third, you've got a complete Charlie.

There's no denying that the Brits, after a thousand or more years of practice, have turned pomp into a fine art, but while I watched the seemingly endless



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

lines of lackeys process behind Charles as he entered the abbey, I found myself wondering what their day jobs were. What, for instance, was the function of the three women in the procession carrying what appeared to be billiard cues?

(Incidentally, Westminster Abbey isn't an abbey at all, but a rather more aptly titled "Royal Peculiar" and is effectively owned by the king and not the Anglican church, along with a dozen or so other "peculiar" and great swathes of the British Isles.)

There was a particular moment towards the end when Charles, crowned, becurtained and carrying the Toasting Fork of State in one hand and Toilet Plunger of Doom in the other, was being

held up to two elderly clergymen, presumably to prevent him from collapsing under the weight of his responsibilities, that the utter, utter banality of it hit me like a brick.

I'd just watched William pledging to "bear my loyalty unto you as your liege man of life and limb" (which, coincidentally, is almost word for word the pledge I made to my own dad when he asked me to mow the lawn) and wondered, not for the first time, what possible relevance this father and son have to 21st-century Canada? Or indeed to the 21st century.

My heritage is British so I likely better comprehend some of the British attachment to the House of Windsor, but how sympathetic would I be if my heritage were, say, South Asian, where India and Pakistan got rid of the British monarchy before I was born and are still dealing with their respective post-colonial trauma? Or even more so if I were an Indigenous Canadian who lived with the daily indignities inflicted on them by a foreign monarch and

compounded by his successors and their representatives?

And why is it that royals, especially British royals, invariably dress as Gilbert and Sullivan soldiers and sailors for these occasions? Anne had stepped straight off the deck of HMS Pinafore, while Andrew, in disgrace and forbidden by his big brother from dressing up as a soldier, had come in his Order of the Knicker Elastic robes.

And now, a kind word. The future king and queen looked splendid, especially Catherine, who would look elegant in gumboots and an open-backed hospital gown, although what will be left for them to eventually rule over is moot.

Canada for a while? Australia maybe? Scotland? The Falklands? I noticed that on the CNN reports of the coronation a presumably 19-year-old copy editor had captioned the arrival of Canada's PM as "President of Canada, Justin Trudeau . . ." Hmmm.

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LCC support level questioned

Positively Forward advocates for improvements to governance on our island.

In the Local Community Commission (LCC) all-candidates meeting (although six of the 15 candidates were conspicuously absent) held on the evening of Tuesday, May 9, some of the candidates spoke of the importance of transparency. I am most concerned that Posi-

tively Forward has been publishing, with the support of Transition Salt Spring, results of the LCC referendum as having popular support by 61.3 per cent of Salt Spring voters.

I decided to review the results of the 2022 election on Salt Spring (for the Islands Trust trustees, a CRD rep, School District 64 trustees and the LCC referendum). According to the 2021 census, the population of Salt Spring was 11,635 people. Of this total, 9,840 people were 20 years of age or more at the time (15 to-19-year-olds were included in one age bracket so I omitted 18-19 in my estimation).

If the population neither increased

nor decreased dramatically between the 2021 census and the 2022 election, then the vote count in the 2022 election indicates that 7,634 votes were cast for Islands Trust trustees. If each voter voted for two trustees, then this represents a turnout of 38.8 per cent of eligible voters. The 3,829 votes cast for a CRD representative equals 39 per cent of eligible voters; and the 3,745 votes cast in the LCC referendum represents 38 per cent of eligible voters (I was unable to find the actual vote count for School District 64 trustees in my online search).

Such a low voter turnout could indicate complacency, frustration or even forgetfulness. Until ballots include a

“none of the above” option, we may never know the degree of dissatisfaction with governance, at any level. In any case, the 2,297 votes in favour of the creation of an LCC do not represent 61.3 per cent of Salt Spring voters. They represent 61.3 per cent of the total votes cast in this referendum; 61.3 per cent of 38 per cent of eligible voters is a mere 23.3 per cent of Salt Spring voters. Irrespective of whether one does or does not support the addition of the LCC to the governance of our island, misrepresentation of the truth does not constitute transparency.

GILLIAN MCCONNELL,
SALT SPRING

Capital Regional District



Notice of Election by 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*.

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

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

Given Name	Surname	Residential Address
Gayle	BAKER	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jesse	BROWN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Kylie	COATES	Salt Spring Island, BC
Benjamin	CORNO	Salt Spring Island, BC
David	COURTNEY	Salt Spring Island, BC
Lloyd	CUDMORE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Nejmah	GUERMOUDI	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jamie	HARRIS	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jennifer	KERRIGAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jennifer	LANNAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Eric G.	MARCH	Salt Spring Island, BC
Donald	MARCOTTE	Salt Spring Island, BC
Jenny	MCCLEAN	Salt Spring Island, BC
Earl	ROOK	Salt Spring Island, BC
Brian	WEBSTER	Salt Spring Island, BC

Voting Opportunities

GENERAL VOTING will be open to qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm**, at:

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area

- Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Fulford Hall Seniors' Centre, 2591 Fulford-Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC
- Salt Spring Island Public Library, 129 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC

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. The deadline for applying to receive a mail ballot voting package by mail has passed. Mail ballot voting packages are available for PICK-UP ONLY and will not be mailed. To register, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to **elections@crd.bc.ca**. Application forms are available at 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: CRD, Legislative Services, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC OR CRD, SSI Administration Office, 108-121 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC
Mailing by Post: CRD, Legislative Services, PO Box 1000, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6 OR CRD, SSI Administration Office, 108-121 McPhillips Avenue, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T6

Elector Qualifications

Resident Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector if you are 18 years or older on general voting day, are a Canadian Citizen and have resided in British Columbia for the past six months, 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.

Non-Resident Property Elector - You are entitled to vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector if you are 18 years or older on voting day, are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area for the past 30 days, and do not qualify as a Resident Elector, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting, provided that you: (a) have registered on or before April 4, 2023, or (b) register at the time of voting. The following information is required at the time of registration:

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

Dated this 17th day of May, 2023

Kristen Morley
Chief Election Officer

Decision timing

As a point of clarification regarding comments made in last week's Driftwood, the decisions to implement a two-ferry service on Route 6 (Vesuvius - Crofton) and to overhaul the Vesuvius and Crofton terminals were made well before the fall of 2021.

The Salt Spring Island Ferry Advisory Committee advocated to BC Ferries to have the terminal rebuilds co-ordinated with the introduction of the two Island Class ferries and this has been incorporated into the upcoming service term with implementation expected in 2026/27. At this point the MV Quinsam is planned to relocate to Fulford Harbour to provide backup service to the Skeena Queen on Route 4 during peak season.

HAROLD SWIERENGA,
CHAIR, SSI FERRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Perspectives

With so many candidates to choose from in the upcoming Local Community Commission (LCC) election, how can one be confident they are choosing the right combination of perspectives, skills, and temperaments that will have the best outcome for Salt Spring Island?

When I imagine the perfect combination, I get distracted thinking that everybody else might vote for a totally different LCC. Then my combination seems unlikely to be the one that will be elected, and I wonder why I'm putting so much thought into the matter. It's bound to be a totally different group than I imagined!

For me, it just feels important to think about what sort of people will reflect my values in the administration and care of the island's collective resources. Luckily, I actually get to choose four people to represent values. I can choose four different perspectives if I want to, or I could even choose a similar view four times. Powerful choices, these!

If I were trying to make a resilient and creative assertion of my values, I would try for a diverse group of people who, among them, possess the widest range of attributes that I think might represent me in a broad sense; I might as well since I get to choose four times. I can choose who I think should represent me, even if they are not who will represent me? There is no other choice, for me. I am going to choose four people who I think will do the best job of caring for Salt Spring's shared public resources, together. We are a complex community, and it takes more than a single perspective to represent our community or reflect our values. I am going to ask for what I want, regardless of whether I think I am going to get it!

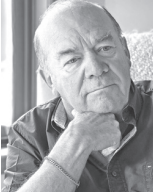
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SALT SPRING

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Hats off to memories



**Chris
Rideout**
**AND THAT
WAS
WHEN**

It's important to point out that I was 17 that year I was selling hats and I probably don't need to remind you that I did not wear a hat. I did not even own a hat, and apart from a toque in winter never owned a hat like the ones I was selling. How, you ask, could you sell a hat if you knew nothing about them? That question goes to the heart of this story and to the heart of many of these stories. I sold sporting goods but I never owned skates or a baseball glove or a shotgun. I drove a Zamboni but I had never even seen one. I worked in a brake and front-end alignment shop and I am still not sure what a ball-joint is or what it does. To do almost anything, all you have to do is watch and listen and nod your head a lot. Back to hats.

The fellow who hired me to sell hats had, he said, read my application resume in which I noted that I played guitar and sang sad folk songs in smoky coffee houses, folk clubs and pizza joints. Selling hats, he said, with glee, is no different. I should pause here to describe this fellow lest he disappear forever. It's probably too late, but here goes.

He was called a floorwalker. He was formally dressed, including a carnation in his lapel. He wore slicked back and very glossy hair and he smiled constantly. His job, as far as I could tell, was to walk around the floor looking for trouble and keeping one eye on the clerks and one eye on the stock. He hung around the cashier listening to make sure the cashier always promoted the store's credit policies.

In those days of men's hats there were no credit cards, no Visa or anything like that. So the department stores invented their own credit strategies. It is entirely possible that the store made more money encouraging customers to not pay than on the goods themselves. This is old news today when we all know that Visa makes more money with customers not paying than paying.

The floorwalker was vigilant in his zeal and we had to listen to endless strategies to get customers to not pay. He also was vigilant in keeping a close watch on clerks. Especially, I felt, on clerks who played guitar and sang sad folk tunes. It was this fellow who put me in hats. Unknown to me at the time was that JFK had put a death sentence on men's hats. He stood there in the open air with the breeze ruffling his hair for millions to see. No hat. The U.S. president. No hat.

But in my store, hats were still for sale. I didn't sell many but I steamed a lot of them. We had a hat steamer for the purpose and, man, was it ever fun to use. Just suppose a customer had put a dent in a hat. My hat steamer was ready for the job. Placing the hat on the hat rack and applying steam I could restore any damaged hat back to its original shape. Things got so boring in the hat department that I often went and crushed a perfectly good hat just for the fun of it. But that's not why I got fired.

My store was the Hudson's Bay Company, latterly known only as The Bay. They put on regular sales called Bay Days. Maybe they still do. But I didn't realize what a big deal it was because I came from Toronto where there was then not a large Bay presence. As a result I hitchhiked to Calgary from Edmonton to sing in a coffee house/folk club, looked up that Calgary girl and missed the Bay Day.

When I returned, the glossy floorwalker (who was just doing his job) called me aside and said I no longer worked there. That oughta show me what was important. I don't think it did.

Editor's note: Chris Rideout is a Salt Spring resident who who has had a great many jobs and currently works part-time at Moutat's Home Hardware. The Driftwood has in the past published a few of Chris' pieces featuring memories from his younger days. This is the most recent one.

Men don't wear hats like they used to, that's for sure. And when I say "hats" I am thinking of hats like men wore in those old black and white movies. They went by names like "fedora" and "pork pie" and "homburg." They had snap brims and hat bands with sometimes weird little feathers stuck in the bands.

And all the men wore them, not just a few. Look at those old photographs in your grandparents' photo albums if you don't believe me. I have one showing the executives of the railroad company, standing in front of a huge locomotive. All the men are wearing hats and also long overcoats and shiny black shoes. It was part of the accepted costume of the day for the successful man and the last thing a man did upon leaving for work was to grab his hat from the hat-rack (yes, that is what it was called) and go out the door to go to work.

If you had asked one of those men in that old photograph why they were wearing hats, they would have said, well, I don't know what they would have said because wearing hats was simply natural. You might just as well have asked one of them why he was wearing a shirt and pants. By this time you are no doubt wondering why I am telling you this. It's because I used to sell men's hats.

What I mean is, I used to work in a large department store that had a menswear section and in that section there was the hat department. You could tell it was the hat department because there were hat displays, hats on small sticks on counters, hats hanging on the walls, a hat-steaming machine and a hat-banding machine. I'll explain these things later. Let me describe the store.

But before I do, let me remind you that the large, so-called "department store" was an invention in the mid-1950s. Its very existence put an end to all the little, family-owned stores that sold shoes, or socks and sweaters, or kids' back-to-school clothes. The little shoe stores, the men's suit stores, the little book stores and in fact the small specialty store that had its own line.

All gone. The department store put an end to all of them. The impact of the department store had the same effect then as the online stores do today.

So while there was sadness, there was also delight. Many people were excited by the prospect of all the stores under one roof. The three floors were like a magic carnival. Here were men's shoes and there were women's shoes, men's suits over there and women's dresses over here. It made shopping so much easier and more fun. One of my jobs, before hats, at the high-end Eaton's College Street store in Toronto (with the imposing huge brass doors) was selling socks. Just socks. Socks of all kinds and colours and uses. The department store in one fell swoop gave birth to a new way of shopping and at the same time put an end to the old way.

And these new stores presented themselves as quality. These were not Targets or Costcos. They were high-toned and elegant places. The decor was rich and expensive. The sense was almost religious in that you were being ushered into a place of high commerce where quality ruled supreme. No loud music, no flashing lights. My sock corner was lit indirectly, and discreetly, so the socks glowed in their little sock nooks. It was a privilege to buy a pair of socks from this store. But I started out to tell you about hats.



PHOTO COURTESY JEREMY MILSON

TOP JOB: The Pearson Custom Homes crew takes a moment out for a photograph on the final day of a project to upgrade the structural nature, insulation and water intrusion qualities of the south-east wall of the Salt Spring Inn. Owner Jeremy Milson said, "Steve, Brad, Justin and Noah completed the project in only four days on a well-planned mission."



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Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

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Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
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TRAIL LAUNCH: A large crowd gathers in the Beddis Beach Area recently to celebrate the acquisition of a nature reserve and the opening of a new trail that welcomes visitors. Conservation of Creekside Rainforest Nature Reserve was made possible through grants from the Government of Canada through the Natural Heritage Conservation Program, part of Canada's Nature Fund, and the support of local donors and conservation organizations, including the Salt Spring Island Conservancy. Creekside Rainforest is accessible via Creekside Drive, through Jarrod's Grove Nature Reserve. People can now enjoy a walk through this unique natural area, but dogs need to be on a leash at all times.

Happy Victoria Day

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on Monday, May 22 - Victoria Day statutory holiday - and will reopen 9am - 4pm on Tuesday, May 23.

Advertising deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wed. May 24 edition will be Wed. May 17, noon

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A belated garden full of roses to the can-do Shaw team of Jamison, Karim and Bruce, and their

helpers, whose persistence and problem-solving skills conquered a challenging job. In a few hours, despite rain and geography, we were once more connected to the big, wide world. A testament to teamwork paying off. *Cheers, Susan & Ricardo*

Tsunami Circus sends a Big Top full of roses to everyone who provided support and volunteered their time to make our annual circus show a success. Huge thanks to the island businesses who generously donated

to our raffle, to all the Tsunami families and community volunteers who stepped up to help, and to all the islanders who came to see the show. Massive gratitude to our coaching team for your tireless dedication to the troupe. Extra appreciation and hugs to Muneera Wallace, KO Marshall, Brandice Seabrook and Stefan Peters — we couldn't have done this without you! And to our troupe members who work so hard to follow the P's of Circus: Positivity, Participation, Practice, Patience, Perseverance and Pass-it-on. We're so proud of you!

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TSUNAMI CIRCUS

Salt Spring Island Middle School may have closed at the end of the 2022 school year, but that didn't stop the Tsunami Circus program from continuing to practise and perform in the SIMS gymnasium under the umbrella of the Salt Spring Gymnastics & Circus group. Tsunami Circus presented three awe-inspiring shows called Worth It at SIMS on May 12, 13 and 14.

1. Performing on the cube are Avalon Kunneke, Sophie Hermann, Soleil Bennett-Peters, Inara Wallace and Xzana Nesbitt. PHOTO BY NICK NORTH
2. Hannah Rowthorne performs solo on the lyra hoop. PHOTO BY CASI LITTLE
3. Jade Marshall, left, and Addison Redpath-Gosset together on the lyra hoop. PHOTO BY CASI LITTLE
4. Jade Marshall high above the ground. PHOTO BY CASI LITTLE
5. Troupe members gather for a group cheer before their final show. PHOTO BY BRANDICE SEABROOK



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STEP RIGHT UP: Coakley Oppmann plays Hilda Pickle, the lead role in Salt Spring Centre School's musical comedy called *The Greatest Show*, which ran at Mahon Hall May 12 to 14. All students in the school from kindergarten through Grade 7 were in the fun-for-all-ages show directed by teacher Daniel Squizzato. The script and songs for the play with a vaudeville-steampunk-circus twist were written by Mike Horth and Jan Porter.

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CHORAL CONCERT

Elektra on ArtSpring stage



PHOTO COURTESY ELEKTRA WOMEN'S CHOIR

The Vancouver-based award-winning Elektra Women's Choir, whose May 28 afternoon performance will mark the end of the 2022/23 ArtSpring Presents season before summer activities at the arts centre start to kick in.

May 28 concert features acclaimed choir

BY KIRSTEN BOLTON
FOR ARTSPRING

A beautiful close to the ArtSpring Presents 2022/23 season comes in the ethereal form of the Elektra Women's Choir on the afternoon of Sunday, May 28.

Founded in Vancouver in 1987, Elektra has long been a leader among women's choirs. Under the direction of artistic director and renowned choral conductor Morna Edmundson, over 200 singers whose ages have ranged from 17 to 79 have been members of this national prize-winning ensemble.

The 45-voice choir is known for its adventurous programming, seeking out music written specifically for women and frequently commissioning new works.

"Our mandate is to inspire and lead in the choral art form through excellence in performance and the creation, exploration and celebration of women's repertoire," explains Edmundson.

For its performance at ArtSpring, the choir will take audience members through a poetic program

including the music of Edvard Grieg and a Shakespearian interpretation of text from *As You Like It* set to music by piano accompanist Stephen Smith.

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MORNA EDMUNDSON
*Artistic director,
Elektra Women's Choir*

Starting the concert will be Elektra's June 2022 release of *Snewiyalh t'a Stakw* (Teachings of the Water), with a score commissioned from Canadian composer T. Patrick Carra-bré. This three-year-long collaborative project with Coast Salish First Nations was conceived by co-curator and ethnomusicologist Jeanette Gallant and is a musical exploration of water teachings in First Nations cultures.

Also being presented is Elektra's most ambitious commissioning project to date: *The Lost Words: A Spell Book*. Ten Canadian composers were sent two spells each from the bestselling book celebrating nature, children and language by Robert Macfarlane and Jackie Morris. Elektra takes on *The Bird Suite*, compositions under such enchanting names as Wren, Raven, Kingfisher and Lark.

In 2010 and again in 2017 the choir took first place in the Equal Voices – women's category of the National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs. Prior to 2010, the choir was awarded first prize for women's choirs in four consecutive rounds of the biennial CBC National Choral Competition, as well as several major prizes for contemporary music performance.

While this performance ends the official ArtSpring Presents season for this year, summer will still see concerts, festivals, a theatre camp and the always popular Treasure Fair. The 2023/24 season will be announced early September.

Thank you to Regan Hunt, and Mark and Debbi Toole for sponsoring this performance.

Tickets for the May 28 show, which begins at 2:30 p.m., are on sale at tickets.artspring.ca.

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CONCERT PREVIEW

Band brings Bach and the Beatles

First Bandemonium concert with director Ben McConchie

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Being asked to lead any band is an honour — and getting invited to conduct one with three decades of history on Salt Spring? Ben McConchie practically leapt from his chair on South Pender.

The call came from Bandemonium Music Society co-founder Derrick Milton, said McConchie. And he jumped.

“To be able to conduct Bandemonium?” said McConchie, laughing. “I was like, yes! I’ll take the ferries, I’ll take the boat, I’ll do whatever I can to make it happen.”

That was back in January; this coming Sunday, McConchie debuts as musical director for the



PHOTO COURTESY BANDEMONIUM

Bandemonium director Ben McConchie leads his group in a recent rehearsal.

Bandemonium Concert Band at a Fulford Hall performance titled From Bach to the Beatles: a Magical Mystery Tour of History’s Greatest Hits.

It’s an accessible program, he said, with selections even casual music lovers may find familiar.

“We’re playing Bach, we’re playing a Mozart concerto,” said McConchie. “We’re playing some West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. We’re doing a chronological retrospective — where we were, where we are, where we’re going — over 400 years of orchestral music.”

From Bach to the Beatles also showcases the high level of musicianship that powers Bandemonium. And for a non-audition band — anyone is welcome — there’s a lot of talent packed in.

“I’ve had to do my homework and improve as a conductor, you know — get my chops together,” he chuckled. “I mean there are some incredible professional musicians there. But everyone is super chill, and funny — we’ve spent a lot of rehearsal time laughing.”

Sunday’s show begins at 2 p.m. Advance tickets are available at Mondo Trading or can be purchased at the door.

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what's on this week

Wed. May 17

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert & Homage to Alan Watts. A Good Company Entertainment Group musical show at ArtSpring. 7 p.m. Note the earlier than usual start time.
Island Writings. A Salt Spring Arts literary event featuring guest poet Philip Kevin Paul, plus Christine Smart and Chris Arnett, at Mahon Hall. Doors at 6:30 p.m. and event at 7 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Local Community Commission Election Advance Poll Day. Advance voting opportunities at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Info: crc.bc.ca/SSI-vote
Tea With Artist Diana Dean. Visit with the artist whose Showcase exhibit is now on at Salt Spring Gallery. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting. Public welcome to attend. Lower hall of Central Hall. 7 p.m.
Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Town Hall Special Meeting. Bring your questions and concerns to the LTC. Fulford Hall seniors annex. 5 to 7 p.m.
Music Bingo. Moby’s Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. May 18

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert & Homage to Alan Watts. See Wednesday listing.
Fawkes & Hound. With Salome Cullen. Mateada Lounge. 8 to 11 p.m.
Open Mic. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.
Craig’s Karaoke. At Moby’s Pub. 8 p.m. to midnight.
Dave Carl. Opening night for the 25th annual Music Under the Stars music series at the Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee Regular Business Meeting. At the SD64 Learning Hub. 9:30 a.m.
Electrify Salt Spring! Presentation Series. Batteries Will Help Us! Library Community Program Room. 7 p.m.

Fri. May 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert & Homage to Alan Watts. See Wednesday listing.
Everyday People. Moby’s Pub. 9 p.m. til 12:30 a.m.

Fri. May 19

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Synergy. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Interchill & DJ Skywater. Mateada Lounge. 9 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Karaoke. At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring. Local Community Commission candidates are the guests in the SIMS lobby. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Facilitated by Mary Richardson.
Bittancourt Museum. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free admission.
SSI Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament. First games at GISS. 5:30 p.m.

Sat. May 20

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert & Homage to Alan Watts. See Wednesday listing.
Sugar Beat. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.
Boom Booms. At the Legion. 6 p.m.
El Jose’s Cuban Party. Moby’s Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Edgar Hann, Em Walker & Adam Huber. A night of Irish and Newfoundland music. Mateada Lounge. Dinner at 6 p.m. Show at 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Saturday Market in the Park. Centennial Park market. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
SSI Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament. Games begin at 9:40 a.m. on high school, hydro and Portlock fields. See Salt Spring Island Challenge Cup – May Long Weekend on Facebook for detailed schedules and updates.
Family Adventures in Nature: Busy as a Beaver. Drop-in activity program for kids and families at Blackburn Lake Nature Centre. 1 to 4 p.m.
Push Panel Discussion: Pushing the Boundaries of Fine Craft. Ceramicist Gary Cherneff, textile artist Jane Kidd and furniture maker Peter Pierobon, along with the curator of Canadian and historical art at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Steven McNeil, explore “Is it craft or art — or perhaps both?”

Sun. May 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bandemonium Concert Band. From Bach to the Beatles: a Magical Mystery Tour of History’s Greatest Hits. Fulford Hall. 2 p.m.

Sun. May 21

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Blues Jam. Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.
El Jose’s Cuban Party. Moby’s Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Sharon Bailey Trio. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.



ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt Museum. See Friday listing.
SSI Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament. Games begin at 9:10 a.m. on high school, hydro and Portlock fields.

Mon. May 22

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Salome Cullen. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

SSI Challenge Cup Soccer Tournament. Final games start at 9 a.m. at the GISS field.

Tue. May 23

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Songwriters Circle Acoustic Open Mic. At the Legion. 6 p.m.
Gordo. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

Wed. May 24

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Nicky MacKenzie. Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

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Music Bingo. See last Wednesday’s listing.



CINEMA

• **Air** runs Friday, May 19 to Tuesday, May 23 nightly at 7 p.m., plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee. Rated PG. 1 hour 52 mins. See thefritz.ca for more movie info or phone 250-538-7718.

EXHIBITIONS

- **Push** – an exhibition and sale of fine art and craft organized by the Salt Spring National Art Prize Society runs at Mahon Hall from Friday, May 19 to Monday, May 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **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.
- **Diana Dean – Showcase** runs at Salt Spring Gallery Wednesdays through Saturdays until May 24, plus a special tea with the artist event on Wednesday, May 17, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- **The Guild Show**, featuring work by Salt Spring’s potters, weavers & spinners, basketry, woodworking, photography and printmaking guilds, opens at Mahon Hall on Wednesday, May 24 from 1 to 7 p.m., with a grand opening from 4 to 7 p.m., and then from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 25 to 28.
- **Pamela Thornley** has paintings showing in the ArtSpring lobby this month.
- **Expressions – Art Works by the Draw the Line Collective** is the May exhibit in the program room at the library.
- **Art Jam at the Laundr-O-Mat** is a show of work by Art Jam group members running through June 30.

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Student 'Genius Hour' on display at Fulford



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Fulford student Owen Dyck, right, shows his Genius Hour Lego project to younger cohorts, next to Kane Little's investigation of how many Salt Spring families could be supported by the wealth of Amazon's Jeff Bezos.

Self-directed learning initiative aims to build lifelong learners

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A student-led "Showcase of Learning" at Salt Spring Island's Fulford School was the capstone of a months-long "Genius Hour" project — a skills-building learning experience that offered a lot of freedom for Grade 6 and 7 participants.

Fulford educators Geoff Fast and Samantha Creech set aside time twice each week for students to pursue their own interests, passions and curiosity through the self-directed project. "Genius Hour" is meant to give students time from their normal structured learning to explore things that interest them.

"We kind of joked that it was a 'Genius 45 minutes'," laughed Creech, "since we did 45-minute blocks."

Each project started with students choosing an essential question that couldn't be answered simply — on any topic at all, so long as it engaged them. And with little prompting, according to Creech, the students launched into learning the answers and designing a way to present them to their peers and families.

"You're used to planning a lesson, delivering the lesson and having kids check in for understanding," said Creech. "But once we modelled the process for them, they just took off."

Students examined questions such as what role shrimp play in the Salish Sea ecosystem, or how many island families Jeff Bezos could support with his wealth, or what's involved in maintaining a successful moss terrarium. Once they had answers, they chose how to deliver them — and again, according to Creech, they had a lot of leeway.

"Some felt they were better at public speaking, standing at the front and giving a speech," said Creech. "Others made models, or did performances. I think it surprised them that there were

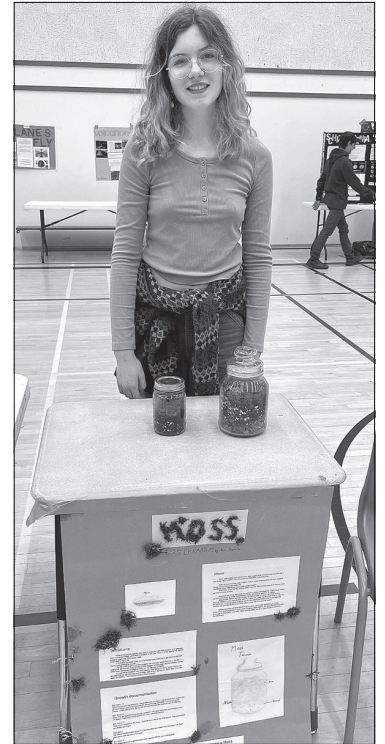


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Grade 7 student Maia Duquette with her moss project on display in the Fulford school gym at a special event on Monday, May 8.

so many ways learning could legitimately be shown — it doesn't just have to be an essay or a report."

Creech said part of the program aimed to instill the notion that learning doesn't necessarily require someone directing them — and that there was inherent value in seeking understanding outside of formal educational structure.

"Hopefully it shows that learning is a lifelong process for them," said Creech. "We don't just graduate school and stop. You can keep pursuing things and be interested in new knowledge."

What the students had to say . . .

Rex Strem, Grade 7

"I would say Genius Hour is a good project for the class because you can choose your own topic, so it can be something you're passionate about that you get to share with the school."

Maia Duquette, Grade 7

"I liked getting to learn on my own and choosing where we worked . . . I think people were really engaged in learning about my project."

What is the benefit of Genius Hour? "It gives students a chance to see how learning individually works for them."

Beatrice Lacarte, Grade 7

What was the value of Genius Hour for you? "I found the ability to learn by yourself without a guide and where you're supposed to be opened up a lot of creativity."

Cameron Kalf, Grade 6

"I really liked the research and learning part. It was fun to work on projects that could be about anything, and it felt like I had a lot more freedom with my time and choice of what I do in my time."

"I think you learn a lot and learn how to present your ideas in your own words, and show what you learned and how important it is to you."

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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

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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.

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SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Fundraising benefits The Circle Education



PHOTO COURTESY THE CIRCLE

Riley Barr presents a cheque for \$53 representing muffin sale proceeds to Marcia Jansen, The Circle Education's communications and event coordinator.

Student's bake sale and horse riding event

SUBMITTED BY THE CIRCLE

The Circle Education has received two special donations in recent weeks.

Salt Spring Centre School student Riley Barr raised \$53 for The Circle Education as part of an "act of kindness" project at his school.

Barr baked more than 30 muffins and sold them at the farm stand on Cranberry Road.

"I sold them within an hour," he said after he gifted the money to communications and event coordinator Marcia Jansen.

Barr participated in The Circle Education's Empathy Program when he was still at Salt Spring Elementary School.

"What I liked most about it is that we were taught how we could be nicer to each other. That's how I decided to do a fundraiser for The Circle Education."

Another fundraiser, which was sponsored by island horse riders and friends of Jennifer Quesnel, who was killed by her husband on the island in 2020, raised \$598 for the not-for-profit educational organization.

The Circle Education offers social-emotional learning programs in School District 64 in order to promote communities free of violence, bullying, discrimination, assault and abuse.

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Cedar Lane Water Service Commission

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Cedar Lane Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 5, 2023
Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
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Committee Membership Opportunity

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Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (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). 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. 3505 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Healthy forests can protect us from disasters

Webinar and walk with expert coming up

SUBMITTED BY TRANSITION SALT SPRING

Andria Scanlan won't ever forget the howling winds and trees that came crashing down around her house that December afternoon in 2018.

"We have a long distance view from Channel Ridge, and I could see and hear the gusts rolling in and watch the trees bending over almost to the ground before they would split and crash like thunder," she said. "It was terrifying. Power was out for 11 days, and our carport was destroyed. Thank goodness no one was hurt."

Many islanders remember that severe wind-storm that hit Salt Spring and caused widespread power outages, downed trees and property damage. Also seared into memories is the atmospheric river of 2021 that washed out many roads, and the extreme heat dome in the summer of 2021 that saw many people suffering under sweltering temperatures.

We are getting all too familiar with the effects of wildfire smoke in our skies every summer. Fortunately, we haven't experienced a catastrophic forest fire on the island yet. Nevertheless, the fire department deals with an average of nine brush fires and eight to 10 structure fires each year, which could potentially ignite a disastrous and widespread wildfire.

Climate change undoubtedly contributes to severe weather conditions, threatening our community and jeopardizing our families and homes. Our forests, however, can play a vital

role as buffers and can safeguard us against wildfires, road washouts, flooding, extreme heat, and drought, and, most importantly, preserve the quality of our drinking water.

According to forest ecologist Erik Piikkila, "Healthy forests play a super important role in reducing the impacts of climate change, such as flooding and forest fires. They act as natural defence systems, providing cooling, shading and water retention during periods of intense heat, slowing down and absorbing water and preventing road washouts during heavy rainfall. They even slow down winds during severe storms. Also, healthy forests help store water in the ground, recharging our groundwater supplies, which is critical during our summer droughts."

Piikkila comes from a forestry family from the Comox Valley and has extensive experience in the industry, working for the BC Forest Service as a forest technician for several years, and has been trained in forest ecology by world-renowned forest scientist Jerry Franklin. Piikkila has been a principal consultant with Transition Salt Spring (TSS) and plays a key role in TSS's Hwmet'utsum/Mt. Maxwell watershed restoration project. This project aims to restore a forested area in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District watershed where historical land use has made the area vulnerable to climate change and forest fires.

"Contrary to being a fire risk, healthy forests can act as natural firebreaks. A diverse, rich understory can act like a sponge, keeping the forest floor damp. This lush vegetation makes it hard for fires to start and spread," says Ruth Waldick, Ph.D. and lead scientist on the Hwmet'utsum (Mt. Maxwell) project.

Assistant Fire Chief Mitchell Sherrin says a

diverse forest is fire-resistant.

"The most resilient trees, such as Douglas-fir with their thick bark, and native ground-covers such as salal, have adapted to protect them from fire, while others, such as Garry oaks, have deep root structures helping them to regrow and regenerate after a fire. In contrast, invasive plants such as broom and gorse can power up a wildfire, fuelling the fire due to their naturally flammable oils. There are no real problems with the native species; they are perfectly adapted to fire."

Although our island is covered by 14,000 hectares of forest, over the last century, the Coastal Douglas-fir zone on Salt Spring Island has undergone changes due to logging, housing, road building and other human activities. Many of these forests have been replanted and consist of second- and third-growth trees of the same age and type, which have grown very close together with very few large old trees. These plantations have altered a naturally fire-resistant and diverse ecosystem to one vulnerable to fire and severe weather. Forest ecologists call these single-species forests "monocultures" or "tree plantations."

Many of these forests don't hold water well and lack the native understory that prevents washouts and flooding in extreme rain. Salal, Oregon grape, ocean spray, moss and lichen mats contribute to a healthy understory.

Over 75 per cent of Salt Spring's forests are owned by private landowners, which gives most of us a unique opportunity to play a big role in ensuring that the forests are kept healthy and resilient to the effects of climate change.

"Individual property owners can play a crucial role in maintaining healthy forests to

protect themselves against climate emergencies," says Piikkila. "We need to manage the forests in a way that restores some of the biodiversity and complexity that made them naturally resistant to fires. Thinning tightly packed trees can create small gaps in the canopy, allowing light to reach the ground, which encourages the growth of saplings and understory vegetation. These gaps also reduce the risk of fire moving across the forest canopy. Removing invasive plants and leaving some dead standing trees and large logs on the ground as moisture sponges are a few actions landowners can take."

Transition Salt Spring is committed to helping islanders care for their forests through collaborative partnerships and building upon the Maxwell watershed restoration project, which has gathered a community of partners to share expertise and the latest science to apply on the ground. As part of this effort, TSS is rolling out workshops for islanders and practitioners to exchange lessons learned and promote knowledge sharing.

Reflecting on the damage from the wind-storm that hit Salt Spring in 2018, Scanlan shares, "If I had known then what I know now about how a healthy forest can stop trees from coming down under high winds, perhaps the damage wouldn't have been so severe. It's never too late to learn and take action."

If you want to learn more about healthy forests and protect your home from climate emergencies, register for Transition Salt Spring's upcoming webinar on Thursday, June 1 or a field trip walk in Duck Creek on June 4, both with forest ecologist Piikkila.

Register at tinyurl.com/Healthy-Forests.

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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 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

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Bylaw No. 3693 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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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 four days prior to the meeting.

Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911, real property owners or residents in the Fernwood and Highland 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 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.

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Bylaw No. 3911 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Windsor Plywood ownership group expands

Two younger leaders brought on board

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Windsor Plywood announced this week that Jess Harkema and Adam Geddes have joined the business' ownership group of Mike Stefancsik, Ken Marr and Gordon McEwan, ensuring local control and a seamless transition to the future.

Both Harkema and Geddes have been in leadership roles with Windsor for the past two years, and helped ensure the company survived and thrived after the devastating fire of June 2021.

"They have really shown very effective leadership in our company, and their capacity to learn and pick things up has been phenomenal," Marr said last week. "And they just seemed like an ideal fit for the Windsor system."

Geddes came to Windsor Plywood with 15-plus years of experience in the hardware and building supply industry, starting his career with Home Hardware and then Dick's Lumber on the Lower Mainland.

Harkema comes from a business background both in education and from having owned her own business. In 2019, she returned to Salt Spring, where she was born and raised, for her previous role as Chamber of Commerce executive director. She joined Windsor Plywood in 2021, where she has been learning the industry and business inside and out since then.

"We're very excited for the future, because it's been very important and weighing very heavily on Mike and I that we depart this business leaving our community in good shape," said Marr, adding that they have had opportunities to sell to a big-box chain company, but did not want to take that route.

Stefancsik said staff and customers won't see any changes at Windsor because Geddes and Harkema understand the workplace culture he and Marr have created over the past 23 years.

"The way we empower our staff and the way we deal with our customers; how that works is important to us," Stefancsik said, "and these two completely get it."

"I think the fire and our recovery bonded us as a team," observed Marr, noting that everyone had to trust each other and just dive in to take care of the tasks in front of them. "There are certain jobs that need to be done. They're not all pleasant, but they have to be done, and it was a great bonding experience."

Harkema agreed.

Despite the obvious challenges of setting up in a temporary home on Rainbow Road and shifting some activities to the company's Beddis Road yard, the team barely missed a beat in serving their customers.

"We had an extremely successful summer working out of really unfortunate conditions [in 2021]," said Harkema, "and then we've continued that momentum through to today."

Geddes, who moved to Salt Spring with his wife just before the onset of the pandemic in 2020, stresses the importance of the business' community focus.

"Jess and I both feel strongly that community is important. And it's nice to see a Salt Spring business stay local, and allow us the flexibility to grow with the community and what it needs."

And how's the replacement building project coming along?

"We believe we are in the final legs of the [Islands Trust] development permit phase," said Marr. Acquiring a building permit is the next step, but no problems are anticipated, he said.

Windsor Plywood Salt Spring opened in 1976 and moved to the current Rainbow Road site in 1985. Marr, Stefancsik and McEwan began their business partnership and purchased the business in 2000, and



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From left, Jess Harkema, Ken Marr, Mike Stefancsik and Adam Geddes in front of new Windsor Plywood site and building plans. While Marr and Stefancsik say they are not yet ready to retire, they are happy to have a succession plan by bringing Harkema and Geddes into the ownership circle.

In 2019 Windsor Plywood expanded their operation to include the Beddis yard. Over the years, Windsor Plywood Salt Spring has received many business awards, including Store of the Year among 60 other Windsor outlets five times over, and was named Business of the Year through the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce on two occasions.



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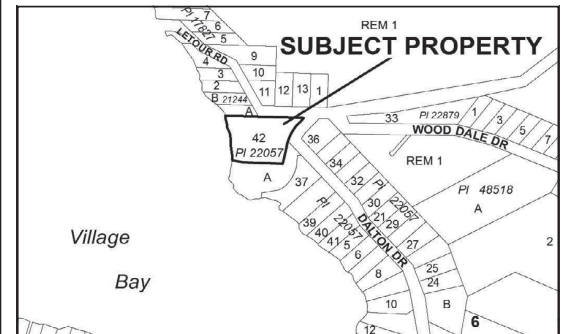
NOTICE MA-TUP-2023.1 MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 494 of the *Local Government Act* that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit. The proposed permit would apply to LOT 42, SECTION 6, MAYNE ISLAND, COWICHAN DISTRICT, PLAN 22057 (PID: 003-306-283). This property is located at 487 Letour Road.

The purpose of the temporary use permit is to provide temporary workforce housing for a maximum of six (6) employees.

The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the attached proposed permit. The permit would be issued for one (1) year and the owner may apply to the LTC to have it renewed once for an additional three (3) years.

The general location of the subject property is shown on the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing **May 8, 2023** and continuing up to and including **May 19, 2023**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 499(2)(c) of the *Local Government Act*, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Charly Caproff, Planner 1 at (250) 405-5172, for Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC 1-800-663-7867; or by fax (250) 405-5155; or by email to: southinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca before 4:30 p.m., **May 19, 2023**.

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the regular business meeting starting at **1:30 p.m., May 29th, 2023** at the **Mayne Island Agricultural Hall**, 430 Fernhill Road, on Mayne Island.

All applications are available for review by the public with prior appointment. Written comments made in response to this notice will also be available for public review.

Jas Chonk, Deputy Secretary

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.

Please submit your letter of interest and background information no later than **June 1, 2023** to:

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Margaret (Meg) Hodges
née Wilson
JULY 4, 1932 - MAY 8, 2023

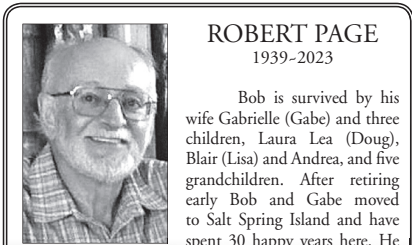
Margaret (Meg) Hodges née Wilson. Born 4th July 1932 in Linton, Cambridgeshire, England. Died 8th May 2023 on Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada. Daughter of Hugh and Nora Wilson.

Educated at the Perse School, Cambridge and Reading University, but Meg would say she has never stopped learning, being especially interested in history, literature, philosophy, and theology, but also learning some science from her parents and sons.

Meg loved Salt Spring Island, which in some ways reminded her of her dearly loved Linton. Her interest in nature had been awakened by her father who used to take his children on long cycle rides in the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside.

Meg was predeceased by her brother, Edward Hugh Wilson. She leaves 5 dearly loved children – Lindsay, Kathy, Robin, Fraser, and Alastair, as well as 13 precious grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of life will be held at All Saints by the Sea Anglican Church on May 18th 2023 at 2pm.



ROBERT PAGE
1939-2023

Bob is survived by his wife Gabrielle (Gabe) and three children, Laura Lea (Doug), Blair (Lisa) and Andrea, and five grandchildren. After retiring early Bob and Gabe moved to Salt Spring Island and have spent 30 happy years here. He worked at several part time jobs over those years and made many friends in the community.

Our thanks go out to the health care workers who helped Bob stay at home for as long as possible and to Dr. Ron Reznick for all his care.



KURT HANS HUGO FROST
April 18, 1935 - April 20, 2023

I had known Kurt for over 31 years here on Salt Spring Island. He was a mentor, a teacher but most of all a very good friend.

His life reads like an adventure/travel novel and here I'll try to do it some justice.

He was born and raised in Rangsdorf, Germany in 1935; by 1945 that had become a part of Communist East Germany. His desire to travel began at the early age of 3-4 years.

Having completed his trade in boat building, he departed the East in 1954-55 and headed for the West. His travels eventually took him halfway around the world to Australia, mostly on a moped. Along the way he passed through Switzerland, France, Spain, Morocco, the Belgian Congo, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, India and Southeast Asia, before reaching Darwin, Australia. He met and married his wife Pat in Johannesburg, South Africa.

In Sidney, Australia, he/they built their first boat — a 36' ketch, "Safari Two" — and sailed back to England over a period of two years, stopping at Durban, South Africa to work, and crossing the Atlantic twice on the way. After arriving in England, the boat was sold to another couple who became lifelong friends. They had owned the boat for about 47 years.

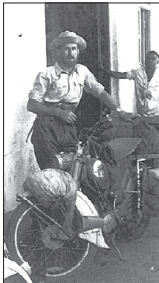
Kurt built another ketch, the 50' "Desert Flower" in Germany, and continued travelling the Mediterranean, Atlantic, Caribbean and the Pacific, landing in Victoria, B.C. in 1975. After separating he moved to Salt Spring in 1987. His adventures continued sailing the local water in his sloop "Merry Trotter", hiking and canoeing in the wilderness of Northern B.C. and the Yukon with friends and his dog. In later years he travelled to New Zealand and Germany, but his heart was always in the wilderness.

As a wood worker he excelled, building his own home and most of the furniture in it. He turned his talents and creativity to wood turning, creating beautiful pieces in his shop and displaying and selling them in his tiny studio.

He was a good man, and I'll miss our 3 p.m. Sunday coffees. In his last year or so he struggled with the onset of dementia, ending up in hospital on Salt Spring and spent his last days at Sidney All Care Residence, Sidney.

I would like to thank a few people, of the many, who helped Kurt and myself immensely in getting through this period. Christa of Salt Spring, a very good friend, visited Kurt constantly at Lady Minto and Sidney; Angelika, a niece from Germany came to help with the house with Helmut; Angela of Lady Minto Hospital, who patiently helped guide me through the system, and Nick, LPN from Sidney All Care, who always wrote back to me and answered all my questions. Kurt seemed to respond to his voice most days. Thank all of you again for your help and kindness.

- Roderick Macdonald



Caren Larsson
passed away on
December 15th 2022.

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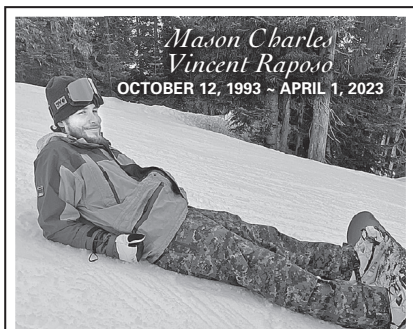
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Mason Charles Vincent Raposo
OCTOBER 12, 1993 - APRIL 1, 2023

Mason Charles Vincent Raposo of Salt Spring Island, BC cherished son, brother, nephew, cousin and friend entered into rest on April 1, 2023. Mason was born on October 12, 1993 at Victoria General Hospital to Dianne and John and big brother Myles.

Mason was always a very kind, gentle and loving soul. He was a deep thinker and a lover of animals; especially his beloved pets Trinket and Daisy-Mae. He had a big heart and a smile for everyone. Mason was very passionate about collecting video games, comic books, Magic cards, Warhammer novels and other collectables of this type. He loved to share this passion with friends and would regularly meet up to play with his buddies or play online with his brother Myles.

Mason graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 2010. He worked on the BC Ferries and most recently for his father John and lifelong friend of the family James Cameron. He was a hard worker and always showed up ready to take on any task. His ability to learn fast was evident as he displayed talented results in his work, both in landscaping and hardwood flooring that can still be found in many homes all over this island.

Mason was predeceased by his grandmothers Maria and Audrey, his Uncle Leo and cousin Cody. Mason is lovingly remembered and will be forever missed by his parents John and Dianne, his brother Myles, his aunts, cousins and friends.

A service to celebrate Mason's life will be held on June 3, 2023 at The Community Gospel Church from 11:30am to 1:00pm. This will be followed by food and drinks at the Legion from 1:00pm to 7:00pm.

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NOTICE

Notice of intention to dispose of a vessel under section 39 of the Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act

Jenny - 28ft green sailing vessel - located in Ganges Harbour, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia, is currently considered to be abandoned.

This notice serves as official notice of the Minister's intention to dispose of this vessel after 30 days from which this notice was given. Should you have any questions, you may contact, Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program at NPPAC-PPNPAC@tc.gc.ca or 604-775-8867 and reference file W2023-502485.

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SPORTS + RECREATION

TOURNAMENT

Long weekend soccer action fills the fields

Thirty-three teams participate in annual event

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A May Long Weekend sports event that's been a Salt Spring tradition since 1985 is back. The 36th annual Salt Spring Island Challenge Cup literally kicks off this Friday as island soccer clubs host teams across four different fields — the lower and upper fields at Gulf Islands Secondary School (GISS), the Hydro field and at Portlock Park. Some 33 teams will take part this year, and there will be food vendors and a beer garden at GISS

Friday through Monday. The May Long event will feature Salt Spring women's rec team the Tackle Boxes taking on the visiting Violet Offenders Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the lower GISS field; local men's competitive division teams AFC Gauntlet and Sons of Pitches clash there at 6:40 p.m. Saturday and Sunday will also see local women's comp team SSI, men's rec team We Dem Boyz and men's O35 team Salty Balls; finals will take place Monday. The full schedule is available at saltspringmaylong.com as well as on the Salt Spring Island Challenge Cup Facebook page.

PADDLING

Dragons earn festival silver

First races of the season

BY DONNA COCHRAN
FOR SPIRIT POINT DRAGONS

In their first dragon boat festival of the season, Salt Spring's Spirit Point Dragons won silver at the Fairway Gorge Super Sprints on Sunday, May 7. The Sprints are a 200-metre race, which the organizers describe as "quick and crazy." The sold-out festival hosted 17 women's teams and 17 mixed teams competing in three races: a placement heat, semi-final and final. Spirit Point's combined race times for their first two races gave them a place in the Mixed B Final. The final race was an exhilarating sprint — fast off the start line and furious down the 200-m course with Spirit Point, Weilong and No Drama Llamas nose to nose. The three teams crossed the finish line in an eye-popping photo finish with Weilong taking gold with a time of 1:01.444, Spirit Point taking silver with 1:01.578 and No Drama Lla-

mas with 1:01.594. You know it's close when the difference between gold and bronze is .15 of a second! Team paddlers included Shari Macdonald, Donna Cochran, Cora Platz, Lisana Dodd, Sheena Frisch, Audrey Denton, Wendy McEachern, Sam Goddard, Melynda Okulitch, Michael Peirce, Ann Marie Davidson, Lynda Green, Andrew Okulitch and (coach) Mary Rowles. She paddled with the team while Fairway Gorge Paddling Club staffer Derek Chow took her place and did a great job as caller/drummer. Many thanks go to our guest paddlers Jamie Andrews, Pippa Turney, Karen Young, Tricia Johnson, Suzanne Moss and Emily Wright, with a special shout out to our manager Barry Green. It was a great start to a new paddling season after three years of not much competition. The Dragons team is actively recruiting new members. The team practises Mondays and Thursdays on St. Mary Lake from 5:30 to 7 p.m. New paddlers of all ages are welcome. Contact Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES Despite mounting fatigue and poor health, you won't let yourself be bogged down. You'll do what it takes to feel energized and pull yourself out of the funk that's been slowing you down.
TAURUS A friend may betray your trust. You'll get rid of freeloading and energy-sucking friends. This will allow you to spend more time with the people you love.
GEMINI You'll plan a critical project. You'll also demonstrate your talents and skills in front of many people, putting you in an excellent position to get promoted.
CANCER You'll be overwhelmed with a desire to travel. You'll quickly contact a travel agency to ensure you have the perfect summer holiday. You may also sign up for a training course.

LEO All your attention will be focused on specific emotions. You feel a great need for change. New clothes or a new hairstyle could be just what the doctor ordered.
VIRGO Your happiness will fluctuate. Make a point of getting together with the people you love to raise your spirits. You'll have fun at work this week.
LIBRA You'll have a lot to do when you go back to work. You'll take an organized and methodical approach to check off several tasks weighing you down. Don't procrastinate.
SCORPIO You'll do something outside your comfort zone. You could also accomplish a brilliant feat and outdo yourself in the process. You'll undoubtedly feel proud of yourself.
SAGITTARIUS You don't have to look far to find happiness: home and

WEEK OF MAY 14 TO 20, 2023 The luckiest signs this week: Aries, Taurus and Gemini

family matter most. Don't hesitate to gather your loved ones around the table, if only to celebrate the arrival of good weather.
CAPRICORN You can't keep living like this; change is needed. You may find the financial means to embark on a new adventure, such as buying a house or starting a business.
AQUARIUS Getting a bit of exercise will ease your worries. If you're in a new relationship, you'll feel a strong need for affection and commitment. However, you may feel worried about losing your freedom.
PISCES You must act now to be successful. You know how to make your dreams come true. If you're moving this summer, you might want to start packing a few boxes, so you don't stress out at the last minute.

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TIDE TABLES

at Fulford Harbour

MAY 2023 PST (UTC-8h)
When using Daylight Saving Time, one hour must be added to the predicted time in the table

DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET	DAY	TIME	METRES	FEET
17	0223	3.2	10.5	21	0010	2.8	9.2
	0926	0.8	2.6		0356	3.0	9.8
	WE 1647	2.8	9.2		SU 1143	0.3	1.0
18	ME 2107	2.3	7.5	22	DI 2018	3.4	11.2
	0244	3.2	10.5		0121	2.8	9.2
	0958	0.5	1.6		0421	2.9	9.5
19	TH 1746	3.1	10.2	23	MO 1222	0.3	1.0
	JE 2204	2.5	8.2		LU 2105	3.4	11.2
	0306	3.1	10.2		0242	2.8	9.2
20	1032	0.4	1.3	24	0443	2.9	9.5
	FR 1839	3.2	10.5		TU 1301	0.4	1.3
	VE 2305	2.7	8.9		MA 2151	3.4	11.2
SA 1929	0330	3.1	10.2	SA	1341	0.6	2.0
	1107	0.3	1.0		2233	3.3	10.8
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MORE INFO

Liquor & Cannabis Regulation Branch Lounge Area Endorsement
Subject Property Address: 109 McPhillips Ave, SSI
Parcel Identifier Number: 006-262-998
Application: SS-LCB-2023.1

OPEN HOUSE

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is being proposed?
Canna Northwest Enterprises Inc has applied to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for a Non-Medical Cannabis Retail Store Licence.

The application is for:
1) Unit 105 - 109 McPhillips Ave.
2) Hours of operation Mondays - Sundays between 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

As the local government, the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (SS LTC) is requested to consider the application for this endorsement. Public input on this application is being sought. The SS LTC may consider a decision on this application at their meeting June 22, 2023, to be held at the 64 Learning Hub (122 Rainbow Road) or via Zoom (see Islands Trust Meetings and Minutes webpage for details).

How do I get more information?
Copies of the application are available for review at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Submissions
Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by **June 21, 2023**. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

When:
Thursday
May 25, 2023
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Where:
Online via Zoom
<https://islandstrust.t.zoom.us/j/66852603926>


Who should attend?
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaw.

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