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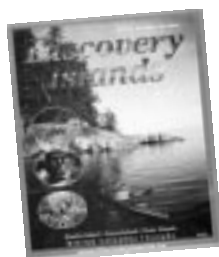
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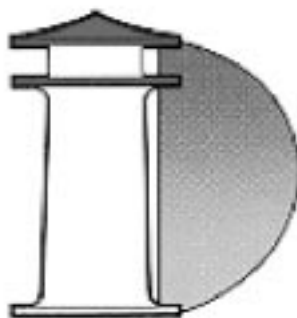
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# Island Calendar

## •Every Thursday

-Jam with Moe  
8p.m.

Quadra Legion

## •1st Friday of every month

-Yak Shak Coffee House, 7:30-10pm

## •Every Saturday

-Farmer's Market  
10 a.m. - 2p.m.

Behind Credit Union

## July 20, Friday

-Catholic Mass  
5 p.m.

QI United Church

## July 21, Saturday

-Tour U'mista Centre

Port McNeill

## July 24 - 27

-Capturing yourself – an introduction to multimedia. Public Art Gallery kids classes  
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Campbell River

## July 28, Saturday

-Ken Hamm  
7:30 p.m.

Yak Shack

## July 31, Tuesday

-Free Internet Training

Quadra Is Library

## August 4, Saturday

-Blue Monks Jazz Trio  
6 pm

TsaKwaLuten Lodge

## August 9, Thursday

-Starr Bros. Circus perform 6 and 8 p.m.

Campbell River

## August 21, Tuesday

-Free Internet Training

Quadra Is Library

## August 25, Saturday

-CCAP Opening Celebration  
1:00 p.m

QI Community Centre

## September 1, Saturday

-Blue Monks Jazz Trio  
6 pm

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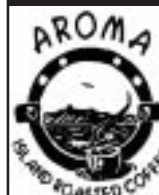
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Our Market is held rain or shine from the beginning of May to the end of September every Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union. Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Set up charge is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians are very welcome. This is our village green! Please have dogs on leashes. Note that the Credit Union parking lot is for Credit Union customers only! Market parking space is on Green Rd. Come and join us to make the Market the best it can be.

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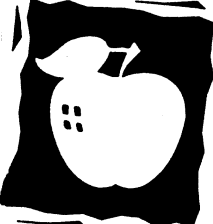
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## Health Society Survey Results

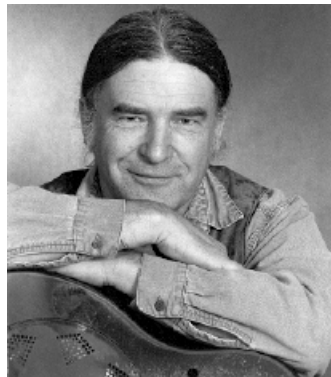
The newly formed Discovery Islands Health Society (DIHS) recently ran a health needs assessment survey on Quadra, Read and Maurelle Islands. To date we have had an excellent response, with 261 answered questionnaires returned-247 from Quadra and 14 from Read and Maurelle. A big thank you is in order to all who took the time to participate in the survey. Judging by peoples comments, health care and health care delivery are issues of great concern to many islanders.

Although we continue to receive answered questionnaires, we have begun to tabulate the responses. Out of 261 respondents thus far, 185 felt a facility offering round the clock medical care to the chronically and terminally ill is needed locally. Seventy one islanders felt that they themselves or a family member will require residential care within the next ten years. The majority of islanders with family members in an off-island facility would prefer to have that level of care available here on Quadra.

Based on these survey results, the Discovery Islands Health Society will explore possibilities for the construction of an island facility offering long term residential and hospice care.

Our group gladly welcomes new members. For information about our next meeting, or if you have further comments regarding the survey, please contact Krista Brown at 285-3030.

## Ken Hamm at Yak Shack



Ken Hamm, the award winning acoustic blues guitarist, folksinger and songwriter has a brand new CD.

Ken Hamm will be at the Yak Shack, Heriot Bay, on Quadra Island on July 28 and 29 to present a concert and to give a guitar workshop.

The concert is on Saturday evening at 7:30 pm and will feature Ken Hamm playing many songs from his new CD "Cross the River". The CD includes exciting instrumentals and interesting folksongs as well as some familiar blues tunes. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Yak Shack.

The two hour guitar workshop will be on Sunday at 1:00 pm. Participants must pre-register at the Yak Shack (call 285-3627). This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about fingerpicking and slide guitar basics from a man who was nominated for 3 years running as best acoustic blues guitarist by Guitar Player magazine.

## Jam With Moe

Thursday nights at the Legion, Heriot Bay, 8 pm. Members and guests welcome, admission free. For more information call 285-3121

## Quadra Quilters Guild

The Quadra Quilters Guild held their last meeting of the season on Tuesday June 11th at the Community Centre.

A busy business meeting took place finalizing the plans for the highly successful 'Quilts in the Garden' show.

This was followed by a display of wonderful quilts made by our members and visiting Campbell River quilters.

We shall be busy over the summer making cuddle quilts for young cancer patients at Ronald McDonald House in Vancouver.

We all enjoyed a delicious pot-luck lunch seated at tables decorated by pastel cloths and floral arrangements.

A skit was performed about the 'poor spouses' trials' with quilting wives.

Plans are well under way for our Fall season which starts Tuesday September 11th at 9:30 am at Quadra Community Centre. New members welcome any time.

## Do You Have an Announcement or Advertisement for Publication?

**The Next Deadline For Advertising & Editorial**  
**7pm Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

*Only Items Received Before The Deadline Can be guaranteed space in the upcoming issue.*

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Starting May 7th - At Our New Office in the Upper Realm  
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## Calling all local writers. Write small. Win big.

The Quadra Island Arts Alliance invites submissions for their Second Annual Postcard Story Writing Contest from anyone living in the Discovery Islands. First prize is \$100. Second prize \$75 and third prize is \$25. As well, winning submissions will be automatically entered in the National Postcard Story competition sponsored by The Writer's Union of Canada with a top prize of \$500. A postcard story is any previously unpublished piece of writing, in any genre, that is 250 words or less. Not 251 words. Not 252. It must be 250 words or less, not including a short title.

Typewritten preferred but legible handwriting accepted. No faxes or e-mail. A maximum of two submissions are allowed for each contestant.

Do not put your name or other personal data on your story. Your name, phone number and title of the piece should be on a separate piece of paper and included with your entry.

The contest closes August 18, 2001 and the winners will be notified September 3.

Entries may be dropped off at Hummingbird Art & Office Supplies on Quadra or mailed to: Postcard Contest, Box 48 Heriot Bay, V0P 1H0.

For further information call Joy Inglis at 285-3193 or Chris Thompson at 285-3695.

## Free Internet Training

Vancouver Island Regional Library is once again offering free basic training for the public. The introductory sessions for people of all ages cover use of the library Internet computers, the Netscape web browser, the Vancouver island regional Library web site, search tools, and web based e-mail.

The Quadra Island branch has individual one-hour sessions available on the following Tuesdays: July 31, and August 21. To book appointments, visit the Library at 712 Cramer Rd or phone 285-2216.

Youth@BC is a province wide program made possible through funding from the provincial Youth Options BC office and Industry Canada. Campbell River Area is delighted to welcome back Sarah to their staff for a third summer as a youth trainer. Sarah will also be offering public training sessions at Sayward and Campbell River Branches during July and August.

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This support will help us to continue our work with physically and mentally challenged individuals who benefit tremendously from their interaction with horses. Our programs involve children and adults in the experience of horseback riding which boosts their senses of adventure, freedom, dignity, and excitement along with providing a physical workout. The Society also offers group sessions to Youth at Risk and to abused women with our Natural Horsemanship classes.

We thank the Vancouver Foundation for their donation. As Canada's largest community foundation, they administer over 690 endowment funds across B.C. The North Island Therapeutic Riding Society is grateful to be one of the organizations to reap the benefits of part of the Vancouver Foundation's allocation this year.

## Spit Swim Thanks

We would like to thank the many businesses on Quadra Island who made generous donations to the Ambulance. These include Walcan, Discovery Forestry, Lovin Oven, Yak Shak, Doug Peters Excavating, Skookum Ventures, Diamond Bay Marine Services, Hope Spring Medical Clinic, Joni Diamond Massage, Quadra Island Dental, Frontier Autobody, Nole Creek Sawmills, Seascope, Quadra Taxi, RTL Painting, Quadra Landscaping, Beard Construction, Discovery Island Realty, All Clear Septic, Island Treasures, Seamar Industries, Heriot Bay Inn, and John Toelle.

We'd also like to acknowledge those businesses who provided food and prizes to make the event a big success. Thanks to Whiskey Point Lodge, Hands on Health, Village Hair, Marlena's Salon, Heriot Bay Store, Quadra Foods, Aroma, Cornerstone Concrete, Quadra Island Builders, The Landing Pub and Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge.

There were also many generous individuals whose contributions were much appreciated. Special mention goes to Marine Harvest who donated and cooked up salmon for a hundred people and also provided the use of their water taxi on the day of the event. Also Sharon Brereton and the Ladies Auxillary did a tremendous job of organizing the luncheon. Last but not least we commend all those shivering swimmers, their guardian boats and the great supportive crowd who cheered on the beach.

Barry Davis and Angela Burns

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All ages are welcome but these classes will be a blast for adults...swing dance, introduction to sign language, country two step. Find a partner and join in on some fun. Also, planned are some day trips. We will be going to the Comox Wave Pool for the whole day and cost is only \$12.00. As well, we will be going to Works in Progress in CR so we can paint our own ceramic piece. The time will be fun and the costs are low! Please pre-register

at the Community Centre or call 285-3243 for more information.

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## Doug Folkins 2nd CD Released

A grassroots hit on both the east and west coasts, up and coming songwriter and musician, Doug Folkins is about to release his 2nd CD "Signs Along the Way".

When he's not growing healthy forests as a forester in BC, this Canadian artist is busy performing and promoting his brand of folk/rock music and has been compared to musical greats like Blue Rodeo. Known for his melodic, memorable and descriptive lyrics, Doug's songs are based on real-life experiences, which appeal to a diverse audience.

Following on the success of Doug's first CD "Black and Brown", Doug will release his much anticipated 2nd CD entitled "Signs Along the Way" in August 2001. Recorded again with Hugh Schmid in Campbell River, BC Doug's 2nd release is sure to please listeners with its strong melodies, descriptive lyrics and accomplished musical skills.

The public is invited to celebrate with Doug and his band at the CD release party scheduled for August 2nd at the Side Door in the Haida Inn, Campbell River. Show begins at 7:30 pm with an opening performance by Holly Silzer. CDs will be available at the show.

CDs are also available for \$15 each at the Campbell River Musicians Trading Post, The Music Plant in Campbell River, Sound Advice in Courtenay, Shoprite Countrywide in Port Hardy and the Sundown Market in Port McNeill.

## Explore Read Island

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Misty Isles cruises to isolated Read Island as the Museum at Campbell River embarks on another new summer trip with T'ai Li Charters. Aboard will be local historian, Jeanette Taylor to share a wealth of stories from the island's lively past, while naturalist, Michael Moore points out marine and land specimens during the tour.

Located on the east side of Quadra Island, and without ferry service even today, lonely Read Island attracted a number of settlers as early as 1883, and many of them were notorious! Some prospective pioneers lost interest when they learned of difficulties, such as rowing long distances for supplies, but others were content to suffer much hardship simply for the compensation of being surrounded by spectacularly beautiful scenery. Today there are few opportunities for most people to actually visit the area.

The home of many of Jeanette Taylor's favorite personalities, Read Island boasted people like "By-God Stafford", who swore he raised his pigs on whale's milk, and later rescued them from a lantern-carrying bear. Edgar Wilmot Wylie, a sheriff from North Dakota opened a hotel and saloon in the 1880's. "Wylie's Hotel" in Burdwood



Bay generated "strange stories of men who disappeared." (Log of the Columbia Coast Mission, 1943). Whatever Wylie's past may have been, his life on Read Island was dogged by scandal, culminating in a murder trial that is now the subject of legend and song.

The day trip departs from the Heriot Bay dock on Quadra Island, making several

interesting and scenic stops en route, including the historic Surge Narrows Store, complete with old-fashioned counters and bins.

Join this unique tour by pre-registering early at the Museum at Campbell River.

For more information, call 287-3103. The cost is \$110.00 adults.

## Starr Bros.Circus

Coming soon!!! North America's premier new millennium 3 ring big top circus is coming to Campbell River. The Knights of Columbus Council no. 5468 Present for one day only Starr Bros. Circus Thur., Aug. 9 two performances at 6 & 8 pm.

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A four-day multi-event concert and holiday package, Mountain Music Fest caters to virtually every musical taste, beginning at 2 PM Thursday, August 16th with The Cool Blue Stage, featuring Jazz and Blues artists such as recording artists The Jason Buie Band, the critically acclaimed David Go Go & The Junkyard Angels and blues legend Long John Baldry, who has worked with greats Eric Clapton, Rod Stewart and Elton John in the early days of the British Blues Explosion. Jazz aficionados will surely groove to the smooth sounds of opening act The Damian Graham Trio, featuring the drummer for up and coming jazz star Michael Kaeshammer.

Day Two.... After a scenic chairlift ride or a vigorous game of Disc Golf, we continue with Alt Country and traditional Country as we kick up a storm on The Budweiser Rawhide Stage the afternoon and evening of Friday, August 17th. With a ton of radio airplay tucked into her saddlebags, Leslie Alexander displays her multi-talented sides as she opens the roundup with a short preview set that will make you laugh, cry and tap your toes...perhaps at the same time! The hayride rolls on with a Zydeco/Swamp feel as Bijoux du Bayou takes you on an up-beat musical journey through the swamps and honkey tonks of Louisiana. Following a short intermission, Leslie Alexander returns to The Budweiser Rawhide Stage with her band, The Hardcore Troubadours as they perform a rockin' country set. Country fans will not want to miss CCMA Independent Male Artist of 1997.....headliner Sean Hogan! His second album "Hijacked" has just won the Best Country Album accolade at the West Coast Music Awards this past May. Sean will have his 5 piece rockin' band behind him as they deliver a heartfelt, hip shakin' energized performance based around Hogan's many hits that have received lots of radio airplay and video exposure on Country Music Television.

Day 3....Après' trail riding with the mountain bikes, make tracks to The Kokanee Rock Summit Stage that features cutting edge Modern R+B, Alt Rock and memory stirring Classic Rock throughout the afternoon and evening of Saturday, August 18th. Parksville sensation Kylee

appears with her band, opening the afternoon with her blend of dance and R+B. Her tracks have been featured on local station The Eagle and as well as Z 95 in Vancouver. Kylee's latest CD is slated for release this fall, produced by Paul Laine. "Cement Heads" get their fill of popular group Ten Minute Cement as they christen the stage with their edgy original tunes. The afternoon climbs on with Strange Behaviour, a powerhouse funk/rock band featuring strong female vocals with classic and current cover tunes. "And The Sun Was Shining"....more than a quarter century has passed since Ra McGuire first uttered those chart shattering lyrics...and The Legendary Trooper continues to prove they are "Here For A Good Time"! Canada's quintessential party band rocks The Kokanee Rock Summit Stage with a blistering 90-minute set that features many of the huge hits that we have all sang along with. Just when you thought it was over...100.3 The Q! Rocktoria II winners Playground Hero close the show with original tunes from an up-coming CD.

After a great night's sleep...perhaps under the stars in one of the resorts full-service RV sites or in one of the luxurious rooms in Deer Lodge condo complex... Mountain Music Fest wraps up on Day 4 with The Labatt Genuine Draft Alpine Area Stage featuring World Beat and Reggae artists from across the country and the Pacific. The afternoon commences with Australian artist Xavier And The Hum. His foot stompin', guitar pickin' style will amaze you with songs, stories and his lung capacity when he plays his variety of Australian Aboriginal Didgeridoos. Following Xavier is a group that is gaining an impressive following in their hometown of Victoria. Recording Artists Gone Clear break out the funk, reggae and good times as they take you all the way to Key Largo, mon! Finally, international star Fredlocks Asher will have you believe that the late great Bob Marley has brought you on a "Dreadlock Holiday" that continues into a warm summer evening in an alpine paradise.

Sponsors of Mountain Music Fest include Kokanee and 100.3 The Q!, The Island's Rock.

Tickets to Mountain Music Fest are only \$10 per day advance, or \$12 at the gate. Save money and buy the Fest Package for the low price of \$35, taxes included! Call or e-mail the resort for special camping, RV and hotel accommodation packages as well!

Set times and artists are subject to change as required.

# Tour Nootka Sound



Following up on last winter's Nootka Sound exhibit and lectures, the Museum at Campbell River provides a unique chance to visit that special place. On Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, the Museum's group boards the M.V. Uchuck III for this year's first trip to Friendly Cove (Yuquot).

This trip differs from the regular Nootka Sound service in that the Museum's own historical interpreter, Chuck Syme, will be with the group to provide pertinent information about sites en route. Chuck describes himself as a "Coaster" with a lifelong love of history and a particular knowledge of the Gold River area.

Yuquot, or Friendly Cove, is the site of first contact between Europeans and the First Nations people of B.C. At the village site, you will be greeted by Margarita James, representing the Mowachaht/Muchalaht people. Welcoming you to the ancestral territory, she will then provide insight into her traditions during an informative talk in the little church on Nootka Island, with its historic Spanish stained glass windows. Replicas of characteristic Nuuchah-nulth interior houseposts now reside in this building and the sight of these posts alone is worth the trip to Nootka Sound.

The trip takes you through some of the spectacular scenery of Muchalat Inlet, past Mooyah Bay and Bligh Island into Nootka Sound. The Uchuck is a working freighter, so it may stop briefly at logging and fishing camps along the way to deliver freight. As well as an extensive selection of seabirds and eagles, one may occasionally see whales in the inlet.

The stop is about three hours, so this should allow some free time to walk on the wild outer side of the island and feel the breeze from Japan!

The guided tour leaves the Gold River dock at 10:00 a.m. and returns to Gold River at supper-time. The cost is \$90.00 for the day. Please pre-register early to avoid disappointment. For more information, call 287-3103

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# Island Forum

## A Big Thank You

from the "Walcan Warriors"

Quadra Island Boy's Squirt Baseball Team



The "Walcan Warriors" Boy's Squirt Baseball Team won a booth in the BC Provincials, July 6.7 & 8<sup>th</sup> in Prince George. They went on to win two games out of four; one game turned out to be the best of the season, a 3 to 2 win over Cloverdale. The parents of the team started fundraising the weekend of the Campbell River District Play-downs, June 23 & 24<sup>th</sup> with a concession at the Quadra Island Memorial Slowpitch Tournament.

The generosity of the Quadra Island and Campbell River businesses overwhelmed everyone. We were able to partially fund the trip to Prince George thanks to the support of many. The Team, Coach Brenda Binnersley and Team Parents would like to thank the following community-spirited businesses:

### Walcan Seafood Ltd.

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Quadra Island People's Drug Mart  
Heriot Bay Store, Mel Doak, Explore Gallery,  
Aroma Coffee, Lovin' Oven, Stephen Assu,  
Discovery Islands Realty, IGA, Isle Tech  
Auto Service, Overwaitea, Melary Towing,  
Superstore, Pier Street Convenience Store.

## Dear Editor,

Maybe the Island Co-Gen polluters are right! Maybe what we need in this over-populated world is a return to those idyllic days of the Industrial Revolution, when the average life expectancy of human beings was 35 years. Because, if you believe Ray Grigg's quote in the last Islander, (and why should you not, since the research comes from no less than the hallowed columns of the New England Journal of Medicine), the air pollution in this region is due for a radical increase, which logically will be followed by the demise of the weaker members of the community.

If you don't think this is such a swell idea, why not get busy and write some letters?

Premier Gordon Campbell,

PO Box 9041, Stn. Provincial Gov't,  
Victoria, BC, V8W9E2

Hon. Joyce Murray, Minister of Water,  
Land and Air Protection,

PO Box 9047, Stn. Provincial Gov't,  
Victoria, BC, V8W9E2

Chuck Easton,

Elk Falls Environmental Coordinator

Norske Skog Canada

4405 North Island Hwy, PO Box 2000  
Campbell River, BC, V9W5C9

Norske Skog claims the Island Co-Gen Project is a separate company from its pulp and paper mills, but, gee, folks, they use the same stationary and they have the same apologist, Mr Easton. And, by the way, upgrading the pollution controls on the pulp mill will not save us from the pollution caused by burning coal for the Co-Gen.

Marna Disbrow

## North Island Woodlot Assoc. Seeks Help

The North Island Woodlot Association is hosting the Federation of BC Woodlots Association AGM, Conference and Trade Show October 12-14, 2001. Due to the unique location of this year's event, it is anticipated that individual registrants will make this a family vacation.

In lieu of this, we are offering a Kids Camp on Quadra Island with the theme "Kids Like Forests Too!" This program is offered to children age 6 to 12 from 9 a.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Children will catch the 9:30 a.m. ferry from Campbell River and return on the 4:00 p.m. ferry back from Quadra Island. There will be a bus available for the transportation needed to host the various events on Quadra Island. Snacks and a bag lunch will be provided for all participants.

To facilitate this program we require an individual skilled in developing children's programs as well as act as leader of this event. To assist this person we will provide volunteers according to enrolment. The contract will include 10-hours of prep and program development working with our AGM Co-ordinator (some date in August), and the 2 full days of the event, and some follow-up time.

The applicant must have current First Aid and CPR certificate, proof of a clear criminal record check, an outgoing and creative personality and adequate references in this field. We are offering a \$500 contract price for this position and require applications by July 30, 2001.

Please contact me as soon as possible for further information or submit your application by mail or email.

Sincerely,

Jill Brocklehurst

AGM Co-ordinator

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**Next deadline 7pm Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup> 2001**

# So What is the Basic Story Behind Taxes?

As Regional Director, Jim Abram's rant against my "Tax Rage" premise is a revealing insight into his lack of character and credibility as a politician. His ranting digression from the topic of taxation into an embittered abusive personal denunciation requires response. I do sincerely regret having to respond in kind.

Notwithstanding, Abram's rant reveals a defensively "guilty" political style of diversion and cover up in attempting to shed his direct accountability for the Regional District's tax grab. As a once wannabe NDP candidate for Glenn Clark's economically disastrous government, he has adopted the Clark's political style of issuing disparaging comments to discredit a critic. Abram's **BS** (his **Belief System**, **Basic Story** or whichever term the reader may wish to choose as apt) used in his rant serves to detract readers from the truth. Rather than responding to the taxation matters, Abram attempted an assassination of the messenger.

Abram's political bullying aside, lets review the Vancouver Island Regional Library issue, where over the last six years, though the auspices of the Regional District, Quadra Island's (Area J) tax load has increased by **40.18%**. Abram's excuse was that "The provincial contribution continues to go down necessitating the local gov'ts to pick up the slack..." Consider the percentage increases over the last six years:

VIRL Revenue total budget	<b>30.92%</b>
provided by	
Municipal taxation	<b>30.99%</b>
allocated to	
Comox Strathcona District	<b>33.65%</b>
who billed	
Quadra Islands taxpayers	<b>40.18%</b>

The provincial government's increase in contribution in the same time frame was **5.50%**, **up**, albeit not paced with spending, and not **down**. But when it comes to Quadra Island's taxpayers, being apathetic, we're at the end of the line of being stiffed with higher taxes.

Geezz Jim, only **40.18%**. Thanks for all your long hours on behalf of your constituents "keeping the tax requisition to the bare minimum".

Further, Abram alleges that my "comment .. was incredibly misinformed" but as everyone knows, **up** is the exact opposite of **down**. But then hey .... maybe Abram doesn't know the difference. Anyway, even to a two-year-old child, Abram's allegations are categorically untrue, and even a lie if Abram knew

what he wrote to be untrue, but that's another issue.

It could be that Abram finds facts and finance so confusing and contradictory to his **BS**, (**Belief System**, or whatever) so he simply doesn't comprehend. Regardless, Abram shows himself to be at the very best, "incredibly misinformed" and consequently, he is without credibility. Unquestionably, he's a charlatan.

Abram's rant also alleged that I neglected to "tell you that the federal and provincial transfers to local gov't have gone from little to nothing over the past few years." Yeah, true, ... so what?

Hmmm .... still an interesting comment though, more to do with Abram's lunatic left wing **BS**, **Belief System**, **Basic Story** (or whatever) and his adherence to the Glenn Clark political style by fudging the truth even when it is the truth!

The truth is that several years ago, the Regional District used to receive an unconditional provincial grant towards administration costs. Of the total budget, it was an amount that had to be measured in terms of basis points, being less than one half of 1%. Informed sources tell me that this contribution was the only one that would have alleviated the district's taxes to Quadra taxpayers. But it's loss doesn't even measure compared to the Regional District's **General Government Services 63.43%** six year tax increase to local taxpayers, (as included in the District's overall increase of **38.18%**.) Abram then tells you "If the Fed's and the Prov. won't pay the bills guess who gets stuck with it ... your friendly, open and transparent local gov't, that's who!"

Geezzz .... Gimme a break! Abram admitted that it was "little to nothing" in the first place. Abram's double-speak is nothing but pure and unadulterated self-serving political chicanery.

He also reported "I spend very little of your money." I didn't offer any comment on his expenses, but his comment seems to contradict what the Regional District Board reported publicly some time ago. Perhaps this issue warrants further questioning with respect to the **63.43% increase in General Government Services local taxes**. There may be more to his comment than readily apparent.

Abram also was miffed: "that the author of that letter has NEVER called me to ask why things are as they are with the taxation." Hey ... when I want to research taxes, I want factual objective data, not any Abram **BS**, **Basic Story**, or

whatever prevarication is in vogue with Abram at the time.

Abram's rant further alleged that I am "the same person that was a regular critic of what he perceived to be wanton waste of the Fire Dept." He wrote this without having any basis in truth, substantiation, collaboration, or justifiable cause whatsoever. I can only respond by saying that Abram is a political demagogue.

Any public meeting called in mid-summer by Abram to address taxation will only serve Abram's political career, not taxpayers who pay his bills. Also, a mid-summer meeting on short notice might prelude many who are interested from attending. Further, any meeting without the District's auditors being present with detailed audit working papers on expenditures and who can answer freely will be an Abram whitewash.

Nevertheless, I urge readers to go to his meeting, and call him to account. In any event, directly or indirectly, you'll be paying the bill through taxes for the District staff and his attendance at the meeting.

I can provide a schedule of local tax increases for your information if anyone so desires.

Good luck!

Ted Conover.

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## Dear Editor

It is unfortunate that Mr Roger Michel has recently been the target of harrassment by some unmentioned members of this community. I have, under such difficult circumstances, involved the local detachment of the RCMP and have made available in co-ordination with Telus, a call tracing capability for use in the event of a reoccurrence.

It is our hope that Mr Michel may enjoy a comfortable, safe retirement and I will continue to assist in that goal. Otherwise be assured that Mr Michel is enjoying the summer in his new home and is working towards his continuing intentions of assisting those in need of friendship and compassion.

Thank you to those that have inquired.

Milton Grace

# Lot 208 Exchange Saved More Than 2<sup>nd</sup> Growth on Denman Island

The Quadra Discovery Islander recently published a letter from Sarah McKnight of Denman Island that contained numerous inaccuracies and errors of fact concerning the land exchange involving the Lindsay-Dickson Forest on Denman and Lot 208 on Quadra. It is not our intention to defend this exchange agreement, which was brokered by the provincial government, but it is important that the facts of the case not be distorted as they were in Ms. McKnight's letter.

Her pivotal error was a failure to comprehend the significance of the Lindsay Dickson Forest which her letter described as "second growth balsam, small fir, and some cedar that is riddled with powder worms," and "some old damaged trees... probably found to be culls." The letter concluded that this is not an old growth forest, that it is "NOT a particularly rare ecosystem" and that "to call it so is ludicrous."

The facts do not support this position. In 1992 the B.C. Conservation Data Centre - whose business it is to analyze such sites - conducted a detailed examination of the Lindsay-Dickson property, concluding that a portion of it "qualifies as old-growth forest with no sign of logging. In addition, much of the rest of the property contains good to excellent examples of mature forest from three forested site associations." The report listed several major plant communities present on the site that were ranked as highest priority for conservation because there are very few known occurrences, the range for these communities is very small "and what little remains is continuing in a rapid decline with ongoing threats of severe alteration or destruction."

B.C. Parks echoed these findings in its 1993 study "Towards An Ecological Reserves System Plan, Coastal Douglas-Fir Biogeoclimatic Zone." Ten top priority candidate areas were identified throughout the zone, chosen for their potential to satisfy forest ecosystem representation. The Lindsay-Dickson Forest was one of these ten sites. The Plan gave the following description: "The most alluring attributes of the property is that there are site associations present that have been identified as currently missing from our existing system. This property should receive a high priority as it contains a variety of 'reasons' to designate an ecological reserve."

Expert information about the biological values of this property led to support for its preservation from prestigious organizations such as the Nature Conservancy of Canada, the Nature Trust of B.C., and the Land Conservancy of B.C. along with numerous regional organizations including Arrowsmith Naturalists, Comox Valley Natural History Society, the IWA, Comox Valley Environmental Council and many others. The letter to the Discovery Islander was totally off the mark in stating that Lot 208 "is of much greater significance" than Lindsay-Dickson.

The letter made numerous miscalculations about monetary values as well. The monetary values of the Lindsay-Dickson forest were established through extensive appraisals carried out by working professionals using industry standards that included timber cruises and real estate considerations. Ms. McKnight's amateur speculations about the values of both properties were further confounded by her including in the transaction the value of a 10 acre parcel and home that were not part of the exchange agreement.

After a decade of hard work trying to secure the Lindsay-Dickson Forest as an ecological reserve, Denman Conservancy was dismayed to learn that the lands selected by the Province for an exchange were on Quadra Island. We did not wish to be part of any scheme that would see the preservation of Lindsay-Dickson at the expense of another property that would otherwise be preserved. With that in mind we did the following:

First we endeavoured to make sure that Quadra Islanders knew about the proposed exchange through a number of phone calls to Quadra Islanders. We then attempted to find out what we could about the Quadra parcel -the local history, interest and concerns and whether there was ongoing work to acquire the land- in order to establish whether we could support the exchange or would have to pull out. A feverish three weeks ensued during which we had extensive discussion with the Quadra Island Conservancy and Stewardship Society, the Quadra Island branch of the Sierra Club, the Schellincks and the Provincial Government.

We learned that while this parcel had not been included as part of Quadra Island's Protected Area Network there has been salmon enhancement work done on it and there was strong interest in the property,

including an unsuccessful attempt to purchase it a few years ago. The Quadra Islanders that we talked to were angry that the Government had not consulted the community about the exchange and they feared that the lands were going to be clear cut. We were informed that Quadra Islanders saw sensitive and reasonable development of the land as the best use of the property, given that attempts at purchasing it had proved unsuccessful and been abandoned.

In concert with Quadra Islanders, we communicated our concerns to the Province, including our MLA, the Crown Lands Branch that managed the exchange and the then Minister of the Environment, Ian Waddell. Dozens of phone calls, letters and e-mails were exchanged. We attempted to persuade the Crown to include protective provisions for the Quadra property in the Land exchange agreement but they were unable to do so.

Instead and in part as a result of our efforts, a meeting was held between the Schellincks and Quadra representatives at which intentions and concerns were aired; assurances were provided by the Schellincks that they do not intend to clear cut the property, but rather to work with the community on a development plan. Finally, Denman Conservancy reps attended a meeting (and a visit to the Quadra lands) with board members of both the Quadra Conservancy and the Sierra Club at which it was concluded that the land exchange should not be opposed, because if it was abandoned, in all likelihood both the Denman and Quadra properties would be condemned to the bite of the chain saw.

Nobody on Denman Island takes any delight in how this exchange was arranged. We understand the sense of outrage Quadra Islanders must feel. And we appreciate the level-headedness of the Quadra Islanders with whom we met. However a bad situation is only made worse by the irresponsible dissemination of mistruths and half-truths such as those found in Ms. McKnight's poorly researched and ill-considered letter.

Juan Barker and Des Kennedy  
Denman Conservancy Association  
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# Money Matter\$

## The Rules Remain the Same

by Steven Halliday

A new term came into vogue over the last few years, describing the economy of today as the "New Economy", one which is not subject to the standard rules and measures as applied for the last ¾ century or so. This new economy is supposedly made possible by the improvements in productivity afforded businesses by increased computerization, better inventory and production management using a "just in time" parts process, and better and faster information delivery leading to improved management decision making.

As a result of this supposed watershed change in the way business works, the rules of investing were also changed to reflect this new environment. In fact, the rules of investing were considered outdated and irrelevant. Standard measures such as earnings per share, price-earnings ratio, book value and so on were no longer meaningful in the new economy. An entire generation of new investors poured into the market with little or no knowledge of what they were doing, what they were buying, or what risks they were taking.

Unfortunately, for many the lesson that there really is no new economy came at a very expensive price. The cumulative global loss on stocks since April of 2000 has been estimated at \$11 Trillion dollars (yes, that's \$11,000,000,000,000!)

Was the entire concept of a new economy totally false? For the most part, yes it was. We have, however, achieved a higher level of productivity in the last few years, courtesy of the widespread use of the personal computer, availability of the

Internet, and the use of email. Various publications have extensively examined the offices and factory floors and found they had indeed improved productivity as measured by a variety of standards. My own conclusion was a result of some research, but was impacted more by personal experience.

The use of word processing, spreadsheets and email have had a tremendous impact on my profession, increasing speed, accuracy and flexibility by leaps and bounds. One example – the preparation of monthly financial statements, a chore which took me up to 3 days to prepare in 1988, was cut to 1 day by the use of a spreadsheet.

Budgeting, a process that could consume weeks of time and miles of calculator tape, is now a relatively easy task, although the forecasting aspect has gotten no easier.

And communications? The use of email has made a tremendous improvement in office communications, with the side benefit of reducing paper use. I now email employees and business associates rather than using a memo or a letter, and have found it much more efficient.

And the Internet? Well, I'm not convinced that it could be considered a component of higher productivity, but it certainly makes accessing information a lot faster and more efficient. But then again, the Internet has allowed people to do a lot of things from home, such as banking and some shopping, so I suppose that could be seen as an increase in productivity from the standpoint of the consumer.

So it appears that there has indeed been some improvement in productivity, but by no means has it resulted in a "new economy". There is undoubtedly an improvement in business efficiency, but not an earthshaking revolution in the way we work. The fundamentals of business, such as generating sales, servicing your clients, watching costs and motivating employees, all of these remain as important as before.

No matter how productive or efficient your business, ignoring the fundamentals holds the same result as in the past – ultimate failure. The icons of the new economy, the so called "dot-coms", have learned this lesson. But only after burning through billions upon billions of dollars of investment capital, much of it supplied by the average Joe and Jane through their mutual funds.

It has become readily apparent to a large segment of the investing public that the market can be a dangerous place. It is highly unlikely that they will be fooled by high priced talent such as William Shatner touting *Priceline.com* (now borderline bankrupt), or lulled by the allure of Dr. Everett C. Koop's support of *drkoop.com* (now on life support). In fact, even "safe" investments in new economy stalwarts such as Intel, Nortel or IBM are becoming much more risky as the last gasp of the late 1990's euphoria dissipates.

No, there never was a new economy – it's the same old economy, a little faster and more efficient to be sure, with the same rules as before. Ignore them at your peril.

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# Island Report

## Spit to Spit Swim a Success

by Tanya Storr

**T**he water was cold but spirits were high during the first ever Great Shark Spit to Rebecca Spit Swim held on July 14. A total of 23 swimmers took part in the event, braving 13-degree C water to raise money for the Quadra Ambulance Service and Campbell River Hospital Foundation.

Both individual swimmers and relay teams entered the 10 km Spit to Spit Swim. Due to the tide pushing them south of the finish point, many swimmers ended up covering approximately 11 km as they worked their way back north.

On the way over to Shark Spit, the swim's starting point on Marina Island, the water was a little choppy. Fortunately, the wind eased off for the swim and the surface was calm. Just after the last swimmers completed the event, the wind started to pick up again.

In a pre-swim briefing on the beach at Shark Spit, Angela Burns, who organized the event along with Barry Davis, told swimmers and accompanying safety boaters about the course and how to look for signs of hypothermia.

Clad in wetsuits, the individual swimmers and the first member of each relay team courageously waded into the water and began to swim at 9:40 a.m. Smiling for the camera as she entered the water, Angela laughed and said, "You'd better catch me smiling now—I might not feel up to it later!"

Every swimmer had an escort safety boat, ranging from kayaks to dories to sailboats. As Campbell River Optometry Clinic Team member Rhonda Joyce pointed out, the escort boats play a crucial role in the event.

"The escort boats are so important, not only for safety but also for the morale of the swimmers. It's a long paddle or row for the boaters too," she said.

The swim was very well supported by larger safety vessels as well. The Coast Guard cutter *Point Race* and zodiac rescue boat flanked the swimmers for the duration



*Accompanied by a support kayak a swimmer heads for Quadra Island from Marina Is.*  
Photo: Tanya Storr

of the swim, making sure cruisers and other boats didn't get in the way.

The troller *Hell's Bells* was the first aid/transportation boat with ambulance attendant Len Beck on board, and the Marine Harvest crew boat was kept busy as a general coordination/transportation boat. Brian Simmons on his sailboat *Critical Path to Nirvana* was available for swimmers if they needed to get out of the water.

The Campbell River Optometry Clinic Team kindly allowed me to take photos of the swim from their relay team support boat, skippered by Ray and Derek Sharpe. Don Huestis, the first member of the Campbell River Optometry Clinic Team to swim, emerged from the water smiling after completing his hour-and-a-half leg.

"It feels great to finally have done the swim after waiting for this for about three months. In a pool one-and-a-half hours seems a lot longer," said Don.

Watching second swimmer Rhonda stroke away from the boat accompanied by an escort canoe skippered by Rick Morrison, Derek said he could hardly wait to do his leg. Derek had collected \$1,200 in pledges prior to the swim.

Back at Rebecca Spit preparations were well underway to welcome the swimmers as they came in. A crowd had gathered on the beach and cheers filled the air as Rebekah McPhee announced the sighting of the first group of relay swimmers, the Campbell River Triathlon Team.

Each triathlon team member had done a 45-minute leg each, and the first three jumped in to join the fourth for the last leg so they could all finish as a group. Team member Corey Harly said her husband, Shane, also a member of the triathlon team, had a large sea lion following right behind him for part of the swim unbeknownst to him.

Just behind the triathlon team were the first three individual swimmers to complete the event: Barry Davis, Julie Cybulski, and Pete McLoughlin. The three finished together with a time of 2 hours and 59 minutes.

Six of the eight individual swimmers completed the entire event, with two having to leave the water before the end due to being extremely cold. The two swimmers, Joyce Sheppard and Joanna Annett, managed to complete half the course and were in the water more than two hours.

Barry said the water was up to approximately 18 degrees during practice swims, so Saturday's chilly temperatures under cloudy skies were very challenging.

"I trained hard for it and I didn't feel tired. When it comes to the actual event and day, you can always do more and dig deeper. Just trying to stay warm was difficult. Every once in awhile my muscles would cramp up. The hardest part was the middle because when you get all the way

out there and look to see where you're going, it looks like eternity. You have to just put your head down and get into a rhythm," said Barry.

As each swimmer arrived at the beach they were greeted by a member of the Quadra Ambulance Service offering them a blanket and checking to see if they needed medical assistance. On duty were Dawn Ross, Ken Hospes, and Melissa Fraser on shore and Len Beck on *Hell's Bells*.

Many swimmers were visibly cold, with purple-tinged lips and shaking legs, but fortunately no serious cases of hypothermia occurred. With a tent to change in and hot beverages to drink, the swimmers were able to warm up before too long.

After the arrival of the first relay team and individual swimmers, the rest of the swimmers arrived over the next hour or so. Richard Pielou was the next to arrive, followed by the Derek Sharpe of the Campbell River Optometry Team.

"I was cold halfway," said Richard, as he stood on the beach shivering with a blanket wrapped around him.

Richard's wife, Joyce, said she had trouble keeping up to his swimming pace in the escort boat, having never rowed their dory more than 300 metres before.

"After a while I had to get a tow to catch up to him so he could have some coffee, however we managed to stay together after that," she told me.

Richard finished the swim a little bit south of the other swimmers, having been pushed in that direction by the current. He knew he was too cold at that point to swim up the beach, so climbed in the dory and Joyce rowed him north.

The Strathcona Gardens Lifeguards were the next swimmers to arrive, followed by individual swimmer Angela Burns. Despite her earlier prediction of not being able to smile at the end, Angela managed a blue-lipped grin as she was met with cheers from the crowd. She emerged from the water four hours after starting the swim.



Angela Burns welcomed ashore by Spit to Spit Swim co-organizer Barry Davis  
Photo: Tanya Storr

Angela's husband, Ken, accompanied Doug Peters in Angela's escort dory. He said they were quite worried about how cold she was 45 minutes after she began the swim.

"Angela came for a little stop at the boat and her face and lips were all swollen with cold. We looked at each other and thought 'she'll never finish', but with subsequent stops and drinking warm tea it got better, and then as we got closer and could see the Spit she was encouraged to finish," Ken recounted.

Doug added that he was impressed with Angela's strength. "She never wavered," he said.

Angela said the swim wasn't as bad as she thought it would be.

"The cold was the worst part, for sure, but otherwise it was better than I expected. It was a cold water endurance test. As I neared shore I could see everybody on the beach and hear the cheering. That was really neat," she said.

Individual swimmer Toni Peniuk made it to shore and decided the barnacles would hurt her feet, so she undauntedly swam back out to her escort boat offshore to grab her thongs.

The Quadra School Team—Kevin Kavanagh, Adrienne Davis, Robin Beaton, and Willie Baase—came in next, accompanied by Jack and Nadine Mar in a kayak.

The swimmers were rewarded for their hard work by a bountiful salmon barbecue. The salmon was supplied and cooked by Marine Harvest, and the salads and desserts were donated by local businesses and organized by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary. The Celtic sounds of Whirlwind and energetic juggling of Laura from the Harlequin Jugglers added to the festive mood.

The day was capped off by the awarding of prizes donated by Quadra and Campbell River businesses to swimmers, boaters, and volunteers. As well as a prize, every swimmer received a t-shirt commemorating the event as well as 10 free passes to Strathcona Gardens pool.

At press time the exact amount of money raised in pledges was not available, but Angela confirmed it will be approximately \$12,500. She said she expects \$4,000 of that has been earmarked for the Quadra Ambulance Service, with the balance going to the Campbell River Hospital Foundation. Those making pledges were asked to specify which cause they wanted to support.

Looking back on the Great Shark Spit to Rebecca Spit Swim, Angela said she felt the event went really well.

"It was a very successful swim and fund raiser. Barry and I would like to thank everybody who took part—the swimmers, boaters, organizers, sponsors, and volunteers. Everybody was very supportive," she said.



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# Local Area Planning Meeting Draws Large Crowd

by Tanya Storr

A Quathiaski Cove Local Area Planning meeting drew a large crowd in the Quadra Community Centre on July 11. More than 50 people packed the upstairs room in the new addition for the meeting organized by the regional district.

The meeting was held to introduce the regional district planning team that will be drafting the Local Area Plan (LAP) and to allow islanders a chance to review projects completed by students from the UBC School of Landscape Architecture.

Harry Harker, regional district general manager of development services, chaired the meeting. Also in attendance were area 'J' director Jim Abram, alternate director Judy Johnson, members of the Area Planning Committee, planning technician Russ Hotsenpiller, and contract planners Jennifer Kay and Cecilia Achiam.

Harker explained that the rationale behind developing a LAP for Quathiaski Cove is that Quadra's Official Community Plan (OCP) has a lot of scope but doesn't go very deep in individual areas. The LAP will be adopted as an amendment to the OCP, with the same force of law.

"We want to take the time to go deeper in places where we need more in-depth planning, and Quathiaski Cove is identified in the OCP as being one such area," he said.

Harker went on to explain that the regional district invited the UBC School of Architecture to conduct a year long, three-part study on Quadra.

"We felt there are unique features at the south end of the island that required people who understood more than just two-dimensional planning," he noted.

Displays by the students at the back of the room covered three topics: the physical environment, analysis, and individual projects based on development ideas.

Harker said key issues when developing the LAP include how to preserve Quadra's special features, deciding what needs to be regulated, and what special set of regulations, if any, belong in the Cove. Other key issues are how much public involvement there should be in the planning process and when, and where exactly the boundaries are for the Cove.



*CSRD Planner Harry Harker chairs Local area Planning Meeting  
Photo: Tanya Storr*

"Thinking ahead approximately 25 years, how far out do you think settlement in the Cove should be?" asked Harker.

Carol Woolsey wondered why the LAP wouldn't include Heriot Bay. Harker replied that the regional district only has the time and money to do one area at a time, however the UBC studies did include Heriot Bay so it could be included if the public wanted.

Edith Nutting asked why the LAP was going ahead. "The people in the Cove didn't ask the regional board to do it," she said.

Harker replied that the LAP has been part of the planning exercises for some time and it will give people a voice.

Len Lakberg asked what the LAP might mean for people who are currently allowed to subdivide their properties in the Cove. Harker answered that what a landowner is legally allowed to do is determined by the zoning bylaw, not the LAP.

The LAP would look at what should change and what shouldn't, he went on to say.

"For example, we know that there is a major water recharge area from Heriot Bay south down the centre of the island. We know we don't want that changed to pavement or we'll have to start bringing in drinking water."

In response to the question of whether taxes will increase due to the LAP, Harker replied in the negative.

"For this initiative \$10,000 came from support services and the rest came out of

the normal costs of running the planning department. Jim Abram identified savings from other projects and found money within the budget. Nothing we are doing here is going to increase taxes."

John Wasyliw stated that \$18,000 has already been spent on the project without Quadra residents having any say. Harker agreed that \$18,000 has already been spent with the approval of the regional district board, but said because the work was done by students, "the community got \$120,000 worth out of it."

Bill O'Connor asked why it didn't go to referendum, and Harker said referendums are for capital expenditures, not operating budgets.

Ray Grigg voiced his opinion that proceeding with some kind of plan on the island is better than developing in an ad hoc way that puts anything anywhere.

Bobbi Kirchhofer wondered how detailed the LAP regulations would be, i.e. would people have to paint their house trim a certain colour. Harker said he doesn't foresee the plan getting down to those levels of specifics.

"Even if that did come about it would only impact you if you made changes to your property," he stated.

John Kragen said being able to plan is the most important thing, and many people wished there was a plan in place prior to the recent Raven logging in the Cove.

Ann McLean asked if the whole island would decide what happens in the Cove,

and Harker replied that he hopes those living in and around the Cove will become most involved.

Erika Kellerhals said Quadra seems to have a history as a community of shooting itself in the foot, and it's aggravating that when people are available with expertise it sometimes is wasted.

Leanne Hodges said she views the LAP process as a clean slate. "We are brainstorming, developing concepts, coming up with a sketch. This process will safeguard the quality of the community."

Schleeha Schevers also voiced her support for the process and suggested ideas for intergrating housing with community development. Charlene West mentioned that a meeting was recently held to look at housing possibilities for the island. Judy Johnson said some of the UBC students' ideas incorporated wetlands and cluster housing.

There was some discussion around the need for a safe designated walking route for pedestrians coming uphill from the ferry. Chris Thompson suggested a non-commercial place for people to gather.

Keith Liseth mentioned that the sewer has definitely improved the quality of groundwater in the Cove, and it will need to be expanded with future development which will come with a big price tag. Harker said getting developers to pay their fair share is important.

More than one person pointed out that water supplies will be crucial for development. Harker said the regional district doesn't want to spend money on a water study before it has been determined that there will be future development of some sort.

Julie Mellanby said she is concerned that the LAP will just add more regulations when the ones in the OCP aren't being enforced. Harker admitted that bylaw enforcement is very difficult, adding that neighbourhood enforcement once the plan is in place will be the most effective.

In response to comments about developing trails to expensive standards, Harker said because we live in a litigious society, trails would have to be developed to a standard that is safe.

Harker wrapped up the meeting by saying he feels the LAP represents a tremendous opportunity for Q Cove. To continue the process, a 'visioning session' will be held in September, followed by a three-day design workshop over an October weekend. Dates are not yet confirmed but will be posted closer to the time.

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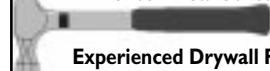
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