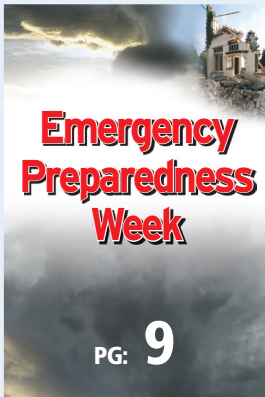


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HEALTH CARE

Hospital project breaks ground



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Turning over the first shovel of dirt in a garden area where Lady Minto Hospital will be transformed by construction of a new emergency department is MLA Adam Olsen, right, while others involved in the project look on or wait their turn with the spade at an April 26 ceremony. From left are former Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) chair Derek Fry, Islands Trust trustee Peter Grove, LMHF board member Derek Crawford, CRD director Gary Holman, hospital site director Sara Gogo, Island Health board member M.J. Whitemarsh and LMHF chair Dave Taylor.

Expanded emergency department should be complete by fall of 2023

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Ground was officially broken on the \$12.8-million emergency department expansion project at Lady Minto Hospital on April 26. Lady Minto Hospital Foundation (LMHF) chair Dave Taylor told the group assembled for the occasion that if things had gone according to the original plan, they should have been attending an opening ceremony for the emergency department. After the signing of a memorandum of understanding governing the project between Island Health and the LMHF just over three years ago, "Everything was going along just fine for 11 months and then the pandemic hit and brought everything to a screeching halt for the better part of a year. So yes, we are anxious to get going."

Capital costs are being shared by the LMHF, which has pledged \$9.8 million, and the Capital

Regional Hospital District (CRHD), which will contribute \$3 million.

"Everyone at the foundation feels overwhelming grateful for the support and the generosity of this community," said Taylor. "It has been astounding. Thank you."

MLA Adam Olsen also praised the foundation's and community's efforts in raising funds.

"It is a tribute to each and every one of you and to the entire Salt Spring Island community," he said.

Olsen also expressed displeasure at the fact that Island Health has not supported the project with capital funds and said he would continue to pressure the provincial government to be a capital-cost contributor.

Since the LMHF launched its fundraising campaign last summer the estimated project cost has leapt from \$10.4 million to \$12.8 million, making the foundation's commitment

\$9.8 million at this point.

LMHF capital campaign committee chair Carol Biely expressed her extreme appreciation to all involved, and especially the large donors who gave the campaign credibility right off the bat. Two million-dollar donations were made anonymously at the time, the Salt Spring Island Foundation contributed \$100,000 and Country Grocer gave \$50,000. Susan Bloom, who died in December, was one of the anonymous million-dollar donors whose contribution was acknowledged publicly by Biely at Tuesday's event.

"It set us off on a wonderful start," Biely said. "Then about 600 more people came diving in amazingly quickly and in no time at all we doubled our original goal because of all of you."

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RCMP

Local RCMP cleared by investigations office

Stewart Road crash inquiries continue

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

While a criminal investigation is ongoing into a serious SUV crash on Salt Spring Island in early April, an Independent Investigations Office of British Columbia (IIO) file into police involvement in arresting the driver has been concluded.

Police attended a "serious, single-vehicle collision" just after 3:30 p.m. April 2 in the 200 block of Stewart Road, an RCMP press release stated. In an April 27 update, Salt Spring detachment commander Sgt. Clive Seabrook explained a red SUV had gone down an embankment, a collision so severe that it resulted in the engine of the vehicle being torn from the chassis.

Witnesses reported that the SUV was being driven "in an unsafe manner" prior to the crash, according to RCMP.

Police, firefighters and ambulance personnel attended the scene. Witnesses identified a man at the scene as the driver, who police believed to be intoxicated.

"Shortly after arriving on scene,

officers learned that the driver had outstanding warrants for his arrest, was prohibited from driving, and believed that his ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol," the RCMP stated. "The man resisted arrest and required three officers to safely arrest him."

"Serious incidents such as this can greatly impact those directly involved in the collision as well as first responders."

SGT. CLIVE SEABROOK
SSI RCMP detachment commander

The man was transported to hospital by police, and was later moved to another hospital to treat what the IIO stated were serious but not life-threatening injuries.

An IIO investigation was opened to determine whether police played any role in the injuries the

man sustained. A civilian-led police oversight agency, the IIO is tasked with investigating all incidents of death or serious harm where these outcomes could have been the result of action or inaction of an on- or off-duty police officer.

"Independent witnesses who spoke to the male driver before police arrived observed that he had serious injuries and said he had been in a collision," the IIO stated. "The witnesses confirm that police arrived a short time later, and there was a brief struggle while the officers took the man into custody."

The head of the IIO, the chief civilian director, confirmed April 26 that the investigation has been concluded and determined that "police actions did not cause serious harm." In the course of their investigation, the IIO reviewed statements from the driver, witnesses and police.

"The independent civilian witnesses confirm that the man was injured in the collision prior to police attendance, and the limited use of force employed to take the man into custody did not cause the serious injuries he sustained," the IIO stated.

The RCMP continue to investi-



PHOTO COURTESY SSI RCMP

RCMP handout photo of a severely damaged SUV that went over an embankment on Stewart Road April 2. The driver was subsequently arrested and an investigation is ongoing.

gate the crash as a criminal matter, and are asking anyone with further information to contact the Salt Spring detachment at 250-537-5555.

"Serious incidents such as this can greatly impact those directly

involved in the collision as well as first responders," Seabrook stated. "We would like to thank Salt Spring residents for your unwavering community support as we supported our officers in this difficult time."

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** (2 positions 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** (2 positions 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** (no positions 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.
- **Fulford Water System Commission** (2 positions available) – includes 4 members of 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.
- **Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission** (2 positions) – includes 4 members Fernwood and Highland Water service area (3 members 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.
- **Ganges Sewer Service Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 5 members 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.
- **Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission** (3 positions available) – Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (five members must be persons entitled to vote on Salt Spring Island for the Electoral Area Director; one member must be from the Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission; and one member must be from the Maliview Sewer Local Service area).
- **Maliview Sewer Local Services Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 3 members of 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. 1 position available.

Please submit your letter of interest and background information no later than **June 2, 2022** to:

Mail: CRD Electoral Area office
Suite 108 121 McPhillips Avenue, BC V8W 2S6
Email: saltspring@crd.bc.ca
Phone: 250.537.4448 for more information

Project cost skyrockets



IMAGE COURTESY LMHF

Architect's rendering of the exterior of Lady Minto Hospital with a new emergency department and altered main entrance to the hospital.

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Biely also recognized efforts of CRD director Gary Holman to get the \$3-million CRHD contribution, prompting laughter in the crowd when she added, "We'd like some more, please."

The emergency department redevelopment project includes a 420-square-metre (4,500-square-feet) building addition, linked to the existing hospital by a new front entry, that will increase the number of treatment rooms/bays from four to eight. Other improvements include an interview room, a medication area, dedicated check-in desk, nursing/team care station with sight lines to all assessment and treatment areas, ambulance bay, decontamination site, accessible washrooms, and expanded patient and family waiting area.

Island Health states that in support of a culturally safe space, engagements with local First Nations communities are expected to take place over the next year.

"Design elements of the project may incorporate Indigenous influences into work flow, signage, artwork, furniture, fixtures and equipment to ensure spaces are welcoming to everyone who seeks medical care."

The project's construction manager is Western Medical Canada Inc. of Mill Bay. The architect is Vancouver-based Kirsten Reite Architecture.

The expansion project is expected to be completed by the fall of 2023.

Members of the public are reminded that changes to parking facilities are occurring due to the construction.

Help Ukraine Fundraiser



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Performing at Saturday's Help Ukraine fundraiser at Fulford Hall were a group assembled by Bruce Cobanli, including, from left, Ken Lunn, Cobanli, Sue Newman, Denny Box (drummer) and Monik Nordine.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Jennifer Williams, left, and Helen Hinchliff peruse artwork on the silent auction tables at the fundraiser.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Michelle Grant checks out some of the numerous goods on offer at the Help Ukraine fundraiser. An early estimate, to be confirmed next week, was that the event raised about \$25,000 for humanitarian relief efforts in Ukraine. It was spearheaded by community members with connections to Ukraine, with support from a wide range of groups and individuals.



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GANGES VILLAGE

Public feedback on Ganges shared in report

Islands Trust planning process to improve the village unfolds

First of two parts

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring residents want a more people-centric and walkable Ganges, with clean and green public spaces, affordable housing and access to the waterfront, an Islands Trust public engagement process has found.

Consultants conducted a survey, an ideas fair, pop-up booths and a walkabout to gather residents' input late last year, and connected with organizations, businesses and people whose views might not otherwise be captured, including school-aged students and residents who are underhoused. All in all, around 800 people lent their opinions on the village's present and future, which consultants grouped into themes and presented to the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) on April 19. Information will feed into the creation of a future village area plan.

A top priority consultants heard was affordable housing,

including "rental, non-market, low-income and seniors housing." People wanted to see more affordable housing in the village, including options like housing above commercial spaces. Concentrating residential density in the village prevents sprawl and "fragmentation of habitat outside the village," the summary stated.

People connected more housing in the village to other goals of making it a more vibrant space all day, as well as goals of a walkable village and staff for local businesses.

"At the same time, the village is currently seen as car-oriented and hostile to pedestrians."

GANGES GATHERS ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

"I feel the housing in Ganges should be densified so that the core becomes more energized and creates activity that supports the businesses," one survey respondent wrote. "This could

alleviate the housing shortage and revitalize Ganges Village."

People value a walkable village, the consultants heard, where they can move through it and bump into people they know.

"At the same time, the village is currently seen as car-oriented and hostile to pedestrians," the engagement summary stated.

Some changes participants want to see are less congestion, better managed parking and less vehicle traffic overall. Making travel on foot or by bicycle or wheelchair "safe, accessible, and delightful" is another priority.

People value green spaces, consultants heard, and would like to have more outdoor spaces to gather outdoors, including a new central gathering space like a village square and green spaces with more trees, restored natural landscapes and Indigenous plant species. Young people said they'd like to see more indoor youth spaces.

"Folks living rough and dealing with addictions and mental health challenges have suggested that new, welcoming public spaces — like communal kitchens and maker spaces — would improve life on the island," the summary stated.

Centennial Park received its



PHOTO COURTESY AHNE STUDIO

Community members participate in a walk-about in Ganges as part of a public engagement process to determine what people like about the village and what they would like to see changed.

own section in the engagement summary. Consultant Jennifer Fix said the park is "among the most cherished, it's also among the most challenged places in the village." Concerns were heard regarding certain activities in the park, including substance use, off-leash dogs and "perceived aggressive behaviours." The park was noted by survey respondents as the space that would most benefit from improvement.

People who are underhoused or facing homelessness "are

aware that there is a stigma associated with them being there," the report stated, yet the park is an important social space for them as there are few other places for them to gather and experience community.

To view the 106-page engagement report, visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/salt-spring/projects/> and scroll down to Ganges Village Planning and find the Ganges Gathers Engagement Summary.pdf in the Document Library.

Capital Regional District



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: Friday, June 3, 2022

Time: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

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

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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 three positions expiring December 31, 2022.

Nomination Instructions

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

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

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Capital Regional District



Cedar Lane 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. 3505 (Cedar Lane Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2008), residents within the Cedar Lane Service Commission Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Cedar Lane Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

Place: Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T5

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Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3505, real property owners or residents in the Cedar Lane 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, 2023.

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 are two positions, expiring December 31, 2022.

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LAND USE

Francis Bread finds home at growing food hub

Upper Ganges Road site expands to accommodate bakery

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A food hub is in the process of being created at 319 Upper Ganges Rd., with plans for three well-known and loved Salt Spring Island food businesses to co-locate there.

After a January decision not to proceed with a rezoning with many challenging requirements, Meghan Carr and Peter Hunt of Francis Bread have found a new home up from their Churchill Road bakery. An addition will be built onto an existing building at the Upper Ganges site, and will be joining Woodshed Provisions and Salt Spring Kitchen Co. at a new "jam factory" there.

The plans for 319 Upper Ganges went before the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) April 19, where trustees approved a development permit amendment that would allow the planned addition to an already existing building that will house the Francis Bread bakery.



IMAGE COURTESY SSI ISLANDS TRUST

Aerial view of land at 319 Upper Ganges Rd. (denoted by white line) where Francis Bread will be accommodated.

The plans now have to go to the Capital Regional District (CRD) for approval, and Carr is hopeful they will be able to move the bakery there this fall.

"Fingers crossed, let's hope we're baking Christmas cookies in there."

Building the bakery will take time, Carr said, outlining the very challenging times small food businesses find themselves in with skyrocketing wheat prices, other costs and sourcing delays; not to mention the uncertainty and costs of building.

Yet the move is happening as of mid-May, albeit incrementally. Starting Saturday, May 14, Francis Bread lovers can visit a weekly pop-up space at 319 Upper Ganges, where they will be providing retail sales and order pick ups, including bread, pastries, coffee, drinks, sandwiches and picnic supplies. As of that date Francis Bread will no longer be open to the public at their Churchill Road site.

The addition will be a chance for Francis Bread to make the space suitable for their needs as a bak-

ery, Carr said, on an island where zoning for food processing is very difficult to find.

Water on the site is not a concern, applicant Stephen Mulherin said at the April 19 meeting, and the LTC agreed. The site has bulk water storage, as well as a rainwater catchment application pending Island Health approval. The need for water is currently quite low, Mulherin told the LTC.

The application also includes plans to beautify and integrate the existing building within the natural landscape using panels with Salt Spring Island imagery backlit by LED lighting.

"We've never had that kind of camaraderie in that way," Carr said of the change to being close to the two other food production businesses, as well as others in the area, including Bullock Lake Farm and Dos Amores Tortilleria. "I just feel like we're going into a small business community that feels supportive."

And with a growing population and growth in tourism, Carr said it's become clear that there is a need on the island for more access to goods and services.

"It has the zoning, it works within the OCP and it's what I think people, both locals and tourists, want and need."

Carr reflected on the rapid growth their bakery has had in such a short time. What was originally meant to be a full-time job for one, with Carr initially planning to hold onto a part-time job she had at the time, has turned into one needing seven extra employees in summer.

"I'm happy that we're able to stay within the community and grow in a way that works best for the community," she said.

The food hub is not the only plan for the site, Mulherin hinted to the LTC, with a phase two in the works.

"It's a building behind the current structures, which will have more space for small business and hopefully for what is the cultural industry that we're trying to identify," he said.

"The catch-22 is not being able to offer anything to anybody because you don't know if you have a permit. But I think that's coming quite quickly, within the next month."

MARINE FACILITIES

Island harbours deemed green



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Boats moored at Centennial Dock, one of eight Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island facilities that have received Clean Marine BC certification.

Georgia Strait Alliance program certifies HASSI facilities

The Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island has certified all eight of its facilities in Clean Marine BC (CMBC), an eco-certification program that supports boating facilities to make improvements that benefit the marine environment and also extend to business operations.

The eight facilities, located around Salt Spring Island, have all achieved four-anchor ratings out of five. CMBC anchor ratings range from

one anchor for facilities that comply with federal and provincial legislation and are starting to implement environmental best practices to five-anchor facilities, which have comprehensive and stronger operational and ecosystem conservation initiatives. These may include reducing and containing toxins, collecting and disposing of various wastes, conserving water and energy, as well as emergency preparedness and habitat protection initiatives.

Certification highlights of the Harbour Authority of Salt Spring Island include:

- A fixed pump-out station at the Ganges break-

water dock is available for public use;

- Staff who are extensively trained on environmental policy and emergency procedures;
- A long-term dock replacement program underway to replace structures with materials that are less toxic and damaging to the marine environment; and
- Spill response supplies are visibly located and readily available at all locations should a spill occur.

Clean Marine BC is run by the non-profit Georgia Strait Alliance, the only conservation group focused solely on protecting and restoring the marine environment and promoting the sustainability of the Canadian waters of the Salish Sea, its adjoining waters and communities.

"Certifying all eight of our facilities is already having a positive impact on the local marine environment and that feels great," said James Heath, HASSI executive officer, marina operations. "Through this process, we've learned how to make substantial positive impacts on our marine and upland environment through thoughtful and strategic policies implemented by well-trained staff year round."

Capital Regional District



Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal 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. 2118 (Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Additional Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 1993) residents within the Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Salt Spring Island Liquid Waste Disposal Local Service Commission

Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 20, 2022

Time: 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Place: Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room
129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T5

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Committee Membership Opportunity

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Nominations may be submitted at the meeting for members to stand on the committee for the following term. Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (five members must be persons entitled to vote on Salt Spring Island for the Electoral Area Director; one member must be from the Ganges Sewer Local Services Commission; and one member must be from the Malview Sewer Local Service area). There are three positions, expiring December 31, 2022.

Nomination Instructions

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EDITORIAL

Anchors aweigh

For Gulf Islanders, the impacts of freighters at anchor has proven to be an issue that's as huge and slow to move as the floating behemoths themselves.

Intense lobbying efforts from citizens groups, all levels of government and individuals in the past eight years has at least resulted in some recognition from government and industry that a problem exists with perennial use of some 33 regional anchorages by international cargo ships. The federal government made some attempt to mitigate impacts by implementing "guidelines" for anchored ships a few years ago, but by all accounts that made little difference to the volume of ships or their noisy and polluting activities.

Our MLA Adam Olsen reminded everyone in his most recent column that the issue has not been resolved. He clearly articulates the problem: "These vessels are disruptive, creating excessive noise and light pollution, sometimes for weeks at a time, and their generators constantly pump out greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful particulates," he wrote.

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"They regularly drag their anchors, destroying the ocean floor and threatening each other. And ships anchored outside the port waters are unregulated."

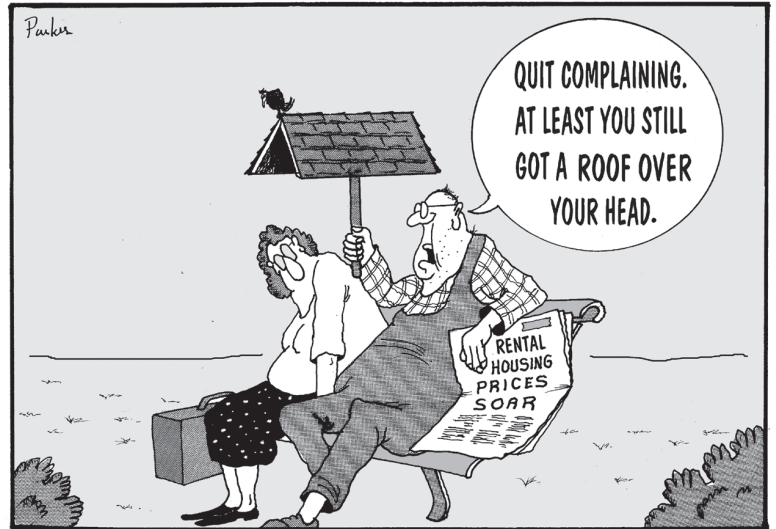
Creation of a new Active Vessel Traffic Management program by the Vancouver-Fraser Port Authority could be cause for optimism. The Port of Vancouver's web page also states "Through collaboration with industry and engagement with Indigenous groups, municipalities, and community stakeholders, we are exploring a range of opportunities to increase efficiency and to help better manage the effects of marine vessel traffic on local communities."

However, Olsen points out that only industry groups are represented on a new advisory panel created to address traffic management issues, not those impacted by anchorages. Omission of First Nations representation is especially egregious.

Creation of the panel appears to be all about serving the shipping industry better, not protecting the environment or communities.

As Olsen says, all that can be done at this point is for constituents to write letters to him, MP Elizabeth May and to media outlets, and to post stories about anchorage impacts online.

This issue can't be allowed to idle indefinitely.



Limits to growth ignored

BY MAXINE LEICHTER

Salt Spring is on the brink of a massive zoning change that threatens the island

as we know it. Can you imagine thousands more year-round and summertime residents on top of the huge increases already locked in from undeveloped lots? Just think of the ferry lineups! We're already experiencing water shortages, and that will be exacerbated by climate change.

Yet to show they are "doing something" about the affordable housing shortage, our trustees have given first reading to Bylaw 530, which would allow 968-square-foot secondary suites on most single-family zoned properties and increase the size limit of many cottages.

Trustee Laura Patrick cites staff shortages at the hospital, businesses and other services. But the bylaw does not ensure affordability or stipulate who will occupy these additional homes. In reality, the Islands Trust has little power to solve a continent-wide housing problem.

Most people don't want to be told who to rent to or how much to charge. There is no profit in building to rent, while illegal vacation rentals remain popular because they are lucrative and face little enforcement. Trustees have already allowed thousands of second residences, yet the housing problem persists because it is never-ending and construction costs are high. And many people simply don't want to share their properties full time.

This bylaw won't provide more housing anytime soon, but it will increase property values and make the island even more unaffordable. Over time, as properties change hands, the higher densities will be developed for economic reasons. Our

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lakes are already close to being tapped out, and groundwater is limited. Allowing an ever-greater population will put even more pressure on limited resources and services.

The Trust was formed in 1974 to stop over-development on the islands. That's why our official community plan limits the island's population to a little over 17,000, about 6,000 more than today. Experts warn, however, that even existing zoning may be unsustainable. To get around the population limit, the Trust says the extra suites aren't "densities." But playing with words won't hide what happens on the ground.

Staff advised trustees NOT to give first reading because more research is needed. But trustees went ahead anyway. Trustee Laura Patrick says she has to "do something," but common sense says don't "do something" that causes more harm than good.

Over 200 subsidized affordable housing units are already built, planned or under construction. Additionally, some businesses are providing housing for their employees. These are practical strategies that work. They will take time, but so will any small positive effects of this misguided bylaw. In the meantime, will the lack of immediate results prompt trustees to consider even more higher densities?

The recent governance review said every island should determine its carrying capacity, or how many people can be accommodated without destroying what the Trust was set up to save. It's decision time for Salt Spring Island: limits or no limits, protect or develop?

Write trustees at ssinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca. Contact me at maxineleichter@gmail.com.

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ISLAND VOICES

FROM THE BACK ISSUES

Selected items published in past issues of the Driftwood during the same week of the year noted.

1972

A three-year-old, two-bedroom home near Vesuvius "serviced with water, power and phone" was offered for sale at \$18,000 by Cam Bastedo Agencies Ltd.

1982

Almost \$20,000 in donations had been given to the Mahon Hall restoration committee, including \$15,000 from the Community Arts Council, which runs the summer-long arts and craft display each year. The committee, headed by Hugh Cummings, aimed to replace the roof and complete other upgrades.

1992

In a true recycling effort, 130 derelict vehicles were pulled from all areas of Galiano Island. Resident Vera Robinson organized the wreck collection, which resulted in derelict vehicles being hauled from properties and ditches, and basically appearing from out of the "woodwork," she said.

"It's been a big party on the island. Dozens of people were getting spare parts. There is just the metal left. It's incredible."

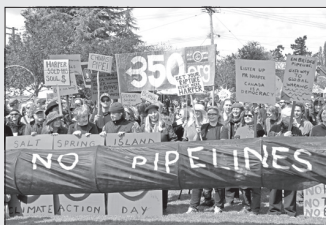
2002



Cartoon by James Watt pointed to Salt Spring's affordable housing challenges.

The fate of Salt Spring medical services remained unknown as B.C. doctors began job action in response to a breakdown in negotiations with the provincial government. The B.C. Medical Association (BCMA) asked physicians to support a series of service withdrawals, including not taking new patients or referrals; reducing or eliminating on-call and doctor-of-the-day services; postponement of non-emergency surgeries and some office closures.

2012



Islanders rallied in Centennial Park on a Black Saturday national event to protest the lack of climate action by the federal government of Stephen Harper.

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. For details about deadlines, and word limits for the Viewpoint and other longer opinion pieces, contact the editor at the email address below, or phone 250-537-9933. All submissions may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are asked to provide a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign letters with their full name. Letters published do not necessarily reflect the views of Driftwood Publishing Ltd., its staff or advertisers. Send letters to: news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

LETTERS to the editor

Bowen municipality update

I thought your readers would be interested in my observations about where Bowen Island stands more than 22 years after choosing to become an incorporated municipality within the Islands Trust Area.

Two decades after incorporation, Bowen is now facing large challenges that were not anticipated back then.

1. There are 58 employees amounting to 42 FTEs, far

more than expected. In addition are contractors doing planning work and things like waste management/running the recycle depot — about \$1.7 million per year.

2. Large borrowing for capital projects (fire hall and community centre).

3. Big problems with the Snug Cove Sewer (despite spending \$2.1 million a decade ago, it needs \$1.6 million now and another \$4 million for any expansion), so the new community centre and health centre are to be placed on septic even though they are within the sewer district. Meanwhile, free hookups were given to

private land developers.

4. There are even bigger problems with a new \$9-million water treatment plant that a year after intended opening still does not work.

5. Monies have been taken out of municipal reserves and applied to the above, despite the fact that island-wide paying for local service areas runs against our establishment bylaw.

6. There is so much staff turnover that no one from 22 years ago works for the municipality, i.e. there is no corporate memory.

7. Project road/culvert repairs should be tripled, according to our engineer.

8. A new works yard building, costing at \$4 million, has been proposed.

So Bowen's situation as an incorporated entity is far worse than it was prior to 1999. I do not see any easy way out of the dilemma. Though I suspect there will be a political price to pay this fall, it will be very hard to reverse or alter course.

I am a retired local/regional politician and the current vice-president of the Society for Atmosphere Solutions.

PETER FRINTON,
BOWEN ISLAND

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"We have a lot to gain from the perspectives of youth."

KATE NASH, PROGRAMS MANAGER, THE CIRCLE EDUCATION

Confusion reigns in Covid's 'just take care' era

What to do? What to do? Would someone, anyone, please tell me what the heck I am supposed to do now!

I've been a good and conscientious citizen, taken my shots without a whimper, worn my masks, regularly upgrading them until I was virtually Black Death resistant, I've kept my distance — short of ringing a leper bell — and just the other day inflicted a self-test on myself and stuck a swab so far up my nose I could feel it behind my eyes. But to what end, eh?

The government and the Blessed Bonny Henry have lifted the Covid restrictions and mandates so that we can pretty much get on with our lives and go about our business in the manner we choose. And thank you for that, I suppose.

Except that most medics and the media's scientific Jeremiahs won't let up on the dire warnings. Hardly a day passes without some new, more virulent grandchild of Covid being discovered lurking in the corner of a laboratory somewhere, ready to take over where its progenitors left off. So far, we've been staring down Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Omicron and Nigel (I made that one up, but it's probably out there, skulking in the sewers somewhere).

So here we are amid the SIXTH wave, for crying out loud, and we're pretty much being left to our own devices while the boffins have taken to rooting around in the drains to check how poorly we are because not enough people are calling in sick.

Just moments ago some wretch on CBC radio was breathlessly reporting that not only was young Omicron doing its damndest to make our lives miserable again but had somehow spun off its own more lethal siblings, a variant called XE, if you please, which is a subvariant of Omicron BA. 1 and BA. 2. (Do try to keep up at the back!)

I've personally taken to wearing a mask again. And then not, so I've gone from being an aggressive masker once inclined



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

to look for arguments with the anti-maskers whom I'll admit to never much liking to a lukewarm, muddled mask-or-not type. The anti-maskers' campaigns were driven by misinformation and bloody-mindedness; today we're shackled by too much information and not enough bloody-mindedness. I need someone to TELL me to wear a mask, not give me some wishy-washy admonition to "take care."

And here's where it all goes Billy Bonkers. I have absolutely no idea what constitutes "taking care" when half the people at the checkout are masked while the rest are naked from the neck up as they are perfectly entitled to be.

I'm being lined up for my fourth vaccination which would once have brought a rosy glow of omnipotence, but the most recent research apparently concludes that a fourth jab is good for about 20 minutes of immunity. Furthermore, masks themselves are now suspect and unless you wear a medically approved one that is at least proof against mustard gas and nuclear radiation you might as well knit your own.

All the while Big Pharma is churning out more remedies, more prophylactics, and presumably more money so that a day seldom passes without some new medical miracle that is going to save us from a fate worse than death. The most recent is a Covid "breathalyzer," blow into the bag and, voila! three minutes later you've got the all-clear — or 10 days shut away from polite company.

Meanwhile, when Covid does finally catch up with you, as it inevitably will according to the weeping prophets who never miss an opportunity to remind you that Omicron and its devil children are tiny and tenacious, there is a pill that will mitigate most of the unpleasant symptoms and keep you out of hospital. Just like flu, then?

• This is, in its way, an apology to the REAL truckers who caused so much havoc earlier in the year. It is not an apology to the loonies who hijacked their protest but to the knights of the road who make their livings hauling goods from one end of North America to the other and spend endless days in the fetid cab of a truck, keeping the wheels of commerce turning.

I read an article in the New York Times recently by Robin Kaiser-Schatzlein, a distinguished journalist who focuses on the transport industry, and he tells a harrowing tale of life on the road which explains how the government's vaccine demands were simply the straw that broke the camel's back.

There is no freedom of the highway and there is most certainly little glamour. Most truckers, he says, are "hemmed in by low wages, long hours and an unbelievable level of automation and surveillance." Their trucks are monitored, and the drivers are spied on to an unbearable degree. Sensors track their eyes to ensure they don't lift them from the road and if they are delayed at a depot, they regularly must sleep in their cabs because their trucks are fitted with overnight immobilizers which not only kill their motors but the cab heaters too.

They had every right to protest, but their genuine grievances were lost in a miasma of bogus science, an absurd notion of freedom and an unpleasant mob of troublemakers. They deserve better.

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PHOTOS AT LEFT AND TOP BY JEN MACLELLAN; PHOTO BELOW BY BRYN FINER
RUCKLE FARM DAY FUN: Below, a crowd enjoys the return of Ruckle Farm Day after a two-year hiatus, while at left, Megan Dandeneau demonstrates blacksmithing skills (with Jeri Sparshu seen behind). Above, a four-legged kid entertains visitors to the heritage farm part of Ruckle Provincial Park. The farm is marking its 150th anniversary this year.



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Threats to fish

David Fullbrook, the Vortex applicant, continues to downplay the value of the Fulford Harbour ecosystem as he pursues his plans for a destination resort.

The development's official website states that "Soule Creek has no fish habitat and is not fish accessible." Really? Why, then, were I and others recently able to photograph salmon fry in Soule Creek? Not just a few, but a great many, and what a beautiful sight it was!

The website information is also contrary to a report by Mr. Fullbrook's own environmental consultant, which states that "Soule Creek is assumed to have fish or the potential to have fish, and the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation applies."

How sad to think that "percolate" will be flowing into Soule Creek just metres away. According to the septic consultant's report, the ground discharge will be "an advantage" that will "recharge shallow groundwater," "improve water status in the riparian area," all while "adding to base stream flow."

I wonder if the fish will enjoy the pharmaceuticals, cleaners and personal care products that are not removed by standard biological treatment — contaminants not covered by the BC Septic Manual.

Amazingly, this resort is planned for a site that is between two fish-bearing streams, near sea level, subject to flooding and liquefaction, and has a potentially tidal-dominant

groundwater table.

Please write to our trustees (ssi-info@islandtrust.bc.ca) to demand additional hydrology and biology studies as recommended by Trust staff, and emphasize that these studies must be independent.

FRANTS ATTORP,
SALT SPRING

Yay for YIMBY



I had occasion to travel to Galiano Island (from Salt Spring) last week and was intrigued to see dozens of "lawn" signs displayed the length of the island, bearing the acronym YIMBY, standing for Yes In My Back Yard! (See above photo.)

We were told this is a groundswell of residents supporting an affordable housing project planned for the island. I was struck by this highly visible and public way for a community to show its support for families and workers who might otherwise have to leave the island for lack of an affordable place to live with dignity.

I urge Salt Springers to similarly demonstrate their support for initiatives that are urgently needed to improve the health and vibrancy of our community.

FRANZ SCHERUBL,
SALT SPRING

Capital Regional District



Beddis Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3247 (Beddis Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2004), residents within the Beddis Water Service Commission Local Service Area are invited to attend:

Beddis Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 7, 2022
Time: 10am – 12pm
Place: Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room
 129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T5

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, 2023.

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 are three positions expiring December 31, 2022.

Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 3247 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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Capital Regional District



Fulford Water Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Fulford Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday, June 6, 2022
Time: 10am – 12pm
Place: Fulford Community Hall
 2591 Fulford-Ganges Rd, Salt Spring Island BC V8K 1Z4

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EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Technology proves useful before and during disasters

Tips for making the most of your smartphone and other tools

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- If possible, use non-voice channels like text messaging, email or social media. These use less bandwidth than voice communications and may work even when phone service doesn't.

- If you must use a phone, keep your conversation brief and convey only vital information to emergency personnel and/or family. This will also conserve your phone's battery.

- Unable to complete a call? Wait 10 seconds before redialing to help

reduce network congestion. Note, cordless phones rely on electricity and will not work during a power outage. If you have a landline, keep at least one corded phone in your home.



- Keep a charger for your mobile device in your emergency kit. Consider getting a solar-

powered, crank, charging bank, or vehicle phone charger. If you don't have a cell phone, keep a prepaid phone card in your emergency kit.

- Keep your contacts up to date on your phone, email and other channels. This will make it easier to reach important contacts, such as friends, family, neighbours, child's school, or insurance agent.

- If you have a smartphone, save your safe meeting location(s) on its mapping application.

- Conserve your smartphone's battery by reducing the screen's brightness, placing your phone in airplane mode, and closing apps you are not using. You never know how long a power outage will last!

- Sign up for the CRD Public Alert Notification System (PANS) to receive alerts with emergency information. It's at www.crd.bc.ca/pans

- Link up with your neighbourhood Pod - connect with neighbours and learn about GMRS/Amateur radio nets. Email ssiepc@crd.bc.ca for more information.

Remember, in an emergency or to save a life, call 9-1-1 for help. You cannot currently text 9-1-1.

If you are not experiencing an emergency, do not call 9-1-1.

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Tsunami Circus troupe gets ready for Beyond

Show runs May 13-15 at Salt Spring Island Middle School

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

When the Tsunami Circus show called *Beyond* premieres next week, the circus artists will likely be more excited than usual to perform since Covid has stymied them for the past two years.

Circus students come from elementary, middle and high school on Salt Spring. With a variety of ages comes collaboration, mentorship by the students who've been in circus longer, and playing off of each



PHOTO BY EMELIE PEACOCK

Tsunami Circus members prepare a group juggling routine that will be premiered at this year's show called *Beyond*.

other's strengths in performances. Some of the 30 artists have wanted to be in the circus program since they first saw their predecessors perform, some even before they started school.

To get into circus, mindset and determination is more critical than talent, the coaches explain. But everyone has to know how to juggle.

This year's circus performers have spent 12 weeks moving from six weeks of conditioning — "acrobatics, handstands aeriels on the trapeze but also aeriels in the fabric," coach James Cowan said. Then eight weeks in, the students began to specialize.

Behind the performers are volunteers, often parents of eager circus kids, who pour thousands of hours into the endeavour. Tsunami Circus has been running since 2015. It was, and possibly is, the only public school in Canada with an aerial circus, James said.

Jaqueline Wightman saw her mom and founder of the program Tiffany (Fanny) Wightman spend hours and hours on circus, then she herself got involved at age 12.

"I was here all hours and I became really fit and able to do things and I got past my fears. It was a hard journey but it was so much worth it," said Jacqueline, who has floated from hammocks to hula hoop, to stilts, and now she's now in love with the dance trapeze. "I'm so proud that my mom's doing all this, and I'm happy I get to be a part of it."

Steph Cowan has been with the circus for five years. She started training on stilts, then went onto aerial hoops and for the past three years has been training on the aerial cube.

"And I also really like unicycling," she said. "I've spent so much time in this gym devoting myself to this training. This is really what I love to do," she said. "The shows are just an incredible experience."

Jacqueline and Steph agree that the hurdles in circus are often a matter of "beating down the mental blocks of saying, 'Oh, I can't do this.' It's, 'I can't do this yet.' But if you work hard enough you can do anything."

Some parts of circus are harder than people think. For example, with stilts you are up there for three-and-a-half minutes holding your own body weight and doing all the movements with stamina and grace.

Eighteen-year-old Nicole Gent started circus in 2015 and fell in love with it. For Gent, it's been an outlet from stress around school, friendships or any life drama going on.

"You leave it at the door, you come here, and it's just your outlet," she said. "You can express yourself and you just forget about all your problems and you just have fun. And you end up making something really amazing."

Thirteen-year-old Teagan Hunwicks, who is nicknamed "Bendy" at Tsunami Circus, said hammocks and contortion are her main focus. "It's just like your other family, kind of, where you totally click," she said of the circus community. "You get teamwork and get experience for when you're older, how to work around people, and you get to meet new people . . . in the hallways, you see all your circus people, and you have more friends."

Volunteer administrator Michelle Bennett said many things, above and beyond the circus arts, are taught here. They are summed up into "the five Ps" of the community's culture code. They include pass it on, persistence, pain (the good kind), positivity and patience.

Tyrel Domingue decided to join the circus during his first year of middle school.

"I came in here and I instantly saw all the wacky things people were doing here. All the silks and the cradles and the trapeze, and so I thought this seems really cool."

Domingue said the program has led to the majority of the middle school knowing how to juggle, with students practising and working on their craft in the multi area. The school also has a circus class, which Piper Wightman, Rachel Skinner, Arawyn Steeves, Bryn Pyper and Lola Rosborough are currently in.

With Salt Spring Island Middle School (SIMS) closing this year, the future of Tsunami Circus is up in the air. The school's gymnasium is specially kitted out with rigging for aerial circus arts, a space which doesn't exist elsewhere on the island. James said they are working with the Capital Regional District, which is taking over the operation of SIMS, to see how the circus could continue to operate.

"Ideally, we would have our own facility, and the appetite on the island is huge," James said. "We turn away many, many, many . . . hundreds of people each year who want to do circus but we don't have the space for it."

Tickets for the May 13 and 14 shows, from 6 to 8 p.m., and the May 15 show from 1 to 3 p.m. are available at West of the Moon and the Salt Spring Elementary School and SIMS offices.

The *Beyond* show poster explains that "Adults and Aliens" pay \$10 a ticket while children and students pay \$5. A concession and merchandise table will be set up with T-shirts and juggling balls for sale.

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There are vacancies for members representing the following communities:

- ▶ **Public Representative (2)**
- ▶ **District of Highlands Representative (1)**

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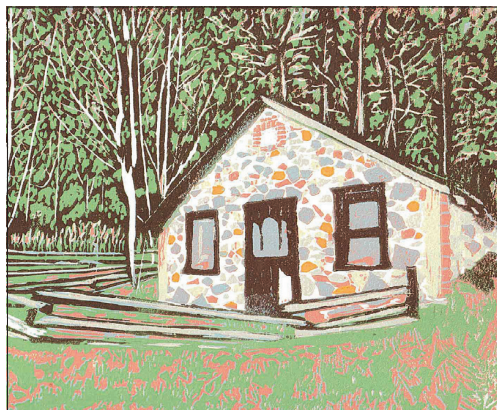
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ART SHOW

Printmakers celebrate in May



From left, Celia Duthie's Stone Cottage print and Pamy Sira's Raven, part of the Salt Spring Island Printmakers group show and sale.

In-person and online exhibitions and sales

The Salt Spring Island Printmakers group is busy this month with two separate events.

The group is showing new works using a variety of techniques in the ArtSpring lobby until May 30. ArtSpring is open Tuesdays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and during performances.

As well, an online print sale and fundraiser will begin on the group's website on May 7, which is International Print Day.

"Many talented artists have donated their prints, using many printmaking techniques, which will be available to view and buy," explains a press release.

The fundraiser will run to June 30, with new prints added every two weeks. Twenty per cent of the money raised through sales will benefit Ukrainians

displaced by the war. The rest will go towards purchasing a much-needed large printing press to add to the small one the group currently has.

Presses will be available to those who attend group workshops and studio days. Workshops will be announced on the website, and everyone is welcome to attend.

The online print sale and more information is available at www.ssiprintmakers.com/.

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what's on this week



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Wed. May 4

ACTIVITIES

Music Bingo.

Every Wednesday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Thur. May 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Open Mic.

Royal Canadian Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

T. Nile & Band.

Live at Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

North Salt Spring Waterworks District AGM.

Annual general meeting will be held at Community Gospel Chapel. 6 p.m. AND virtually via Microsoft Teams. See www.northsaltspringwaterworks.com for the Microsoft Teams link.

VIA ZOOM

Poetry Open Mic.

With featured poet Kamal Parmar. 7 p.m. for open mic with Kamal Parmar reading at 7:30 p.m. Email programs@saltspringlibrary.com to register.

Fri. May 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vixx.

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

Superfeather & Dylan Stone.

Live at Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.

CHIR.FM Launch Party.

Fundraiser for new radio station, including station DJs playing music, a live auction, sale of goods and more. At the Legion. 7 p.m., with Valdy playing a guest set at about 9 p.m. The event will be streamed live on islandsradio.ca and CHIR FM.

Fri. May 6

ACTIVITIES

StoryWalk.

Follow the trail of laminated signs from a children's book beginning from the Salt Spring Public Library through Mouat Park and toward the Rainbow Road pool. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

VIA ZOOM

ASK Salt Spring.

This week's guests are North Salt Spring Waterworks District trustees. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Email ask@asksaltspring.com for the link.

Children's Author Reading With Gillian Sze.

A Salt Spring Public Library program beginning at 11 a.m. Email jwagner@saltspringlibrary.com for the Zoom link.

Sat. May 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

John Herbert.

Moby's Pub deck. 5 to 7 p.m.

Carolyn Mark, Kris Demeanor and Wes Borg.

Moby's Pub. 8 to 11:30 p.m.

Bruce Cobanli.

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

La Caramelita Flamenco.

Mateada Lounge. 8 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

StoryWalk.

See Friday's listing.



Sun. May 8

ACTIVITIES

Hike with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

Meet at ArtSpring every Sunday at 1 p.m. to join a 3-4 hour hike in various parts of Salt Spring. Non-members may attend up to 3 hikes per year. For more details, see <http://saltspringtnc.ca/index.php/events/>

StoryWalk.

See Friday's listing.

Mon May 9

ACTIVITIES

StoryWalk.

See Friday's listing.

Tue. May 10

ACTIVITIES

Hike with Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club.

Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. every Tuesday to join a 3-4 hour hike in various parts of Salt Spring, or at 10 a.m. to join a more relaxed walk. Non-members may attend up to 3 activities per year. For more details, see <http://saltspringtnc.ca/index.php/events/>

Trivia Tuesday.

Every Tuesday at Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.

Wed. May 11

ACTIVITIES

Music Bingo.

See last Wednesday's listing.

Wednesday Bridge.

Bridge players meet every Wednesday at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 12:45 to 4:15 p.m.

THE FRITZ CINEMA

The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent starring Nicholas Cage shows on Friday, May 6 through Tuesday, May 10 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. www.thefritz.ca

EXHIBITIONS

• Symbolically 8 celebrates the 13th anniversary of Gallery 8 with work by all gallery artists in Grace Point Square daily until May 11.

• Salt Spring Gallery hosts On the Edge - Dreams of West Greenland by Cortes Island artist Iris Steigemann until May 11.

• SSI Printmakers are showing new original prints in the ArtSpring Lobby to May 30. ArtSpring is open from Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and during ArtSpring performances.

• Sheya Jordan presents an exhibit called Heartivism in the library program room until May 28.

• Three pieces from Sabrina Lloyd's Blue Collection are on display at Dragonfly Art Supplies throughout the month of May.

• Colton Prevost shows his photographs at the Laundr-O-Mat until May 15.

Blossom Picnic

Annual festival put on by Salt Spring's Japanese community returns!

Sunday, May 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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FUNDRAISER

Haitian family focus of fundraiser

David MacDonald makes connection through beekeeping

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring beekeeper is over a quarter of the way towards a fundraising goal that will see four young members of a Haitian family gain education and have their basic needs met.

Salt Spring beekeeper David MacDonald has been working with colleagues in Haiti since he and Brian Coombs started up their now thriving beekeeping and permaculture non-profit over a decade ago. Having heard about a Haitian family whose eldest child is at risk of ending up in indentured servitude, MacDonald undertook the goal of raising \$22,000 to help the family over the next four years.

Hives for Haiti's director of operations Simon Remond let MacDonald know about the situation his neighbour's children found themselves in. The father of the family is disabled, MacDonald explained, and their mother is illiterate and cannot work due to the reality of Haiti's economy. The small Caribbean nation has a 15.4 per cent unemployment rate and 24.5 per cent of the population lives on less than \$2 US a day.



PHOTO COURTESY DAVID MACDONALD

Salt Spring beekeeper David MacDonald is fundraising to help educate the four children of a Haitian family over four years. They are, from left, Djoubens, Raynald, Santiara and Judeline.

Poverty in Haiti is extreme, MacDonald explained.

"If you haven't seen it, it's kind of beyond our comprehension, I just didn't think such a thing existed."

MacDonald recalled the first time he went to the country as an aid worker and was kicking a ball around in the street with three young girls. Two months later, MacDonald was told the youngest of the girls they'd met had died of starvation and the oldest sister had been sold into servitude to feed the middle child.

"That's life in Haiti, that's not an unusual situation."

Indentured servitude is also what awaited the oldest child of Remond's neighbours, 13-year-old Judeline, who would be in servitude to a family until she is released at age 17. With no education or literacy, those released from indentured servitude often end up homeless, in the sex trade or even turning back to the family they served in order to survive, MacDonald explained.

MacDonald recalled hearing their story from Simon.

"I said, 'These are four kids out of probably six or seven million kids that are in the same position? What good is it to help this one family, Simon?'"

MacDonald knew Hives for Haiti could not stray from their focus of providing usable skills to people who then go on to create their own beekeeping businesses and pass on the knowledge, as veering off course would water down the organization's mission and possibly lead to its failure.

"I felt really uncomfortable at the end of that conversation. I'm laying there for several nights thinking about these kids," he said, and couldn't get their story out of his mind.

"I know that there will be criticism out there — 'what about the other ones?'" he acknowledged. "I know it's an emotional thing. Yeah, you can't save everyone, but the one that I can see I can do my best to save."

MacDonald decided to do the fundraiser for the family on his own, outside of Hives for Haiti, with a detailed plan he came up with together with the non-profit's management team in the country: Remond, Nelcie Pierre and Jobles Onesias. The plan is to hire a tutor and bring the children from Grade 1 up to speed with reading, writing,

basic math, business and operating computers, and if there is time, to teach them French and English.

The \$22,000 will cover food, clothing and education for four years, and a detailed budget is shared with would-be donors on the Gofundme page entitled Help Keep Judeline out of Indentured Servitude.

"Then we would have those kids prepared either that all four of them can join our organization as beekeepers and learn the trade of beekeeping, or they would at least have enough education — practical education, not academic education — to be able to get into a trade," he explained.

MacDonald has raised close to \$6,000 towards the goal, and they've already hired 21-year-old Voltaire Voylyne Issainclynne to begin the children's schooling.

This fundraiser is separate from MacDonald's work with Hives for Haiti, which is also progressing. The non-profit bought a seven-acre property last year, where they will use permaculture and syntropic farming practices to regenerate the landscape. The property is fenced and has water, with further plans to install a water capture system and run training programs in syntropic farming.

The organization is putting in an application for charitable status this year. They will also be renaming themselves the Haiti Beekeepers Society.

A firefighter in Richmond who retired into beekeeping and a job as an apiary inspector for the B.C. government, MacDonald first visited Haiti as an aid worker a few years after the 2010 earthquake that devastated the country. MacDonald and Coombs created Hives for Haiti shortly after that first visit in 2013, and the definition of success they came up with back then is now coming to pass.

"If we got to a place where we weren't needed anymore, where we were just redundant, that would be the ultimate goal," MacDonald said.

And while he's still involved in training and other aspects, this goal was reached around six months ago with an all-Haitian team teaching new beekeepers the ropes and several success stories of beekeepers to point to.

"The program will still go and grow and it'll just keep chugging along beautifully."

Capital Regional District



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 2, 2022

Time: 12pm - 2pm

Place: Salt Spring Island Library Meeting Room

129 McPhillips Ave, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T5

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. 1906, real property owners or residents in the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2023.

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, 2022.

Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 1906 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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May Day Tradition



PHOTO AT LEFT BY BETH MCDERMOTT; OTHERS BY GAIL SJUBERG

Seen at left with flower-filled May baskets they made on Sunday are, from left, Eli Lindzon-Graham, Caitlin McDermott and Aliza Lindzon-Graham. In the centre photo, Aliza runs to hang a basket on the door of Lynne and Mark Fraser's Price Road home, just as Lynne comes outside to walk her dog. The May Day celebration McDermott has engaged in since the age of two on Salt Spring usually sees the baskets left secretly. The girls and Lynne regrouped for a photo (at right) after a brief visit. Lynne said despite the May 1 tradition she is always surprised by the annual flower gift left by her young next-door neighbour. McDermott's family has now moved to Mill Bay, but mom Beth said Caitlin wanted to distribute the baskets one more time. Fourteen were given out on Sunday.



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MEDIA

Youth podcast series launched

Perceptions explored and shared in four-episode project for youth and adults

SUBMITTED BY THE CIRCLE EDUCATION

The Circle Education is excited to launch a podcast series created by youth, for both youth and adults who are interested in hearing what young rural islanders have to say about the different realities and issues that are of interest to them.

The name of the podcast series is Juvenioia, defined as, "the fear one generation of adults holds towards the younger generations succeeding them."

The Circle Education — which delivers innovative evidence-based social-emotional programs to School District 64 and online to other communities — received community initiatives funding through the BC Responsible and Problem Gambling Program to produce the podcast series.

"We have a lot to gain from the perspectives of youth," said Kate Nash, programs manager with The Circle Education.



PHOTO COURTESY THE CIRCLE EDUCATION

From left, Mia Oliveira, Emma Phillips, Maggie Naphtali and Sasha Hroch, four youth who worked on The Circle Education's Juvenioia podcast that can be heard through Apple Podcasts, Spotify, www.thecircleeducation.org and www.islandsradio.ca.

"When we really listen and wonder, we gain new insights and perspectives on how to work and learn alongside them. In this way, we can empower youth for a better tomorrow."

The podcast series contains four episodes. The topics — Mental Health & Social Media, Climate Change & Environment, Spirituality & Beliefs, and Self-identity were chosen by the youth and facilitated by Nash. In each episode, the podcast hosts discuss one topic and interview a member of the community.

"What I love about this project is that it takes our work one step further by putting youth in the driver's seat and having them use their skills and abilities to create and lead something of their very own that speaks to how they feel and think," said Janine Fernandes-Hayden, executive director at The Circle Education. "The nature of the discussions and dialogues in the podcasts offers a window into the depth and tone of conversations that our youth have as they sit in a circle in our programs."

Bells White, one of the project participants, enjoyed the process of making the podcast.

"I most liked developing the content and discussions of the episodes by just having long, unfiltered talks about the topics in question. The train of thought interaction between teenagers was very fun to participate in."

For Mischa Emiliano the highlight was working together as a team.

"All grounded and funny people with interesting stories to tell," he says. "My favourite episodes were those about identity and belief; both things that most people struggle with, so it was interesting to listen to everyone's different experiences."

The Circle Education is grateful for the support from Gulf Islands Community Radio Society (GICRS).

"We were delighted to join with The Circle Education on this very worthwhile project and were happy to work over several weeks with the youth on recording and editing their comments," said GICRS president Damian Inwood. "This project is part of our goal of training and mentoring young people on Salt Spring Island in gaining broadcasting skills."

"The train of thought interaction between teenagers was very fun to participate in."

BELLS WHITE
Podcast participant

The four episodes of Juvenioia will be available through Apple Podcasts, Spotify, the website of The Circle Education (www.thecircleeducation.org) and Islands Radio (www.islandsradio.ca).

Juvenioia Episode Descriptions

Episode 1: Youth Perceptions of Social Media and Mental Health

In this episode, Maggie and Sasha unpack the perception that youth are overly influenced by social media, and explore the relationship between social media and youth mental health. Community guest: Indigo Lainas.

Episode 2: Perceptions of Climate Change and its impact on Youth

Maggie, Sasha and Bells explore the impacts of growing up within a climate change culture and the effect it has on their sense of agency. Community guest: Kumi Nash.

Episode 3: Youth Perceptions on Belief Systems

Emma and Mischa explore the origins of their beliefs systems and the principles that help them to interpret their everyday reality. Community guest: Dave Phillips.

Episode 4: Our Perceptions on Identity; How it Changes and Develops

Bells and Mischa explore the ebb and flow of identity and how it is defined by both internal and external factors. Community guest: Niko Weis.

Capital Regional District



Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

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

Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

Date: Friday, June 24, 2022

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm

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, 2023.

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 positions expiring December 31, 2022.

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

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TREVOR JAMES HARROP
(April 19, 1927 - April 9, 2022)

Trevor J Harrop was born in Winnipeg, April 19th 1927, to Jean and James Harrop. Trevor was a middle child between older brother John (Jack) and his younger sister Pat. He moved to Motherwell, Scotland at a young age and soon took a shining to competitive swimming. While in the School of Dentistry at the University of Glasgow, he got the opportunity to swim at the London Olympics in 1948. Upon graduation, Trevor and Sheila, his future wife, boarded a freighter to embark on their new life in Canada. Trevor became the first resident dentist in the small town of New Denver, BC. They fell in love with the village and quickly made lifelong friends including the Casleys, DeRosas, and especially the Dahlies. Trevor and Sheila would settle down in Vancouver and raise their family. Survived by his 4 children, Jim (Jen), Catherine (Bill Griffiths), Ian (Judy), and David (Kaoru), 11 Grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren. Predeceased by his wife Sheila (2021), and his eldest granddaughter Michelle Griffiths (2022).

As a member of the Faculty of Dentistry at UBC from 1965 to 1990, he taught many aspiring dental students. His sabbaticals included time on the Good Ship Hope in Tunisia (1970), a year in Florida (1975), and a year in Malaysia (1980). Upon his retirement in 1990, Trevor and Sheila moved back to the cabin in New Denver where they enjoyed over 25 years with close friends, trips abroad and summer visits from family. Family visits always included swims at Harrop's beach, fishing up Carpenter Creek, huckleberry picking and regular hikes in the fall for Matsutake mushrooms.

Trevor loved to fish. In the 50's/60's in Campbell River, he would go steel heading and Salmon fishing with his friend Rod Haig-Brown. His love of fly fishing brought him to the Harry Hawthorne society at UBC and ultimately a shareholder at the Pennask Lake Fishing and Game Club. His last visit was in 2019 with Sheila, sons David and Ian and grandson Duncan. Lots of trout in his lifetime!

His joys in life included his many visits by his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Always up for a chat and a story, Trev loved to socialize with anyone who would lend an ear. The last 5 years were spent on Salt Spring Island, many new friends and a supportive community made their final years yet another adventure. Trevor passed peacefully with family by his side on April 9th, 10 days before his 95th Birthday.

Obituaries

In Memoriam



Friends and family are invited to join us in a Memorial Mass to honour **Barbara "Bo" Pbelan** (July 22, 1928 - Dec 1, 2021)

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Personals

Princess:
The Oracle has died. Her last message was: "You've broken your Prince's heart during many lifetimes because you always listed to other people rather than to your heart." The Prince is fading fast and is ready to join the Oracle. You can put an end to this Karmic recycling by listening to your heart while there is still time.

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Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

Jupiter entering Aries is the big news for us all, perhaps especially you. May 10th is the big day. Yet, your ruling planet, Mars, is still in Pisces and in increasingly close contact with Neptune. This can have a dampening effect, in the short term, anyway. Mars only enters Aries on May 24, joining forces with Moon, Venus, Chiron and Jupiter. Talk about red hot chili peppers!

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

All of this Aries energy likely finds you busy, probably behind the scenes. The eclipse energy is bound to be synchronizing with the start of new projects. These likely began weeks ago as the influence of eclipses commonly manifests earlier than the actual event date. You are probably feeling the power as a bullish resolve to get shit done.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

While the eclipse occurred in your solar 12th house, which means that it is destined to stir things up in your subconscious mind, the Aries influence will manifest as a real shaker for you. You may be enjoying some measure of rest and retreat for the past few weeks, but the tide is turning. Already the signs are there and like a mid-spring thaw of snow in the higher mountains, expect the waters to rush.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

A deep, metamorphic process continues. It has probably experienced an extra impetus of purging and processing deeper complexities since the Sun entered Taurus two-plus weeks ago. Positively, it has served to awaken the spiritual warrior in you. Now the Jupiter in Aries ignition combined with the eclipse stands to have an explosive surge.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The eclipse occurred in your solar career sector, activating attention from others. Somehow, your status is changing and the results could be permanent. The Aries impulse shines positively on you, so fortunately you have that support. It may take a few weeks but you are heading towards a new foundation of some kind; a fresh start.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

The Taurus eclipse is activating your higher mind. Somehow your relationship life is also feeling the currents. This is likely manifesting as changes in your self-concept and sense of identity. With the strong Aries impulse featured, this change includes themes of death and rebirth, of clearing the old to make way for the new.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

While you are not the only one undergoing processes of change and transformation, it is probably quite a strong experience for you. With awareness, resolve, positivity and strategy, you can possibly use this energy to break on through to the other side... of blocks of various kinds that have been holding you back, perhaps for many years.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Changes on relationship fronts are the big story. These require extra faith, energy and effort on your part. Yet, it may take two to three weeks before you really show up to deliver. The reasons for this may not be your fault, but could still cause trouble. The more willing you are to render this attitude of surrender and acceptance, the better.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Health matters linked to your lifestyle are a featured theme. It looks like you are in the mood to have more fun. With your confidence levels up, thanks to Jupiter's transit through Pisces, you are ready to explore new horizons. So, adventure is a keyword. Monitoring your energy levels may still be required, however, so be aware and pace yourself.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

A creative and inventive impulse is flowing in your veins. While your energy levels have been pretty high, you have also had to contend with challenges to focus. Positively, you are doing the rounds and allowing for a multi-tasking approach. But, you may not be getting a lot done. But, that is about to change thanks to Jupiter lighting a fire under your butt...

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

This eclipse is having a direct impact on your home and living situation. Yet, like a slow motion movie or some mysterious force slowing progress, you may notice that you have had to contend with a very slow and drawn-out pace. Things will speed up a bit over the course of this week, though. Trust the flow and conserve your energy; you will need it.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

How you perceive the world and your place in it is changing quickly now. Hopefully, these changes are in alignment with your values and desires. This is generally a time of new beginnings. While you are still in the momentum building process, you should notice the pace is growing steadily stronger. Expect this trend to continue and accelerate.

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SNEAKERS

Club concludes runs

Vancouver Island races

BY SUSAN GORDON
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April 10 was the final race of the Vancouver Island Race Association six-event series, the Bazan Bay 5K in Sidney. It included the presentation of awards for the series, which required participants to race in at least four of the six events.

Age-group prizes are calculated from a scoring system derived from a percentage of the world record — males and females — for each distance. The highest scoring Sneaker in the series was Andre Gerard, with 576.8 points in the M65-69 age group. Andre earned fifth in his category with this score and was awarded coach Susan Gordon's MVP certificate for most points earned among the Sneakers racing team.

Team captain Eric Ellis finished with second place for the season in the M75-79 division. Ellis' overall efforts across the six-race series earned him the coach's choice for "outstanding performance," given his consistent top podium placings.

Marion Young holds the second-place ranking for overall points won by a Sneaker

and the sixth-place ribbon for the series in W60-64.

Throughout the series, Anna Ford had her most successful race season, taking home the third-place medal in the W65-69 category. Doreen Peron earned sixth place overall in the same age group.

Ellis was also presented with an award for "Best Running Team Mascot" in honour of his springer spaniel Lily, who passed away earlier this year. Lily was a delightful presence at many award ceremonies, often seen wearing her owner's medals.

Team Sneakers finished seventh of all registered teams with less than 10 entrants in each race and was 12th overall of the 63 teams entered.

This concludes the team's racing opportunities until the Victoria Marathon in October. In the interim, members Young, Marcia Jansen and Janine Fernandes-Hayden tackled the BMO Vancouver Marathon's full and half marathon distances on Sunday, while Ellis prepares for the Canadian National Half Marathon Championships in Winnipeg in June.

The Sneakers welcome new members at group workouts. Find us on Facebook groups at Salt Spring Sneakers and request to join if you want to run for recreation or racing.

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Walk & Wheel month rolls out



PHOTO BY ROBIN JENKINSON
Tiny strider bikes ready for the All Kids Bike program taking place at Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary schools.

Cycling-centred activities

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All kinds of school and community events are taking shape for the month of May as part of Walk & Wheel Month.

Island Pathways' energetic Cycling Salt Spring committee is expanding upon GoBy-BikeBC Week, which is slated for May 30 to June 6 this year, to make it a month-long celebration of healthier ways to get around. Whether on foot, by bike or wheely device, or via bus, people are invited to join in a number of Island Pathways events planned this May.

In the primary schools, Capital Bike will offer two skills and safety workshops in early May at Salt Spring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary schools. We also plan to launch a west coast pilot of the All Kids Bike program for students ages five to seven, and a Kids-on-Wheels day for preschool-aged children. The last week of May, students can win prizes for riding the bus, walking or wheeling to school.

For youth, Next Level Riding will offer mountain bike skills and safety workshops at Mouat Park with follow-up rides on Tzouhalem Mountain in Cowichan during the first weekend in June.

For grown-ups, join us for a number of social bike rides around Salt Spring and neighbouring islands and region, with stops at wineries, beaches and lots of fun along the way. Then, log your rides at www.gobybikebc.com/salt-spring-island/ to win prizes.

Those over 55 years of age are invited to a weekend-long E-Bike Freedom skills and safety course being offered by Capital Bike on May 14-15 at the Salt Spring library with rides nearby.

For people wanting to upgrade their bike to an electric one, David Elderton is offering a fabulous ebike conversion workshop to wrap up the month on May 28.

As well, Sean Mulligan with Outspokin Bikes will celebrate his 10th year in business with a community BBQ.

People should check gobybikebc.ca/salt-spring-island/, plus the Island Pathways website and Facebook page for additional celebration stations, mechanic clinics and more.

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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: Friday, June 3, 2022
Time: 10am – 12pm
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. 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, 2023.

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 two positions expiring December 31, 2022.

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. 3911 is available for viewing on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca

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

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