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## TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION

# ePlane makes first Ganges visit



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Harbour Air staff greet company founder and CEO Greg McDougall after he flew the company's first electric-powered floatplane from Richmond to Ganges Harbour on Thursday afternoon. At present the plane is not certified to carry passengers. The company is awaiting work by federal government regulators, as well as further improvements in battery technology, to help build their ePlane fleet. The visit was part of Salt Spring Community Energy's Electrify Salt Spring! Accelerating Pathways to Carbon Zero festival events on the weekend.

## Science talk, ePlane presence and panel discussion plug into low-carbon issues

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring got a glimpse of a lower-carbon future on the weekend through a visit by a trailblazing electric seaplane, a panel of people working to electrify transportation and one of Canada's best-known science journalists.

Bob McDonald of CBC radio's Quirks and Quarks fame was the keynote speaker for the festival called Electrify Salt Spring! Accelerating Pathways to Carbon Zero, organized by the Salt Spring Community Energy (SSCE) group. His entertaining talk to a capacity ArtSpring crowd on Friday night was called The Future is Now: Solving the Climate Crisis With Today's Technologies, the same title as his just-released book.

McDonald explained that he was motivated to research how greenhouse gas emissions could be slashed because he was getting depressed by the lack of action on something that scientists had been predict-

ing since he started reporting on the environment in 1977.

"It's been frustrating for me to listen for all these years to the scientists warning us about what was going to happen. But we weren't doing anything about it," he told the crowd.

In wanting to make a difference with a new book, he was determined to look for solutions instead of rehashing the problems.

"And I came to the wonderful realization that all the solutions to go green already exist. We don't need to invent anything new to go to a low-carbon or zero-carbon economy. Those technologies already exist."

With visuals on the screen behind him on the stage, McDonald gave the audience the basics of energy science and the ways we can eliminate the burning of fossil fuels and its impacts. But first he explained how the density of energy provided by oil is so diffi-

cult to replace, with one barrel providing 6.3 billion joules of energy. One joule is equivalent to raising one kilo of rice one metre in the air, an action McDonald illustrated for the crowd.

"So if you do this six billion times," he said, raising and lowering his arm, "you've got the amount of energy in one barrel of oil. That's a lot. That's huge. No wonder we like it."

But he also pointed out that it's not efficiently used: for every litre of gasoline put into a vehicle, 80 per cent of it is burned off as heat, he said, so only 20 per cent is used for its intended purpose.

More energy is actually provided by the sun.

"The amount of solar energy hitting the Earth in one hour is more than all of our civilization uses in one year," he said, "but it's spread out. It's not dense like [oil]."

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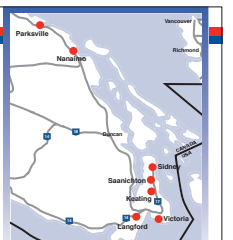






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**EXPRESSIONS OF GRIEF:** Red dresses hang in Centennial Park on May 5 to mark the National Day of Awareness about Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and Two-Spirited People. Known as Red Dress Day across the country, the local event was co-sponsored by Diverse and Inclusive Salt Spring Island and the BIPOC Community Collective.

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## Technology exists to get off carbon

### ELECTRIFY

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McDonald described how it would still be possible to use oil but for the production of hydrogen energy, with the carbon remaining in the ground. He also detailed advancements in solar, wind and tidal energy, and the huge potential of electricity created by new kinds of batteries.

"There's so much happening in batteries . . . Toyota is working on solid-state batteries that are very thin; they don't have the liquids in them so they won't catch fire. I've heard of sodium batteries, aluminum-air batteries. I even heard of a battery that's made of iron. All it does is rust and you get electricity. People are looking at all kinds of different materials."

If McDonald's presentation was decidedly hopeful, a discussion about the electrification of transportation in B.C. and on Salt Spring cooled the optimism somewhat. Representatives from Harbour Air, BC Ferries and BC Transit formed a panel moderated by SSCE's Kjell Liem, where the on-the-ground challenges to achieving quick change were made apparent. (See story about the panel discussion on page 15.)

But tilting the optimism balance back the other way was the arrival of Harbour Air's first "ePlane" in Ganges on Thursday, piloted by company founder and CEO Greg McDougall. Excitement from the docks was palpable, with Harbour Air staff, SSCE and other community members watching the retrofitted all-electric lime-green DHC-2 de Havilland Beaver land. It was the star of an open house event on Saturday afternoon, and was charged up before leaving on Sunday morning.

Harbour Air is the world's only carbon neutral airline, first announcing its plan to offset 100 per cent of its emissions through "green" practices in 2007.

SSCE also marked its 10th anniversary over the weekend, with its achievements summarized at the McDonald event at ArtSpring and delicious cake shared before the Saturday panel event at GISS.

## HEALTH

# Park drug ban probed by CRD

Officials fear more unattended deaths if use moves away from public eye

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

As some municipalities in B.C. move to ban drug use in parks and playgrounds, regional officials were told Island Health would not support similar health bylaw changes for Salt Spring Island and the Capital Regional District (CRD).

The message was delivered as part of a May 3 presentation by Island Health's chief medical officer Dr. Réka Gustafson to the CRD's Hospitals and Housing Committee, regarding the province's decriminalization of people who use drugs, and how that intersects with the CRD's Clean Air Bylaw.

For example, that bylaw prohibits cigarette smoking in public parks — including Centennial, Mouat, and Portlock parks on Salt Spring — but excludes controlled substances such as certain opioids, cocaine, methamphetamine and MDMA that are at the centre of B.C.'s decriminalization policies.

Citing the province's assurance that local governments would continue to have authority to develop appropriate bylaws, a handful of municipalities have taken steps to regulate open use of those substances since those policies took effect. The District of Sicamous was the first to pass a bylaw April 12 banning open drug use in several of its parks. Penticton is considering the same, and Kelowna officials are looking at banning drug use in playgrounds.

And while CRD directors had expressed interest in regulating drug use on properties they oversee, Planning and Protective Services general manager Kevin Lorette explained any amendment to a public health bylaw — including provisions the CRD currently uses to guide enforcement — requires approval from Island Health.

"And Island Health has recommended the CRD not make any changes to the Clean Air Bylaw at this time," said Lorette, adding that Island Health said they needed to see "specific evidence that was going to show the controlled substance they use was going to cause public harm" before they would consider approving changes.

"That's kind of hard to believe," said committee chair Kevin Murdoch, "when it's the highest cause of death in B.C. at the moment for the younger age groups."

Murdoch asked Gustafson what the public health rationale was behind the exclusion of decriminalized substances from the Clean Air Bylaw, given the ban on "absolutely everything" else being burned near air intakes, playgrounds, parks and beaches. Gustafson said Island Health's position was that there was "no urgency" to amending the existing bylaw — and that any bylaw that drove people using drugs away from public spaces would increase unattended deaths.

"It may be the only space where somebody else may observe if [people who use drugs] overdose," said Gustafson. "Four out of five deaths occur indoors, when a person isn't observed and there's nobody there to reverse the overdose."

"Are we seeing less deaths from this now?" asked Colwood director Doug Kobayashi. "What does the data show?"

"We aren't seeing less deaths," said Gustafson. "The purpose of decriminalization was not to reduce deaths, [but] the purpose of our overall response is to reduce deaths."

Salt Spring Island director Gary Holman asked district staff whether general nuisance provisions could guide enforcement apart from public health bylaws. Lorette said he would need to consult legal counsel before responding.

Holman made a notice of motion requesting Island Health return with a presentation regarding measures to scale up the safe supply of opioids and related toxic drugs, and what role the CRD could play in supporting such measures.

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## ENVIRONMENT

# 'Dead Boat' hunters gear up for new season

Society seeks location information on Salish Sea derelict vessels

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A not-for-profit that's been removing derelict boats from shorelines across British Columbia is once more on the hunt in the Gulf Islands — and is asking for the public's help.

This week, as another round of funding from Transport Canada spins up for the federal Oceans Protection Plan's Abandoned Boat Program, John Roe said he and his Dead Boats Disposal Society (DBDS) will be submitting their application and starting their season removing derelict vessels, docks and other debris. But what they need most right now, he said, is location information.

"We're getting better at doing our surveys, and our drone work — we have some volunteers to do that," said Roe. "But there's a real lack of data in all these bays and inlets. If we don't know where they are, we can't put them on our list to get rid of."

Roe and DBDS have removed over 250 vessels and hundreds of tons of debris since forming in 2017; Thetis Island's Peter Luckham, who chairs the Islands Trust Council, said Roe was an invaluable asset to the islands and urged the community to reach out with information on derelict vessels.

"Not only has he done all of this advocacy," said Luckham at a Trust Executive Committee meeting last week, "John also is doing the physical work of being out on the water and pulling these boats up from the bottom."

Roe said the boats are abandoned for a variety of reasons



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Salish Sea Industrial Services sets up in Burgoyne Bay in advance of a Transport Canada-funded abandoned vessel clean-up operation back in November of 2018. The Dead Boats Disposal Society is seeking public help to identify more wrecked and abandoned vessels in the Gulf Islands that can be removed.

— often simple neglect, he said — but sometimes even the best-intentioned owner can't handle the price tag associated with recovering a boat sunk in a storm.

"The cost of these disposals has gone up," said Roe, "so it's making it even more difficult for a person that wants to be responsible."

The key to efficiency this year would be a good inventory, according to Roe. With funding, accurate locations of derelict vessels and favourable weather, his team can move fast — and could easily remove a dozen or more boats a day. But public reporting is key.

"People that are out there paddling and everything else tell us where they are," said Roe, adding that he also encourages people to call the Coast Guard and report derelict craft and debris. "Sometimes they just don't want to deal with the government agencies, so they come to us."

To report wrecked, abandoned and hazardous vessels to the Canadian Coast Guard, call 1-800-889-8852; to reach Roe and DBDS visit [deadboatsdisposalsociety.ca](http://deadboatsdisposalsociety.ca) and fill out the reporting form with as much information as possible, email [reportdeadboat@gmail.com](mailto:reportdeadboat@gmail.com) or call 250-383-2086.

## CHANNEL RIDGE

## ISED denies trustees on tower

Feds say process on Rogers tower complete despite LTC opposition

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The latest effort by the Islands Trust to relocate construction of a Rogers telecommunication tower has been sidelined by federal regulators, who relied upon a strict reading of their own policy and refused to start a dispute resolution process.

Salt Spring Island's Local Trust Committee (LTC) had tried to trigger the procedure April 3, passing a resolution outside of their regular meeting schedule and asking staff to request an impasse with the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED) regarding trustees' "rescission of concurrence" for a Rogers cell phone tower proposal on Channel Ridge.

Trust regional planning manager Chris Hutton sent a letter to ISED Coastal Offices STS-Western Region director Ken Pungente the following day, reiterating the LTC's rationale for having last year rescinded its 2021 statement of concurrence with Rogers' application — including "multiple, substantive and material" areas where the LTC believes Rogers did not follow its protocol.

Salt Spring trustees have also said Rogers "falsely asserted they had fulfilled the protocol, provided inaccurate information, and omitted material information in their application, which are valid reasons for rescindment of the concurrence decision."

Pungente's April 27 response did not address these matters. ISED's position, according to Pungente in his reply, is that Rogers completed the required consultation process for the site because it satisfied ISED's default public consultation process — and that technically, the dispute resolution process applied strictly to conflicts between tower proponents and land-use authorities during an ongoing public consultation.

"Since the relevant consultation process was successfully completed in the summer of 2021, ISED will not take steps to commence a Dispute Resolution Process in accordance with your request," reads a letter from Pungente sent to Islands Trust planners.

For nearby residents, the response seems suspiciously familiar. In 2022, in what was seen by Channel Ridge advocates as an overreach, Pungente had written the LTC to advise that ISED "did not support" trustees' decision to rescind concurrence with the application for the same reason — saying it found Rogers had been in compliance with ISED's default process.



DRIFTWOOD FILE PHOTO

Heavy equipment began appearing at Rogers' selected site for a new communications tower at Channel Ridge in March.

That felt preemptive, according to resident Julian Clark, and telegraphed an early unwillingness on the part of federal regulators to fully involve the LTC as the local land use authority.

"There was no basis in the regulations for ISED to involve themselves in the matter [in 2022]," said Clark, "because neither Rogers nor the LTC had invoked the dispute process."

LTC chair Tim Peterson agreed the unfolding of events was frustrating, partly because while all parties supported improving service for cellular phone users and the Capital Region Emergency Service Telecommunications Inc. — whose emergency operations would also be augmented by a new tower — and a fulsome public consultation had clearly pointed to the community wanting it located elsewhere, the previous LTC's concurrence seemed to end the matter for federal regulators.

"Ultimately, it's the feds who are in control," said Peterson, adding that the other local trustees hadn't yet indicated whether they planned a further LTC response. "It seems that once you've made a concurrence, that is pretty much the end of it as far as the regulators are concerned."

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## EDUCATION

# Grades shift to 'proficiency' reports

SD64 will follow new provincial guidelines moving away from letter grades

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A provincial shift in assessment reporting will mean most School District 64 (SD64) students next year will no longer see letter grades or percentages on their report cards — and a four-point scale will instead be part of a push to help students build a better relationship with their own learning.

The shift to the Provincial Proficiency Scale will affect SD64 students up to Grade 9, according to district officials, and is being guided by British Columbia's Ministry of Education and Child Care to help align assessment with the curriculum changes from the last several years.

Grades 10-12 will still receive letter grades, at least for now, as the Ministry of Education and Child Care said it will work with post-secondary institutions in the coming years to explore the use of the scale and ensuring students are able to successfully transition to post-secondary learning.

Gulf Islands Secondary School principal Ryan Massey said that while letter grades are easy enough to understand for parents, the proficiency scale — designating Emerging, Developing, Proficient and Extending levels in each subject area — provides a lot more information for the students about the progress of their own learning.

**"It becomes much more about the learning, instead of 'what extra assignment can I do?'"**

RYAN MASSEY  
*Principal,  
Gulf Islands Secondary School*

During a parent meeting Tuesday, May 2, Massey said he'd been using the language in his classrooms for the last two years, and the feedback is that it urges students to become more engaged in their learning outcomes — rather than just what steps they needed to take to improve a letter grade.

"It becomes much more about the learning," said Massey, "instead of 'what extra assignment can I do?'"

Additional province-wide changes for the 2023/24 school year that will affect SD64 students include regular graduation status updates for students in Grades 10-12; changing the "I" reporting symbol to "IE" to indicate "insufficient evidence" of learning rather than incomplete work; uniform regular communications of student learning that include students with disabilities or diverse abilities; and student self-assessment and goal-setting for all grades as part of reporting.

SD64 Board of Education chair Tisha Boulter said the self-assessment piece was particularly inspiring, and felt like part of a larger cultural change, with students more connected and engaged with their education rather than passively receiving a curriculum — with practical lessons on goal-setting they can carry with them, she said.

"As they get out into the world, and motivate themselves to find jobs and do what they love, they'll know more about creating their own goals for themselves, and look at how they met them," said Boulter. "I think these are lifelong skills."

For information about the provincial K-12 student reporting policies, search "student reporting for families" on the B.C. government's website.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Emergency calls trend up in 2022

Chief's report notes first recruit class since 2019

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring Island firefighters have nearly returned to a pre-pandemic operational tempo, according to officials, although the 10-year trendline for service calls continues creeping upward.

Released at the end of April, Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue's (SSIFR) 2022 annual report showed 668 total calls last year, down from 674 and 759 in 2020 and 2021, respectively, but still above 2019's 655. A bump in calls from 2016-2018 that saw a peak of 816 in 2018 seems to have flattened out, according to a chart in fire chief Jamie Holmes' report, and emergency medical calls remain the biggest part of the department's operations by call volume; those calls alone totalled 278, or nearly 42 per cent of the year's incidents.

2022 was a big year for hydro-related calls for the fire department, with 62 in total — 26 of them in May alone, during that month's unusual and destructive windstorms. The remainder of calls included responding to bylaw complaints, alarms, assistance to other agencies, motor vehicle incidents, hazardous materials calls, and brush and structure fires.

SSIFR recruited nine new members in 2022 — the first recruit class to join since 2019 — and continues to be a relatively "junior" department, according to Holmes — with more than half of the department having less than 10 years of experience.

Notably, according to the report, Salt Spring continues to be well above the Canada average of five per cent female representation among its membership, at 17 per cent.

A Union of B.C. Municipalities (UBCM) grant received under the FireSmart Community Resilience Investment Program via the Capital Regional District brought SSIFR \$100,000 — which funded rebates for money spent by islanders toward FireSmart safety mitigations and 388 residential fire safety assessments. Holmes reported SSIFR also partnered with five island communities to obtain FireSmart Canada Neighbourhood Recognition — at the Maracaibo, Bayside, Roscommon, Narrows West and Kingfisher neighbourhoods.

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Mail ballot voting is open to all resident and non-resident property electors of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area. To register to vote by mail, electors must submit a completed mail ballot application form and return to [elections@crd.bc.ca](mailto:elections@crd.bc.ca) no later than **May 5, 2023** to permit time for mailing. Applications received after this date will be available for PICK-UP ONLY and will not be mailed. Application forms are available at [www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote](http://www.crd.bc.ca/SSI-vote). To be counted, the elector is responsible for ensuring their mail ballot is received by the Chief Election Officer **no later than 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 25, 2023** at the addresses below:

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## LCC ELECTION

# Election activity heats up as vote day nears

Final candidate David Courtney profiled

BY ROBB MAGLEY  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Campaign signs are going up and candidates are out spreading their messages as election day for Salt Spring's first Local Community Commission (LCC) draws nearer.

The 15 candidates officially approved by the Capital Regional District (CRD) to run for the four open seats on the commission are: Gayle Baker, Jesse Brown, Kylie Coates, Benjamin Corno, David Courtney, Lloyd Cudmore, Nejmah Guermoudi, Jamie Harris, Jennifer Kerrigan, Jennifer Lannan, Eric March, Donald Marcotte, Jenny McClean, Earl Rook and Brian Webster.

Election day is May 27; the Driftwood has profiled 14 candidates who have reached out to us so far: Baker, Rook and Webster in our April 12 edition; Brown, Corno and Guermoudi in our April 26 edition; and March, Coates, Marcotte, Cudmore, Harris, Kerrigan, Lannan and McClean in our May 3 edition. All profiles are also available on our website at [gulfislandsdriftwood.com](http://gulfislandsdriftwood.com).

Today we present the last candidate to submit information by the press deadline, David Courtney.

David Courtney said he "couldn't resist" an opportunity to move from Southern Ontario to Vancouver in 1987.

"Sailing was my passion back then," said Courtney. "My wife Wendy and I discovered Salt Spring Island, the Gulf Islands and the amazing West Coast. Like most, completely gobsmacked by the sheer beauty of this special place on planet earth."

The pair bought their first cabin on the island in 1999, and after a 42-year career with Air Canada, Courtney retired as a Boeing 777 captain in April 2020.



DAVID COURTNEY

Courtney expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to fly professionally for so long — his first flying lesson, he said, was at age 18 — and he continues to fly recreationally.

Courtney said it was articles he read in the Driftwood that spurred him to form "Patrons of Route 6" in late 2021, organizing a petition garnering more than 2,800 signatures on Change.org to demand action to improve the Vesuvius Bay to Crofton ferry route.

"With the new terminals coming for the fall of 2026 for both Vesuvius Bay and Crofton, along with a two-vessel service using the new eco Island Class vessels, we've made some major strides with our persistent advocating and networking," said Courtney. "If elected as one of your commissioners, that dogged persistence will continue with the help of the other commissioners with the current issues of the day."

Courtney was recently acclaimed as a Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District trustee; he said in addition to persistence, he brings experience mitigating risk, addressing time constraints, and a strong sense of fiscal responsibility.

"If elected as your commissioner in the new LCC governance model, it would be an honour to serve the ratepayers and our community of Salt Spring Island," said Courtney. To read more of his positions visit [davidcourtney.ca](http://davidcourtney.ca).

## Voting & Debate Details

Qualified residents and non-resident property electors may cast their vote on general voting day, Saturday, May 27, or at the advance voting opportunities on Wednesday, May 17 and 24 at Community Gospel Chapel and the Salt Spring library, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Mail ballot voting is also available to all residents

(including renters) and non-resident property electors in the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area, but the mail ballot application form was due by May 5. The deadline to submit completed mail-in ballots is May 25 at 4 p.m.

For more information on the available voting options, people should visit [crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote](http://crd.bc.ca/ssi-vote).

An all-candidates forum was hosted by Transition Salt Spring and other groups via Zoom on Tuesday night. It is available for viewing on [transitionsaltspring.com](http://transitionsaltspring.com).

The Driftwood and Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce have organized an in-person candidates debate for Fulford on Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. It will be videotaped and available for viewing later as well.

Last October Salt Spring voters approved by referendum a change in governance to consolidate several CRD services under the umbrella of an LCC, with four elected individuals joining the electoral area director to form the LCC.

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## Capital Regional District



## Fulford Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

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

#### Fulford Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 12, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2V5

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## Beddis Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

#### Beddis Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm  
**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
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# OPINION

2022 CCNA Awards  
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### EDITORIAL

## Sparking action

It was easy to be encouraged at times during the past weekend's Electrify Salt Spring! festival events.

There was Harbour Air's spiffy new battery-powered floatplane to admire. There was a round-up of all the things Salt Spring Community Energy (SSCE) has done in the past 10 years to facilitate increased solar use, like the array on our high school gymnasium and at the latest phase of Croftonbrook housing complex, and other carbon-lowering activities. There was an enlightening, funny and hopeful presentation by Bob McDonald of CBC's Quirks and Quarks, author of *The Future is Now: Solving the Climate Crisis With Today's Technologies*.

While the purpose of the Electrify Salt Spring! festival has been to educate the public, bringing them up to speed on how use of fossil fuels is being reduced and how they can be part of that change by incorporating solar energy into their home and other practical actions, Saturday's panel discussion made it clear that some lobbying needs to be done and pressure put on government agencies.

### THE ISSUE:

#### Transition to low-carbon future

### WE SAY:

#### Government agencies need to get serious

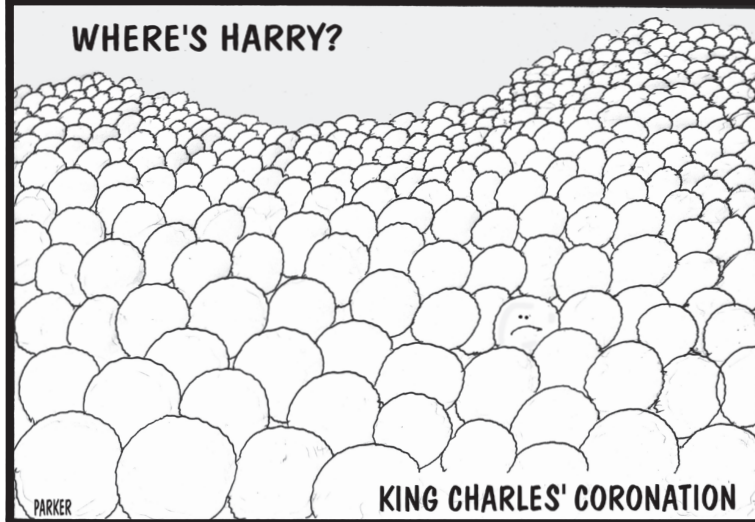
For example, Harbour Air received some funding through the provincial government's Clean BC initiative, but equivalent federal government support has not been forthcoming to date. And if improving the environment was not important to Harbour Air's owner, Greg McDougall, it could be business as usual for the largest seaplane fleet operator in North America. Harbour Air made a carbon-neutral pledge way back in 2007. That company's actions are making a tangible difference.

BC Ferries needs to hear from us that using the electric-propulsion capabilities of its new Island Class ferries is important and not just a pipedream. BC Hydro needs to be pressed to make required changes in order to service higher demands of an electrified transportation system as soon as possible.

Senior levels of government need to know that the public isn't satisfied with hearing how X number of dollars have been earmarked for the transition to a low-carbon future. We want to see those funds being spent on tangible projects.

McDonald made it clear that Canadian companies are deeply involved with developing new technologies that can help reduce the emissions that are driving catastrophic climate change. They need as much support as can be mustered, without wasting tax dollars, of course, to start bringing down emissions numbers not just in B.C. or Canada but around the world.

## WHERE'S HARRY?



KING CHARLES' CORONATION

## All of us tend land, culture

BY ROBERT BIRCH

April 27 is my birthday. As I hop on my bike for a flatter and safer adventure

in North Saanich, the battery begins to fail. My husband Mark and I press on.

As we pull up to the ferry, Simon rides up beside me. He is a long-time member of a 35-year-old men's group, a friend who helped build the actual bike here on island.

A leader in the local Zen community, he's also a passionate voice for new island bike pathways, making the roads safer, i.e., more enjoyable, not only for cyclists, but for walkers and drivers. He reprograms the battery and saves my birthday from a privilege-pout. Island synchronicity born of mutual care.

As Mark and I pull into the boat launch at the top of Elk Lake, a big round mature man bails out his home-made vintage-looking birch boat. He, too, just wants to enjoy his day.

Taking it in stride, he says out loud, "Oh, well. I'm 75. It gives me a sense of purpose." Solid birthday message, I figure.

I then introduce myself to this guy beside me.

"Hi, I'm Robert, who are you?"

He laughs, "Me too."

I learned he grew up on Salt Spring.

"I'm a Sawyer, we're as old as the Mouats."

For years he fished St. Mary Lake. As he shares his stories of winning big-mouth bass trophies, Salt Spring often trouncing Victoria in the annual derby, he begins to beam before tearing up.

"I can't go back to Salt Spring now. It hurts too much." He mourns the health of island lakes. An old-timer, a labour-

### VIEWPOINT

er, a lover of the land and water, he understands how our relationship to nature intimately relates to our

bodies, our minds and local relationships.

Talking with Robert reminds me of how 25 years ago when we first moved here, we received a welcome basket introducing us to the generous nature of fellow islanders. This simple gesture suggested, "This island welcomes open-hearted, hard-working stewards of home, the land and community." We immediately joined a cohort of fellow islanders who took this invitation to the bones, and to the forests.

The conversation turns to the upcoming debates, our inaugural LCC election. He wants me to remind folks of why they moved to Salt Spring, or to recall the extraordinary memories of growing up on island. We agree, despite or because of the seemingly insurmountable challenges of our times, our beloved duty is to speak for and give our all for the land, to help and/or heal with neighbours, and come hell or high water, to house those who work in and serve the community. Like nature itself, we get to reciprocate the gift of living, of all places in the world, here.

Elections aren't only about those we elect. They are very much about who we are as today's stewards of this land and culture. We can do this. Together.

Half an hour later, as I hop back onto my bike, I smile and say, "Thanks, Robert, for making my birthday bike ride so special."

"No shit!" he says. "It's my birthday, too!" Island magic.

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### THIS WEEK'S POLL QUESTION:

Do you already know  
which LCC candidates  
you will vote for? ☐ Yes ☐ No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Would you take a  
ride in an electric  
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# ISLAND VOICES

## LETTERS to the editor

### Why Nejmah? Here's why!

A number of well qualified candidates are running for our new LCC.

So why do I believe Nejmah Guermoudi deserves one of your four votes? Very simply put, it's because Nejmah would be a voice for the less well off members of our community. That's a voice I have heard all too rarely over my 25 years of membership on numerous island committees, commissions and task forces. Let's change that.

But what views would Nejmah bring to the LCC table?

1. Globally, she advocates for both climate justice and social justice. In her own words, "the universe we are now working to save must be one worth saving."

2. She also believes we must end Salt Spring's increasingly bitter war between its environmental activists and its housing advocates, a war that accomplishes nothing.

3. Rather, she is committed to walking a middle path that would meet our housing needs and, at the same time, preserve and protect our very special island.

That's it. A long missing voice that

makes sense. That's why I am supporting Nejmah. Serving with her on the Islands Trust's Housing Action Program Task Force has given me a fuller appreciation both of her own abilities and of the issues and concerns of islanders with whom I previously had very little contact. Her voice is one I want you to hear as well.

Oh yes, one last thing. There's nothing immoral or even socially questionable in running on a slate for the new LCC. But wouldn't it be better if we evaluated each candidate individually, on their own merits? Do that and I believe you will decide Nejmah deserves one of your four votes.

**STAN SHAPIRO,**  
SALT SPRING

### Hospital staff shortage alarms

I believe the public should be made aware of this situation.

Some nights recently there was no doctor on call for night shift duty, not even for emergency room calls. If you attended the emergency room, you were told there was no physician available, so hopefully

the situation you were in could wait until an office appointment the next day (seriously, getting a next-day appointment these days!?) Ambulances were being redirected, serious cases were seen by a nurse who assessed the patient, then a doctor at Saanich Peninsula Hospital had to be called for direction. Just hope, if you have a serious issue and some time left, there is a possibility of an air ambulance, and time to safely transport you!

I am sure Salt Spring residents like myself are unaware of how dire the situation is. Our doctors cannot work 16 hours a day seven days a week and be expected to cover the four-bed emergency room (ER), let alone the new 10-bed ER. It is all too much to sustain. We have hardly any nurses and how long will our remaining doctors stay unless this is corrected? Island Health seems to be only disclosing what they want us to know. There is much more to be told. Lady Minto Hospital has lost at least four doctors in the last few years and probably a dozen nurses.

LMH is now running on an agency staff from across Canada. How can this financially continue? Where will it end? The new ER could be another empty space, just like the operating room we installed years ago, a waste of our money. Maybe

the whole hospital will collapse and be closed!? Something needs to be done and quickly.

**ELAINE SHAW,**  
SALT SPRING

### Candidate rhetoric upsetting

Judging from his candidate's statement in last week's Driftwood, one major reason Jamie Harris is running for the LCC is to save Salt Spring from nefarious — albeit unnamed — enemies within. In his own words, "certain non-governmental organizations who are willing to flat out lie ..." to advance their "ideological agendas" even at the cost of our community's "social well-being."

Since Mr. Harris doesn't ever name these villains, it's impossible to debate his accusations or respond to them other than emotionally — in my case, with disgust and dismay at Mr. Harris's mudslinging rhetoric.

**MURRAY REISS,**  
FULFORD

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 8

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I came to the wonderful realization that all the solutions to go green already exist. We don't need to invent anything new to go to a low-carbon or zero-carbon economy. Those technologies already exist."

BOB McDONALD, AUTHOR OF THE FUTURE IS NOW: SOLVING THE CLIMATE CRISIS WITH TODAY'S TECHNOLOGIES

## Costs and benefits of Capital Regional District taxes detailed

A question being raised in the Local Community Commission (LCC) election is whether Salt Spring Island is getting fair value for Capital Regional District (CRD) tax dollars.

This concern is heightened in part because decisions about taxes are currently not very transparent. Establishment of the LCC will bring such decisions out into the open. However, at this time, some additional information and perspective for voters and candidates might be helpful.

### Cost of CRD Services

The 2023 CRD requisition for Salt Spring, including local, sub-regional and regional services (but excluding Salt Spring-area-specific sewer and water services), was about \$7.6 million. Over the past five-year period, this represents a 20.8 per cent increase, or 3.9 per cent per year, compounded. Statistics Canada's inflation rate for Victoria over this period was 13.5 per cent. The CRD requisition per "average" residential property on Salt Spring (currently assessed at \$1.2 million) amounts to about \$97 per month.

In addition to cost inflation, other factors beyond local CRD control include increased BC Transit fees for our just-replaced local



**Gary Holman**  
CRD DIRECTOR'S  
COLUMN

buses, higher increases in assessed values than for CRD as a whole, resulting in a higher share of regional service costs, and higher fees for liquid waste hauling and disposition. Note also that some tax increases result from voter-approved initiatives (e.g., historically the library, swimming pool, transit, arts funding), which most recently included establishment of the LCC, and regional voter approval of requisition increases for CRD's Regional Housing First, climate action and geese management programs.

### The Benefits of CRD Taxes

The CRD requisition, plus user fees for some amenities, pays for a wide range of services, including: affordable housing, local/regional parks, recreation/arts facilities and programs, library, local/regional health facilities, grants in aid, building inspection, liquid waste disposal, free resi-

dential recycling, transit, pedestrian/cycling infrastructure, emergency planning/communications, fire dispatch, economic development, search and rescue, livestock injury compensation, Fernwood dock, climate action and elections.

In considering value for money over the past five years, voters should also take into account improvements in services and amenities made possible in whole or in part by CRD taxes over this period, including:

- Leasing the middle school, providing 25,000 square feet of affordable rental space for a number of local organizations, including the CRD Emergency Program.
- Acquisition of 75-acre Maxwell Mountain Community Park and Ganges fire hall property.
- Centennial Park drainage, new washroom and boardwalk repairs.
- Construction of miles of sidewalks and pathways in and around Ganges.
- Replacement of our transit fleet, expansion of service to the Beddis area, and free transit for 12 and under.
- Detailed designs for the Harbourwalk; the Harbourside, Rainbow Road and Merchant Mews

pathways; parks and rec maintenance centre and bus storage/charging site, all underway.

- Construction of new Lady Minto Hospital Emergency Room.
- Completion of Croftonbrook affordable housing project.

Staff costs often come up in value-for-money discussions. While elected officials make the key funding decisions for projects, CRD staff bring them to fruition. Also, in the last term alone, staff secured tens of millions of dollars in senior government funding for a number of the above projects, as well as supported housing on the CRD Drake Road site, repaving of Ganges hill, replacement of Maliview waste treatment plant, Salt Spring's first large-scale composting facility, and shared recreation/daycare space at the Rainbow Road pool site. Salt Spring has accomplished much over the years with relatively few staff who are dealing with literally dozens of projects at a time.

### Good Governance Addresses Community Needs Cost-Effectively

There are areas where cost savings can and should be pursued. One of the most significant is transportation of our liquid waste off-island. An options study of

measures such as dewatering on the Burgoyne site will be underway soon and could reduce these costs substantially. Co-locating local government offices (now paying commercial rents) in the Salt Spring Island Multi Space could move toward a "one-stop-shop" for residents. Partnerships with other agencies and our amazing non-profit groups can also further community objectives more cost-effectively.

The CRD, as with any local government, should always strive to deliver services as efficiently as possible. But we also need to continue improving our local services and amenities, as well bearing in mind that our aging physical infrastructure requires upgrading and eventual replacement.

All of this requires some increase in CRD taxes, the staff necessary to implement projects and secure senior government funding, and a partnership approach to governance. I am committed to work with any successful LCC candidates. But I urge us all to avoid the temptation in these difficult times to succumb to the politics of resentment, and to demand clarification from those seeming to dwell on the cost of everything but the value of nothing.





PHOTO BY KO MARSHALL

**READY TO AMAZE:** Tsunami Circus troupe members, who have been training since January to prepare their performance called Worth It, pose for a group picture. Worth It runs at SIMS on Friday, May 12 at 6 p.m., Saturday, May 13 at 4 p.m. and Sunday, May 14 at 1 p.m. Advance tickets are at West of the Moon.

## SALT SPRING ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

### Town Hall Special Meeting



May 17 | 5:00 - 7:00PM

Fulford Community Hall, Seniors Annex  
2591 Fulford-Ganges Rd, SSI



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## Should the Port of Vancouver be granted jurisdiction in islands?

BY CHRISTOPH ROHNER

Transport Canada is inviting public opinion via email ([tc.anchorage-ancrag-es.tc@tc.gc.ca](mailto:tc.anchorage-ancrag-es.tc@tc.gc.ca)) by May 14 regarding the question of whether the Port of Vancouver should be given management of Southern Gulf Islands industrial anchorages. There are compelling reasons why this should not be allowed.

The overflow parking here of ships from Vancouver (some 500 vessels in 2022, with the largest proportion by coal ships) has caused massive air pollution with greenhouse gas emissions, noise and light pollution, and damage to sensitive marine ecosystems. If the port authority had employed a vessel arrival system as used in ports elsewhere, the anchorages would be unnecessary.

Some argue the proposed change will allow collection of fees for the use of these anchorages. The problem is that already some \$30 million are paid annually as penalties for delayed loading and this has not changed the planning by commodity exporters. Another problem is that charging user fees for specific anchorages may cement the rights of users instead of finding alternatives. A better solution for fees would be charging international ships coming to port for total turnaround time between entering and leaving the Salish Sea.

Is the proposed change a solution by

bringing enforcement of a code of conduct for anchored ships? The problem is that existing codes of conduct have helped very little, for example because ships cannot simply turn off their generators. Possible improvements of codes require regulatory powers that are available only through Transport Canada. Their current Interim Protocol could be adapted for enforcement and testing of more effective codes.

Rather than turn jurisdiction of sensitive Gulf Islands waters over to an industrial port authority, governments should honour their environmental mandates and work cooperatively toward elimination of the anchorages. This includes the province (which owns the seabed), Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Indigenous Services Canada. A management plan for the National Marine Conservation Area Reserve for the Southern Gulf Islands, which the federal government has been working on for 20 years, is long overdue and would be a better alternative.

Further information is available at [marineaffairs.ca](http://marineaffairs.ca), [nofreighteranchorages.ca](http://nofreighteranchorages.ca), and at Transport Canada's website [tinyurl.com/TC-Anchorage-Input](http://tinyurl.com/TC-Anchorage-Input).

*Christoph Rohner, PhD, is a Salt Spring resident with a background in environmental sciences.*



## Spirit OF Salt Spring

Salt Spring Trail & Nature Club president Carron Carson presents Lionel Johnson, chair of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, with a \$2,000 cheque to support the conservancy's Stewards in Training program.

"This meaningful contribution will specifically fund the recruitment of volunteers to run our Stewards in Training program," Johnson said.

The Spirit of Salt Spring is a regular feature in the Driftwood for local businesses and organizations to publicize charitable donations. First-come, first-served basis as space permits.

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Members of the Uminari Taiko drum group from Vancouver Island performing at the Blossom Picnic on Sunday are, from left, Tsugio Kurushima, Teruyo Sano and Gayle Nye.



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Leading the crowd in a haiku jig is Steve Nemtin from Galiano Island, left, who is well known for his work to research and restore historic Japanese charcoal kilns, performing with fellow Galianoite Kiyo Okuda, right, as Masa Ito looks on (middle). A retired landscape architect, Ito was an adviser to the first phase of the Heiwa Garden. He also plays shakuhachi – a traditional bamboo flute – and is a regular participant at the Blossom Picnic.



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Well-loved islander Kai Yasue, who has been a part of the annual Blossom Picnic for many years, treats the crowd to a beautiful song and heartfelt words. The Blossom Picnic is organized by members of the island's Japanese community and the Salt Spring Japanese Garden Society.



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

People enjoy Blossom Picnic entertainment from the grass in Peace Park, as well as interactions with community groups and food vendors.

## Capital Regional District



## Cedars of Tuam Service Commission

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

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

## Cedars of Tuam Local Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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A colorful advertisement for the 2023 Graduation Book. The top half features the text "2023 class of" in large, stylized letters, with a graduation cap icon above the "3". Below this, the text "2023 Graduation Book will be published in June." is prominently displayed. To the left, it says "Help us celebrate their success!" and to the right, it encourages parents and grandparents to send congratulations. The bottom half of the ad features the "Driftwood" logo with "GULF ISLANDS" above it, and the contact information: "Call the Driftwood today 250-537-9933", "241 Fulford-Ganges Road", and "driftwood@gulfislandsdriftwood.com • gulfislandsdriftwood.com". The background is a vibrant mix of red, orange, and yellow, with silhouettes of people celebrating.



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Salt Spring Island is at risk of damage from winter storms, wildfires, earthquakes, tsunamis and other hazards. Your risk depends on the location you live and the places you work, play and visit. Understanding hazards near you and preparing for them can keep you and your loved ones safe.

For resources on preparing for an emergency, visit the Prepare Yourself page: [prepareyourself.ca](http://prepareyourself.ca).

### BE PREPARED

Individuals and families should be prepared to take care of themselves for at least 72 hours.

- Know the risks: Knowing the risks and hazards can help you and your loved ones prepare for the unexpected. Learn about specific hazards, such as areas at risk of tsunamis, and plan your safety response, via the Capital Regional Tsunami Information Portal ([maps.prepareyourself.ca](http://maps.prepareyourself.ca)), an interactive map tool.
- Make an emergency plan: A plan will help you cope with the stress of an emergency or disaster. A new Household Evacuation Guide is available for Salt Spring at [crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency](http://crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency).

- Build an emergency kit: By taking a few simple steps you can become better prepared to face a range of emergencies. Don't forget to include your pets when building your kit.

### BE INFORMED

- Register for the CRD's Public Alert Notification System (PANS) for critical, life-saving alerts ([crd.bc.ca/pans](http://crd.bc.ca/pans)). We recommend using the Alertable app and set both alert levels to "ON."
- Subscribe to the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program Facebook page ([facebook.com/SaltSpringIslandEmergencyProgram](https://facebook.com/SaltSpringIslandEmergencyProgram)) for information during emergencies, and other opportunities.

### CONNECT WITH YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Being prepared is not only about having the right plans and supplies. Your ability to recover from unexpected situations also relies on your connections to others.

- In many cases, community members such as neighbours, co-workers and friends in the affected area are first on-scene.
- Develop a plan together beforehand to support neighbours who may require additional

assistance during an emergency. If you are not familiar with your neighbours, consider reaching out and making those connections.

- Consider joining your neighbourhood POD program to increase your resilience during an emergency.

The POD neighbourhood emergency network operates with the focus of developing community resilience. This program was started in 2005 and today the POD program consists entirely of volunteers, with 388 people signed up and 60 pods now established or identified on the island.

POD and neighbourhood leaders have built contact lists for their neighbourhood residents to support each other and so communications from the SSI Emergency Program can be forwarded to neighbours.

Over the years, POD leaders have repeatedly emphasized the POD system is neighbours helping neighbours build resilience. They've also emphasized that, after safety, the most important component is communication.

The POD system works well where it exists and when it is made active by its residents. If you wish to become involved, contact the SSI Emergency Program at [ssipod@crd.bc.ca](mailto:ssipod@crd.bc.ca).



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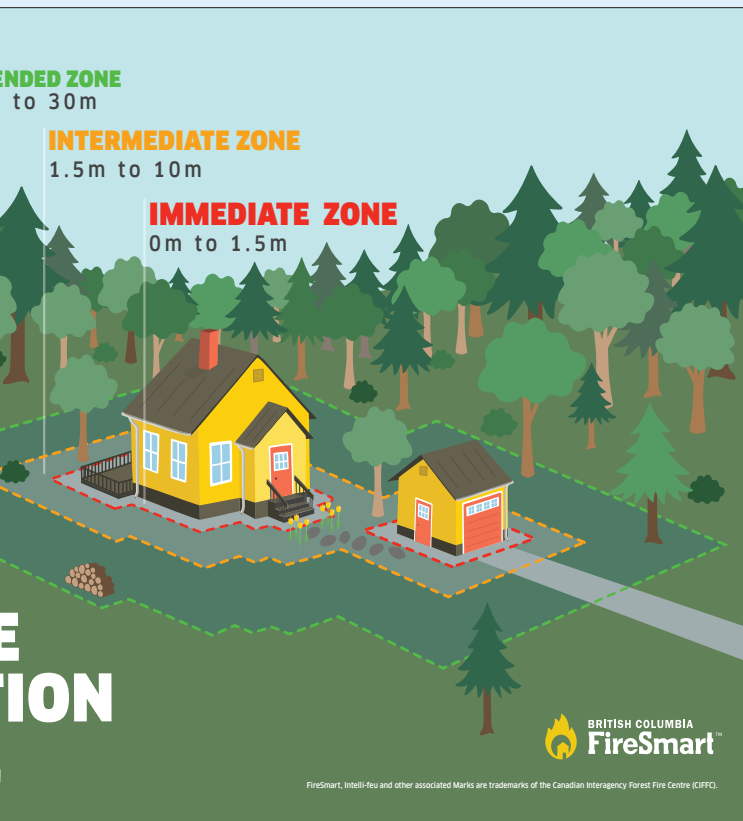
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## FireSmart visits help protect homes from wildfire danger

SUBMITTED BY SSIFR

A little tour around your garden might help save your homes from wildfire. And firefighters from Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) are offering to visit island homes to provide fire-safety tips to help reduce wildfire risk. These visits are part of a nationwide FireSmart public-education effort to reduce catastrophic losses from wildfires.

"Under FireSmart, individual homeowners and neighbourhoods can take simple steps to reduce the impact of wildfire," said SSIFR Assistant Chief Mitchell Sherrin. "The time to reduce the threat of wildfire is now, not when a fire is at your doorstep."

Islanders can invite local FireSmart representatives to visit their property to make fire-prevention recommendations. An assessment takes approximately 45 to 60 minutes, and residents can learn valuable tips to improve safety around their homes, said Sherrin.

Pruning and thinning trees and shrubs is one way to reduce fire risk, and another tip is to simply collect dead branches and relocate them further from the home. Islanders can also consider planting fire-resistant species in place of more volatile plants near buildings, he said.

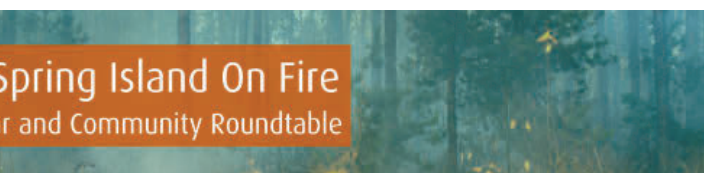
"It might be a surprise to use your garden as a way to defend your home

from fire, but it's an effective strategy. Swapping a cedar hedge for a Portuguese laurel might just make the difference to saving a home."

To encourage participation, SSIFR offers a rebate program where islanders may be eligible for a rebate of up to \$250 to assist with labour and materials related to a FireSmart Residential Assessment on Salt Spring Island.

And the program has seen a broad uptake by residents. SSIFR is now in their third year of providing FireSmart assessments and rebates. They conducted 370 assessments last year and 288 assessments in the 2020/2021 year. SSIFR also issued \$16,000 in residential rebates as part of the program last year.

Residents can schedule a FireSmart Assessment appointment online at the SSIFR website ([www.saltspringfire.com/firesmart-ssi/](http://www.saltspringfire.com/firesmart-ssi/)) or they can phone the fire hall for assistance at 250-537-2531.



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Join wildfire experts and the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program for a virtual community roundtable on Friday, May 25, 2023, 2:00 - 3:30 pm. Sign up via [crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency](http://crd.bc.ca/ssi-emergency)

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## LIVE THEATRE

# Dogs in the Moonlight set to howl

Thematic rock concert from dynamic team opens at ArtSpring this weekend

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Members of the Good Company Entertainment Group know how to have a good time.

Anyone who saw their previous shows at ArtSpring — such as Time Piece in 2019 and Peter on the Brink in 2015 — will attest to that.

And they're set to do it again with their 2023 production, called Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert and Homage to Alan Watts. It runs at ArtSpring on May 12 and 13, and then from May 17 to 20 at 7 p.m.

Suzanne Rouger and Karen Arney are again leading the magic as co-producers. Rouger wrote the play and is both director and choreographer, while Arney is executive producer and co-music director with Rouger's son Marcel.

The show's genesis came from a conversation between Rouger and Arney at Moby's Pub one night a few years ago. A certain tune came up on the playlist and it made Arney say, "Gee, it would be fun to do another show sometime." They're not sharing the name of that song, which is in the show, but it immediately prompted them to think about a Seven Deadly Sins show theme.

"So we went into this frenzy of listening to tunes to find out what would fit into the Seven Deadly Sins. It was so fun," said Arney.

"And so silly," added Rouger. "We're silly people."

But silliness aside, Rouger also developed a whole plotline, said Arney, and it's one that carries a positive message.

Rouger explained that the plot revolves around a news team pitching the idea of a reality show that focuses on people's sins: "So they want to go out into the world and just get examples of people's sins."

Four elements of Alan Watts — four different actors Rouger calls "the four Als" — watch the



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Playing four versions of "philosophical entertainer" Alan Watts in Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert are, from left, Bruce Grey, Martin Thorn, Dion Hackett and Brian Box. They are part of a large cast of actors and musicians ready to rock ArtSpring.

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process and decide to go back on the road as "philosophical entertainers," which is what Watts called himself, in Betty's Travelling Circus of Ideas. Opposing forces try to find some common ground, with the ultimate message that "we're all in this together . . . The whole point of the show is that we have more in common than not."

"So there's an arc to the story and resolution and all that, and we want people leaving the show feeling good," Arney said.

Dogs in the Moonlight has a cast of some two dozen actors, musicians and singers.

"We have a super cast," said Rouger. "They are really wonderful people, and people that the community all knows."

Arney said some are stalwarts from past shows and others are new discoveries.

"It's a mix. And a lot of them have done so much character development, and some of them are really funny."

The four Alan Watts roles are filled by Brian Box, Dion Hackett, Bruce Grey and Martin Thorn, and Suzanne Gay plays Betty in the circus. The news team consists of Dustin Bragg-Van Wyck, Megan Colgan and Moonie Garner, while the city dwellers are Shyla-Rae Lloyd-Walters, Swapnika Chander, Christie Roome, Liam Hackett, Wendy Beatty and Wyatt Floerke.

The musical score consists of 22 well-known rock songs executed by the group's strong band, led by Marcel Rouger. Thorn, Grey and Dion Hackett are also part of the band at times, along with guitarist Jim Shultz, Patrick Byrn on saxophone, Dayve Dah'veed Dayviday on drums, Arney on keyboards and her son Ben Arney on electric and upright bass. Marcel Rouger plays guitar and violin.

Meriel Galloway, a retired veterinarian and physician who is passionate about costume design, has been an invaluable addition to the team.

"She does costumes like she would do a surgery. It's that precise. It's that good. Every single costume is a piece of artwork," said Rouger.

Many more hands and hearts are hard at work in preparation for opening night this Friday at 7 p.m.

Tickets for Dogs in the Moonlight are on sale through ArtSpring.



## FINE ART &amp; CRAFT

# Push exhibit on next week

Event also a SSNAP fundraiser

SUBMITTED BY SSNAP SOCIETY

Artisans from across the Southern Gulf Islands will be exhibiting works on the Victoria Day long weekend at historic Mahon Hall.

Organized by the Salt Spring National Art Prize (SSNAP) Society, the exhibit, named Push, will showcase the works of 35 incredibly talented artisans working in ceramics, woodwork, handcrafted knives, basketry, jewelry, stonework, glasswork, metalwork, fibre, textile arts and more.

Among the participants are Grant Wickland, who will show a shining Veena guitar, and Dave and Alison Roberts of Dara Woodworks exhibiting one of their stunning wood bowls. Martin Herbert will have an award-winning functional scale sailboat on display and pottery legend Judy Weeden will show one of her outstanding lamps.

"While exhibitions of painting, sculpture and photography are abundant on Salt Spring, artisans working in traditional craft media and material process have not often had their work shown with the same intention," explains Push exhibit press material.

Exhibition curator Anthony Matthews notes, "With Push, we aim to explore the intersection between

fine craft and fine art. Inviting many of the best Southern Gulf Islands artisans, we've asked them for work that pushes their craft solidly into the realm of art. Visitors to the exhibit will see exquisite and outstanding pieces that transcend their disciplines, and we invite them to ponder the question 'Is it craft or art — or perhaps both?'"

To that end, a panel discussion is set for Saturday, May 20 at 7 p.m. with three outstanding and internationally exhibited artisans: ceramicist Gary Cherneff, textile artist Jane Kidd and furniture maker Peter Pierobon, along with the curator of Canadian and historical art at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria, Steven McNeil, to explore with the audience that very question.

Most pieces will be available for purchase, with proceeds shared between the artisan and the SSNAP Society to help fund its upcoming Salt Spring National Art Prize and Parallel Art Show exhibitions. Now in its 10th year, the society recently became a registered charity.

Push: An Exhibition of Fine Craft by Southern Gulf Islands Artisans opens Friday, May 19 at 10 a.m. and runs every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Monday, May 22.

More information is available on the SSNAP Society website: saltspringartprize.ca/events/.



PHOTOS COURTESY SSNAP SOCIETY

From top, a lidded crystalline vessel by Bill Boyd, and meridian table by Peter Pierobon, which are just two of many pieces on show and for sale at the first Push exhibition running May 19 to 22 at Mahon Hall.

## what's on this week

Wed. May 10	Sat. May 13	Sun. May 14	Wed. May 17
<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Music Bingo.</b> Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Salt Spring Centre School Presents: The Greatest Show.</b> Featuring Pickle's Perambulating Palace of Performers. Mahon Hall. 4 p.m.	<b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Tsunami Circus Presents: Worth It.</b> At the SIMS Gymnasium. 1 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Central Community Hall Society Board of Directors Meeting.</b> Public welcome to attend. Lower hall of Central Hall. 7 p.m.
<b>Thur. May 11</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Open Mic.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Tsunami Circus Presents: Worth It.</b> At the SIMS Gymnasium. 4 p.m.	<b>Salt Spring Centre School Presents: The Greatest Show.</b> Featuring Pickle's Perambulating Palace of Performers. Mahon Hall. 2 p.m.	<b>CINEMA</b> <b>John Wick: Chapter 4</b> runs Friday, May 12 to Tuesday, May 16 nightly at 7 p.m., plus a Sunday 3 p.m. matinee. Rated 14A. 2 hours 45 mins. See thefritz.ca for more movie info or phone 250-538-7718.
<b>Craig's Karaoke.</b> At Moby's Pub. 8 p.m. to midnight.	<b>Square Dance.</b> At the Legion. 6 p.m.	<b>Jazz Jam.</b> Singers, players and fans welcome at the Legion. 3 to 6 p.m.	<b>EXHIBITIONS</b> <b>Archipelago: Contemporary Art of the Salish Sea</b> featuring San Juan Islands artists Danielle Dean, Glenn Hendrick, RaVae Luckhart, Joe Miller, Raven Skyriver and Tom Small runs daily at ArtSpring from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. until May 24.
<b>Northcote &amp; Vince Vaccaro.</b> Mateada Lounge. 8 to 11 p.m.	<b>Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert and Homage to Alan Watts.</b> See Friday's listing.	<b>Mon. May 15</b> <b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>To the Lighthouse Book Club.</b> Book club meets bimonthly to read and discuss Virginia Woolf's novel To the Lighthouse. Info: André Gérard at grenpiens@gmail.com. Library program room. 7 p.m.	<b>Gallery 8's Symbolically 8 14th Anniversary Exhibition</b> features work from all gallery artists, daily through May 21.
<b>Fri. May 12</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Tsunami Circus Presents: Worth It.</b> At the SIMS Gymnasium. 6 p.m.	<b>The Coalition.</b> Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.	<b>Tue. May 16</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Songwriters Circle Acoustic Open Mic.</b> At the Legion. 6 p.m.	<b>Diana Dean – Showcase</b> runs at Salt Spring Gallery Wednesdays through Saturdays until May 24.
<b>Salt Spring Centre School Presents: The Greatest Show.</b> Featuring Pickle's Perambulating Palace of Performers. Mahon Hall. 6 p.m., with pizza from 5 p.m.	<b>Saturday Market in the Park.</b> Centennial Park market. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Local Community Commission All-Candidates Debate.</b> At Fulford Hall. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Organized by the Gulf Islands Driftwood and the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce.	<b>Pamela Thornley</b> has paintings showing in the ArtSpring lobby this month.
<b>Dogs in the Moonlight: A Thematic Rock Concert and Homage to Alan Watts.</b> Original musical production from Good Company Entertainment Group. ArtSpring. 7 p.m.	<b>Invasive Plant Drop-off Event.</b> The Native Plant Stewardship Group will take your Daphne, English holly, English ivy, gorse, Himalayan blackberry and Scotch broom at Community Gospel Chapel, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No soil, rocks or roots please!	<b>Trivia Tuesday.</b> At Moby's Pub. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Art Jam</b> at the Laundr-O-Mat is a show of work by Art Jam group members running through June 30 with the first of two receptions on Saturday, May 13 from 3 to 5 p.m.
<b>Haana.</b> Mateada Lounge. 9 to 11:30 p.m.	<b>Family Adventures in Nature: Going Buggy!</b> Make bug snacks, sing bug songs, hunt for bugs, observe pond life and aquatic insects and make a bug craft to take home. For children aged 3 to 10 and their families (younger and older siblings are also welcome). Blackburn Nature Reserve. Drop in anytime from 1 to 4 p.m.	<b>Wed. May 17</b> <b>LIVE ENTERTAINMENT</b> <b>Island Writings.</b> A Salt Spring Arts literary event featuring guest poet Philip Kevin Paul, plus Christine Smart and Chris Arnett, at Mahon Hall. Doors at 6:30 p.m. and event at 7 p.m.	<b>Expressions – Art Works by the Draw the Line Collective</b> is the May exhibit in the program room at the library.
<b>Karaoke.</b> At the Legion. 7:30 p.m.	<b>Twin Book Launch.</b> Launch of the second collection of stories published by the Salt Spring Island Circles of Women called Finding Home Within: Sanctuary & Solace in Tumultuous Times, and Laurissa Wieler's Bedtime Stories for Women Who Can't Sleep at Night: Tales and Reminiscences for the Awakened Woman. Salt Spring library program room. 1 to 3 p.m.	<b>ACTIVITIES</b> <b>Local Community Commission Election Advance Poll Day.</b> Advance voting opportunities at Community Gospel Chapel and Salt Spring Public Library. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Info: crc.bc.ca/SSI-vote	
<b>Fridays With DJ Boomtown.</b> Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. until 12:30 a.m.	<b>Lacy Family Memorial Marker Commemoration.</b> Descendants of Hilda and Arthur Lacy will honour the 100th anniversary of the Lacy's moving to Salt Spring with a graveside event at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. 1 p.m. Gathering at the Fulford OAP hall follows. Bring food to share and stories and photos.		
<b>ASK Salt Spring.</b> CRD director Gary Holman is the guest in the SIMS lobby. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.	<b>Friday Game Night.</b> From cards to dice to boards to pure imagination. (Note: Magic the Gathering players generally meet up to play at these events). For ages 13-19 beginning at 7 p.m. at the library program room.		

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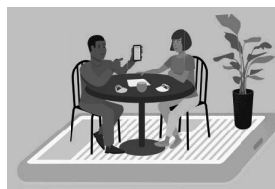


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## READINGS

## Salish Sea author focus at Mahon

Philip Kevin Paul, Christine Smart and Chris Arnett at May 17 evening

SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING ARTS

Events celebrating the contemporary art of the Salish Sea continue to engage audiences this month, despite the official closure of Salt Spring Arts' spring art show Archipelago at Mahon Hall.

Viewers can still find the part of the exhibition focusing on artists from the San Juan Islands at ArtSpring through the Victoria Day long weekend. People interested in the literary arts can meanwhile attend Island Writings, a Salt Spring Arts event at Mahon Hall featuring poet Philip Kevin Paul and local guests on Wednesday, May 17.

Paul and local writers of poetry, prose and history Christine Smart and Chris Arnett will give readings and discuss how the Salish Sea and its islands have informed their work. The event is sponsored by Salt Spring Books as part of the Spring Art Show and has been rescheduled from an earlier date due to illness.

Paul is a member of the WSÁNEĆ Nation, located on the southern end of Vancouver Island. He has a BA in Writing and English and an MFA, both from the University of Victoria. His first book, *Taking the Names Down*

from the Hill, won the Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize (BC and Yukon Book Prizes), and his second book, *Little Hunger*, was a finalist for the Governor General's Award.

Paul's bio material states he has worked as an adult educator, teaching English and his native language, SENĆOŦEN. He has also taught in both the writing and linguistics departments at the University of Victoria. Besides ongoing instruction in UVic's writing department, most recently Paul worked with the University of Northern Texas' linguistics department contributing to the release of a SENĆOŦEN dictionary. Currently, he works with the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council articulating WSÁNEĆ laws and building a literacy from traditional WSÁNEĆ stories.

Paul likes to point out he has had the same phone number and address his entire life.

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Smart grew up on a farm in Quebec and settled on Salt Spring Island in 1989. Her bio notes she's "an award-winning poet, author of two books,

a gardener, hiker, retired nurse and grandmother concerned about protecting the planet."

Smart supports poets through ongoing poetry groups and workshops. She hosted and directed the Poetry Open Mic at the Salt Spring Island Public Library for five years. Her two published books of poetry are *The White Crow and Decked and Dancing*, winner of the Acorn-Plantos Award for Peoples Poetry in 2007. Smart is currently working on her second novel, which is set on Salt Spring.

Arnett is a historian, archaeologist, musician and artist who has lived on Salt Spring Island for the past 34 years. He is an author, co-author, or editor of numerous articles and five books, including *The Terror of the Coast: Land Alienation and Colonial War on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands, 1849-1863*, and *Two Houses Half-Buried in Sand: Oral Traditions of the Hul'q'umi'num' Coast Salish of Kuper Island and Vancouver Island*. Both titles deal specifically with Gulf Islands history.

Arnett holds a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the University of British Columbia (2016) and is through his father a registered member of Ngai Tahu, a New Zealand Maori tribe. His maternal family of Cornish and Norwegian ancestry has lived in B.C. since 1887.

The Salish Sea authors night starts at 7 p.m. Doors to Mahon Hall open at 6:30.

## LITERARY EVENTS

## Women writers share work

Double book launch  
this Saturday at the  
library

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's public library will be the spot for a double book launch this Saturday, celebrating works by a local writers group and island author Laurissa Wieler.

*Finding Home Within: Solace & Sanctuary During Tumultuous Times* consists of stories, essays and poems by members of the Salt Spring Island Circles of Women. All were written during the group's circle gatherings, and mostly held virtually due to the pandemic period.

"This current collection reflects the collective experiences and creative challenges faced during the COVID-19 pandemic," writes circle facilitator Wendy Judith Cutler, who co-edited the book with Aly Coy and Maggie Ramsey. "As we mourn the erosion of vital social connections, as well as the deaths of two beloved women in our circles, we gather strength from within and discover ways to deepen intimacy and compassion within ourselves and amongst one another. Through our stories, essays and poems, we honour the life-affirming connections which sustain us through meeting together (even virtually) and sharing our lives and our writings, alone and



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together. Our current ages span between our 30s and 80s. We share with our readers our vulnerabilities and resilience as we continue to engage our creativity, co-create community and negotiate life during these turbulent times."

Wieler's book is called *Bedtime Stories for Women Who Can't Sleep at Night: Tales and Reminiscences for the Awakened Woman*.

Press material describes it as "a lovely collection of stories and poems imbued with humour, romance and magic. They may lead you to the gates of sleep or inspire you to contemplate life on a lazy afternoon. [The author] invites you to journey with her, exploring life's joys and dilemmas. In doing so, you may discover unknown or forgotten places of refuge. That peaceful state of mind may just be the recipe for a good night's sleep, and in turn, personal insight leading to more fulfilling days."

Wieler is a retired teacher who has travelled extensively, visiting many exotic places over the years in search of both adventure and potential new solutions to her sleep dilemma, finding comfort and insight by embracing other cultures and mindsets.

The May 13 book launch event runs from 1 to 3 p.m.

## Capital Regional District



## Membership Opportunities

## Water and Sewer Commissions

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications for volunteers to serve as members of various Water and Sewer Commissions. Terms are for two years, starting January 1 each year.

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- **Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission** (no positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fernwood and Highland Water service area (3 members must be resident electors, and 1 member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). The system consists of 333 parcels, and provides drinking water to 321 connections.
- **Fulford Water System Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 4 members within the Fulford Water service area (3 members must be owners of real property, and 1 member may be a resident). The system consists of 102 parcels, and provides drinking water to 97 connections.
- **Ganges Sewer Service Commission** (3 positions available) – includes 5 members within the Ganges Sewer service area (4 members must be residents or owners of a business, 1 member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area, and 1 of the 5 members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). The service consists of 416 parcels, and provides sewer service to 591 connections.
- **Maliview Sewer Local Services Commission** (no positions available) – includes 3 members within the Maliview Sewer service area (2 members must be resident electors, and 1 member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). The service consists of 94 parcels, and 100 connections.

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

**Mail:** CRD Electoral Area office  
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**Email:** [saltspring@crd.bc.ca](mailto:saltspring@crd.bc.ca)

**Phone:** 250.537.4448 for more information





# ISLAND LIFE

## TRANSPORTATION INNOVATION

# Challenges of path to electrification outlined

Electrify Salt Spring!  
festival panel at GISS

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

People attending a panel discussion called Electrifying Issues for Salt Spring and B.C. at the high school on Saturday got an intimate look at specific challenges of the transition to electric buses, planes and ferries, as people doing the work to make it happen shared the state of affairs in their industries.

As part of the Electrify Salt Spring! festival organized by Salt Spring Community Energy (SSCE), two Harbour Air reps talked about the company's fully electric "ePlane," which flew from the mainland to Ganges Harbour on Thursday, and then went to Victoria on Sunday. Engineer Erika Holtz said the six-seater craft runs on lithium ion batteries, which power a 750-horsepower motor created by the Washington-based magniX company. The seaplane's body is a retrofitted De Havilland Beaver, since no companies are manufacturing the beloved workhorse any longer.

Shawn Braiden is vice president of maintenance for Harbour Air and intimately involved with the electrification project. He graduated from Gulf Islands Secondary School in 1996 and knew then he wanted a career in the aviation industry. Braiden shared an anecdote that illustrated how much he and his cohorts learned in building the first ePlane, which was completed in 2019 and had its first test flight in 2021, and how the industry is evolving.

"We got version one built, put it all together and did its first flight. Everything worked. Everything was great. Everybody was happy."

Then all the engineers involved were asked, "If we had to build it again, what would you change?"

The answer was just about everything. "It's one of those things where we've learned so much. You would never have been able to do it by just doing this as a project on a whiteboard."

Harbour Air is now working on version two, which is also a Beaver.

"The fuselage is already painted that green colour, the wings are painted, the tail feathers, it's all sitting on racks in the hangar, we're waiting on the motor and we'll be starting building as soon as we can to get version two going."

But Harbour Air is challenged by federal government regulators not yet certifying battery technology, or creating specific goalposts or targets for the company to reach, explained Holtz. The hope is that those targets will be set by the middle of next year.

As technology changes, each new plane will incorporate the latest battery innovations, she said.

"We fully believe once the goalposts are erected... we can be in the position to roll out new technology every three to six months."

Flying times and passenger limits would also change, beginning with maybe two to three passengers travelling 30 minutes, rising to four passengers six months later; then four passengers accommodated on an hour-long flight.

"Once we actually have a goalpost to shoot at, the incremental change can come fairly quickly once they know where we're going."

Panel moderator Kjell Liem of SSCE asked



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Enjoying a light moment during a May 6 panel discussion at GISS are, from left, Shawn Braiden, vice president of maintenance for Harbour Air and part of the electrification team; Harbour Air engineer Erika Holtz; Warren Boyle, program manager for BC Transit's Low Carbon Fleet Electrification and Facilities department; and BC Ferries electrical project engineer Babak Manouchehrinia.

Braiden whether solid-state batteries could be used in future Harbour Air ePlanes. Braiden said some of the technology his group has seen is not yet applicable.

"They can store [the energy], they can get the weight down, but we can't get the energy [in or out of them] fast enough," he said.

Holtz said NASA is working on that challenge, and in partnership with magniX.

Things are more straightforward for BC Transit. Warren Boyle, who is program manager for the Low Carbon Fleet Electrification and Facilities department, said BC Transit is striving to have an all-electric bus fleet by 2040.

"Our first project is underway in Victoria and there will be 10 buses there sometime this fiscal, which is really exciting," he said.

But BC Transit does not yet have smaller electric-bus options for rural areas like Salt Spring.

"The industry that we would normally tap to supply those buses hasn't created a product that has the range for us to deliver transit service yet."

He described the various ways electric buses can be charged, from onboard chargers, to DC fast chargers (which is what the Victoria system will use), overhead pantograph charging units and induction charging, which is a relatively immature technology.

BC Ferries electrical project engineer Babak Manouchehrinia said BC Ferries currently has six Island Class ferries that are able to run solely on electricity but with their diesel engines still being used. More Island Class ferries are planned for the future, including two for use on the Vesuvius to Crofton route.

While each mode of transportation has different needs, the representatives from BC Transit, Harbour Air and BC Ferries all described how charging infrastructure is a missing piece of the electric transportation puzzle.

A light panel joke was that the ePlane could only make the trip to but not back from Salt Spring in the same day.

But Holtz countered, "It wasn't that we couldn't fly here and then potentially fly back the same day, except that we were charging on a seven-kilowatt charger down at the dock. So 16 hours later, we're about ready to go."

"So charging infrastructure is something that we spend a lot of time on that is a challenge," she said. "None of the ports have the kind of power that we need available. So we're having to develop that at the same time as we're developing the aircraft, and we are a

very small crew."

Manouchehrinia said shore infrastructure "is a big, big challenge for BC Ferries." The corporation initially hoped to run all six of its current Island Class vessels on electricity, he said, but has discovered that is not possible at this time.

For starters, to charge a vessel for a 20-minute run requires a 20.7-megawatt charger at each terminal.

"That is massive," he said.

Using that 10 or 20 times per day would have an impact on the BC Hydro system, he said, "and they need to plan ahead of time... and they are slow in terms of getting it done."

Manouchehrinia also said finding an appropriate shore charger in the current industry market is not easy.

"There are lots of criteria that you need to make sure it would have, especially for the environment that we're working in here."

The different configurations of various terminals is one factor, he cited. Using a big bank of Tesla-type batteries has been investigated, he said, but space at some terminals is limited, for example.

And since safety and reliability are of primary concern to BC Ferries, diesel engines would be maintained in their otherwise electricity-powered vessels.

Risa Smith, a founding director of the Galiano Conservancy Association who summed up the discussion, concluded with the need for public participation in the process to accelerate change.

"We as the public have to push for this, if we want it. It has to happen at all different levels. And so that's a message to us to keep pushing for it at the political level, and to get support for being innovative."

## Capital Regional District



## Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906 (Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 1991) residents within the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

#### Ganges Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023

**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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

### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 1906, real property owners or residents in the Ganges Sewer Local Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is five plus the Electoral Area Director (four members must be residents or owners of a business; one member may be a resident or owner of a business within the Electoral area; and one of the five members may be an employee or member of the school district, hospital, or community care facility which owns or manages property within the service area). There are three positions, expiring December 31, 2023.

#### Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 1906 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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## ECOLOGY

# First Invasive Plant Drop-off on Saturday

Two more events set for later this spring

BY NATIVE PLANT STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Three events set for this month and the next will help islanders get rid of their non-native invasive plants in an easy and affordable way.

The first Invasive Plant Drop-off on Saturday, May 13 at the Community Gospel Chapel is the first opportunity to dispose of broom, gorse, blackberry, holly, spurge laurel, ivy and other woody non-native invasives. Two more drop-offs will take place at Fulford Hall on Sunday, May 28 and Sunday, June 4. All three events run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Scotch broom is just going into bloom and can be cut now. Gorse, with its sharp thorns, has been blooming for months, and cutting it now will stop it from seeding. These highly flammable, introduced plants are covered in volatile oils, making fire control extremely difficult once it is ignited. (See broombusters.org for a great video on how to cut broom so that it does not return.) Firefighters will be on hand at the drop-offs to help unload. Last year over seven tons of broom were collected.

Introduced non-native plants damage and can eliminate native plants and their habitat. A recent CBC article about the spread of blackberry in Stanley Park describes how Himalayan blackberry bushes overrun the native plants such as salmonberry, thimbleberry and snowberry that provide year-long sources of food for wildlife, offering instead a short smorgasbord of fruit.

Plants collected this year will all be chipped and the chips will be picked up by local farmers. Because plants removed at this time of year do not contain seeds, the chips do not sprout and they offer a rich source of nitrogen. Please make sure there are no rocks or dirt on the roots to protect the chipper blades. Giant hogweed and knotweed are not accepted.

These drop-off events, started in 2010, are organized by the Native Plant Stewardship Group, with the support of the Salt Spring Fire Department, Transition Salt Spring, the Salt Spring Conservancy and Salt Spring residents. Donations are collected to cover the cost of the chippers.

For more information or to volunteer to help make Salt Spring a safer and more biodiverse community, go to Transition Salt Spring, or call Jane Petch at 250-537-0880.

## Rants + ROSES

### Roses

A huge and colourful bouquet of tulips to all the people that made the spring fundraiser Purses with Purpose from The Circle Education a success: volunteers, businesses, donors and bidders. We raised more than \$5,000 in total for our in- and after-school social-emotional learning programs.

To the Copper Kettle Community Partnership BBQ crew, copper roses for bearing with the rain and wind. Doug, Helga, Michael, D'Anete, Eddie, Cherie and Jewel. We made enough to keep going! Yeh! And love to all those we fed. *Copper Kettle*

Salt Spring Arts wishes to send a colourful spring bouquet of tulips and daffodils to everyone who helped make the 16th Annual Spring Art Show a success. Archipelago: Contemporary Art of the Salish Sea at Mahon Hall welcomed a record number of people in April. Thank you to all the volunteers that helped during the show and to our event partners, the Salt Spring Seals, Paper Covers Rock festival and the Salt Spring Film Festival. We are particularly grateful to the many local business sponsors that helped make the Spring Art Show a success: Country Grocer Pharmacy, Gail Jaeger, Gallery 8, Island Marine Construction, Judy Weeden, Li Read, Mouat's, Salt Spring Books, and to the Salt Spring Island Foundation, and especially to our generous producing sponsors: Country Grocer, the Driftwood, Upper Ganges Liquor Store and Windsor Plywood. Finally, a garden of flowers to the artists and performers who filled the hall with their vision and beauty.

Dozens of red roses, tied with gold ribbon, to everyone who helped the Salt Spring Singers celebrate their 50-year anniversary. And special thanks to David Borrowman who photographed our dress rehearsal, and to Sue Newman who helped make the stage so beautiful!

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## Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693 (Salt Spring Island Water, Sewer and Liquid Waste Disposal Commissions Bylaw No. 1, 2010), residents within the Maliview Sewer Local Service Area are invited to attend:

#### Maliview Sewer Local Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 15, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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

### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3693, real property owners or residents in the Maliview Sewer Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is three plus the Electoral Area Director (two members must be resident electors; and one member shall be a resident elector of SSI EA). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

#### Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 3693 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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## Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911 (Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Bylaw No. 1, 2015), residents within the Highland and Fernwood Water Local Service Area are invited to attend:

#### Fernwood and Highland Water Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, June 8, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3911, real property owners or residents in the Fernwood and Highland Water Service Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (three members resident electors; and one member may be a resident elector of the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area). There are no positions expiring December 31, 2023.

#### Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 3911 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# Star of the Sea hosts May 13 labyrinth walk

Kirtan and poetry evenings also offered this week

BY DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A special early Mother's Day event kicks off a week of gatherings offered by the Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice.

The Mother's Day Labyrinth Walk will take place at All Saints by-the-Sea on Saturday, May 13, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., according to Heather Martin of the Star of the Sea group. The walk will be led by Lorraine Gane and Lolla Devindisch, and will begin with a short introduction before participants enter the labyrinth to walk in silence — for deeper insight, peace and inspiration, said Martin, honouring the mother within, those in our families, community and around the world.

Gane is an accomplished poet, writer, editor and mentor of writers around the world through online courses, consultations, workshops and more. Devindisch has been a member of the Salt Spring dance community for 40 years and writes poetry, fiction and nonfiction; her recently published memoir is called *A Dancer's Pilgrimage*.

Participants are asked to bring a notebook and pen, and to wear either socks, slippers or soft-soled indoor shoes when walking the labyrinth. Participation is by donation, and people are asked to register in advance if possible (although all will still be welcome) at staroftheseassi.ca, or by

emailing staroftheseassi@gmail.com.

On Monday, May 15, the recurring kirtan evening will feature Om Shanti Om playing Gospel, Kirtan and Folk: Devotional Music from East and West. Performers are Edgar Hann (button accordion); Em (Marilyn) Walker (guitar, harmonium, vocals); Adam Huber (guitar, vocals); Terri Wyllie (tablas, harmonium, vocals); and Sky (bass). They draw on various spiritual and cultural traditions and faiths — Christian, Buddhist, Hindu, Tibetan, Celtic and folk — from traditional and contemporary artists with song sheets provided for joining in.

The event takes place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church in Fulford. There is no charge to attend. However, donations towards the upkeep of the historic sacred site will be gratefully accepted at the event, or online. To register in advance if possible, visit staroftheseassi.ca.

Finally, on Tuesday, May 16, the recurring Sacred Poetry evening led by Brian Day will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m., also at St. Mary's Church.

This program, which takes place on the third Tuesday of every month, invites participants to share and respond to poems that speak of the sacred — broadly defined, as expressed in many poems about a wide range of topics. People are invited to come with a poem to share or to just listen and respond to poems brought by others.

Sacred Poetry is also presented free of charge, with donations gratefully accepted. Visit staroftheseassi.ca to donate or register in advance.

## Capital Regional District



## Cedar Lane Water Service Commission

## Notice of Annual General Meeting

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

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

### Cedar Lane Service Commission Annual General Meeting

**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2023

**Time:** 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

**Place:** Salt Spring Island Multi Space (SIMS) boardroom  
124 Rainbow Road, Salt Spring Island, V8K 2V5

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### Committee Membership Opportunity

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 3505, real property owners or residents in the Cedar Lane Water Local Services Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is four plus the Electoral Area Director (3 resident or owners of real property within the Cedar Lane water service area; or a person who is prepared to represent the service area). There is one position expiring December 31, 2023.

### Nomination Instructions

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

Bylaw No. 3505 is available for viewing on the CRD website at [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca)

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WEEK OF MAY 7 TO 13, 2023

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**ARIES** You'll start planning your summer holidays. You have no intention of missing out on fun adventures with your friends and family.

**TAURUS** Whether it's about your relationship or your job, you may feel the need to run away. You feel impulsive and a little confused this week.

**GEMINI** You'll struggle to create peace between people or groups with opposing interests. You'll find the right words to work miracles and ensure everyone understands each other.

**CANCER** It's time to get rid of toxic friends who are draining your energy. Take some me-time and spoil yourself with a natural therapy like a massage or facial.

**LEO** Self-esteem is essential to achieve success. You'll be proud if you can convince yourself to accomplish a brilliant feat.

**VIRGO** You'll devote time and energy to a family member and your home. You'll be inspired to take a new approach to life, including learning to live in the present moment.

**LIBRA** You'll be outspoken this week. Be careful not to give away any secrets. You could be dealing with someone who doesn't speak the same language as you, and communicating with them could prove rather difficult.

**SCORPIO** You'll find the financial means to undertake a significant project. Whether buying a property or starting a business, the stars will align. Many people will listen to what you have to say.

**SAGITTARIUS** Make reservations now for summer break. You're looking forward to an adventure that takes place far from home. Be mindful of the preparations, such as passports.

**CAPRICORN** If you're feeling more tired than usual, it's a sign you need to slow down. Get enough sleep to recharge your batteries.

**AQUARIUS** You'll find your perfect person and fall in love at first sight. You'll carve out more time for your social life, even if you feel exhausted and stressed.

**PISCES** You'll be given significant responsibilities at work. Even if you find them difficult, they'll provide excellent prospects, and a promotion will come soon enough.

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

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

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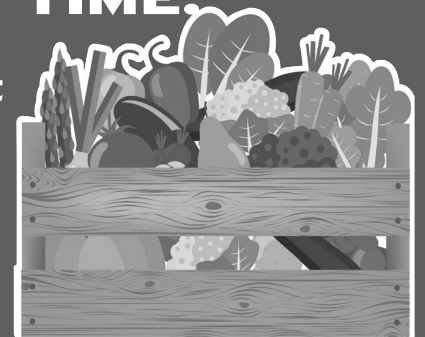
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At left: Lily Lane learns the skill of log-sawing with help from Mike, Bill, Andrew and Kyle Lane as part of Ruckle Heritage Farm Day on Sunday.

Below, from left, Rose Birney, Marianne Grittani and Valdy entertain the crowds.



PHOTO BY BILLIE WOODS  
Kalvin, Rebecca and Weston enjoy some Island Fruitsicles available at farm day.



PHOTO BY BRYN FINER  
The blacksmithing tent gets a well-behaved young visitor.



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# AGM

2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Wednesday, May 25th, 2023 at 6:00pm**

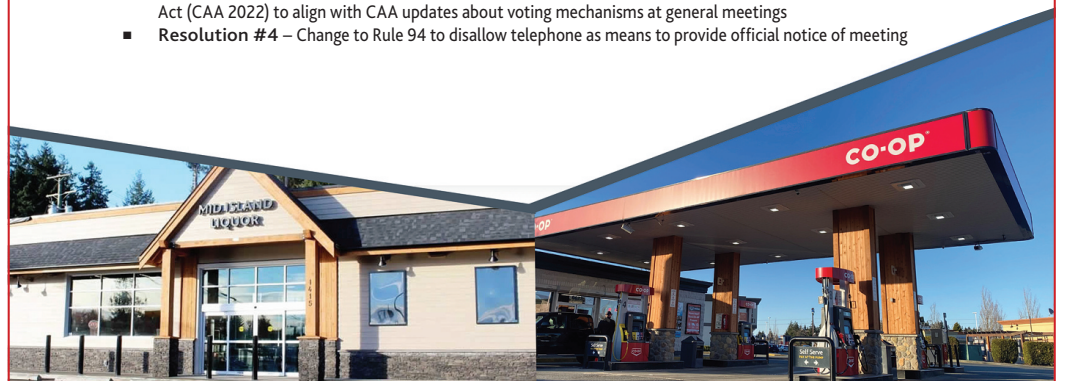
Online election to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors will occur ahead of the AGM, with results announced at the AGM. Registration is required to attend the AGM and vote on AGM business, as well as to vote in the online director election.

Registration will open on May 8th, 2023 and close on May 22nd, 2023. Director election voting will close at 3:00pm PT on May 23rd, 2023. During this period, a registration link will be available at [www.midislandco-op.crs](http://www.midislandco-op.crs), along with further information about the director candidates. Only members in good standing on the date of record of April 25th, 2023 will be eligible to vote.

A detailed AGM member package will be shared electronically ahead of the meeting with members who have successfully registered. This package will include the AGM Rules of Order, Agenda, Reports, Financial Statements, Resolutions, and New Business.

The following is a summary of the special resolutions being brought to the 2023 annual general meeting. To review the complete text of the proposed resolutions, please visit [www.midislandco-op.crs](http://www.midislandco-op.crs).

- **Resolution #1** – Change to Rule 77(4)(e) to increase annual minimum spend for director qualifications
- **Resolution #2** – Change to Rule 77(4)(h) and 77(3) regarding eligibility of employees of the Association to serve as director
- **Resolution #3** – Replace Rule 57 with entirety of Section 149 of the revised Co-operative Association Act (CAA 2022) to align with CAA updates about voting mechanisms at general meetings
- **Resolution #4** – Change to Rule 94 to disallow telephone as means to provide official notice of meeting





# LET'S PICK IT UP, Salt Spring!

**This year's campaign was the biggest and best ever!** Some 50 different groups, families, friends and individuals stepped up to clean up so many roadsides and beaches on our island during the month of April. It would not have been possible without the cooperation and generosity of lead sponsor Laurie's Garbage & Recycling, who covered the cost of disposal, TJ Beans, who provided beverage coupons for participants, and the other month-long series page advertisers. Thank you, everyone!



1. Anne Parkinson, right, and friend Mairead from Montreal in Fulford Harbour.
2. Bob MacKie of the SS Unicorn Riders group.
3. Doug Abernethy on Sunset Drive.
4. Lee-Ann Niazi, left, David Norget and Tisha Boulter.
5. Mark Hiltz, 100 Hills.
6. Ron Watts' Eleanor Point beach haul.



- Sicherman family — Baker Beach.
- Michelle Grant & Steve Coopman — From Epron Rd., up North End, down North Beach to Fernwood.
- Robert Steinbach — Kitchen Rd., and Fulford-Ganges Road from Kitchen to Horel.
- Elizabeth Hayes — Byron Rd.
- Ranji Bhimji — End of Isabella Point Rd. to Mountain Rd.
- Tangachee Goebel — South end beach shores: Beaver Point, Ruckle, Fulford Harbour.
- Nancy Johnson — Beddis Rd. from Fulford-Ganges Rd. to the sailing club.
- Gail Sjoberg — Cranberry Rd. from Fulford-Ganges Rd. to Blackburn Rd.
- L & L. Fraser — Long Harbour Rd. from Upper Ganges to Eagleridge.
- Anuradha from Salt Spring Centre of Yoga, and the Heron Class of Salt Spring Centre School — Blackburn Rd.
- Mark & Tim Hiltz — Salt Spring Way East, Castle Cross Rd., Barker's Place, Arnell Way, east side of Fulford-Ganges Rd. between Arnell & SS Way.
- Ken Jackson & Friends — Baker Rd.
- Ron Watts. Eleanor Point Beach. (End of Stevens Rd.)
- Amanda McLeod — North End Rd. from North Beach to Southey Point Rd.
- Phil Bysher — LePage Rd., Ensilwood Rd., North Rd. from LePage to Fernwood Rd.
- Anne Parkinson & Maureen Stephenson — Fulford Bay from Hamilton Beach to the ferry terminal.
- Illyd & Joanne Perkins — Fulford-Ganges Rd. from Garner to Mereside.
- Sowden Family — Vesuvius Bay Rd. from ferry terminal to Central.
- Salt Spring Unicorn Riders — Fulford-Ganges Rd. from Kitchen Rd. to Burgoyne Bay Rd.
- Charles Kahn — Broadwell from Vesuvius Bay Rd. to Channel Ridge Rd. & Sunset.
- Fiona Wolfe-Milner — Old Scott Rd. and Long Harbour Rd. between Old Scott turnoff and the ferry terminal.
- Brian Wolfe-Milner — Beaches between the Booth Canal estuary up to and including Bader's Beach.
- Burgess Family — Walker Hook Rd. from Fernwood Dock to Robinson Rd.
- Kelly-Ann and Hue Haslauer — Collins Rd.
- Roger Brunt & Doug Wahlsten — McPhillips & Hereford Avenues.
- Ron Wright & others — Jennifer Way.
- Kim & Douglas Woolcock — Jasper Way.
- Liz Anderson — 1860 Fulford-Ganges Rd. to Burgoyne Triangle.
- Elizabeth Nolan — North End Rd. from Epron to Fernwood.
- E. & N. Hildebrandt — Eagleridge Dr.
- Andrew & Melynda Okulitch — Long Harbour Rd. from Eagleridge to ferry.
- Giles family — Churchill Beach.
- Tisha Boulter, David Norget & Lee-Ann Niazi — Mansell Rd. from Robinson to Maracaibo, and Cedar Lane.
- Karen Mouat & Doug Abernethy — Sunset Drive from Sir Echo's Way to Mountain View.
- Ann Marshall — Langs Rd.
- Lynda Nash & Karen Hudson — Isle View Dr.
- Caroline Hickman, Mirrah Grey & Monica Maile — Mount Maxwell Rd. from the Cranberry intersection to the end of Wright Rd.
- Andrea LeBorgne & Ian Mitchell — Price Rd. and public beach access off Price Rd.
- Krista & Brent Lefler — Grantville, Ross, Fort, Head, Main & Victoria St.
- David Ryley & Jill Lorimer — Wellbury Bay beach
- Madeline Woodley & Aidan Haigh — Shepherd Hills Rd.
- Cath Webster & Laura Mervyn — Mount Baker Cres., Cedar View and Bishop's Walk.
- LeeAnn and Sean Norgard — Cusheon Lake Rd from Fulford-Ganges to Lord Mikes Rd
- Monika Huser & Scarlett Rice — Sunset Drive from Mountain View to Vesuvius Bay Rd.
- Pat Hannah — North End Rd. between Margaret and Epron Rd.
- Susan Fussell & Bruce Hamer — Stewart Rd. from Jasper Rd. to Saltair Rd.
- Brenda Guiled — Beaver Point Rd. From Beaver Point Rd. between King and Forest Ridge, plus Forest Ridge to Stevens and Heidi Place.



Areas where people promised to clean up as of April 30 are shown in red. That's a ton of red: way to go, everyone!