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QUADRA ISLAND'S COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER SINCE 1992. SERVING QUADRA, CORTES & OUTER ISLANDS.

Welcome to Quadra Island!

Local First Nations Welcome Visitors & Locals Alike with Traditional Dances



Visitors to Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge are being treated to a very special experience throughout the summer.

Every Friday a group of travellers arrives at the Lodge and are welcomed by local First Nations dancers with traditional songs and dances. But of course everyone is welcome to attend and witness this unique performance any Friday evening (between 6 & 7 pm, varies due to ferry travel etc...).

Although the visitors may be from far flung countries like Italy, Spain and Germany they get a warm greeting in their own language from Quadra Island's multilingual Rudi Unterthiner who interprets the dancers story for the guests.

Rudi's wife Lynda has been instrumental in organizing the dances and performs herself. Lynda is originally from Colorado and a member of the Shoshone-Ute First Nation. Her 'Jingle Bell Dance' has become a favourite for the striking dress Lynda wears.

Carol Bear from the Campbell River Band anchors the event and several of her young nieces also perform along with Apache Lou who makes an impression with her passionate renditions.

The combination of Plains and Pacific Coast traditions makes for a very special and unique performance.

For many of the visitors it is a highlight of their visit to Canada as Rudi told me.

"When you read the Guest Book [at the Lodge] many of the people say that it was the best part of their trip".

So this Friday why not take a trip down to Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge? Enjoy a cool drink on the oceanview deck before the performance.

It's a wonderful sight to share in the delight and be caught up in the traditions storied in the songs and dances.

As a testament to the impact the local dancers have had, they've been invited to perform this fall in Europe, travelling to Italy and Germany.

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.

Pick Up A Copy

of the Guide to the Discovery Islands and the Quadra & Cortes maps



Pat enters his rock collection in the Fall Fair

LET'S CLEAN UP QUADRA ISLAND



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The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service is hosting a household hazardous waste clean up event.

Clean up and be safe.

Date: Sunday, September 11

Time: 9am to 1pm

Location: Q Cove Auto Repairs

Check your garage, attic, garden shed and under the sink. Bring chemicals, batteries, cleaners, fertilizers, and other unidentified hazardous waste to the Quadra Island household hazardous waste clean up.

Disposal of "Product Care" items including paint, flammable liquids, pesticides and waste gasoline will be accepted.

For more information visit www.cswm.ca

Have a Skill to Share?

Are you interested in sharing your skills or talent with the community this fall or winter?

The Quadra Community Centre has beautiful facilities in which to hold your class, workshop, activities or events. To be included in our fall/winter recreation guide, book now. If you are already booked for the fall or winter now is the time to get your write up/ class descriptions in. Phone 285-3243 to book space or email us at, quadrarec@gicable.com with a description of your class, workshop, activity or event.

Music at the Market

There will be "Live Music" at the Saturday Quadra Market behind the Credit Union from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Jazz Berry Jam & Hal Douglas & Julie Frank & Quadra Voce (singers) & John Toelle will be performing latter in the Summer.

For more information or if you would like to perform at the market, Call Steve Moore at 285-3323. Please support our local musicians by making a donation when you pass on by.



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no bad days!!!

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ISLAND CALENDAR

Submit your news or event info, editorial runs free: email: news@discoveryislands.ca drop off 701 Cape Mudge Rd. or at Hummingbird

THE REGULARS

MONDAY

Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
 Low Impact, 8:30 am, QCC
 Yoga with Josephine, Room 3, QCC, 10 am -12 noon
 Caregivers Support Group 9:30 am - 12 pm QCC
 Karate, 4 pm, QCC
 Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome.*
 Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm
1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 9-11 am & 5 -6:30 pm
 Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm
 Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30 pm
 Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26
 Vinyl Night with Mo at the HBI Pub 7 - 9 pm

WEDNESDAY

Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
 "The Pack Ride" Moderate to Vigorous bike ride 6:15pm Yak Shack
 Climbing Wall Family 6:30 p. QCC
 U Of Q, a one hour class in the HBI pub. 9:00 pm
 Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm
 Lifedrawing sessions, Firesign Studio, 7 - 9:30 pm Nancy, 285-3390

THURSDAY

Gentle Yoga Flow with Marnie, Vitalis 9 am - 11 am
 Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
 Karate 4:00 pm QCC
 Intermediate Yoga Flow with Megan, Vitalis 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
 Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.
 Krazy Karaoke in the HBI Pub. 9:00pmish

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra Children's Centre
 Fridays - Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

Quadra Farmers' Market 10 am to 2 pm behind Credit Union, Q Cove
 "Fun Ride" Easy to Moderate bike ride 10:30 am Aroma Cafe
 Gypsy Moma sessions by donation 1-4pm Studio 6, Upper Realm, Q Cove
 Legion Meat Draw 5pm, Steak Dinner 6:30 pm
 Open Mic with Mo, HBI, 9 pm

SUNDAY

Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration, Willow Point Hall, 10:30 am
 Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
 Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
 United Church-11 am, first Sun. of month-12 noon, 285-3163.
 Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am.
 Live Music at The Landing 4 to 7 pm Featuring The Blue Kats
 Dinner Jazz in Herons 6:00 to 9:00 pm

DAY TO DAY

Friday, August 19

- Hal Douglas Blues Band at the HBI Pub 9 pm

Friday, August 26

- Duffy Live at the HBI Pub 9 pm

Sunday, August 28

- Celebration of Rod Clark's Life 3:30 pm Quadra Community Centre.

Monday, August 29

- Deadline Day for the Discovery Islander - new material in by 7 pm
news@discoveryislands.ca For guidelines & ad rates: www.discoveryislander.ca

Sunday September 4

- QUADRA ISLAND FALL FAIR at Quadra Community Centre

Tuesday September 6

- Spinners & Knitters reconvene Quadra Community Centre 10 am

Wednesday, September 7

- Author Presentation & Book Signing at 7pm Heriot Bay Inn Pub

Saturday, September 10

- Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup, Cortes Recycling Centre 9 am - 1 pm

Sunday, September 11






- Household Hazardous Waste Cleanup, Q Cove Auto Repair 9 am - 1 pm

Sunday, September 25

- Philippines Giant Garage Sale at Quadra Community Centre

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH, 2011

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar** and **News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority. Thank you for understanding.

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NEXT DEADLINE
MONDAY, AUGUST 29

ISLAND FORUM

Dear Editor,

Information stated in the letter, "Fish Farm Scenario," published in the August 5th edition, is poorly researched, inaccurate and misleading. Educating yourself with accurate scientific documents is one way to gain knowledge of the salmon farming industry. Attending the University of Coffee Shop Gossip and regurgitating its lessons is one way to make a fool of yourself.

The BC salmon farming industry has taken huge measures to lower its environmental footprint and to give back to the community in which it operates. In the past 40 years the BC salmon farming industry has donated huge quantities of funds, equipment and time in support of the community and the enhancement of wild salmon and their habitat.

Infectious Salmon Anemia (ISA, not ASA) is a virus. The North American ISA strain is different than the Norwegian and the Chilean strains. Therefore, ISA was not imported from these countries, but lives naturally in the east coast waters. Studies have shown that the east coast brown trout and rainbow trout are carriers of ISA and it's possible this is how the east coast Atlantic salmon came in contact with the ISA.

Here on the west coast, wild sockeye salmon are carriers of a virus known as Infectious Hematopoietic Necrosis (IHN). In the 1990's it infected a number of Atlantic salmon farms. IHN surfaced again in 2002 and as a preliminary caution 1.5 million Atlantic salmon were culled using the strictest protocols to dispose of the carcasses and wastewater at the affected sites.

Wild and farmed stocks are now tested regularly for IHN. In hatcheries, wild and farmed smolts are vaccinated to boost their immune systems, much as our children are. Antibiotics are not used for viruses, only bacteria.

Marine Harvest Canada states on its website that less than 2% of all its feed provided to their

farms in 2006 was medicated. All antibiotics must be administered by a veterinarian and any salmon requiring a treatment cannot be harvested until it is past the regulated withdraw period. It's mandatory for farmed salmon to be tested by Canadian Food Safety at harvest and unlike other farmed animals the tolerance for residual antibiotics is zero.

Slice is a brand name for emamectin benzoate, used to control sea lice, similar to flea control on household pets. According to the Marine Harvest Canada web site, in 2008 just 0.254 grams of emamectin benzoate was used per metric tonne of salmon produced.

Of the world fishery that produces fish used in livestock feed, including pet food, only a small percentage is used for salmon feed. These are fish not normally harvested for human consumption, but the harvesting and the processing of these fish for livestock feed provides smaller countries with a source of income.

Pollution, over-fishing and habitat destruction are a few contributing factors in the decline of the wild salmon. Farming is one of the few positive forces in recent years to relieve the pressure on the wild stocks.

Deb Banta

Information taken from the following website: Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, Wikipedia & Marine Harvest Canada.

Have an opinion to share?
Submit your letter
to the DI by email:
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Regular 'ol mail with a
stamp to Box 280 in the
Cove or fax it in to
250-285-2236

If it's too long it may
be chopped!
Please be concise

Takin' care of business

After perusing a few web pages featuring ships for sale, it has become obvious to me that we, as an island community, could tell BC Ferries to take a flying leap and run a ferry locally. A ferry every bit equal to or better than our current junker can be purchased outright for well under \$750,000. That is about \$200 a person – assuming 3,500 permanent residents. With current fares it is paid for in about ten trips per person and that is excluding truck and non-resident traffic rates. We could offer jobs to BCF employees and run the operation at cost for Quadra residents and at margined rates for businesses and tourists. I suspect we could make the service much more affordable for all. We certainly could do no worse. This must not be taken as a dig at the excellent crews we have. I just think a million dollar plus CEO salary is foolish and I don't like contributing to it each time I have to go off island. Just sayin...

Michael Windrim

Great Quadra Businesses

Dear Editor,

Recently I destroyed my outboard motor on my boat. Not wanting to load and tow it back to Campbell River, I asked a friend if there was anyone on Quadra that could help me with my problem. He said that he hears good things about Frank Delph, Quadra Marine Services so I gave him a call. The end result was a very professional job, on time and with good pricing. It was a pleasure to be able to shop locally and to receive such great value. Love those Quadra business people.

John Robilliard,
Sheer Point, Read Island

**Had a great experience with a
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Standing on guard for wild salmon and west coast values.

O Canada!

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True patriot love in all thy sons command.

With glowing hearts we see thee rise,

The True North strong and free!

From far and wide, O Canada,

We stand on guard for thee.

God keep our land glorious and free!

O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Where does it say in our anthem, that our coastal waters should become a dumping ground and our wild salmon populations destroyed by the Norwegian open net, fish feed lots . ? Why are these foreign invaders exempt from the fisheries act ? Why would anyone consider making this unsustainable industry a part of our sovereign national day of celebration ? Especially when we have such glorious, healthy, nontoxic wild salmon commercially fished from our own waters. These omega 3, rich beauties do not carry the heightened level of pcbs, neurotoxins, antibiotics, and parasitic lice found in farmed fish. Wild salmon do not lay waste to our ocean floors, do not exploit small country fisheries and our commercial fishing industry complies to the fisheries act.

By supporting our local fishers we are supporting local tradition and a long standing coastal heritage that was built on the backbones of wild salmon. Be it through native culture, forestry , fishing or more current; the 1.6 billion eco tourism business. We are also in the midst of a unprecedented and critical fisheries management assessment of the 2009, 9 million sockeye collapse, that should galvanize our love for our wild salmon. Our collective Canadian tax dollars fund a judicial inquiry, that has finally forced these

foreign invaders and their non compliant industry into publicizing disease records into the public domain. Not hide disease records for fear of losing shareholder interest. On August 22nd DFO scientist, Christy Miller appears on the stand to divulge the muzzled science linking salmon leukemia to disease transfers between wild and open net fish feedlots. The Norwegian aquaculture industry testifies too. Local coastal hero, Alexandra Morton finally tells her truth on the stand. All the ground truthing and all the internationally acclaimed scientific research recording an ecosystem collapse brought on by these foreign invaders. Why would anyone support this industry over a naturally occurring food source, that with some earnest management initiatives would thrive like Alaska's wild salmon revenue.?

To help clarify my point here's a recently written article by Times Colonist columnist , D.C Reid that encapsulates the issue perfectly. "We need to stand up for our wild salmon" (The Times Colonist, 11th August): http://www.timescolonist.com/columnists/DC_Reid.html

With all that said, I officially weigh into the challenge put forward by a Canada Day volunteer. With one phone call I landed our 2012 Canada Day celebration feast consisting of 400 lbs of sockeye salmon !! Isn't that great ! Now we, don't have to insult the patriotic meaning and integrity of our Canadian anthem or coastal community values with a questionable source of Franken protein. I look forward to volunteering with the Canada Day committee and volunteering at next years Canada Day sockeye salmon feast.

See you at the Cohen Commission rally August 30th!

Leanne Hodges ~ former DFO contracted fisheries guardian.

Notice to the Public

DEADLINE EXTENDED

For discontinuation of Prepaid Paper Tickets

We have extended the deadline for customers to transfer the value of their existing Prepaid Paper Tickets onto a BC Ferries' Experience™ Card until **September 30, 2011**. The BC Ferries' Experience™ Card is an innovative product which has replaced the old Prepaid Paper Tickets. As of **October 1, 2011**, Prepaid Paper Tickets for Hornby Island and Cortes Island will no longer have a monetary value and can not be exchanged onto a BC Ferries' Experience™ Card.

KEY DATE TO NOTE:

September 30, 2011 – final day to transfer the value of Prepaid Paper Tickets on to a BC Ferries' Experience™ Card

For more information on this change, visit bcferries.com
Questions? Please call **1 888 BC FERRY (1 888 223 3779)**.

 **BC Ferries**

30th Annual Quadra Open Golf Tournament Storey Creek - Saturday, September 24

Dinner to follow on Quadra at The Landing.



Sign up for golf and/or dinner.
\$85 includes golf, dinner, prizes and mulligans.
\$65 just golf, \$20 just dinner.

Sign Up at The Landing

Payment due at time of registration
Carts need to be reserved with Storey Creek

Last tournament at Storey Creek. Next year it will be here on home turf!



www.QuadraIslandGolf.ca

Spinners & Knitters

Tuesday Morning spinners and knitters will reconvene at the Quadra Community Centre on Tues. Sept. 6 at 10 am.

Any spinners and/or knitters who want to work with a great group are invited to join us. \$15 (payable to Diane on the 6th) will likely see you through the fall, depending on our numbers. Alternatively, a \$3 drop-in fee is available.

For further information, phone Carol at 285-3750. Sorry, we are unable to accommodate children.

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THANKS CORTES!

And keep it coming

We've been hearing lots of great news from Cortes Island in the Discovery Islander and would love to hear more. Every edition over 500 copies of the DI circulate on your fair island. We have friends and family on Cortes and know your community is active with all sorts of great activities and events.

Keep it coming. Email is as easy from Whaletown as Timbuktu send us your stories: news@discoveryislands.ca or pop it in the mail to Box 280 Quathiaski Cove.

Quadra Island Farmers Market & Bazaar

welcomes everyone to this years community market. **The market is located behind the Credit Union in Quathiaski Cove and takes place every Saturday (rain or shine) between 10am and 2pm from May 7th to Sept. 10th.**

We would like to welcome all our regular vendors as well as any new ones who would like to join in. We would especially like to see more locally grown produce. But keep all your arts and crafts coming. Tourists and locals love them.

We will continue on with a first come first serve basis and the gate will open at 8am for set up. Market parking is accessed from Green Road. **Please note the main Credit Union parking lot is available for Credit Union customers only.**

To set up a table is still only \$5.00. Children under 16 it is \$1.00 a table. They must sell their own articles though. Local community and charitable organizations will not be charged.

Visitors welcome! Come and enjoy our local market. This is where it's happening on Saturdays on Quadra Island. Arts, crafts, food, produce, music, entertainers, and souvenirs galore!

We strongly discourage dogs at the market. If you have no choice make sure it is on a leash and of course pick up after your pet and don't let them too near the booths.

Thanks for your interest and cooperation. Contacts are:

Stella 250-285-3184 -- Naomi 250-285-2979 -- quadramarket@gmail.com

NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE DI

is Monday August 29th

Send in your submissions

by email: news@discoveryislands.ca
fax: 250-285-2236 or drop it off at Hummingbird or our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd, Quadra Island (just south of the Cemetery & Highways yard)

Become a Mentor with KidStart

Do you like to go for walks at the Spit? Bake cookies? Roast hot dogs at the beach? Consider becoming a mentor! The KidStart Mentoring Program is looking for caring adults on Quadra and in Campbell River to spend three hours per week having fun with a child or youth (ages 6-18). If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Tara at The John Howard Society of North Island at 250-286-0611 (ext. 245) or tara@jhsni.bc.ca. There are more than 50 local kids waiting for mentors right now. Call us today!

Start Saving Now!

Start saving now for another upcoming Quadra Philippines Connection Giant Fund-raising Garage Sale in support of the Dilag Basao and Lubo-Hilltop daycares in the northern Philippines.

The date is Sunday, September 25th, so mark this on your calendar NOW as you begin to consider household items and family treasures that you are ready to pass on and recycle for this worthy cause. This year marks Quadra's 17th year for this fund-raising extravaganza during which time, through the ongoing commitment and generosity of our community, we have supported 7 village daycares and over 1200 children to date!

Let's make this another hum-dinger of a sale by planning to give donations and offer your volunteer time as we ease our way into another September. Drop-off locations will be announced on posters, in the Hungry Eye and in the next Discovery Islander.

Appreciation is given to Heriot Bay Tru Value for their recent contribution from their bottle depot as well as from the Spirit Board. If you wish to contribute to our fund-raising efforts, choose #291 for your Spirit Board points!

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Alcoholic Anonymous

~ Quadra Island Chapter has moved their 8 pm friday meeting from Cape Mudge United Church to Quadra Children's Center. Everyone Welcome. call 250-285-3152

Newcomers to Quadra Island Welcome

New to Quadra? The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag. Please contact Judy at 285-2150.

What's On at the Landing

Sunday Afternoons Live Music on the deck 4 to 7 pm. Featuring The Blue Kats and Friends, come and Jam with the best.

GREAT NEWS!!! our Chef, Joe has created a new menu with many great new items come and check it out.

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I am excited to share this work with you. We will be gathering together to explore the fluid system in relation to the Jaw/Pelvis connection. I invite you to join in creating a unified field with the use of breath, sound and movement.

Quadra Community Centre
August 21st, 10:00 - 1:00
\$25.00, must register
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Howlin' Dogs
Friday, Sept. 2
Music starts at 9 pm

Thursdays
Krazy Karaoke
with Blake



Sunday Dinner Jazz in Herons

6-9 pm, dinner reservations strongly recommended

Herons is open every day
7 am-10 pm

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Herons/Inn 285.3322 Pub: 285.3539

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Brief to the B.C. Ferry Commissioner

Mr. Gordon Macatee
B.C. Ferry Commissioner

Presentation by Jim Abram

Vice Chair of the Board and Director,
Discovery Islands – Mainland Inlets –
Strathcona Regional District

August 8, 2011

Background

Ever since its establishment, the B.C. Ferries system has operated as an effective and reliable transportation system for the island communities of this province, including Vancouver Island. It was wisely established as part of the highway system and operated as such until 2003. At that time a new entity was established that has caused nothing but grief for island communities, the families that live there and the businesses that previously thrived. The experiment has proven to be a failure on the minor routes, causing hardship to families, loss of jobs and devaluation of property values, hence reduced revenue to the Provincial coffers.

Observations

Since the first time I met with Minister Lekstrom on April 21, 2011, and again on July 19, 2011, I must inform you, as Commissioner, to the actions that have taken place on Quadra and Cortes Islands due to the fares and the structure of B.C. Ferries. I mentioned to the Minister then in anecdotal terms how this ferry entity is effecting our families and our businesses and how it is negatively impacting job creation on the islands. I also provided him with a stack of letters written by residents that were directly effected. He also received a barrage of emails from residents telling him the same message. I would ask that you request of the Minister, copies of all of the correspondence that he received, for you to consider as part of this submission.

I have since had some graphic, real-life examples presented to me of the effect these hardships are having on our island families and our economy. We have recently lost another dozen young families, with children, to Vancouver Island. They cannot afford the ferry fares. We have also lost at least four businesses that employ numerous people both part and full time year-round. All of these people have stated that they are moving to Vancouver Island because they cannot afford the ferry fares. So, in the three months since I first met with the Minister, we are losing dozens of young people and children and dozens of jobs. This is all avoidable.

Solution

To come right to the point, you have the ability to change this situation. It is within your mandate, since you are conducting a review of the Coastal Ferry Act, to tell the Minister that the Act is not working and that it is having a devastating impact on families, jobs, communities and the Province. I was pleased when I heard of your appointment and even more pleased, after meeting with the Minister in April, to hear that he was changing the legislation so as to broaden your powers and allow you to review the Act. You have the opportunity to recommend the solution, once and for all.

The solution to this unending, unlivable situation, is to recommend that the ferry system needs to be taken back into the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to accurately reflect what it really is: it is our coastal highway, no different than any other highway in this province. The ferries provide the opportunity for settlement of the islands which has brought economic prosperity to the province for many years in the way of job creation and revenues derived from property taxation which is then used for highways maintenance and capital costs, schools, hospitals, libraries, policing and local services. This is an undisputable fact. Islanders pay a

portion of all highways costs throughout the province and they also are asked to pay for the disproportionate cost of maintaining the marine highway, all mostly on their own. This inequity can be easily resolved by declaring the ferry system for what it is: the marine highway as an extension of the rest of the highways in the province. Take it back into the ministry and treat it no differently. This may seem simplistic, but it is the right thing to do.

Comments

I applaud the action taken by Premier Clark in putting families first in all decision making. This situation affects families: new families, young families, aging families. No one can afford to pay the exorbitant cost of ferry travel as it has evolved since 2003. We are losing our young families to other less expensive places to live. These are our workforce and our future. Our aging demographic cannot afford to have our youth leave the island due to ferry costs. Our school population has gone from 300-plus in the 1990's to under 90 at present. Young families cannot afford to take their kids to swimming lessons, skating, hockey, gymnastics, a movie, or a meal out due to the extra-added cost of the ferry on top of the other costs. My daughter takes her four year old daughter and her baby daughter to Campbell River weekly to attend gymnastics and it costs her over 26 dollars for each trip (and that is the 40% discount rate on the Experience Card) on top of the cost of the classes. She is trying to run a home business, while her husband works at the local grocery store and they are barely making ends meet. They are seriously considering moving due to the cost of ferry fares alone. This is a personal story and I have mentioned a file of letters from others with similar stories from both Quadra and Cortes Islands that I presented to the Minister in April. These are real people being negatively impacted by a system that should never have been removed from the highway system. This present system has a serious effect on all families on the islands.

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As far as business is concerned and the effect on job creation, our biggest employer on the island, Walcan Seafoods, is looking into barging their fleet of 52 foot semi-trucks directly from their plant to Campbell River. They ship at least five or more trucks a day to the big island with fresh farmed fish from the surrounding fish farms. This will be a substantial loss to the ferry system in revenue and it is being caused by ever rising ferry fees. Numerous truck drivers will be negatively impacted by this move. Product from the islands in the way of farmed shellfish, fresh fish and other commodities are being shipped daily and yet the producers are not able to increase their rates at the same pace as BCFS. Most restaurants serve shellfish products from our islands. I am sure that you have seen them on menus throughout the cities and across the country. Yet these producers are being driven out of business by ferry fares. These are good local jobs that are being impacted. First nations and non-First Nations workers are being negatively impacted by these fares. Every item that is shipped to our islands goes up in price every time we are faced with another rise in rates. This is causing businesses to close. They cannot afford the overhead of living on an island and hence people are being laid off.

Our tourism industry was thriving for years with a constant rate of growth due to a lot of hard work put in by the tourism operators and the Chamber of Commerce. This is no longer true. All of the businesses are reporting reduced bookings over the past several years and it has been stated over and over to them by their clients that it is just too expensive to get here, due to the ferry fares. Consider an RV coming from the mainland, to Vancouver Island, then to Quadra Island and then to Cortes Island. The fee is outrageous and can be demonstrated. The new structure put in place has put a huge burden on anyone towing anything behind their vehicle and BCFS will be the first to admit it. The amount of a small trailer (12') is far more than the towing vehicle (20')! This kind of treatment of islanders is causing us to lose business, lose jobs and hence lose families.

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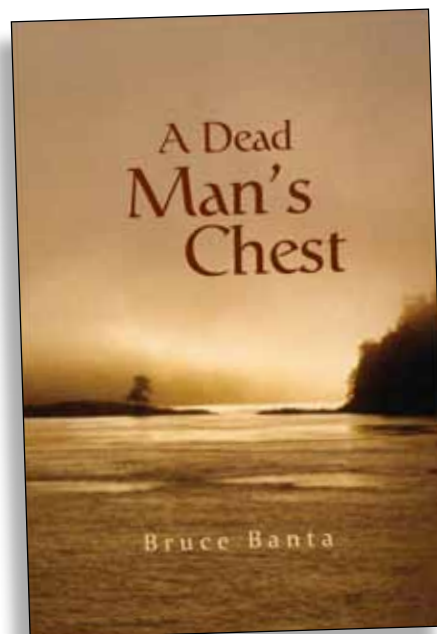
Conclusion

As I stated earlier, the solution is simple. The ferry service must be treated as any other highway in BC. It must be taken back into the Ministry of Transportation where it belongs if we are to maintain vibrant, diverse and productive communities with a place for families of all ages and compositions and where job creation is only limited by the creativity of the people who populate the islands.

On a very personal note, I realize that a recommendation of this nature would be a very bold move by any Commissioner, but it is the right move and will be welcomed and applauded by every islander and every visitor to the islands. It was my hope that when the new Premier won the leadership that we would see some sweeping new changes. She has started that by putting families first along with job creation. This is one change that you can help her implement and it will become the legacy of the new Premier, the Minister and you also as the Commissioner.

There is no need for a Coastal Ferry Act, a Board of Directors, an Executive staff nor, with all due respect, a Commissioner, if B.C. Ferries were just treated as any other highway in B.C. and run out of the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure where it belongs.

I thank you for your time and am willing to provide you with any further assistance as necessary.



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Movie night comes to Campbell River The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service is proud to partner with First Insurance Agencies (FIA) to bring "Movies under the Stars" to the City of Campbell River's Willow Point Park on Wednesday, August 24, 2011. This free movie night features a family-oriented movie, with accompanying information about helping to build healthy communities through sustainability and waste reduction initiatives. New this year is an exciting opportunity to win a "VIP package": a picnic backpack, movie snacks, reserved seating for you and your guests, and a fabulous patio chair to take home after the movie is over. "Winning the VIP package is simple: just visit the CSWM website, "like" our Facebook page, click on the event tab, reply that you're going to attend the movie night, and then post a comment on the zero waste question," said Koreen Gurak, CVRD's manager of communications. "On the night of the movie, we will randomly draw a winner from those who posted their comments and clicked that they were attending." The person whose name is drawn must be in the audience to win. FIA and CSWM will be donating all proceeds from the concession stand to the Campbell River branch of the BC SPCA. Local SPCA volunteers will work the concession and the funds they receive will help them promote their educational programs and initiatives that help animals.

The show will begin at dusk, but come early to participate in pre-show activities and to set up your blankets and lawn chairs. For more details on the movie night contest and the show, visit www.cswm.ca/movies. The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service is a function of the Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) and is responsible for two regional waste management centres that serve the Comox Valley and Campbell River, as well as a range of transfer stations and smaller waste-handling and recycling facilities for the electoral areas of the CVRD and the Strathcona Regional District. The CSWM service manages over 100,000 tonnes of waste and recycled material and oversees a number of diversion and education programs.

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CLARK, Roderick Fraser 1949 – 2011

Roderick Fraser Clark of Quadra Island, BC, died peacefully at home in the care of his wife, Marcia, on July 31, 2011. He was predeceased by his mother, Kaye Clark, in 1994 and his father, Alexander Fraser Clark, in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Marcia Wolter; his daughter, Calico Clark, and her partner Guy Chartier; as well as his grandson, Gabriel Clark Chartier. He also leaves his brother, John Duncan Clark, and wife Zoë Levitsky.

Rod was born in Vancouver. He was a considerate, thoughtful, and gentle man. He worked as a teacher, a net loft/ice plant manager, and for many years, a skilled carpenter. Always a graceful athlete, Rod enjoyed many sports. His passion was golf. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His contributions to community life on Quadra included his work on the Community Centre, the tennis courts, and with Annual Quadra Open Golf Tournament. Rod was a director, founding member, and a principal participant in the development of the Quadra Island Golf Club.

A "Celebration of Rod's Life" will be held at 3:30 pm on August 28, 2011, at the Quadra Island Community Centre.

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The Expo is exclusive to Discovery Islands Chamber members and is an excellent opportunity for our business members to promote and connect with the community and other businesses.

We are offering 4 booth sizes to 41 of our business members and the community kitchen is available for our food members. Included with the booth rental are complimentary workshops "Focusing on Businesses" and a business card ad in the Expo's promotion flyer.

The River 99.7 FM will be promoting the Expo and will be on location to broadcast our event to the Comox Valley to North Island.

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Our Branch has been very busy all Spring and Summer. Of course our main task has been working with the Tourists in the Information booth. We have had illnesses, and bereavements. Our most recent member loss is of our good member Viola Wheeler, who recently passed on. Vi who was a nurse in St. John's Newfoundland, and with her loving husband Cecil emigrated to Ontario, Canada where Vi worked also as a nurse. We all loved Vi and Cecil. We also enjoyed visiting them for Parties, where her daughter Sharon, helped Vi put on a delicious spread. Vi attended all our meetings, and enjoyed our many excursions and outings. Our Executive and members would like to express our condolences, to Violas family, she will be missed by us all. We also lost past member Bob Early, who passed recently. Bob went on one of our many Excursions, to Nootka Sound, on the UChuck 111, from Gold River, to Friendly Cove, the land of Chief Macquinna, of the Nootka Band. We had a Historian on Board, who showed us the many places, where Capt. James Cook, anchored his boats, and where Spanish Capt. de Bodega Quadra, met Capt George Vancouver in 1792. Bob even wore the Trihorn hat which were commonly worn at the time. Bob was a very quiet and well liked member and will be greatly missed by many members, our Quadra Seniors members would like to express to Gwen and their family our condolences. We are planning our Annual Picnic at Rebecca Spit on Wed. Sept. 7th, which will start at 11:00 a.m. After a short meeting, we will have a Potluck luncheon, please bring a chair, hat, dishes, cup and utensils, and drinks or beverages. After lunch we will have games and prizes. If rain or cold weather the Picnic will be held inside at the Legion. We are also planning our annual Fall Fair on Wed. Oct 5th/11, so gather all your veggies, fruits, baking, and crafts. Who will win the Trophy this year? We will, by the second Wed. in Sept. start our Armchair Aerobics with Ann Lawrence, 3325 at 10:00 a.m.--Chris Dyson-2207, will supervise Carpet Bowling at 11:15 a.m--bring snacks for lunch after, with coffee or tea. For membership in our lively group phone Chris Dyson @2207 or Ruth Amiabel @3801.

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Group Of Eight Coastal Regional Districts Meet With BC Ferry Commissioner As Part Of Ongoing Efforts To Support A Complete Review Of The Coastal Ferry Act

VICTORIA, BC – The Chairs of eight coastal Regional Districts met [August 8] in Victoria with Gordon Macatee, BC Ferries Commissioner, to discuss options for improvements to the coastal ferry service in BC.

“We felt that our concerns were acknowledged and we applaud the upcoming Town Halls that the Commissioner is planning for coastal communities in order to hear from residents,” said Colin Palmer, Chair of the Powell River Regional District and leader of the Coastal Regional District Chairs group.

“However, the Coastal RD Chairs are asking for such fundamental improvements of the Coastal Ferry Act that we will continue looking at policy options and recommendations and will present these to the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier.”

Working together, the Coastal RD Chairs group is drafting a position paper that will outline a series of policy options and recommendations that would help to improve coastal ferry service and address the current lack of oversight for this service. The paper will be reviewed in draft form at the Coastal RD Chairs’ meeting in early September, and will be presented in final version at the annual Union of BC Municipalities conference in Vancouver the week of September 26th.

“This is an issue where we as Chairs can have a positive impact on how this service is delivered to all British Columbians,” said Geoff Young, Chair of the Capital Regional District. “By looking at the impact of increasing ferry fares, the uncertainty of how this service will be overseen long-term, and some of the outdated elements in the Coastal Ferry Act, we can offer up new and more relevant guidelines, tools and policies. Our main goal is to improve the service, working together with the Province, the Commissioner and the public.”

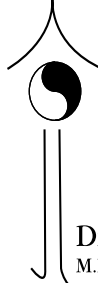
Participating coastal Regional District Chairs include the following:

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 Sheila Malcolmsen, Chair, Islands Trust
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Please come to the artist reception Tuesday August 23 in the Fireside Lounge in the Heriot Bay Inn from 4-6 pm. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Nanci 250-285-3390 or www.firesignartanddesign.com/gallery

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Bus service available from Campbell River (advance reservation required) Come join us to learn about the park, the minimal-to-no impact activities that can be enjoyed there and at the same time send the government a strong message in a totally positive and non-confrontational way. Visit friendsofstrathcona.org for more information.


Golf Club Membership Reaches 75!

Quadra Island Golf Club is thrilled to announce that we've reached the 3/4 mark for Founding Memberships! Thank you, Quadra community, for your enthusiasm and support for this important project. Those of you who have intended to join and just haven't gotten around to it or those who may have been wondering whether there would actually be many members, you'd better hurry and sign up. After we've reached 100 Founding Members, the price of individual, couple and corporate memberships will each rise by \$250. Plus, only the first 100 memberships will have their names commemorated on a plaque in the clubhouse as being Founding Members.

Because we cannot predict the date or time that the 100th member will join, we've decided on the following protocol. On the day that the 100th member signs up, any other memberships beyond that number THAT ARE SIGNED ON THE SAME DAY, will receive the Founding Member discount and will also have their names inscribed on the plaque. People who have filled out their applications and signed their cheques but have not gotten them in by that day will have to pay the \$250 increase.

Just a reminder - we are planning a set of three free beginner lessons in September for members only. Sign up now and take advantage of getting a head start before next summer.

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Peaceful Wild Salmon Warrior Rally


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Are Norwegian fish farms in control of the fate of wild salmon?

There will be information booths and art at the rally as well as singing and drumming. We are showing our support for the Cohen Commission inquiry just down the street that starts reviewing disease and aquaculture Aug 22 through Sept 8th. Many people will be attending the hearing that is open to the public on those dates and including the morning 10am - 12:30 and afternoon 2pm - 4pm of the 30th.
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Bedwell Centennial Trail Project Shaping Up

In celebration of the centenary of the BC parks system, the Friends of Strathcona Park will be working to re-open a section of Vancouver Island's only alpine to ocean wilderness trail.

The Bedwell Centennial Trail Project invites anyone in good physical condition and with a love of the wilderness to participate in a multi-day project to clear the overgrown Bedwell Trail from Bedwell Lake to the Ashwood River, a total of about six kilometres.

The trail was originally cleared by the Friends in 1994, but collapsing bridges, road washouts and a lack of maintenance have seen the trail deteriorate to the point that it has been closed by BC Parks for the past three years.

The Friends have been proposing, and have worked on a traditional route through the Bedwell that does not rely on old roadways or bridges, which are continually washing away. The route they prefer was endorsed by a study commissioned by BC Parks in 1998. Despite the recommendations of their own report, BC Parks continues to support the old route.

"The route BC Parks supports is the route for which a permit is being granted to Clayoquot Wilderness Resort, on Bedwell Sound near Tofino. The permit confers to them the exclusive right to use the Bedwell Valley for horse rides from their resort," says Kel Kelly, a spokesperson for the Friends. "The Minister of Environment amended the Master Plan for the park, despite strong public opposition, in order to permit this exclusive commercial use of a public park."

While the Friends of Strathcona and the BC government continue to battle over the long term fate of the Bedwell Valley, the trail project is proceeding with the endorsement of BC Parks, through an official volunteer agreement. "The focus of this year's work is not in dispute," says Kelly. "We will only be working on a section of trail that meets both of our interests and needs. We want to work collaboratively with BC Parks whenever we can, and they have been very helpful in facilitating this year's project. We really appreciate that."

The work party takes place from August 20 – 25. Participants must be physically fit and will be responsible for everything they need to be independent in the bush for six days including food, shelter, cooking facilities, clothing and medications. The Friends outings are renowned for their friendship and fun.

The first day of the project, Saturday, August 20th, coincides with the Strathcona Wilderness Festival, occurring at the south end of Buttle Lake at the Price Creek trailhead. The Festival site is on the way to the access to the Bedwell. "We are hoping this will allow our trail builders to come to the Festival with friends or family, before setting off to work," says Kelly. Information about the Festival can be found at www.friendsofstrathcona.org.

There is still room for trail building volunteers. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Kel Kelly at 250 337 8348 or at kelkelly55@yahoo.ca.

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With our first Fall Fair just a few weeks away we'd like to remind Quadra and Outer islanders that you are invited to join us in a day of harvest fun and celebration. Sunday, Sept 4th is the day the Community Centre grounds will play host to a myriad of entertaining activities and displays designed to educate, delight and enthrall all ages.

Look for the Schedule of Events in the next DI, then plan your day to take in the Pet Parade, Informative Talks, Theatre Games, Cakewalk, Zucchini Races, Animals, Exhibits and maybe even a few surprises ...

Easy Ways To Get Involved In The Fall Fair

Haven't got involved in the Fall Fair yet? Well here are a few easy ways to get involved:

- enter your pet, creation, prize veggie or flower
- donate a gumboot (or two) for the Gumboot Games
- bake a cake for the cake walk
- volunteer for a couple of hours to set up before or help out on the day of the Fair call: Sioux 250 285 2516, Leslie 250 285 3727 or Heidi 250 285 2217

What the heck is a Pantoum?

(this one's for you writers!)

2 lines, 10 syllables each, harvest themed go!

Robin and Annette will weave your two lines, pantoum style, into a community poem to be read at the fair and then published in our local rags. submissions to robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com

Pre-Registration And Registration

Remember, when you are entering exhibits into the Fair we strongly encourage you to pre-register before August 27th! Otherwise, register your entries in person at the Community Centre Fairground, Sept 2nd and 3rd. (non-perishables on the 2nd, perishables on the 3rd) Check your category in the Fall Fair Catalogue for specific drop off times. Catalogue is also on-line at <http://quadraisland.ca/fall-fair/index.html>

Registration closes at 4:00 pm on Sat, Sept 3rd, the day BEFORE the fair.

Livestock Exhibits must pre-register.

Entries are not accepted the day of the Fair.

Pre-registration forms are available at Hummingbird, Quadra Community Centre, Quadra Crafts, and the Farmer's Market.

Contact numbers for every category are in your Fall Fair Catalogue or you can call Sioux at 250 285 2516 or Leslie at 250 285 3727.

Calling Exhibitors

We still have some room for businesses, community service clubs and vendors to set up their tables. Show your community what you are all about. Introduce yourselves to your island neighbours - show off your product - explain your cause.

To pre-register, pick up a registration form at Hummingbird, Quadra Community Centre, Quadra Crafts, and the Farmer's Market or contact Emily - emily.whitfield@ymail.com.

Need more info? Have a question? Want to donate a gumboot or a cake? Call Sioux at 250 285 2516/Leslie at 250 285 3727 or Heidi at 250 285 2217

BYO(W)B -Bring Your Own Water Bottle

For the sake of sustainability we will not be selling plastic bottled water at the fair - so BYO(W)B and fill up at the water stations provided.

Quadra Island First Annual Fall Fair

We will have up to 30 tables exhibiting islanders' homemade/homegrown entries!!!

Exhibit your jam, your garlic, your photograph, your collection, or any of a myriad of choices, including needle arts, re-furnished items, baked goods, banners, wheelbarrows, woodwork, sculptures, scarecrows and much more. As well as youth categories! Check out the Fall Fair Catalogue and join the fun! <http://quadraisland.ca/fall-fair/index.html>

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Well Dressed Guinea Pigs

You are cordially invited to the Fall Fair. Come in your cage, with your owner to the Livestock Tent to model your finery. Judging begins at 10:00am.

We are hoping to finally answer the oft asked question ... "Who IS the best dressed Guinea Pig?" Be sure to register before the deadline of August 27th!

Check out page 55 of your Fall Fair Catalogue where you can see all of the animal exhibit Categories and Classes and then fill out the registration form in the centre of the booklet and drop it off at Hummingbird, Quadra Crafts or the Community Centre anytime before the deadline..

Informative Displays in the Livestock Tent

If you don't have an animal to exhibit, but you know a lot about one, you can enter the Informative display class and share what you know with others.

Got Apples?

We are looking for a supply of early apples for the Fall Fair Apple Pressing Demo. Please contact Leslie Smith @ 285-3727 if you can help.

BYB!!

Bring your bike - ride to the fair and park your bike in the designated bicycle parking area provided. (oh, and check out the bike demo at the jump park for a different biking perspective!)

www.quadraisland.ca/fall-fair



Cycling & Performing Group Play on Environmental Issues

Quadra Island, British
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– A group of 16 young people from across Canada will be visiting the community to offer a performance of a play entitled Taking Action. They are cycling through British Columbia armed with an inspiring message of youth empowerment and sustainable consumption as part of the Sunshine Coast Tour organized by The Otesha Project.

The comedic and inspiring play shows the story of average Canadians who are choosing to be extraordinary. Audience members explore what ignites individuals to take action, and what challenges and rewards are encountered in the process. The characters in the play – and the audience – are sent on a journey toward the path to sustainability, exploring positive choices we can make along the way. The members of the travelling theatre troupe make up a mobile sustainable community and cycle from performance to performance, braving the elements, and opening conversations in communities about how we can live more sustainably. As they pedal more than 1,250 kilometres across British Columbia, they will explore all the ups and downs of directly addressing environmental and social justice issues through their own every day actions.

Founded in 2002, the Otesha Project is a youth-led charitable organization that uses theatre to mobilize young people to create local and global change through their daily consumer choices.

www.otesha.ca

Less Than Three Months To Go: The Countdown Is On!

CAMPBELL RIVER, BC - The Great ShakeOutBC Earthquake is coming to Campbell River and the Strathcona Regional District on **Thursday, October 20, 2011.**

At 10 a.m. thousands of British Columbians will do the "drop, cover, and hold on" drill in The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, the largest earthquake drill in BC history. The first drill had more than 470,000 participants and raised earthquake and emergency preparedness awareness throughout British Columbia. October 20th will mark British Columbia's second drill and will align with California, Idaho, Nevada, Guam and the Yukon for a mass earthquake drill on the same day. Washington, Oregon and New Zealand have also expressed an interest in participating on this same date.

"The ShakeOut drill is our chance to practice how to protect ourselves, and for everyone to learn how to become better prepared," says Howie Siemens, emergency program coordinator for the Strathcona Regional District and the City of Campbell River.

Emergency organizations throughout British Columbia are encouraging individuals, families, businesses and other organizations to register at www.shakeoutbc.ca

To register or find out more, head to the BC ShakeOut web site at: www.shakeoutbc.ca or www.strathconard.ca under Protective Services or call 250-830-6700.



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WRITER'S BLOCK ■

Trapped In A Man's Body

By Tim Murray

The revelation came suddenly. It was a painful moment that many people like me have experienced. That moment when I realized that I did not belong in a man's body. That immediate comprehension that for so very long I had tried in vain to accommodate the demands and expectations of manhood, and that the attempt had proven futile and self-destructive. Obviously my brain was not wired to be John Wayne or even David Niven.

Each and every day when I got up to put on my pants and slip into my work boots, I felt like a fraud. An actor in an absurd play that never ended, that never allowed me to just be myself. Like T. S. Eliot's J. Alfred Prufrock, each morning I prepared a face to meet the faces that other people had prepared to meet mine, wondering if some of them endured the same turmoil that I did, desperately trying to hide themselves in a foreign body and fighting to suppress the volcanic urge to let it all hang out. The strain was unbearable. I wondered if I would one day blow my cover, that the pressure would be too much and that I would burst out of my straight-jacket and shock the world. Or perhaps, at the most inopportune time, I would be unmasked and exposed, my true identity laid bare for all to see. Imagine the disgrace. Imagine how humiliated my parents and siblings would be. And imagine how betrayed my soccer team-mates at school would feel after learning that I had slipped into their ranks and gained their trust when all along, I was not one of them. God, I even saw them naked in the shower! They believed that I was one of them, one of the guys. But the truth was, I wasn't. In fact, I never was.

Almost from the very start, you see, I knew that I was a dog. To this day, I cannot understand how people failed to pick up on the clues. My mom had a helluva time trying to get me into a bath and I drooled when I saw her preparing my dinner. And when I came in from the rain soaking wet, I liked to lie down in front of the base-board heater so that my body odour was broadcast throughout the room. I licked my body parts and scratched my rear end with my feet. I got really excited when my

Dad came home and jumped two feet in the air whenever he picked up the car keys to drive me to the local park to play frisbee. When I got to Junior High School I seemed to know when a bitch was in heat---I was a teenager now and obviously my internal chemistry had changed. At Simon Fraser University I would often be seen stumbling out of the student pub walking on all fours. Onlookers dismissed this behaviour because they knew I was Irish. You would think that alarm bells would have gone off when I started marking territory around the Academic Quadrangle without bothering to stand up. I guess people see what they want to see in a person.

Finally I had had enough. I came to a resolution. No longer would I carry on the pretence. No longer would I conform to a code of behaviour and dress which society had imposed upon me. I decided that I wouldn't take it anymore. I would be the dog that my neural circuitry had ordained me to be. So at last, after much wrangling, psychological testing and medical arbitration, I am happy to announce that I have been put on a long waiting list for reconstructive surgery. As soon as the Canwest Veterinary Clinic in Vancouver is able to book a date, I will undergo a procedure that where surgeons will graft some fur over my bald spot and attach some floppy ears---hopefully from a donor-beagle. They will also lengthen my tail so that you will know that I'm sincere when I say that I am glad to see you. Eventually I will become known as "that old wag". All of this and guess what--- you will pick up the tab! That's right, the Ministry of Health has at long last understood that this transformation is not a matter of frivolous cosmetic adjustments, but vital to my well-being and others who find themselves in my predicament simply by virtue of a genetic mix-up in the womb that was not of their doing. God made a mistake---we all do--- but thank God that He gave us the ability to correct them.

Following what I expect to be a successful post-op recovery, I will then emerge as the canine that I knew I always was, and to be honest, what my mother always intuitively suspected me to be. I know that if she was

alive today, she would accept the new me, in fact, she would love me even more--- certainly more than she loved my Dad, who spent a lot of his time in the dog house in his 63 years with her.

I should also expect however, that not everyone will receive my new identity with empathy. Many of those whom I have thought to be friends will shun me, while many of those who accept me nevertheless will not allow me into their homes or on their carpets. I will be banned from restaurants, the community centre and the farmers' market. And many fundamentalist Christian friends will insist that my decision was a lifestyle choice that had nothing to do with neural architecture or genetic predispositions. Undoubtedly, Bob and Marlena will refuse service and refer me to Tammy where the haircuts are more expensive. But on the other hand, as the saying goes, when one door shuts, another opens. New friends will come forward to congratulate me for my courage and embrace me as I really am. Perhaps, upon seeing me, some bored housewife will fantasize about a sordid encounter in a flea bag motel where, in a perverse act of reverse role-playing, she will be groomed with a stiff brush. Perhaps I will be picked up by a middle aged loner and writer who would dote upon me, spend a fortune on veterinary care, special food, and dog-walking services while allowing me unrestricted freedom of his house, making me pack-leader by default. (Know any idiot like that?)

Soon I will be ready to be somebody's best friend--- to guard, serve and protect them, and to perform tricks (making me excellent marriage material). In fact, my ambition is to become a local mayor and roll over for developers on command. I shall be richly rewarded---just like our former Premier, Gordon Campbell was. I always believed that deep inside, Mr. Campbell was like me, an Irish Setter waiting to be let out. He certainly had the brain of an Irish Setter, especially in selling off BC Rail.

PS I appreciate that some women believe that all men are dogs anyway. While that is not true, I will concede that too many of them are "Rovers".

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