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BC ELECTION

Voters pack theatre for MLA debate

Hopefuls work to woo voters as campaign enters final stretch

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

From strengthening the healthcare system to child-care, affordable housing and environmental protection, a wide range of topics were touched on by MLA hopefuls at Salt Spring Island's all-candidates debate Wednesday, Oct. 9.

With advance voting beginning the next day, constituents filled every seat — and then some — at ArtSpring for the evening event, moderated by Valeska San Martin and co-hosted by the Driftwood and the Salt Spring Forum. Independent candidate Amy Haysom shared the stage with David Busch from the BC Conservatives, Rob Botterell of the BC Greens and the NDP's candidate Sarah Riddell, and after brief opening remarks the four spent most of their time fielding audience questions.

Despite seemingly little daylight between candidates when identifying the riding's problems, each highlighted a different strategy to solve them; all four agreed there was insufficient affordable housing, for example, but proffered their own ideas about creating more. Riddell advocated for "direct and timely" government investment in affordable housing on public land, as well as landlord protections to nudge new rentals to market.

"We can have factory-built homes [completed] in 12 weeks," said Riddell. "We also have subsidized [rental] insurance in our platform for landlords, intended to encourage folks to rent out available spaces they already have."

Haysom praised current Capital Regional District efforts led by Justine Stark on the district's rural housing pilot project, emphasizing the importance of finding solutions on Salt Spring Island in particular — and of her personal understanding of the problem as a long-time renter.

"We are struggling," said Haysom. "And meanwhile, people on a fixed income are spending most of their income on housing. We need alternative housing."

Busch directed voters to the BC Conservatives' website, highlighting examples of how bad the problem has become.

"Every time I come to the island over the last decade, I've seen more and more of the RVs, more and more of the homelessness," said Busch. "We have a BC Ferries captain living in an RV because he can't afford housing out here."

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MLA candidates talk issues, strategic voting



PHOTOS BY ROBB MAGLEY

Lighter moments during Salt Spring Island's all-candidates debate at ArtSpring Wednesday, Oct. 9, brought smiles and a few laughs from those running to fill the Saanich North and the Islands seat vacated by departing MLA Adam Olsen. From left are Rob Botterell, BC Green Party; Sarah Riddell, NDP; Amy Haysom, independent; and David Busch, BC Conservative Party.

CANDIDATES

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And Botterell pointed to the Green Party's proposal to support a non-profit housing fund — to the tune of \$1.5 billion annually.

"That's what we need, non-market housing," said Botterell. "And if we hold the balance of power, you can be sure that's going to be in the confidence and supply agreement."

As might be expected in a race for a seat open due to the retirement of a popular minority-party MLA — and one with an independent running without party backing — candidates largely made their cases through, or in defiance of, recent history and electoral mathematics. Riddell's answers were often couched in reminders of popular NDP initiatives, while entreating voters not to "split the vote" in such a way that might benefit the Conservatives.

"The last time a popular Green [MLA] stepped down, they lost the seat by a landslide," said Riddell, advising a vote for her and the NDP party was necessary "if you don't want to see [BC Conservative] John Rustad as your premier, if you don't want to bring back plastic bags or straws or level our old growth, or expand LNG or set back reconciliation with First Nations by decades."

Meanwhile, Botterell opined that "strategic" voting — "Do I have to vote NDP, although I'd like to vote Green because that will keep the Conservatives out?" — risked losing the advantages of vocal opposition.

"I understand that," said Botterell. "But I also want you to think about who can actually hold the government's feet to the fire, who can actually spend the time with you to work as hard as possible on the housing, on the transportation, on the healthcare, and who is committed to actually have a carbon tax and fight for the environment."

Haysom urged people to "vote from your heart," characterizing strategic voting strategies as rhetoric from parties wishing to "maintain the status quo."

"Strategic, schneegic," said Haysom. "I will be connecting with all parties outside of the Legislative Assembly; David [Busch]

and I had a wonderful carpool together where we had healthy conversation — it is possible — about all the key issues. I will be that strong voice in the divided legislature."

For his part, Busch dipped into the classics.

"I've knocked on a lot of doors," he said, "and asked people, 'are you better off today than you were four years ago, than you were seven years ago?' And I see a lot of head shaking. You have a decision to make. Do we want to keep this as a Green riding? Do we want to see the NDP still empowered? Or do you want to see a different approach, so that we can turn around the ever-increasing opioid deaths on our streets, so we can save our healthcare system to make sure it's there for us today and our kids tomorrow?"

Video of the 90-minute debate can be watched online at gulfislandsdriftwood.com or via saltspringforum.com. Election day is Saturday, Oct. 19; people should consult their voting cards or elections.bc.ca for voting locations.

Today, Oct. 16, is the last day for advance voting at Community Gospel Chapel on Salt Spring, Pender Islands School, Mary Winspear Centre (Sidney) and Stelly's Secondary School in Saanich.

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HEALTH

Fall vaccines available

Flu, Covid immunization campaign begins as virus levels rise in wastewater

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Notifications for islanders to book respiratory virus shots are already being sent out, according to B.C.'s health officials, who said everyone registered for the provincial Get Vaccinated system would be offered opportunities to schedule flu and Covid immunizations this fall.

Priority invitations started at the beginning of October, according to the Ministry of Health. B.C.'s Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) reported elevated Covid-19 activity and "minimal" indications of influenza and RSV, noting persistently high levels

of SARS-CoV-2 found in wastewater testing. Similar to last year, the proportion of primary care and emergency department visits for respiratory illness is also rising, according to the BCCDC, which updates surveillance data weekly on Thursdays during the winter.

"If you've received a dose of Covid-19 vaccine in B.C., you're already registered with the Get Vaccinated system," according to a statement from the ministry. "You only need to register once."

All registered residents will eventually receive an email or SMS text, although priority populations — including healthcare workers, clinically extremely vulnerable people, seniors and children — will be the first to get invitations.

Vaccines are available at public health units, through some doctors and at pharmacies. If you need to register, visit getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca or call 833-838-2323.

LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Penelakut Chief addresses LTC

First Nation 'ready to engage' with community and land use authority

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Land-use officials on Salt Spring received a personal message from local First Nations leadership, as Penelakut Chief Chakeenakwaut Pam Jack attended the island's Oct. 10 Local Trust Committee (LTC) meeting to signal hope for a renewed partnership — and an intent to engage.

Elected this year, Jack had visited Galiano Island just days before, part of what she said was a long-overdue re-establishment of community connection to islands important to the Penelakut Mustimuxw.

"It saddens me to hear we haven't been an active entity within Salt Spring and Galiano," said Jack. "I want to say to our Salt Spring community, and the [Islands] Trust, that I'm really sorry that we haven't been involved in the past."

That would be changing, Jack said, adding she was there on behalf of her elders and people to deliver a message of "unwavering interest" in working with Salt Spring's resi-

dents and local government going forward. While noting the Penelakut Mustimuxw never relinquished rights to their lands, Jack nevertheless said she was not there "in opposition" to anyone.

"We come to you in the spirit of partnership and good faith," said Jack, "seeking to work with you to ensure that our people have a strong foothold on our ancestral land. Our goal is not to disrupt or cause conflict, but to establish a strong foundation and understanding in cooperation with one another."

Jack's appearance is the first time in memory a Penelakut Chief has addressed the LTC so directly, although leadership have expressed government-to-government interest in specific issues, such as opposition to the sablefin hatchery at Walker Hook in 2003 and the 2012 to 2014 efforts against development on burial cairns at Grace Islet.

"The stories I hear from my grandparents, we used to be out in our sister communities all the time," said Jack. "Island life is a unique way of living, and quite often, we need to support each other to ensure we continue to thrive; that's always been our teachings. My grandparents never waited to be asked to do something; you see what needs to be done, and you do it."

Jack said she was fundamentally delivering a message on behalf of

their elders and community that the Penelakut Chief and Council were ready to engage in open and constructive dialogue, "to build a future where the Penelakut Mustimuxw can thrive on the land that we have sustained for generations."

Thanking her for coming, LTC chair Tim Peterson expressed his appreciation Jack made the time to attend the meeting, something new he said he hoped would continue.

"I hope that we're at the beginning," said Peterson, "of building strong, durable relationships."

The Islands Trust Council recently voted to again request the government of B.C. conduct a legislative review of that body, in part over what it believes are systemic obstacles to meaningful reconciliation with First Nations.

Salt Spring's Capital Regional District director Gary Holman, who also attended the LTC meeting during Jack's presentation, later called her message "gracious" and a clear indication local government can expect more direct interaction with First Nations leadership.

"I think of how many of us attended the recent event with the Penelakut elders at Fernwood," said Holman. "Or back [in 2014] for Grace Islet rallies. It's always been the case on Salt Spring that when First Nations indicate there's something important to them, Salt Spring responds."

GANGES HILL

Second work zone in place this week

Flaggers on two stretches of Fulford-Ganges Road until Oct. 18

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Islanders may do a double-take this week, as a temporary second work zone is expected to snarl traffic further on Salt Spring Island's busiest road.

The Fulford-Ganges Road improvement project will be joined by an additional single-lane alternating-traffic section, according to a special notice issued Oct. 11 from contractors Northridge Excavating Ltd., who said the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) had identified a need for further exploratory work.

"Unfortunately, this work was unexpected," said project manager Bob Mitchell, "but has to be done in a timely manner — hence the short notice."

The second work zone began Tuesday and will run through Friday, Oct. 18. Mitchell said having two work zones will increase the chance of traffic delays. Both zones will be in operation from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

The 1.6-kilometre stretch of Fulford-Ganges Road from Seaview Avenue to Cranberry Road — known locally as Ganges Hill — is expected to be completed by November 2025. MoTI officials have said contractors will be resurfacing and widening the road as part of the \$22.9-million project, with improvements including paved shoulders for pedestrians and cyclists — a 1.2-metre-wide shoulder heading north (or downhill into Ganges) and 1.8 metres in the southbound direction, as well as pedestrian crossings and refuge areas.

INFRASTRUCTURE

New pedestrian, bike path planned for Rainbow Road

Province could fund project up to 70 per cent

BY ROBB MAGLEY
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring officials are taking a run at provincial funding that could cover most of a nearly half-million-dollar project, potentially adding 180 metres of pedestrian and bike pathway to Rainbow Road.

Salt Spring's Local Community Commission (LCC) had jumped at the chance to apply for a grant under B.C.'s Active Transportation Infrastructure Program, and on Wednesday, Oct. 9 the broader Capital Regional District (CRD) board approved the proposal, instructing staff to apply for the grant and oversee its management if successful.

Commissioners unanimously voted to recommend improvement for the stretch of Rainbow Road from Lower Ganges Road to Jackson Avenue, identified as a "highly used" priority connection between Ganges Harbour, downtown Ganges and both schools. In addition, staff noted the path would provide residents and

visitors safer access between parking areas along Rainbow Road to the downtown core, particularly on busy Saturday Market days. Draft planning documents call for a 1.5-metre sidewalk and 1.5-metre bike lane on the south side of that roadway.

B.C.'s grant funding portion of the cost could be up to \$315,000 for construction, according to CRD's analysis, supported by as much as \$135,000 budgeted from the LCC's financial plan. The Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program requires local government contribute at least 30 per cent of project costs.

According to CRD staff, that could include Community Works funding or capital reserves, as well as public donations. CRD director and LCC member Gary Holman has said part of the local funding source included dollars set aside from Islands Trust development permit contributions to sidewalk reserves.

An additional \$25,000 will be budgeted, according to CRD staff, to acquire property rights from some private landowners along the path where needed to ensure wheelchair access.

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Fulford Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3248 (Fulford Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2004), residents within the Fulford Water Local Service Area are invited to attend a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting:

Fulford Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5

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

Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3248, real property owners or residents in the Fulford Water Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2025.

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). There are two positions expiring December 31, 2024.

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. 3248 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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EDITORIAL

Sizing them up

There seems to be a particular type of voter itch that can't be scratched online.

As the overwhelming majority of political discourse on Salt Spring, in Canada and around the world continues to be held "remotely" (in one way or another), one might be excused for wondering why we thought it important to physically gather four MLA candidates onto a theatre stage — or even why they might agree to such a thing.

It's not a matter of reaching more voters; the numbers favour online viewing. Indeed, twice as many have viewed the debate video in the past week than could've fit in ArtSpring's comfy seats for the Oct. 9 all-candidates debate, and more still will read about it in print.

It can't be policy clarity; governance is complicated, and issues are interconnected. The idea any candidate could field a question and answer more fulsomely in the two minutes the format demands than in an email — or on their website — is laughable.

So how did the seeming anachronism of an in-person debate turn into a standing-room-only event on a Wednesday night?

The truth is that while many voters might've had some idea about what answer a candidate might give to a particular question, we all showed up that night to see how they gave it. There's an understanding that politics — even in an age of Zoom meetings, emailed feedback and remote delegations — is as much about character as policy. And that's still tough to pin down through a screen.

Islanders have come to expect every candidate grasp the issues and advocate for their riding; what we're looking for at these in-person events is that elusive personable quality — some evidence they've got an agreeable, collaborative spirit, and an ability to find that common ground we know is critical to good governance.

We were delighted to see candidates display their humanity as thoroughly as their thoughtfulness, felt most attendees saw at least one person on stage that could do the job, and are satisfied to know the epitaph for the in-person debate will continue to languish in draft. Many thanks to the Salt Spring Forum and to the public for joining us.



Protecting Baker Beach

BY DEBBIE MAGNUSSON

In the late 1980s, Sheila Sayer, working for Community Services, and I started Parents for Playgrounds. As an elementary school teacher, it had become harsh to watch kids knock out their teeth on the metal and cement playground equipment. Centennial Park's playground changed first and soon the school district recognized the benefits of having newer equipment and pea gravel as a softer landing material.

I mention this personal background because I have a new worry. It is that another "playground" (aka Salt Spring's much-used recreation site, Baker Road Beach) could be in jeopardy. Many islanders know Baker Road Beach for its trail loop of beach heading north to the Quarry Road stairs and trail that then goes through forest back to Baker Road Beach. Many islanders walk, swim, socialize and play on this beach. Many generations of children climb, learn balance, hide, build and engage in all kinds of creative play with the driftwood and logs and land on the natural beach. The beach is a wealth of wildlife, spawning and natural beauty.

A Notice of Application was filed in March 2024 by four property owners, although only recently posted. There is a notice at the end of the Baker Road staircase. If you investigate the website, you can learn that the intention is make changes to 560 metres (half a kilometre.) of beach. That, in my opinion, is a long stretch of public land, Crown land. Apparently, one of the intentions is to barge in "nourishment" the beach. But isn't the beach already a healthy, diverse ecosystem? Have biologists, oceanographers and marine scientists determined there is a need for erosion prevention or, indeed, any immediate concern about this beach?

So, what then is the motivation for the application? It is not easy to determine from

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the information online. So, it is only a guess that there is personal motivation. Protection of land?

It would be very helpful if the property owners could be more public about their intentions. They are following the rules. But for major changes to Crown land that is well used by islanders and visitors, it seems like more should be done to inform people. Look how much revision was needed for planned changes to Portlock Park. Should four property owners be given permission to affect such a significant stretch of public land?

Right now the only recourse is to send comments, questions and concerns to the Steward of Land, Water and Resources: Applications, Comments & Reasons for Decision (gov.bc.ca) Re: File #1415573. I wish I had thought to ask our candidates for MLA how they would support further inquiry and protect the beach. In my opinion, this is a big deal, possibly precedent setting.

Voicing "Comments, Questions and Reasons for Decision" should happen sooner rather than later as there is Nov. 13 deadline. That's not much time so, spread your opinions through the Driftwood, SS Exchange and the other forums that will urge people to use the above link and write their thoughts. It would be too late to effectively change plans once the barge(s) are in the waters across from the beach. Too late if the machine(s) are rolling across the rocks and crabs and oysters. Too late if the logs are removed. Too late if new high-tide lines are built up and beachfront lost. We don't know enough, and imagination can run wild.

Please join me and, hopefully, put my new recreation/playground worry to rest. Protect Baker Road Beach from private needs that may be unnecessary or harmful to a much-loved public beach.

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LETTERS to the editor

Another try at litigation

I am writing concerning last week's article titled "LMHF sues BC Housing for \$1.3M." This case follows legal cases initiated by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) during the 2022 and 2023 years with the tenants being defendants as well as Salt Spring Island Community Services being defendants.

BC Housing and the Provincial Rental Housing Corporation were third parties to the lawsuits. The main claims of damages were to do with the timeline of being able to deconstruct the former Seabreeze Inne and to begin to build the new housing.

As the inne remained occupied, it was not possible to work on deconstruction, causing the LMHF effort to miss crucial deadlines, according to their points that are also described in the Driftwood article.

I am writing to note that the timeline would have been held back regardless of whether or not the building was occupied due to the inability to use the septic field at 101 Bittancourt Rd. It is unknown at what point the LMHF learned that the septic field would not be able to be used for the new development they have planned for the site.

As the idea of the septic not being able to be used for the housing plans of LMHF was not on the radar at the time, it seems unusual to relitigate against PRHC and BC Housing at this time.

I note that the article repeats claims that were not proven in court and these allega-

tions are being fed into the pursuit of damages based on allegations already brought before the courts that did not amount to a payout to LMHF.

I am just noting that this is another try at litigation and these matters were litigated before and it did not amount to a win for LMHF.

JENNY MCCLEAN,

SALT SPRING

Drought of fairness

Our electoral system is skewed in favour of party-affiliated candidates, leaving independents (unaffiliated) disadvantaged.

The drought of fairness experienced by independent (or unaffiliated) candidates intent on serving as a member of the legislative assembly or members of parliament requires attention.

During non-election periods, parties can amass funds through various sources, giving them a head start. Contrastingly, independent candidates lie fallow, unable to generate financial backing until an election is officially declared. Moreover, their inability to issue tax receipts outside of an election period further complicates their fundraising attempts.

The result of this inequity? Independent candidates grapple with running a resource-limited campaign, while their counterparts enjoy a surplus of funds for their pre-electoral ventures. Indeed, we owe it to our democracy to conceive a system where independent candidates do not stand on unequal footing.

Amy Haysom, an independent candidate,

has bravely put her name forward in these challenging circumstances. Her courage — and that of others like her — deserves admiration and a fair chance. I look to the elected parties after the Oct. 19 elections to rectify this imbalance. Will you support this call for equity?

Surely, we do not need to stack the odds against independents further by endorsing democratic inequities, do we?

RYAN WINDSOR,

CENTRAL SAANICH

Make priorities

Positively Forward has long been a strong supporter of affordable housing, advocating for the development of non-market housing in or around Ganges village, which has the benefit of a sewage treatment plant, close proximity to transit and other community services. One of the main constraints thus far has been lack of water.

Consequently, the North Salt Spring Waterworks District's (NSSWD) announcement that there may be supply for up to 300 new connections in the Maxwell Lake service area, which includes Ganges village, is welcome news. However, swift and thoughtful action is needed to take advantage of this potential new source of water in Ganges. NSSWD has already stated that it cannot prioritize affordable housing for new connections. Properties that may be in competition with affordable housing projects for water connections need to be identified so that local government can

plan accordingly.

Our official community plan (OCP) has a vital role to play in planning for sustainable future growth. We urge the Local Trust Committee to stand firm and deny any proposal for increases in zoning density—i.e., the number of allowable units on a property—unless the property is legally obligated to provide affordable housing. This is what our OCP currently requires, as stated in Bylaw 2.1.2.1: Upzoning is only for affordable housing.

Alarming, this protection against over development could be lost through potential changes in the OCP/land-use-bylaw update process now underway. The policy expressed in Policy B 2.1.2.1 is threatened by those who wish to rewrite our OCP in order to rezone residential properties, allowing a second residence rather than keeping density in an already developed hub. Others want to increase density on high elevation lots now zoned for low density, specifically to protect the vital role these forested areas play in recharging groundwater across the island. Let's make sure a policy which provides for the kind of development this island needs most to meet affordable housing requirements is not sacrificed in the interests of a misguided approach to growth.

We commend the Local Community Commission's initiative to organize a think tank on affordable housing with a view to creating a housing strategic plan for the island and we look forward to our invitation to participate in the conversation.

PATRICIA LOCKIE,
CHAIR, POSITIVELY FORWARD

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We come to you in the spirit of partnership and good faith, seeking to work with you to ensure that our people have a strong foothold on our ancestral land."

PENELAKUT CHIEF CHAKEENAKWAUT PAM JACK ADDRESSING THE SALT SPRING LTC

Possible lifting of moratorium unwise with climate change uncertainty

BY DAVID J. RAPPORT

The following was sent to North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) CAO Mark Boysen and board chair Brian Pyper and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

Re.: KWL Engineers' Draft Report "St. Mary Lake and Maxwell Lake Reliability Assessment" commissioned by the NSSWD.

I am writing in reference to the above-mentioned draft report, in which KWL Engineers model and project water balances for Maxwell and St. Mary lakes, month by month, all the way to the year 2100, concluding that Maxwell Lake (although not St. Mary Lake) will have sufficient reliable water to support 300 new household connections. Having reviewed this report, my considered assessment is that this conclusion, on which NSSWD relies in considering a partial lifting of its longstanding moratorium on new water allocations, is not based on solid science and is entirely unwarranted.

Over the past four decades, I have undertaken numerous assessments

of the health of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems under anthropogenic stress for various national and international bodies. Unsurprisingly, a recurrent finding in work of this sort is that global warming is having a pervasive impact on the state of the world's ecosystems and its resources.

In fact, projecting the future state of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems has become ever more uncertain for two main reasons. Firstly, predictions are heavily impacted by the degree of global warming, which in turn rests heavily on the success (or lack thereof) of the world's nations in curbing their emissions of greenhouse gases between now and 2100 — a factor that is unknowable. Secondly, predictions are heavily dependent on climatologists' capacity to understand the increasingly complex climate dynamics — a capacity that has been repeatedly stymied by all kinds of unanticipated surprises as the globe heats up.

Considering these overarching factors, it seems clear that peering into the climate crystal ball to

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glimpse the future state of our small island's aquatic ecosystems (including the volume of available water over time) amounts to little more than a pipe dream. The fact is that engineers' work demands far greater certainty than our ever-changing sociopolitical, climatological and ecological environment provides. To come up with their projections, the KWL team had to essentially ignore all the complexities and uncertainties, and act as if clear, long-term projections were possible — and possible with as much as 98 per cent reliability, to boot!

Furthermore, diverting waters in the winter season from Rippon Creek and Larmour Creek through the Rippon diversion into Maxwell Lake might sound terrific, if it weren't for the fact that our forests, with increasing summer heat stress, are drying out and becoming ever more fire-prone. Starving them of replenishing water and moisture through such stream diversions

strikes me as a most unwise and risky move. And that is not the only danger involved in "robbing Peter to pay Paul." There is also the danger of mixing waters in the lake basins through transfer of microfauna and flora, which in their new environments may take hold as invasive species, upsetting the existing ecological order. This is no trivial matter, yet no mention of this major and well-documented ecological risk is to be found in the consultants' report. Visualizing our lakes as ecosystems and not simply as reservoirs seems beyond the mindset of those who drafted this report.

While they valiantly tried to pull the proverbial rabbit out of the hat by means of sophisticated statistical manipulations, no statistical tricks can get around the fact that the climate dynamic under global warming, at levels unprecedented in human history, remains poorly understood, and that the future of climate policy and action is virtually unknowable. Under these conditions, it is patently absurd to assume that any meaningful projections

for water balances for our lakes far into the future can be obtained. Regrettably, I have to conclude that this draft engineering consultants' report is far from being "comprehensive and heavy on the science," let alone "getting us really close to the best available science, and recognized approaches to tackling this kind of issue," as the NSSWD chair is quoted as saying in the Sept. 4 Driftwood.

In my view, to proceed with a partial lifting of the moratorium based on these projections, and to consequently commit to supplying an additional 300 households with drinking water in perpetuity, would be foolish and beyond irresponsible. The consequences would most likely come back to haunt NSSWD, perhaps far worse than was the case several years back with the aerators fiasco. I don't say this lightly, as I am well aware that the housing shortage remains a serious issue on Salt Spring (and elsewhere). Yet, the stark reality is that we simply can't afford to play Russian roulette with our island's undeniably uncertain future water supply.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Island Community Services in the spotlight

Director resignations, plus community and MLA concerns put society on the defensive

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Island Community Services (ICS) — Salt Spring's largest social service non-profit organization in terms of staff, programs and budget — has been facing unwelcome scrutiny in recent months.

First, news was informally shared that four board members of the governing Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society had resigned in June. Then on July 19, at an ASK Salt Spring session where ICS' 20-year executive director Rob Grant and other ICS staff were guests, a handful of people expressed strong criticisms of the organization, according to ASK coordinator Gayle Baker. Finally, at the ASK meeting attended by Adam Olsen on Sept. 13, the retiring MLA was reported by Baker as saying that concern about Community Services is the "single most pressing social issue Salt Springers must address, fully engaging to seek solutions."

Olsen's statement, made in response to an emotional plea from islander Jennifer Campbell, who lives at ICS' Murakami Gardens housing complex, prompted a number of social media comments about specific ICS incidents and individuals, which the society's board responded to in an Oct. 9 statement posted to the ICS website.

"The board of directors would like to point out that slander and libel are serious offences, and to stress that misrepresentation and misinformation are extremely unfortunate when in opposition to an organization that offers so much support to the community," reads the statement in part. "This puts our staff and programs at risk. Targeting

staff with vitriol and falsehoods that we are not at liberty to set straight is unacceptable."

ICS administers more than 40 different services, ranging from Family Place to The Core youth centre to food security programs, seniors services, mental health, the emergency shelter and the recycling depot, among many others, with an annual budget of approximately \$8 million. Programs are funded by government, foundations and private donations.

Both Baker and Campbell are encouraging people to become members of ICS, following on Olsen's advice that community members should learn more about and be involved with the organization. (See sidebars on Olsen's comments and Campbell's experience on the next page.)

"The society welcomes new members that are supportive of the mission and services and apply for membership with the purpose of participating constructively."

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society

"By becoming a member, you will be able to vote at the upcoming AGM. I am hopeful that becoming a member will allow more community involvement so that we can all work together to make Community Services even better," said Baker, who is also a publicly elected Capital Regional District Local Community Commission member.

In response to Driftwood questions about membership matters, ICS said the society currently has "less than 10" members. Indi-

viduals must be society members 30 days before the AGM in order to vote at the meeting. While the AGM will reportedly be held in the first half of December, ICS told the Driftwood that the time, date and place are still to be confirmed.

"The AGM will be, as always, announced with those details on our website and in the media as per our legal obligations, at some point two weeks or more before the date it is held."

ICS said people who apply to be members will be contacted by the board of directors about whether their membership application is accepted or rejected. Membership forms are downloadable from the saltspringcommunityservices.ca website, and must be taken to the ICS main office at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd., accompanied by a \$1 membership fee.

Adding board approval to the society membership process is one of a handful of changes made to ICS bylaws at a July 24 members meeting held by Zoom.

"The changes to bylaws regarding membership and conflict of interest issues were made to clarify vaguely defined processes that were causing division [among board members]," said ICS. The Discovery Group, a company with expertise in non-profit operations, was engaged for that purpose and "to ensure the best governance possible."

Changes also aligned with Society Act model bylaws, they said, "and therefore can be considered best practice."

Tisha Boulter, who was one of the four directors who resigned in June after only serving on the board for about a year, said she feels the changes "will create more barriers and therefore limit accessibility to diverse involvement from our community as a director or member, and give inappropriate power to the chair."

Bylaw statements regarding "conflict of interest" and investigating of complaints were also strengthened after an anyo-



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Salt Spring Island Community Services sign at its primary site at 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. The 49-year-old organization last year changed its daily name to Island Community Services. The registered society to which members belong is the Salt Spring and Southern Gulf Islands Community Services Society.

mous complaint was made about Boulter being in a conflict to serve "because of my other community connections," she said.

Boulter elaborated on her experience.

"During my time on the ICS board, I learned more about the great work that is being done in this society that operates multiple diverse, enriching programs. I have also learned about systemic challenges within governance that have concerned me.

"I witnessed an ingrained culture where the operations of the agency manage the board of governance. I worked very hard to effect change in this area to support professionalism, accountability and responsibility to the public interest in my role as the vice-chair of ICS."

Boulter, who is also an elected School District 64 trustee and

current board of education chair, said remaining on the ICS board would have meant "fight[ing] a system that did not want change."

Directors Amanda Myers, Larisa Fry and Andrea Little resigned along with Boulter, leaving chair Jennifer Lannan and director Gary McNutt. Past board chair Jody Hawley agreed to temporarily serve again to ensure the society had the minimum number of board members needed to function.

Looking ahead to the AGM, who might not be accepted as a society member and why is not clear, but ICS has provided two statements on the topic: "The society welcomes new members that are supportive of the mission and services and apply for membership with the purpose of participating constructively" and; "The board of directors welcomes genuine and respectful expressions of interest for memberships and directors alike, however, they would like to point out that trusted confidantes, mentors and advisors are appropriate in those roles."

Anticipating that attempts may be made at the AGM to present alternate directors from those being presented by the current board, ICS stressed, "The board of directors is filled by the current directors through a recruitment process that involves interviews, conflict of interest disclosure and agreement to a code of conduct. The AGM of Island Community Services does not take director nominations from the floor."

Baker hopes the society will be open to accepting memberships from all who apply, and points to a 2020 B.C. Supreme Court case — *Farrish v. Delta Hospice Society* — where a society's attempt to refuse memberships was struck down due to lack of specific membership criteria set out in its bylaws.

The entire ICS board statement issued in response to community controversy can be read on its saltspringcommunityservices.ca website.

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Past MLA and housing resident prompt queries

Adam Olsen clarifies ASK Salt Spring comments; Murakami Gardens resident provides documentation about RTB case

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Adam Olsen, who was the Saanich North and the Islands Green party MLA until the current election was called, has been portrayed on social media as saying in a Sept. 13 ASK Salt Spring meeting that addressing problems with ICS should be an absolute community priority.

Olsen recently told the Driftwood he is concerned that his words may have been expanded upon and some inferences made that he did not intend, but that he does feel it's important for community members to be aware of and engaged with the island's largest non-profit social services agency.

"I've been long involved with that organization, and it delivers critical services, and basically my call to action was for Salt Spring residents to recognize the importance of that organization and to pay attention to its governance."

Olsen said he had interacted with ICS on many issues and fielded constituent complaints about the agency over the seven-plus years he was local MLA, but said a non-profit society is viewed much differently from a government agency.

"The government has been very clear to me that there's no role for an MLA in terms of oversight of a community organization or non-profit society under the Societies Act. MLAs and the provincial government govern the act but not the bodies that are created under the act."



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Adam Olsen, speaking at a tribute event to mark completion of his second term as Saanich North and the Islands MLA, at Lions Hall on Sept. 13.

Olsen disagrees with the ICS board when it suggests that ICS is only accountable to its funders and those it serves, but not the broader community.

"[Those agencies] that provide services in our community are responsible to the community, and so therefore, they need to be accountable to community members. And the only way that that accountability happens is when people are participating in them, engaging with them, paying attention to them."

"We often take these organizations for granted — that they're just going to be there to provide the services. But there's a whole bunch of work that is required in making sure that those organizations continue to function properly. And so I guess it's just a call to society in general that where these services are being delivered by organizations to vulnerable people, that we as a society remain engaged and that we don't just assume that everything is okay, but that we're engaged with it and involved."

Jennifer Campbell

Jennifer Campbell is the person who spoke up at the Sept. 13 ASK Salt Spring meeting with MLA Adam Olsen, which prompted his comments about community members needing to pay attention to Island Community Services (ICS).

Campbell shared with the Driftwood her experience of living and feeling unsafe at Murakami Gardens, and the results of a Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB) adjudication released Aug. 3, 2023 that was granted in her favour. Campbell successfully fought an eviction notice issued by ICS, based on claims that Campbell had "repeatedly disturbed the quiet enjoyment of the other residents" and "interfered with the fire doors at the property and therefore put the property at risk."

Campbell said she felt, and confirmed with Salt Spring fire department personnel, that fire doors in apartment buildings should be kept closed for residents' safety in the event of a fire. She admitted she would close the doors, despite being told by ICS management to leave them open. A photograph of an open fire door with a "PLEASE LEAVE THE DOOR OPEN" sign was part of Campbell's RTB hearing evidence.

The RTB arbitrator's decision stated: "The Landlord testified that their fire protection company has told them to keep this door open. I find keeping a fire door open to be a serious action that would jeopardize the building and its occupants. It is worrisome that the Landlord would be okay with this. I find the Landlord has not proven that the Tenant has seriously jeopardized the health or safety or a lawful right or interest of the Landlord or another occupant or put the Landlord's property at risk."

"The Landlord said they served the one-month notice for the benefit of the other residents, but the Landlord also owes the Tenant the protection of her right to quiet enjoyment. The fact that the number of complaints from one tenant began in January 2023 against the Tenant appears very striking . . . the circumstances are suspicious."

"I order the Landlord to be mindful of its obligations to all tenants, specifically Section 28 — protection of Tenant's right to quiet enjoyment."

As well, just 13 days before the first of two hearings for that proceeding, Campbell received another eviction notice, this time for non-payment of rent, which she had to scramble to formally respond to, knowing the rent had been paid. When ICS staff looked into the matter they said an "accounting error" had been made and apologized.

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LIVE THEATRE

Underbelly brings physical comedy to stage



Performance plus clowning workshop by Nayana Fielkov

BY KIRSTEN BOLTON
FOR ARTSPRING

From Salt Spring's own renowned clown, movement and performance artist Nayana Fielkov comes Underbelly, taking to the stage as an ArtSpring Presents performance on Friday, Oct. 25.

It is preceded by her three-hour introduction to Clowning workshop on Thursday evening for those in the community aged 16-plus.

This one-woman surrealist physical comedy finds Fielkov confronting a combination of monsters, dismemberment, shower opera, inconceivable truths and a hot date that may be just the recipe needed to shed the past and let

it run down the drain. Despite the description, Fielkov assures that the show is for all ages.

With live-feed projection, puppetry, mask, dance and illusion, the show promises to take audiences to the inner realms of the psyche. How do we wash away the monsters inside ourselves? Or must we befriend them, is the question.

Underbelly is the latest creation in a body of work that spans over 20 years of scripted plays, musicals, clowning performances and teachings dedicated to the work of play. This homegrown talent has performed at recognized festivals and venues across the nation with her genre-bending approach to theatre, in what The Georgia Straight calls "immensely charming."

Fielkov is co-creator of multi-award winning RAGMOP Theatre, Habitats and The Myrtle Sisters. She is an active and founding mem-

ber of Vancouver's cherished Dusty Flowerpot Cabaret and been a youth facilitator with The International Children's Festival.

Fielkov's \$50 workshop on Thursday, Oct. 24 runs 5 to 8 p.m. and is limited to 20 registrants. Participants will develop play and personal presence on stage and in life through a series of experiential awareness-building games to cultivate curiosity and delight in the discovery of the moment.

With the Edmonton Journal's Liz Nicholls stating, "Underbelly is a chance to see an expert clown at work," Salt Springers are in for a treat.

Thank you to Mouat's Home Hardware for sponsoring this performance from within our own community.

Tickets to Underbelly and workshop registration are available online at artspring.ca or at the box office.

Promotional image for Nayana Fielkov's Underbelly by Salt Spring photographer Sydney Woodward.

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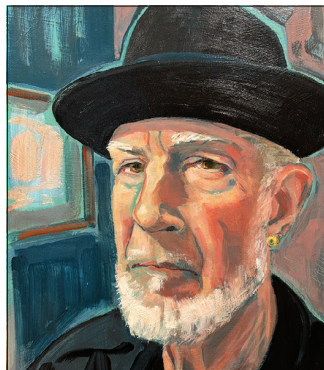
Headhunters share island portraits

October in the library program room

An exhibit called Portraits of Islanders by three members of The Headhunters life drawing group — Ojima Clark, Mary Pennell and RM Dupuy — is on this month at the library program room. They have submitted the following brief history of their group, written by Dupuy.

Over the last four decades on Salt Spring Island, many life-drawing and portrait painting groups have flourished and faded, morphed, waxed and waned. The Monday afternoon life-drawing group that had been meeting weekly in odd spots about town for five or six years, finally found the perfect digs on the wonderful top floor of the Core Inn, where our sessions became a regular part of the weekly routine for many artists over the years before we had to move on.

From the meetings at the Core Inn, a new portrait painting sprung up, which also had a bit of a struggle to find a good place to meet, before having the good luck to end up at a well-equipped painting studio with good light and adequate



Portrait of Ojima Clarke by RM Dupuy.

space for five or six people plus the model, tucked away down a bumpy gravel road in the south end. The price was right, too, as it was free.

First called The Mardi Mob, then, when we moved from Tuesdays to Wednesdays, The Mercredi Mob, later to be re-christened The Headhunters, we met weekly for several years, morphing as people joined and un-joined, moved off-island or

as happened with one dear member, died.

Then Covid arrived, tossing a large spanner into the works, and though we met a few times after the shut-down with a diminished membership, our beloved group was never able to pick up the same head of steam.

Working from a live model is addictive. It's rewarding and totally absorbing in a way not possible when working from photos. We were fortunate to have an endless supply of islanders willing to sit, clothed or not, for three hours in exchange for a few bucks and, in the case of the portrait sessions, plenty of breaks and one long tea-and-cookie break, which was helpful in getting the men to sit. (Plus, of course, the chance to be immortalized.)

Unlike all artists' groups seemingly everywhere that work in a sort of sacred silence, The Headhunters liked to keep the floor open for anyone who wanted to say anything, so the peace and quiet was randomly interspersed with some lively discussions on all sorts of topics, especially world affairs, politics and just how damned difficult it is to get the mouth right. Our guest of honour, the model, was welcome to join in at any time — as long as they could keep their head still while talking! Most could.

JAZZ

Mateada hosts jazz night

Iain Duncan and friends return

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring saxophonist Iain Duncan's popular dinner jazz experience returns to The Mateada next Friday, Oct. 25.

Joined by Nick Peck on organ and Hans Verhoeven on drums, the trio will present jazz, blues and bossa novas from 7 to 9 p.m.

The series saw sold-out sets over the summer of 2024.

Now open only for special events, The Mateada will be serving a special menu on Oct. 25, including choripan with salad, ceviche, fish moqueca, chipas and Cuban black-bean soup with pepper seed salami and South End Sausage treats.

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LIVE MUSIC

Cash comes alive on stage

The Men In Black band performs songs of Johnny Cash to video and photo backdrop

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A group described as Canada's premier Johnny Cash tribute band — The Men In Black — is set to perform at ArtSpring in an afternoon concert this Sunday, Oct. 20.

The two-hour performance that begins at 2 p.m. includes all of Cash's hits, such as Folsom Prison Blues, Ring of Fire and Orange Blossom Special, plus many more favourite songs played against a backdrop of video and photographs depicting pivotal moments in the musician's life and career.

According to press material about the show and band, Cash recorded 96 albums and more than 1,500 songs throughout a career that spanned over five decades. He was one of the first artists to successfully cross over many genres of music, from country to rockabilly, gospel and rock & roll.

Based in Victoria, The Men In Black are said to "bring passion and respect to the musical legacy of the Man in Black," with band members Gary Coad on lead vocals, Aaron Murray, guitar, Wayne Cox on bass and Mark Roth on drums. The show will also feature special guest performer Tracee Rees in the role of June Carter Cash. Video production is by Dale Baglo.

"This performance is a must see for Johnny Cash admirers, or simply fans of songs about trains and prisons," the band says.

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what's on this week

Wed. Oct. 16
ACTIVITIES

Cedar Lane Water Service AGM & Budget Meetings. SIMS CRD board room. AGM at 10 a.m. Budget meeting at 11 a.m.

Islands Trust: Complete Community Assessment. In-person engagement session to share ideas about what's important to you as a Salt Spring Island resident. Library program room. 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Slow Down Salt Spring Clothing Swap Donation Drop-off Day. SIMS. 3 to 6 p.m. See transitionsaltspring.com for details.

Legion Member Appreciation & Social Night. Legion. 6 to 8 p.m.

BC Election Advance Poll. Last day to vote in advance poll at Community Gospel Chapel. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Thur. Oct. 17
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic & Jam. With Rough & Tumble at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Island Local Community Commission (LCC) Regular Meeting. SIMS CRD board room. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Or join via Microsoft Teams link in the agenda on the CRD website.

Salt Spring United Soccer Club AGM. All welcome at Portlock Park portable. 6 p.m.

David Busch Town Hall. Conservative candidate meets with islanders at Lions Hall. 6 to 8 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 18
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ArtSpring Presents: Tentacle Tribe. Montreal-based dance group presents its Prism show. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Karaoke. Legion. 7 p.m.

Tumblin' Dice. Country music at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 18
ACTIVITIES

Books & Bling Drop-off Day. Bring books and jewellery for Salt Spring Literacy's fundraising sale to the Farmers' Institute. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. See saltspringliteracy.ca for guidelines on what kinds of books are accepted.

ASK Salt Spring. This week's guest is Sylvia Ceacero, CEO of the Alliance to End Homelessness in the CRD. SIMS. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Islands Trust: Complete Community Assessment. See Friday listing.

Sat. Oct. 19
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Bill Johnson Blues Band. Legion. 7:30 p.m.

Everyday People. Salt Spring's favourite cover band. Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

BC Election Final Voting Day. Salt Spring polls at Community Gospel Chapel, Fernwood Elementary, Fulford Elementary, Gulf Islands Secondary. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday Market. In Centennial Park. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fabulous Flea Market. At Fulford Hall. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Peaceful Parenting Education Session. Led by certified parenting coach and educator Meghan Howcroft. ArtSpring galleries. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Dance Workshop With Juolin Lee. Antler Ridge Dance Studio. 10 a.m. Reserve spot. at antlerridgedance@gmail.com

Books & Bling Drop-off Day. See Friday listing.

Slow Down Salt Spring Clothing Swap. Free shopping at SIMS. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Book Launch: Maia Caron. Author reads from her book called The Last Secret. Library program room. 2 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 20
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Blues Jam. Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

Sunday Sessions with local songwriters. Moby's Pub. 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Men in Black: Performing the Songs of Johnny Cash. Canada's premiere Johnny Cash tribute band. ArtSpring. 2 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Books & Bling Drop-off Day. See Friday listing.

Community Apple Juicing Day. Bring apples and/or volunteer. The Root. 12 to 3 p.m. Register at ssifarmlandtrust.org.

Mon. Oct. 21
ACTIVITIES

Cedars of Tuam Water Service AGM & Budget Meetings. SIMS CRD board room. AGM at 10 a.m.; budget at 11 a.m.

Fulford Water Service AGM & Budget Meetings. SIMS CRD board room. AGM at 1 p.m. Budget meeting at 2 p.m.

Tues. Oct. 22
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Country and Folk Singers and Songwriters. Legion. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Farmers Market. Every Tuesday at Centennial Park. 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.

North Salt Spring Waterworks District Open House. Learn about the district's multi-pronged resiliency plan. Meaden Hall. Drop in between 2 and 7 p.m.

Trivia Tuesday. At Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 23
ACTIVITIES

Swing Dancing. At the Legion every Wednesday. 6 p.m.

Music Bingo. Moby's Pub. 8 p.m.

CINEMA

• **Tom Petty: Heartbreakers Beach Party** runs on Thursday, Oct. 17 and Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m.

• **Widow Clicquot** is the movie from Friday, Oct. 18 to Monday, Oct. 21 at 7 p.m. each night, plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. See thefritz.ca for more movie info.

ART EXHIBITIONS

• **Paper & Paint:** Art showcase & sale featuring Garry Kaye, acrylic paint, and Bly Kaye, tissue collage. Runs through October at Steffich Fine Art in Ganges Alley.

• **Deon Venter presents Chrysalis and Kathy Venter presents Echo/Reflection/Entrance** at Gallery 8 through Oct. 20.

• Today, Oct. 16, is the last day to see **Artifacts: Archaeography of the Great Rift Valley 2016-2023**, Michael Gooblar at Sat Spring Gallery.

• **Three members of The Headhunters portrait group — Ojima Clark, Mary Pennell and R M Dupuy —** show portraits of islanders in the library program room through October.

• **The League 181 group of Judith Borbas, Peter Eyles, Don Hodgins, Wendy Wickland and Dulcy Wilson** has a showing in the ArtSpring lobby for the month of October.

• **Hazel Gardner** shows her animal portrait art at Country Grocer Cafe for the month of October.

• **Sydney Woodward** has a show of tintype portraits at Salt Spring Coffee Co.

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100 Women group gears up for seventh season

Membership drive, call for nominations, and general meeting announced

BY KIRSTEN BOLTON
FOR 100 WOMEN WHO CARE SALT SPRING

There is something very grassroots, effective and “Salt Spring” about the high-impact philanthropy model that 100 Women Who Care Salt Spring has been working with since November 2018. The group celebrates its sixth anniversary next month, corresponding with its next general meeting and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 12.

Imagined in November 2006 by a Michigan woman as a way to raise money quickly for local charities, the 100 Women Who Care idea started with a group of just over 100 women. At its first one-hour meeting, each wrote a cheque for \$100 for The Centre for Family Health, its chosen cause, raising \$12,800 to buy 300 new baby cribs.

Since then, hundreds of chapters have popped up all over the world.

On Salt Spring, the local chapter founded by Janine Fernandes-Hayden has raised over \$285,000 since 2018 for 17 on-island causes, ranging from eldercare services, pathways, early child education, the SPCA, IWAV, search and rescue, Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre and more.

“What makes our system so compelling is that it’s not about writing grants and waiting months to find out what a jury or committee thinks,” said chair Linda Adams. “Three nominated causes are drawn from a hat, each makes a five-minute presentation; and members in the room cast blind ballots to vote for the cause they support. It’s fast, it’s fun and the recipient of the funds learns on the spot.”

100 Women Who Care has several important dates for those who wish to renew membership and for those who may be interested in joining. Becoming a new member involves going to the organization’s website and filling out the



PHOTO COURTESY 100 WOMEN WHO CARE SALT SPRING

100 Women Who Care Salt Spring members celebrate with Gulf Islands Early Learning Society members after their organization was voted the recipient of some \$16,000 at a meeting last year.

online “Become a Member” form. Membership runs through three gatherings a year from November through June and requires the commitment of paying \$100 towards each of the three winning charities that are awarded funds throughout the year. Tax receipts are issued.

Each member can nominate one local CRA-registered charity who

she feels is worthy of support for a particular project or initiative. The member does not have to be working with the charity but could simply be inspired by its work.

“What we sometimes find is that charities, their board members and staff become members so they can nominate their organization, which is strategic because then they can also show up and vote,”

explained Adams. “But we also get many new members and nominators because they have had particularly meaningful experiences with certain charities who personally helped them, their family members, or with issues close to their hearts.”

Membership has grown steadily over the years. Currently with over 150 Salt Spring women of all ages and walks of life, the organization is always happy to welcome new members to increase its impact for local charities.

“We want to encourage women philanthropists to be part of a movement that gets things done on a local level as only we can — compassionately, practically and to the point,” said Adams. “But we’re also a great way to meet other inspiring women in the community, network and forge new friendships over common values. It’s community building at its best.”

Membership applications are open now at 100womensaltspring.org. Nominations close Oct. 21. The first meeting and vote at ArtSpring is on Nov. 12.

Capital Regional District



Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3055 (Cedars of Tuam Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2003) residents within the Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Area are invited to attend a hybrid in-person and virtual meeting:

Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, October 21, 2024
Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Place: Creekside Meeting Room (CRD Administration Office)
108 –121 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2T6

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. 3055, real property owners or residents in the Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2025.

Total membership on the committee is two plus the Electoral Area Director (one member must be an owner of real property; and one member may be a resident). There are no position expiring December 31, 2024.

Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 3055 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

Personal information collected is in accordance with s.26(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, for the purpose of administering the Cedars of Tuam Water Services Commission nominations. Personal information submitted will be kept confidential, and used only for the purpose for which that information was collected. Any questions about this matter should be directed to Mackenzie Williamson, Committee Clerk, Salt Spring Island Administration: 250.538.4304 or email: mwilliamson@crd.bc.ca

Rants + ROSES



Roses

Armloads of local, natural roses to all the lovely people who contributed to our National Seniors Day climate-action event. Behind the scenes: Vivian Chenard, Deborah Miller, Phil Demont of CBC Radio, Birgit and Bob Bateman, Sue Newman, Samantha Sanderson, Fran McIninch, Elizabeth White, Wendy Hilliard. The library staff: Sophia vom Bauer Jackson, Caroline Dick, Karen Hudson. Up at the front: Anne Parkinson, Scott Hylands, Chris Humphreys, Marian Hargrove, David Denning, Peter Prince and — writer of the song, lead

singer and conductor extraordinaire — the irrepressible Valdy! And to everyone who spread the word, came to the library and sang their little hearts out. The video will be great! *Marlyn Horsdal for Seniors for Climate Action Now!*

Fulford Seniors would like to thank Antoine Albertine for the amazing job he did on renovating our kitchen space at the centre. Not only did he complete the work on time, he kept the work space clean and tidy, allowing programs to continue around him. Thanks, Antoine, we would have you back in a heartbeat!

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Layer up!



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Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue member Adam Lynes-Ford layered up and heading out on the trails.

The following is the first in a series of Rescue Watch columns on how to stay safe outdoors, presented by Salt Spring Island Search and Rescue.

Fall is a great time to get outdoors in the crunchy leaves and autumn glow.

It's also getting cooler and wetter outside. One of the most important ways to stay safe and have fun this season is to layer your clothing.

Dressing in layers helps you regulate your body temperature and makes it easy to adjust to sudden changes in the weather.

That means you'll be comfortable: you can pull that sweater off on the ups and throw on your rain jacket when it starts to come down.

Layering also makes you safer. You're less likely to be caught unprepared by unexpected changes in temperature and precipitation. If you end up staying outside longer than you anticipated, you'll be more prepared to keep yourself warm and dry until you can get back inside.

- The three basic layers you need are:
1. Base layer: sits closest to your skin and pulls sweat away from your body.
 2. Middle layer: holds your body heat to keep you warm.
 3. Outer layer: protects you from rain and wind.

You don't have to wear all three layers when you head out. Just pack them along with you and you'll be prepared. Remember, you can always remove layers if it gets warm, but you can't wear something that you didn't bring with you.
See you outside!

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From left, Stitch Dimension Quilt Guild members Pat MacConnell and Janet Rothwell present a quilt made by the guild for the Greenwoods elder care residence to its operations manager Trish Staicesku. The quilt is one of many items the guild has donated to local charities and institutions on Salt Spring Island over the years. The quilt guild meets on the first Friday of every month from 2 to 4 p.m. in the basement of Salt Spring Island Baptist Church, with all skill levels welcome. The group can be contacted at stitchdimension@gmail.com or 250-537-0641 (Janet Rothwell's phone number).

FAITH

Book talks God for secular ears

Rev. Harold Munn hosts two events

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The Reverend Harold Munn is no stranger to Salt Spring Island, having been a frequent visitor on holidays and a house-sitter over many years.

A large part of his latest book entitled "Faith in Doubt – How my dog made me an atheist and atheism made me a priest" was written during sojourns on our island.

Munn will introduce his book in two upcoming events on Salt Spring Island:

- Friday, Oct. 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m., at All Saints by-the-Sea, where the experienced church leader will speak about the challenges facing religion in secular society and where he proposes some fascinating and unexpected opportunities that science and secularism may offer.

- Saturday, Oct. 26, 2 p.m. at the Salt Spring library, where Munn will speak of how science, secularism and faith may be connecting in new ways. Copies of his

book will be available.

Admission to both events is free and open to all, spiritual and secular, young and old, committed or curious or neither.

About the Book:

What happens when an atheist and a believer find themselves next-door neighbours? What happens when religion finds itself in a culture of science and secularism? Could they hold hands? Could they fall in love?

Faith in Doubt claims that churches speak about faith and God only from within the world view of an ancient culture — as foreign to modern people as Latin. No wonder there is a precipitous decline in church attendance. Faith in Doubt proposes that churches start a conversation with secularism by learning to speak of faith and God from within the assumptions of modern secular culture. Faith in Doubt explains how.

Faith in Doubt grounds the discussion with accounts of real incidents in the author's own life as a child and later as a priest in urban, rural and First Nations con-

texts. He experienced disbelief and strains in important relationships — unexpectedly finding those challenges to be sources of new life and joy. Readers, whether believers or not, may discover similar experiences happening in their own lives.

About the Author:

Munn has led congregations ranging from tiny churches in Canada's far north to All Saints' Cathedral in Edmonton, Alberta. He is an associate of the international Society for Ordained Scientists and has received awards for his writing.

In addition to the cross-cultural experience of being a priest in secular culture, Munn has lived in, or in close proximity to, many cross-cultural contexts, teaching science in East Africa; with miners in northern B.C.; with oppressed women in Edmonton's inner city; with First Nations villages in the Yukon, on the Naas River and on Vancouver Island; in Victoria addressing homelessness, addictions, and mental health issues; and in prisons outside UBC, Vancouver, with his wife of 50 years.

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Capital Regional District



Notice of Volunteer Opportunity

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

The Capital Regional District (CRD) is seeking a member from the community to serve on the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. This committee monitors the implementation of the CRD's Solid Waste Management Plan. Participation is voluntary and members will be asked to commit to meeting (minimum once a month) for up to three years.

There is a vacancy for a member representing the following community:

Public Representative (1)

We invite you to send us a brief summary telling us about yourself, who you represent, your relevant experience and why you would like to serve on this committee. **Deadline for receipt of applications is Monday, October 28, 2024.**

For a copy of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee Terms of Reference, contact CRD Environmental Resource Management at the address below.

Mail: CRD Environmental Resource Management
625 Fisgard Street, Victoria BC, V8W 2S6

Email: infoline@crd.bc.ca

Obituaries

Obituaries



Nancy Wright
June 12th 1930
September 17th 2024

Elsie Ann Wright (Nancy to all who knew her) passed away peacefully on 17 September 2024 at Greenwoods.

Nancy was born in Detroit, Michigan, on 12 June 1930 to Rev. Thomas Frederick Wright and Grace Wright (née Armstrong), where her parents, both Canadians, were employed by the Episcopal Diocese. Nancy's father was an Anglican Minister, and her childhood saw frequent moves related to his work. The family migrated to England in 1935, and during World War Two, her father served as a military padre (rank of Squadron Leader) in the Royal Air Force. Nancy saw the horror of war first-hand, being on the ground close to where Nazi bombs were being dropped. In 1944, the family joined Rev. Wright at a posting in Scotland, and they stayed there for several years.

Nancy's parents returned to Canada in 1954 and she accompanied them to Wembley, Alberta. In 1956, they moved to Canmore, where her father was Rector of St. Michael's Church, while Nancy divided her time between work at a curio shop in Banff and looking after her invalid mother. Upon her father's retirement in 1967, they moved to Salt Spring Island, residing next to Nancy's brother Tom at St. Mary's Lake. Shortly after arriving, Nancy took a cashier's job on the Queen of the Islands; she loved her new life and made many friends among both crew and passengers. Nancy worked on several ships over the years, but always on the Long Harbour route, and her cheerful voice could be heard announcing the ports of call. She retired from BC Ferries in 1994 but continued to speak often of her fond memories of the ferries.

Nancy lived with her parents before building her own home on Lang's Road; she loved her little sanctuary in the forest, until finally moving to Meadowbrook and then to Greenwoods as her health declined. Nancy was predeceased by her parents, her brother Tom and her younger sister Molly Klein and husband Wilf Klein. She had lifelong loving relationships with her sister-in-law Irene Wright, nieces Susie, Penny and Bridget, and nephews Hal, Alexander (Sandy) and Patrick, as well as their partners, children and grandchildren.

Nancy was actively involved in the Salt Spring community, and volunteered in the Public Library, the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop and St Mark's Anglican Church. She remained a dedicated member of the Anglican Church for her entire life. Nancy was a gentle, humorous, giving person, who made countless friends and left smiles on faces throughout her 94 years.

At Nancy's request, a simple service will be held at All Saints by-the-Sea Anglican Church, 110 Park Drive, Ganges on 19 October 2024, at 1:30. Everyone is welcome. In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of Nancy's favourite causes, such as the Salt Spring Island Public Library, the Lady Minto Hospital Auxiliary, or the Anglican Church.

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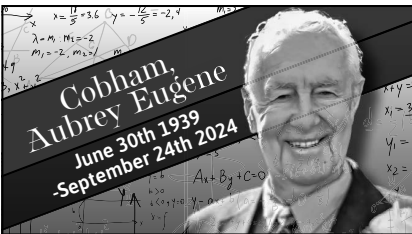
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In Memoriam

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Yard Services



Cobham, Aubrey Eugene
June 30th 1939
September 24th 2024

We are heartbroken to announce that Aubrey Cobham passed away in Hospital on Tuesday September 24th 2024. It is impossible to summarize what a wonderful and multidimensional person he was, and everything he meant to us.

Aubrey was born in Halifax Nova Scotia to Reverend Byron Cobham, mother Lillian, and sister Joyce. He lived in numerous Nova Scotia towns and spent many summers in New Brunswick with his grandparents. Aubrey demonstrated a gift and a passion for music from a very young age resulting in many lead roles at Acadia University where he got his BA in Psychology and later his MEd.

In 1973 he married Joan Carolyn Atkinson, and they eventually settled in Victoria BC, raising seven children.

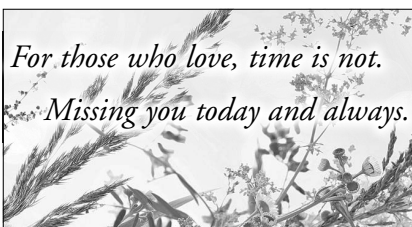
As a teacher, he taught science, drama, musical theater, choir, consumer education and was a counselor at Reynolds, Shoreline, and Esquimalt Secondary Schools. He touched the lives of hundreds and hundreds of people over his career. As one former student put it, "Mr Cobham... was a brilliant man and someone I not only admired as a teacher but as a dear friend as well. He was the inspiration that set me on a path in the arts... a path that continues 34 years later."

In retirement, Aubrey moved with Joan to their off the grid cabin in the Sansum Narrows, and enjoyed 31 glorious years there by the ocean. During his retirement Aubrey made lots of friends in the area, took scuba diving lessons, joined the Salt Spring Singers choir, got involved with the Retired Teachers Association of BC, traveled to Europe and South America, and worked as a very convincing mall Santa.

Aubrey passed away in hospital from complications after an emergency surgery. Joan was able to be with him, and his children came to visit him throughout his hospital stay. He is survived and remembered by his wife, Joan, his children Kelda, Andrea, Amanda, Jason, Alexis, Mary, and Jonathan, his nephew Calvin and niece Pam, and his 9 grandchildren

His family wishes to thank his amazing physician Dr. Applewhaite, and the wonderful doctors, nurses, and staff at Jubilee and Lady Minto hospitals for their kindness and the incredible level of care he received.

Anyone who wishes to make a donation on Aubrey's behalf can send one to Pacific Opera Victoria with whom he sang for 30 years or the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation.



Celebration of Life for **Susan Davidson**
Sunday, October 20th, 1pm-3pm(ish)
Bullock Lake Farm, Salt Spring Island

In loving memory of this Superstar! We will be in the Barn, so please dress warmly. There will be an open mic for you to share your most fond memories of Susan. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may donate to the Lady Minto Hospital.

In Memoriam

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	16:18	10.3	3.14		12:41	8.2	2.5
	22:30	4.2	1.28		17:39	10.3	3.14
17	4:41	8.9	2.71	21	1:12	0.3	0.09
	10:15	4.9	1.49		9:14	10.5	3.2
	16:39	10.3	3.14		13:41	9	2.74
	23:06	2.8	0.85		18:00	10.2	3.11
18	5:52	9.4	2.87	22	1:59	0.3	0.09
	11:03	6	1.83		10:25	10.7	3.26
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	23:45	1.6	0.49		18:20	10	3.05
19	6:59	9.9	3.02	23	2:49	0.7	0.21
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BAKING

Winning macaron recipe shared

Blackberry Cheesecake Macarons

Editor's note: When the Driftwood was soliciting some prize-winning Salt Spring Fall Fair recipes for its Harvest Time publication, Stina Pham, Small Sweets trophy winner, happily shared her recipe — but it was much too long for the available space. However, we are happy to be able to run it on this page this week. Follow Stina on Instagram at babyyagabakeshop.



PHOTO COURTESY STINA PHAM

Blackberry Cheesecake Macaron made by Stina Pham.

White Chocolate Cheesecake Buttercream

225 g cream cheese, softened
113 g butter, softened
175 g chopped white chocolate
360 g icing sugar, sifted
1/2 tsp. vanilla
extract pinch salt

1. Melt white chocolate in the microwave in 30 second intervals, or a double boiler. Allow to cool slightly.
2. Beat cream cheese and butter in a stand mixer until light and fluffy.
3. Slowly add cooled, melted white chocolate and beat until combined.
4. Add icing sugar, vanilla, and salt and beat until light and fluffy.
5. Transfer to piping bag fitted with large nozzle.

Note: You will have more jam and white chocolate than is needed for one batch of macaron shells. Feel free to halve the recipes for them if you prefer.

Assembly

1. Once macaron shells are cooled, pipe the white chocolate buttercream onto half using the large nozzle piping bag. I use steady pressure from the centre of the shell to pipe a generous amount of buttercream, rather than piping a circle around the edge.

2. With the jam, use the piping tip to enter about halfway down your piped buttercream and pipe about a teaspoon of jam into the centre. This method allows the buttercream to create a "seal" around your jam and helps to prevent the shells from getting soggy.

3. Sandwich the macarons in the fridge overnight and then temper at room temperature for about 30 minutes before enjoying. This time is essential for allowing the different components to meld together and improves the texture significantly.

4. Store the macarons in the fridge overnight and then temper at room temperature for about 30 minutes before enjoying. This time is essential for allowing the different components to meld together and improves the texture significantly.
5. Enjoy and win a blue ribbon!

For the Macaron Shells

(makes about 48 shells or 28 macarons)
100 g egg whites
100 g granulated sugar
1 tsp. cream of tartar
105 g almond flour, sifted
105 g icing sugar, sifted

Method

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. and set the rack in the middle. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper or silicone (I flip the baking sheet over and use the bottom for best airflow).

2. Whisk egg whites and sugar in the metal bowl of a stand mixer and heat on a double boiler, whisking constantly, until 160 degrees F.

3. Fit bowl to stand mixer with whisk attachment and gradually increase speed to whip to stiff peaks, adding cream of tartar once lines start being formed by the whisk (total whipping time about 18 minutes).

4. While egg whites are whipping, sift the icing sugar and almond flour together 3 x and discard any large debris to avoid a lumpy texture on the macaron shells.

5. When egg whites are done whipping, sift the almond flour and icing sugar mixture over the bowl in 3 increments, gradually folding them in with a rubber spatula until the consistency is like slow-moving lava. The batter should fall from the spatula back into the bowl in a slow ribbon that doesn't break.

6. Transfer mixture into a piping bag fitted with a round tip and pipe onto a parchment or silicone-lined baking sheet.

When piping, don't move the tip around to create the circle. Keep your hands steady and allow the batter to form itself into a circle.

7. Tap the tray 2-3 times to get rid of air bubbles and allow macarons to sit at room temp for 15-20 minutes to form a "skin." You should be able to touch one lightly with your finger and not have anything transfer.

8. Bake macarons in the oven for 20 minutes, turning halfway. Your macaron "feet" should start forming about 7-8 minutes in.

9. Allow to cool to room temperature.

Blackberry Jam

2 lb blackberries
1/4 c sugar
juice of one lemon

Method:

1. Place all ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a simmer.

2. Simmer for 15-20 minutes until blackberries are softened, breaking them up with a wooden spoon and stirring occasionally.

3. Press blackberry pulp through a mesh strainer into a bowl to remove seeds, return the juice and pulp to the saucepan.

4. Turn heat up to medium high and cook until the temperature reaches about 220 degrees F. Set aside to cool, then transfer to a piping bag.

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SPORTS + RECREATION



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TRACK, AND FIELD: Salt Spring's Rainbow Recreation Site master plan, above, has been revised to balance park amenities between it and the updated Portlock Park master plan conceptual design, right, after substantial public feedback from stakeholders representing different user groups. Feedback received by Oct. 25 will be included in a final consideration presentation to the Local Community Commission this winter. Visit getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/portlock-park.



SALT SPRING UNITED

Soccer AGM Thursday



Malcolm Legg
SOCCER
ROUND-UP

All welcome to Portlock event

With the soccer season well underway with teams and programs in full swing, it is time to turn our attention to some of the paperwork side of soccer, our annual general meeting.

The executive of the Salt Spring United soccer club will hold its AGM on Thursday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Portlock Park portable.

This is a chance for our membership to see the association's executive review the past season (2023-24) and preview what we are offering for 2024-25.

After everyone signs in, the meeting will proceed with the president's address, approval of the agenda and past minutes, election of officers, a technical report

from Josip Bratanovic, registrar's report from Maggie Montague, treasurer's report from Jennifer Lannan, with approval of the current budget, other reports as needed and questions from the floor.

We try to move our meetings along quickly, so as to not bore anyone who attends. Most directors' reports will be five minutes in length.

We will canvass for anyone interested in sitting on the board, as we always welcome more help with our committees.

Mostly, we would love to hear from the members of the club or any other interested parties on possible improvements, requests and/or changes. These will help us with our future programs.

We hope some of you can make it to the AGM and see what we are offering.

Coach Needed

The Boys U-8 team is still in need of a coach. If you are interested, please contact Josip at jbratanovic@shaw.ca.

shaw.ca. Josip will support the coach taking over and give full guidance.

Referees Needed

Salt Spring United still needs more referees, particularly adults, who might be interested. With all the teams we have playing this year, the club can use more referees to cover the games.

Our club will be running a small-sided referees course for interested youth (aged 12 and above) and for adults (even if you only want to be an assistant referee). We provide uniforms and equipment, and referees receive payment based on the levels they referee.

There is also an entry-level course available for those 14 and older being put on by BC Soccer, which our club will help subsidize. This course is for refereeing full-field games.

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B.C. REBATES CAN PAY FOR MUCH OF THE COST
By Robb Magley

With a top-line number so big -- \$44,900 in rebates available -- one might imagine there must be a pretty big asterisk next to it.

That's the "up to" amount residents of B.C. could qualify for through the provincial CleanBC Better Homes energy savings program, meant to encourage British Columbians to make energy-saving home upgrades. It's a three-way partnership that taps the government of B.C., the federal government and BC Hydro for funding, and builds the rebate amount upon several conditions.

To qualify for the full amount involves a combination of not earning too much income and a switch from fossil-fuel heating. There are thresholds for the value of a person's home, a requirement that it be your primary residence and -- for renters -- a landlord's consent.

Putting aside the inherent virtues that might be present in "using less," there are also real financial savings to be had through the program -- although not always, and not for everyone. Indeed, to qualify for that \$44,900 you would have to be improving all sorts of things that tend to cost a great deal more; a \$9,500 topped-out rebate for windows and doors, for example, may not go as far as imagined when the program requires windows be "ENERGY STAR® Certified with a maximum U-factor of 1.22 (W/m²K)" which, as you might expect, aren't the cheapest out there. And you can't put them in yourself.

But even for those of us without Energy Savings Program Registered Contractors in our direct family, there are ways to make the deals pencil out -- at least, over time.

One of the best "bang for your rebate" offers in the Gulf Islands right now comes through making the switch to a heat pump for home heating. How much will depend on both switching from fossil fuels and where household earnings land -- Income level 1, 2 or 3.

For example, if you're switching from propane to an electric heat pump, there's a central-ducted system rebate of \$16,000 for Level 1 -- a sliding-scale qualification, running from a single person earning \$47,007 or less to two earning up to \$58,522, all the way up to seven or more earning under \$124,402.

That rebate goes down to \$12,000 for those falling in Income Level 2 (\$61,697 for a single person) and \$10,500 for Income Level 3 (\$99,891 for a single person). For smaller homes with existing ductwork, even the smallest rebate comes very close to covering the cost of replacing a propane furnace, even including labour.

For homes without existing ducting, there's \$10,000 available for a single-head mini-split heat pump, regardless of income level; and if your existing electrical service isn't rated to handle the new load, there's up to \$5,000 available to upgrade that.

BC Hydro has a basic calculator online that will estimate annual savings on home heating costs by switching from gas -- or baseboard heaters -- to heat pumps; visit bchydro.com/powersmart/residential/tools-and-calculators/heat-pump-cost-calculator.html.

For more information about the rebate offers, visit www.betterhomesbc.ca/rebates/energy-savings-program-heat-pump-offers.

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