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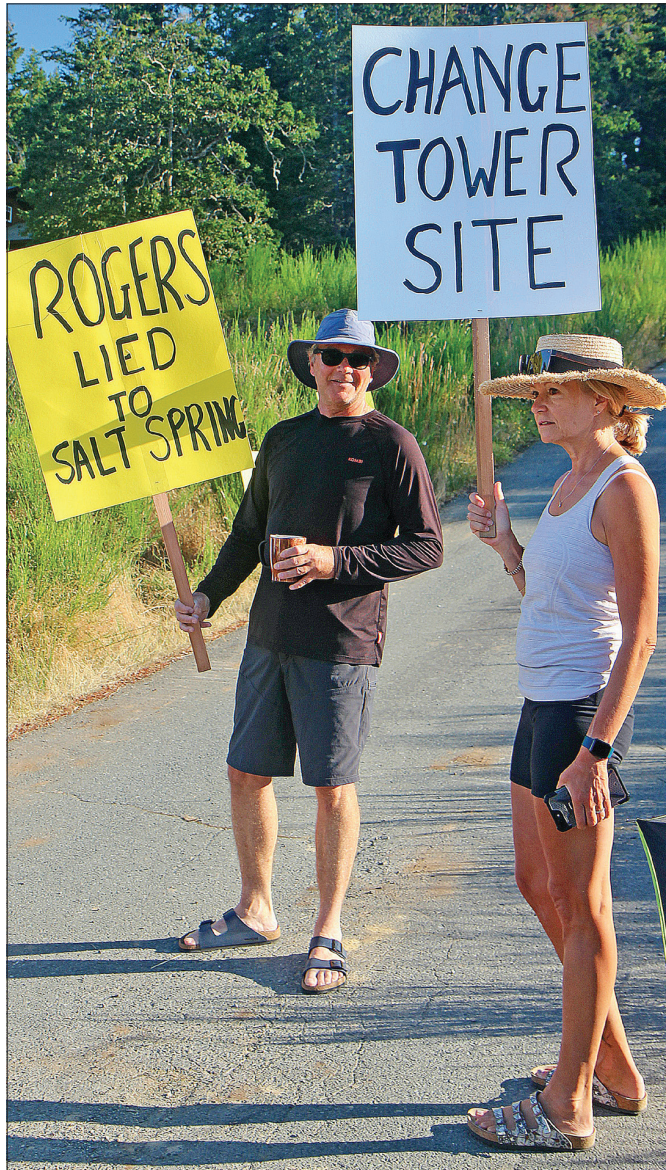


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Julian and Loraine Clark stand with signs near Canvasback Place where Rogers has approval from Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada to install a wireless communications tower that would improve its cell-phone service and communications for island first responders through the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications system.

Channel Ridge residents follow through with threat to block access to government-approved site

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some Channel Ridge residents have temporarily blocked access to a site where Rogers wants to build a wireless cellular and emergency communications tower jointly with the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications (CREST).

The first protest action happened on July 27. Julian Clark, spokesperson for the group of neighbours organized as the Concerned Residents of Canvasback (CRoC), reported that around 15 people picketed an access road to the site of the future cell tower. The action prevented contractors from accessing the site until the RCMP arrived. Officers informed the group they would be criminally charged should they continue blocking a public access road.

The protest continued on the side of the road, Clark said, as protesters informed those passing through that they believe the construction is illegal. The neighbours, some of whom would live within 40 to 100 metres of the tower when built, assert that Rogers gave incomplete and inaccurate information to the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee (LTC) regarding the public consultation they undertook in advance of the tower approval. They also allege Rogers has ignored First Nations archaeological features in the area and an Islands Trust Channel Ridge master plan covenant on the land.

Clark said residents have been trying to follow up on two motions the LTC passed at a July 12 meeting regarding the construction of the cell tower. The first was to have a lawyer draft a response to a May 17 Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) letter giving Rogers the go ahead to build the tower despite the LTC rescinding their support for the proposal. The second motion was to have LTC chair Peter Luckham contact Rogers representative Michael Krenz and request a suspension of construction activities until communication between Islands Trust legal counsel and the parties had happened.

Clark said he's heard that Luckham spoke to Rogers and requested a stay in construction activities. "Clearly, they don't care what he has to say," Clark added.

Clark and the concerned residents are also alleging a conflict of interest exists related to ISED's May 17 letter asserting construction of the tower could proceed even with the LTC having withdrawn their letter of concurrence for the project. The letter signed by Ken Pungente, regional director for ISED, and addressed to Luckham stated that "our office does not support your decision to rescind the concurrence." He added that no change in circumstances had happened since the LTC issued the concurrence except for a new antenna siting protocol that could not be retroactively applied. Pungente stated that their review of the consultation process found Rogers in compliance with ISED's default consultation process.

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"In addition, SS LTC did not provide any other valid rationale to support the rescindment," he stated.

Former ISED employee and now Rogers employee Michael Krenz sought clarification from ISED regarding the withdrawal of the letter of concurrence. The concerned residents assert Pungente did not follow a regulated federal dispute resolution process when he informed the LTC the tower build could go ahead. Clark said the group has asked François-Philippe Champagne, the federal minister of innovation, science and industry, to review Pungente's actions and to instruct Rogers to cease construction.

In response to the protest and the concerned residents' claims of a conflict of interest, a spokesperson with Rogers emailed the Driftwood stating that the telecommunications company is "committed to working with the Salt Spring Island Local Trust Committee and local residents to improve coverage in the area."

"This tower will provide more seamless, consistent coverage for residents and visitors on Salt Spring Island, as well as for emergency responders," wrote senior media relations manager Nilani Logeswaran.

Her response did not address the allegations of a conflict of interest levelled by Clark and the concerned residents group.

Logeswaran also forwarded a note about the future use of the tower by CREST and a letter of support from RCMP Superintendent Mac Richards, assistant district officer with the RCMP's Island District, to the Islands Trust's planning department. Richards noted the tower at Channel Ridge would have a "direct impact" in ensuring safe working conditions for RCMP officers

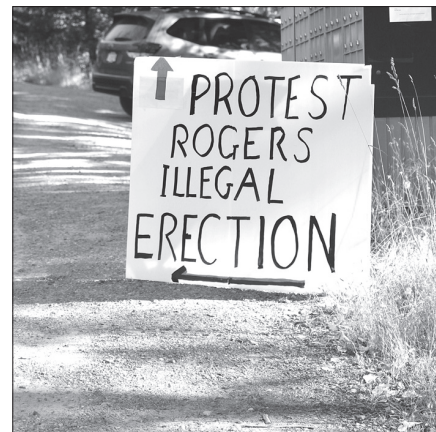


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Sign points the way to Channel Ridge neighbours' protest site on Canvasback Place.

stationed on and responding to events on the island.

Support from local first responder groups was received when the tower was first brought before the LTC.

The RCMP did not respond to a request for comment about the protest action as of publication time.

"We will continue to protest to educate people, we will continue to press our local Trust committee to do what they are charged with doing," Clark said. "This is a much bigger issue... than a cell tower. We're now talking about a poor corporate citizen coming to Salt Spring and not fulfilling our requirements and just bullying their way forward."

WATER

NSSWD examines water rates

Conservation incentives considered

BY GAIL SJUBERG

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The North Salt Spring Waterworks District (NSSWD) is considering a change to water toll rates to encourage conservation and simplify billing categories while ensuring district revenue levels remain healthy.

The Waterworth consulting company was contracted to put together some options for NSSWD trustees and staff to consider, which were discussed at the July 28 board meeting.

An examination of rates arose in part through a comparison of NSSWD rate structure and costs with nine other Salt Spring water districts done earlier this year. That study found NSSWD had a large number of rate categories and that water consumption costs were considerably less expensive than most other districts. Fernwood and Highland systems were consistently lower regardless of the amount of water used. Fulford water service area owners are not charged for consumption. Water in the tiny Cedars of Tuam district was cheaper at the low end of the consumption scale only.

Currently, all classes of properties — from single family dwellings (SFDs) to commercial operations, farms and institutions — can use up to 7,000 Imperial gallons in a two-month billing period and will be charged the lowest per-gallon amount of \$1.04 per 100 gallons.

The July 28 discussion focused on reducing the current tiers of consumption for SFDs and commercial users from nine to four. Lowering the first-tier limit to 4,000 gallons was one Waterworth suggestion. The second

tier would be from 4,001 to 14,000, considered "normal use"; the third from 14,001 to 30,000; and the fourth above 30,000 gallons.

Under this option, the Waterworth report states, "In some cases customers' bills could double if they don't make changes to their water usage. This option also projects to generate the highest revenues with this change, which can be a strong signal for promoting behaviour change among ratepayers. In doing so, it is also able to help keep the rates low for conservative water users in the district."

Trustee Brian Pyper asked how up to 14,000 gallons in a two-month period could be considered "normal" use. NSSWD financial officer Tammy Lannan explained that because so many residents have gardens that a higher level of water use for that purpose should be considered normal.

"I feel that gardens have to be taken into consideration," she said. "Rainwater catchment would be great if everyone could do rain catchment, but it is expensive. And people do rely on their food gardens to live."

Lannan also observed that most NSSWD water users already practise conservation. Fifty-one per cent of SFDs use less than 5,000 gallons in a billing period, and 93 per cent are under the 15,000 mark.

One per cent of SFDs — not farms or institutional users — consume more than 30,000 gallons in a two-month billing period.

Trustees agreed to have Waterworth bring back a four-tier option that had different rates for households using up to 6,000 gallons in a two-month period; from 6,000 to 12,000; 12,000 to 24,000; and above 24,000.

The Waterworth report discussed is in the July 28 agenda package on the north-saltspringwaterworks.ca website.



Islands Trust

Proposed Bylaw No. 530 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Accessory Dwelling Units

HAVE YOUR SAY

PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 530 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 530 seeks to amend the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to allow Accessory Dwelling Units, such as secondary suites, cottages, or garden suites, to be established on an expanded number of properties island-wide.

How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaw, the Public Hearing binder and other information on the project is available for review on the [Salt Spring Island Current Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Submissions

Written submissions are welcome up until the conclusion of the Public Hearing and can be emailed to ssiinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca, mailed or dropped off at the Islands Trust office by 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.

When
Thursday, August 18,
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Where
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the proposed bylaw.



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ACCOMMODATION

Proactive Trust STVR enforcement continues

Trustee promotes use of business licences for STVR regulation

BY EMELIE PEACOCK
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A total of 113 fines have been given to Salt Spring property owners running Airbnbs and other short-term vacation rentals (STVRs) since 2019.

According to data prepared by director of Trust area services Clare Frater, the Trust's bylaw enforcement division has 107 open files of potentially unlawful STVRs, a number that may increase pending more research. Local trustee Laura Patrick calls this a "major game of whackamole" and wants to see this industry regulated through use of business licences.

Bylaw enforcement is generally undertaken in response to complaints, but in the case of STVRs enforcement is done proactively by one bylaw officer with support from a manager. This summer a student is also reviewing online ads. Since 2017, bylaw enforcement staff have been instructed to proactively enforce the Salt Spring land use bylaw's prohibition on STVRs in residential areas.

The impetus behind the proactive enforcement is the island's ongoing affordable rental housing crisis. A July 26 Trust news release informing locals of the proactive enforcement stated that STVRs are "potentially removing accommodation from the island's long-term housing market."

Peter Luckham, chair of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee, stated in the release that in addition to the effects on long-term rental housing, other STVR concerns include "impacts on water resource use, noise disturbance in neighbourhoods, and problems with traffic and parking from these operations."

A standard fine for an unlawful STVR is \$350, it isn't a progressive fee and the limit on fines is \$500. Frater stated that 25 operators of STVRs have been fined repeatedly between 2019 and 2022.

"Although most of this number have only accumulated two or three fines, one operator accrued a total of 17 separate fines," she stated.

The Trust pursues unpaid fines through small claims court. If homeowners fail to pay fines, a notice is placed on the property title.

So far this year, 25 violation notices have been issued for operations where there is enough clear evidence to deem them unlawful. This number compares to 39 fines given in 2021, 29 in 2020 and 20 in 2019.

Some people are trying to skirt the prohibition, Patrick noted, by making their STVR out to be a bed and breakfast (B&B). B&Bs are permitted as home-based businesses in several zones on the island. They are subject to conditions and are meant to operate as per the traditional concept of a B&B where a guest is housed in a home inhabited by the property owner and where breakfast is provided to overnight guests.

Many individuals advertising their suites and cottages on Airbnb and other sites are

bed and breakfasts operating lawfully, Frater noted.

"The status quo isn't sufficient, we've got to manage it and do it fairly, in full consultation with the accommodation groups," said Patrick. "Simply saying short-term vacation rentals are illegal is not good enough."

She referenced findings in a report titled *Regulating Short-Term Rentals: A Toolkit for Canadian Local Governments*. That report notes that making something illegal does not solve the problem.

The solution is to regulate, she added, a concept she said has been supported by commercial operators of local hotels and the 75-plus member Salt Spring Accommodations Group. The best tool is business licences, which would be a combined approach from the Trust and the Capital Regional District (CRD) with more support from the province to get the Airbnb issue under control "because it's not just our community that's suffering from this."

Patrick said a discussion on business licences was "buried" in a July 13 report to the CRD's electoral areas committee on the speculation and vacancy tax. With the Islands Trust regulating what can and cannot happen in land use zones, the report stated that business licences can be an "important companion to help with zoning compliance" and would best be done by the Trust.

Allowing people to have STVRs to make ends meet is also possible under such a system, Patrick noted.

"One of the hardest things is when you see a single parent that has an illegal short-term vacation rental where they're counting

on the revenue to be able to afford to stay in their house, and I have to be the meanie saying, 'No, I'm sorry, that's illegal.' So we're not helping anybody by just carrying on this way."

The toolkit lays out parameters for how such a system could look, including restricting it to principal residences to allow islanders to afford to live there. Second homes could be restricted from the pool.

Establishing a regulatory regime would prevent bylaw officer visits to unsuspecting residents, and could also make enforcement easier. In the toolkit referenced by Patrick, Tofino required business licences to be displayed in online advertisements and led to an increase in the capabilities of the district's monitoring and enforcement abilities.

Salt Spring CRD director Gary Holman said business licenses could be helpful in enforcing the ban on STVRs, provided they are used to license legal B&Bs.

"Licensing STVRs makes no sense, they're illegal . . . legalizing a certain number and licensing them . . . contravenes our long fought for OCP provision."

Holman said a speculation and vacancy tax, which he has been publicly advocating to have Salt Spring covered by, is a better way to stem the problem of STVRs.

"It would be a financial disincentive for STVRs, is completely administered at no cost to local government by the province and actually generates net revenue that is earmarked for affordable housing in regional districts in which the revenue is raised," he said.



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Proposed Bylaw No. 526 Land Use Bylaw Amendment Farmworker Housing

PUBLIC HEARING

SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is Proposed Bylaw No. 526 about?

Proposed Bylaw No. 526 seeks to amend the Salt Spring Island Land Use Bylaw to allow farmworker units on Agriculture 1 and 2-zoned properties. The bylaw also proposes options for farms not zoned Agriculture 1 or 2 to build additional farmworker housing.

How do I get more information?

Copies of the bylaw, the Public Hearing binder and other information on the project is available for review on the [Salt Spring Island Current Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at #1-500 Lower Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, V8K 2N8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

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SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



NOTICE OF NOMINATION THREE (3) TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given to the owners of land within the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District that nominations for three trustees will be received between:

**9:00 a.m. Friday, July 22, 2022
and 4:00 p.m. Friday, August 11, 2022**

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The Trustee positions are for a three-year term commencing at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held on Monday September 12, 2022 and terminating at the end of the Annual General Meeting to be held in the year 2025.

The Election to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2022 at the Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Advance Voting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 at the Ganges Fire Hall, 105 Lower Ganges Road from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Only persons who are qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District may nominate Trustees and hold the office of Trustee. Qualified candidates must be nominated by two duly qualified electors of the Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District.

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Returning Officer

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EDITORIAL

Not the answer

Affordable housing conversations are confusing these days.

Some people declare the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's proposed Bylaw 530 will be the ruin of the community; others say it should be adopted because "something" must be done to address the lack of affordable housing.

We don't believe that Bylaw 530 will result in environmental degradation and thousands of new dwellings and residents on the island.

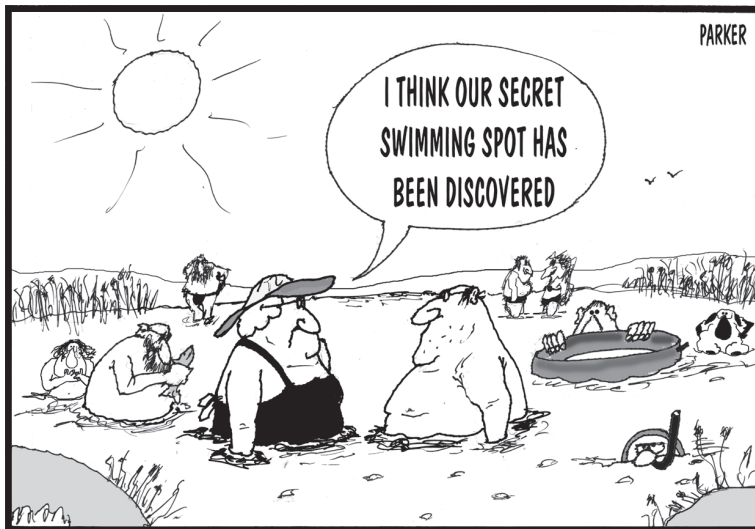
We do understand the previously expressed concern of Salt Spring trustees Laura Patrick and Peter Grove that "something" should be done to address the housing crisis. But a blanket, island-wide zoning change lacks the standard of good land-use planning, and it seems doubtful Bylaw 530 will create much of the kind of truly affordable housing that is needed on this island.

For one thing, being a landlord is not for the faint of heart under any circumstances. The cost of creating housing units of any kind just keeps going up, so it seems hard to imagine how any habitable accessory dwelling unit (ADU) will be "affordable" in the end. And judging by the amount of rent being charged by islanders for things like tents, rooms and other minimal shelter, few people seem unable to resist getting every last dollar they can, while the poor get poorer in the process. Without any stipulation that ADUs must be affordable and not used for tourist accommodation, it seems wishful thinking that many of those units will fulfill the noble intention of the bylaw.

The other issue is water availability. Any property in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, for example, is still subject to the hook-up moratorium. That's a large chunk of the island where it would make most sense for units to be added, but the water obstacle is huge.

We understand that trustees Laura Patrick and Peter Grove would like to do something positive for the housing situation before their term is up in October, but Bylaw 530 as written probably isn't the answer. Piloting the use of ADUs in some areas might make sense, yes. Finding a way to ensure affordability is important. Anything that facilitates purpose-built affordable housing is also of value.

And the LTC moratorium on enforcement of illegal secondary dwellings, enacted during Covid, could be kept in place to prevent further erosion of existing housing. Legitimizing short-term vacation rentals through licensing, as Patrick recently proposed, would probably not be helpful.



Light, not heat, on bylaw

BY RONALD WRIGHT

My thanks to Jason Mogus (July 27) for his backhanded compliment to island writers with "prolific skills" who have dared to question the merit of the Salt Spring Local Trust Committee's proposed Bylaw 530.

Mr. Mogus is no slouch himself: he nearly had me believing there's nothing to fear from the bylaw's radical zoning change, because all it will do is allow a few "cute tiny homes" for young couples, and gingerbread cottages for sweet old dears.

In fact, the number of residential properties whose zoning would change is likely more than 80 per cent — enough to almost double the island's population and density when fully built out. I can't be more precise because our trustees either don't know the number or are withholding it; only two weeks from the final public hearing on Aug. 18. But there's no doubt it would grossly violate our official community plan (OCP), which states: "Zoning changes should be avoided if they would likely result in a larger island population . . . Exceptions to this policy are to be few and minor."

Mogus did not trouble himself with such facts in his article, relying instead on nasty slurs to attack people he calls the island's "self-appointed guardians." Evidently he thinks anyone expressing concerns about protecting the island from overdevelopment — the mandate of our Islands Trust for half a century — is worthy of spite.

Mogus and his self-appointed pressure group, Salt Spring Solutions, have been lobbying trustees for a bylaw like 530 ever since development advocates were soundly defeated in the governance ref-

VIEWPOINT

erendum of 2017. They claim to care about affordable housing. Perhaps many of them do. Yet by never mentioning "affordability," and scrapping safeguards to ensure new dwellings go to full-time tenants, Bylaw 530 may well make the housing crisis worse, encouraging lucrative short-term rentals (Airbnbs. Etc.) instead of long-term rentals that local workers and families can afford.

Something is very wrong when a massive zoning grab is rammed ahead without the public being shown any basic facts or sound research to justify it. Mogus's trollish rant has only deepened suspicions that the main thrust of Bylaw 530 is not to provide affordable housing, but to scuttle the protections of our OCP and the Islands Trust itself. Why else did he not mention

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two obvious steps that could relieve the housing shortage right away, without unleashing endless building and clearcutting in watersheds? These are: cracking down effectively on unlawful Airbnbs, which have gobbled up rental stock; and bringing Salt Spring into B.C.'s Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT), with SVT revenue specifically earmarked for affordable housing.

Bylaw 530 must not go ahead in anything like its present form. As our MLA Adam Olsen said last week, tackling the housing crisis by taking the brakes off new building may work in some places, but is "simply not an option" on Salt Spring, given the island's limited water supply and the need to keep its rural character intact. Better ways must be found.

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ISLAND VOICES

LETTERS to the editor

No room at the new 'inn'

It would be wonderful to have a lively new centre on the site of the former Fulford Inn, and The Vortex project's website says it aims "to restore an essential amenity to Salt Spring Island, a cherished community and gathering place." I'm sure many Salt Springers have fond memories of the old pub, with shuffleboard games, jugs of beer, and beef or pork roasting in the fireplace.

However, according to The Vortex website, the restaurant would seat 24 people, with 12 more in the bar, and in summer, an additional 20 outdoors (the figures are no longer on the website). But in summers, Salt Spring doesn't lack for places to gather – it's in the winters when we need a warm place to meet our family and friends. Thirty-six seats would amount to a little over half the seating capacity of the old inn, and the site apparently no longer has a public licence.

With 17 tourist units, there could be 35 or 40 — or more — guests in the motel/resort on any given day.

How much room would be left for us locals?

MARLYN HORSDAL,
REYNOLDS ROAD

Don't risk more development

Regarding Salt Spring Local Trust Committee Bylaw 530: Reading the piece by Jason Mogus in last week's Driftwood, I was struck by the number of inconsistencies it contains.

If, as Jason argues and Laura Patrick has stated, very few accessory dwelling units (ADUs) will be created, why up-zone thousands of lots to achieve that goal? It's a huge long-term risk to take for so few rentals. And although little housing will be provided in the near future, over time, as real estate values climb and properties change hands, most lots will be fully developed. The studies he cites showing low take-up have no long-term data, and are therefore irrelevant to an area that is supposed to be protected in perpetuity.

Jason asks us to explain the math involved in build-out. It's quite simple: the Salt Spring Official Community Plan (OCP) estimated the number of people who would occupy the dwellings which were permitted under then current zoning bylaws, if fully developed — using a figure of 2.1 per dwelling — which amounted to about 17,000. And this was considered acceptable, although recent

studies suggest that it is now not sustainable. Bylaw 530 could potentially add many hundreds of extra dwellings, creating a much larger population than the 17,000 envisaged in the OCP.

His assurance that all new ADUs will have to prove water is meaningless. The CRD does not require property owners to conduct water availability studies that consider effects on neighbours. This will become a huge issue as ADU numbers increase in areas dependant on private wells.

Those of us who oppose Bylaw 530 are also concerned about a housing crisis which is happening all across Canada. In this delicate ecosystem we call home, we favour solutions that would more effectively provide affordable housing rapidly without dramatically and unnecessarily increasing over-development on the island.

Bylaw 530 is so significant a divergence from our existing OCP that it should not be approved without a full review of the OCP taking place. And it should certainly not be rammed through before any estimate of increased population is calculated and published.

(This letter was written in my 1400-square-foot "mansion.")

MICHAEL WALL,
SALT SPRING

Islanders can find better housing solutions

When is a solution not a solution? When it doesn't resolve the problem it's meant to address.

Such would seem to be the case with Bylaw 530, which would allow for secondary suites and accessory dwelling units (ADUs) in or adjacent to built dwellings. Its most ardent proponents claim it would legalize only "small homes few property owners are likely to build."

So why bother? Why not look for more effective solutions to an all-too-real housing crisis? A few have been mentioned in previous Driftwoods: crack down on illegal short-term vacation rentals; get the Gulf Islands included in B.C.'s empty homes and speculation tax; use money from these taxes to build affordable housing in appropriate areas. All these show more promise and far less risk than Bylaw 530.

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

MORE LETTERS continued on 6

{ QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

"Simply saying short-term vacation rentals are illegal is not good enough."

LAURA PATRICK, SALT SPRING ISLAND TRUSTEE

Constant quandary: Hearing aids, car repairs or spiffy new wheels?

It's not easy being a reactionary old reactionary on Salt Spring, but I've spent 70 years perfecting a good, solid curmudgeonliness and I'm not about to give it up just because most of the island is big on cuddles and kindnesses.

There are things that irritate me, things that annoy me, things that make me angry and things that simply get right up my nose. BC Ferries annoys me most of the time. Potholes irritate me, jazz makes me sick to the stomach, and the cost of hearing aids . . . well!

So, there is little point shouting at me when you get to the end of my next rant whenever it presents itself because I won't hear a word you say, which, for the best part, suits me fine. I'd quite like a set of hearing aids but I'm loathe to spend 10 times more than I spent on my first car on something to stick in my ear.

I'm sure they're super high-tech and all that and that once fitted I could probably eavesdrop on Rideau Cottage from Ganges but a) I have absolutely no interest in what Mr. Trudeau has to say to Mrs. Trudeau and b) I'd rather spend my money on a Harley-Davidson. Face it, fat old men can look cool on a chopper; fat old men with hearing aids look like fat old men with hearing difficulties and are there to be shouted at.

It is true that Mrs. Mc has forbidden me to buy a motorbike, but who wears the trousers in our house, eh? So, I won't be getting one.

The thing is, though, we could do with a new car, our present one, dear old soul that it is, is having problems getting up in the morning. I'd already begun researching Jaguar, Maserati and Porsche for something suitable but Mrs. Mc wasn't impressed with any of them and gave me some whiney excuse about not remortgaging the house just so that I could pretend I wasn't a delusional geriatric. As if . . .

In the meantime, we'll cough up to have our Hyundai repaired because, truthfully, it's done us great service, and according to my excellent young mechanic Jesse and his little computer device it needs a new part which is going to set me back the price of a half-decent hearing aid. He did helpfully explain what it was and why it was important to the functions of the car, but he may just as well have tried to explain the workings of the Hadron Collider for all the sense it made to me.



Paul McElroy
+ ANOTHER THING

But I can't complain (actually, I can. The young woman who comes to our house to clean for us and to hide my slippers carts her mops and buckets around in a car that is considerably finer than mine and I know she is barely old enough to have a licence. Imagine my humiliation.)

I suspect we will end up with a newer model of our Hyundai, which until recently has never let us down except on the too-frequent occasions that I've drained the battery by leaving a light on or not shutting the door fully. If I can put it off for another year I imagine the new one will be so computerized it will park itself, save me from other Salt Spring drivers and do the weekly shop.

I suppose I should consider an electric one but they're not very macho, are they? I know they're good for us, but so are lentils, yoga and edamame beans, and I'm not ready for them yet either. And frankly, while Elon Musk is certainly a maverick genius, I wouldn't buy a food mixer from him, let alone a \$60,000 car. Too much charisma, not enough common sense. And as for driv-

erless cars, most of the time I have no idea where I'm going, so goodness knows how the car is supposed to know.

My dad was a Scot who epitomized "canny" and didn't hold with spending money on having his cars repaired and so he fixed them himself. And when my dad fixed a car, it stayed fixed in much the same way a taxidermist fixes a squirrel.

Consequently, we seldom went anywhere and when we did we invariably ended 10 miles from our destination with the hood up and my dad throwing punches at the car before assaulting it with the box of junk that passed as his tool kit. Then we went home by train.

My own first car was a loathsome little thing called a Ford Popular which was about as popular as haemorrhoids and the memory of it only underpins the miracle of today's motor cars which (touch wood) never seem to get punctures or shattered windscreens, start at first touch and actually stop when you apply the brakes. Not that stopping was much of an issue with the Ford since it seldom got started in the first place.

Anyway, I'm off to the Lamborghini website to see what they do in SUVs for less than the price of a mid-sized bungalow. Pip, pip.

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GULF ISLANDS

SVT not part of housing solution

BY SUSAN DE STEIN

I take exception to your editorial (July 27 "SVT tool needed") regarding Salt Spring's continued exclusion from the speculation and vacancy tax.

A portion of the island's residents live here part-time, either seeking sunshine elsewhere in the winter, or maintaining a home in the city to be closer to family. These aren't "rich" folks, but people who have managed their finances well, through a lifetime of hard work, usually. If the spec tax were to be applied here, those I've talked to will NOT be adding their home to the rental pool — not on your life — and that's not because they aren't sympathetic about the need for more affordable housing. And as residents and consumers of goods and services here, this issue negatively affects them too.

As a realtor in business on Salt Spring for 12 years, I have seen many examples of what tenants do to properties. No one talks about that, as it's politically incorrect to do so. Unless I personally knew the prospective tenant, I would never want to be a landlord on this island, given how many tenants are irresponsible. And how exactly do you rent out a property that you want to live in 15 days a month on average? It's not feasible. On top of that, current government policy favours tenants over landlords — and keeps skewing in that direction — thus reducing incentives for people to rent out their properties.

The current B.C. government loves to demonize people who have cottages, or second homes, or who can afford to support two properties. They love the "We = good and they = evil" scenarios. I'm sick of it. It's poorly thought out public policy masquerading as a solution to housing problems, wrapped up in feel-good language and press releases that portray the government as being on the side of the little guy.

IN RESPONSE

I've seen them doing this elsewhere, implementing real estate practices based on the holy grail of "consumer protection," measures which actually muddy the waters when it comes to consumers' interests and have nothing to do with consumer protection. Their policies towards realtors (again, another group of bad folk in their eyes) have been applied like a sledgehammer — because to wield a finer, more precise instrument takes research and thought.

**People do not buy here
to speculate; they buy
here to live here.**

It's another quick fix, poorly thought out NDP gamut designed to gain public support for the government by generating feel-good headlines for a couple of days. Do tell me how well they have measured the results to date in communities where the spec tax has been in place.

To think the spec tax is a panacea, or even part of the solution, and will help the housing issue here on the island is ridiculous. I've seen no evidence whatsoever that housing became any more affordable in any of the communities to which it has been applied.

Why penalize part-time island home owners who contribute enormously to the economy of the islands (and to the business people who have so loudly decried Salt Spring's exclusion from this recent announcement)? To punish them with a tax like this would be to engage in very short-term thinking. Unfortunately, there

are no quick fixes to help the housing problem.

And let's face it, this is not something unique to B.C. or Salt Spring either; housing affordability is an issue across Canada, and in fact, globally. I, and others, understand the frustrations of business owners who are having trouble keeping staff because of it.

You suggest that perhaps current homeowners could be "grandfathered" or the tax applied to buyers after a specific date. Having seen how this government drafts public policy, I think the chances of that happening are slim to none.

Some think the "spec" tax would at least reduce the incentives to people speculatively buying property here. In my time as a realtor, I've not once acted for a client buying for "speculative" purposes. People do not buy here to speculate; they buy here to live here. If they feel it's a good investment, it's no different than buying elsewhere, but they are not buying primarily as an investment.

Our MLA Adam Olsen recently voiced his support for the application of the tax to our Gulf Islands. And yet, in 2018, he understood residents when we fought to have the islands exempted from the tax for all of these reasons. Clearly, by 2022, with the problem growing and constituent voices getting louder, he has decided to drink the NDP Kool-Aid, generating easy headlines for him and providing him with the appearance of doing something about a very difficult and complex problem.

I suggest we not seek scapegoats nor solutions that sound good but have been poorly researched and whose results are never measured. Steeped in a simplistic "tax the rich" philosophy, they will fail to achieve the objective in both the near and long term — and will simply end up harming businesses and our economy along the way.

MORE LETTERS

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Carrying capacity detailed

Amazingly, the spokesperson for the main housing group on Salt Spring seems to have no understanding of build-out, the number of people estimated to be on Salt Spring when all existing parcels are fully subdivided and developed. Imagine a ship's captain not knowing or caring about the carrying capacity of his vessel.

In his Bylaw 530 commentary last week, Jason Mogus of Salt Spring Solutions wrote: "Can someone please check the math on how we get from 11,645 today to 17,000 via small homes few people are likely to build?"

He seems as confused today about build-out as he was earlier this year about population growth. The 17,000 figure has nothing to do with accessory dwelling units; it's already baked into the cake. Our 2008 official community plan states: "The eventual population of Salt Spring that might result from the zoning now in place is estimated to be a little over 17,000."

Proposed Bylaw 530, to upzone thousands of lots on the island, will send that build-out number soaring. And that's excluding all the upzoning for suites and cottages that has occurred since 2008.

That Salt Spring's future is already heavily mortgaged was confirmed by a Trust-sponsored ecosystem health report in 2007. Another report, to be released shortly, will likely bring even worse news.

Housing is a huge issue that needs to be addressed, but if there's going to be anything "unique" left to preserve and protect, short-term thinking must be replaced by long-term planning.

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Rants

This is a rant to BC Ferries. We should have kept the BC Ferries dogwood emblem. Things sailed smoother then, but they haven't since they adopted "the wave." And watch out for the sink hole on Long Harbour Road where the cones are. It's a hazard. Please fix. Gary Wyrozub

Roses

Buckets of copper roses to the BBQ crew on July 23 at Country Grocer: Doug, Helga and Michael, Tina, Karen and Eddie. We raised enough to keep going. See you all again on Aug. 20. Copper Kettle Community Partnership

To the kindly gentleman who stopped to open my bottle of water at Country Grocer. Thank you for being kind! "A person is a person because of another person." Jewel Eldstrom



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Chamber fest returns



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From left, ArtSpring Chamber Music Festival faculty David Visentin, Hiroko Kagawa, Paula Kiffner, Catherine Ordroneau and Kai Gleusteen. Missing is Amy Laing.

Two concerts next weekend

SUBMITTED BY ARTSPRING

After a two-year hiatus, ArtSpring is pleased to announce the return of the Salt Spring Chamber Music Festival for two nights of inspired and moving music.

The last gathering was in July 2019, and artistic director David Visentin has been reflecting on the pause.

"The passing time between 2020 and 2022 has been nothing but extraordinary. And as artists we work to make creative meaning from everything happening around us — the nostalgic, the good, the tragic, the magical, the painful and the transcendent."

This summer will focus on the festival's tremendously talented faculty — Kai Gleusteen (violin), Hiroko Kagawa (viola), Paula Kiffner (cello), Amy Laing (cello), Catherine Ordroneau (piano) and Visentin (viola). Visentin has programmed the two concerts around our recent collective experience.

"Coming back to an audience that knows us well meant that we couldn't return with lighter fare repertoire that didn't take into account the overwhelming meaning of the last two years. I want to take our audience on

a sonic pilgrimage."

The concerts — Friday, Aug. 12 and Saturday, Aug. 13 — are best experienced together.

"Our Friday concert starts with the exotic soundscapes of Debussy's Estampes, then we descend deeper into a world of stark contrasts and ghostly longing in Alfred Schnittke's 1985 String Trio."

The concert ends with Molto Adagio from Beethoven's Op. 132 String Quartet in A minor. The continuation into Saturday night features two works, starting with Shostakovich's monumental string quartet dedicated To the Memory of the Victims of Fascism and War.

"This tremendously unsettling and iconic work could not be more resonant with this period of time in the world," Visentin said.

Saturday concludes with Brahms' Piano Quintet in F minor.

"This dark and mighty work of tremendous scope is the perfect close to this introspective journey, drawing together so many of the elemental and spiritual themes heard and experienced over the two nights."

"We are tremendously excited to be bringing these two concerts to share with our ArtSpring audience," said Visentin.

Both concerts begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring.

BENEFIT

Ciranda at Mateada raises funds

Brazilian music invites dancing Sunday

Salt Spring Islanders are invited to dance and sing with RAVEN (Respecting Aboriginal Values and Environmental Needs) at a fundraiser for Indigenous access to justice on Sunday, Aug. 7.

Ciranda is a popular type of dance and music from Brazil. The six-piece Ciranda band is made up of Japanese, Canadian, Cuban and Brazilian musicians who have fallen in love with the circular call and response rhythms and joyful melodies. Attendees at Sunday afternoon's show will enjoy traditional Brazilian music, such as choro, samba and bossa nova, some with instrumental and some with vocals. All of the music is good for dancing.

Regulars at Boteco in Vancouver, Ciranda members have played at the Brazilian Consulate national day event for seven years, Vancouver South American film festival event, Vancouver downtown music festivals, and at the Salt Spring winery. Members have also played benefit concerts to protect rainforests on Vancouver Island and in the Amazon, and are proud to be supporting RAVEN's Indigenous justice work.

The show takes place at Mateada in Ganges. It starts at 1:30 p.m. with a performance by Samba du Soleil, then Ciranda — with special guest star Jose Sanchez — will take the stage from 2 to 4 p.m.

Advance tickets are available through the Mateada website.

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SUMMER MUSIC

Sadé Awele set to thrill at outdoor concert



Sadé Awele, the Aug. 11 headliner for Salt Spring Arts' Summer Outdoor Concert Series event in Centennial Park.

R&B and more on Aug. 11

Next Thursday's Salt Spring Arts concert in Centennial Park features Afro-infused rhythm and blues artist Sadé Awele.

In 2020, Exclaim! Media described Awele as "an artist that needs to be heard." Having won the African Fashion and Arts Movement's female artist of the year award, she has captivated spaces with her timeless lyrics and jazzy tone.

According to her website, the Nigerian-born singer is inspired by her Yoruba and Ibo heritage, which you experience in her music that ranges from Afro-soul with and conscious alternative R&B to neo-soul and contemporary R&B. Her music is considered to be in a category of its own.

The opening set at the Aug. 11 evening features Craig McKerron and Bruce Cobanli, two Salt Spring

musicians who compose their own material and perform on the island regularly, often appearing as sidemen at local venues. They will play a mix of original material from McKerron's homespun release Cabin Fever and cover some classic Americana. Music runs from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Aug. 4 Summer Outdoor Concert Series show features Jack Garton and T. Nile, as detailed in last week's Driftwood.

Weekly concerts continue in Centennial Park on Thursdays through the summer.

No admission is charged, although donations are appreciated. People can bring blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy a picnic supper.

As well, series marquee sponsor Island Savings also has a booth at the event, where people can learn about how to contribute to the credit union's community-supporting initiatives.

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Women of Note ensemble graces All Saints stage

Long-running choral group offers diverse repertoire

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This intimate, informal, but very committed choral ensemble meets once a week to celebrate the joy of singing together, and each member is valued for her own unique contribution.

The repertoire ranges from music written hundreds of years ago to that of the present day and much of it is sung a cappella, which both challenges and energizes the singers, having a positive effect on how they feel physically, emotionally and spiritually, particularly during these uncertain times.

For more than 25 years the group has been singing at

local community events that promote peace, social justice and concern for the environment. Their most recent contribution was in April when they sang at the fundraiser for Ukraine. Performing at seniors residences on a regular basis is also an enjoyable experience for them.

The songs in their upcoming concert are all connected in some way to the elements of earth, air, fire, water and spirit. There is a unique song by Bartok, a song from 14th century Spain; the first two of four mystical songs by Vancouver composer Leslie Uyeda; Fields of Gold arranged, sung and played on the harp by Patricia Flannagan; an original composition for piano by Linda Quinn, and much more. The concert culminates with Unity, a song by Lisa Young and All Together We Are Love by the remarkably talented young Canadian composer Katerina Gimon. There will also be an opportunity for the audience to join together in singing a simple song connecting us all.

The 50-minute recital starts at 2:10 p.m., with admission by donation.

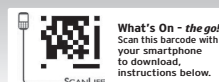
The Anglican caterers will serve tea and treats right after the concert in the hall.



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Women of Note members, from left, Julie Kimmel, Judith Bradley, Mary Pickering Webb, Patricia Flannagan, director Linda Quinn and Janice McLean. Missing from the photo is Gyllian Davies.

what's on this week



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Wed.

Aug. 3

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo.

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Synergy.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Family Adventures in Nature Program.

At Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Drop in from 1 to 4 p.m. for children aged 3 to 12 and their adult! Today's theme is Going Buggy! Make bug snacks, sing bug songs, hunt for bugs, observe pond life. Salt Spring Museum.

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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.

Thur.

Aug. 4

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Summer Outdoor Concert Series.

Jack Garton and T. Nile perform in Centennial Park. 6 to 8 p.m.

Logan Staats & Simbiyez Wilson.

Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.

Sarah Osborne & the Magic Buttons.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sharon Bailey.

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

Open Mic.

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

ACTIVITIES

Candice Roberts "Oopsie" Theatre Performance.

Drop-in program of shadow puppetry, original music, tap dance and more. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 1 to 2 p.m.

Poetry Open Mic.

With featured poet Heather Haley. Salt Spring Public Library Program Room. 7 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Fri.

Aug. 5

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Vixx.

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

The Regulars.

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

DJ Skywater.

Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.

Sarah Osborne & the Magic Buttons.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

ASK Salt Spring.

This week's guests are Willie MacPherson and David Norget to discuss mental health in our community. United Church Meadow. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.

Aug. 6

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Twin Bandit.

Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11 p.m.

Morien Jones.

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

Buck Dodgers Band.

On stage at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Sugar Beat.

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.

Sun.

Aug. 7

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Jazz Jam.

At the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.

Ciranda.

Performs for Raven Trust benefit at Mateada Lounge. 1 to 4 p.m.

Ashton Bachman.

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

J. Knutson & the Swamp Devils.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Sunday Artist Series.

Live music at Fernwood Road Cafe. 1 to 2 p.m.

Sun.

Aug. 7

ACTIVITIES

Family Adventures in Nature Program.

Batty over Bats! Bust bat myths, play bat games, look for bat homes – learn all about bats. A SSI Conservancy program at the Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve. Drop in from 1 to 4 p.m. for children (3-12) and their adult.

Salt Spring Forum: Marsha Lederman.

Author of Kiss the Red Stairs: the Holocaust, Once Removed is the forum guest at Beaver Point Hall. 7:30 p.m.

Showcase Exhibition Artist Talk.

Susan Benson talks about We are Such Stuff as Dreams are Made On at Mahon Hall. 2 to 3 p.m.

Salt Spring Museum.

See Wednesday listing.

Mon.

Aug. 8

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tom Hooper.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

Tues.

Aug. 9

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

K-Tones.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Local Trust Committee.

Regular monthly business meeting. Community Gospel Chapel. 9:30 a.m. with trustee reports and town hall beginning at noon. Also available to watch online through islandtrust.bc.ca.

Tuesday Farmers' Market.

Weekly market in Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m.

Wed.

Aug. 10

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea à Tempo.

Women of Note perform in by-donation recital at All Saints. 2:10 p.m., followed by optional tea and treats.

Daryl Chonka.

Tree House Cafe. 6 to 9 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

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

• Elvis runs at 7 p.m. on Wed.-Thurs., Aug. 3-4. Then **Thor: Love and Thunder** is the show from Friday, Aug. 5 through Thursday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m., plus a 3 p.m. Sunday matinee. For more movie info, see thefritz.ca.

EXHIBITIONS

• Susan Benson, **We are Such Stuff as Dreams are Made On**, opens on the Showcase Exhibition stage at Mahon Hall on Friday, Aug. 5, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. The show continues daily until Aug. 22. With an artist talk on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 2 p.m.

• Today, Aug. 3, is the last day to see **Judy Chappus' Understory** — paintings and poems — at Salt Spring Gallery. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Impressions 7, the annual show of new works by SSI Printmakers, is in the library program room until Aug. 26.

• Artcraft 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.

• Hazel Gardner, a member of the SSI Painters Guild, is showing a selection of her animal portraits at Salt Spring Coffee until Aug. 15.

• Sheri Standen exhibits her paintings at Fernwood Cafe through mid-August.

• Cheryl Long has a selection of landscapes in oil hanging at Dragonfly Art Supplies' gallery for the month of August.

• Susan Gordon shows dog portraits at the Country Grocer Cafe this month.

Family Adventures in Nature

Blackburn Lake Nature Reserve
Program for kids 3-12
and their adult
Aug. 3, 7, 17 and 28
Drop-in from 1 to 4 p.m.

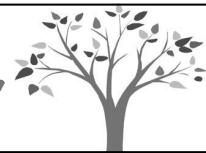
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Applications wanted for Bloom Fund grants

Support for environmental conservation initiatives available through Salt Spring Island Foundation

SUBMITTED BY SSI FOUNDATION

A newly established fund by the Salt Spring Island Foundation (SSIF) will make \$100,000 available to registered charities for funding one or more projects in the areas of land acquisition, preservation and improvement.

The Bloom Fund was created from a gift from the estate of the late Susan Bloom, a long-time Salt Spring Island resident who died in December of 2021.

Salt Spring Island's diverse and unique environment is a treasured aspect of our island life; a gift that none of us take for granted. We are becoming increasingly aware that urgent and impactful attention is needed to protect it. The Salt Spring Island Foundation is committed to supporting the important work of local environmental conservation efforts.

Recently, the foundation was the

grateful recipient of a generous \$100,000 gift through the trust established for Bloom's estate. Bloom was well known as a philanthropist who supported the environment and for her interest in preserving the natural beauty of Salt Spring Island.

One of Bloom's trustees, Jan Theunisz, has stated that "Susan believed strongly in grassroots organizing and worked to help small groups of passionate people do extraordinary things."

The Bloom Fund donation is for the purpose of funding one or more projects with a focus on land acquisition, preservation and/or improvement.

Applications are open to registered charities whose purpose is compatible with at least one of these goals, and who have a project to propose, with an emphasis on agricultural land, undeveloped land, parks or trails.

The deadline for applications is Friday, Sept. 16.

People can visit the foundation's website at ssifoundation.ca for more information about the Bloom Fund grants, or contact the SSIF office for questions or assistance with the application process. Contact Shannon Cowan at shannon@ssifoundation.ca or 250-537-8305.

Capital Regional District CRD

Islands Trust



Notice of Advance Voter Registration & Availability of List of Registered Electors

2022 General Local Election

Public notice is hereby given that **Advance Voter Registration will be accepted until Tuesday, August 23, 2022** for Capital Regional District (CRD) List of Non-Resident Property Electors for:

Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas in the Capital Regional District,

and the electors of:

Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island, and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas

The Capital Regional District will be using the Provincial Voters List to determine who is eligible to vote as a Resident Elector in the CRD. If you voted in the last provincial election, your name will appear on the Provincial Voters List, and will automatically be placed on the CRD List of Registered Electors. The CRD List of Registered Electors will apply to voting for Electoral Area Directors, assent voting, School District Trustees, and Islands Trust Trustees in the CRD.

ELECTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Resident Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 15, 2022), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months immediately before the day of registration (the residency qualifications are set out in the *Local Government Act*), reside within the boundaries of the local community, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting, you are entitled to vote as a Resident Elector.

Non-Resident Property Elector: If you are 18 years or older on voting day (October 15, 2022), are a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months, have owned and held registered title to property within the boundaries of the local community for 30 days immediately before the day of registration, do not qualify as a Resident Elector, and not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting, you may vote as a Non-Resident Property Elector provided that you: (a) have registered on or before August 23, 2022, or (b) register at the time of voting.

The following information is required at the time of application:

- ▶ a recent land title registration of the real property (may be obtained at the Land Title Office) or property tax notice, **showing the names of all the registered owners**,
- ▶ two pieces of identification (one must have a signature), and
- ▶ in the case of more than one owner of the property, a **completed consent form, signed by the majority of the owners, designating you as the person entitled to vote for the property**.

Please Note:

- ▶ Only one Non-Resident Property Elector may vote per property regardless of the number of owners.
- ▶ No corporation is entitled to be registered as an elector or have a representative registered as an elector, and no corporation is entitled to vote.

- ▶ Individuals who are on title with corporations are not entitled to register or vote. Individuals who own an undivided interest in land on which the balance is held by a corporation are not entitled to vote.

You may register on voting day if you meet the elector qualifications set out above.

LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

The preliminary List of Registered Non-resident Property Electors is available, upon signature, for viewing at the **Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC** from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holiday. You may also call 250.360.3642 to enquire whether your name is on the list.

Following the close of Advance Voter Registration and beginning Tuesday, August 30, 2022, until the close of general voting on October 15, 2022, a copy of the final List of Registered Resident and Non-Resident Property Electors will be available, upon signature, for public inspection at the office listed above.

An elector may request that personal information respecting the elector be omitted from or obscured on the List in accordance with section 78 (Protection of Privacy) of the *Local Government Act*.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the List of Registered Electors may be made to the **CRD Corporate Officer, PO Box 1000, 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 2S6**, in accordance with the *Local Government Act*, until 4:00 pm on Friday, September 9, 2022. An objection must be made in writing, may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the CRD, and can only be made on the basis that the person whose name appears has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector of the CRD.

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

Mail ballot voting will be open to all electors for the 2022 General Local Election. The application form to vote by mail is available at www.crd.bc.ca/ vote and due no later than October 1, 2022.

For further information on registering as an elector and mail ballot voting, contact Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, at 250.360.3642 or elections@crd.bc.ca. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3642.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2022

Kristen Morley,
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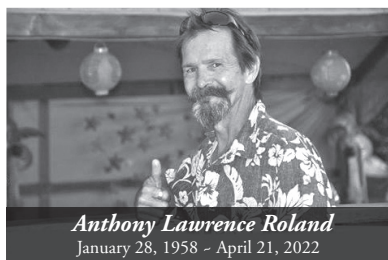
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Coming Events



Tony Roland was a caring son, brother, uncle, and friend. He left this world suddenly on April 21, 2022. He was predeceased by his Mom and Dad.

Tony was born in the Old Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island. He was raised on Salt Spring and spent most of his life here except for a few years when he was in Hedley, B.C. where he worked in the mines and loved being a Volunteer Fireman for the Hedley Fire Department.

Back on Salt Spring, Tony continued his many professions. He was a talented painter and painted many homes and businesses on Salt Spring. He was also an owner/operator for DHL. One of his favorite jobs in later-life was as a support worker with G.I.F.T.S (Gulf Islands Families Together Society), supporting folks with disabilities in the community. Susie was his favorite – he shared a story of how she was a force to be reckoned with, like a wild horse. They made each other laugh and he had a forever bond with her family.

Tony was known by many to be a kind soul who was a great worker with a fantastic sense of humor. He would give you the shirt off his back. Like our Momma, he would ask for less than he needed and give more than he had. Through the struggles of life and getting his ducks in a row Tony yearned for the simple life. He dreamed of boats, babes, and bikes (and we can't forget the sidecar for his best friend Jake). He had many hobbies such as wood carving and carving wax molds for biker rings.

Tony spent a lot of time here on Salt Spring with our grandparents, Jack and Laura Roland. He was like a little brother, of sorts, to the Roland Boys. Spending time with grandpa who taught him the art of fishing, digging clams, tending to the pit or cooking on the spit, is a gift that lasted throughout Tony's life.

He would often say fairweather friends are there for you depending on what happens. An all weather friend is there no matter what happens and he was proud to be an all weather friend.

Aloha to our big brother Tony! We miss you very much – until we meet again.

On behalf of his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, and many cousins we invite you to celebrate Tony's life with us at the Big Tent, Royal Canadian Legion, 120 Blaine Rd, SSI on August 7th, 2022. There will be a cash bar and some of our brother's favorite foods provided.

ELIZABETH TRUDEL

February 24, 1929
– July 13, 2022

Orphaned at 2yrs old, Mom was raised at the Sacred Heart School in Yorkton Sask.

At 18 she struck out on her own and graduated in 1952 from the Misericordia Hospital in Edmonton as a RN. Shortly after, in 1953 Mom and Dad were married. Mom was always active and loved to go on cruises with Dad. She loved to walk, ski and with some fellow retirees from the U of A did precision skating and gymnastics.

A few years after our Dad passed Mom moved to Salt Spring and took up residence at Heritage Place. She still walked with her friend Monica and often stopped at The Salt Spring Inn or Moby's for "refreshments". Mom was very strong willed, with a sense of adventure and a wicked sense of humor.

Many thanks to Dr. Kalf for his care, the Lady Minto staff, and most of all, the kind and compassionate care of Sandy and the staff of Heritage Place.

Mom is survived by her children, Debbie, Rhea, Paul (Lynn), Grandchildren Tracy (Kaj) Tammy (Brad). Predeceased by her 7 siblings.

Mother's Mass will be on August 27 2022 at 11:30am at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church on Drake Road with a Celebration of Life from 1:30pm-4:00pm at #2052-135 Brinkworthy Road.



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The entire world has entered a time of revolutionary transformation. Never before have we been united by such a widespread and common challenge. It appears that humanity is undergoing a worldwide initiation. What is usually implied is such experiences are some form of spiritual death and rebirth process. In many respects, the deaths are literal despite apparent mysterious causes. So, the question that remains is: what constitutes the rebirth? The basic answer is that we become aware and empathetic and compassionate regarding what segments of the human family appear to be dying from unnatural causes and why. Tragically, sometimes the medicine or the procedure is the issue. That is why it has long been said that 'there is no one cure for all people'. Since ancient times it has been understood that we have 4 'bodies' and they can be understood as a matrix or a synthesis including the mental, emotional, etheric and physical and is now generally called the 'mind-body connection' – search it.

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)

A surge of inspiration to be playful and adventurous is the wind under your wings. The play part could be with ideas, as with brainstorming. Enjoying attending to projects close to home continues and ideally includes quality time shared with loved ones. The future beckons and you are answering the call!

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)

Doing your work creatively is a beautiful thing. Problem solving is also exciting. This is especially true when doing them either leads us to refine our skills and talents or to learn or uncover new ones. Critical thinking is part of the plot but keep it focused on objectives and away from people.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)

As one of the stronger artistic sign of the Zodiac, you usually find yourself attracted to expressing yourself with an eye for beauty. The flip side is appreciating the expressions of beauty which are everywhere to be seen both via the talents of others and in the natural world. Both are strong themes now.

Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)

The Leo Sun is destined to inspire you to make some needed changes. These will require you to take some creative leads. It is important to do your homework or research before you commit. There are indications that you could leap before you look or get caught in indecision. Make informed choices.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)

A wave of inspirations is activating creative visions and pioneering pursuits. Your ability to see a bigger picture is stronger and clearer than usual so do your best to make the most of it. Feelings of love and compassion could also manifest as desire and passion. The time is right to embark on an adventure.

Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)

Despite the warm weather, this is a great time to enter your private office, studio, den, lab, kitchen or wherever else you go to do creative work. Yet, in between bouts of concentrated activity, enjoying quality time with friends, cultural activities and mini adventures could be combined for summer success!

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)

Fun with friends and lovers is extra emphasized now. Woven in the mix is the need to be more empathetic than usual and this may require some extra effort. Caring about who people are, in terms of their unique sense of individuality, is featured. Like the people who are like you and celebrate differences too.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)

You have entered an opportune window to get the attention you feel you deserve and have earned. This can include applying for jobs, loans or promotions. Your sights are set on the future and you yearn to feel more secure. As important as it is to take an independent lead, the time is also right to collaborate.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)

Summer is a time for fun and festivals and cultural activities and entertainments of all kinds. However you interpret it, you want your share. This is a call to get past yourself somehow, to take a break from your personal story and problems and to reach out to participate in making great memories.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)

What aspects of your attitude would you like to leave behind? This is an important question and can lead to liberation. After all, much of the restriction we experience, whether via our feelings of experiences stems from how we perceive and interpret things. Start with gratitude.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)

Your relationship is in the spotlight now. The time is right to step out and embrace the one(s) you love. Remind yourself why and how much you care about them whether in words and/or deeds. The returns for such efforts will come back if they feel the same, but if they don't, find your exit.

Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)

A happy and healthy life occurs when creativity is woven into your daily rhythm. Guided by imagination, craft and skill, the coming up with new angles, expressions and approaches is a golden key to the gates of heaven. If you want to be like the creator, create!

Fall Fair FOCUS



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INDIGENOUS CULTURE

Galiano family reconnection in focus at exhibit



PHOTO BY KALI SPITZER

Sisters Jeannine and Janet Georgeson try raw clam meat alongside Penelakut knowledge holder Richard Charlie at Dionisio, in one of the photos featured in the *Water We Call Home* exhibition on now at the Yellowhouse Art Centre on Galiano Island.

Years of research culminates in the *Water We Call Home*

BY EMLIE PEACOCK

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Come sit at the kitchen table, the *Water We Call Home* exhibition beckons, and listen to a circle of women from around the Salish Sea speak of their connections to fish, water and family.

Visitors will be invited to listen to the voices of Eva Wilson (Coast Salish), Christie Lee Charles (x'məθk'əya), Fay Blaney (Xwe'malhk'w), Karen Charlie (Spune'luxutth) and Kimi Haxton (Potowatomi). Collectively the six Indigenous matriarchs are "siyēye nii 'u tthu sut'ku'luts | siyēye tun'i 'utl sqwun'u s." Photo albums and films will also be shown, the latter which emerged during gatherings the women held over the past two years where they "shared personal stories, harvested and prepared traditional foods, and reconnected to family."

The gatherings were significant, in that they were the first ones made by these family

members in over 100 years.

The films are created by Simon Fraser University School of Interactive Arts & Technology (SIAT) post-doctoral researcher and filmmaker Jessica Hallenbeck, Coast Salish and Sahtu Dene artist Rosemary Georgeson, SIAT professor Kate Hennessy and their team as well as artist Richard Wilson. Georgeson, Hallenbeck and Hennessy are also the co-curators of the exhibition, on now at the Yellowhouse Art Centre on Galiano Island.

Dene photographer Kali Spitzer also captured a traditional food harvest and preparation gathering on camera, present in the exhibition.

The exhibit invites viewers to both witness Indigenous women's strong connection to "fish, water and family," and to think about what decolonization means in this context, as well as "to envision a future where Indigenous identity is structured through water and family rather than colonial law."

In an introduction to the exhibition, Georgeson wrote that the challenge she has for Galiano residents and visitors to the exhibition is to understand more about the land they call home through the eyes of Indigenous people and through what was here before colonialism, as well as the impacts of colonialism.

"Our stories are part of that land. They were there in that land and in those waters long before it was known as Galiano," she wrote.

"This work by Indigenous women is changing the story, it is bringing healing back to a place that was ripped apart and turned over by impacts of colonialism, the racial attitudes of the old ones, the old grandfathers, in how they took the mothers away from the children," Georgeson stated. "We came back. We gave voice to these things that happened."

The coming together of the women stems from a "lifetime of research" by Georgeson and her 10 years spent collaborating with Hallenbeck.

"Their work together has led to the recovery of the identities of Georgeson's ancestral grandmothers and to a reconnection with their descendants," a news release on the exhibit stated.

Georgeson wrote that she always knew growing up that "something was missing, not where it should be. There was a part of you that wasn't there." Georgeson recalled moments, like seeing someone who looks familiar yet now knowing who they were, and thought about who her family was and who they belonged to. Her father did some things that she now realizes were part of ceremony, yet this wasn't spoken of.

"History denied us the right to know each other," she stated.

The *Water We Call Home* exhibition is open Tuesdays to Sundays until Aug. 21, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Yellowhouse Art Centre is at 2517 Sturdies Bay Rd.

Visit www.thewaterwecallhome.com for more details.

Capital Regional District CRD

Islands Trust



Notice of Nomination

2022 General Local Election

Public Notice is hereby given to the electors of:

Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island, and Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Areas in the Capital Regional District,

and the electors of:

Galiano Island, Mayne Island, North Pender Island, Salt Spring Island, Saturna Island, and South Pender Island Local Trust Areas

that nominations for the offices of Electoral Area Director and the Office of Local Trustee respectively will be received between **9 am, Tuesday, August 30, 2022 and 4 pm, Friday, September 9, 2022.**

During that period the nomination documents shall only be received during regular office hours, 8:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, by a person designated by the Chief Election Officer at the Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC. Originals of emailed forms must be received by 4 pm, Friday, September 16, 2022.

Representation will be as noted below and shall be for a 4-year term commencing November 2022 and terminating in 2026 after the election held in accordance with the provisions of the *Local Government Act*:

ELECTORAL AREAS

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area - One Director

Salt Spring Island Electoral Area - One Director

Southern Gulf Islands Electoral Area - One Director

(Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender and Piers Islands)

ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREAS

Galiano Island - Two Trustees

Mayne Island - Two Trustees

North Pender Island - Two Trustees

Salt Spring Island - Two Trustees

Saturna Island - Two Trustees

South Pender Island - Two Trustees

Candidates shall be nominated in writing by two qualified electors of the Electoral Area or the Local Trust Area, respectively, in which the candidate is running for office. To qualify, a candidate must be 18 years or older on voting day (October 15, 2022), a Canadian Citizen, have resided in British Columbia for six months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed, and not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or another enactment from voting.

The nomination documents shall be in the form prescribed in the *Local Government Act* and available at www.crd.bc.ca/vote and at:

Capital Regional District, Legislative Services, 5th Floor, 625 Fisgard St., **Victoria**, 250.360.3127;

Islands Trust, #200-1627 Fort St., **Victoria**, 250.405.5169;

Islands Trust, #1-500 Lower Ganges Rd., **Salt Spring Island**, 250.537.9144.

ISLAND LOCAL TRUST AREAS

The following constitutes the designated Island Local Trust Areas for the purpose of electing local trustees to the Islands Trust: **Galiano Island Local Trust Area:** Galiano, Ballingall, Charles, Gossip, Julia, Lion Islets, Parker, Retreat, Sphinx, Wise, Lt 145 Whaler Bay. **Mayne Island Local Trust Area:** Mayne, Curlew, Georgeson.

North Pender Local Trust Area: North Pender, Boat Islet, Fane, Roe Islet, Lot 31 A & B Colston Cove, Lot 50 Grimmer Bay, Lt 176 Otter Bay, Lot 32 Bedwell Harbour, Arbutus, Brethour, Chads, Coal, Comet, D'Arcy, Forrest, Gooch, Goudge, Hood, Imrie, James, Knapp, Moresby, Portland, Pym, Rubly, Rum, Sidney, Tortoise Islets. **Salt Spring Island Local Trust Area:** Salt Spring, Acland, Bright, Buriel Islet, Channel, Deadman, Goat, Grace, Hall, Hawkins, Idol, Isabella, Jackscrew, Mowgli, Norway, Piers, Prevost, Red Islets, Russell, Secretary, Secret, Sisters - First, Second, Third, Wallace, Lot 73 Long Harbour, Lot 349 Ganges Harbour, Lot 222 Long Harbour, Lot 344 Stuart Channel. **Saturna Island Local Trust Area:** Saturna, Anniversary, Belle Chain Islets, Cabbage, Java Islets, King Islets, Lizard, Pine, Samuel, Trevor Islet, Tumbo, Lot 65 East of Samuel. **South Pender Local Trust Area:** South Pender, Blunden Islet, Skull Islet.

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CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2022 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Electoral Area Director (Southern Gulf Islands, Juan de Fuca)	\$ 5,398.92
Electoral Area Director (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 6,282.90
Islands Trust Trustee (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Saturna, South Pender)	\$ 5,398.92
Islands Trust Trustee (Salt Spring Island)	\$ 6,282.90

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2022 general local election, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Electoral Area (Southern Gulf Islands, Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring Island)	\$ 809.84
Islands Trust Trustee (Galiano, Mayne, North Pender, Salt Spring, Saturna, South Pender)	\$ 809.84

Additional information on campaign financing and advertising rules is available through Elections BC:

1.800.661.8683, electoral.finance@elections.bc.ca or www.elections.bc.ca.

For further information on the nomination process, contact Marlene Lagoa, Deputy Chief Election Officer, at 250.360.3127 or elections@crd.bc.ca. Port Renfrew and Gulf Island residents may call toll free, 1.800.663.4425, local 3127.

Dated this 3rd day of August 2022

Kristen Morley,
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