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Community News and Events from Quadra Island, Cortes Island and the Outer Discovery Islands



Happy Canada Day!

Ferry Schedules

Campbell River - Quadra Island

Crossing Time: 10 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

6:15 am	3:05 pm
†7:05 am	** 4:00 pm
8:00 am	5:00 pm
9:00 am	5:50 pm
10:00 am	7:00 pm
11:00 am	8:00 pm
12:00 pm	9:00 pm
1:00 pm	10:00 pm
2:00 pm	*11:00 pm

Leave Campbell River

6:40 am	3:30 pm
†7:30 am	4:30 pm
8:30 am	5:25 pm
9:30 am	6:15 pm
**10:30 am	7:30 pm
11:30 am	8:30 pm
12:30 pm	9:30 pm
1:30 pm	10:30 pm
2:30 pm	*11:30 pm

Quadra Island - Cortes Island

Crossing Time: 45 minutes

Leave Quadra Island

† 9:05 am
**11:05 am
1:05 pm
3:05 pm
5:05 pm
6:45 pm

Leave Cortes Island

† 7:50 am
9:50 am
11:50 am
**1:50 pm
3:50 pm
5:50 pm

* - Fridays and Saturdays only. † - Daily except Sundays.
** - Tuesday sailings are for Dangerous Cargo - No passengers.

Avoid Line-Ups

Peak local traffic are during morning and evening commutes. On Monday and Thursday Quadra - CR 9 am sailings, Cortes Island traffic has priority.

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CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

Rebecca Spit Provincial Park

Sunday, July 1st

5:30 - 11:00 pm

Delectable Decorated Cake Contest

Childrens' Festival

starts at 5:30 pm

Live Music!

starts at 7:30 pm

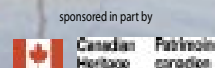
Great BBQ Dinner

FIREWORKS!!!!

please leave your pets safely at home.

start at 10:30 pm

Contributions for the fireworks fund may be sent to:
DICC Canada Day c/o P.O. Box 581, Quathiaski Cove, B.C. V0P 1N0



A community alcohol-free event organized by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce



Island Calendar

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The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now Open Fridays & Saturdays at 3:30 pm until 1:00 am
- **Every Monday** - Badminton, 7:30 Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Tuesday** - Kalina Folkdancers -QCC, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, Sept.to Apr.
 - Sketching group at Firesign Studio 10 am-12:00 pm
 - Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Childrens Centre
- **Every Wednesday** - Badminton, 7:30 pm Cape Mudge Hall
- **Every Thursday** - Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
 - 7-9:30 PM: Life drawing sessions at Firesign Studio 285-3390
- **Every Friday** - Free Pool, Darts and Shuffleboard at the Legion 4:00pm to 1:00am
- **Every Saturday** - Legion Meat Draw 5:00pm to 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Sunday Service QI United Church 10:30
 - Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
 - Buddhist Meditation 10:00 am Upper Realm
 - Sunday Celebration, Centre for Positive Living - CRCC 10:20 - 11:20 am
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre
- **3rd Sunday of Month** - Raw Food Pot Luck 5 - 7pm 285-3827
- **Last Saturday** - Bonus \$50 cash draw or gift certificate. Quadra Legion 6:30 pm

Next Deadline: Monday, July 2nd 2007

5 Day Forecast from Environment Canada

Thursday	Thursday night	Friday
High 21°C POP 40%	Low 9°C	High 19°C
Chance of showers	A few clouds	Cloudy with sunny periods
Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 16°C Low 11°C POP 60%	High 16°C Low 10°C POP 60%	High 18°C Low 12°C POP 40%
Chance of showers	Chance of showers	Chance of showers



On the cover



Aldis Hart resurfacing from one of Quadra Island's remarkable caves near Granite Bay. Inset: Wayne Nowazek's Canadian Centennial Flag
Photos: Philip Stone

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July 2nd

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Day by day

For the month of June

-Nomads - the artwork of Davyd Oram DRAW Gallery
open 12 - 6pm

Saturday & Sunday, June 23 and 24

- 2007 Quilt & Garden Tour Various locations
10 am - 4 pm both days

- Toba Inlet Cruise Depart Cortes Bay
10:20 am return 5 pm Sunday. Call 250-935-6340 or e-mail timas@island.net

Saturday, June 23

- Merve Wilkinson Open House 295 SeaVista Road
(corner of SeaVista and Harbour Roads, Cortes Island) Phone: 935-0172

Friday, June 29

- Hal Douglas Blues Band HBI
9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday, July 1

- Canada Day Celebration & Children's Festival Rebecca Spit
5:30 - 11:30 pm

- Jazz Berry Jam HBI
6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

Tuesday, July 3

-Jazz Berry Jam April Point
7 pm to 10 pm

Thursday-Saturday July 6-July 28

-Speaking to the Archetype Portraits by Perrin Sparks DRAW Gallery
12 - 6pm

Wednesday, July 11

- The Bullfrog Project at the Q.I.C.C.
7:30 pm

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Next Deadline

7 pm. Monday, June 18th



Area I Regional Director's Report

June 22, 2007

Jenny Hiebert

It seems a bit odd to be pondering winter, past and future, while spring and summer grace the days. Yet that is what I have been doing in the ongoing organization for the BC Hydro reliability meeting. The original meeting was to take place on November 15, 2006, the very day the first severe storm roared through the coast. Power disruptions caused the meeting to be cancelled. Over the course of the winter the concept was expanded to include Telus representatives, also. The meeting was held a few weeks ago and after I finish this report I will officially release winter from my thought patterns.

BC Hydro/Telus Reliability

Approximately 15 island residents attended the BC Hydro/Telus reliability meeting held June 5 at Manson's Landing Hall. Everyone recalls last winters storms delivered the most extreme weather most can remember. The meeting was very interesting and informative. Here's a brief summary for all those unable to attend.

Weather during 2006 was generally unusual. During the summer and fall we had no rain whatsoever followed by heavy rains and strong wind. These conditions caused the severe weather that was rated as a "1 in 40 year event." Hurricane force winds were recorded at the Race Rocks weather station. At the height of the storm 800,000 BC Hydro customers were without power throughout the coast. The power outage call centre was receiving 40,000 calls per hour. An interesting fact is that most of the downed trees during those storms were totally healthy. Few would have been anticipated to sever power lines and would not have been included in the vegetation maintenance program.

BC Hydro faced many challenges. These were: the weather itself, the volume of calls, limited access to roads and ferries, and the cold load pickup. Cold load pickup happens when power is first restored and everyone turns on all their electrical equipment. The system cannot withstand the huge initial draw and the system crashes. This is something everyone should keep in mind during future electrical interruptions. If everyone would slowly turn on electrical equipment once power is restored, we will have a much better chance of attaining consistent electrical service.

Cortes presents additional challenges. Its power comes from the mainland via 199km of overhead line from Powell River to Sarah Point. The three linemen stationed in the Powell River area repair a break occurring in this stretch of line. If the disruption is on Cortes itself, crews come over from Vancouver Island. Given the ferry schedule, this means the earliest power can be restored when an "on island" power disruption occurs after 4pm, is 11am the following day.

As a means of improving response time, **BC Hydro is actively looking to lease (or purchase) land within a 5 minute walking distance from the Gorge Harbour Marina Resort.** The land is needed for a 20x40 foot metal clad insulated equipment building that would house two trucks and equipment. The protected waters of the Gorge Harbour offer better, consistent landing

opportunities than Cortes Bay, where the BC Hydro storage shed has been for a number of years. A location in the Gorge Harbour would mean BC Hydro could fly crews into the Gorge Harbour and improve response time. **Please contact Don Johnson (Campbell River Line Manager) at 286-8749 or 202-8614 if you have an ideal location and are interested in more detail.**

The vegetation maintenance program keeps the lines clear of vegetation, as well as the removal of hazard/danger trees. Residents can assist BC Hydro by planting the right tree in the right location, allowing appropriate removals, and by notifying BC Hydro about trees endangering power lines. It was acknowledged that the potential for tree damage cannot be eliminated. The maintenance program can only address known danger and hazard trees.

It was acknowledged that communication problems occurred at the power outage call centres. Various changes have been implemented which should improve that part of the service. Should you ever have difficulty getting through to report a loss of power please continue until you contact BC Hydro. **Do not phone 911 to report a power outage. While very inconvenient, loss of electrical power does not constitute a 911 emergency.** Scheduled outages will be posted on the BC Hydro website. Consideration will also be given to developing an email tree as a means of distributing such notices.

Telus has also reworked their interactive phone system. Customers can now access an operator more quickly. Calls will be monitored and customers will be randomly called to follow-up on satisfaction with service.

When the power goes out the Telus system has six backup batteries. If the power outage exceeds 24 hours generators are brought over from Campbell River when the batteries fail. Telus admitted service problems occurred in respect to the past storm season and reported they are actively working to improve storm related responses.

The concept of a cell phone tower being located on Cortes was discussed. Those present learned that a cell phone tower would be difficult to locate on Cortes because of its mountains and tall trees. Pine trees in particular pose a problem to cell phone signals. It is not likely we will be getting a cell phone tower in the foreseeable future.

Special thanks to the BC Hydro, Telus and North Island 911 representatives for the coordinated efforts needed to make this meeting possible. All those present were appreciative of their presentation and efforts. Hopefully, the coming winter weather will not be as challenging.

Feel free to contact me about this or any other concern at 935-6488 Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4 pm. (No early morning, late night or weekend calls, please.) If you get the answering machine try my cell phone -- 202-6488. You can also email me at brijen@oberon.ark.com anytime.

*Respectfully Submitted by Jenny Hiebert
-Regional Director*

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Area J Regional Director's Report

June 22, 2007

by Jim Abram

June 13th Official Community Plan (OCP) meeting

A very well attended (250 +) meeting concerning the OCP took place on the 13th. I would like to first thank all of the islanders who showed up for this meeting and shared their views and filled out comment forms.

I feel that we have made a great deal of progress in moving towards a consensus on a simpler plan that could allow for some limited growth and allays some of the fear about rampant development on the island. The meeting was very upbeat and positive with a great cross-section of the population present. As you can see from my next paragraph, details still need to be worked out, but I think we are on the right track. I know that some people at the meeting were frustrated by the inaccuracies of the maps and the vague wording of the policies. As you will see within what follows in this report, I have every intention of correcting those problems immediately. I also know that there was some frustration with not being able to speak multiple times at the mike. This was necessary to allow first time speakers to have the opportunity to express their views. I needed to hear the views of as many different people as possible.

If you were not there, I will recap the events quickly. I chaired the meeting. The planner gave a brief overview of the process to date and our CSRD Chief Administrative Officer was there to fill us in on some of the technical details that all needed to hear. I presented my "proposal" that I had published in the Discovery Islander on May 25th, and elaborated on it. I then took questions and comments from the floor. Unfortunately, a handout was given out with the title "Director Jim Abram's proposal" at the door, by staff. It was a first draft, by staff, of what my proposal might look like in "policy" language. It was not correct nor what I wanted to be out there as policy language. I ask anyone that has a copy to please disregard the document. It does not accurately reflect my feelings nor our OCP policies, nor all of the work that has been done by a lot of people on the island. I will be revising it substantially very soon and when it is done I will have it posted on the web for your viewing. I must also point you to the next section of this report to hear what I have to say about the maps that were presented.

The maps you haven't seen yet! Forget the rest... they were wrong!

At the meeting on June 13th, some maps were posted at the front of the hall that were a complete misunderstanding by the planning department of www.discoveryislander.ca

what areas my "proposal" covered. They showed two huge circles in the Heriot Bay and the Quathiaski Cove area and another huge ellipse covering the entire south island. These were not the areas that my proposal was intended to cover.

I will now try, in words, to "draw" you a picture of where the areas should have been noted that were being called "Mixed Use" and "Rural - Mixed Density". I am attempting to do this because I know how damaging to a process bad information can be. Hopefully all will see that the areas are no where near what was presented to the meeting on June 13th, and much smaller than what was worked on in the Local Area Plan (LAP) process. Having a map in front of you when reading this would be very helpful.

For the Heriot Bay area (Mixed use):

Starting at a point at the north end of the Esplanade on the shoreline, proceed directly west along the lots lines, across Hyacinthe Bay Rd., along the lot line to the back of that lot and then due south to the undeveloped road called Flagstone Road. Then due east on the map along the lot lines and the short piece of West Road "between the curves" and continue east until you hit Pilot Road. Then northward along the shoreline right back to where you started. Considerably smaller area then presented on June 13th !!!!

For the Quathiaski Cove area (Mixed Use):

From a point on the Quadra shoreline (just across from the south tip of Grouse Island) due east along an undeveloped road called Image Road, across Pidcock Road, and then across Anderson Road and then across West Road, up to a point that would be Nole Road (if it came through to the north). Then turn south along the lot line and along Nole Road to the south until you hit Noble Road. Head west on Noble Road and to the shoreline at the first curve in Noble Road. Then along the shoreline back to where you started. Once again, markedly smaller than what was on the maps on June 13th.!

The "rural" areas on the east and south parts of the island:

I have broken these into three distinct "neighbourhood nodes" of Rural - Mixed Density. The Rural - Mixed Density designation more accurately describes what is actually already there in the way of lot sizes; for example, lot sizes of less than

one acre up to lots of ten acres or more. The large Rural designated lots at the end of the island have been left out due to the comments received during the LAP process. Also, most of the south end and the Sutil Road area have been left out due to comments during that process.

South of Heriot Bay (Rural - Mixed Density):

From a point on Heriot Bay Road on the south edge of IR 9, south on Heriot Bay Road to the NW corner of the golf course property. Then easterly along that lot line to the shoreline, then northerly to the SE corner of IR 9 and then west to the point of commencement.

Smith's Road area (Rural - Mixed Density):

From the junction of Heriot Bay Road and Smith's Road, along Smith's Road to the lot line that is the southern boundary of the woodlot, then easterly to north/south lot line of the woodlot, then south along that line to the east /west lot line of the woodlot, and then easterly to the shoreline. Then along the shoreline to the last lot on Wa-Wa-Kie Road. Follow that lot line westerly to the last of the lots on Spruce Drive, then turn north along those lots along the ALR boundary to the NE tip of the ALR boundary and turn to the west until you get to the back of the Raven land by the cemetery. Then turn north to Heriot Bay Road and east along Heriot Bay Road to the point of commencement. Are you lost yet ???

South - Central area (Rural - Mixed Density):

From a point on Noble Road at Cape Mudge Road, go easterly to the NE corner of Whittington's property (where his mill resides), then south along that lot line to Cape Mudge Road, then SE along Cape Mudge Road to the first lot line that heads east. Go east to the next lot line then south to the road that the ferry crews have a trailer at and head east to the next lot line that heads south. Go south to the junction of Cape Mudge Road and Joyce Road and head south along Joyce Road to the end of the woodlot. Turn to the east and go along that lot line to the next lot line to the south. Head south four lots and turn west. Go along that lot line and around the triangular lot that juts out, until you get to the edge of IR 10. Head north until you get back to Cape

Mudge Road. Then proceed NW along the ALR boundary back to the point of commencement.

And there you have it... a perfect example of how "a picture is worth a thousand words"! (and I don't have the "picture")... I don't know if I used 1000 words, but there were quite a few! And there you have MY map of the areas that my proposal was to address. I will have given the map in hard copy to the RD mapping department for revision by the time that you read this and hopefully they will have it up on the web site by the time you read this! It will make much more sense visually than verbally. But don't say I didn't try! And please cut me some slack if I got any of the descriptions wrong. I was doing this from a map that had really tiny details on it and I did my best to be accurate. But everyone makes mistakes! Hopefully I did not.

Please note that I have put these maps together based on what I have heard in the many meetings that I have attended since October, along with my personal knowledge, the input I have received during and after the LAP process and input from the June 13th meeting. This has been a dynamic process. And changes can still be made up until the public hearing in October. Please feel free to email me with your concise, constructive comments.

Senior's Month

At the request of Ruth Amiable of the OAP on Quadra Island, I presented a request for a proclamation for June as "The Month of the Senior" to the CSRD board. Her background information was in the last DI and it was well received by the board. Subsequently, June was declared the Month of the Senior. I believe the City of Campbell River did the same, but only for a week.

Emcon dump site

I have been asked by the people at our Emcon works yard to please ask the public to respect their dump site for clean fill across the road from the Emcon yard. It is on Raven Industries private land and Emcon has an agreement to be able to dump clean fill over the bank. Emcon has also allowed the public use of the site for dumping of yard trimmings. This privilege has recently been abused. Construction debris, household garbage and other inappropriate materials are being dumped at the site and are visible from below on School Road. If the abuse continues, I am told that gates will be put up on the site and legitimate dumping will be curtailed. This would be unfortunate for many people that use the site, so please respect Emcon's request: clean fill and yard trimmings only.

Heriot Bay sewer study

Long before the LAP process started, I was approached by a number of citizens from Heriot Bay to see what could be done about a sewer system for Heriot Bay. A preliminary meeting was held with half a dozen people and our staff person from the RD about a year ago. I have pressed for funding, grants and staff time to be in our work plan for this year to get on with the study. On June 25th, from 7 to 9 pm, Graeme Faris (RD operations) will be attending

a short information update meeting at the Heriot Bay Inn Adventure centre. Space is limited and the meeting is just an update of what he has done to date. I will keep you informed in future issues.

Lucky Jim Mine

I haven't forgotten about the generous offers to help with the work that needs to be done at the mine site to make it safe and keep the province from filling in the shafts. We ran into a bit of trouble getting the grating that was specified and needed to get some engineering changes approved. That has been done and the rest is up to the Ministry in CR to get us the material so we can do the work. So stay tuned!

I think that about covers it for this issue. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at <mailto:abramfam@oberon.ark.com>abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,
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Island Forum

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Dear Editor,

In my view, the current Quadra Island Official Community Plan (OCP) review process has, to date, been a typical RD-CS shambles. The subdivision of the review into Local Area Plan committees, without the chairs of those committees forming an overarching steering committee with a "whole island" perspective, has tended to disenfranchise many islanders who feel their legitimate interests extend beyond the immediate locale of their personal residences. Moreover, the process was overly influenced by staff preferences: particularly with respect to growth in the stock of available land and, very importantly, a desire to remove all policy specifics from the OCP to their supposed "proper place" in the general zoning bylaw. The effect of this latter staff preference - and that's all it is, for it is nowhere mandated in the Local Government Act - would be to, by reducing the OCP phrasing to broad "goals" and "intents", undermine Quadra residents' ability to constrain or alter any Quadra Island planning proposal put before an RD-CS Planning Committee. The point here is: The Local Government Act states that any zoning bylaw must be consistent with the OCP. But if the OCP is either silent or capable of very wide

interpretation, then just about anything may be deemed consistent with it!

General discontent over the OCP review process came to a head at the April '07 review meeting, at which time attendees resolved that the process be slowed down. Director Abram agreed to this in principle, and indeed at the review meeting of Wednesday, 13 June '07 he announced a delayed October '07 timetable for the formal public hearing. This is all well and good, except that we are, according to Director Abram, to take the summer off and regroup in September. This would leave barely more than a month to agree and verify the detailed wording of the '07 Draft OCP. That is bad enough, but, attending in a planning capacity, the RD-CS Administrator indicated that he wanted no more meetings at all, while the assigned RD-CS staff planner said she would accept comments only for up to two weeks from June 13!

All of which brings me to the kernel of the issue: I am generally disposed towards development on Quadra. I regard the existing OCP as an overly restrictive document, much in need of amendment. I support the thrust of Director Abram's "compromise proposal".

But I am not yet suffering from amnesia. To my mind, the RD-CS' track record with respect to planning on Quadra is demonstrably appalling. So I was simply astounded, at the June '07 review meeting, to find so many residents - including experienced business people and individuals who have in recent years had personal cause to be cautious about the RD-CS - seemingly willing to endorse Director Abram's "compromise proposal" without insisting on adequate opportunity to vet the final wording of the '07 OCP draft document.

Inattention to detail invites unwelcome surprises. Even if Director Abram's compromise provisions are inserted unaltered into the OCP, their impact could well be negated by deleting some existing OCP provisions and moving others to the general zoning bylaw, resulting in an "open slather", vaguely worded, pro-development OCP, effectively giving carte blanche to any RD-CS Planning Committee to do whatever it likes. Such an outcome would be no improvement on the highly restrictive OCP document we have now. It could well encourage arbitrariness ("Bob" gets his subdivision through; but "Jack", in similar circumstances, does not), disputes within neighborhoods, general ill-feeling and, on past performance, legal action.

Quadra has suffered from short-circuited, top-down planning long enough. Yet it appears a substantial number of my pro-development compatriots are cavalierly willing to risk its continuance. I feel compelled to ask: would any of them sign a commercial contract drafted by others, without first examining the final document?

Peter Gellatly



Island Forum

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Hello.

While I'm not yet a resident of Quadra Island, my daughter and son-in-law are, and I plan to join them in less than a year. I'm here to help renovate a cottage for them, and thus I came across Tom Skillman's letter, and was moved to respond.

I am 64, a self-employed artisan since I was 19.5 years. I deeply understand all the points that Tom Skillman made in his letter, and without exception wholeheartedly agree.

Many of your readers will not be able to recall that "Wacky" Bennett and the Social Credit Party at one time made it very clear that the Ferry system --as was BC Hydro and much else-- were to be the creation of and perpetual ownership by the Crown in right of all the people --including aboriginals-- of this Province.

Nearly fifty years has allowed greedy people to corrupt this promise and ethic. This situation was brought about by the failed premises of Milton Friedman, an economist who had the courage to realise his errors and admit to them near the end of his life. I thought we were free of such nonsense here in Canada, but "Free Trade" and other oxymoronic entities show that the concept of democracy has not yet come to our so-called leaders.

Unfortunately, those who perverted and profited from these are still in positions of power to enforce them for their profit and those of their cronies. Bush 43 and his cohorts are the most obvious, but our Premier is as well.

BC Ferry Crown Corporation was to be --along with BC Hydro and Forests-- one of the jewels in the crown of this Province. Crown Corporations are entities that can be efficiently and effectively run for the benefit of all, not just a privileged few.

Tom Skillman is precisely right when he "calls it like it is" in regard of the looting and damage deliberately wrought by our malfasant politicians. They have also been very busy doing the same to our medical system and to our natural gas and water as well.

How many people are aware that Kinder Morgan, the company that has Terasen's distribution rights is seeking its production as well, is a child of the notorious Enron Corporation? And that it has the worst industrial safety record of any USSA [not a typo] firm in its field, oil and gas? Its creator was one of the rats who left the sinking Enron with a huge pile of loot and bought the Texas-based firm, so he could continue doing what he knew best: stealing under the guise of privatisation "benefits".

Please give Tom Skillman and Walcan Seafood all the support you can, before your island is made "safe" for privatisation and private profits.

Joseph E Fasciani

Dear Editor,

The June 13th public meeting to discuss the future development of Quadra Island contained three interesting surprises. All of them were introduced almost single handedly and arbitrarily by our regional district planner.

First of all, the regional district planner, with the help of her hand-picked group of six islanders, crossed off approximately 150 important lines from the 1996 Official Community Plan. Only a very few of these lines crossed off reflected grammar changes or changes required by provincial law. The lines crossed off related to the minimum acreage requirements for lands designated Residential (one acre), for lands designated Residential Rural (5 acres), for lands designated Rural (10 acres), for lands designated Silviculture (40 acres) and much else.

In short, the guts of the OCP policy on land use was taken out by our regional district planner.

This is not what we were led to expect. We were led to expect that the changes would be "housekeeping changes" only by Kate Cruickshank in the Hungry Eye, June 6-12. In the May 25th issue of the Discovery Islander, Kate again promised to deal only with "some required provincial and grammatical edits of the 1996 OCP document." She gives some brief mention of moving "some text to the appropriate section of the zoning law."

She doesn't define clearly "some" which turned out to be 150 lines and she doesn't clearly define "text" which turns out to be the all important minimum land acreage designations for the entire island.

Minimum land size designations are clearly a policy issue and are at the heart of the OCP. Jim Abram sent out a similar message when he wrote in the May 25 issue of the Discovery Islander: "My intention is to allow only basic legal changes to the OCP to take place, which would include the provincial updates and the reordering of the document....really a staff job. But I have agreed that it will be overseen by a committee of 6 islanders, just to make sure there are no policy issues dealt with." Jim, like Kate, mentions "some items" that may be moved from the OCP to the zoning bylaw document, but again "some items" is not identified as the important minimum land designations in the OCP.

At the meeting Kate Cruickshank admitted that taking out the minimum land designations was not required by any provincial law. I, therefore, tried to clarify the issue by introducing the following motion: "We retain the current 1996 OCP minimum acreage requirements for lands designated Residential, Residential Rural and Rural until a community wide OCP revision process takes place." Jim Abram ruled that such a motion was not allowed.

The regional planner's second surprise caught everyone off guard, including Jim Abram. Although some developers in the room did seem delighted. She

drew three large circles on the overhead which neither Jim nor the group of six nor anyone had seen before. One circle was the Heriot Bay village core which extended almost to Camp Homewood. Another circle was the Q. Cove village core which extended to the area of the community centre. Both circles almost intersected i.e. the circles were much bigger than the area inbetween. This was a completely arbitrary massive expansion of the previously proposed LAP village cores. The third circle covered the whole area from Drew Harbour to the Light House at the southern end of Quadra. In this area, our regional district planner suggested two and one half lots would be permitted on a case by case basis.

This is supposed to be the much promised "compromise" between the LAP's and the 1996 OCP.

Really its just the Local Area Planning ideas gone island wide on a case by case gradual basis. The problem is that it will pit neighbour against neighbour in a series of neverending zoning by law hearings. During and after the meeting, Jim Abram, to his credit, said the circles are much too big and we need to define the village cores on a clear street by street basis. (See Jim's report in this issue)

The third surprise was a document called "Director Jim Abram's Possible Solution." Again, this document was introduced at the meeting solely by Kate Cruickshank, the regional planner, much to Jim Abram's surprise. He wasn't aware that the document was being handed out at the rear of the meeting until he was handed a copy. Much of the text was not written or approved by Jim. Kate Cruickshank produced a new term called "Rural Mixed Density" which says land designations "would include down to 2.5 acres" in the circled area from Drew Harbour to the Southern most point of the island. In short all 10 and 5 acre lots are now allowed to be subdivided on a case by case basis in all of South Quadra.

This is not democracy. This is the regional planner calling all the shots. The regional planners are running the show. Island residents and even Jim Abram are being left out of the decision-making loop. Where is the famous compromise solution in all this mess?

There is no doubt that Jim Abram will have to make his own map, draw his own circles and write his own reports if a community compromise is going to be reached. It is not the regional planner's job to substitute herself for the duly elected governmental representative.

I don't mean to target a single individual as the one & only culprit in this process. The entire process has lacked a full and frank island-wide democratic discussion of our 1996 OCP. They are doing it on Cortes?

Why not here?

Steve Moore

Quadra Development - A Neighbour's Perspective

Dear Editor,

On the subject of the pros and cons of development I have what I hope is a creative compromise to offer Quadra villages.

I share the fear of conventional car based subdivisions with slab blocks and commercial strips. If that is what is meant by 'development' then I too would prefer to have no development at all. I have, on the otherhand, no fear of increased density per se. On the contrary, there are many examples world wide of beautiful and exciting towns and villages which are highly desirable places to live and visit that gain their fundamental attraction from their density. Many but not all of them were built before the age of the motor car. Although cars may be present they have not been able to dominate because most of the buildings are too close together (ie too dense) for cars to function very well and they are forced to adopt a secondary role in what are still primarily feel good people places with the essential characteristic that I want to emphasize, namely **human scale**. Specifically, there is an optimum size and density for a village that allows the basic facilities of daily life to be within walking distance.

I am not suggesting we abandon our cars. What I am saying is that, especially in these days of climate change and the inevitable decreasing availability and increasing cost of oil (as described by Steve Halliday in a recent issue of the Islander) perhaps it is time to consider other kinds of settlement patterns than those that are prescribed and approved by Ministry of Highways. We all like our cars and they are (for now at least) convenient ways of getting around but let's face it, they do take up a lot of space and they are not entirely conducive to casual social interaction, energy and land conservation or affordable housing patterns. Surely its time to put natural human requirements, especially those of the very old and very young, ahead of those of the automobile and tuck the cars away around the back. So long as increased density retains human scale (max 3 storeys high) and consists of relatively small pockets or clusters interspersed with open courtyards and generous green spaces, it could help reduce land and construction costs of residential units. This could make them more affordable for young working families and seniors on fixed incomes while at the same time adding much needed vitality and character to Quadra villages. If basic services such as shops, schools,

play grounds, pubs and ferries were reasonably close by and it were therefore not inherently necessary to drive the long distances from their homes, people might be more inclined to walk or bicycle. This would save them money while helping to stay healthy.

When houses or apartments are clustered and stacked together as well as requiring less land, a lot of the building fabric such as walls, floors, roofs and foundations could be shared. This achieves considerable savings in capital cost per unit. Similarly, costs could be reduced with shared centralized services such as plumbing and heating. Each cluster could have its own shared well, electrical wind and solar generators, rainwater collectors, recycled gray water and sewage treatment plants. Shared yards, car parking, play spaces, gardens and allotments, so long as they are carefully designed, could also significantly reduce the cost of homes while at the same time encouraging a sense of neighbourhood. Family homes could also be considerably smaller than the average suburban houses which are often very wasteful of space. Such homes might not have the conventional privacy and status symbols associated with each separate house with its own lawn, driveway, picket fence and two car garage but when hard working young folks can't afford all that, and now that we are all becoming increasingly aware of the true hidden costs to the environment of low density housing why not make some adjustments? Overall allowable gross densities could even stay the same as now because by concentrating any new residences into pockets of higher net density the same gross area of land could allow for generous amounts of open and or green space.

For example, most of the attractive villages I have seen elsewhere in the world combine limited areas of high net housing density with a strong central public open space that serves as the heart and main meeting place of the community. Mexican plazas on most evenings are full of people having fun, enjoying their public space in a multitude of different ways. English village greens bring nature right into the heart of the community for all to share and enjoy. (Small wonder that many modern ball games were invented there). I saw an award winning new subdivision of a 100 acre lot in Davis, California, that left half of it as natural wetlands and built medium high net

density town houses and semi detached suburban homes on very small lots on the rest of it. They also featured tightly winding very narrow green streets with pedestrian and bicycle trails weaving through out. At Whistler, the car free public open space at the heart of the village with non rectangular streets and high net density leading in to it, have been a tremendous success in generating vitality. If they can override Ministry of Highways 66 ft right of ways and design to their own community's specific needs and aspirations it should be possible to do so on Quadra Island.

I believe there is a danger in planning and zoning regulations being so rigid and specific as to stifle diversity and living vitality in our built environment. Their role would, be far better served by outlining possibilities. Rather than negative preoccupations with stopping bad things why not (as Jim Abram has suggested) give more positive "consideration" to what might possibly be good. Most of the villages I have described gain vitality from having a rich and diverse mixture of activities, residential, commercial, recreational and even industrial. It is not the kind of activity that should be regulated so much as the **scale** and the degree to which it is compatible and mutually supportive to neighbouring activities. As Chris Alexander (author of A Pattern Language and recently The Nature of Order) has shown the degree of life in a village, what makes it feel like a good place to be, derives from the way the parts coalesce to form a whole which is more than the sum of the parts. So rather than planning for the differentiation of the parts which tends to lead to fragmentation of the built environment, maybe we need to integrate by encouraging the relationships between the parts. To this end, it makes sense to have locally controlled, case by case assessment of development applications, where the guide lines for approval are designed to ask the question "In what way does this proposal add to the life and character of the village and increase the cohesion and integrity of the whole neighbourhood."

Here endeth my once in thirty two years Quadra Island rant from your next door neighbouring Maurelle Island.

Rob Wood
Architectural Association diploma

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Next deadline 7pm July 2nd

An Open Letter To Jim Abram

Dear Jim,

Dear Jim,

Thank you for your efforts to provide a possible solution to our OCP problems.

Your Section 1) MULTIPLE (MIXED) USE seems like it might work, after the boundaries for the village centres of Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay are set accurately by roads, and if development is kept inside these boundaries. This is where I see young families being able to afford one part of a multi-unit as a beginning step in owning a larger property, or seniors moving there when they can no longer manage their larger parcels.

Your Section 2) RURAL MIXED DENSITY does not provide affordability as intended. Some folks think that small properties will attract and keep young families on the Island, in spite of the fact that the numbers of retirees, particularly on Vancouver Island, far outnumber young people these days, that schools are closing all over BC for lack of students, and that few young families would have a \$50,000 down payment for a 2.5 acre property. Rich retirees will likely buy most of the small pieces we create, perhaps building large houses and further compromising our rural areas.

Of course, parents should be permitted to subdivide their land for their children, and so I suggest five acre minimum parcels in Rural areas be permitted for family members. A second smaller residence on a five acre property could provide a rental for young people who are just beginning life on their own.

If exceptions to existing zoning in the southern portion of the island are considered and accepted, will this not increase densities and compromise the rural areas of the island? If hearings are the method by which those exceptions become realities, will this not create neighbour to neighbour conflict, as each person struggles to express personal interest in situations of invited irregularities? The tense and divisive consequence of these possible numerous conflicts could undermine the community harmony that is created by clearly defined subdivision criteria.

Any properties that can be considered for subdivision will likely have an elevated selling price, along with assessed value and taxes. In the future, all For Sale signs on Quadra

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could include the words "Subdivision Potential".

If we took up a collection for the hall rental and did not invite the planners, we could take time to look more carefully at the details of your suggestion, when it is ready with accurate maps and wording. We could also review the required changes that have been made to our OCP and discuss the new bylaws created as a result. It is better to do this now, than be sorry later.

Yours truly,
J. Baker

(If any Discovery Island readers share these concerns, write to Jim <abramfam@oberon.ark.com> and Kate <kcrucikshank@rdcs.bc.ca> It's not too late!)

OCP Plan Part 14 in scary 3-D Directed by Reginald District starring You

Since my regular soap-operas are in reruns, I decided to drop in at the Community Centre and get my fix by taking in the OCP. For the last eight months or so I've been wondering why the community can't seem to get it together. On Wednesday I think I finally figured it out. It seems to me that people on Quadra are making three incorrect preconceptions.

The first is that Quadra is some kind of Oz-like utopia. The OCP would be the ruby slippers that will let us keep Quadra just the way we like it. I'll let you fill in your own names for all the characters but, if I'm casting it, Abrams is Glinda. His idea may not be a perfect solution but I suspect it is the only solution. The problem is that Quadra is at least two utopias. One group thinks of it as a place where they can share a beer over the back fence with their grandkids until it's time to move to Victoria and then they want to be able to sell their house for huge money to the rich foreigners but they want their neighbours to be forced to sell their properties cheap. The other group thinks utopia is being able to dance naked under the moon on their 60 acres and where the wood in their

houses and in their fireplaces magically appears without cutting down any of the sacred groves.

This leads us to incorrect preconception number two. If the OCP isn't worded exactly as they want it each group is suddenly going to wake up in the other groups utopia. No matter how good or how bad a job is done, in another 15 years or so another group is going to change it. Quadra is changing fast, but not so fast that at least half of the people who are most vehement about the OCP will be dead before they notice any major change. But, just as you can't legislate against stupidity you can't legislate against change.

The third error is that life is fair. A number of people seem to think that if they get to the microphone often enough and talk long enough that they will get their way. A number of people think it's unfair that their kids may not be able to afford to live here. I couldn't afford to live where my parents lived and they had to move to away from where my grandparents lived who in turn had to move to an entirely new continent because they couldn't afford to live where their parents lived. If we all lived with our parents we'd be living in one hundred, zillion story high apartments in South Africa. Some people think it's unfair that in a democracy the rich get a better deal. Sadly we live in an oilgarchy (sic joke). It's unfair that when you move to a place that you love you are responsible for part of its destruction.

Everything changes. Everything dies. Suck it up. Our fearless leader, a segue from the Oz metaphor to Rocky and Bullwinkle, has a plan that can fly and I think we should let him run with it so the rest of us can go back to better things like watching television.

Dear Editor,

Run of the River Excursions Inc., is a newly formed eco-tourism company offering natural history and cultural tours in Campbell River and surrounding areas to the cruise ship and local tourism market.

Our inaugural "Discover Quadra" tour happened on June 5th, 2007, where guests from the first cruise ship to dock at Campbell River were treated to a taste of the spirit of Quadra Island. Our feedback is that the guests thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

The success of this tour was due to our Quadra guides, Steve Trayler and Terry Hale, as well as

2007 Property taxes \$3,404 per day

The accompanying analysis of property tax requisitions by local governments upon reader review should speak for itself. [see page 10]

Another annual double digit increase this year for the Comox-Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) of 16.47%, albeit less than last years increase of 26.99%. The CSRD's taxes have increased 138.22% over the last ten years. The Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital District (CSRHD) tax increases of 111.86% last year and 15.88% will contribute to the much discussed new "regional" hospital to be built in the Courtney Comox area. Their benefit, our cost.

The Regional District and the Regional Hospital District taxes represent 68% of all the local government taxes, and again have the largest rates of increase, 16.47% and 15.88% respectively. Can any taxpayer believe the CSRD's pamphlet that came with the property tax notice as being anywhere close to being honest and truthful?

The South Quadra Fire Protection District's (SQFPD) taxes for an unpaid volunteer organization current taxes being 43.72% of the CSRD's taxes are less than the their 64.40% of the CSRD ten year total, but then ten years ago, the SQFPD was taxing for a new building, and they never really reduced that excess taxation to build a new fire hall.

The Vancouver Island Regional Library tax increase at a 9.45% is non-the-less significant, although it would most likely be much cheaper just to provide non-returnable books on request and free of charge via Amazon-on-line.

Ted Conover

the warm welcome extended by all the participants at each of our stops: The Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre, the Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge and the Q-Cove shops that opened for the evening.

Run of the River Excursions Inc. thanks all of the people who helped make our first Quadra excursion memorable. We plan to continue providing high quality experiences in the Campbell River and surrounding areas and look forward to continue working with the wonderful people of Quadra in future projects.

Colin Buss and Luisa Richardson

2007 Property tax requisition increases by Local Governments **

\$3,033 per day to \$3,404 per day

2006			2007		
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Amount	% change	\$ / Day	Amount	% change	\$ / Day
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\$ 17,000	1.17%	\$ 47	\$ 16,503	-2.92%	\$ 45
\$ 26,881	28.20%	74	\$ 26,881	0.00%	74
\$ 63,905	1.43%	175	\$ 71,135	11.31%	195
\$ 421		1	\$ 1,226	191.21%	3
\$ 1,000	1900.00%	3	\$ 8,446	744.60%	23
109,207	8.32%	299	124,191	13.72%	340

600	-33.99%	2	600	0.00%	2
7,842	12.87%		13,868	76.84%	
33,990	9.23%	93	34,269	0.82%	94
8	-11.11%	0	9	12.50%	0
42,440	8.87%	116	48,746	14.86%	134

1,588	6.36%	4	2,314	45.72%	6
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1,588	-113.47%	4	2,314	45.72%	6

151,334	25.81%	415	155,519	2.77%	426
479	0.84%	1	2,106	339.67%	6
239	0.00%	1	238	-0.42%	1
8,635	0.56%	24	8,635	0.00%	24
160,687	24.00%	440	166,498	3.62%	456

61,491	61.82%	168	95,500	55.31%	262
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100	0.00%	0	100	0.00%	0
61,591	61.66%	169	95,600	55.22%	262

\$ 375,513	26.99%	1,029	\$ 437,349	16.47%	1,198
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354,209	111.86%	970	410,470	15.88%	1,125
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187,420	2.98%	513	191,200	2.02%	524
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112,339	-0.82%	308	122,957	9.45%	337
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77,199	16.62%	212	79,985	3.61%	219
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442	0.00%	1	442	0.00%	1
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\$ 1,107,122	34.23%	\$ 3,033	\$ 1,242,403	12.22%	\$ 3,404
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Tax Requisitions

Ten Year Totals

General Government Services

110 - Administration & General Government	\$ 124,422
127 - Grants in Aid	250,925
130 - Electoral & Administration	437,732
150 - Feasibility Study - Regional	3,965
158 - Feasibility Study - Area J	9,546
sub-total	826,590

Protective Services

263 - Search & Rescue - Campbell River	9,901
272 Emergency Preparedness Plan	28,658
275 - 911 Answering Service	300,581
297 - Soil Deposit & Removal Control Extended	256
sub-total	339,396

Environmental Health Services

345 - Pesticide Awareness Service	7,070
391 - Regional Solid Waste Plan LSA	5,855
sub-total	12,925

Environmental Developmental Services

500 - Planning	1,125,938
510 - Planning - (non part 26)	9,371
536 - House Numbering	8,228
555 - Economic Development - Area 'J'	33,615
sub-total	1,177,152

Recreational & Cultural Services

618 - Community Parks	387,610
625 - Regional Parks	(8,911)
698 - Heritage Conservation Extended Service	5,400
sub-total	384,099

Comox-Strathcona Regional District Area J	\$ 2,740,162
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Comox-Strathcona Regional Hospital (9 yrs)	\$ 1,803,310
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South Quadra Fire Protection District	\$ 1,764,753
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Vancouver Island Regional Library	\$ 1,081,141
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Community Hall - Quadra Island	\$ 644,858
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North Quadra Assistance Response (6 yrs)	\$ 2,322
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Totals	\$ 8,036,546
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Canada Day Fun, Food, And Fireworks

Wear red and white colours and costumes to Canada Day Celebrations. 5:30 The Great BBQ Dinner and the Children's Festival. 7:30 Judging the Delectable Decorated Cake Contest and Mainstage Entertainment 10:30 Fireworks.

Canada Day Driving / Parking

Minimize traffic congestion: carpool, bike, use shuttles, or park on Heriot Bay Road. Parking lot reserved for service vehicles / volunteers with equipment. Other vehicles park along spit road, facing the exit (park gates). Shuttle for handicapped will be available after fireworks; users sign up with shuttle drivers on the ride in. After 8 p.m. all vehicles will be turned around by the boat launching ramp. Donations will give you the chance to win many prizes.

Merve Wilkinson is Coming to Cortes Island!

There will be an open house at my place on Saturday, June 23 - starting at 12 noon and lasting until Merve tires (he's over 90 years old).

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Canada Day

...is coming! Save Sunday July 1 for community celebration and fireworks at Rebecca Spit. Children's Festival. from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Mainstage entertainment from 7:30 till fireworks. Entertainers, volunteers, or sponsors for Children's Festival phone Judy 2150

Schedule

5:30 The Great BBQ Dinner and Children's Festival. 7:30 Delectable Decorated Cake Contest and Mainstage Entertainment 10:30 Fireworks. Canada Day T-shirts for men, women and children, and glow-in-the-dark jewelry and sticks will be sold.

At Explore

Explore presents new works by local artist Barbara Desmarais the multi media exhibit runs May 29th - June 30th Please join Barbara at Explore during the Studio Tour June 2nd 10-5 PM and June 3rd 10 - 4pm Open Mon. - Sat 10-5pm

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At the Legion

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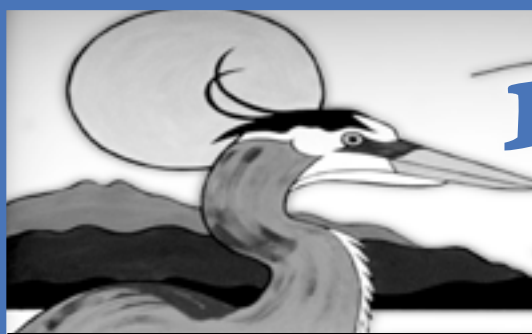
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/lb
\$2.16/kg

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/lb
\$5.47/kg

B.C. Grown
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Lettuce

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each

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Sunkist
Pistachios

98¢
/100g

Rowntree
Smarties

\$1.38
/100g

Dan-D Pak
Cashews

\$3.98
500g

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Cluster
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58¢
/100g

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Nut
Mix

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/100g

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For tickets send a cheque or money order payable to 'AP Reunion 2007' to Box 178 Quathiaski Cove BC V0P 1N0. Include your mailing address and tickets will be mailed directly to you.

On Sunday September 2 there will be a BYOB BBQ picnic at Rebecca Spit from noon to 4 pm absolutely free. Come and share your memories with old friends. www.aprilpointreunion.com

Quadra Farmers' Market

The Quadra Island Farmers' Market welcomes everyone to this year's Community Market. The market takes place every Saturday rain or shine, from May through until September between 10 am and 2 pm, located behind the Quadra Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove.

The new managers of the market are Carmen, Susan and Alma and we would like to welcome back all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We will continue with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8 am precisely for your setup. The fee for vendors will increase to \$5.00 this year. The fee for children under 16 will remain at \$1.00. Community and charitable organizations are not charged a table fee for their participation.

Market parking is accessed from Green Road, please use it and encourage others to do the same as the main Credit Union parking lot is for their business customers only.

If you are a visitor on Quadra Island please feel welcome to come and visit our market between 10 am and 2 pm and perhaps you'll find a great souvenir of Quadra to take back home.

We strongly discourage dogs at the market so if you have no choice and must bring your dog, it will have to be on a leash at all times. Your market managers will monitor this on your behalf.

Any questions or concerns can be discussed with either Carmen at 286-9808 Susan at 285-3934 or Alma at 285-3521. See you all at the market!

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Two Young People From Quadra Island On Tallship Adventure

VICTORIA—A young person from Quadra Island is now on board a tallship heading out into the Pacific Ocean en route to Hawaii, Tahiti, and Fiji (the last reported position of the ship can be seen at <file://www.salts.ca>www.salts.ca (click Pacific Odyssey). A second Quadra Islander will join the ship in Fiji and continue on to Papua New Guinea. There are 21 young adults in total on each leg of the voyage plus seven professional crew-members who will teach them how to sail the ship. The young adults are on board the tallship Pacific Grace, a 138' schooner which is one of two tallships operated by the Sail and Life Training Society (SALTS) of Victoria. Legs 1-5 are sold out, but some berths on legs 6-7 are still available for booking for those aged 17-27.

1	Victoria	Hawaii	June 3 - July 9, 2007
2	Hawaii	Tahiti	July 12 - Aug 17, 2007
3	Tahiti	Fiji	Aug 20 - Oct 10, 2007
4	Fiji	Papua New Guinea	Oct 13 - Dec 28, 2007
5	Papua New Guinea	Osaka, Japan	Dec 31, 2007 - Mar 19, 2008
6	Osaka, Japan	Hawaii	March 22 - May 6, 2008
7	Hawaii	Victoria	May 9 - June 14, 2008

The focus of this voyage is personal growth and challenge for young adults. Participants will experience life at sea, live in a tight community, learn all aspects of tallship sailing, and be exposed to diverse cultures and geography. The media and public are invited to follow the voyage at <<http://www.salts.ca>>www.salts.ca (click Pacific Odyssey), where a special website section features photos, video clips, GPS coordinates, Captain's Logs, and trainee journals throughout the entire 12-month voyage.

About SALTS: The Sail and Life Training Society is a non-profit organization that helps young people develop life skills through sail training, and builds and restores traditional wooden ships in their heritage shipyard. S.A.L.T.S. operates two tall ships and takes over 2000 young people sailing each year off the coast of Vancouver Island and on occasional offshore voyages. For more information: www.salts.ca (click Pacific Odyssey)

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Piñatas at Quadra Community Centre

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Imagine the Community Centre full of bright, dangling Piñatas. What a lively sight. This is a call to all artists, crafters, engineers, architects, cutters and pasters, and anyone of any age with an imagination. Get out the newspaper, the flour and the water, and create your own unique Piñata for the First Annual Quadra Island Piñata Exhibition. Categories will include most traditional, most outrageous, most structurally complex and children's categories.

Piñatas have origins in China, where they were used to celebrate spring and the New Year. The explorer Marco Polo brought the Piñata back to Spain, and from there they traveled to the "New World" with the conquistadors. In the 14th century, missionaries adapted Piñata celebrations to Lent and transformed the festive ritual for religious instruction. The decorated clay pot represented Satan, who often wears a pleasing mask to attract followers. The seven points of the pot symbolized the seven deadly sins and the stick represented love, destroying the sins by hitting and breaking the Piñata to pieces. Lastly, the treats that came pouring out of the broken Piñata symbolized forgiveness and new beginnings.

Today we use balloons, cardboard or wire mesh for the inner armature, newsprint and flour paste for sculpting, and coloured paper or paint to finish the creation and turn it into a vibrant work of art. The Piñata has lost its religious overtones, but it remains a great source of fun and excitement at birthday parties and other celebrations. Now, Piñatas are about to become the medium for community wide eclectic art and creative expression, and for a fundraising draw for the new Blenkin Park playground. Between July 20th and August 20th, Piñatas will be hanging from the big beams at the Community Centre for public viewing. Locals and visitors are invited to drop by, admire the creations, and cast their votes for their favorite piñata or submit a silent bit to take it home at the end of the exhibit. Winners will be posted in the Discovery Islander. Stay tuned for more information.

Put your imagination to work. It's fun to make Piñatas in the sun. Make your own at home or come to a workshop at the Community Centre on Monday July 16th and Thursday July 19th from 1:00 ^ 3:00 p.m.

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2007 Quilt & Garden Tour

June 23 and 24 are the days for this years Quilt and Garden Tour, Posies Passions and Pathways. This yearly non-profit event will benefit children. The money raised goes toward the Quilter's annual marathon where many volunteers spend a weekend in the fall to create beautiful comfort quilts to be delivered to the Children's Hospital to comfort young cancer patients. The money will also go toward our new Quadra Island playground at the community centre. We encourage people on Quadra to come out for this two day event and support both these worthy causes. The garden's this year are varied, some with spectacular ocean views and some tucked against rocks or into the forest. The gardeners and quilters will be on hand to answer your questions about their techniques in sewing or getting a special plant to thrive. Come to see the posies, talk about the passions and follow the pathways.

Tickets are still only \$12.00 per person for both days. The self guided tour runs from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets will be available on the island at Explore Gallery, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply, The Heriot Bay Store and The Quadra Tourist Information Booth. Your friends in Campbell River can purchase tickets at Serendipity in The Garden, Willow Point Market and Garden Centre and the Campbell River Tourist Information Booth. Info call Bev. 285-3897

Quadra Students Excel at Chess in District and Provincial Tournaments

On March 2, 2007 seven students from Quadra Island participated in the School District #72 Chess Tournament. They competed against all the other schools in the district and four of our students won first place in their grade level. Congratulations to:

Grade 1: Kashike Umemura – first place
Grade 2: Maksym Andrejczuk – first place
Grade 3: Ali McPhee
Grade 5: Gina Nickoloff – first place
Grade 6: Grant Mitchell – first place
Grade 6: Kelton Idiensi
E-Blend: Chayton Skye

History was made at this chess tournament as this was the first time an E-Blend student participated in the tournament. On the Easter weekend Kashike Umemura, Chayton Skye, Gina Nickoloff, Grant Mitchell and Kelton Skye participated in the Provincial Chess Tournament in Victoria. Congratulations on having the courage and focus to compete at this level. Many thanks to Philippe Desique for his coaching and dedication. Thank you also to Katya Brammer and Chayton Skye for helping to set up chess games each Monday.



Top L-R: Bridget Walshe, Grant Mitchell, Philippe Desique, Gina Nickoloff, and Kelton Idiensi Front L-R: Kashike Umemura, Ali McPhee, and Maks Andrejczuk

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A HUGE THANKS.' TO TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRES, MANY VOLUNTEERS.

A Special Thank-you to Kurt & Judy Hagen for the many hardworking hours, at the new Tourist Information Centre. Also the many following volunteers who gave their time and effort. Also the Business's who made donations, & brought material, which helped us be ready for the Tourist Season.

Quadra Island Builders, Heriot Bay Inn, On Root Gardens, Heriot Bay Consignment, Noel Creek Sawmills, Stan Fair Flooring, Casey Guldemon, Roy Zimmerman, David & Elaine McQuade, Russell Swanson, Marshall Toelle, Madlyn Andres, Lyn Teneycke, Dave & Joan Smith and Terry Bertagnoli Mark Albrecht, Lucille Swanson.

MANY EVENTS PLANNED FOR THE SUMMER

June 25/07—Cordero Boat Tour and lunch Already full

July 11, 2007, 11:00 a.m Pot-luck Picnic @ Halbe Hall, Blk Creek Contact Ruth 285-3801

Uchuck III—Plans are still being made for a day trip From Gold River--\$55.00

July and August—Neptune's Doorstep Boat Trips With Jack Mar at Yak Shack

September /07 Victoria Bus Trip- for Titanic Exhibit \$25.00 return on Bus from C.R. Exhibit and Imax Titania film-- \$24.60 Group rate. For the above trips—contact Ruth Amiabel 285-3801

September 5th/07—Quadra Seniors Picnic—Rebecca Spit Pot-Luck Lunch and games

September/07 -- Excursion from Port Alberni on the Lady Rose- overnite and tour of Banfield Station. Contact Hilda 285-3458

Walk on the Rebecca Spit on Sundays, with Peter and Lloyd. Meet at the Launch at 11: a.m, or catch up at Picnic grounds.

For Membership in our active friendly group, contact—Lyn Teneyche—285-2789 or Len Lamb—285-3354 Also Cliff Hand—923-5814

"Speaking to the Archetype"

Portraits by Perrin Sparks opens July 6th with the artist's reception 5—8pm at Drawing Room Art Works, DRAW Gallery. These portraits transcend the individual and speak to the personality type Perri finds represented by a particular person. Perri is less concerned with an exact copy of the model's features, than she is with the archetype that they may personify. A few are the 'sketches' that initiated the process, then an image begins to form that goes beyond or sometimes even exaggerates the features or personality of her model, the rest are the final product.

Not to be missed 'NOMADS' the artwork of d.oram still on exhibit until June 30th. Gallery is open Thurs thru Saturday 12—6pm. DRAW gallery is located behind Village Square, upstairs/rear - follow the signs. 285-2008. Drop by and see the show next time you are at the Square. Everyone is welcome.

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The Bullfrog Project

Disease, habitat destruction and pollution have put amphibians all over the world at serious risk. In British Columbia, native frogs face an extra danger – the American Bullfrog. An invasive species, introduced bullfrogs have displaced native amphibians from large areas of southeastern Vancouver Island and the lower Fraser Valley.

Bullfrogs are voracious predators that can easily eat our native frogs. They are also thought to spread a newly discovered frog disease, although they themselves are not affected by this disease. The bullfrog range is expanding in our area, thanks mainly to humans who are not only moving them around but also creating habitats that are very suitable for bullfrogs. This is putting our native species at greater risk and targeted management efforts are being developed in response.

One such effort is the Bullfrog Project, the product of years of research by Purnima Govindarajulu at the University of Victoria. Through federal funding and a partnership with the Centre for Coastal Health in Nanaimo, the Project is focused on public outreach, site monitoring and steward training to stop new populations from cropping up. The Project is also researching methods to mitigate the impact of existing bullfrog populations by modifying habitat to enable persistence of native frog populations.

In the past 15 years the bullfrogs have been spreading rapidly on Vancouver Island and now reach as far north as Campbell River, with additional populations on some of the Gulf Islands.

"The presence of bullfrogs on Gulf islands and the huge jumps from one town to another in their breeding populations tell us that humans are transporting them and helping their expansion," says Cali Bingham, a Quadra Island native who's now a Bullfrog Project coordinator. "Especially with an island like Quadra, where people are the only way bullfrogs are going to get here, it's really important that the public understands not to move them. People think they'll make great pets or garden ornaments, but they're voracious predators and will eat anything they can fit into their mouths."

The Bullfrog Project has identified Quadra Island as a priority habitat and the coordinators, including Bingham, will be giving a presentation on July 11, 2007 at 7:30 at the Quadra Community center. Admission is free and anyone interested in wildlife and the ecology of Quadra is encouraged to come.

Cruise Toba Inlet with the Cortes Island Museum

The Desolation Sound area has spawned many popular books of fact and fiction. They describe a place with charismatic allure. The Cortes Island Museum offers a two-day cruise through the heart of Desolation Sound and into Toba Inlet on June 23 and 24, with naturalist/skipper Mike Moore and historian Jeanette Taylor. The twosome promise participants a constant pageant of terrific scenery and lively tales.

"The Toba Inlet area," says Moore, "was carved out by glaciers during the last ice age. It's incredibly deep, steep and wild." He explains that with the huge snow pack of the past season, the waterfalls that cascade into the inlet will be an impressive sight. The cliffs are so steep, says Moore, that he can manoeuvre his boat -Misty Isles, right up to the waterfalls. "It's an exhilarating and wet experience," says Moore.

While the incredible beauty of Desolation Sound and Toba Inlet is a definite highlight, the area's history is also a draw. Local historian Jeanette Taylor will share a wealth of stories from the Age of Exploration, when British and Spanish explorers anchored in Desolation Sound over two hundred years ago. She'll also guide the group to some ancient First Nations sites, including pictographs (paintings on stone) in places like Waddington Channel. Taylor is currently at work on her third book, which provides a detailed story of the Discovery Islands and adjacent Mainland Inlets.

The group will overnight in Toba Wilderness's hostel-style cabins and campground, which is powered by one of the inlet's waterfalls. All meals, including a gourmet salmon barbecue, and lodging are included in the \$302 fee (\$280 for those who camp). Transportation from the Cortes Island ferry dock will be provided, if required, to the departure point in Cortes Bay at 10:20 a.m. on June 23, with a return at 5:00 pm on June 24. Call Cortes Island Museum at 250-935-6340 or e-mail timas@island.net for more info. Register early as seats are limited to 12.

Other trips on offer by the Cortes Museum include a circumnavigation of historic Read Island on July 21 and a tour of Desolation Sound on August 25.



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Changes at the Island Medical Centre

Dr. Marsh wishes to announce that as of August 1st, 2007 he will be amalgamating his two practices and offering medical services full time at the Quinsam Medical Clinic in Campbell River.

This decision was difficult to make and was necessary for a variety of reasons. Dr. Marsh would like to stress that he is not leaving the area and will be in a position to continue to be a G.P. to any of his patients who wish to continue to see him at the Quinsam Clinic. All appointments for dates from August 1st onwards will need to be made by calling the Quinsam Clinic at 286-0601. Patient charts will be transferred to the clinic in Campbell River. Dr. Marsh looks forward to continuing to provide medical care to his patients from both Quadra Island and Campbell River. he regrets any inconvenience this change will cause for his island patients. The new arrangement will offer a single source for making appointments.

Dr. Marsh will continue to be available 5 days a week for your medical needs. In addition, the Quinsam Clinic will be relocating in September to a more convenient space next to the new London Drug store on Dogwood St. which will allow for easier access from the ferry.

Dr. Marsh thanks his staff Mary Marsh (clinic manager), gretchen Peters (receptionist) and Mary Thomson (receptionist) for their excellent work and support over the last four years.

Dr. Ian Marsh

News from the Quadra Island Medical Clinic

As Dr. Marsh describes above he will be moving his practice to Campbell River. I wish him well in his new endeavours and thank him for his generous and professional work on Quadra island. He will be missed.

Hopefully many of those who are patients of Dr. Marsh will be able to seek his services in Campbell River. Unfortunately there are some people who can't or don't wish to travel off-island to see a doctor. I am working very hard to recruit another physician to Quadra on a permanent basis.

Until Dr. Marsh leaves on August 1st, my schedule remains the same. In August and September Dr. Jennifer Verster-Cohen will provide full time medical services, Monday through Friday at the Quadra Island Medical Clinic.

Dr. Erika Kellerhals

42nd Annual Trout Derby Report

Even though the weather was wet, windy and cold up at the lakes and there was a last minute date change, resulting in only about 50 entries, half from last year's trout derby, a great time was had by all! We would like to thank and congratulate everyone for being such great sports and coming out to support the event.

This year's winner of the Garnet Patten Memorial trophy for the men's largest fish and the winner of this year's trout derby was Mike Sumner for his 11lb 7.1oz trout. The Howard Richards memorial trophy for Women's largest fish went to Sharon Craddock for the second year in a row for her 11lb 3.8oz trout.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Youth 15 & Under

- 1st - Derek Clandeney
- 2nd - Ameen McKirgan
- 3rd - Alex Green

Women's

- 1st - Sharon Craddock
- 2nd - Lou Richards
- 3rd - Debbie Richards

Men's

- 1st - Mike Sumner
- 2nd - Brian McCabe
- 3rd - Mike Craddock

The entry prizewinners this year were Darlene Richards and Kyle Barker. Aemon McKirgan for the second year in a row won the hidden weight. Billy Dubois was drawn as the winner of the skunk prize. Brian McCabe won \$64.00 in the 50/50 draw and Edith Nutting was the lucky winner of the \$200.00 raffle.

This year's proceeds of \$625.00 were donated to the S.P.C.A. and were made possible from the concession stand. Thank you to the Heriot Bay TruValue Foods for their donations of food and to Quadra Foods for all the buns. We would once again like to thank Nina and Ian Morrison for the delicious donuts and to Steve Mitchell for the corn on the cob, it was so good!

Thank you to those guys who always have our campsite so nicely prepared for us and to Walcan for the tote of ice. A special thank you once again to the Department of Highways for giving their permission to continue enjoying our annual trout derby tradition.

We are planning to hold next year's trout derby on the third weekend in June, Fathers' Day weekend. Unfortunately we weren't able to this year. Hope to see everyone out for next year's 43rd Annual Trout Derby.

Thanks, looking forward to next year! Darlene, Laurel and Sally.

The Big Time Out Lands Big Name Acts This Summer!

On AUGUST 17, 18 & 19, Cumberland hosts THE BIG TIME OUT. Based on the outdoor concert that delighted 2000 fans on Labour Day in 2005, THE BIG TIME OUT is 3 days on 1 stage and will take place in Cumberland Village Park, featuring International talent commonly performing in large urban centers.

Friday night's headliner will be Corb Lund. Corb and his band The Hurtin' Albertans headline the biggest festivals in Canada and are regularly playlisted on CMT and radio stations worldwide. Sharing the bill with Corb are 3 other bands including Big John Bates and the Voodoo Dolls and the Jimmy Bowskill Band. Jimmy is truly the boy wonder. At 16 he is filling the biggest blues clubs in Canada. The Friday evening concert runs from 5-11 P.M.

Saturday runs from 1p.m. until 1am. Michael Franti & Spearhead return to headline this day. This band is the top indie hiphop/reggae act currently touring the planet and Michael is an ambassador for compassion and sanity in the very disturbing political maelstrom that destroys more of the globe every day. He toured Iraq and played for villagers and soldiers alike. This experience yielded material for his latest cd Yellfire and I Know I'm Not Alone (a film chronicling his time in the Middle East) Sharing the bill with Spearhead is Sly & Robbie with a 15 piece reggae act coming out of Jamaica for a whirlwind North American tour. Headlining Reggae on the River in California this group features Horace Andy (the voice of Massive Attack) & Taxi. Included is Cherine Anderson (one of Jamaica's prominent contemporary female singers). Also on the Saturday lineup are performances by Mihirangi, Five Alarm Funk, Greenlaw and Beats Without Borders.

Sunday runs from noon until 11pm. and features another full day of stellar entertainment. Sarah Harmer and her band will take the stage in the evening. Sarah has thrilled audiences world wide and is considered to be one of Canada's finest contemporary singer/songwriters. Her Juno awards, media accolades and extensive album sales are only surpassed by her very compelling live performances. The Sunday lineup includes Hey Ocean, Mother Mother, Toby, Beats Without Borders and Los De Abajo, a 12 piece contemporary punk, hiphop, dancehall group that is touring North American this summer. Performance art pieces, visuals, poi, circus, tribal and gypsy dance are to be included in the mix.

Earlybird tickets can be purchased for individual days or as a 3 Day Pass. Prices are \$35 for Friday, \$55 for Saturday, and \$45 for Sunday. A 3 day pass is \$100. After July 15 the day passes go up \$10 and the 3 day pass rises to \$120. Tickets are on sale now in Campbell River at The Music Plant, 619 11th Ave. and available by phone @ 250 334 4885 or online www.cumberlandvillageworks.com.

Tent camping is available for the weekend. Vendor and volunteer forms are available on the website. Limited tickets will be made available for this event to maintain an intimate feeling and respect this beautiful park in the heart of the Village of Cumberland.

See you there!

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I don't think of myself as a food nut, but the more I travel away from home, the less sure I am. I've always eaten healthily. My father, being Italian, had a huge vegetable garden that my brother and I were indentured to slave in every spring and summer. As a child, I believed everyone had fresh lettuce, corn, beans, peas, and tomatoes from the garden; everyone cooked spaghetti and meatballs from scratch as my father did; everyone had a freezer filled for the winter with food harvested in the summer and fall.

My family, in Ontario, has moved far from those times. My mother is 93 and tired of cooking. She no longer bakes from scratch or makes delicious homemade soups. Her muffins are often from Costco and her soups are Campbell based. My sister-in-laws, because of their busy lives, use much processed and packaged foods for their meals. However, when I fly home to visit and I unpack my hemp hearts and steel cut oats, it is they who question my food choices. Rice milk, plain yogurt, free range chicken, and anything organic have them shaking their heads and certain that I've joined some sort of cult. I'm not a vegetarian nor a vegan. I don't have food sensitivities; yet, when I travel, meals are a challenge.

Recently, friends asked me to travel to Las Vegas with them on a journey of celebration. Breakfast was particularly difficult unless we ate fruit. After asking for plain yogurt, at one restaurant, the waiter actually laughed as he walked away. We did find meals that suited us, but we had to search out the restaurants: a Sushi bar, a Moroccan restaurant and a Mexican grill. Just by chance, we found a Mexican grocery store and were rewarded with fresh fish chowder that we brought back to our hotel room. One day we lived on dried fruit, nuts and martinis.

When my husband, John, and I travel, we look for motels with refrigerators into which we can put our yogurt, juice, fresh fruit and veggies. We stop at grocery stores to select items for picnic lunches in the car. We ignore the impatience of waiters when we bombard them with questions as to how the food will be cooked or what's in the food we order.

I don't think I'm a food nut just because, when I travel, I put a lot of thought into how and what I'm going to eat. I simply want the freshness and goodness of the food I had as a child. If achieving this means buying bigger carry-on luggage, then so be it.

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To Kate Cruickshank C.S.R.D.

Dear Kate,

My opinion of the C.S.R.D. official Community Plan review on Quadra Island is the same now as expressed before in my last comment form prior to the June 13/07 public meeting at the Quadra Community Centre.

To promote a democratic, accountable and responsible process I have some suggestions that hopefully will assist us in a successful resolution to the O.C.P. review.

1. Since this process has been labelled an O.C.P. Review, let us review what is in the current O.C.P. and investigate outstanding issues that have not been realized, then work towards making them accountable to the Values, Objectives and Community Plan Policies that are the foundation of our O.C.P. as well as correct grammatical errors.

2. In lieu of suggestion #1, institute a full O.C.P. Review, inclusive of the entire community. The review needs to address Community Values and Objectives first before proceeding. This is fundamental to the process of a review.

3. Maybe it is time to reconsider the Quadra Community Association recommendation of an elected board? The board would act as an intermediary buffer between the C.S.R.D. and our community, and would be responsible for clarifying C.S.R.D. proposals with the community. This would hopefully alleviate crisis situations now, and in the future, as we saw occur in the last zoning attempt failure in the Bylaw review of 2003 due to a flawed process. There are allowances for elected boards through the local government Act to work in conjunction with local government. These boards can be custom designed depending on community desires.

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

New Rules

Today I turn over this space to other folks who have thoughts they wish to share with us, luminaries such as social-commentator extraordinaire George Carlin and the 21st century's answer to Johnny Carson, Bill Maher. Carlin has been a thorn in the side of conservative North America for some 4 decades, in the meantime delighting 2 generations of liberals, while Maher has come to represent North American urban angst of the 90's, and whose message still resonates well in the '00's. You'll note that both Carlin and Maher use the "New Rule" label as a framework for their comments, though in fairness I believe Maher owns the genre. In any event, here are their recent thoughts on our crazy world...

Maher is absolutely driven round the bend by Bush and Company, and is a keen political observer – his New Rules often subtly score an eagle. "New Rule: You can't send the National Guard to Iraq and then claim it's still here. The helicopters, the humvees, the men...like Dorothy and Toto, they're not in Kansas anymore. Sorry, Mr. President, but the last documented case of a National Guardsman able to be in two places at one time... was you." [Bill Maher – May 11, 2007] A rather barbed reference to W's spotty attendance with the Texas Air National Guard – spot on, I'd say.

He also reveals his human side in his nationally televised commentaries, as evidenced by his observations around a shared pet peeve, though I'll take French's over Grey Poupon any day..."New Rule: Someone has to make a mustard container that doesn't squirt out yellow water before it gets to the actual mustard. Someone had to say it. I

get all excited for lunch, and then Grey Poupon pees on my sandwich. I suppose I could shake the bottle first, but, **** you, I'm an American consumer! Not only should your mustard be pre-blended to my specifications, it should also whiten my teeth." [Bill Maher – April 27, 2007] In my case, it drives me crazy when, after being asked to request condiments at the drive-through, presumably in the interest of conservation, I open my food bag to find my burger and fries accompanied by 11 salt packets, 5 peppers and 6 ketchups. The only good coming out of this is that I am developing a sizeable survival kit in my truck's glove box, consisting of sufficient condiments to whip up a wholesome gruel in desperate circumstances.

Like most of you, I am an avid recycler and am often frustrated by our food distribution system's apparent obliviousness to the problem of waste. Apparently, so is Bill Maher; "New Rule: From now on, Earth Day really must be a year-round thing. And in honour of this Earth Day, starting Monday, supermarket clerks must stop putting the big bottle of detergent with the handle on it, in a plastic bag. I don't mean to tell you how to do your job, but you see that handle you just lifted the detergent with? I could use that same handle to carry the detergent to my car. And while we're at it, stop putting my liquor in a smaller paper sack before you put it in the big paper sack with my other stuff. What, are you afraid my groceries will think less of me if they see I've been drinking? Trust me, the broccoli doesn't care, and the condoms, they already know." [Bill Maher – April 20, 2007]

George Carlin, believe it or not, became 70 years old on May 12th. Carlin became famous in the 70's using a hippie-dopester shtick that for many wore thin quickly, as his intelligence showed through his contrived routine. Now, he revels in his honest role as a curmudgeon, observing today's vagaries with his usual wit. "New Rule: If you ever hope to be a credible adult and want a job that pays better than minimum wage, then for God's sake don't pierce or tattoo every available piece of flesh. If so, then plan your future around saying "Do you want fries with that?" He follows up with another New Rule in the same spirit, prompted by today's resurgence in tattooing: "Just because your tattoo has Chinese characters in it doesn't make you spiritual. It's right above the crack of your ass. And it translates to

"beef with broccoli." The last time you did anything spiritual, you were praying to God you weren't pregnant. You're not spiritual. You're just high." [George Carlin – open source]

I share Carlin's amusement at the ridiculous lengths people go to in their narcissism – billions of dollars and tons of precious resources are expended annually satisfying vanity. "New Rule: Ladies, leave your eyebrows alone. Here's how much men care about your eyebrows: do you have two of them? Okay, we're done." He's also obviously fascinated with the current water fad, in his charming curmudgeonly way – "There's no such thing as flavoured water. There's a whole aisle of this crap at the supermarket – water, but without that watery taste. Sorry, but flavoured water is called a soft drink. You want flavoured water? Pour some scotch over ice and let it melt. That's your flavoured water." [George Carlin – open source]

It likely won't surprise you to learn others find progress has its annoying side, hence this New Rule: "I'm not the cashier! By the time I look up from sliding my card, entering my PIN number, pressing "Enter," verifying the amount, deciding, no, I don't want cash back, and pressing "Enter" again, the kid who is supposed to be ringing me up is standing there eating my Almond Joy." [George Carlin – open source]

Technology hasn't escaped Maher's attention either – "New Rule: If turning on my cell phone can bring down your commercial airliner, build a better plane. Right? I mean, the number of people who carry hand-held electrical devices these days equals the number of people who have hands. To give them all veto power over whether the other passengers live or die seems like a flaw in the system." [Bill Maher – May 12, 2006] Being a relatively frequent flyer I have, on occasion, forgotten to shut down my Blackberry, and suffered the glares of disapproving passengers who presume I am ignoramus. I do note, however, these folks are generally "hand-held" free, and revel in their superiority.

Next issue it's back to old rules, and an analysis of some pressing matters on the economic front. And to the reader who sent me the 6 questions regarding "A Great First Step" (DI #397), I'll respond in a future column after doing some research. Have a safe and Happy Canada Day Weekend!



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by Tanya Storr

Public Meeting Discusses OCP "Next Steps"



Scene at the public meeting as Quadra community members address the hall.

Quadra residents gathered at QCC on June 13 for a public meeting with CSRD planners and Area 'J' Director Jim Abram, to discuss "next steps" in the Official Community Plan (OCP) process. Approximately 125 people attended the meeting.

Quadra's 1996 OCP is more than 10 years old and in need of updates, according to the Local Government Act. Many islanders have been involved in the planning process that began last fall, attending Local Area Plan meetings and larger community meetings. At times the process has been difficult, with many different

views articulated. The purpose of the June 13 meeting was to look at new ways to move forward in the revision of the OCP.

Jim Abram chaired the meeting, introducing Chief Administrative Officer Bob Long and Planning Technician Kate Cruikshank. Carlos Felip, General Manager of Community Planning Services, was not in attendance, having "moved on to other work."

Kate Cruikshank began by explaining the difference between the OCP, Zoning Bylaw, and Local Government Act. The OCP represents

the community's vision for the next 5-10 years. The Zoning Bylaw contains regulations and policies based on the OCP. The Local Government Act guides the OCP and also sets out what the Zoning Bylaw is allowed to contain.

Bob Long, who is in charge of the planning process and budgeting, mentioned that "we are at the end of our planning budget for Quadra." He hoped that by the close of the meeting, "the community will have reached some conclusion we can take to the board in September."

Jim Abram then presented a proposal to Quadra residents that he had introduced in his June 8 *Discovery Islander* column.

"I put forward a proposal to Bob, Carlos, and Kate, and after some research it seems it can be done. It will allow us to move forward with minimal development, take care of people who are renting and would like to own, and allow those interested in living in higher density situations to do so," Jim said.

Using maps of Quadra on a slide screen, Jim outlined his plan for

consideration. He divided the proposal into two key parts: allowing "mixed use" zoning in the "village centres" of Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay, and considering applications for subdividing lots from south of Heriot Bay to the southeast corner of the island on a case-by-case basis. This area would be zoned "rural mixed density."

In the village centres, this plan would allow "for the kinds of things that are there now and add things like residential over commercial—apartments over businesses," Jim explained. Other types of multi-housing, such as duplexes or fourplexes, would be a possibility. Proposals would be considered on a case-by-case basis.

"There would be a public process to rezone but it would fit the vision of the OCP, so there wouldn't be a need to change the OCP each time," he said.

The rural mixed density area would allow for lot sizes between 2.5-10 acres. The same public process and hearing would apply if a property owner wanted to subdivide. Jim stated that during the Local Area Planning

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process, trying to map designations in this area of the island became quite controversial. Considering applications on a case-by-case basis may be the solution.

The maps on the screen showed red circles around the Q Cove and Heriot Bay areas designated as "mixed use" and a blue oval around the "rural mixed density" area. These delineations are not set in stone, Jim confirmed, and the areas could be defined by road boundaries.

Asked what the development application process entails, Bob Long replied that when a property owner makes an application for a change in the Zoning Bylaw, the planning department reads the OCP to ensure it is appropriate. If the application fits the community's vision, the property owner makes a proposal to the CSRD board. From there, the proposal goes to a public hearing, back to the board, and then a development permit is issued with criteria to fulfill. Developments have to meet provincial and federal regulations. Finally, an approving officer (a provincial employee) would approve the subdivision.

"Your job as a community is to be vigilant when zoning applications come forward," Bob said. "Public hearings will take place in your community."

Audience members were given two minutes each to speak at the microphone in response to Jim's proposal, and to comment on grammatical and provincial edits already made to the 1996 OCP.

Response to the proposal was largely positive. Many people spoke of the importance of having a community made up of people of different ages and occupations. Some said that allowing for mixed use housing in some areas, and smaller lots in others, would encourage younger families and seniors to stay on the island.

There was concern over the size of the circles for mixed use in Q Cove and Heriot Bay. Several people stated they seemed to cover a very large area. Jim responded that the circles do not have to be that big—in fact, he envisions them encompassing "the village cores." He said that the maps were just a starting point.

Comments were also made from the floor about the need for "tight writing" in the OCP, so that the community doesn't end up with "surprising bylaws." People asked for more time to review and comment on the proposed wording changes to the 1996 OCP. Others wanted more time to consider Jim's proposal. After the proposal goes to the board in September, there will be a public hearing on Quadra to determine if the revised OCP will go ahead.

Bob Long said Jim's proposal will be up on the CSRD website "a.s.a.p." with revised boundaries for the "mixed use" and "rural mixed density" areas. He invited people to take a look at the website (www.comoxstrathcona.ca) and send in their comments. Write to Kate Cruikshank, Planning Technician: kcrruikshank@rdcs.bc.ca, fax (250) 334-8156, or by post: 600 Comox Road, Courtenay, BC, V9N 3P6.

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