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Leaving a Better Ocean Legacy



Two Local Coastal Cleanup Efforts

Success today at Francisco Point. The 30 loader tire fender/breakwater was pulled off and taken away by the tug Risco Warrior with much help from Ocean Legacy Foundation. Not without breaking one knot and spilling micro foam bits from it's guts! Good bye from the Quadra Island beach clean dream!

- Nevil Hand

Residents of the outer islands are so grateful over the past weeks for the visit by the Ocean Legacy and the amazing crew of hard working folks. They are cleaning up beaches all over remote parts of our coast, hauling recyclable material away and cleaning up mountains of styrofoam. On Read Island school children joined the team, proud to be a part of such a wonderful initiative. The Ocean Legacy Foundation's executive director and co-founder Chloe Dubois' describes the foundation's mission:

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Sir

Two recent articles in the DI ("Island Health Continues To Ignore ...", Issue 755, 28 May 21 and "Last Stand At The Legislature Rally...", Issue 756, 11 June 21) have confirmed my belief that it is time for Canadians to review the political structures of their country which are now 154 years old and which were established when the country was virtually empty of population. This is not to say that the Federal/Provincial structures were not appropriate at the time of confederation...they have brought us forward to our current situation with minimal violence as compared to other nations. However, those structures are no longer adequate.

In this particular instance it is the Provincial government which has become problematic as indicated by the two articles referred to both of which find problems with provincial structures. In fact, Provincial government has become 'provincial' - insufficiently sophisticated and consequently unable to respond adequately to the needs of the various Regions in the province. Where previously these Regions were unoccupied and could be managed with generalised policies, they now have differing needs given different population densities and cultural influences, different resources requiring different management choices and different ideas on how these issues ought to be managed. This means that, for example, people in Regions in provincial coastal areas have different needs than those in the interior or those in the northern areas of the province.

To meet these varying conditions greater control over the management of the social structures and natural resources of the province needs to be provided to the particular

Regions. This means that the functional power of the provincial legislature needs to be transferred to the existing Regions of the province. In order to acknowledge and maintain the historical concept of the Colonial/Provincial self-government, provincial governments - established to both recognize the political independence of the founding colonies and to manage the massive territories and resources being transferred to them from the control of trading companies like the Hudson's Bay Company - a non-legislative provincial Council ought to be maintained with each Regional government having a seat on the Provincial Council. The Provincial Council would formulate policy for the province and each Region would enact the legislation necessary to see that these policies were integrated into that particular Regional government's administration in a manner appropriate to the Region. Of course, at the level of the Provincial Council there would be no need for political party involvement; such involvement would occur on a Regional basis (if still deemed necessary).

The major problem with this methodology, of course, is that it would require greater involvement of the people in the management of the social structures of their region. This means that "the stupid" defined in 1776 by Adam Smith, thought by many to be the father of modern economic thinking, would have to be overcome. His suggested solution to the problem was education...but then he was a professor of moral philosophy from Scotland. In this instance education would have to replace the current training methodology of our school systems.

Thanks
 Wayne L Assal

Supreme Court Rules in Favour of Strathcona Regional District

Campbell River, BC – The Strathcona Regional Board (SRD) received an update at its Board meeting today regarding the status of the petition filed in Supreme Court by Electoral Area B, Cortes Island Director Noba Anderson.

The BC Supreme Court released its decision on Thursday June 24th, 2021 with respect to the petition filed by Director Noba Anderson which alleged that she had been unreasonably censured and denied indemnification by the Regional Board. The case was heard over the last several months by Mr. Justice Gaul who presented the Court's decision via teleconference due to COVID19 restrictions.

Director Anderson and SRD representatives together with their respective legal counsels attended remotely for the conference call. The decision was read aloud by Mr. Justice Gaul and in summary, the Regional District was successful in defending itself against the allegations.

"The SRD was defending an action brought forward by Director Anderson. The BC Supreme Court found the SRD to be fair, reasonable, operating within its authority and following proper process" said SRD Board Chair Brad Unger. "I am glad to have the matter behind us, as a Board we will continue to serve residents of Cortes Island."

In reaching his decisions Mr. Justice Gaul cited a number of precedents in Canadian law and offered a very detailed analysis as to why the petitioner had failed to convince the Court that the Regional District had acted in an unreasonable or arbitrary manner in reaching its indemnification and censure decisions.

The written reasons for judgement will be posted on www.srd.ca/news when it becomes available.

SRD Receives \$394,000 from the FireSmart Economic Recovery Grant

Campbell River, BC – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is excited to announce that they have received \$394,000 through the Union of BC Municipalities FireSmart Economic Recovery grant to fund wildfire risk reduction activities. The intent of the FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund is to support immediate job creation in order to build local wildfire resiliency and assist communities in recovering from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"An interface fire is a severe and likely threat regardless of which community in the SRD that you reside in, and I know decreasing wildfire risk is a top priority of our residents. While SRD was the lead organization on this grant, this was a regional application in partnership with six First Nations, three member municipalities, the South Quadra Island Improvement District and the Cortes Island Fire Fighting Society" said SRD Board Chair Brad Unger. "Resilience is the ability of a community to not only withstand and bounce back after a disaster but also to adapt to the new normal a disaster brings with it. This grant will increase the resiliency of our critical infrastructure to withstand a wildfire and we would like to thank the Province of British Columbia for making this funding available."

A large portion of this grant is devoted to funding FireSmart renovations for community buildings such as installing tempered glass in all doors and windows, enclosing the side of buildings with fire-resistant material, replacing wood stairs with steel stairs, and installing a metal roof. These buildings include Camp Homewood, Gorge Hall, Linnaea Farm Education Centre, Nuchatlaht First Nation Administration Building, Sayward

Valley Firehall, the Quadra Island Bible Church, Whaletown Firehall and the Zeballos Community Centre.

"Aside from holding a special spot in the cultural context of the communities, the SRD has Memorandum of Understandings in place with the non-profit owned facilities mentioned above to support Emergency Support Services during a disaster" said Shaun Koopman, SRD Protective Services Coordinator. "For many years, these organizations have been incredible supporters of our regional emergency program through hosting training sessions and engaging in numerous emergency planning conversations. It feels great to be able to provide them with meaningful funding to decrease the wildfire vulnerability of their facilities."

The Villages of Gold River, Tahsis and Zeballos as well as Ehattesaht/Chinehkint First Nation, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k:tle7et'h' First Nation, Klahoose First Nation, Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation, and We Wai Kai First Nation will receive FireSmart Critical Infrastructure Assessment Reports on both their community buildings and infrastructure. This report serves as a prerequisite that can then be used to apply for future FireSmart renovation funding.

In collaboration with the Cortes Forestry General Partnership, the grant will also fund a 4-hectare Wildfire Fuel Treatment on Cortes Island through activities such as pruning, thinning and removing ladder fuels to reduce both the amount and continuity of burnable vegetation.

To learn more about the FireSmart program and wildfire risk reduction, please visit www.firesmartbc.ca.

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- **300 words** is an ideal length for community announcements.
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NEWS & EVENTS

Quadra Farmers Market

Yeah our first Quadra Farmers Market and Bazaar was a great success! Beautiful day, spacious field and lots of safe and happy shopping. More Bazaar than Farm at the moment but open to more food vendors. It was great to see everyone! Big big thanks to The Chamber of Commerce for funding our start up that allowed us to purchase all the necessary fencing, barriers and signage to meet the heavy covid protocols and get rolling. As it turned out BC Health lifted all covid protocols 2 days before we opened! So we are ready now if it changes back and pretty much ready for anything! We are still encouraging social distancing and hand sanitizer and being respectful of those who may not yet be fully vaccinated as well as being aware we have many visitors on the Island now from all over. And thank you to Sarah at Waypoint Signs for getting our beautiful signs done so quickly, Lara for our poster printing and a big thanks to Deb Smilkin AVP Premises CCCU for enthusiastic permission and support to use the grounds in July before the



bank renovations are complete. Also we really want to thank Rebecca and Jane at the QCC for their immediate support in creating a great back up plan at the Community Centre if our regular space was not available.

It was a great community effort to get this up and running and we can't wait to see you all there next week! 10 - 2 behind the Credit Union. For info contact Wendy Richardson quadrarmarket@gmail.com

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Your glass jars and bottles have piled up and you don't want to make a special trip to Campbell River to recycle them. Then don't. Bring your clean jars, bottles, and any canning jars that you no longer want (in boxes, if possible) to the QCC on Sunday, July 18 between 10am and 2pm. The ICAN Recycling Action Team will sort through and separate reusable jars from recyclable jars. The reusable jars can then be picked up later - between 12pm and 2pm.

To make this worthwhile mini project happen, we need a few volunteers. You may be directing the drop-offs and pick-ups, assisting with sorting or with loading the recycle truck. We also need collapsible tables for this event. To volunteer yourself or your table, phone Sandy McCairns at 250-202-5928 or email Susan Stratton at susan@prairiesky.ca

P.S. Donations to ICAN are gratefully accepted, but not necessary.

Legion Back in Action!

The Legion is open **Thursday @ 3pm with inside dining!**

It's a thrill to announce that our meat draws are back on Saturdays from 5-7:pm!

Our 1st Bingo is on Sat. July 24th from 7-10:pm and Poker is starting back on Wednesday evenings at 7:pm!

We are looking forward to getting back to raising funds for our local non-profit groups!

Public Notice

Be advised that Woodlot 042, Forever Wood Ltd., will be actively harvesting on Fox Main, C100 and C200 during the summer only when weather permits. Please use alternate trails when signs are posted. Thank you for your cooperation.

Waste NOT Did you know . . .

- That hard plastic packaging is recyclable even without the triangle symbol?
- That biodegradable plastics are not recyclable? They just break down into smaller bits of plastic.
- That using bar soap and bar shampoo avoids plastic waste?
- That making your own toothpaste means no throwaway toothpaste tubes? (Check out the internet for recipes.)

If you have ideas to share for reducing waste, "Waste NOT" could become a regular feature of the Discovery Islander and a reminder that we can all help in small ways to correct some of our overconsumption habits.

For Island Climate Action Network (ICAN). Email susan@prairiesky.ca

We Have Wood!

THE EMERGENCY FIREWOOD

program needs volunteers to cut, split and stack wood. We especially need people with chainsaws to cut up logs. It would be wonderful to get it all done and not have to continue to work through the entire summer! We are still happening every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 2pm at the Community Centre. For more info call or text Sandy at 250-202-5928.

Quadra Island Food Guide

HAVE YOU checked out the Food Guide lately? There is a blog on it with some great recipes featuring local, seasonal ingredients and tips on accessing and enjoying Quadra products. It is worth keeping an eye on! Visit qifoodguide.ca

If you are a producer who would like to be included in the listings, please let us know at: qifoodguide@gmail.com

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- Explore Teakerne Arm with time for a swim in the remote Cassel Lake on West Redonda Island AND a stop at picturesque Refuge Cove, one of the region's most important historic communities – Sunday, July 11
- Sail through the Discovery Island's most iconic and ecologically rich shorelines

and waters during our newest cruise, the Whaletown Explorer – Sunday, August 1

- Cruise into the famously beautiful Desolation Sound, a designated Marine Park, abundant with wildlife and home to spectacular mountains, fjords and islands, AND home to some of the region's most fascinating maritime history – Saturday, August 14

Misty Isles skipper, Jonas Fineman, and partner Amy Bockner are continuing a long-standing partnership with the Cortes Island Museum since purchasing Misty Isles in 2019. Jonas and Amy share a common passion and curiosity for the natural world. Their goal is to provide quality experiences for people

who want to connect with and celebrate this beautiful part of the world while seeing it through a historic lens.

Comments from passengers include:

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So, the sunshine continues but at least the extreme heat has let up for now! A little more tolerable for working outside but the fire danger is going up daily. So be careful.

The last couple of weeks have not slowed one bit. We have had meeting after meeting at both the SRD level, the CVRD level and the local level. I will highlight a few of them so that you will at least have an overview of what is going on.

Recycling update

The staff members from the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) were on Quadra July 3rd and 4th to hear people's thoughts on upgrading our recycling depot to a different system. They talked with residents at the depot on both days and we will meet this Friday, the 9th, to hear the results. They also helped people fill out the survey they are circulating. You can complete it by going to: www.connectcivr.ca/QuadraDepot to get a copy. It is open until July 30th.

After the results are in and analyzed, I have insisted on two public (in person) meetings to assess the feelings of our island residents concerning the proposed changes. The meetings will be in the fall and will be well advertised.

Development Permit Application (Doo Yun Park)

This is the application for the front of the Whiskey Point Lodge. It was for the old Landing pub before, in a completely different form but has morphed into this application. It is large but well done. It was before us to approve but I could not see fit to approve something so large at the entry to Quadra and the Discovery Islands without some public feedback in the way of a public open house or meeting. We looked at this at the Committee level and then at the Board and the Board agreed to defer it until we have the public input that I asked for and that a further report be prepared following the public forum. So watch for it!

Quathiaski Cove Water System Feasibility Study

I know I wrote about this in the last issue of the DI but I have had a few people say they could not open the attachment. I am including the actual site here so you can have a look at it: <https://agenda.strathconard.ca/SRDAttachments/SRDCommittees/Open/EAS/16-Jun-21/20210608-QCove-Water-System-FS.PDF> or: tinyurl.com/ypbmtxax Please keep in mind that this is a Class D

estimate and the cost could be considerably higher. A further study is required for about \$250,000 and we will need to find a grant to fund that. We are actively working on that now.

Bylaws No. 432 and 433 - OCP and Rezoning

(CP 1C 21/RZ 2C 21 - Quadra Links)

This was considered at the Committee for a second time and the recommendation was: "THAT Bylaws No. 432 and 433 be amended by replacing the word 'campground' with the words 'recreational vehicle sites' and that the amended bylaws be brought forward to the next available Board meeting for first and second readings and agency referral."

This should proceed to the next Board meeting and proceed as recommended. Following that a public hearing date will be set later in the fall when we can all meet in person.

Supreme Court Petition (Anderson Litigation) - Update

The following issue has been going on for many, many, many months and has now been decided by the Court. The following is (verbatim) the report we received after the judgement and since this has all been done in camera, no one has been aware of the actual facts of the cases. The issue was brought into open session and can now be read and discussed if anyone wishes to.

The Report to the Board

"To update the Board regarding the status of the petition filed in Supreme Court by Director Anderson that challenged the Board's decisions with respect to her indemnification and censure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Our location is not the only thing that's staying the same. Current days and hours of operation, the services available to you, and our commitment to making meaningful differences in the surrounding communities will all remain. So will our focus of helping you improve your financial health through personalized service and advice.

Thank you for joining in the excitement for the new opportunities this will bring to your branch, including a more efficient and sustainable use of space that better responds to evolving needs. We appreciate your continued support and value being a part of this strong and vibrant community on the traditional territory of the Kwakwaka'wakw people.

If you have questions, call us at **1.888.741.1010**, chat with us online at **cccu.ca** or stop by the branch. And please join us in early August for some safe & fun reopening celebrations! Details coming soon.



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Corporate Officer) together with their respective legal counsels attended remotely for the conference call.

The decision was read aloud in full by Mr. Justice Gaul and is fairly lengthy. In summary, the Regional District was successful in defending itself against the petitioner's allegations. In reaching his decisions Mr. Justice Gaul cited a number of precedents in Canadian law and offered a very detailed analysis as to why the petitioner had failed to convince the Court that the Regional District had acted in an unreasonable or arbitrary manner in reaching its indemnification and censure decisions. The fact that the Regional Board had dealt with these matters in a very methodical and deliberate fashion was duly noted and undoubtedly had an influence on the Court's findings.

At the request of legal counsel, the Court will now be turning its attention to the matter of costs and this will likely be decided before the end of July. A copy of the written reasons for judgement will be provided to the Board when it becomes available."

Meetings and more meetings

Since my last report, I have attended the following meetings on your behalf: a video conference with the Connected Coast Network, a meeting of the Regional Marine Advisory Committee, the Marine Area Partnership Planning group, our local ICAN group, a meeting with our Chief Administrative Officer to set the Electoral Area Services Committee meeting agenda, a meeting with the UBCM and SRD re: Fire Smart wood chipping, a very heated meeting with Telus and our CAO and their consultants, a meeting with Industry Canada (now ISED) re: cell towers, participation in the Children's Centre AGM, the Electoral Area

Services Committee The SRD Board meeting, the Comox Valley RD Solid Waste meeting, the Ocean Protection Plan meeting, another Marine Area Partnership Planning group meeting, A North Vancouver Island MaPP Fisheries committee meeting, a second Telus meeting with their top staff and our CAO re: Connected Coast, a half day UBCM Electoral Area Directors Forum with 60 other Directors from all over the Province, another SRD Board meeting, and lastly, another ICAN meeting this coming Friday. And of course there were the continual emails, phone calls and that lovely forum called Facebook!

So that's it....

I hope that you are all staying safe, getting vaccinated and still wearing masks and following all the other rules and confusing advice from the Province. I got my first vaccination and then I got my second one a few weeks ago! Yahoo! I hope those of you that have not been vaccinated will get out and get yours as soon as you are eligible!!! This is ESSENTIAL!

For the time being, while I am recovering from my injury, please email me rather than the other choices. After that, feel free to contact me between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3333, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@xplornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram>, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands-
Mainland inlets, Area C,
Strathcona Regional District

Are You Ready?

2021 is promising to be a very bad fire season in BC. Residents of Lytton had 15 minutes notice to evacuate. You may have no time to decide what to take with you. It is time to check out your Grab and Go kit and where your important information is.

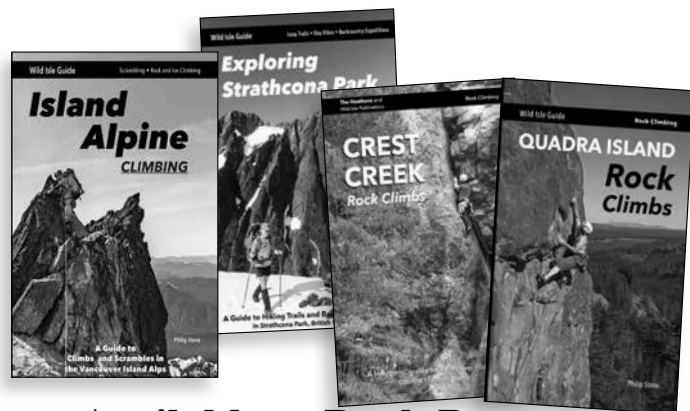
Your Grab and Go kit needs to be easily carried and contain necessities such as extra clothing, personal supplies, etc. to last you a few days. Tips on what to include (and more) are available at preparedbc.ca. If you already have a kit, check it as you may have scavenged some of its contents. It is particularly important to keep your medications updated and have enough to last you for at least 3 days, preferably longer. Keep important papers like insurance policies, birth certificates, passports, Covid vaccine records, etc. together ready to take with you. Taking a photograph of these is a good idea. Bring your phone charger. Update information re your contact person outside our area. Family members can contact them to see where you are in an emergency.

Remember your pets and domestic animals. Pack some food for pets and crate them if possible. Pets are not allowed into an Emergency Reception Centre with you and having their crate means they are safe, feel secure and can't stray. For large domestic animals you will need to know who can transport them to safety. If you have to evacuate, please register at an Emergency Reception Centre. You can then be traced for reunification purposes, and may be eligible for support services.

ESS provides accommodation, etc. for 72 hours from the time the emergency is declared. Quadra Island and Campbell River hotels, B & Bs, etc. are frequently booked up in the summer so accommodation will likely be offered in a Group Lodging on cots spread out on a gym floor. Billeting with family and friends is a good alternative and ESS is able to provide reimbursement if you are evacuated. Try and arrange billeting with a friend or relative ahead of time, both on Quadra Island and off-island.

Let us hope we never have to face a large wildfire on Quadra Island but 20,000 hectares of this island burned in 1925. If evacuation ever becomes necessary, plans are in place. Follow the directions of police, fire dept., etc. Now, go check out your Grab and Go kit.

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Orange

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They will bloom a healing medicine.
Together the children are not lost.
They are united and finding their way home.
Their Ancestors guide them,
Lead them by the hand.
The family members who couldn't bear the burden of sorrow
And broke under the weight of grief.
They await to hold them so tight.
Oh, what a reunion they will have!
There must be a bright flame to sear the blackness
And shrink the shadows into cracks and corners.
A golden radiance to bless this place.
When the moon and stars come out
They comfort me through the endless nights.
When the rain falls, it is the tears of my Auntie.
When the wind whistles through the sweet grass
It is the long sigh of my Grandmother.
When the thunder claps, it is my Father drumming a prayer.
The jagged slash of lightning is my Mother's heart breaking.
When you see the fireflies, it is the Spirits lighting their way home.
The children are walking on sunlight
Finally safe in the arms of the Beloved who knows who they are
And the village where they were born.
They celebrate their long braids.
The relatives call them by name in their own language.
There will be a Ceremony – a great feast
And everyone will come from miles around.
The babies and children will be held up and honored, blanketed.
There will be much singing and drumming
And the whales will come to dance in the waters of the bay.
- Susan Landell

This is what prompted Susan to write this poem:

"I had so many emotions swirling around inside of me after I heard the horrifying news of the 215 children buried by the Residential School in Kamloops. I, like many others went through the many emotions of grief, shock, anger, fear, deep sadness, hopelessness etc.. But I wanted to honor the children in a good way and try to make sense of some of what I was feeling. I also hope this helps other like-minded souls who are grappling with this great loss."

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ICAN has a vision: an island community capable of resilience and self-determination when confronting the realities of climate change and its impacts on all our lives. We are focussed on practical solutions to concrete problems.

One example is a project of the ICAN Energy Team. The team has developed a proposal to install a highly visible, grid-tied, solar panel system on the roof of Quadra Elementary School, complete with a metering module that will allow students to monitor power production in real time. In addition, an app is available for any resident to monitor the module. The system has been sized to mimic the requirements of a typical Quadra residence. Students will be challenged not only to learn, understand, and evaluate the technology but to come up with ways to reduce electrical consumption. The system performance module will be able to tell them if their energy conservation program has succeeded. In addition, the school itself benefits from reduced electrical operating expenses. It's a brilliant project with many wins, including life lessons for modern times. It has the overwhelming support of the school district, the principal and teachers at the school, and the Parent Advisory Council. Everyone wants it to happen.

But the project has been short-funded.

We have \$6,000 in hand, thanks to a \$2,000 grant from BC Hydro and to commitments totalling \$4,000 from other generous funders — but only if we can finance the rest of the project. To bring this exciting program to fruition, we need a total of \$11,000. Thus we need to make up a \$5,000 grant shortfall.

We have a short window of opportunity — four months — to bring the project



together, and so we are turning to the Quadra community, with its famed reputation for support and generosity, to help us put those solar panels on the school. Please help bring this project home. Donate by e-transfer at quadraicansociety@gmail.com, or by cheque payable to Quadra ICAN Society (Energy) sent to Box 355, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0.

With thanks from your ICAN Energy Team — Alex, Jan, Mary, Mike, and Rod

Potential location of solar array on Quadra Elementary School

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

With the reopening of the Outdoor Club we've now had several great hikes and the summer planning meeting. We have so many excellent destinations on Quadra and the summer schedule is coming together very well, but is definitely a work in progress. Here are the upcoming trips with confirmed dates and coordinators:

14 July, Wed - hike a South End Loop

21 July, Wed - hike Nuggedzi Lakes and Views

22 July, Wed - hike Newton Lake, Small Inlet and Waiatt Bay

This is a great mix of classic and new, easy and moderately challenging hikes. Lots of the destinations will make a dip in the lake very convenient. We are also expecting kayak outings in July. The current status is at <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2021/>

For more information about the Club visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org/> or email to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com.

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Logger Chach

This story contains reference to strong language.

The old growth rally in Campbell River on June 10, 2021 was an experience, to say the least. I went with my three-year-old daughter, along with my friend and her one-year-old son. We were there to stand up for the remaining old growth, not only for the survival of the ecosystems and the trees themselves but also to express our passion for the forests. We were there to advocate for having old growth stands remain intact for our children to see and experience, to be able to engage with a timeless place and feel the sensation of being part of an ancient world.

The pro-old-growth crowd was small, comprised of friendly folks carrying signs cobbled together from cardboard and recycled materials, displaying sayings like "Worth More Standing" and "Stop Logging Old Growth." My friend had made our signs, one of which said "Babies 4 Old Growth" and the other, "Moms For Old Growth."

We were opposed by a much larger crowd, made up of people holding printed signs and logging trucks draped with banners with the familiar slogan, "Forestry Feeds my Family." While they had every right to speak out for what they believed in, it felt like a cheap shot for them to do it on the same day as our rally. Regardless, there we all were.

The intention of the rally was to march to the MLA office to promote internal advocacy of old growth protection. I've been to a few rallies before, where we marched peacefully down Shopper's Row and stood out in front the office. There are usually a few from the crowd with a deep understanding of the issues at hand, prepared with facts to share with the governing bodies to convey our collective messages and concerns.

Well, this rally was not the usual, so far as my prior experiences had gone.

Our march began with an aura of intimidation. As our small group walked down the sidewalk carrying our humble signs, the counter-protesters took to the road with their large trucks and sizable crowd. They sneered and jeered at us, making faces and shaking heads, scoffing and huffing with the strength of numbers.

We reached the MLA office to find the parking spaces out front filled with oversized pickup trucks slathered in pro-logging bumper stickers. As the two groups merged, tensions escalated. By my observation, the protestors in favour of preserving the old growth forests were peaceful

but prepared; many in our crowd had either an education in forestry or were intimately aware of the issue. The counter-protesters, by contrast, shouted with angry faces and vitriol, trying to intimidate us. Most of what they had to say was irrelevant to the matter of old growth preservation.

Eventually the groups separated, each waving their signs to stand up for their beliefs. The whole thing seemed like a waiting game to see who'd be the last group standing (much like the trees themselves). My friend and I stuck around for a few hours, but children as they are don't enjoy lingering, and so we had to call it quits. There were only four adults left on our side, and we were reluctant to leave the last of them there. But the toddler was crying and my daughter had used up all of her patience, so we made our move to leave.

As we passed the last of the counter-protesters, one of them read my sign aloud, saying, "Mothers For Old Growth' ... No wonder your kid is crying."

And that's when it became personal.

This man, in his defensive, testosterone-fueled mindset, had the gall to criticize my friend and her child in a setting where both were there to protect the future of fragile, endangered ecosystems. His statement declared that her actions were upsetting to her child, as if by opposing old growth logging she was causing her son distress.

Anyone who has a toddler can relate to the sleeplessness and fatigue, especially for the primary caregiver, that affect your everyday life. For my friend to have been there at all is a testament to the strength of her beliefs. To have brought her baby out on a cold and rainy day, among a sinister crowd, and stand for hours to uphold what she thinks is right was an incredible output of energy that should be applauded. She was exhausted, but she had to be there to add her strength to the movement.

So it makes sense that my friend didn't respond favourably to that man's criticism. She raised that one particular finger and called him an a-hole, which may not have been the epitome of grace but was understandable given her general lack of sleep and the adrenaline of the rally itself. She was in full Mama Bear mode and couldn't stand for her motherhood to be disrespected.

For my part, and for the reason we were there, I raised my sign above my head as we continued to walk away. And that same man hollered at

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Reflection

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The world looks on as we examine our past
So many questions that must be asked
Truth will triumph over historical distortion
Cultural tradition rejects political absorption.
It is time to heal and to thank our First Nations
They are the foundation of all our relations.
Will our federal leaders have the political skill
To reconcile the past with peace and goodwill.
Will they deliver their promises of
reconciliation
And atone for abuse suffered by all the First
Nations.
The sins of the past cannot be erased
But truth and justice must be embraced.
In this land of multi racial inclusivity
Our indigenous hosts have shown great
magnanimity
From their generous spirit we all must learn
Each others respect we have to earn.
Oh! Canada, Canada, you must stand on
guard
Your pristine image is bruised and scarred.
Together as a multicultural society
We must act with humility and moral
propriety.
This Canada Day it is time to reflect
And to honour the First Nations with all due
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– Ann McLean



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me, in front of the kids, “Why don’t you take that sign and shove it up your a--, you f---ing c-nt!”

I couldn’t believe my ears. Never in my whole life had I been called by the worst of names, let alone in the presence of children, and I couldn’t let that fly. I walked back to have a peaceful word with that man—who, by the way, can be seen in a video of the event on the Campbell River Mirror website, discussing harassment and intimidation in regards to protesting. I tried to confront him, to let him know that was unacceptable, but he was far too worked up about having been given the finger and wouldn’t hear a word I said. I told him he had been rude, and he and his cronies laughed. Then one lady began to attack me about logging again. She was ferocious and aggressive and wouldn’t let me speak and accused me (who had barely said a word the whole rally) of calling them “rapists” and “nazis” and “spike pigs.” When another woman began to film me, I turned to leave (as I am not okay with being filmed without permission), and they shouted, “COWARD!” All we could do was walk away.

It was absolutely gutting to be treated like that. It had turned from a peaceful protest about unsustainable forestry to an onslaught of verbal abuse. It had become a personal issue for the counter-protestors, ending with explosive statements of misogyny that were entirely unfounded and exceedingly aggressive. We walked away with heavy hearts, laden with the burdens of our time.

The saddest part is, this whole conflict was unnecessary. There wasn’t a single sign on the protesters’ side suggesting that forestry be ended. No one can deny that forestry is an integral part of our everyday lives. Yes, my house is built with wood, as are many of the things inside of it. Yes, I use paper and have a wood stove in my home. I’m not declaring that my life is independent of forestry products or that I want logging to end. All that I’m trying to say, and what I was at that rally to stand up for, is that forestry can and should be a sustainable practice and that the last of the old growth should remain untouched.

Facts and figures aside, isn’t keeping the remaining old growth forests intact important to coastal history? Cutting them down would be like burning down a museum—is that really what people stand for? Like returning your first catch to the sea, would it not be a sign of respect to at least leave a fraction of the ancient coastal legacy, on which this modern province was undeniably built, to live on?

The defensiveness of in-the-moment confrontations is incredibly difficult to overcome. It is so challenging to be opposed, especially when you’re outnumbered, but I was very proud of our group of rally-goers for its peaceful actions. I wish I could have done a better job of speaking my mind to the man who maligned us, but it’s hard when there’s a group of angry eyes staring you down, ready to collectively tear you apart. I tried to stand up for us, but it was a waste of breath. Closed ears hear no words, and closed minds don’t learn anyway.

To the aggressive counter-protesters: you were in the wrong place at the wrong time, fighting an irrelevant fight and making yourselves look like a bunch of ignorant fools. We were not there to threaten your livelihoods or to make a mockery of what you do. We were there to put our energy into the movement to save a wonder of the natural world. To spew abusive language at young mothers for standing up for their beliefs and exercising their rights in front of their children is an embarrassment, not only to yourselves but to your profession and to the companies you work for.

But I thank you. Thank you for the inspiration, for the motivation to carry on, and for the practice of dealing with conflict and ignorance.

See you next time.

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Islanders,

On behalf of Sierra Quadra, I have hosted dozens of environmental issue tables at the Quadra Farmers' Market over the last two decades. We have drawn attention to such concerns as Site C, Open Net-Pen fish farms and the on-going deforestation of Coastal British Columbia.

With Covid on the wane, the Quadra Farmers' Market opened on Saturday, July 3rd, for the first time in 18 months and I was blessed to book the last available table.

In preparation, I printed pertinent information on old growth from various sources and had two form letters to Premier John Horgan and North Island MLA Michele Babchuck. But I thought I'd try something different.....there would be blank paper, pens and envelopes to

encourage and empower people to write their own personal letters to their government.

What is interesting, there were many young women visiting Quadra at the market. Standing beside my table, I merely invited people to come to the table and write a personal letter to John Horgan about saving old growth forests in BC. These young women took the clip boards, sat on the grass or crouched by the table and wrote their letters. We collected 50 hand written letters in four hours AND they threw a dollar into the donation jar to cover postage!

I am so enthused, empowered and inspired by these letters, that I would like to share another one with you to read next week.

Geraldine Kenny

The following sample is from a young UVIC student:



John Horgan ,

Stop supporting the industry that is destroying the last of our precious old growth. These trees stood witness centuries before white settlers set foot on this land. These trees are a national treasure, a part of our heritage. These great grandmothers are protectors of our bio-diversity and waterways. If money is what matters to you, then really, they are worth more standing.

Shame on you for continuing this violent onslaught on these peaceful

giants and the tiny protestors on the front lines of this fight.

You makes promises that you are not brave enough keep. This is a time for bravery and sacrifice. We have given enough to industry and capitalism.

Do the right thing, please. There is no time for delay. What you are allowing to happen makes you complacent to a crime. Be on the right side of history.....STAND WITH THE TREES.

Ashley, Victoria



GJRRR Day

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An Island of Trees

Trees are an integral part of our lives on Quadra. Perhaps, more than anything, we are an island of trees. They cover our mountains and valleys, fringe our lakes and ocean, and border our roadsides with their intricate grace and beauty. Of course, they get particular notice when branches or blowdowns cause power outages. But we don't clearcut our roadsides, we just reach a respectful truce by managing the threatening trees as best we can. But what we do elsewhere is another matter.

Clearcuts are happening with uncomfortable regularity on our little Island. One day's shady drive through a cozy tunnel of old tree friends becomes, a few days later, a numbing launch through the harsh glare of devastation. It also happens on our hikes when we walk out of a cool forest into a searing emptiness devoid of trees. Serene views of timeless hills and coastlines are degraded with the wounds of clearcuts. What is the crude intention that makes necessary this assault on nature's complex beauty? Isn't there an option that could at least leave the dignity of the forest intact so the essence of it could thrive and be enjoyed? What is the imperative that necessitates this decimation?

Ownership is one explanation. But if cutting down the trees that are "yours" causes the trees that are "mine" to blow down, then the single ownership of trees is not so clear. If cutting down a familiar roadside forest induces a gasp of shock and a lingering sadness in those who regularly pass by, then someone's assumed freedom to take what they want has induced a protracted disquietude in a host of others. This discomfort may be dismissed as the triviality of aesthetics, but it is also a sobering reminder of our assault on Earth's biosphere. The local is a microcosm of the global.

Those who walk, bicycle or drive past a clearcut are for decades denied the pleasure of the forest that once thrived there—and, given the slow time in which trees eventually form into forests, perhaps they must wait for the rest of their lives. Significantly, no one says, "Let's go for a walk in a clearcut." Why? For the same reason that no one goes to funerals for entertainment. Every stump is its own tombstone, an enduring marker on the land where a death occurred. A clearcut is a place of multiple deaths, the site of an apocalypse, the ruins of an intricate and complex ecology that has been sustaining us in ways that we are just beginning to understand and appreciate.

So a clearcut is a failure of our ingenuity, imagination and foresight. Instead of working with forests to nurture and enhance their value, diversity, utility and beauty, a clearcut is a declaration of war against trees, their intelligence and the biological civilization of which they are the key component. Indeed, our present logging practices are the symptom of an aberrant cultural thinking that has objectified, commodified and commercialized natural beings that are our everyday companions. Clearcuts are what we do to enemies, not to friends.

At a deeper level—hidden from our usual conscious awareness—clearcuts are a measure of our alienation from nature, a manifestation of an animosity to the wild and the untamed that reaches back to the mythological foundations of our culture. "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it..." The behaviour engendered by this directive rises from the unspoken recesses of our collective psychology to sanction environmental attitudes that are now proving to be suicidal.

This is why clearcuts are sobering. They are symbols of our inclination to oppose nature rather than to work cooperatively with it.

So we obliterate the complex living system that is there, and then we plant in controlled grids what we hope will be a sustainable replacement. The result is not a forest but a dense stand of trees that have been forced into the assembly line of depersonalized mass production. They are alive in name, but not in spirit, for they lack the vitality, diversity and character that made them sing with the energy of nature's wisdom. We cannot reconstruct forests because the complexity that grows from the inside of them cannot be imposed from the outside.

Forests, of course, are nature's way of sequestering and releasing carbon. But, if we must have wood, more benign ways are available for procuring it. Individual tree selection can maintain the integrity of the forest while procuring a resource that we need. Indeed, this is what trees themselves do on their way to becoming old growth forests. Weak or diseased trees die, and are slowly replaced by a succession of other species that preserve the biological diversity of the forest's ecology. The fungi, mosses, ferns, insects, birds and animals continue to thrive over these cycles of millennia. The forest continues to live even as it is dying.

If we must intercede in this process, we should do so respectfully by taking what we need while allowing the forest to sustain and be itself. This is not new thinking, it just needs the brave sensitivity to be practiced. Merv Wilkinson, for example, had been removing trees from his 56 ha of "Wildwood" near Nanaimo for his lifetime of logging, but still had an intact forest with more standing wood than when he started in the 1940s. The Menominee Nations of Wisconsin have been economically sustaining themselves by the careful removal of individual trees from their land since 1890, yet still have a proud forest of old trees to enjoy and appreciate.

We could do this on Quadra as part of our project to safeguard our surroundings, strengthen the resilience of our island community, and become a model that guides others toward a more respectful and caring relationship with their part of the world. Instead of suffering the psychological and environmental trauma of clearcuts and wrecked landscapes, we could be partners in nurturing trees on their long and complex journey to the enchantment of old growth forests.

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Campbell River

The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board's latest report indicates that "inventory is rising slightly, which opens up a few more opportunities for buyers, but it is still historically tight on Vancouver Island. Although active listings of single-family homes dropped by two per cent from May, condo apartment and row/townhouse inventory rose by 16 and 23 per cent, respectively. The British Columbia Real Estate Association (BCREA) forecasts that market conditions may begin to even out somewhat by the end of the year. However, it would take approximately 2,500 new listings in the VIREB area to create an actual balanced market if activity continues at this pace. More inventory is certainly good news for buyers, even if the increases are slight," says 2021 VIREB president Ian Mackay. "We're also relieved to see a few more conditional offers again, which means the frenzied fear-of-missing-out mentality is tempering a bit."

In Campbell River, the benchmark price of a single-family home hit \$627,600 in June, up by 29 per cent from the previous year.

This morning- July 05, as I write this article, I checked the MLS to see what's happening locally (as I do every single day). I'm noticing lately more and more price reductions on listings in our area. This could be an indication of the market finding its new normal. The price decreases are minor however and are usually used to refresh the listings and get more buyers' attention.

Metro Vancouver

According to the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver monthly report for June,

Metro Vancouver's housing market sets a steady, calmer pace to begin the summer season.

"Metro Vancouver's housing market continues to experience strong seller's market conditions, although the intensity of demand has eased from what we saw throughout most of the spring," Keith Stewart, REBGV economist said. "The past two months have shown a market that's shifting toward more historically typical conditions." This is making multiple offers less common, allowing subjects to be seen on offers more frequently again, and is making new price records less likely."

Sales of detached homes in June 2021 reached 1,262, a 45.7 per cent increase from the 866 detached sales recorded in June 2020. The benchmark price for detached properties is \$1,801,100. This represents a 22 per cent increase from June 2020 and is virtually unchanged from May 2021.

Calgary

Calgary's housing market is showing few signs of letting up, as sales reached 2,915 units in June – a record high for the month. "It is taking time for supply to catch up with the demand in the market," said CREB® chief economist Ann-Marie Lurie.

"Through the early spring market, many buyers did not have a lot of choice, but the recent improvements in supply are providing more options for those purchasers and supporting the strong sales we continue to see in June. At the same time, gains in inventory are taking some pressure off the market as it starts to trend towards more balanced conditions."

The unadjusted detached benchmark price totalled \$537,200 in June, nearly one per cent higher than last month and 13 per cent higher than last year's levels.

Toronto

The Toronto Regional Real Estate Board hasn't posted their monthly report yet for some reason so I can't provide you with accurate information but from what I'm reading and talking to agents in the region the same trend is happening there as well. In fact, the market slowdown has started in Toronto 3 months ago and it's been gradually showing the same across the country.

Why is the market cooling? In my opinion, it is most likely the fact that the economy and travelling is opening up again and a lot of people don't want to spend time and money on moving. A lot of people will choose to enjoy a trip to places like Quadra Island and Cortes Island to enjoy the tranquil nature and... no traffic (except the ferry traffic). I feel blessed and fortunate to live here during these difficult times. It has given me a renewed perspective on life and the appreciation for the little things in life. I appreciate all the tourists that are coming to visit our "rock" and support our small businesses. It is truly helping our community and I'm sure I'm not the only one thinking that. If you are a visitor here to our beautiful Quadra Island- Thank you! We appreciate YOU.

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