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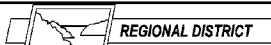
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COMMITTEE/COMMISSION	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
Committee of the Whole	Tuesday January 27 th	9:00 a.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Member Municipality Committee	Tuesday January 27 th	To follow the above meeting	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Community Planning Committee	Tuesday February 3 rd	10:00 a.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Community Services Committee	Tuesday February 3 rd	To follow the above meeting	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Building Inspection Committee	Tuesday February 10 th	1:00 p.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Comox Valley Water Committee	Tuesday February 10 th	2:30 p.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Sewage Commission	Tuesday February 10 th	3:30 p.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Strathcona Gardens Commission	Wednesday February 11 th	3:00 p.m.	Strathcona Gardens Complex 225 South Dogwood Street, Campbell River, B.C.
Comox Valley Sports Centre Commission	Thursday February 12 th	9:00 a.m.	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.
Comox Valley Committee	Thursday February 12 th	To follow the above meeting	RDC-S Board Room 550 Comox Road, Courtenay, B.C.

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Island Calendar

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The Regulars

- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** -Food Bank 1-2:30 Community Centre
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers, 7:30pm Community Centre -Cribbage, Quadra Legion 7:30pm (member & guests welcome)
- **Every Wednesday** -Community Kitchen Lunch noon - 1:30
- **Every Thursday** -Parent and Tots 10 am Community Centre -Motorcycle Club meet 5pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub -Quadra Legion Jam, 9 - closing, everyone welcome
- **Every Friday** -Duffy and Friends 8:30pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- **First Friday** -Open Stage 7:30 pm Yak Shack Heriot Bay
- **Every Saturday** -Meat Draw 5-6:30 pm Quadra Legion (members & guests welcome)
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw. Quadra Legion 6:30pm (members & guests welcome)
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Positive Living Service, 10:30 AM, Community Centre Rm 3, 285-3224
-Landing Pub Meat Draw 3:00-5:30
- Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m. Upper Realm
- **First Sunday** -"Family & Friends Day" Quadra Legion, 11:30 am. Bring a lunch, play sports, "Dry" bar. (members & guests welcome)

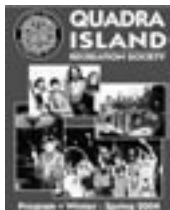
Day by day

- January 23, Friday**
- Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society Community Centre
8.00pm. slide show raft the Tat'
- January 25, Sunday**
-Dinner Jazz with Annie Siegel Jazz Trio & guests HBI Pub
6-9pm
- January 27, Tuesday**
-Panel Discussion on Quadra's By-Laws Community Centre
7:30 p.m.
- January 30th, Friday**
-Friday Flicks-The Tunnel Community Centre
7:45pm
- February 1, Sunday**
-Annual Superbowl Party Heriot Bay Inn Pub
- February 7, Saturday
-"Chiapis" Community Centre
8pm
- February 14, Saturday**
-Ken Hamm & Rick Bockner Gorge Hall, Cortes
8:00pm
- February 8, Sunday**
-Geshe YongDong on "Attachment & Suffering" Upper Realm
10 a.m.

Next Deadline: Monday, February 2nd 2004

Quadra Recreation Society Winter/Spring 04 Program

Out Now!



Correction!

from issue #308

Please note that "contributions from Farmer's Market" on the Quadra Philippines Connection 2003 financial statement should have read \$91.94 rather than \$1.94. Thanks again Dan Bingham!

Try Something New Drop in at the Preschool

You're invited to bring your 2 1/2 - 5 year old child to the Quadra Island Childcare Society Preschool (located in Heriot Bay, corner of Hyacinthe Bay and West Rd), the last Wednesday of each month starting 28th January, 2004. Come and meet with others to play and learn together. By donation. Contact Laurie Ann Williamson 285-2285 or Cindy Bukach 285-2307 or come by the Preschool Tues/Thurs 9:30-12. Hope to see you there!

Raft the Tat'

On Friday, January 23 at 8.00 pm Marian McMeekin, a member of the Mitlenatch Field Naturalist Society and a keen amateur photographer and naturalist, will present a slide show on the Tatshenshini.

The Tatshenshini has been described as North America's wildest river, and has deservedly earned UN World Heritage Site status. Once an important First Nations trading route connecting the Coast to the Interior, the river has more recently earned a reputation as one of the finest river rafting destinations in the world.

In July of last year, five Campbell River area women joined a larger group for a twelve day rafting trip from Dalton Post, Yukon, through the northwestern corner of BC, to Dry Bay, Alaska ~ 213 miles of high spring runoff, rapids, huge waves, glaciers, icebergs, wildlife, and some of the most spectacular scenery on the planet.

Join us on Jan 23rd for an account of this trip of a lifetime. New members welcome.

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Jack Mar hauls a prawn trap out of the depths of Sutil Channel photo: Philip Stone



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News & Events

Studio Tour 2004

Registration for the 2nd Annual Quadra Island Artists' Studio Tour is happening NOW! Registration forms are available at Hummingbird for pick up and drop off. Deadline for application, March 1. Cost \$25.

Quadra Legion Jam

every Thursday from 9 to closing. All members, guests & musicians are welcome!

Thanks for the Support

Nigel Phillips & family extend their thanks to all the Islanders who have been so supportive after the vandalism to Nigel's heavy equipment.

Meat Draw at the Landing

It's your chance to support the Quadra Food Bank Committee at the weekly Landing Pub Meat Draw. Come in for a mug and a game of pool or darts ochrane, long time if you prefer, a warm bowl of homemade soup, hot coffee and newspaper by the fire. A volunteer from Quadra Island Builders or the Quadra Community Centre will be there to sell you tickets for the next draw.

Every Sunday from 3:00 to 5:30pm - 3 draws every half hour.

Living Foods (raw) Vegan Potluck

Sun. Jan. 25, 5:30pm. Seniors Lounge, Filberg Centre, 411 Anderton Ave., Courtenay. What to bring: cutlery, plate and utensils, a primarily uncooked dish serving 4-6 people. Please no dairy or animal products and as a guide nothing from a box, can or bottle. Presentation by Steven Cochrane, long time advocate of a raw and living foods diet who will be sharing his experiences reversing health concerns and transition to a better diet. Genetic, degenerative and other diseases lessen or vanish. For more information call Del Gleason 250-703-0694, Stephen Cochrane 250-334-7720.

Juggleclub Temporarily Cancelled

Hi jugglers. Due to a shoulder injury that is seriously hampering my activities, and since attendance to Juggleclub has been irregular lately anyway, I am cancelling Juggleclub through the rest of January and February. I hope I will be healthy and fit to offer it again beginning in March. But, the 2nd annual Juggling Festival is a definite go on the weekend of April 30th to May 2nd. See you soon. Laura.

RCMP News Release

Sometime between the evening of January 12th and January 13th at 7:30a.m. unknown suspect(s) deliberately set fire to two excavators and a log processor. The fire occurred at a logging site at the south end of Quadra Island and the damage is estimated to be close to one million dollars. If you know who is responsible or have ANY information regarding this arson please contact CRIMESTOPPERS at 287-TIPS or Quadra Island RCMP at 285-3631.

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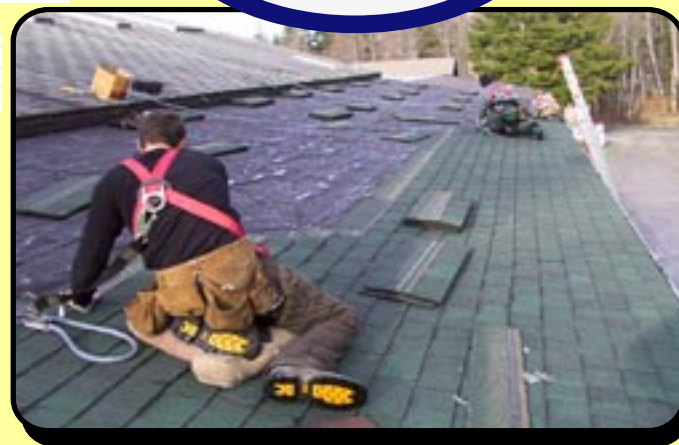


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Unique Performance on Quadra

The Quadra Island Recreation/Cultural Committee is pleased to present the unique performance of "Chiapis" at the Quadra Community Center on Saturday February 7th. Chiapis is a funny and vibrant monologue that's part travelogue, part stand-up comedy and all satiric commentary. Lalo Espejo's engaging words are accompanied by an equally engaging jazz score composed and performed by Patrick Pennefather which keeps the story moving as it drives to its irreverent finish.

This show is a must see if you're interested in politics, or in culture, in comedy, in Latin jazz, or just in sheer captivating entertainment.



Show starts at 8:00pm on Saturday Feb. 7th at the Quadra Community Center. Advance tickets can be purchased on Quadra at Quadra Crafts or Hummingbirds, and in Campbell River at Page Eleven Books. Prices are Adults \$10 advance/\$12 at the door; Children \$10, Family \$25 adv./\$30 door.

Ken Hamm and Rick Bockner in Concert

Ken Hamm, the award winning acoustic blues guitarist, folksinger and songwriter has been invited to perform at The Gorge Hall on Cortes Island, BC on Saturday February 14th. He is one of Canada's most entertaining experts in the field of Southern Delta Blues as well as a thoughtful songwriter and a demon guitar picker.

Rick Bockner is a consummate guitarist and composer, writing songs that cross between folk, blues and jazz. There's an old-time feel to his jazz chord progressions and lyrics and sometimes humorous reflection as well. Rick Bockner was a member of the Mad River Blues Band who put out two albums in the 1960s. Mad River played a series of concerts at prestigious San Francisco venues which secured them a place in acid rock history.

Saturday, February 14th, 2004, Gorge Hall, Cortes Island, 8:00pm, tickets \$15. Call 250-935-6792 for more information.

Friday Flicks The Tunnel

January 30th Q.C.C.

Doors: 7:30, Showtime 7:45

Admission: \$4.50, \$3.50 stu/snr

In the summer of 1961 the Iron Curtain became a concrete reality. That summer construction workers sweated and nervous young guards watched, and Berliners from East and West stared at the rising barrier, mere feet apart yet disappearing from each other's sight. That's the time frame of *The Tunnel*, and the story is essentially true.

Harry, an elite athlete in the Eastern sector passes through Checkpoint Charlie on a false passport, leaving behind his sister and her family. That night he and some fellow defectors raise a glass to freedom, but their thoughts drift to their abandoned loved ones. The group concocts a rescue scheme. An Engineer among them draws up the specs - a tunnel seven metres deep, 145 long, connecting two apartment buildings.

What follows is a movie divided, alternating between the rescuers on one side and rescuees on the other. There is friction in both camps. Pressuring families, cultivating informants, the East German police are dangerously close to unearthing the scheme. In the West, NTV learns of the operation and with American bravado, offers to finance it in return for exclusive footage of the escape. Plots and subplots multiply in East and West alike. As the narrative unfolds, every performance is layered and every shot is streamlined. The story ripples with suspense.

Watch for the moment when Harry's group approaches the Wall looming on a street ahead... in the wrong location. They find a note attached to the concrete: "This Is Not The Wall. This Is The Wall For A Movie. Signed, MGM." The movie - released in 1962 under the title "Tunnel 28: Escape from East Berlin" - was a real work of fiction, filmed with a fake wall in West Berlin, 1961.

The Tunnel won the People's Choice award at the Montreal Film Festival. It is rated AA, probably for some violence and perhaps some sexuality.

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The Oriental Expression

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We will be having demonstrations on Japanese Floral Arranging and Making Sushi, a guest speaker and a fabulous lunch. The cost is \$5.00 and an item for the Food Bank. For more information, contact Joyce - 285-3671 or Susan - 285-2417.

Commit to Your Dream

Reverend Jill Brocklehurst

Aside from all the literary excursions I pursue I must admit my greatest teacher by example is my husband.

In 1979 Jerry first heard about the local provincial government changing farm woodlots into Woodlot Licenses. He wasn't all together sure what this meant but it struck a familiar chord within and he wrote a response to a white paper (a position paper) along with his friend Ken Drushka. Jerry was 29 years old and he wasn't rewarded a Woodlot License that year but he had a dream. He had no idea how he was going to achieve this goal but he knew that he would.

What I find so inspiring is that Jerry walks toward his vision with clarity and purpose. The beauty of this example is he may not have known all the answers when he set out on his dream but he had faith and a strong conviction that he would get there. His faith was not in something outside of himself. He had an inner knowing, a strong commitment, a burning desire and despite the series of events that he would meet in the next 20 years he never lost sight of his dream. Jerry was willing to do what he needed to do to get to where he was going.

In September 1999 Jerry was awarded a Woodlot exactly where he wanted, right here on Quadra Island. Many of us often get trapped by apparent obstacles in our life but I am asking you to be pliable. Your new life is not going to drop down on you. You have to steer into it. Spirit reveals the next step as you advance but Spirit can't steer a parked car.

Mary Manin Morrissey says, "You are endowed with the power to choose that dream closest to your heart, and by co-creating with Spirit, you can embark on a path that will bring that dream to fruition."

Rise up, awaken to that dream within, your spiritual magnificence, and celebrate your life. Join us Sundays at 10:30 AM.

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New Zealand Seminar 'Focus On New Zealand'

Greg Ross lived for 24.5 years in New Zealand, and while at university there studied Maori Culture and Language, New Zealand History, and New Zealand Geography. He worked in fisheries and wildlife for the New Zealand government, in the Southern Alps.

Part One: New Zealand: Natural and Human Histories

Thursday, February 26th. Room Two, Q.C.C., 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Cost \$9.00

Part Two: New Zealand: land, climate, economy, cultures, travel.

Thursday, March 4th., 7:00pm to 9:00pm, Room Two, Q.C.C. Cost \$14.00

Students half price at both sessions.

If you're interested in New Zealand don't miss this seminar. See you there, mate. Ph. 204-1278 to register.

Quadra Legion News

The Quadra Legion extends sincere thanks to all patrons & volunteer workers who braved snowstorms to support both our annual Boxing Day "Casino Night" & our New Year's Eve Celebrations. Your support is very much appreciated & enabled us to donate an additional \$400 to the Quadra Island Food Bank. Special thanks to the ladies of our L.A. who have been working so very hard on behalf of the Branch.

Kudos to the Quadra Credit Union for being the Dec. sponsors of our \$50 bonus draw. Next draw will be Sat., Jan. 31 courtesy of Isle Tech Auto Service.

Fri., Feb. 13th - Valentine's Dance with "Bad Fish". Mark your calendars for this great event.

Sat., Feb. 14 - our L.A. will have a super ribs (& salmon?) dinner for just \$17.00 followed by a "Silent Auction" (with stuff you NEED like a cord of wood, gardening service, etc.). All is being organized by Eva Mae Patten so you KNOW it will be good.

And yes, folks, the Legion has lost money this past year. Why? Because our members have not been supporting us. And yes, we have donated close to \$6,000.00 to the community this past year. How come we didn't keep it for ourselves? Because the gaming laws for our meat draws, 50/50 draws & Casino Nights forbid us using proceeds for the Branch - all proceeds MUST go to charity. So there you have it.

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At the colour wheel: new classes starting Sat, Jan 31. Learn paper piecing with Cory Beneker. Thurs. February 5, and Thurs. February 12 6 to 9pm learn a more advanced machine quilting with Carol Seeley.

School kids start sewing classes again from 3:00 to 4:30 starting Thurs, Feb 19, runs for 4 classes. Sat. Feb 21 and Sat. Feb 28 Heron wall hanging with Linda Inrig this is an art quilt class bring you own ideas for embellishing,

Coming in March, stack n' wack Butterfly, with Joyce Johnson. See samples of workshops in store. We now have a book club as well as a fat quarter club - buy three books at a regular price & get a 4th book at half price, buy three fabric fat quarter bundles or singles get the 4th at half price. Colour Wheel open 5 days a week closed Sun & Mon. phone 285-3875 for more information

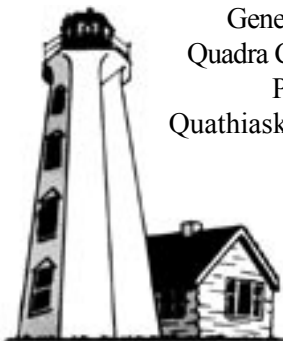
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Buddhist Meditation Group

The Sunday Morning Buddhist Meditation groups is moving to a new location starting on Sunday, February 1. We are now in the Upper Realm, the second floor at the Q. Cove shopping centre. Meditation starts at 10 a.m., followed by a brief talk and discussion. The coming schedule includes Carol Foort leading a discussion on "Posture & Meditation" on Sunday, February 1st. Tibetan Monk Gesh YongDong will lead meditation & talk on "Attachment & Suffering" on Sunday, February 8th.

Liam Grimm will lead a discussion on "The Practice of Meditation" on February 15th.

For more information, call Danielle or Steve at 285-3323. PLEASE NOTE: The session for this week i.e., Sunday, January 25th has been cancelled.

Valentines Day Workshop: Felting and Needle Felting

What is felting and needle felting? Felt is a nonwoven material made up of raw wool (or other) fleece. Felt can be made up using wet or dry methods. During this workshop, Jean Thomas Aston will introduce you to working with raw wool fleece, soap and water to wet-felt different colours and types of fleece into objets d'arts and/or craft items. You will also have the opportunity to learn the most amazing craft of needle-felting, where barbed needles are poked repeatedly into a pile of wool fleece, causing the fibers to adhere together where poked, thus sculpturing the fleece into any form desired. This process is hard to explain, but magical to experience. Both methods can be combined to create long lasting, unique and treasured items.

Come and learn these techniques to create hearts, stars, designs, pictures, dolls, animals, jewelry, or masks; in short, go wherever your imagination and creativity lead you. Join Jean for this workshop at the community centre Saturday February 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bring your lunch. Please call to pre-register at 285-3542 by February 12.

March 20 Peace Actions

March 20, 2004 is the first anniversary of the American Invasion of Iraq. It's also March Break at school. If you have become disgusted with the ongoing occupation of Iraq, consider registering that sentiment in the public arena on Saturday March 20. Whoever you are in the world, whether Vancouver, San Francisco, Europe or Hawaii, there will be a world-wide demonstration against the war that you can join. Here on Quadra, Quadra Action for Peace is planning numerous activities, including a Friday Night "Peace" Film showing and a Saturday afternoon meditation/chanting session for peace. Details to follow. If your interested in helping, call Steve at 385-3323

Panel Discussion On Quadra's By-laws

A relaxed small group panel discussion on the controversial Quadra By-Laws is being sponsored by the Quadra School of Philosophy. A special guest panelist as well as Ray Grigg and John Dill will each speak briefly on "Balancing Individual Freedom & Community Responsibility: A Philosophical Perspective on Quadra's By-Laws Discussion."

Balancing individual freedom and community responsibility has a long history in both political and social philosophy. Where is the balance between unrestrained individual freedom, which can manifest as greed and cause harmful effects on others (pollution, etc) and societal laws, which can often repress an individual's ability to make a living from the land? How and why have the different mythologies and social forces on and off our island created such an emotional debate? For example, Mayor Nash of Campbell River has a notion that Quadra Island is Campbell River's "bedroom community." Others claim that Quadra is a "working island" for rural industry. Hopefully Quadra's sense of community can bring a rational debate which reflects the balance and diversity of our population. The long view, the wisdom of the ages, a philosophical perspective may help in the creative work of rewriting the by-laws to reflect the balance individual freedom and community responsibility. After all, we are, are we not, a community in the best sense of that word and not merely a collection of "vested interests?" Discussion will follow the panel's presentation. 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 27, Community Centre, Room 1. Call Steve for more info at 285-3323



Island Forum

Thanks to everyone involved in the zoning bylaw debate.

Dear Editor,

Here's to Jim Abram, the members of the Advisory Planning Committee, and to all those who have worked hard to promote the wishes and the well-being of our community. I don't have the time or the patience to devote years to the process of bylaw development, so I'm glad there are those who do it on my behalf.

Good job, and thanks for your sincere efforts and your dedication.

George Nickoloff

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All letters to the Editor must be signed to be published. Unfortunately, some great letters have recently gone unpublished due to lack of ownership.



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Set aside political spinning, personalizing and emotionalizing of the Zoning Bylaw debate and look at the bare bones of what has been accomplished:

The various local government agencies created a revised set of Zoning bylaws for Quadra Island.

A community group, the Quadra Community Association or QCA, formed which was not satisfied with the new bylaws or the process by which they were created. They conducted a detailed review of the bylaws and presented their results to the public and to local government.

Enough valid public concern was expressed concerning both the zoning bylaw and the local government process that:

Our Regional Director has acknowledged that the latest draft of the new bylaw is an "unworkable document that had numerous errors" and the Regional District has withdrawn Draft 2.

Local Government has recognized the need for a new process and timeline for revising the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaws.

Our Regional Director has recognized that there are concerns regarding the make-up of the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) and has published a list of the current members and has suggested changes to how new members might be selected.

Looking at just these bare bones, I'd say well done on both sides. Thanks to all

those Quadra residents that took the time to wade through the documents, attend meetings and make their concerns known to their fellow Quadraites and known to the local government.

Thanks to all of the components of the local government for recognizing those concerns and for being willing to make changes to address them.

Most of us regret how emotional and personal this debate has become, so let's all leave the emotional baggage behind, take these positive accomplishments and move forward with them. This is a chance for all of us to renew our participation in running our community. We urge all Quadra residents to get informed and involved.

- Read your Official Community Plan and Bylaws.
 - Attend the zoning bylaw public hearings
 - Sit in on some APC meetings
 - Attend some Quadra Community Association meetings
 - Make your votes and your views count at every opportunity.
- The more of us that participate, the better our local government will represent the needs of the whole community.

Richard and Barbara Desmarais

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by Steven Halliday

A fellow I know has a favourite word he uses to describe the output of the bureaucrats working in Victoria and/or Ottawa – he calls it “bureaucrap” – and recent legislation emanating from those environs surely deserves that title. The Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (*PIPEDA*) was enacted by the Federal Government in 2001, and applied only to organisations operating a federal work, undertaking or business, for a short period. It then became applicable to non-federal entities on the 1st of this year, but is superseded in BC by our provincial legislation, known as the Privacy Information and Protection Act (*PIPA*). It is this piece of “bureaucrap” that has resulted in your mailboxes being flooded by envelopes from most companies with whom you do business, explaining how they are complying with the provisions of this act in protecting the privacy of the information they hold.

My employer is also subject to the provisions of PIPA, and as a result we did a mass mailout to convey relevant information to all of our members. Collectively, the Credit Union system mailed out well over a million packages throughout BC, most of which will end up in recycling bins, unread. But many people have taken the time to read the information, and several of them have been in to see our privacy officer (a position required by PIPA) with questions. The most important piece of information regarding PIPA/PIPEDA that I can convey to curious or confused readers is this – *nothing of consequence has changed*. At its core, PIPA is designed to ensure that there is a consistent set of standards for the acquisition, storage and use of personal information.

This is nothing new to provincially chartered financial institutions, as we have been bound by a much stricter set of confidentiality requirements for many years under the auspices of the Financial Institutions Act, as well as by common law. But for many other organisations that collect your personal information, this stuff is all new. Consider just a few examples of who holds your personal information on file: travel agents, lawyers, doctors, dentists, car dealers, insurance agents, accountants, hotels, and any store that issues discount/loyalty/membership cards. They

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are all now subject to the provisions of PIPA, subject to penalty of law.

The singularly most important change as a result of the new act is to give consumers a mechanism to “opt-out” of having your information shared, or to avoid being bombarded with unwanted marketing materials. For example, you can request that your information not be used by, sold to, or shared with other companies for marketing purposes; surely a reasonable and progressive improvement. An unfortunate by-product of opting out is that you may miss out on information that you wished to see – the process is not selective. However, for many people this will be a boon, and if a company fails to comply with your request to opt-out there is now a Privacy Commissioner to whom you may complain and who has the power to enforce the legislation and assist in resolving your complaint. He/she has power to levy fines for non-compliance up to \$100,000, which will definitely get the attention of companies who are sloppy about compliance.

Financial institutions in particular are very much aware of PIPEDA/PIPA – confidentiality is a hallmark of standard operating policies, and they take the responsibility for guarding such information very seriously. Improper use or disclosure of private information is grounds for immediate termination *for cause*, and about the only other offence that is punished as quickly and ruthlessly is out and out theft. Over the past few years they have actually had to become quite defensive about guarding your privacy, because there are thieves about and they seek to steal it, and with it your identity. Enough information is available in the general media for everyone to be aware and constantly on guard in protecting their personal information, and it has become incumbent upon financial institutions to actually go on the offensive against this pernicious crime. Millions of dollars are being expended on new and more effective electronic safeguards, because let's face it folks, it's in the electronic arena that we are most vulnerable. But progress is being made, and with it comes additional elements of protection of the privacy of your personal data.

I haven't seen the final bill for the cost of mailing out some 3,700 letters and brochures regarding PIPA, but my mental budget comes up with a figure north of \$5,000. By definition I work in a small business, and a five grand expenditure is regarded seriously.

Imagine the cost multiplied by the 20 million Canadians (surely a conservative estimate) who are receiving such packages from...let's say a minimum of 5 businesses with whom they transact. Simple arithmetic points to a total cost to the economy in the neighbourhood of \$135,000,000, give or take \$10 million or so. One can look at this in two ways; it is either a tremendous government boondoggle, the costs of which are born by the businesses affected, or it was a wonderful windfall for printing businesses, mailing companies and Canada Post, courtesy of a benevolent government, but, again, paid for the same affected businesses.

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Either way it has been an expensive piece of bureaucrap. Or rather, the legislation shows some merit but the methodology of making business pay for its implementation is a bureaucrappic by-product.

A final note about privacy. Every financial institution operates under either a provincial or federal *permit*, so to speak, including my employer. That permit requires us to collect your personal information in order to do business with us. For example, money-laundering legislation *requires* us to photocopy your identification. The Income Tax Act *requires* us to obtain your social insurance number, for interest income reporting purposes. The same act *requires* us to comply with requests for information from the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency immediately, or to freeze an account without delay.

Front-line staff take the brunt of public negativity to providing such information, as well as outright hostility when Revenue Canada grabs a person's money. Failure to comply can quickly cause the loss of the institution's permit to operate, so banking staff are trained intensively to be aware of the rules and to enforce them. By the same token, however, staff are trained to guard the trust that possession of such private information implies. So please be understanding when that staff member asks for your personal information. It's the law, and they're only doing their job.

Being a prairie girl, I'm used to power outages that usually lasted two to three hours. Needless to say, when I moved to Quadra Island, I was in for a big surprise. Or should I say a long surprise?

Months after arriving on the island, I was given the privilege of experiencing the longest power outage ever (at least according to me) ... 26 hours! I began to realize how much I counted on power. Not only did I not have light, but I also didn't have television, PlayStation, music or movies! So what's a youth to do?

Initially, having no power meant the end of the world, as I knew it. In speaking with some of the youth on the island though, I discovered they had learned to cope with it and looked on these power outages with a positive attitude.

"I read a book by candlelight", responded one youth from Quadra. "And I play with candles. I talk a lot on the phone too. I enjoy power outages, but after a week though it gets kind of old". A week without power? I thought it was rough lasting two days without electricity!

One teen I spoke to could only find one pro to a power outage... "I have an excuse not to do my homework".

Where Were You When The Lights Went Out?

By Amanda Zimmerman

So what are some things that you can do when the power is out? It seems like the youth on Quadra never run out of things to do, even in the midst of a power outage. I discovered a few ideas from some teenagers that might fend off boredom for a while; go for a walk, read a book, or if all else fails, clean your bedroom. It is easy to shove your dirty laundry under your bed and stuff your homework and clean clothes in a closet.

Where were you when the lights went out? I was panicking because I would be without microwaved popcorn, having a CD blaring on the stereo or watching one of my favorite movies. I guess things aren't so bad after all...but I still have a lot to learn about island living!

Amanda Zimmerman will be contributing to the Discovery Islander over the next few months on youth related stories as part of work experience in her grade 10 studies at CR Christian School.



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Golf Course Update

by Tanya Storr

Plans for a golf course on Quadra Island are moving ahead, slowly but surely. According to Bill Pirie, a Director of Quadra Links Ltd., the group behind the initiative is now ready to move on to the next phase of the development.

"As happens with many projects on Quadra, it's moving forward in a positive manner but also in a methodical manner. However, we now have the funds we need to go ahead with the administrative tasks to complete the project's next phase," Bill said.

These administrative tasks include acquiring the land slated for the golf course and completing the rezoning process to Recreational Commercial 1 status, Bill confirmed.

"The acquisition of the land and the rezoning process are steps that are tied together. I can't really put a firm timetable on it, but hopefully over the next six months we will wrap up this next phase," he stated. "Once that is accomplished, we are hoping to complete the final design of the golf course."

The property that Quadra Links plans to build the course on is situated across from Pine Tree Road. Currently owned by Walker Addison, president of Addison Lumber Company, the land slopes gently from the road to the top of the bluffs. The lumber company will retain the portion of the property that lies along the waterfront below the bluffs.

Quadra Links applied for approximately 155 acres of the 180-acre property to be rezoned as Recreational Commercial 1 status for use as a golf course. As this zoning category is not currently included in Quadra's Official Community Plan, the application also requests an amendment to the OCP.

The golf course rezoning application has been through three readings at the regional district. The third reading was passed on May 26, 2003. The applicants must now satisfy the requirements of the third reading in order to move forward to the fourth reading. After the fourth reading, the proposal goes to the provincial government for final approval.

Keith Remfert, President of Quadra Links Ltd., outlined the requirements of the third reading. They include a detailed technical report on golf course wells, a surface water management plan, and the completion of restrictive covenants pertaining to the project by solicitors.

"These requirements are the basis of the third reading and we have agreed to complete them," Keith affirmed.

Once the land has been acquired and the rezoning process completed, additional funds will be needed to design and develop the golf course. Quadra Links Ltd. estimates the cost of developing the 9-hole course will be between \$1.5 - \$1.7 million.

"That's a rough ballpark figure," cautioned



Soon this scene from CR's Sequoia Springs could be playing out right here on Quadra! photo: Philip Stone

Keith. "There are many factors that could influence the final cost."

Quadra Links' vision is for a 9-hole course designed in "natural Quadra style", as well as a clubhouse, driving range, and practice putting green.

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The company anticipates the golf course will generate considerable employment opportunities, both in its construction phase and later in general operations. Heavy equipment operators, local trades people, and landscapers would be needed to build the golf course and structures. Once operational, the golf course could employ up to a dozen people to maintain the greens and operate the clubhouse.

Bill said that when the funds are available, building a golf course doesn't take as long as you might think.

"All of the shaping work is done over the course of the late spring and summer, and you hope to seed by September 15th. If it's moist enough over the winter, you can grow good turf and start playing golf the following summer," Bill explained.

At this point, he went on to say, Quadra Links is not certain during which spring they will be able to start construction.

As part of the rezoning process, two public hearings took place between the second and third readings. Keith said the

directors of Quadra Links were encouraged by the amount of public support they received.

"The level of community support for this project was demonstrated by the number of people speaking in favour. The vast majority said, 'Let's get this done!'" he recalled.

Keith predicted that the golf course will be a valuable recreational development for Quadra.

"Quadra Island lends itself well to recreational activities. The golf course will give both locals and tourists another recreational activity they can do on the island."

People of all ages from youth to seniors enjoy playing golf, he pointed out. "Golf is for everybody. It's a walk in nature that involves hitting a ball now and then."

Keith added that he is looking forward to golfing on Quadra when the project comes to fruition.

"We're looking forward to completing the project very much, and we're willing to put in the time it takes to do it right," he said.

To learn more about the golf course development, call Keith Remfert at 285-2485.

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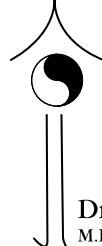
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Oranges \$2.18/kg

MEAT

Pork **\$3.29**
Side Ribs lb
\$7.25/kg

Bulk **\$3.49**
Blade lb
Steak \$7.69/kg

DELI

French **\$1.29**
Baguettes each

Peppered **\$1.29**
Ham 100g

Sage
Derby **\$1.99**
Cheese 100g



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