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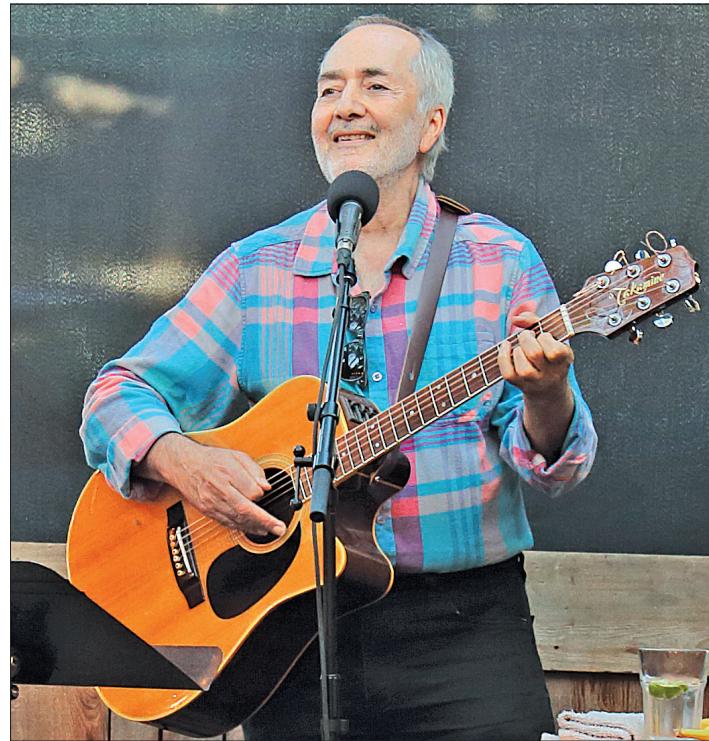


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**FAN FAVOURITE:** Internationally acclaimed children's entertainer Raffi Cavoukian performs at the Tree House Cafe on July 8, having the crowd sing along to some Raffi classics. It was also the Salt Spring resident's 74th birthday. These days Raffi is also busy with activities related to the Raffi Foundation for Child Honouring.

## GOVERNANCE

# LCC bylaws released

'Significant' authority delegated by the CRD

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What Salt Spring governance would look like with a local community commission (LCC) has become a bit more clear with release of two bylaws from the Capital Regional District (CRD).

Bylaws 4507 and 4508 — which would establish the LCC and delegate CRD powers to it — are expected to receive three readings at the CRD Board meeting today (July 13). Voter approval this fall will be needed to make the change.

An LCC format would see islanders vote for four LCC commissioners plus the CRD director. It would eliminate four current island-wide CRD commissions and then manage the ser-

vices they are currently responsible for, along with other miscellaneous services. Bylaw 4507 lists 14 services from several different areas: parks and recreation, transportation and transit, liquid waste, economic sustainability, Fernwood dock, street lighting, grants-in-aid, livestock injury compensation, and the CRD financial contributions for ArtSpring, the library, and search and rescue group.

"All of those services will be delegated to the LCC," explained CRD director Gary Holman, who supports the change, at a public ASK Salt Spring gathering in the United Church Meadow Friday. "The [Salt Spring electoral area] director will be part of the LCC and the LCC will have the same authority as the director now has regarding most services."

LCC continued on 6

## PARKS

# New Maxwell park within reach

Collaboration leads to 75-acre acquisition for recreation and conservation

BY EMELIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The expression "many hands make light work" is a truism being proven by the many people coming together to create the first park established on Salt Spring Island in 15 years.

While gathering the last \$350,000 needed to purchase a Mount Maxwell property for a future park is perhaps not the lightest work, those involved have already succeeded in fundraising the bulk of the property's \$850,000 purchase price. To secure the 75-acre property as a public park, the remaining funds need to be in hand by the end of this year.

The property is located on the northeast slope of Mount Maxwell. Should its 75 acres be successfully protected, it will be part of the largest contiguous tract of protected land on the Southern Gulf Islands. This includes the adjacent parks, ecological reserve and North Salt Spring Waterworks District lands around Maxwell Lake. The last multi-use park established on the island was Burgoynes Provincial Park.

The park will have many benefits and fill a critical gap on the island, said Elizabeth FitzZaland, a member of the Salt Spring Solutions group spearheading the effort. Horseback riding, mountain biking, disc golf, hiking and outdoor learning can take place there, she said.

The park will have the added benefit of deterring people from recreating in other more fragile areas.

Salt Spring naturalist and writer Briony Penn agreed.

"We have a lot of areas that are endangered, high sensitivity and really not very compatible with recreational use, but this is perfect. It's got views, it's got wonderful trails, it's got places for people to have picnics," she stated on the project website.

The story of this land started much earlier, with the 1999-2000 Texada Land Corporation protests. At the time, FitzZaland explained, activist Andrea Collins' family purchased a swathe of land with the intent to preserve it.

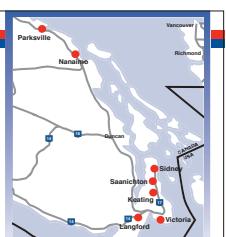
Protecting the land from logging and development is also a goal of the park project, and the reason why FitzZaland got involved in 2019, when a larger parcel in the area was for sale at \$2.3 million.

"I saw how vulnerable the land was, in that it was zoned for forestry and under that zoning you're allowed to clear all of the land, and you're also then allowed to subdivide and build estate developments."

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**INSTANT HOUSING:** A Kings Lane lot owned by the Gulf Islands Seniors Residence Association is accommodating several trailers for people currently living at the Seabreeze Inn, which has been purchased by the Lady Minto Hospital Foundation to renovate for hospital staff housing. A BC Housing plan to develop a Drake Road site where the Seabreeze residents could live has been delayed until next year. However, some Seabreeze residents maintain their rights as tenants have not been respected in the process and have stated they will not move to the Kings Lane site. See gulfislandsdriftwood.com for an update on this story, including the outcome of July 12 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee deliberations on a temporary use permit for the Seabreeze property.



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and Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST) tower is at the site of an existing Telus tower, on land owned by Onni Group. Rogers first looks at the possibility of co-locating infrastructure before building new towers, said representative Michael Krenz. In the case of the Channel Ridge tower, the site chosen has ample space next to the existing tower and "no significant tree clearing" will be needed to build the new tower.

Opposed residents, some of whom live within 50 metres of the planned tower site, have wondered why it wasn't sited further away from their homes on cleared land at the abandoned Highbridge Village real estate development now owned by Onni. Krenz said this land was not considered due to the "expense of development and the requirement for extensive tree removal for road and site access."

"Rogers recently did contact Onni and received information that they're not interested in developing additional property to host wireless services," he said.

Rogers representatives repeatedly said they had followed a consultation process with the Islands Trust staff and had followed what was asked of them.

"We do follow direction from staff and follow the process dictated by them," Marrott noted.

As resident Julian Clark pointed out, Rogers previously told the LTC that they followed a draft protocol the Islands Trust had created for consultation. In an email to planner Kristine Mayes, manager of government affairs for Cypress Land Services Tawny Verigin stated, "Rogers and CREST have completed the public consultation process, following the Islands Trust draft Model Public Consultation Protocol for Local Trust Areas, as it relates to the proposed wireless antenna installations" at Channel Ridge.

Part of Trust staff's recommendation to the LTC to issue a letter of concurrence for the tower rested on the consultation process. A July 27 staff report states that proponents undertook "enhanced consultation" using the default ISED protocol and "guidelines extracted from the Model Strategy for Antenna Systems -providing an opportunity for comment from the public." The LTC granted the concurrence last July, yet rescinded it in March of this year.

Clark pointed out the letter at the July 7 virtual meeting, asking Rogers representatives whether they falsified their application or provided inaccurate information to the LTC related to public consultation.

"Everything that went to the local Trust committee to make a decision included the application, the summary of the consultation process, and any direction given by staff and all comments from the public. They took those into consideration and made a decision," Marrott said in response.

"We acknowledge we didn't follow the draft [protocol]," said Krenz. "What we did follow was the default process with some input from the Islands Trust . . . where we increased the consultation radius and things like that."

Krenz noted that when the LTC rescinded their concurrence for tower siting, Rogers asked ISED for clarification on whether or not the rescindment was valid.

"As far as they're concerned, we've completed the requirements of public consultation and land use authority consultation for the site," he said.

Residents have previously expressed concerns about the height of the 40-metre tower being extended by 25 per cent, as well as lighting as a safety measure for aircraft. Rogers representative Sam Sugita said marking and lighting is not required by Nav Canada for the tower.

"Rogers is not planning any modifications to this tower at this time. Technology and business plans change constantly so this is a possibility but it's unlikely since this is a brand new tower," Krenz added.

The concerned residents group have been in recent LTC meetings emphasizing the archaeological features of the Channel Ridge area, referencing details from a 2005 article in archaeology journal The Midden. Clark and Senkpiel both stated the need for an archaeological assessment of the site at the meeting.

When siting towers on private property, Marrott explained, "there's not typically consultation with First Nations unless there's . . . actual ownership in land nearby the tower."

Sugita added that should there be archaeological findings, Rogers would put in place procedures during construction "to make sure that things are properly monitored and not disturbed."

# Management plan part of Maxwell park purchase

## PARK

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At the time, the land was being used by many for recreation.

Several groups got together at that point and quickly secured a \$1-million pledge, yet before they were able to find a community entity to be the park owner, the land sold to a private party. However, the new owners were willing to work with the groups involved to find a middle ground. Wanting to remain anonymous, the family supported the park effort by discounting the appraised value of the 75-acre property by \$900,000.

"We are pleased to have been able to work in collaboration with the local community groups and the CRD to establish a new park for the long-term benefit of the community," they stated in a news release.

The donor with the original pledge has stayed involved with the project and gave \$250,000, which was matched by \$250,000 from the CRD's Salt Spring Island Park Land Acquisition Fund.

"It's one of the larger contributions we've made since the acquisition of the pool," said parks and recreation manager Dan Ovington, adding that the fund has around \$800,000, putting this substantial contribution into perspective.

In addition to the landowner and community support, he said, "We looked at what all the user groups were that would benefit from this acquisition, and that's where the commission supported us making this larger contribution."

It's a unique effort, FitzZaland explained, due to the variety of groups and interests involved in making the park happen, including new people who haven't traditionally



IMAGE COURTESY SSIPARC

Map shows 75-acre area proposed for a new Salt Spring Island park on Mount Maxwell. As of last week, some \$350,000 was still needed to complete the deal.

been involved in island conservation efforts.

"Some of the groups are really most interested in keeping the forest intact and sequestering carbon . . . other groups are really focused on having a place where there's sanctioned trails for things like equestrian use, dog walking and mountain biking . . . Some of the groups are really interested in protecting where the top of the watershed is, going down into the valley bottom."

Salt Spring Solutions is most known for its housing advocacy on the island, yet the park has been a large-scale effort for two years.

"Part of that is planning 'where's the right

place to put development that's important and required for the community,' and then the other part is, 'where shouldn't it go? What should be protected?'

Salt Spring Solutions' intention and hope, FitzZaland said, is to have Indigenous communities involved in planning and management of the land. The Hul'q'umi'num name for Mount Maxwell is Hwumet'utsum.

The forest on the property includes mature third growth, as well as mature second growth and some regenerating third growth.

"It's really important, obviously, for us to protect as much old-growth and older for-

est as possible," FitzZaland said. "But it's also good to look at these regenerating forests and these forests that are younger and say, 'Okay, in 80 years, these are going to be 100-year-old forests.'

"These are our old forests of the future, and if we can get more of that type of land protected now, then future generations are going to benefit from that along with the whole ecology."

"Having a new park that's multi use and being part of something that's so grounded in collaboration . . . I hope a lot of people feel compelled to support it financially, and then also engage in what will follow," FitzZaland said.

Should the park purchase go through, the CRD will manage the land.

Ovington said some calls have come in from concerned neighbours, adding that he's been emphasizing that a management plan will include consultations with all surrounding neighbours and user groups.

"That helps us determine what level of activity we're going to support in the park, what level of development, what types of trails. Are these . . . back country trails, are they going to be more urban? But there'll be lots of consultation once it goes through before we actually do any construction or assessments up there," he added.

A CRD news release noted should the land be acquired, it would be accessed from Seymour Heights and, in the future, a trail from Wright Road.

People interested in donating to the park acquisition will get a tax receipt from the Salt Spring Foundation, which is involved in coordinating the fundraising with Salt Spring Solutions. Visit [communitypark.ca/](http://communitypark.ca/) for more details and to donate.



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## Proposed Bylaw No. 123 Minor Official Community Plan Amendments

### COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 123 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 123 will amend the South Pender Official Community Plan (OCP) to include a First Nation introductory/acknowledgement statement and building design and siting guidelines. The building design and siting guidelines are intended to be used, where feasible, when the South Pender Island Local Trust Committee considers Development Variance Permit applications to vary the maximum floor area of residential buildings.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the proposed bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the [South Pender Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after July 7, 2022.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) will be held prior to the Public Hearing and will provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments.

#### Submissions

Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to [yciphsb@islandtrust.bc.ca](mailto:yciphsb@islandtrust.bc.ca), mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, July 22, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review. Previous submissions received from May 6 to June 24 are included in the Public Hearing binder.



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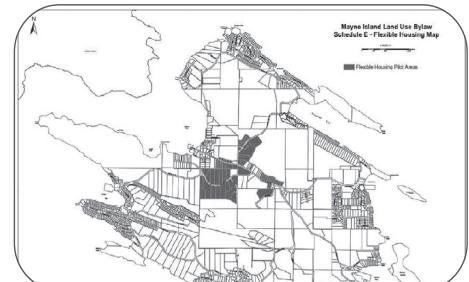
## Proposed Bylaws 184 and 189 Flexible Housing

### PUBLIC HEARING

MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are Proposed Bylaws 184 and 189 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 184 will amend the Mayne Island Land Use Bylaw and proposed Bylaw No. 189 will amend the Mayne Island Official Community Plan to enable the introduction of what has been termed by the Local Trust Committee as "flexible housing". Flexible Housing zoning allows for the development of dwelling units additional to what is permitted in existing zoning within a combined maximum floor area for all dwellings. Flexible zoning is proposed to be implemented in a pilot area identified in the proposed Bylaw No. 184. A number of Community Information Meetings were held over the course of the last year to gather information and input from the public.



How do I get more information?

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### EDITORIAL

## Worth a close look

**B**ylaws to create a local community commission (LCC) for Salt Spring have been released and they're better than expected.

That seems to be the consensus of some islanders intimately involved with the process, and so far we must concur. We were skeptical about CRD LCC bylaws delivering anything substantially better than the status quo, but the level of delegated authority and the areas covered are significant.

One LCC benefit that is hard to evaluate unless you've attended umpteen-thousand commission meetings (as Driftwood staff have) is the elimination of the "silos" caused by separate commissions having independent mandates. Take the housing crisis, as one example. It can land in the lap of the parks and rec commission just because the commission can hold land on behalf of the CRD, but housing is not the commission's mandate, so it is hard to justify cross-mandate action on their part. An LCC could look at the broader picture.

The CRD has suggested an extra 1.2 full-time-equivalent staff would be needed to support the LCC, but CRD director Gary Holman said he does not see that much extra time being required.

Budget efficiencies could even be realized. A detailed examination of how Salt Springers' property tax dollars are spent could perhaps find savings to help cover the additional estimated cost of an LCC. Something else apparent at current commission meetings is that proposed initiatives come with a price tag based on required staff time, as if the commission is purchasing services from external contractors rather than paying an employee's salary and benefits from a predetermined budget. As well, once debt authorized for a specific purpose by a past CRD referendum is paid off, the annual debt-payment amount remains in the budget and is used for other purposes. Perhaps a five-member LCC with broader accountability to the electorate would be more inclined to rein in costs and ultimately make CRD services less expensive for taxpayers.

Following two decisive rejections of incorporation in 2002 and 2017 referenda, the province will not fund another incorporation study for Salt Spring in the near future. It is pointless to harp on incorporation as a feasible governance option. The LCC option as presented at least addresses some of our current governance deficiencies.

We look forward to the public discussion unfolding between now and Oct. 15 when a referendum on the issue is held.

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### DRESSING UP LIKE A TOURIST IS ONE THING BUT DID YOU HAVE TO WALK DOWN THE MIDDLE OF ROAD?



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## Trust obliged to deny permit

BY PETER B. MCALLISTER

Over 120 years ago, the estuary of the most important salmon-bearing creek in the Gulf Islands was degraded by the construction of a tavern, which was later replaced by the Fulford Inn.

In those days there was little consideration for the exceptional ecological values of an estuary, one of the most productive natural habitats in the world. No one thought to recognize Fulford Creek estuary as the essential core of vibrant Coast Salish village life. And no one knew the accelerating effects of catastrophic global warming would render sea level development in the Fulford estuary untenable.

Fast forward to 2022 and the estuary properties are still zoned commercial and the Islands Trust is considering the unthinkable: a destination resort in the most vulnerable and sensitive of landscapes, both ecologically and culturally. The 2022 Sea Level Rise Technical Report, issued collaboratively by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NASA and others should, alone, preclude building a resort in the estuary, especially at the head of a bay where in the span of 30 years ever more powerful wind-driven storm surges associated with king tides are going to occur.

Even more sobering is the statement just issued by three former directors of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, which says emphatically that policies that have been implemented by governments to supposedly limit temperatures to under 2 degrees C "would lead

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to far greater temperature rises, of at least 2.7 degree C and potentially as much as 3.6 degrees C." In all likelihood, sea levels will rise even faster than previously predicted. And that takes into consideration post glacial rebound.

To localize these projections go no further than the data reported in the B.C. Storm Surge Forecasting System document for Victoria, 2021-2022. The historical maximum water level at Victoria was a 3.14-metre tide + 0.57 m. surge during a moderate El Niño. Consider the risk of storm surge damage at the slightly higher water levels at the head of Fulford Harbour over the next 30 years. With a king tide approaching 4 metres (There will be a 3.9-metre high tide on Dec. 27, 2022) combined with a strong El Niño year with ever more powerful winds funneling down the bay, flooding of much of the properties can be expected.

**It is hoped the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has the courage and wisdom to honour the Islands Trust's climate emergency declaration.**

It is hoped the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has the courage and wisdom to honour the Islands Trust's climate emergency declaration. After all, if this precious natural jewel of an estuary had survived to this day unaltered there is zero chance that development would ever be authorized.

The prudent course of action is to deny the Vortex application for a development permit. Scrap the outdated commercial zoning and restore the estuary as close as possible to its natural state.

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# ISLAND VOICES

## LETTERS to the editor

### North End Road still unsafe

One day last week I tried to make a left-hand turn from LePage Road to North End Road. Cars were coming fast around the blind corner. I had to pull back fast to avoid getting clipped.

The same is true of the blind corner from the north.

It's good for the possible death and/or injury toll that we've had a cool and wet summer, as not many people are walking on the inadequate shoulders. Drivers routinely use the shoulders.

I've written to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure several times with the promise that "they are looking into it," but of course nothing happens. My story is repeated all over this island.

So, who gives a damn?

**SUSAN WORRALL,**  
SALT SPRING

### Tower issues valid

This is a response to Mike Stacey's July 6 "Welcome cell tower" letter.

Thanks for your entertaining letter, Mike. I had a good laugh! But I sure hope your letter was in jest rather than a display of ignorance on the real issues.

Perhaps your online research didn't take you to the Islands Trust website where dozens of submissions against the Rogers tower are easily found. And if you read those submissions you'll find that the most prolific opponent to the tower

is not a group of tinsel heads but rather the residents and homeowners who are as close as 40 metres from the proposed tower site.

What you'll also find is that these homeowners are not protesting against the detrimental health effects of radio frequency and microwave emissions, but rather the tactics used by Rogers. This group has brought to the attention of our local Trust Committee deficiencies with Rogers' application, an existing covenant on the site, and their not addressing First Nations interests in a known heritage area with intensive settlement activity dating back 2,000 years. And this group is demanding that the LTC not allow such behaviour. After all, if Rogers can do as they please on Salt Spring, what's to stop McDonald's from putting a drive-through in Fernwood?

And just as an aside, be careful who you're calling tinsel heads. Our firefighters on Salt Spring Island (and all 44,000 unionized firefighters across North America) do not allow cell towers on their premises. Read about their findings at [www.iaff.org/cell-tower-radiation/](http://www.iaff.org/cell-tower-radiation/) and consider their conclusion that:

"The only reasonable and responsible course is to conduct a study of the highest scientific merit and integrity on the RF/MW radiation health effects to our membership and, in the interim, oppose the use of fire stations as base stations for towers and/or antennas for the conduction of cell phone transmissions until it is proven that such sitings are not hazardous to the health of our members."

**JULIAN CLARK,**  
CHANNEL RIDGE

### Groundwater assessment should be a priority

In 2017, The Islands Trust initiated a significant, ongoing, federation-wide "Groundwater Sustainability Science Program."

The objective of the program is "to preserve groundwater supplies and protect vulnerable aquifers in the Islands Trust Area."

The Salt Spring Island Water Preservation Society (WPS) strongly supports this project, but is very concerned that the Groundwater Availability Assessment for Salt Spring Island remains incomplete. In the interim, policy changes like Bylaw 530 proceed without adequate information. We believe the Groundwater Availability Assessment should be used to inform planning and development within the Salish Sea islands and within local island areas, as it provides important data for establishing appropriate island-specific freshwater bylaws.

An early part of this important groundwater sustainability mapping work was initiated on Salt Spring and the results documented in mid-2019. However, an April 2022 Salt Spring Island Watershed Protection Alliance (SSIWPA) Technical Working Group meeting agenda and minutes includes TWG member concerns around "the absence of Local Trust Committee commitment to support areal groundwater sustainability (and water budget) mapping work in 2022-23."

Given that Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna and South Pender islands completed groundwater availability assessments it seems odd that this work has not been scheduled in the current Islands Trust budget for Salt Spring. The WPS believes this work is vitally necessary, as it would provide valuable input to planning and bylaw development relating to affordable housing, and to help address community concerns around the placement of future developments.

We note that Islands Trust Policy Statement 4.4.2 states "Local Trust Committees and Island Municipalities shall, in their official community plans and regulatory bylaws, address measures that ensure neither the density nor intensity of land use is increased in areas which are known to have a problem with the quality or quantity of the supply of freshwater, water quality is maintained, and existing, anticipated and seasonal demands for water are considered and allowed for."

Island-wide freshwater mapping work is a key element in meeting this requirement, and developing appropriate, area-based freshwater protection bylaws and usage restrictions. It should be considered as a priority project.

The WPS urges the Islands Trust and relevant agencies to complete the Salt Spring Island Groundwater Availability Assessment and use it to ensure housing and other developments on the island are located in areas with sufficient quantities of water.

**IAN PEACE,**  
SECRETARY,  
SALT SPRING ISLAND WATER PRESERVATION SOCIETY

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

**"The decision making will become a little more complicated, but so it should be. That's what democracy is about."**

GARY HOLMAN, SSI CRD DIRECTOR, ON THE LOCAL COMMUNITY COMMISSION CONCEPT

## Housing Bylaw 530 would open a Pandora's Box of woes on island

### BY MAXINE LEICHTER

Second reading may soon be given to a dangerous bylaw that will blanket rezone most island residential properties.

Draft Bylaw 530 is intended to increase affordable housing stock, but instead, will drive up real estate prices and lead to development that far exceeds the island's carrying capacity.

The bylaw will allow a second full-time residence (suite or cottage) on most residential lots on Salt Spring, even in the north end where water is already short, and in our upper watersheds that have historically been protected because they recharge groundwater island-wide. Thousands of potential households could be added over the long term.

This is a problem for an island with limited water, ferry service, health services, road maintenance and more. That is why our official community plan

limits zoning to accommodate approximately 17,000 people—a build-out number that will be blown away by this bylaw.

The bylaw will create very few affordable units because construction costs are high and most owners do not want to have a tenant or register encumbrances on their land title. But history has shown that, when greater densities are allowed, economic pressures will, over time, leave very little undeveloped. The proof is in every city.

Using Vancouver as an example, Patrick Condon, chair of the Urban Design Program at UBC, has shown that increasing density without affordability requirements only further inflates urban land values to the benefit of speculators. Draft Bylaw 530 requires cottage or suite owners to comply with the building code, prove they have water, and sign a covenant ensur-

### INDEPTH

ing long-term rentals—but says nothing about affordability.

Property owners who have illegal rentals are not going to encumber their property with a permanent covenant, undertake expensive upgrades to meet code, or do water tests. As everyone knows, enforcement on Salt Spring is lax. Additionally, current rules to prove water are weak and do not consider effects on adjacent owners.

Gabriola Island is a perfect example of what can happen when too many dwellings are crammed together in un-serviced subdivisions. They now have groundwater contamination in some areas, and a serious water shortage requiring daily truckloads of water from off island.

Major OCP changes, such as those needed for this bylaw, are legally required to have extensive public review. Furthermore, the Trust's Policy Statement requires that bylaws not exceed density limits defined in their local OCPs. But the Trust has provisions for bypassing the Policy Statement. Such illegal actions can only be challenged in court.

It is especially worrying that draft Bylaw 530 violates the population limits in our OCP and undermines the special status of the Trust Area as a place protected for all British Columbians in perpetuity.

There are better solutions to the housing shortage. A good idea that was ignored by trustees came from their own Housing Action Program Task Force, which recommended respecting the OCP population limits by transferring undeveloped densities allowed by the

existing suites bylaw to property owners who want long-term rentals.

Another solution is purpose-built affordable housing. Almost 200 units of affordable housing have been built or are planned for completion soon. Building more will take time, but so will other strategies.

I believe that any potential gain from Bylaw 530 in the short term will be minimal, while the long-term loss in terms of rural character, living conditions and ecosystem health will be tremendous. Rezoning is almost always permanent. This bylaw opens a Pandora's Box of woes that can never be closed again.

Please attend the Islands Trust's open house on this draft at Meaden Hall on Blain Road, Thursday, July 21, 4 to 6 p.m., or write to the Trust at [ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca).

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# Fundamental LCC vision captured

LCC  
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The LCC will have a purely advisory role in some areas, said Holman, and cannot, by law, fetter the discretion of the director when it comes to voting at the CRD Board on certain issues. The same situation exists for municipal councils that have a representative on the CRD Board.

Bylaws 4507 and 4508 were created following release of a discussion paper on the topic authored by former Parks and Recreation Commission member Brian Webster, assisted by past Islands Trust CAO Linda Adams, and Richard Kerr, a previous alternate director to Holman. Input was also provided by an LCC advisory committee chaired by transportation commission chair and ASK Salt Spring organizer Gayle Baker.

"As a general statement, I would say not everything necessarily recommended in that [discussion] paper or recommended by the LCC Advisory Committee was taken up by CRD staff for various reasons," said Holman. "But on the whole, this bylaw represents the fundamental approach recommended in that discussion paper and by the advisory committee."

Other people at Friday's meeting seemed pleased with the bylaw contents, and especially with the extent of the authority being delegated by the CRD.

Webster assessed the bylaws as not perfect, but said he believed "unreservedly" the LCC they enabled was "a step forward" for island governance.

"Personally, I've been pretty focused on

the local community commission as a mechanism to make things work a bit better in our community. I'm convinced that it can, and having just looked at the [delegation] bylaw I'm convinced that this bylaw meets the test of doing that. Is it everything I want it to be? No. Would I add some additional services to the 14 services that are listed here? You bet I would. This is not perfection. But this is significantly closer to it than I thought CRD staff and Victoria could possibly come up with."

Darryl Martin, who is president of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce and the LCC Advisory Committee vice chair, recited part of the "administrative authority" section of Bylaw 4508, noting it authorized an LCC to "enter into agreements respecting the undertaking, provision and operation of the district's works and services," and to identify and create "strategic plans and priorities, and service-specific operational policies."

"To me, that's significant authority," said Martin.

For Holman, broadening of the decision-making process is one of the biggest benefits of an LCC.

"Many of the decisions now made by the director are going to be made in open public meetings and subject to a majority vote."

As an example, Holman said, instead of a \$5,000 grant-in-aid being given to a particular community group at the sole discretion of the director, "it's going to have to be debated in a public meeting about whether that's a good idea. And the same with all those other services that are designated."

"The decision making will become a little more complicated, but so it should be. That's what democracy is about."

Maxine Leichter, who sits on the transportation commission and pays close attention to local government issues, expressed her positive opinion.

"My thought is that, yes, there are problems with the LCC, but there are problems with any kind of government. And so the real question should be, is this an improvement or not? And to me, it's more democratic, so it's an improvement."

She said she has long been concerned about the CRD director having sole discretion over how a large amount of money is spent.

The bylaw states that the LCC must meet monthly, but Holman said that didn't mean it couldn't meet more often if needed.

The CRD estimates a change to an LCC system would add \$168,610 to the annual budget, including 1.2 full-time-equivalent extra staff (\$106,110 in the first year) and remuneration for commissioners at a suggested \$10,000 level. Holman said he wasn't convinced that an LCC would demand that much more staff time.

A referendum on whether or not to adopt the LCC governance format will be held in conjunction with local government elections on Oct. 15. If the referendum passes, elections for the four commission members will be subsequently held.

Bylaws and details are in the agenda package for the July 13 CRD Board meeting on [crd.bc.ca](http://crd.bc.ca).

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RCMP

# Second-quarter call report issued by RCMP

More than 700 incidents dealt with

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As of July 1, 2022, Salt Spring Island RCMP had responded to over 1,360 calls in the past six months, 710 calls in the second quarter alone. In addition to the 710 calls for service, RCMP also conducted 140-plus traffic stops with warnings and/or violation tickets issued, more than 300 foot patrols in Centennial Park and other areas, and 92 licensed premises checks.

During this period, SSI RCMP responded to nine sex-related offences, including three sexual assaults and three indecent exposures, 108 traffic complaints, and 102 mental-health related complaints. Police also assisted the BC Coroners Service on multiple occasions and conducted patrols in Ganges Harbour on the SSI RCMP marine vessel.

Some of the calls are detailed below:

APRIL

- Police responded to an impaired driving call; the driver had crashed the car with multiple passengers on board, some of whom were subsequently transported to Hospital for assessment. After assaulting police, the driver, who had also been transported to hospital for assessment, fled; a warrant for his arrest is being sought.
- A break and enter occurred at a downtown commercial building. Video footage showing the two persons was obtained and the investigation is continuing.
- SSI RCMP responded to a report of a missing youth; the youth was later found in Vancouver.
- A theft of crab pots was reported to police; no suspects have yet been identified.
- In one night, SSI RCMP responded to four separate incidents, including 1) an assault, 2) a vehicle collision, 3) a suicidal female who was subsequently transported by police to hospital, and 4) an allegation of child abuse where a young child was reportedly grabbed by the throat and choked by a parent.
- SSI RCMP received a complaint of squatters living on private property; police attended and the squatters were gone, leaving debris and belongings behind.
- Police conducted a search for a missing male who had taken illicit drugs and then believed people were out to torture and kill him; after a search through the bush, the male was found by police.

MAY

- In one afternoon/evening, SSI RCMP responded to the following separate incidents: 1) a disturbance downtown, 2) a vehicle collision, 3) a person uttering threats to kill someone, 4) an unwanted male at a local business, 5) a fight downtown, 6) an impaired driver and a two-vehicle collision on Rainbow Road, 7) a lost female who was returned to her home by police, and 8) an exposed hydro line touching a tree and causing it to catch on fire in a residential area.
- A traffic stop resulted in a mandatory vehicle inspection where multiple vehicle defects were noted.
- A male was arrested by SSI RCMP after conducting an indecent act on a local bus.
- An impaired driver was stopped by police; the vehicle was impounded and a 90-day licence suspension ensued, along with all applicable fines.
- A male who had his driver's licence suspended was caught driving; a driving prohibition was issued and his licence was seized for destruction.
- SSI RCMP were advised of a cow wandering on Fulford-Ganges Road; patrols were made and the cow was found to be off the roadway and was later caught by its owners.
- A male tried to evade police after an attempted traffic stop for speeding; the male was caught later that day. Multiple charges were laid and his vehicle impounded.
- Police were called to an unattended fire left by squatters in a residential area; the fire was extinguished by police using the unopened cans of liquor left strewn about the campfire.
- Police were advised of a fire on Musgrave Road; police attended and extinguished the fire.
- SSI RCMP received a report of a male too intoxicated to safely travel on board a ferry; the male was subsequently banned from travelling on BC Ferries for the day.

JUNE

- SSI RCMP were contacted to check on the well-being of a child after an allegation of a negligent parent; the child was checked and no negligence was currently seen.
- The driver of a damaged vehicle left an accident scene after failing to report the collision; the

vehicle was found and multiple charges were laid.

- An intoxicated male was found in downtown Ganges yelling at passing boaters; the male was arrested for being intoxicated in public and held in jail until sober.
- Police responded to a report of a cement pumper truck damaging overhead hydro/ communication lines.
- Police were advised of a fraud of ~\$20,000; the investigation is continuing.
- An intoxicated female who had locked herself in the Centennial Park bathroom was arrested for causing a disturbance and being intoxicated in public; she was held in jail until sober.
- A male was arrested for an indecent act on Fulford-Ganges Road; after being lodged in cells and later released, the male then took a car without consent, was caught and apprehended again; the vehicle was returned to the owner.
- SSI RCMP were asked to conduct a check of a person for mental health purposes and the "unsanitary" state of their residence; the investigation is continuing and allied agencies are involved.
- An elderly male who was reported lost was found by passers-by and then returned home by RCMP.
- An unconscious male was administered Narcan by police for an overdose and then transported to hospital.
- Multiple traffic incidents occurred during this quarter, including driving without insurance, driving without a licence, impaired driving, speeding, driving with unsecured loads and vehicles requiring repairs for obvious defects and not in compliance with the Highway Traffic Act or commercial vehicle safety regulations.
- On June 30, police conducted speed enforcement of the public beach area (playground zone) on Cusheon Lake Road. The playground area near the beach is a 30 km/hr zone, with the rest of Cusheon Lake Road signed at 50 km/hr. Some 170 vehicles were checked, with all 170 cars driving above the speed limit; 145 cars were seen doing one to 20 km/hr over the speed limit, 17 cars were seen doing 21 to 30 km/hr over the speed limit, and eight cars were seen driving 31 to 40 km/hr over the speed limit. All vehicles driving 20 km/hr or more over the speed limit were provided with warnings. Enforcement of this area in the upcoming weeks and months will not be limited to warnings. Please slow down.



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Salt Spring RCMP investigate and extinguish an unattended fire on Musgrave Road.

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has carved a whole career out of the genre. Not only is he a great tenor saxophonist but he's often hailed as one of Canada's leading jazz impresarios.

Based in Vancouver, Weeds founded, ran and performed at the city's Cellar Jazz Club for 14 years. The stage would regularly see masters such as George Coleman, Jeff Hamilton, Louis Hayes, David "Fathead" Newman and Dr. Lonnie Smith, as well as countless other leading musicians from Vancouver and across North America.

When the Cellar closed in 2014, Weeds moved to booking performers at Frankie's Jazz

Club. A tireless promoter of his fellow west coast musicians, he brings up-and-coming artists and established talent to play four nights a week. And alongside his own prodigious recording output with some of the key players in the business, he also runs a record label, the Cellar Music Group, which has released close to 200 recordings, a majority of which Weeds also produces.

For our special Treasure Fair concert he's bringing together another great set of artists: pianist, composer and arranger Nick Peck, Weeds' regular John Lee on bass, and young

up-and-coming jazz drummer Graham Villette. The quartet will be playing music from Weeds' 2022 album *Just Coolin'*, reviewed by *allaboutjazz.com* as "a superb session of hard bop, featuring a host of sizzling standards as well as low temperature classics for balance."

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Jazz saxophonist and impresario Cory Weeds, whose quartet plays at ArtSpring this Friday night.

# what's on this week

Wed.

July 13

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Tea a Tempo.** Wind Warning Wind Quintet. Concert of French music at All Saints. 2:10 p.m., followed by tea and treats.

**K-Tones.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Salt Spring Museum.** Open in Bittancourt House on the Farmers' Institute grounds on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Insight Meditation.** Salt Spring Insight Meditation Community offers a regular drop-in Wednesday evening meditation from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Fulford as part of the Star of the Sea Centre. Silent meditation with some guidance, followed by a dharma talk.

**Swing Dance.** Wednesdays at the Legion. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. with instruction for leads at 6 p.m.

**VIA ZOOM**

**Resilient Gardens for a Changing Climate.** Presentation by renowned garden expert Linda Gilkeson. A Transition Salt Spring event. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Register via [www.tinyurl.com/TSSresilientgardens](http://www.tinyurl.com/TSSresilientgardens).

Thur.

July 14

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Summer Outdoor Concert Series.** The Blue and Gold, with opener John Gogo, perform in Centennial Park. 6 to 8 p.m.

**Daryl Chonka.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**Open Mic.** Royal Canadian Legion. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Treasure Fair.** Silent auction of goods and experiences, with proceeds supporting ArtSpring. Most goods on display in the ArtSpring galleries. All bidding done online, either at ArtSpring or on your own computer/mobile device. Bidding begins at 10 a.m. today and runs until 6 p.m. on Sunday, July 17. Bidders must register online at [treasurefair.artspring.ca](http://treasurefair.artspring.ca).

**Salt Spring Museum.** See Wednesday listing.

Fri.

July 15

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Cory Weeds Quartet.** Jazz concert at ArtSpring. Part of Treasure Fair events. 7:30 p.m.

Fri.

July 15

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Festival Afloat: Renée Layla.** Benefit concert for Heiltsuk and Gitxaala Nation through RAVEN. Ganges Harbour. 7 p.m. Tickets through <https://raventrust.com/paddle>.

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

**The Fabulous Flakes.** On stage at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to midnight.

**Amphibious.** Mateada Lounge. 9 p.m. to midnight.

**Billie Woods.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**ASK Salt Spring.** This week's guest is Salt Spring Islands Trust trustee Laura Patrick. United Church Meadow. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Treasure Fair.** See Thursday listing.

**Friday Games Night.** Board games evening for ages 13 to 19 back by popular demand in the library program room. 7 p.m.

**Salt Spring Museum.** See Wednesday listing.

Sat.

July 16

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Awakeneers.** Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.

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

**SugarBeat.** On stage at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to midnight.

**Marianne Grittani.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

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

**The New Calligraphers.** Second session in weekly summer calligraphy course for teens aged 13 to 19. Library program room. 2 to 3 p.m.

**Treasure Fair.** See Thursday listing.

Sun.

July 17

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

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

**El Jose's Cuban Dance Party.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sun.

July 17

**ACTIVITIES**

**Pride All Year: Drummond Park Event.** The DAISSI Social Committee (Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island) presents a family-friendly social get together for our LGBTQ2SIA+ and allies community. Boules, bocce ball and a badminton set will be there. Bring your own picnic and drinks, chairs, lawn games and water equipment. Please RSVP at: [www.pridealley.ca](http://www.pridealley.ca). The event organizer will provide further info and confirm your booking once you have registered.

**Treasure Fair.** See Thursday listing.

**Salt Spring Museum.** See Wednesday listing.

Mon.

July 18

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**David Carl Trio.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**VIA ZOOM**

**Comic Book Camp.** First of five-day course for ages 10 to 15. Learn to draw comics online with Cole Pauls. 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Email [writhaler@saltspinglibrary.com](mailto:writhaler@saltspinglibrary.com) to register and get the link.

Tues.

July 19

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Terry Warbey & Gordo.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

**ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday Farmers' Market.** Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed.

July 20

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT**

**Tea à Tempo.** Irving Levine & Theo Primes. Cellist and pianist at All Saints. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.

**Jack & Cables.** Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.



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Wed.

July 20

**ACTIVITIES**

**The Public Circle Dialogues.** With MLA Adam Olsen. Centennial Park gazebo. Drop in from 1 to 3 p.m.

**Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.** Public welcome. Lower hall. 7 p.m.

**Insight Meditation.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**Salt Spring Museum.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**Swing Dance.** See last Wednesday's listing.

**THE FRITZ CINEMA**

**• Minions: The Rise of Gru** shows at The Fritz from Friday, July 15 to Thursday, July 21 at 7 p.m. night plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. **Top Gun: Maverick** runs July 13-14 at 7 p.m.

**EXHIBITIONS**

**• Judy Chappus** presents **Understory** — paintings and poems — at **Salt Spring Gallery** from July 15 through Aug. 3 (Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.) Opening reception on Friday, July 15 from 5 to 7 p.m.

**• Abstract Energy**, paintings by **Elaine Potter**, is the **Arctraft Showcase** exhibition at **Mahon Hall** running daily until Aug. 1.

**• Impressions 7**, the annual show of new works by **SSI Printmakers**, is in the **library program room** until July 30.

**• Arctraft** show and sale of work by more than 100 Gulf Islands artisans runs daily at **Mahon Hall** from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through the summer.

**• Sheri Standon** is exhibiting her art at **Fernwood Cafe** through July. Subjects of the 14 paintings include flowers, animals, portraits and buildings.

**• Julianna Slomka** has work hanging on the **Dragonfly Art Supplies** gallery wall during the month of July.

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# ISLAND LIFE

## ADVENTURERS

# Log thrashes racers' goal

Salt Spring team disappointed

BY EMELIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A Salt Spring team racing in a trimaran met a rapid and disappointing end to a no-engine race that stretched from Victoria to Alaska.

The team, made up of 75 per cent Salt Spring Islanders and one Vancouverite, signed up to take part in the Race to Alaska (R2AK), a solely human and wind-powered race to Ketchikan, Alaska. Team Pturbodactyl was composed of John Tulip, John Hillier, Terry Bieman, Graham Harney and the Corsair F31R trimaran they were racing in. The trimaran, and John, had previously partaken and finished the 750 coldwater mile race to Alaska in 2017 in 13th place.

Pturbodactyl made it through the first stage of the race, the so-called "proving ground" from Port Townsend, Wash. to Victoria, finishing fourth on June 13. Of the 49 teams racing, one trimaran team capsized and another trimaran's mast came down amidst the large standing waves in Stage 1.

On day two of Stage 2, "To the Bitter End," Tulip and his crew were according to the race's field reporters one of the three fastest teams whose races came to an end as a result of logs in the water. "Team Pturbodactyl was first, hitting a family of would-be 2x4s with enough force that it damaged their amas and endangered its connection to their main hull," an R2AK field report stated. The ama is the outrigger



JIM MEYERS/R2AK PHOTO  
Team Pturbodactyl on their way out of Victoria on the second stage of the Race to Alaska.

on the trimaran that provides stability to the vessel. Pturbodactyl were forced to detour to Gibsons and bow out of the race on June 17.

"The boat's in getting fixed and we're hoping it'll be back on the water in a couple of weeks," Tulip reported. Luckily, none of the crew were injured in the collision.

"It was a disappointing end to the preparation and all the work that went into it," Tulip said.

The team spent around nine months preparing the paddle drives, preparing the boat and the final push of race logistics with moving the boat to the U.S. and securing provisions.

For more on this story, see a longer online version at [gulflandsdriftwood.com](http://gulflandsdriftwood.com).

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## COMMUNITY AMENITIES SIMS space shaping up

Five-year deal secures community use

BY EMELIE PEACOCK  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

SIMS will still be known as SIMS as the space transitions from school to community use, yet the acronym will now stand for the Salt Spring Island Multispace.

The middle school building is preparing for the entry of multiple user groups in the fall, said Salt Spring's parks and recreation (PARC) manager Dan Ovington. With the signing of a lease with the Gulf Islands School District, the Capital Regional District (CRD) will now be at SIMS for the duration of the five-year lease.

Ovington said the CRD is in the process of confirming space with user groups who have previously submitted a request, and finalizing exactly who will be in the multispace come fall. As well as painting, cleaning and putting up signs, Ovington said PARC has also hired a new facility maintenance person specifically for SIMS.

PARC summer camps and other programs are currently running out of the SIMS building and in August some groups will enter the space, including tai chi and the Bandemonium concert band.

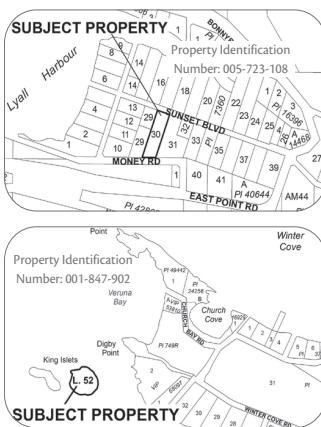
After a lot of interest in the spring, Ovington said SIMS is tentatively at capacity, yet is still taking proposals from interested parties. People looking for hourly classroom rentals, who have not yet submitted a request, can contact recreation programmer Zach Lundrie at [zlundrie@crd.bc.ca](mailto:zlundrie@crd.bc.ca) for details.

Groups will be able to access the SIMS building only when it is open and when PARC staff are present. For now the space is open Monday to Friday, possibly transitioning to six days a week in the fall. SIMS will have program staff, a booking clerk and maintenance staff.

## HAVE YOUR SAY



*Proposed Bylaw No. 133 and 134*  
Official Community Plan & Land Use Bylaw Minor Amendments  
COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING  
SATURNA ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE



What are Proposed Bylaw No. 133 and 134 about?  
Proposed Bylaw No. 133 and No. 134 will amend the Saturna Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 70 and Saturna Island Land Use Bylaw No. 119 by making minor amendments that will improve clarity of the bylaws and address some longstanding inconsistencies with respect to zoning and land use designations.



### How do I get more information?

Copies of the proposed bylaws, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the Saturna Island Current Project [webpage](#), and at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after July 7, 2022.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) will be held prior to the Public Hearing and will provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments.

### Submissions

Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to [vicphsub@islandtrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandtrust.bc.ca), mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

Community Information Meeting and Public Hearing  
Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. (in person)

Saturna Recreation and Cultural Centre  
104 Harris Road  
Saturna Island, BC

Who should attend?  
Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws.

Enquiries?  
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Proposed Bylaw No. 122  
Land Use Bylaw Amendments

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

### What is Proposed Bylaw No. 122 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 122 will amend the South Pender Land Use Bylaw to include new agricultural regulations, reduce maximum floor areas for dwellings in the rural residential zones, reduce setbacks for dwellings and cottages in the rural residential zones, increase the setback from the natural boundary of the sea, include clauses for those buildings or structures that maybe be deemed legal non-conforming due to the new regulations, and other minor amendments.

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## CHRIS HATFIELD

1945 - 2022



On Monday, July 4 2022, Chris Hatfield passed away at Lady Minto Hospital, hands in hand with his close family.

Chris was born on February 5, 1945 in the small town of Penticton, British Columbia. Third of 4 children, including Peter, John and Alyson Hatfield, Chris grew up happily fishing, hunting, and camping in the great outdoors with his father Harley.

In 1964 at the tender age of 19, Chris left home for a year's backpacking trip around the world. Chris travelled Australia, Malaysia, Cambodia, India, Afghanistan, Austria and more, and came home with eyes open to the possibilities of the emerging global economy.

Chris returned to Canada and completed his BSc in Biology at the University of British Columbia, and followed up with a Master's Degree in Marine Biology from Queen's University, where he studied fish learning while filling his weekends with ski trips in Quebec.

After graduation Chris worked for the Department of Fisheries before starting Hatfield Consultants in 1974, one of the first companies in Canada in the emerging field of environmental consulting. Over 25 years Hatfield Consulting became an enormously successful enterprise in Canada and abroad, supporting sound environmental practices in Canadian industry, and eventually expanding with global partner offices in Chile, Thailand and Indonesia.

Chris's vision brought Hatfield to Vietnam in 1992, where his team's groundbreaking work demonstrating the links between the spraying of Agent Orange during the Vietnam war and high rates of birth defects in Vietnamese children finally motivated the Obama administration in 2012 to begin cleaning up the damage America had caused.

In 2001, Chris was diagnosed with rapid-acting cancer and told he had 2 years to live. Chris beat the odds, and went on to spend 20 wonderful years retired on Salt Spring Island, his favourite place in the world. It was on Salt Spring that he met Jantha Khaengchale, his wife of 12 years and love of his life.

Chris loved projects and used his retirement to contribute significantly to local history. In 2007, he co-authored Forgotten Cusheon Cove with Charles Kahn, recording his excavation of thousands of relics left by early saw mill workers on Salt Spring Island, including a forgotten group of early Chinese migrant workers.

Chris's generous donation of land around Cusheon Cove to Rockle Park was recognized by the creation of the Chris Hatfield Trail, which thousands of hikers use every year.

Chris was an irrepressible optimist who could never wait long before starting the next great project, and loved to 'get up and go!' Chris loved people, and always had time to stop in Ganges or Fulford for a quick chat.

Visitors to his apple stand at Cusheon Cove know that the entrepreneurial spirit never left Chris, and kept him planting and harvesting hundreds of apple varieties well into his supposed 'retirement'.

Chris is survived by Jantha and his son, Matt Hatfield. He is much missed.

A Celebration of Life for Chris will be held in late August.

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## Mairi Gosnell

1943 - 2022



It is with sadness we announce the passing of Mairi Gosnell on Saltspring Island, on July 1st, 2022, at the age of 79. Mairi always had a smile for all when at home at Croftonbrook or about. However, in later years she struggled with numerous health issues.

One of 5 children, Mairi was born in 1943 in Glasgow, Scotland to Donald and Mary MacLennan.

Coming to Canada in 1959 she met her future husband James Gosnell, marrying on her 21st birthday in Glasgow. They had settled on Saltspring Island in 1981. James passed away in 1998.

Mairi is survived by three daughters, Janet Love, Donna Gosnell, and Deb Gosnell and seven grandchildren -James Severn (Laura), Stephen Severn (Katie), Kaitalyne Luyt (Aaron), Danielle Murphy (Sam), Brooke, Nyla, and Walker. She had 7 great-grandchildren-Liam, Benjamin, Rylee, Zachery, Adelyne, Layla, and Bokhabeane.

The family thanks everyone in the community who helped Mairi through the years; Dr. Butcher, Suzannah Devitt, Carol Matheson (niece), as well as Kisa Petersen, ED of Croftonbrook and Christie Doyle-Hayward's Funeral Services, for their continuous support. Special thanks go out to her family in Britain and the children, grandchildren, and spouses who loved and supported Grandma GG.

Donations can be made to the BC Cancer Foundation (in memory of Mairi) or Canuck Place Children's Hospice in memory of her great-granddaughter Layla who passed away at the age of 4 in 2019.

*"When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure"*

## Patricia O'Neill (nee Terry)

1936-2022



After squeezing what seemed like 3 lifetimes into 1, our Mother passed into the arms of the angels at the age of 85. Mother of 6, Grandmother of 10, Great Grandmother of 11 and Great Great Grandmother of 4, sister to Bill, Mike, Lynne and Peter. Our Mother was devoted to her family, her political family and to improving the communities in which she lived. The last 27 years spent on Salt Spring Island, after moving here from Ontario, where some of the happiest years of her life.

Immigrating to Canada from England with 2 very young children at the age of 21 already tells you what kind of courageous personality our Mother possessed. For almost 40 years she worked tirelessly in the area of North York in Toronto. She held elected positions and sat on some 50 different committees with the objective of changing the lives of the people living in North York, which included the notorious neighbourhood of Jane and Finch. Our Mother was the recipient of the Governor General award for Outstanding Achievement For Voluntarism and The Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

After moving to Salt Spring Island in 1995 our Mother helped to set up the Salt Spring community Kitchen and Community Justice of SSI under the co-sponsorship of the SSI Community Services Society the RCMP and the SSI Crime Prevention Association. Training others in how to teach Conflict Mediation in SSI schools was also a project that she particularly cherished. She campaigned enthusiastically for her political family at every federal and provincial event. She was the proud owner of many ribbons from entries at the Fall Fair. Our Mother also held, at various times, all the position on the Ladies Auxiliary Executive and never missed participating in Legion events.

We are beyond proud of who our Mother was and her example of community participation has inspired all generations of our family. For anyone who would like to pay their respects, there will be a celebration of life held at 173 Howell Lane Salt Spring Island at 4:00pm on Saturday August 27th.

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## Anne Catherine Short

7th December, 1947 - 8th June, 2022

We are so sad to announce the untimely death of our loving wife and very best friend, mother and Grandmother Anne on 8th June, 2022 following a long and courageous battle to recover from a major stroke suffered in July 2019. She is survived by Ian, her husband of 54 years and her beloved sons the "Shorty Boys" Mark (Robin), Rob (Rachel) and Peter (Bree), and their children Cohen, Caleb, Brek, Kaeden, Anthony and Samantha. Anne was sadly predeceased by her parents Hoghton (1993) and Edith Carey (2017) and her brother Richard Carey in March this year in England.

Anne was born in England on 7th December, 1947 in Tunbridge Wells, Kent and raised on her parent's farm in Burwash, Sussex. She went up to London to study and qualify as an orthoptist where she met Ian who she married in 1968. In 1973 they emigrated to Canada with Mark and Rob (ert) and settled in Tsawwassen where Peter was born in 1976. Anne really enjoyed being a mother of her three boys and rarely missed a game of soccer or field hockey when any of the boys were playing. She also loved playing competitive sports herself, and was quite handy with both tennis and squash racquets. Anne was full of energy and had inherited a passion for gardening from her English parents. A lovely garden was an important part of the homes she created for her family. In 1993 Anne and Ian moved to beautiful Salt Spring Island where with a local builder she renovated a pretty cottage on Ganges Harbour which they owned for 15 years. Many happy weekends were spent hosting friends and family visiting from the mainland and abroad enjoying the many delightful and unique aspects of the island.

They had moved back to Tsawwassen before selling the Salt Spring property and started to travel to interesting countries. They followed Rob and Peter's international field hockey careers, and attended Olympic Games in Sydney and Beijing, Pan-Am Games, World Cups and Commonwealth Games, usually adding on a tour of their own after the tournaments were finished. In retirement Anne and Ian managed to return to England most years to visit family and for walking holidays. Together they walked 70% of the 641 mile South West Coastal Path encompassing the south west coast of England from Somerset to Dorset. "I will try and finish the walk my darling, and will no doubt find you in spirit again running well ahead of me up those steep hills". Anne always had unbelievable energy and there was never a time when she was not working on a project or planning the next one. There was a two year renovation of their current Tsawwassen home and somehow she found the time to create a beautiful garden there.

Tragically on 31st July, 2019 Anne suffered a major stroke which left her right hand side limbs weakened and without a voice. This was the final phase in her 74 years of life and it was to be an up and down journey with several setbacks, but she soldiered on and worked so hard with grit and determination to recover physically, bouncing back from every setback with a lovely smile on her face. The effort was worthwhile and she was improving physically, but she never managed to recover her voice and that was so incredibly frustrating for her. She was a rewarding patient, always grateful and happy despite her challenges and her competitive and independent nature resulted in several falls. She so often put herself at risk. On Sunday 5th June, 2022 she fell and was unfortunately unable to protect her head from striking the ground. After a visit to hospital that night she fell asleep in her own bed and did not wake up again, finally coming home to die in bed with doors open to her beloved garden after yet another two day stay in hospital.

We thank all the members of the vast team involved in Anne's care and rehabilitation during the past thirty four months including: her GP Dr Noble; various specialist doctors at VGH and SMH; the VGH Emergency Stroke teams; the Laurel Place High Intensity Stroke Rehab team where she lived for two months and the Out-Patient Rehab unit at SMH; the Emergency and Medical Ward teams at Delta Hospital; Dr Agnes Lee and the Thrombosis Clinic nurses at VGH; Anne's amazing physiotherapists and speech pathologists and the many wonderful care providers from South Delta Home Health. Special thanks to nurse Arnee, whose consistent friendly happy smile made everything so nice in Anne's day. And finally tremendous gratitude to the 911 team and first responders, the firemen and particularly the paramedics of the BC Ambulance Service who too often came to us, including for Anne's first and last trips to hospital on this stroke journey.

My Darling Anne we all miss you so much and wish you were still here inspiring us with your smile, energy and enthusiasm for life. In my mind I can still see you digging and healing in a shrub, or caring for a lovely rose with your pruner in your beautiful garden, where we will gather later this summer to celebrate, in your own words "your simply wonderfully happy life".

In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to the Delta Stroke Recovery Society, your own local Stroke Recovery Association or The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada.

## Coming Events

**THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CENTRAL COMMUNITY HALL SOCIETY**

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## SOFTBALL

# Girls earn bronze at B.C. championships



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Medal-winning Salt Spring Storm members are, from left in the top row: coach Bruce Dunbar, Sadie Mack, Shauna Lazzarotto, Lyla Luke, Kim Boland, coach Carli Bantel. From left in the bottom row are Lucie Luke, Miranda Bantel, Ryen Dunbar, McKenna Jason, Heidi Boland, Clairia Hunwicks and Nusha Szakacs.

**Salt Spring Storm make spirited run for medal**

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Storm U17 girls fastpitch team came home from level-C provincial softball championships in Kamloops with a bronze medal.

Eleven girls from the team travelled to the interior to compete in the event on the Canada Day long weekend.

"They played six games against the strongest teams in the province," reported coach Bruce Dunbar.

He said the Storm placed in the silver bracket after four games of round-robin play. They then played against the Port Coquitlam Base Runners and beat them

10-7 after being behind in the first two innings.

The second game pitted Salt Spring against the Port Alberni Blazers. The Storm found themselves behind 8-1 in the second inning, but rallied back to within three runs — 13-10 — in the fifth inning. However, they could not continue the comeback and settled for a 17-10 loss in that game.

But Dunbar said the outcome did not detract from their achievements.

"Their coaches could not be more proud of them," he said. "They are true champions."

"These girls played their hearts out, made many new friends and had a boat load of compliments on their new hot pink uniforms," he added.

Dunbar also thanked sponsors Sidney Bakery and Buzzy's Luncheonette.

## THIS WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

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

The Sun in Cancer forms a conjunction with Mercury on July 17. Cancer is the most subjective sign of the Zodiac and is positioned at its root. Mercury in Cancer and when it is closely aligned with the Sun increases subjective, emotion-driven reasoning. Although it takes 88 days for Mercury to orbit the Sun, it takes a year to complete a cycle around the Zodiac, from our geocentric perspective. Geo-centrism is not a concept; it is our very experience of life. Ironically, the fact that the Sun is the centre of the solar system is conceptual because it is not something we experience. Alternately, so strong and convincing are sensory and perceptual experiences that it has contributed to a worldwide conspiracy theory that asserts that the earth is flat and humanity has been deceived to believe it is a globe. Perception itself is not exact or objective, it is significantly subjective. Thus, belief and bias trump fact and truth in daily life, despite popular notions of the facts such as "the science." Believe it or not!

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)** Your mood will progressively shift this week even further away from an emphasis on larger, social and political realities to those close to home. Mars now in earthy Taurus manifests as desires to slow down and putter in the garden, for example. Venus joining Sun and Mercury in subjective Cancer will inspire you to delight in the flowers.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)** Inspirations to walk barefoot on the grass or dig into the soil as opposed to getting consumed by the daily grind and bemoaning the shifting sands of time are likely this week. Accept this as your cue and step into some downtime in the sunshine. You may still want to cover a lot of ground, but focus on the R&R factor.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** Sometimes we feel pushed and pulled. On one hand, you will delight in expressing yourself creatively. On the other, you feel drawn inward to explore and/or confront inner, subjective thoughts and feelings and perhaps emotional blocks and concepts. Strike the balance with artistic activity, which is the most natural form of therapy.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)** The ruling planet of your sun sign is the moon. This lends to increased subjectivity and to higher sensitivity to the ever-changing flow of moods. Learning to be more empathetic, which means acknowledging and tuning in to your own feelings and to the feelings and subjective experiences of others, is a core feature of your destiny and is important now.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** A sojourn into the deeper reaches of your moods and feelings is in the spotlight. Positively, you will be able to detect and discern intellectual, emotional and sensory states and experiences. This could give rise to heightened imagination and creative inspiration. Whether you act on these impressions or simply feel them is up to you.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** If you pay attention, you will notice that most people are immersed in their own subjective focus and experiences. Digging a little deeper, the realities of their unique personal psychology comes clearly into view. Taking this approach yet another step, you will see your own projections colouring everything and everyone. Rejoice in the illusion of objective reasoning.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)** Having the sign of Cancer occupying your career line in your solar chart is a fact you may now have considered. It lends to a surprisingly strong aspiration for security in regard to your professional life. Loving what you do to earn money may rank second to the sense of security it affords. Aim to strike the balance to enter the winner's circle.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** The notion of family is really quite a philosophical subject. In other words, it is a weave of DNA, deeply-rooted beliefs, perceptions, and behavior patterns. The inclination towards deep, familial, and tribal bonding vies with the undeniable reality of individuality. As the sign symbolic of inheritances..., you may have many thoughts about your own.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** If you think about it, our personal psychology is largely a matter of our emotional nature. With the Sun and Mercury already and soon Venus to enter a zone associated with purging and eliminating, the target is your emotional body. What emotional states are producing negative reactions that you would like to purge?

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)** Deepening bonds with significant others will go up a notch or two this week. There is a playful influence present inviting shared quality time. This dynamic includes acknowledging both your and their individuality more fully. Inspiring confidence in them to be authentically who they are will increase your own.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)** Focusing to make improvements both in your home environment and perhaps also in your own attitude and quality of perceptions and interpretations is indicated now. While critical analysis is featured, so too is creative and imaginative thinking. Step back and stretch your mind to encompass the inevitable future, for best results.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)** Your creativity quotient is already running high and will rise to a whole new level this week. This is your summons to engage this window of opportunity for both pleasurable and practical purposes. Allow yourself to multi-task or to attend to a variety of fronts and do the rounds as you feel inspired.