

# DISCOVERY ISLANDER

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS ON QUADRA, CORTES & THE OUTER DISCOVERY ISLANDS

# GET OUT AND VOTE

# ON NOV. 19

## Exercise democracy

### To vote in the local election

You must be a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age, a resident of British Columbia for a minimum of 6 months and resident in the area you are voting for at least 30 days.

Voting locations are: Quadra Elementary School, Quathiaski Cove or the Strathcona Regional District Office  
990 Cedar St. Campbell River from 8 am to 8 pm Saturday, November 19th



## Remembrance Day Service

Friday, November 11, 10:45 am sharp, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay

Details on page 13

# Jim works – for all of us.

**B**eing a Regional Director takes a lot of work. It's a commitment to putting Quadra and the Outer Islands first: **every day, every week, every month: for three years.**

**Jim's record shows he's not afraid to get his hands dirty: he'll do whatever it takes to get the job done.** Look at the **GRANITE BAY BOAT RAMP** (*top left photo*). Jim managed, fundraised, organized, and pitched in to help build this much-needed ramp and float, wharf and parking lot.



Then there's the **QUADRA ISLAND RECYCLING CENTRE** (*top right*). Jim secured the land and convinced the Regional District to keep recycling facilities on the island, providing employment for an island resident to oversee operations.

Jim helped secure year-round access to the Outer Islands with the rebuild of the **SURGE NARROWS ROAD** at Hoskyn Channel Landing. A new park was created, a new wharf and float were installed (*lower left*), and roadside parking was expanded.

Jim rescued one of the island's overlooked historical sites – the **LUCKY JIM MINE** (*lower right*) – from potential destruction when he got provincial funding and organized volunteer labour to restore the site and make it safe for visitors.

## On November 19 re-elect **Jim Abram** Regional Director

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### **QUALIFIED VOTERS MAY VOTE AT EITHER LOCATION**

Saturday November 19 8 am to 8pm Quadra Elementary School 678 Heriot Bay Road Quadra Island, BC	Saturday November 19 8 am to 8pm Strathcona RD Office #301–990 Cedar Street Campbell River, BC
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### **ADVANCE VOTING**

Wednesday November 16  
8 am to 8pm  
Strathcona RD Office  
#301–990 Cedar Street  
Campbell River, BC

### **MAIL IN BALLOTS**

Applications for mail ballots will be received by the Chief Election Officer until 4 pm on Wednesday Nov. 16

### **ALL INQUIRIES**

Go to [www.strathconard.com](http://www.strathconard.com) and click on 2011 Local Government Elections

# ISLAND CALENDAR

Submit your news or event info, editorial runs free: email: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto: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  
Karate, 4 pm, QCC  
Sing for Pure Joy! Room 3, QCC, 3 - 4:30 pm, *All welcome.*  
Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm  
Alcoholics Anonymous, Quadra Children's Centre 7 pm  
**1st Monday** - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

### TUESDAY

Spinners 10:00 am – 12:00 QCC  
Kids Climbing Wall (7 & under) 2:00- 3:00 (8+) 3:00 - 4:00 pm  
Quadra Children's Song Circle, Room 3, QCC3 - 4 pm  
Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm  
Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 pm, Sept 21-Apr 26  
HBI tickle dress up library is open in the Pub. October. 7:00pm

### WEDNESDAY

Parent and Babes 11 am QCC  
Food Bank 1-2:00 p.m. (1st & 3rd Wed of every month) QCC  
"The Pack Ride" Moderate to Vigorous bike ride 6:15pm Yak Shack  
UofQ Pub education from your Neighbours. HBI pub 7:00 pm  
Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm  
**1st & 3rd Wednesday** Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

### THURSDAY

Parents & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm  
Karate 4:00 pm QCC  
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm  
Drop in games and wing night, Legion, 7:00 pm.  
Blakes encounters of the Karaoke kind. 9:00pm HBI pub

### FRIDAY

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

### SATURDAY

"Fun Ride" Easy to Moderate bike ride 10:30 am Aroma Cafe  
Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5pm  
Open mic with Mo. 9:00pm HBI pub

### 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.  
Pool Tournament and weekly prizes HBI Pub. October. 4:00pm  
Live Music at The Landing 4 to 7 pm Featuring The Blue Kats

## IMPORTANT CORRECTION

On page 9 it says the All-Candidates meeting is November 18.  
It is of course Sunday November 13.

## DAY TO DAY

### Friday, November 11

- Local Remembrance Day Service, 10:45 am sharp, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay

### Saturday & Sunday November 12-13

- Transition Weekend 9 - 4:30 pm Saturday 9 - 12 pm Sunday QCC

### Saturday, November 12

- How To Boil A Frog QICC 7:30 pm

### Sunday, November 13

- All-Candidates Meeting QCC 7 pm

### Monday, November 14

- Garden Club presents Shauna Lambeth on winter planters QCC 7pm

### Wednesday, November 16

- Quadra Legion Annual General Meeting at the Legion 8 pm

### Saturday, November 19

- Voting Day - local elections, Quadra Elementary School, Strathcona RD Office

### Sunday, November 20

- Trio '86 plays Mozart QICC 7:00 pm

### Monday, November 21

- Quadra Circle Visiting speaker Colleen Swanson 11 am QICC

### Friday, November 25

- Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, Tidemark Theatre 7 pm tix 287-7465

### Saturday, November 26

- Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour, QCC 7 pm tix 287-7465 or at the door

### Friday, December 2

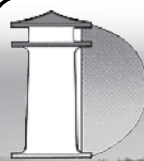
- Ben Parfitt - Forests and Carbon: QICC 7:30 pm

### Saturday, December 3

- Legion Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Quadra Legion

**NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 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, NOVEMBER 21**

# ISLAND FORUM

## Throwing The Dog A Bone

My response is in light  
of Melanie Alsager's rant  
regarding Tru Value Spirit  
Points given to the SPCA.

As an animal lover I am  
offended by what she believes  
to be a priority. I shop at Tru  
Value (formally Quadra Foods)  
and my spirit points have,  
and will continue to go to  
the SPCA. That is my choice.  
Who is anyone to decide what  
organization is worthy of my  
points?

The SPCA (Society for the  
Prevention of Cruelty to  
Animals) is a wonderful  
organization with  
compassionate volunteers who  
give of their time tirelessly.

I believe strongly in helping  
animals that are abandoned,  
injured or abused, and I believe  
I am not alone.

However, in addition to my  
charity/points to the SPCA  
I also donate to 'other' local  
charities that cater specifically  
to the needs of people. I  
believe who and where I  
donate my time and money is  
my business. Charity work is  
worthwhile, compassionate  
and one's personal prerogative  
and I tend to be a 'silent giver'.

I am a proud supporter of  
animals and of the SPCA and  
will continue to be.

Perhaps Melanie Alsager's  
boisterous beliefs broadcast at  
the till are offensive to some.

They were to me.

Be very embarrassed Andy...

Yvonne Lewis

## Harassment

I read Melanie's letter "Tough  
Times Calls for Priorities" with  
some dismay. Very little gives a  
person the right to harass others  
in a public place and, certainly,  
where we choose to direct our  
Spirit Points is not one of them.

To all the organizations on the  
Spirit Board, "Keep up the  
good work!"

Roy Brooks

### To The Editor,

I am writing to respond to the  
article about people loving their  
dogs more than they should.

My children have all grown up  
and because modern life is like  
that, I am now left on my own.  
If not for the love of my two  
precious dogs I would be feeling  
a void most severely. I am often  
bed ridden and they keep me  
company as well as giving me  
the will to get out of bed when  
I would rather not. I treat them  
well because they give me the  
will to go on in a world that is not  
always pleasant as well as helping  
me deal with chronic pain. Spend  
your money where you like  
and keep your hands out of my  
pockets and your nose out of my  
charities. I give equally to both  
the S.P.C.A. and the food bank.  
Where would we be without the  
spaying and neutering programs  
they offer as well as the care of the  
abandoned pets that are dropped  
at their doors every day. If they  
did not exist there would be  
no one to speak for abused and  
sick animals. I took care of my  
responsibilities as well as a foster  
child in my time. Now I want  
the comfort a pet can give in my  
older years. Why would you deny  
someone that? I feel sorry for  
anyone who has never known the  
real love and loyalty a dog can give.  
My dogs are a major part of my life  
now and I will make no apologies  
for that. I earned the right.

Sincerely: Kathy McLeod

## Election Signs

Dear Quadra,

I want to express my great  
appreciation to both candidates  
for Regional Director for  
coming to a local business for  
their signs. It was certainly a  
challenge when faced with a  
country-wide shortage of white  
coroplast and various shipping  
delays while trying to meet  
deadlines. Thank you to both  
of you for your business and  
patience. I am also grateful  
to my husband Lonn, sons  
Sterling and Brendan and  
friend Heather, and my dear  
friend Nancy Belliveau for  
coming to my aid in the sign  
assembly line. The Ferry  
Godmother, Audrey Neri, was  
a lifesaver when shipping was  
delayed in Campbell River, she  
made a special trip for me.

Unfortunately I have heard  
that several signs have been  
up-rooted and vandalized.  
It's disappointing to see hard  
work destroyed. If you come  
across signs either intact or  
damaged lying in the ditches  
or the woods and don't have  
the time or tools to put them  
back up, please drop them off  
at Waypoint Signs to be either  
returned to the candidates  
or properly recycled so they  
don't end up in a landfill or the  
ocean.

Remember to come out and  
vote on Nov. 19th,

Sarah Boyes

Waypoint Signs

**Have an opinion to share?**  
**Submit your letter**  
**to the DI by email:**  
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# RD Minutes Tell the Facts

It appears that Michael Stahnke did not appreciate my comments in the October 28 issue of this paper, concerning the Regional Board's sprinkling of our tax dollars on the application for a major subdivision at April Point (District Lot 208) in order to help that application overcome all its conflicts with our new Official Community Plan.

Fortunately the Regional Board has a reasonably comprehensive web site with all the meeting minutes and staff reports for the last two years, when this application kept coming before the Board. If you are interested, have a look! You'll marvel at the contortions the Board went through in order to remove the obstacles that the OCP places in the way of these developers. You will find many lengthy staff reports, multiple re-writes of a "cleaned-up" OCP and similar re-writes of the Zoning Bylaw. Count some pages and make reasonable assumptions about staff time needed to prepare all this - you are quite likely to end up in the same ball park as I did, when it comes to the cost of staff time devoted to help these developers subvert our new OCP.

Another recommended web-excursion, this time to the Local Government Act (not bed-time reading), will show you just how unnecessary the whole exercise was - it did

have to go to first and second reading but could have been voted down at that stage. Having an Official Community Plan would make zero sense if all proposals had to go to public hearings.

Respectfully submitted  
Rolf Kellerhals

## The Benefit Of The Doubt

By Anette & Nolan Grundvig

It's time to wake up and support the OccupyWallstreet movement. Why this movement has a greater chance for success than the Hippie movement.

1. The Internet. Online we have total anarchy. (The Mayor of New York is scared of YouTube.)
2. Larger acceptance among the ranks.
3. The middle class is a strong & positive power included in the 99% and keeps the balance.
4. There are hardly any nature resources left. The index is full. No more growth.
5. Population reaching 7 billion the October 31st. 2011. We the 99 % are 6.93 billion people.
6. You can only be passive for so long.

We are already consumed. If we don't take a stand right now, the human race is dead.

What do you prefer?

# THE EDITOR NOTES

One of the biggest challenges I have in piecing together an edition of the Discovery Islander is finding space to write something myself. Many editions go by without a word from the editor's chair, but trust me that is not for lack of opinions! Most often it's due to a simple lack of available space.

And then there's the curve balls; I thought I could use these two columns to focus on the local election. That was until the Elk Falls waste incinerator issue resurfaced.

Apparently under the guise of economic development there are proponents among the past and currently campaigning local Campbell River and Regional District candidates that support a solid waste incinerator at Elk Falls, large enough to accept waste from as far afield as California.

Can you imagine what it takes to publicly support importing barge loads of garbage that will spew heavy metals, carcinogens and particulate pollution into OUR air-shed? "Vote for me and I'll poison you"! Some pitch.

All so a few jobs can be created shovelling this mess around while the rest of us breath it in risking cancers and respiratory disease.

I sincerely hope this matter becomes a landmark election issue in Campbell River and once and for all ousts the

dinosaurs that promote archaic ideas that are driving us all to exstinktion [sic] or is that [sick]?

Happily I know our present Area C Regional Director has voted against the incinerator. I hope our neighbours on Cortes will be checking with their Director to see where she stands.

Which does bring me to the local election campaign.

I've thought a fair bit about whether or not to wade in with an election endorsement.

That we have an election in Area C, at all, I think is a very positive thing. So kudos to Shawn O'Connor for stepping up and providing an alternative point of view and challenging incumbent Jim Abram.

After observing our community's issues and politics over the past couple of decades I am fairly confident that, whether you've agreed with Jim Abram on all matters or not, his dedication and talents have to be greatly respected. But the time is drawing near for Quadra and Area C to have new representation.

With this all in mind I'll be voting for Jim Abram on the 19th, trusting that he will make this three year term a productive one regarding the pressing issues at hand, honouring his commitments and keeping a keen eye on the inevitable future transition.

- Philip Stone

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# Why we ought to reform the pension of the politician.

Its Halloween with ghosts, goblins and candy and one can't help but think of our dysfunctional politic and the sweets given out during trick or treat.

Here's a treat I've been thinking ought to be handed out by the politic in Victoria in a neat trick orchestrated by ourselves, the populace.

The pension plan of the MLA be the same one as the janitor's who mops the floor in the government corridors through a referendum like the HST. In this way at least they will be able to relate to the commons. Am I way too cheeky? Read on.

A quick note while on a subject which fills one with pride. Is the reason why the HST cancellation won't be in effect for 18 months, as Ottawa must be paid back the Bribe of a Billion?

I was led, and persuaded by the politicians years ago the populace will be better served by people who are well paid, and pensioned.

Well, what has happened since?

The BC Ferry Corp. parading under the disguise of a private company who's CEO refused to recognize when prices go up, demand goes down. A simple economic rule taught over and over again by the gods as a truth. Why not put tolls on all the highways leaving Vancouver so we treated equally? A private company giving out a publicly funded pension to Mr. Hahn? No backbone without us I guess.

BCHydro is found to be reporting losses as gains by the Auditor General is the latest revelation. It appears the failed American accounting fashion lingers here in the province, as a social manifest.

The Softwood Lumber

Agreement negotiated by the Harper Government of America which began the real export of raw logs, imposing a 20% tariff on manufactured lumber products coming back into the province which is refunded to the USA.

Victoria has no philosophy about a sustainable forest, only the vision of a royalty fund, funded by the loggers even as they lose money logging. The Peter Pearce Report in 2001 could barely find the words in expressing the dismal Provincial business spirit. A practise still enacted today, and exacerbating the boom and bust, and curtailing the use of secure capital to create a meaningful prosperity for our forest economy.

Sustainable? Think again.

Think of Ottawa deceiving the public about the importation of salmon eggs from Norway, now found to be diseased. Are these people dutifully looking after the interests of our ancestral fishery? Think again.

When you think about how complex our society is, one realizes the need for pragmatic thinking we can do on our own without the fashion of political, and ideological winds of the day dictating our future. Without thinking for ourselves we have landed into endless trouble. A formless future like a spooky ghost awaits us otherwise.

Be apolitical, down to earth is the path of our young people. Why Vote for this sham? say the young ones. Voter turnout is dropping like a stone is heard in a headline story. The carbon bomb will soon be upon us and the elected politic is increasingly irrelevant in effecting solutions for a sane lifestyle. Read the latest National Geographic for the

carbon bomb scenario. An example of inaction is while living in the cold north one needs energy for heat, and hot water which solar panels and windmills don't reliably do. However wood pellets are carbon neutral. Why not have a pellet factory in CR, and one in Duncan? I'm sure one will hear the reasons why it won't work; those protesting the idea having the imagination of a blind donkey. Are these people without a vision waiting for a consensus of people to tell them? How long will this take?

So why are these people accorded such a generous pension?

We have well meaning and intentioned people seeking office, but the issue here is the politically primitive creature being funded. A Creature without a vision, its social harddrive dumb to an exceedingly fast paced and transforming world. Just call this abstract creature Extinctus Humanis.

In 1974 Isaac Asimov worked out the simple math that at the current population growth in 400 years the earth will have 200,000 people per square mile, and at that moment will have devoured every other living creature on the planet.

So when you hear the DFO saying we have to feed the world with salmon farms you know at best they are delusional.

So why are these people accorded such a generous pension?

Not to pay their pension with a referendum will certainly send a wake up call, that democracy is still alive.

A fringe viewpoint from one of the Discovery islands.

Hugh McNab

# Politics Is Not A Career

Jim Abram and I have something very important in common – we both love Quadra Island.

I respect Jim and I understand in his early days representing Quadra he was then a lot more forceful, he knew how to take up an issue for our community, but there comes a time when everyone should know when to hang up their hat.

I read Jim's recent report in the Discovery Islander where Jim admitted that he had "spent a couple of years looking for the right people" to discuss Quadra's slow internet situation. A couple of years? To find someone to talk to about an important local issue? Days gone by, Jim would have got onto this issue straight away, grabbed the bull by the horns and got action. But things are a lot slower these days. Unfortunately, today issues need to be tackled quicker than ever before. We can't wait two years just to get started on an issue.

That's why I'm voting for Shawn O'Connor. Like us all, Shawn is passionate about Quadra. The good thing is that Shawn has the energy to represent us forcefully and effectively.

It's time to thank Jim Abram for twenty-three years of service and give our support to Shawn O'Connor on 19th November so that he can bring back the pace and strength of representation we need and Quadra deserves.

A.J. (Tony) Elwood

## CORRECTION

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Apologies for the ewrror!!

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# More Than Enough!

I am writing regarding the letter from the Surge Narrows Forest Advisory Committee that appeared in the October 28 issue slamming the logging practices of Harper Graham on Read Island.

First, I have a question for the publisher - was this story intended as a letter to the editor, an editorial, a news story or what? It was unclear to me.

Second, I have also had enough! There are some people on all the islands who will only approve of dollars earned through adventure tourism. What I appreciate most is the diversity of our island communities. We have property on Read Island and I love being in a community where the loggers, fish and oyster farmers, fisherman, adventure tourism employees

and everyone else live together as good neighbours. I always felt like Read Island was a wonderful place where diverse people came together like a big family and supported each other as such. I am ashamed to see some Read Islanders slander one of their own. The logging family referred to in the article have been a very community minded family who have given so much to the Read Island community. Harper is a kindhearted and generous neighbour and I cannot bear to see a few Read Islanders treat him this way after all he has done for the community. If only other islands would be as lucky as Read to have a logging family who lives on the island, provides employment and needed services to the residents, fights the forest company for

concessions on our behalf, takes part in community events and donates enormous amounts of time and money back to the Read Island community. Logging is not always pretty, but I have always found Harper and his crew to be extremely conscientious. Would we rather see a company from off the island brought in and what might that logging look like?

Linda Kempling

*[Editor's Reply: How this item was intended can only be answered by the submitting party, but the content seems to speak for itself. There are two types of 'editorial', general content, and opinion-editorial that express the views of the editor/publisher. As a regular reader you'll know that the latter is typically signed by me personally and falls under a title 'The Editor Notes' etc...]*

*The Discovery Islander did not solicit this item, its source is declared in the closing byline. As the disclaimer in the masthead states: 'Opinions expressed in this magazine are those of the contributors and are not the views of the Publisher'.*

*I chose to format it the way I did because it is an important issue with an attention-getting headline and that's the business I'm in, getting attention, both for the editorial content and advertising. When people pick up, read and especially respond to the DI, I've done my job.*

*While a downside of a small paper like the DI is that we have little time or resources for a lot of 'news' reporting, the upside is that it is a free, independent and open forum where all opinions are welcome. In that light everything is news and most of what appears in the DI expresses an opinion!*

*The important point here is that the item was signed by an identifiable group with whom anyone could take up further discussions with directly.*

*- Philip Stone, publisher*

## Shawn O'Connor CARES about....

As a father of two young adults, Shawn knows first hand the challenges that face today's families. By focusing on the needs of our multi-generational population and improving the recreational and cultural facilities on Quadra Island, we will help children, young families and seniors alike find the resources necessary for a well-balance, healthy lifestyle, right here in our community. Having raised millions of dollars, including funding for the Quadra Island Harbour Authority, Shawn has the experience of successfully accessing the myriad of grant funding opportunities available. In turn, this will help ensure that we see an increase in facilities, programs and services without experiencing an increase in taxes. Fair. Balanced. Consensus-based decisions. Just one more reason to vote O'Connor on November 19th!

## COMMUNITY



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## 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

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## ELECTION SPECIAL

# Area C Candidate

## Jim Abram



The best career advice is: work at something that you love. I got a degree in fine arts but life took me from artist, to lighthouse keeper, to politician! I had no idea when I was younger that I would enjoy getting involved in government! That might have sounded pretty boring! But it has become my passion. I quickly learned that through local government one could actually accomplish something, that the wheels could move along faster, with more local involvement, than at other levels of government. I treasure and appreciate our community - you have shown that you also enjoy working hard, and with me, to help ensure that our area continues to be a place where we love to live.

I want to continue to work with you to balance our needs and expectations and continue to bring us together as a community that is prosperous, as well as more resilient to future, unprecedented challenges. Some of our needs are immediate: young people and families are leaving the island because it has become unaffordable. Seniors are being forced to leave because of a lack of facilities. There is pressure upon our natural resources and these must be managed with care to avoid disturbing the delicate balance of all living

things around us and protect our food sources for the future.

At the same time, we must derive a living from what is available here, and so the need for balance is obvious. From knowing me, from Regional Director's Reports that I have published, and from election campaign literature, you will have learned of some of the creative solutions that I've been working on and have come up with to help solve our problems. Rather than reiterating them here I just want to say that I feel that these ideas can bring good results and I will continue to work toward that goal.

I've always disliked election jargon involving promises. I will stay on the steady course I have been on because it has brought positive results. I have some new ideas to involve even more of you in the process of nurturing all of the communities in our area and helping make the important decisions that will arise. We are not isolated in our challenges, and I will continue to network with other elected people whom I have come to know in B.C. and across Canada who are working on the same problems that we are. I will never hesitate to pick up the phone and talk to my contacts at the federal and provincial levels when there is a need to draw them into helping us achieve something for our area.

I have attended many forums over the years addressing the problem of voter apathy, especially amongst young people. When I was first old enough to vote I

was excited, so I wonder, considering how much things have changed since then, if there is now a feeling that one person can't affect the way the world turns. I feel that getting involved locally and learning how to deal with our local issues helps a person take further steps to get involved at other levels when it is required. It's important to feel a sense of empowerment in dealing with big problems that appear before us and to not feel intimidated by the "size" of an obstacle, especially when it affects our daily lives. Ferry corporation? Gather some people and show up at the Legislature. Giant corporations trying to destroy the rivers, streams and fjords that nurture us in so many ways and are part of our livelihood? Show up and say how you feel, and persevere. On a local level, participate!

I was heartened by an endorsement from a young person who said that he had never voted before because he'd never trusted the system. He said he would vote to re-elect someone who had proven himself and that I had helped him have some faith in the system. He had been involved in our Local Area Plan for the Cove for 18 months as a "youth representative". Obviously the hard work and long hours of this process inspired rather than discouraged him, so I feel that I am not off course in my philosophy that it's important to try to get people involved in our local issues! Let us go forth, boldly, together!



# Statements



## Shawn O'Connor

support projects, like the new dock facility at Heriot Bay.

We need to recognize that there is a shifting demographic in our community that requires new planning and services so that our seniors can age in place. Simultaneously, we need to find new ways to attract and encourage young families to settle on the Island. This requires the development of a comprehensive growth strategy so that planning can be undertaken and our community can make appropriate decisions.

We need to develop clearer guidelines for community consultation to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to participate and provide direction to local government. This is the foundation of

good governance and is an essential component of healthy communities.

We need to focus on the boundaries of influence contained within the guidelines for the Regional Director's office. This will help us maximize the resources we have available to support our mandate and ensure that we stay focused on those areas where we have recognized jurisdiction and ability to act.

For more information on my platform and perspectives, please visit [www.voteforshawnconnor.com](http://www.voteforshawnconnor.com). I hope that on November 19th, I can count on your support. The time for change has come. Let's work together to make Island better... on November 19th, vote O'Connor.

On November 19th, residents and property owners in Electoral Area C have the opportunity to embrace a new direction, engage in a new style of leadership and establish a new face of local government. I am strongly committed to serving the community and believe we can empower change through meaningful, respectful and transparent consultation.

I have set ambitious targets that include a focus on community, the economy and environment. All of which will require consensus building. My career has helped me develop the skills necessary to successfully navigate such situations to ensure all voices are heard and valued. This is essential if we are to see an end to the polarization that has plagued us in recent years.

We need to establish a plan to up-grade current infrastructure facilities where possible and build new ones where none currently exist. I am fiscally conservative. A responsible approach to finance management that will help keep property taxes low by sourcing alternative funding opportunities. In both my employment and volunteer capacity, I have successfully acquired millions of dollars to

## ALL CANDIDATES MEETING

**Sunday, November 13 at 7 pm**  
**Quadra Community Centre**

**Questions and answers from  
both candidates running  
in the Area C local election**

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## My Endorsement of Jim Abram

I endorse Jim Abram as Quadra as our Director to the Strathcona Regional District. His long years of hard work, dedication and his unquestioned integrity have earned him my respect and support. Decades of public service have provided him with valuable contacts at all levels of government and to the media, a definite asset when advocating for our interests. He is free from conflict of interest and is aware of the complexities and technicalities of representing us in local government.

He has carefully and thoughtfully guided us through the nuances of community planning to produce the wisdom of the "two villages" model of growth. He is keenly aware of the economic and demographic challenges facing the Discovery Islands and is addressing them to the limits of his political power and influence. I can't think of a better Regional Director for Area C.

Ray Grigg

## Upcoming Election Regional Director Area C

I agree with the comments of L. Murray October 28th Discovery Islander that "He (Jim Abram) understands the complexity of how various levels of government and community work and he is as comfortable in a boardroom or a Minister's office as at a community meeting."

In working with Jim over these last 8 years his help with re-instating the post office, attending

Community meetings and representing our area on important matters such as forestry, fisheries and Run of River projects in Bute Inlet; Jim has always been there working for and with our community.

Many times I have wondered how one man can be so effective on so many issues and give so much of his time. My vote is with Jim Abram because he has proven with his years of hard work and dedication that he cares for his District and gets results.

Thank you  
Cathy Minor  
Stuart Island, BC

## Jim Abram - Election

Dear Editor:

As most of us know by now, Jim Abram is running for re-election for a seat on the Board of Directors for the Strathcona Regional District, Area "C". The election will take place on November 19 at the Quadra Elementary school.

It is very important to me and I think, also to Quadra Island that Jim be re-elected and I would like to share some of my reasons with you.

Jim has represented Quadra, as a board member since 1988, serving as chair for 4 years. I have known Jim since the early eighties, when he was the Cape Mudge lighthouse keeper and came to know him very well over the years. I worked on the Quadra ferry for 23 years and observed Jim's comings and goings and his deepening commitment to our island and its people. Jim has worked tirelessly for the betterment of Quadra Islanders - first to keep the lighthouse on the Cape and, since 1988 as a District board member. Jim was instrumental in getting the Granite Bay Hydro grant application removed from the shelf and into the approval process. After approval of the project, Jim backed me up at meetings with senior Hydro personnel, with whom he had previous contact, to overcome some serious difficulties and keep the project on track.

Jim was instrumental in the creation of the Regional District Park at Granite Bay and the installation of the very fine new dock therein. Along with the community volunteers, Jim showed up to help with the hammering and sawing and sweated along with everyone else to get the job done.

There is not enough room here for me to list the number of projects Jim has been involved in all over Quadra, but for any

of you who read the Discovery Islander, Jim's regular Area "C" reports give an excellent idea of the work Jim is doing for us. Jim has recently been working to reduce ferry fares and to join in the efforts to possibly return the Quadra ferry service to control of the Ministry of Transportation and Highways. Jim is expecting to meet with our new premier in the next few months.

Jim has built up a large number of contacts at the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels and has been very successful in his past negotiations on our behalf. I would hate to lose his expertise and diplomatic qualities and the loss to Area "C" would be enormous, therefore I am asking you to support Jim and vote for him on November 19, or at one of the two advance polls or by mail-in-ballot that can be obtained by calling Tom Yates at the SRD, at 250-830-6704.

Chris Toulmin

Dear Editor,

Why is it that most politicians feel the need to bash the person they want to bump, and do their absolute best to discredit them?

I enjoy the reports in the D.I. that Jim writes, letting us know the progress and accomplishments on and around Quadra. Jim puts his all into "getting the job done", and we are so fortunate to have him.

I hope that all Quadrites get out and vote.....make your voice heard! And I hope to see Jim Abram at the helm, taking care of business.

Lesley Matthews

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# NEWS AND EVENTS

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## Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Nuyumbalees Society will be holding their Annual General meeting on December 11, 2011 at 11:00am at the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre. Hope to see you there!

## 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.

## Quadra Legion Annual General Meeting

Legion's annual general meeting Wednesday November 16th at 8:00. Grey Cup Game get-together on Sunday November 27th at 3:30pm \$5.00 dinner available at halftime. Raffle tickets on sale now 1st prize is two Canuck tickets for Dec. 1st game, accommodations included. 2nd prize autographed photo 3rd & 4th prizes are Canuck posters. Tickets \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00. Draw to be held at the Legion Sunday Nov. 27th.

## Alcoholic Anonymous

~ Quadra Island Chapter meets 8 pm Friday at Quadra Children's Centre, West Road. Everyone Welcome. Call 250-202-6049

## NEXT DEADLINE FOR THE DI is Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>

Send in your submissions by email: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca) fax: 250-285-2236 or drop it off at Hummingbird or our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

## Legion Christmas Craft & Bake Sale

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## Shawn O'Connor CARES about....

For more than 30 years, Shawn has worked and/or lived on Quadra Island. In his tenure with BC Packers, he was determined to ensure the highest standards were maintained with the greatest consideration for the environment during resource extraction. He is fiscally conservative and his responsible, balanced approach will help keep property taxes low by securing alternative funding sources for infrastructure and community projects. He is committed to developing a fair and open process where the voice of the public is mirrored in the actions of the government and where local businesses have an opportunity to thrive and develop. Shawn is a successful businessman who values the labour that each and every dollar represents. He has set an ambitious target for community consensuses, understanding that good governance needs good leadership and that the time for change has come. On November 19th, vote O'Connor.

## the ECONOMY



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## Cortes Radio (temporarily) Off-Air But Still Online

The volunteers at Cortes Community Radio continue work at the studio and at the transmission site in preparation for Industry Canada testing. While they do, you can continue to listen to Cortes Community Radio streaming on line by following the link on [cortesisland.com](http://cortesisland.com).

Many volunteers are putting in extra hours. Our service providers are going out of their way and community members are volunteering their time and expertise to help us out as we meet the challenge of getting ready for the upcoming testing phase.

Over two years ago, the process to obtain a CRTC licence began. Today it is a reality. Since our application was approved, some unexpected costs have arisen depleting the financial reserves of the station. Things like having our amplifier certified, which cost a bit more than we expected. Or having to change the orientation of our antenna on the tower. The station is requesting that donors and sponsors contribute so that the station will soon be back on the air reflecting the diverse community of Cortes Island.

We hope to be back broadcasting via the airwaves as soon as possible. Until then, tune in on the [www](http://www).

### Can't Wait for your DI?

Every edition of the Discovery Islander is posted online, usually by Wednesday afternoon. So you can get ahead on news, views and events on Quadra, Cortes and the Discovery Islands from the comfort of your office or the beach-side internet cafe!

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## Quadra Cultural Committee Welcomes Trio'86

At 7PM on Sunday November 20th Quadra Cultural Committee will welcome Trio'86, an ensemble of clarinet, viola and piano to the Quadra Community Centre for the first classical music recital of the season.

This unusual grouping of instruments was first brought together by Mozart in his "Kegelstatt" Trio K498 in 1786. The name "Kegelstatt" (bowling alley) was given by the publisher, it supposedly having been composed while playing skittles. Others were inspired to write for this combination of instruments, explaining the title "The Kegelstatt Legacy" for this program, which comprises the original Mozart and works by Robert Schumann, Max Bruch, the modern Hungarian composer Gyorgy Kurtag, and Canadian composer Jerry Semchyshyn.

Trio members for this occasion are clarinetist Krysta Martynes, violist Pemi Paull, and pianist Marc Wieser.

Krysta Martynes studied in the USA, continuing in Europe at the National Conservatory in Paris, the Accademia Perosi in Italy, and earning a Masters in Musicology at Paris VIII University. She is a prime researcher at institutions specializing in mixed media, and as a classical musician has toured in France, Germany, Mexico, Ukraine and China. As a contemporary musician she has featured as a soloist at festivals in France, Italy and Austria.



Violist Pemi Paull specialises in both new and early music, both as soloist and chamber musician. He is founder and artistic director of Warhol Dervish, an unorthodox chamber music collective in Montreal, and was awarded the 2002 CBC Galaxie Rising Star Award for Chamber Music. He is a member of three important new music ensembles, and is one of the few violists in the world to present, with critical acclaim, full programs of unaccompanied repertoire for viola. In historical performance he appears with Ensemble Caprice, Ensemble Arion and Theatre of Early Music.

Winnipeg-born Marc Wieser lives in Montreal where he is working towards a PhD at McGill University. Past appearances in Montreal included a six-performance tour with Pazzia Contemporary performing Collective featuring seven newly-commissioned works as well as Bernstein's La Bonne Cuisine. A passionate proponent of Schumann's music, his playing has been described as "Impressive, imaginative and seamless", "awesome and breathtaking." As a chamber player he has given collaborative performances throughout Canada, the USA and France, most recently with his sister Soprano Ellen Wieser.

This Trio '86 concert promises to be an unusual and exciting program performed by a group of extremely talented artists. Tickets are available in advance for \$17 from Quadra Crafts in Heriot Bay, Hummingbird Office and Art Supply in Quathiaski Cove, the Music Plant in Campbell River; and for \$20 at the door. Students under 16 are free when accompanied by an adult. For further information, call 250-285-3560.

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## Local Remembrance Day Service

Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be at the **Quadra Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion on Friday November 11th, 2011.**

Everyone is welcome and families with children are encouraged to attend. **Please be seated by 10:45 am sharp.**

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary will host the luncheon following the morning service.

The evening festivities begin with membership initiations to be conducted at 4:30 pm. The social hour starts at 5:00 pm with dinner for members and spouse/guest at 6:00 pm.

Honours & Awards and live entertainment with the Thievin Brothers will follow dinner. RSVP for dinner to Len Lamb 285-3354. See you at the Legion!



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## Occupy Campbell River

Every Saturday there is an occupy Campbell River gathering at Spirit Square in Campbell River at 10:30 a.m. every Saturday. There is a web site called occupy Campbell River. Check it out. So far 20 to 30 people have been coming out. Over 800 cities are involved.

## Live Jazz Music

Live Jazz music disappears from Quadra Island in the Winter season. In the summer, Live Jazz is available on a weekly basis at the HBI, April Point, Quadra Market and other venues.

Local Jazz bands are still actively practicing and improving their music and would like to perform during this rainy season. Jazz Berry Jam, The Dave Ashton Trio, the Wire Choir and other groups are available for your listening pleasure.

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## Shawn O'Connor CARES about....

Born in Vancouver, Shawn graduated from BCIT and moved to Quadra Island more than 30 years ago. He is passionate about the beauty and diversity of our region and the coastal waters that surrounds us. Shawn is determined to find balance and consensus through the open and fair development of an Integrated Resource Management Strategy that considers all perspectives and helps guide us through sustainable, ethical and respectful resource extraction. He is devoted to engaging stakeholders and residents in transparent, meaningful consultation that reflects our true values, diversity and vision for the future. Shawn has set an ambitious, but achievable, target that focuses on consensus building and strong leadership.

On November 19th, vote for change. Vote O'Connor.

## the ENVIRONMENT



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# Notices from Quadra RCMP

## Police Record Checks

Many agencies, employers, and volunteer groups are increasingly requiring individuals to provide a police record check prior to them being involved or employed with their agency or company. The requirement of a police record check is a prudent step in any application process.

Over the past year, there have been changes to the police record check program as it relates to individuals who will be working in a paid or volunteer capacity with vulnerable members of the community. Vulnerable members of the community include persons who, because of age, a disability, or other circumstances, whether temporary or permanent are in a position of dependence on others or are otherwise at a greater risk than the general population of being harmed by a person in a position of authority or trust relative to them. Examples of positions involving members of the vulnerable sector include teachers, day care workers, sport coaches and volunteers.

If you are seeking a police record check to support an application for paid or volunteer work with vulnerable members of society, a distinct and separate query of your name and birth date will be conducted against criminal records databases and flagged pardoned sex offender records. This query is called a Vulnerable Sector Check. The rationale for this distinct and separate query arose from a recent analysis of name based queries that determined that an individual could potentially avoid being linked to their pardoned sex offence(s) if he or she used a different name during the police record check query. This scenario could occur if a legal name change was used for the query, and the name change went unreported to the RCMP for updating criminal record information. This distinct and separate query of name and birth date assists to ensure that an unreported name change would not allow a pardoned sexual offender to avoid being identified through a vulnerable sector query.

If your gender and birth date match to a pardoned sex offender, you will be asked, by letter, to provide fingerprints that will be forwarded to the RCMP National Identification Services to confirm your identity. Currently, if there is no match to the submitted fingerprints, the wait time for identity confirmation by fingerprints is ten weeks.

Most individuals attending to the Detachment for a police record check involving a vulnerable sector query have not been requested to submit fingerprints. There have, however, been instances where fingerprints have been requested and individuals are reminded of the potential for delay of their police record check should they be requested to submit fingerprints to support identity confirmation related to a vulnerable sector query.

If you are requested to provide fingerprints to confirm your identity to support an application for paid employment, a fee of \$25.00 will be applied. If you are requested to provide fingerprints to confirm your identity to support

an application for volunteer work, the fee is waived and you will be asked to provide a letter from the volunteer agency confirming your application to volunteer.




As always, fees are not applied to police record checks that do not involve fingerprint submissions and most police record checks not involving fingerprints will be processed within two weeks.

Police record check applications will only be processed for individuals permanently residing within the Quadra Island Detachment jurisdiction and must be submitted in person, at the Detachment, with photograph identification.

Should you have any questions, please call the Quadra Island RCMP Detachment at 285-3631 or 1-866-888-0088, or refer to this link: <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cr-cj/vulner/index-eng.htm>.

## Police Telephone Line

The non-emergency telephone line at the Quadra Island RCMP Detachment has recently been upgraded to include a general voicemail box and individual voicemail boxes for each officer. If you call the Detachment outside of weekday office hours, you will be prompted to either leave a message on the general or an individual officer's voicemail box or be connected to a communications operator. If you are calling the Detachment outside of weekday office hours to report an in progress or recent incident, or an incident that requires a prompt police response, do not leave a voicemail message - please press the #1 to immediately connect to a live communications operator to report the incident. If you are reporting an emergency situation, call 911.

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# Shawn O'Connor CARES about....

# YOU

On November 19th, let's set the course for new, transparent and accountable government for Area C that will bring a common-sense approach to achieving strong, healthy communities, a vibrant, revitalized economy and a balanced environmental perspective that we can all take pride in. Shawn O'Connor can make things happen. He is a team player experienced in bringing people together with a common focus. He is a great listener and is completely committed to giving you a voice in local government.

We require a fresh approach that understands the boundaries of the Regional Director's office. Someone who can focus their efforts on improving what is possible instead of pursuing agendas that only function to polarize our community. Shawn believes that there is room for all our voices and that constructive, respectful and meaningful consultation can result in consensus.

Shawn is passionate about our community and about offering a new direction for local government. About protecting the environment and creating well-paying year round employment opportunities. About building a future and protecting our natural resources. About our aging population and the relocation of our young families off island. About hearing what challenges you face and finding solutions together that will work for all of us.

On November 19th, vote for change. Vote for O'Connor

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## Folk musician Anna Atkinson to perform at the Heriot Bay Inn



Literate, masterful, and enchanting, Anna Atkinson's latest album, *Mooniture*, makes you want to curl up to next to a fire on a rainy day with a mug full of Drambuie, or be transported to a smoky cabaret in Weimar-era Berlin. Atkinson's voice is the first to capture the listener - drawing you into her heightened, almost theatrical world. Spooky and eerie at times, joyful and free in others, the instrumentation of *Mooniture* recalls the vagabond junkyard arrangements of Tom Waits and the precious lyrical naïveté of Joanna Newsom.

The university trained, multi-instrumentalist effortlessly displays dynamics that could easily fit in on a David Lynch soundtrack or a Starbucks with chutzpah. Hear Anna Atkinson in the intimate setting of the Fireside Lounge of the Heriot Bay Inn on Wednesday November 16. "This Toronto-based songwriter and multi-instrumentalist is the least earthbound artist we've heard in ages: fanciful lyrics, soaring vocals, and the only rhythm section within earshot is your own heartbeat." -Toronto Star



### Halloween

Phoenix Fire Signs treated us to a great Halloween Fire Works display on the perfect starry night over Blenkin Field. Kudos to Christi Edwards who, following in papa Doug's footsteps, designed a spectacular show. Being the 25th fireworks display at the QCC put on by Phoenix Fire Signs, how could she not have fireworks synced into her DNA. Cheers also to Steve Eley, Red Williams, Rod McLean, Barry Hatelt/Quadra Builders, Pat Manery, Dave Vinet, Jamie Eley and Doug Edwards. Of course, nothing would happen without donations and we thank Regional Director Jim Abram for a grant in aid, Isle Tech Auto, Quadrate Ventures, Hummingbird Office Supply, Joy Bird, All Clear Septic, Viken Waste, Dr. Kellerhals, Heriot Bay Inn, Quadra Builders, Sorensen- MacDonald, Village Bookkeeping, and Coastal Community Credit Union. Thank you to Mark Albrecht and Allan Burnett for the bonfire. If anyone missed the Haunted House, call us and let's get it booked for next year.

### Litter Pickup

Thank you to the folks who picked up road side litter this week and big appreciations go to Viann and Ken Vaux of Viken Waste Disposal for dealing with the bags. Once

# Quadra Recreation Society Update

again the 5 addictions remain the biggest culprits of trash on the road: alcohol, sugar, coffee, cigarettes and plastic blown from the back of trucks along with kleenex, juice containers and the litter remains of MacDonald's and Wendy's fast food. Gee, those tourists are disrespectful. Oh right, they've been gone for a few months.

### Christmas Craft Fair at QCC

Mark Friday, November 18th 4:00-9:00 and Saturday, November 19th 10:00-3:00 on your calendars for the annual Craft Fair at the Community Centre. Santa will arrive on the fire truck at noon on Saturday and Mary Ellen Wilkins will be playing the piano on Friday evening. Enjoy supper on Friday and lunch on Saturday at the concession, while

shopping locally for all your Christmas presents.

### All Candidates Meeting

Quadra Recreation Society and the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor an All Candidates Meeting at the Quadra Community Centre, Sunday November 13 at 7:00. Incumbent Jim Abram and Shawn O'Connor are running for the position of regional director. The election is November 19 at the school from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

### Wanna Share?

Are you interested in sharing your skills or talent with the community in the new year?

The Quadra Community Centre has beautiful facilities in which to hold your class, workshop, activities or events. To be included in our new recreation guide coming out in January, book now. If you are already booked for the new year 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](mailto:quadrarec@gicable.com) with a description of your class, workshop, activity or event.

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Coordinator  
Quadra Island Community  
Centre

## Weekly Meditation

A weekly meditation group continues at Spirit Books in the Upper Realm at Q. Cove. It is a small, cozy group of four or five people, who meditate for about 40 minutes.

The time is 7:30 p.m. every Thursday night. Cost is by donation.

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# Best of Banff Heads Our Way

The Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour returns to Campbell River and Quadra Island for its annual shows at the end of November.

Every year filmmakers and adventurers gather in Banff for a week long festival and at the end prizes are awarded and a selection made that hits the road and travels worldwide.

Amongst the films entered this year is 'Cold' a 19 minute film directed and produced by Anson Fogel.

Cold takes the viewer to 8000 metres to experience Gasherbrum II in the middle of a deep, dark winter as seen from the raw, honest perspective of alpinist Cory Richard's camera. This film deftly captures the interwoven roles of pain, fear, and doubt – and reveals a harrowing descent that amplifies their isolation and exposure.

Another film catching the organizers' eye is 'On the Trail of Genghis Khan: The Last Frontier'. Directed by Tim Cope it shows an epic journey of truly historic proportions, Australian Tim Cope, his band of horses, and his dog Tigon travel overland 10,000 km from Mongolia to Hungary, following the footsteps of legendary warrior and nomad Genghis Khan. Cope visits distant parts of the world rarely seen, places on the cusp of modernity yet proud of nomadic traditions. The Last Frontier captures the culmination of his stunning three-year journey, the crossing of the Carpathian Mountains.

This year's shows are on Friday, November 25th at the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River and on Saturday, November 26th at the Quadra Community Centre.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for youth, students & seniors. For advance tickets call the Tidemark Theatre box office between 12 noon and 6 pm 250-287-7465. Tickets are usually available at the door too but best be safe and get your's today!



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# Why your neighbours are voting for Jim

**J**im Abram is as comfortable in a boardroom or a Minister's office as at a community meeting. He has worked with us re-instating our post office, attending community meetings, and representing our area on forestry, fisheries and run-of-river projects in Bute Inlet. My vote is with Jim because he has proven that he cares for his district and gets results.

– **CATHY MINOR**

*Cathy is a resident of Stuart Island*

**I** have always been impressed with Jim Abram's involvement in so many projects and committees on Quadra. His years of experience in representing us at the Regional District, his knowledge of local people, local resources, and all the long-standing issues on the island make him the best candidate at this time for Regional Director of Area C.

– **BETTY DOAK**

*Betty is a former nurse, VIHA administrator, Chair of the Safety Committee, and a key administrator of emergency services*

## Jim works for all of us –

young and old, property owners and renters, business people and artisans, forestry and construction workers. From Heriot Bay to Granite Bay, Quathiaski Cove to Cape Mudge, Bold Point to the Inlets – Jim works for Quadra and the Outer Islands.

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**I** have personally worked with Jim on a number of tourism promotion initiatives for Quadra Island and deeply appreciate his support and understanding of how important this industry is to Quadra and surrounding islands. Together we have taken great strides to put our region on the map and develop a comprehensive tourism marketing plan.

– **LYNDEN MCMARTIN**

*Lynden is the general manager at Taku Resort and Marina*



**I** have known Jim Abram personally and professionally since I was a child. I believe that Jim has done an outstanding job of making the difficult decisions that a Regional Director has to make for the good of the whole community. I believe him to be an honest man who cares for this community. He will be getting my vote once again on Nov. 19th.

– **SHANE HEDEFINE**

*Shane owns Hedefine Contracting*

**I** am pleased to say I will vote on Nov. 19th. I have never exercised my right to vote, I just never trusted in any of it. I always said I would vote to re-elect someone who had proven themselves. Thank you, Jim, for helping me have a little faith in the system. And thank you for all the late nights, flights, meetings, and spirit.

– **BENEDICT LEONARD**

*Ben works at Café Aroma*

**J**im's commitment to serving the people of our community is unequalled. His years of experience and tireless work on our behalf make him the most qualified candidate for Regional Director. I'll vote for Jim on Nov. 19th.

– **ANNABELLE CAMERON**

*Annabelle owns Belhaven Bed and Breakfast on Quadra*



# On Nov. 19 we don't need a "politician"

**We need someone who's not afraid to get his hands dirty and who'll speak up on our behalf. Jim has proven he will do whatever it takes to get the job done.**

**Jim has helped Islanders on many initiatives. Here are a few of them:**



- Institution of Shoreline Zoning Process for Quadra Island and all of Area C
- Hoskyn Channel Landing: road, park and wharf
- Granite Bay: park, wharf and boat ramp; hydro to the wharf in progress
- Assistance with installation of hydro service to Granite Bay and Kanish Bay
- Lucky Jim Mine restoration
- Resolution of Gowlland Harbour dryland sort dispute

- Initiated original Emergency Preparedness planning process
- Created reserve fund and applied for government grants to secure emergency generator
- Created Recycling Centre and added types of materials that can be collected and recycled
- Provided financial support to the Nuyumbalees Cultural Centre, Community Garden, Outer Island Community Associations, Cultural Committee, Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Initiatives, Seniors' Housing, Children's Centre, and many more

- Procured free crown grant for Blenkin Park for Quadra Island Community Centre property
- Continues to lobby for handi-cap shelter on the ferry and for reduced ferry fares
- Established the Safety Council and worked with all Emergency Services on Quadra
- Repairs to the boat ramp at Rebecca Spit
- Reconstruction of the damaged roadbed at Rebecca Spit

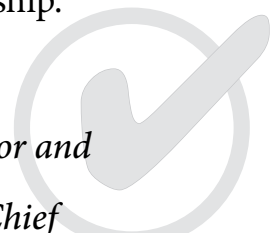
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**“I** have found that working with Jim has always been cooperative. In signing our protocol agreement we shared information and developed a strong working relationship.”

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*Homalco Band Councillor and  
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## Tonight!

### Biutiful

- Mexico/Spain 2010

Q.C.C. Doors 7:30 pm

Showtime 7:45 pm

Adm: \$5 stu/snr \$4



It would be impossible to list the Oscar-worthy performances of 2010 without highlighting Javier Bardem in Biutiful. Mexican director Alejandro González Iñárritu (Babel, 21 Grams) describes Uxbal, the character Bardem embodies in flesh and spirit, as "devoted father, tormented lover, mystified son, underground businessman, ghost seeker, spiritual sensitive, consumer-goods pirate, guilty conscience and urban survivor." All of this and more can be seen on Bardem's expressive face.

Uxbal wanders the mean streets of Barcelona trying to put his life in order. The film digs out beauty from the rubble of the mean streets of Barcelona. Shot hand-held with a poet's eye by Rodrigo Prieto, Biutiful is relentless and as riveting as the world this remarkable actor lets us see through Uxbal's eyes. Bravo, Bardem.



## Next up:

### Certified Copy

- France 2011 November 25th

Q.C.C. Doors 7:30 pm

Showtime 7:45 pm

Adm: \$5 stu/snr \$4



Acclaimed Iranian director Kiarostami sends English academic William Shimell and French antique dealer Juliette Binoche on a Sunday odyssey to a Tuscan hill town where they debate originality, authenticity, and value. The dialogue is ripe; a playful mockery of the clichés sustaining both art house and mainstream film.



This exceptional film plays with what is real and what is imagination. While exploring language and communication, this drama is both funny and intense. Viewers think they are witnessing a romantic one-day interlude between a middle-aged couple. After a while, though, they start to realize they're on shifting ground. We're not really sure who the two people are, whether they knew each other before or are just pretending.

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# Quadra Seniors

At our November meeting, we invited our two Area C, Candidates, Jim Abram and Shawn O'Connor, to speak briefly to our members.

We then recognized Remembrance Day, by having Dion York play the Bagpipes, in memory of Veterans & our members who were involved in the passed wars. A Poem was read by Ann Lawrence, and two experience, stories were read by Martin Amiabel and Len Lamb.

Elections were conducted by Martin Amiabel, for 1st Vice Pres-Nancy Allwarden- Secretary Heather Adams- -New-Directors --Shirley Brown, Rose Finsant, Gabriella Romano, Marilyn Lamb & Daphne Young, these members are elected for two years.

The following Executive are in service, with our Seniors for another year Pres. Ruth Amiabel, 2nd Vice Judy Hagen, Treasurer Chris Dyson, Directors Ann Lawrence, Karen Talbot & Dennis Young.

Some of our Seniors recently went on a Bus Trip to Chemanuis Theatre, where they enjoyed the play Amadeus and a Lunch Buffet. Another Excursion was at Hamiltons Cranberry Farm and lunch at Cantons Rest.

We are looking forward to our Mistletoe Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 5th/11, at the Discovery Coast Inn.

We are still on Wednesdays at 10:00 a:m having our Armchair Aerobics with Ann Lawrence and at 11:15 a:m Carpet Bowling at the Legion, bring snacks to have with Coffee.

There will be no General Meeting in December our next Gen. meet. will be on January 4th, 2012, depending on the holidays and the weather. If you need a ride to our get togethers or have any other questions or maybe about membership call Chris Dyson @2207 or Ruth Amiabel @3801

# At the Good 'Ol HBI

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Anna plays viola, guitar, banjo and vocals, Zoe Guigueno; double bass and vocals playing Anna's original music. www.annaatkinson.ca . Limited seating.

**Herons Dining Room will be closed** at 7:00 pm on **Tuesday November 15** for our HBI staff appreciation party. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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Free Chimney sweeps are finished for the season. They will return next year early in the Fall before our wood stoves are fired up.

Many of your neighbours now have clean and safe chimneys. Folks on Quadra Loop, Topcliffe Rd., West Rd., Weway Rd., Sutil Rd., and Harper Rd. were given Free Chimney Sweeps by Gabe Aston, from TipTop Chimney Sweeps and the Free Wood Association.

Please consider supporting this worth while program by putting some money in the Free Wood Association account at our local Coastal Credit Union. Let's prevent chimney fires on Quadra Island. Call Steve Moore at 285-3323 for more information.

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# Winter Market at the Community Centre

Tired of the Rain? Bored? Come on out to the Winter Market this Saturday. Need something special for a birthday, or get a head start on your Christmas list.

Beautiful items by great artisans; soaps, candles, knitted and crocheted hats, handcrafted boxes, jewelry, aromatherapy. Yummy chocolates, and baking too! Hot tea, hot coffee, and light lunches and much more. Winter Market Saturday October 15th at the Community Center 10am-2pm. Good times, good friends. Stay a little or stay the day. See you there, Saturday 10 till 2 Tables \$10.00 each, first come basis. Set up at 9am. quadra.michele@gmail.com or

# Get 'Around the Point'

Now there's a new way to get a round up of current news on the Discovery Islands, a brand new news and events slot on Cortes Community Radio. DI editor Philip Stone is hosting a regular slot on Friday afternoons at 1 pm and the show will perhaps air at other times through the week.

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# BC Ferries: Let's Get Back To Basics

## Notice from Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs

VICTORIA BC - The Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs (FACC) are telling the BC Ferry Commissioner that it is time for the ferry system to get back to basics. They want to see the Coastal Ferry Act amended to replace the existing six principles with one simple, customer-oriented principle: to provide a safe, reliable, affordable ferry service.

"Affordability means that fares should increase in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Instead, fare increases have been several times higher," says Bill Cripps who Chairs the North Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee. The FACC is recommending that government contributions be sufficiently increased in April 2012, to support a major roll-back in fares on the non-major routes.

The FACC have submitted their comments to BC Ferry Commissioner Gord Macatee in a paper entitled "Ferry Governance: A Matter of Ideology". The Commissioner has been directed by provincial legislation to conduct a review of the Coastal Ferry Act - which lays out the governance model for the ferry system. He will deliver a final report to the BC Government in early 2012.

Since the Coastal Ferry Act was adopted in 2003, communities have suffered economically and socially as substantial declines in minor route traffic have led to businesses shrinking or closing, families being isolated, schools losing enrollment, young people leaving and tourism plummeting, according to the FACC submission.

"The Act signalled a disastrous ideological shift in approach to ferry service that

needs correcting if ferry-dependent communities, and BC Ferries itself, are to survive in a sustainable way," says Brian Hollingshead, chair of the Southern Gulf Islands FAC. "WAC Bennett created BC Ferries to provide reliable, safe, affordable transportation to coastal communities that depended on ferry service as a lifeline. The principles included in the Coastal Ferry Act do not address these objectives. Instead they focus on the sustainability of the ferry operator and a requirement to reduce government contributions in favour of user-pay."

The FACC believes that this ideology has allowed ferry fares to increase by up to 100% since 2003.

Escalating fares have been followed by steadily declining traffic. In addition to impacting communities, this drop in traffic means that BC Ferries is nowhere near meeting its target for return on equity. This is eroding its ability to operate sustainably.

"The Province needs to get away from the concept that BC Ferries should operate as if it is a commercial enterprise when in reality it is a regulated natural monopoly providing an essential transportation service," says Tony Law, Chair of the Denman-Hornby Ferry Advisory Committee. "The bottom line is that ferries provide the same basic function for coastal communities as highways do for other communities. This is what we mean by getting back to basics."

The FACC is comprised of the chairs of twelve local and regional Ferry Advisory Committees appointed by BC Ferries.

## "Fall Into Winter" Children's Centre Fundraising Dinner

Quadra Children's Centre is a well-loved island institution, one which provides the families of Quadra Island with quality, compassionate child care. Like other non-profit organizations, fundraising is something which the Children's Centre does so they can continue caring for the children of our island.

Saturday November 19 the Quadra Children's Centre presents "Fall Into Winter", an Art-full fundraising dinner. In the lull between chocolate holidays, get tickets to this event featuring a delectable three course dinner in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn and music by Sidney Williams.



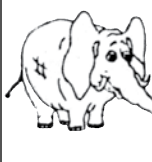
Writing and performing music is Sidney's passion. After going blind at the age of three, she was given her first piano by the Make A Wish Foundation and she's been making music ever since. In 2010, Sydney recorded her second full length CD, 'Glow', released in May 2011.

In addition to fine food and music, there will be a silent art auction featuring works by Leanne Hodges, Laurie Bowles, Jeff Hallihan, Julie Glaspy, Penny Apple Photography, Lime Soda Photography and others.

Tickets to this event are \$49; please call 250.285.3322 to reserve yours. The Children's Centre is grateful to the community for the ongoing support and to the artists for their donations. See you November 19 at the Heriot Bay Inn!

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## Climbing Nepal's Heights for the CR Hospital Foundation



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My name is Tak Ogasawara.

I am currently in Nepal from Oct. 8th to Nov. 17th to climb Mt. Baruntse (7129 meters/ 23,389 feet). Mt. Baruntse is situated between Everest and Makalu. One of the reasons for my climb is that I would like to raise funds for the Campbell River Hospital Foundation.

In the past 24 years, I have been admitted to the Campbell River General Hospital for at least 300 days in total. In 1987, I was diagnosed with gastric cancer with a complete gastric resection. After the operation, for various reasons, I never gained my health back 100 %. I eventually had several more operations on my digestion system. Since 2006, my digestion system has been cured and cancer has never come back, but in 2008, I was diagnosed with Aplastic Anemia, a disease that affects about 1 in a million people. I thought I would die for sure. However, many doctors and nurses in Vancouver General Hospital and Campbell River Hospital helped me beat the disease. Now I am healthy again and I would like to raise money for the Campbell River Hospital. I have never given up my dream to climb mountains in Nepal. I am 67 years old.

In order to climb Mt. Baruntse, we are setting up a base camp at 5300m level on the Baruntse Glacier, and then we will set up Camp One at 6100m, Camp Two at 6400m. From Camp Two we will climb to the summit of 7129m.

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Please support me to raise funds for the Campbell River Hospital by donating a lump sum or pledging for every 200m in elevation I gain from the Base Camp. For example, if you pledge \$1 for every 200m I climb, and if I am able to reach the summit, your total pledge would be \$9. I will be collecting money after I come back on Nov. 27, so that the pledges can be calculated accurately with how high I am able to climb.

The Campbell River General Hospital has been there for me and my family through many illnesses, and thanks to the hard work of the nurses, doctors and support staff we are all healthy.

Receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 and more by the Campbell River Hospital Foundation, so please make a cheque payable to the Campbell River Hospital Foundation.

Please call 250 285 3012 asking Mitzi for more information. The following businesses have kindly agreed to carry a pledge sheet.

SouthEnd Farm & Vineyards (Quadra Island)  
Katie's Rice Box (Dogwood Street)  
Java Shack (Tyee Plaza)  
On the Rocks Climbing Gym (Campbellton)

You can follow where I am going through the following website: [www.summitclimb.com](http://www.summitclimb.com) and follow the links for Baruntse & Mera Peak

Thank you for your support in advance.

Tak Ogasawara

## REWARD - For Missing Sign

Rejuvenation Bodywork - Massage & Spa My brand new business sign has been removed from the cluster of signs and the intersection of Rebecca Spit & Heriot Bay Rds. It appears though that mine may not have been the only one, as I found a small piece of another business' sign. This is theft, tampering, or vandalism, and comes directly from my families' pocket. I have not yet finished paying for having professional signs done for my small practice, and find it extremely upsetting that someone would do this for any reason!

I am interested in offering a reward for its return, if possible.

Rejuvenation Bodywork is the name, the sign was made of aluminium based material, and was set in with one large stake. Perhaps it is in the bushes, but I could not locate it yet. ( Perhaps someone wishes to re-design it????) If I can have it returned, I would offer a massage/bodywork session in turn...

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# Create A Winter Hanging Planter

Shauna Lambeth from Campbell River Garden Centre, will be guest speaker at the November 14th Garden Club meeting, 7pm at the Community Centre. Shauna and Nigel, have owned and operated the Garden Centre since 1995. Their staff, with varied gardening interests, offer a wealth of knowledge. After 17 years as owner, Shauna looks forward to the start of each new gardening season. She says that their customers and their staff are the garden centre's greatest assets. Although managing a garden centre keeps her busy, she also loves to garden.

The topic for the evening will be 'how to create a winter hanging planter'. Shauna will bring a wide selection of plants to make that outside the front door pot look fantastic throughout the next five months. These hands on demonstrations are always fun. If time permits Shauna will answer any seasonal questions the club may have. The completed winter planter will be a door prize, so make sure to pick up your ticket as you enter the hall. Come out and enjoy this last meeting of 2011.

After a late start, autumn has been a glorious season, with more colour on the trees this year than normal. Those warm days of October have the trees holding on to their leaves with the cherries, maples, blueberries, and cascaras showing a fantastic display of colour in this first week of November. Isn't it great to rake up dry leaves instead of soggy mats of heavy wet ones. Don't forget to dig those summer bulbs and to winterize your irrigation and hose nozzles. You will be buying new ones next year, if they don't get them disconnected soon. Please bring something for the show and tell table - we know there are still flowers blooming in your garden. Annual membership is \$10 which gives a discount at many local nurseries. Drop In \$2.

# Naming and Claiming: the Creation of Bute Inlet

The Museum at Campbell River will host curator and artist Judith Williams for a talk on the current exhibit 'Naming and Claiming: The Creation of Bute Inlet' on Saturday, November 19th from 1:30 pm to 3 pm. According to Williams, "My talk on the installation Naming and Claiming: the Creation of Bute Inlet will show historical and current images of the inlet from mouth to head accompanied by an account of how each depicted place or watercourse received its name and how the continuing naming process reflects our evolving attitudes to landscape." There will also be an update on the ongoing LAB: water collection and Water/Colour painting



Church House

project and the web installation of The Glacier Museum. Judith Williams is an Assistant professor Emeritus in the Department of Art History, Visual Art and Theory at the University of British Columbia. Her publications include: High Slack; Waddington's Gold Road and the

Bute Inlet Massacre (1996), Two Wolves at the Dawn of Time: Kingcome Inlet Pictographs 1893 / 1989 (2001), Dynamite Stories (2003) and Clam Gardens: Aboriginal Mariculture on Canada's West Coast (2006). The cost for the talk is \$6.00. Call the Museum at 287-3103 to reserve a seat.

# How to Boil A Frog

How to Boil a Frog is a comedic documentary that mixes rapid-fire humor with hard-hitting facts to show the consequences of overshoot: too many people using up too little planet. With its upfront everyman approach, world-class experts, and iconoclastic humor, How to Boil a Frog gives us the scoop on the imminent end of the world as we know it and 5 surprising ways that regular people like you and me can save civilization, while making our own lives better now.

This feature-length eco-comedy tells the story of a guy who decided that he had to do something personally to make sure his daughter was going to have a future beyond living on a raft with the last polar bear. All he had to do was stop global warming, overpopulation, peak oil, social and economic injustice, and humanity's war on nature, and get home in time for dinner. Fortunately, he didn't hesitate, because he was clueless. But he got smarter.

Award winning director Jon Cooksey, puts together the whole package of solutions, psychology of change, the bigger picture of environment, energy and economics, and of course humor. How to Boil a Frog makes it all personal: it's a movie about an average guy trying to do the right thing for his kid - a guy who got changed in the process, and wanted to pass it on because his life got better and he'd like yours to be better too. And it turns out...we get a future out of it!

Join Sierra Quadra on Saturday, November 12th at QICC. Doors open at 7 pm movie starts at 7:30 pm. Admission by donation. Refreshments available.

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# Art Gallery Christmas Market!

Staff and volunteers at the Campbell River Art Gallery are busily decking the halls to prepare for the 11th Annual Christmas Arts and Crafts Market.

The Victorian-themed Christmas Market opens Thursday, Nov. 10 from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. After 5 p.m. Nov. 10, the public is invited to stop by for a cup of hot apple cider and a Christmas treat while they spend some time browsing the beautiful boutique. With at least 21 new artisans featured, the Market will be bigger and better than ever and will provide Christmas shoppers with the opportunity to purchase quality handcrafts, support local artisans and support the Campbell River Art Gallery.

The Market will be open from Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Christmas Eve. The Gallery is planning artisan demos every Saturday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. during the Christmas Market, so make sure to stop in and see an artisan at work!

Gallery staff are also looking forward to a fun evening Friday, Dec. 2 to coincide with the Downtown BIA's Starlight Shopping. The Market will be open until 8 p.m. and volunteers will be on hand from 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. making Christmas cards with members of the public.

Shoppers will be able to look forward to a huge selection of amazing work this season. There will be everything from fine jewellery to handmade soaps, beautiful woodwork, stunning pottery, and much more.

Gallery staff and volunteers look forward to celebrating the season with you at the Christmas Market!

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## Missing In Action

The Folklore and Fairytale QLitKit and the Farm and Garden QLitKit were borrowed this summer from Quadra Children's Centre and they are due back!

The QLitKits (Quadra Literacy Kits) were funded by Quadra Literacy Now as a resource for families with young children. They are a thematic collection of wonderful books, music, puppets and games. Each kit cost around \$450.00 – \$500.00 to create and are on loan for a four to six week period. Please return these kits even if a few items are missing. This valuable resource is for all families to share.

## Free Firewood Distribution

The Free Wood Association distributes Free Firewood to elders on fixed incomes, unemployed islanders, folks on social assistance, single parents and new island tenants who arrive in mid-Winter facing an empty wood shed. Free Firewood is now available every Wednesday at 1 pm right after the Community lunch. Just bring your vehicle round to the back doors of the Community Centre and we can fill it up. If you cannot get a vehicle, we may be able to deliver.

Free Firewood is available at other times by appointment by calling Steve Moore at 285-3323.

Please consider placing a donation in the Free Wood Association account at the Quadra Coastal Credit Union. You can insure that everyone on Quadra, regardless of income levels, is warm this winter.

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# REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area C

by Jim Abram

I know that there is an election taking place but the business of the regional District must go on! And it does. We have had a number of meetings since my last report and there are a few items that I should report to you.

## BC Ferry Commissioner

I am not sure how many of you saw the tiny ad in the Campbell River papers about the request for additional input by the Commissioner "on a number of key issues described in a series of discussion papers". They are listed on his web site at [www.bcferrycommission.com/reports-press/whats-new/coastal-ferry-act-review](http://www.bcferrycommission.com/reports-press/whats-new/coastal-ferry-act-review) Now that's a mouthful! So, after hearing from more than three dozen communities we now have to continue the discussion. I do hope that all of you will. I am sure that you will be able to glean from the papers what direction he is leaning towards and then you can comment on it! I have meetings arranged with the other coastal regional district chairs and the Islands' Trust to meet with the Minister of Transportation and the Premier in January and February (as the Vice-Chair of the SRD). We will be given the opportunity to discuss the Commissioner's report prior to government making their decisions. So, please provide feedback to the Commissioner and copy me, if you don't mind.

## "Mass Burn" garbage facility in Campbell River?

Some of you may or may not have heard about this issue. The Comox Strathcona Solid Waste Management Plan is being reviewed at this time. It is reviewed about every 5 years. One of the options to land-filling is called Waste to Energy (WTE) and it is what Gold River is in the process of negotiating with Vancouver to burn their processed garbage (not the raw product). So, at our meeting on Thursday, it came out that Campbell River also has hopes for a facility at the Elk Falls mill site for a "mass burn" site... that means no sorting, just dumping raw garbage into an incinerator and lighting it up. As you can imagine, I was horrified, having spent so many years monitoring the pollution from the mill along with the Cape Mudge Band. There were only three directors that spoke for having the application be required to go

through the solid waste plan rather than just allow the municipality to do it on their own. Myself, Brenda Leigh from Area D and a Director from Area B near Comox all spoke against this and it passed. So, in spite of the beautiful clean air that has resulted since the pulp mill closed down, the air that we sell as a commodity to our tourism industry customers, we may be looking at another huge smoke stack with noxious fumes covering our island. I thought you should know about this since it will be a very major dispute in the next few months. This WILL effect us. I must say here, that so far we have no details and it may never happen. But keep informed just in case.

## Internet

There seems to be lots of confusion around the Telus information I provided last report. I gave you the verbatim info that I got from the Telus executives. I will be working on getting them to join us into their fiber-optic system that covers a considerable part of the island. If they are looking at wireless service, I am sure that will be a start, but I want true high-speed internet for those who want it and will do whatever is necessary to get them to provide that service. I would hope to set up a meeting in early December with their team to see where we are going. I cannot give you more than I have in the way of info, so hang tight! More to follow.

## Local Area Plan for Q. Cove Village

For those of you that might have missed this item in the last report, we have given the by laws 1st and 2nd readings for both the OCP and LAP and have passed them

on for First Nations' consultation. They will then go to the public hearing stage hopefully in January or February. If the community agrees with the plans then they will be given third reading at which time they will need to go to the ministry for approval prior to the SRD giving them final adoption. Once that is complete then people wishing to develop some of the great ideas in the plan can get started!. I am looking forward to that time.

## For Your Information

Make sure you get out there and vote on November 19th at the Quadra Elementary School. Go to the following web site for more information on other voting opportunities: <http://www.strathconard.ca/siteengine/activepage.asp?PageID=151> You can also phone the Chief Election Officer, Tom Yates at 250-830-6704 if you have any specific questions. I hope that everyone will take this opportunity to exercise their democratic right to vote.

As always, I am always available. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at [jimabram@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.ca), or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices. You can also view my website at [www.jimabram.com](http://www.jimabram.com)

Please note my new email address. The old "oberon" address is no longer active.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Abram

Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

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# CORTES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area B

by Noba Anderson



## OCP OCP OCP OCP

At risk of being a broken record – come out, come out, come out the next three Tuesdays at 7pm. Nov 8th and 15th at the Gorge Hall & Nov 22nd back at Manson's. We are going through the draft as a group and editing. Those who come out have a lot of input at this stage. If you can't come in person, please send your comments to [planning@strathcoard.ca](mailto:planning@strathcoard.ca) or call Beth Rees at 250-830-6711.

## SRD Annual Budget

The 2012 Strathcona Regional District's (SRD) budget process is beginning this month at the SRD board. Given that we are in an election year regionally, the budget schedule has been varied with more attention being given to it by the board in the early new year. For this reason, the community budget input session this cycle will occur in February rather than late fall as was the case last year. However, I am happy to field any questions or input at any time.

## Klahoose Shellfish Gorge Application

Klahoose's deep water aquaculture rezoning application in Gorge Harbour received first and second reading at October's board. Prior to setting a date for a public hearing, which I anticipate will be either in December or January, staff have been given direction to negotiate an operational agreement with Klahoose Shellfish Limited Partnership. This application has received all required permissions at the Federal and Provincial levels.

## Advisory Planning Commission (APC)

I am looking for a few new APC members. When I began three years ago, I inherited an excellent APC. A couple members have left and I am now looking to welcome a few new people. The APC is a body that advises me and the SRD board on formal land-use planning matters, and only meets when there is formal business from the SRD, which has been about 4 times per year. It is one of the most direct and practical ways of contributing to local land-use decisions. Interested? Have a recommendation? Call me.

## Comox-Strathcona Waste Management Public Process

Last week at the Regional Solid Waste board, we received the first draft of our Solid Waste Management Plan. We are dealing with major choices in this region when it comes to our garbage. The Campbell River land fill is very close to being full and the existing permitted Comox Valley land fill is also within a few years of reaching capacity. Should we expand one or both? Should we seriously consider waste to energy (garbage incineration) as a long term option? Although we are now diverting a greater percentage of our garbage than in previous years, our average annual regional waste generation has risen from 0.67 tonnes per capita in 2000 to 1.14 in 2009! How can we further reduce our waste stream through composting and recycling programs? What facilities should we provide for household hazardous waste? Are you happy with our collection system? How can we reduce illegal dumping? This winter there will be a community input session to seek your input. Stay tuned.

## North Island Hospitals Project Update

We at the Comox-Strathcona regional hospital board (CSRHD) are continually being updated by the Vancouver Island Health Authority (VIHA) on the progress of the two hospital project - one new hospital each for Campbell River and the Comox Valley. VIHA is finalizing the business case for this, their top priority project, which will then go to the Project Board in December. It is anticipated that the project board will review the business case and then forward it onto the BC government Treasury Board for financial approval at the provincial political level. There, it will compete for funding with infrastructure projects from around the province. The CSRHD proposal has three major things in its favour. First, the proposal has unanimous support from the RHD, which is a 40 percent financial contributor to the hospitals' capital costs. Secondly, as a sign of good faith, we funded the \$3 million dollar business case development to get this project

moving. And finally, we already have \$47 million in reserves to contribute to this project, for which we will pay 40 percent of the anticipated \$600 million dollar final price tag for the completion of both new hospitals. Once the provincial government approves the project it is estimated to take five or six years for tendering, construction, moving into the new facility and beginning operation. For more info visit [www.csrhd.ca/information.html](http://www.csrhd.ca/information.html).

## Outreach to You...

The energy that I would otherwise be pouring into an election campaign is going into implementing long-term communications and consultation methods. Here is what it brewing...

I am hosting a series of dinners at my home open to anyone under 50. I will feed you and in exchange am asking your advice on how to meaningfully engage the younger half of our island in local government and community politics. If you are interested, please contact me for dates. If you have already come once, you are welcome back providing you bring someone new.

I will be hosting a monthly or bi-monthly radio show. If you are interested in coming on air with me or want to help in program development, I'd love to hear from you.

I am working on establishing a regular e-news to reach directly into your inbox.

I am extending an ongoing invite to meet with you and a group of your friends for dinner, lunch or tea to hear what is important to you. Please consider hosting a gathering in your home or a community space. There are many of you that I have much to hear from.

I am strongly considering hosting a monthly 'Speak-Easy' forum where I can seek your input on Regional District business as well as provide an open forum to discuss issues of community interest. Are you interested in helping to hold or design such a space?

As always, feel free to contact me, 250-935-0320 or [director@cortesisland.com](mailto:director@cortesisland.com).

In gratitude, Noba Anderson

## Evening Dialogues Fall 2011



The third in the Series of Evening Dialogues continue on Thursday, November 17 at 6:30 pm at the Museum at Campbell River. Host Michael McIvor will lead a discussion on the topic 'The Lessons of History'. McIvor comments, "This Dialogue will raise the question of where there is any value in lessons that can be learned from history. If the prevailing views are that there is value, we will investigate whether people do learn from the past or whether we keep repeating the same mistakes in global terms as well as our own lives. Participants will explore what successful, past strategies that we know about through this museum and other sources can be applied to the future in our own community. And, among other points that will be raised, we will look at why it is so important to so many people to know about their family trees and heritage and ask if lessons are learned in the process." If you haven't head McIvor lead a discussion, you haven't challenged yourself enough. McIvor has extensive experience working internationally as a journalist and for numerous NGO's. During his career with the CBC, he was a Washington correspondent, Moscow Bureau Chief and Senior European Correspondent. Past Dialogues have been colourful and provoking. The cost is by donation. Everyone is welcome to join in. Call the Museum at 287-3103 to reserve a seat.

## Quadra Circle Meeting and Speaker

**Colleen Swanson.**

**Friday Senior Social Lunches.**

Quadra Circle will be having its first meeting of the season on November 21 at 10 am in room 1 at the Community Centre. At 11 am, Visiting speaker Colleen Swanson will talk about and demonstrate techniques whereby you can safely offer assistance to frail, or disabled people. This is the sort of practical knowledge we all should have but seldom do ( eg how do you help someone up out of a chair or car with out hurting your own back). Everyone is welcome .

Quadra Circle, a subcommittee of Quadra Recreation Society, is an informal group of people who meet to explore ways of maximising the quality of life on Quadra as we grow older. We are interested in education, having fun and service. Recent emphasis has been on working towards the establishment of services and suitable housing for seniors on the Island. Services are not going to happen if we do not get active and see that they do. Now the Quathiaski Cove Village Development Plan is proceeding towards final review, housing alternatives have become a real possibility If you have interest or ideas in these areas, please come along.

The Lunches continue each Friday at 12 noon with exercises at 11am in the basement at 1281, West Road (ground level access available) Transport can be arranged. Come and join us for a good meal and great company. Payment is by donation.

## #2 Sock Soirée!!!!

For those of you that missed the first Sock Soirée or would like to come back and check out our new winter stock, we will be hosting our 2nd Sock Soirée on Quadra. Our winter stock will include children/ baby socks, knee highs, over the knee, tights made from El Paca, Merino, cashmere blends.....really beautiful socks in stripes, polka dots, solids and other sweet designs such as mushroom prints for all of you mushroom heads out there. We have also replenished our fun and funky eco friendly recycled cotton socks that have turned out to be really popular.

Quadra Island Community Centre

Nov. 27th (Sunday) 3-5 pm  
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These socks make for great presents or stocking stuffers. I will posting some new photos on our FaceBook business page so check us out at Sock Soiree on FaceBook.

We hope to see you there!!!! Good time to give hugs goodbye!

## Gerry's Passing

I greeted the news of Gerry Geoghegan's sudden death with shock and sorrow. He was a person of integrity and firm principles, which he tempered with compassion and flexibility. The two qualities that I will miss most from this loss however, will be his candour and humour---increasingly rare attributes, I find. I often thought that keeping Gerry's blunt honesty and sharp rejoinders in check was one of his wife Barb's principal duties in life. I consistently relied upon his conversation to get me through the week and I really don't know what I will do without my "Gerry fix". I hope that people will continue to shop at Yellow Dog if only to pay tribute to his accomplishment of offering needed products at the most affordable price and best quality that he could manage. For Gerry, it was not just about making a living, but doing something of value to the community and doing it well, without compromise.

If I was asked to compose a fitting inscription for his headstone, it would consist of the words of the bumper stick I sold him : "I'd rather be right than politically correct". That testifies to the one quality that I neglected to mention, his signature trait. Guts.

Tim Murray

## Quilt & Garden Tour 2012

This could be your year to be on the tour! If you have been thinking about volunteering your garden for the 2012 tour, please let us know. Experience over the years has shown that it is a great motivator for getting that project you have been dreaming about actually completed. Next year's tour will take place on June 23, 24, 2012. The last two tours visited Bold Point one year and Granite Bay in 2010. This coming tour it is time to visit Open Bay. We are particularly interested in gardens which may be on the way out there. As we try to visit most of the island, gardens in the South part of the island are needed as well. Please contact 285 3194 if you would like more information or speak to someone who has been on previous tours. Start planning now. It is a great time to plant new shrubs and trees.

# Our Revels Now Have Ended



The songs are no longer annoyingly running through my head. The sets have been taken down and stored. No more emails, no more rehearsals, no more panic. The only thing left is to thank all the people that helped. The cast first of course because you can do a play without sets, props, directors, lights and music...but you can't do it without actors. Dick Whittington was staged with about a month of rehearsal and we only succeeded because the cast never gave up believing that it could be done. I won't dwell on the cast, except to say how hard the kids worked, as actors tend to get swelled heads if you praise them too much.

What the audience doesn't see, and really never gets a chance to express their appreciation for, is all the work going on behind the curtains. Phillip Stone, Paul Ryan, Marie Sheran, John Douglas, Jean Mottershead and Don Mottershead were called up late to help and put aside some important personal things to help out. Judith Tait, Maureen Dunne, Ron Lolacher, Michele Nylander, Linda Lolacher, Candace Holmes, Frank Wallace and Naomi Terry put in huge amounts of time designing and building the sets

and the costumes often to have the director say, "That's great but we have to do it another way now." Ruth Powell and Mary Dennison who not only had to direct the children in isolation but then had to fit them into the play. And then there's Linda Cannon, who was doing as much as two normal people before she took on the musical director role. Jim Thievin who loaned us a piano, did all the sound effects and made us sound good. Vic Nacci and Dave Vinet patiently working the lights.

Three people need special mention. Candace Holmes, who spoke up for the crew, worked with the actors and offered patient criticism; Heidi Ridgway who did the choreography, arranged the extra rehearsals and acted as our Master Sergeant; finally, Darcy Mitchell who wrote and produced the play. She never gave up hope, even when things got pretty scary.

The biggest thank you goes to the parents, who left their children in our care; the spouses and significant others of our cast and crew who also give up their time to us; and of course, you, the audience who came out to see community theatre.

## Transition Weekend



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### We're ready to Transition!

Building on the momentum and great ideas developed last winter we're out of the gate this fall ready to get primed for a productive winter of scheming and dreaming our way toward community self-reliance and 'transition'.

Join us at the Quadra Community Centre on **Saturday & Sunday November 12-13** ready for a packed weekend. Using 'Open Space' techniques this is a self-driven initiative ie: we are all learning how to move toward a transition community together; building self-reliance and infrastructure and personal networks to support that. We don't have any experts on Transition but we have a community full of talented, inventive, knowledgeable and enthusiastic people ready to share in order to make this practical dream reality.

The workshops will be scheduled 'on the fly' in the spirit of Open Space. If you'd like to know more, search 'open space' on Wikipedia, there's an in-depth explanation there.

**Some of the workshops planned include:** Living off the Grid, Building a Backyard Greenhouse, Small Animal Husbandry, Bio-Fuels, Assessing Community Carrying Capacity etc...

We will have working groups looking into a Sustainability Charter and formalizing the administration of the Transition Initiative.

The weekend is designed so you can come and go as you need or please. No one is committed to stay all day but if you're keen it will help keep the momentum going!

**We begin at 9 am on Saturday** until 4:30 pm when we'll break for a potluck dinner and after cleanup Sierra Quadra are presenting a fun but insightful film: *How to Boil A Frog* a topical documentary.

It's a half day on **Sunday starting at 9 am** and wrap up at noon.

**Bring a bag lunch for Saturday and a pre-prepared food item preferably local for the evening Potluck dinner.**

Admission is by donation, \$2 - \$5 would be appreciated to go toward the hall rental and associated costs. Entrance to the evening Sierra Quadra film is by separate donation as well.

The Transition initiative aims to prepare our whole community for potential and predicted changes due to rising fuel (and some may add food) prices and climate change.

More information about the Transition Weekend, the overall initiative, including discussion groups, bulletin boards and more is online at [www.quadraisland.ning.com](http://www.quadraisland.ning.com)

Keep in touch by email to: [transition@quadraisland.ca](mailto:transition@quadraisland.ca)



# ELECTION SPECIAL

## The DI Questions Area C Candidates

We've had one opportunity to date to hear from the candidates publicly, at the Cape Mudge All-Candidates meeting, and a second meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, November 13 at the Quadra Community Centre at 7 pm.**

But there's nothing quite like 'getting it in writing' so here's a snapshot of questions and answers on issues on our mind here at the Discovery Islander. Thanks to Shawn O'Connor and Jim Abram to taking the time to answer these for all our readers and for working within the limitations of available space.

**Area C is geographically large and demographically very diverse please explain how you plan on consulting with area residents in the coming term to ensure you can provide as effective representation as possible.**

**Shawn O'Connor:** As Director for Area C, I would maintain an office in Quathiaski Cove and be available for meetings upon request. My home / office phone and mobile phone numbers would be available. Email is always a good way to reach me. I would represent Local Government at community events, as much as possible, and when invited to do so.

I have travelled throughout the boundaries of Area C and recognize the logistic difficulties of staying in touch with the residents, and staying abreast of the issues facing the outer Islands and Mainland Inlets

I would appoint an Area C Advisory Planning Commission with representation from the outer Islands to ensure that Area C planning and services do not focus solely on Quadra Island.

**Jim Abram:** Thanks to Philip Stone for the opportunity to answer the following questions that he has posed.

I have always kept in touch with my constituents through reports in the Discovery Islander and more lately through thegumboot.ca site.

I advertise all public gatherings and attend numerous committees as they happen and meet with local groups and individuals. I make my contacts available to everyone and am available at all times to all.

I will continue to use social media and keep my website updated regularly.

I have already committed to establishing an advisory body that I can refer issues to, and have them bring concerns or issues to me for consideration. This will be done.

I also make trips to Stuart Island and Surge Narrows as often as needed to discuss issues of concern with them. The outer island perspective always adds critical information to my considerations.

**Do you support the proposed Alterra-GE hydro-development in Bute Inlet Yes or No? Explain why you hold that view and how you would back it up if and when the project ramps back up?**

**Jim Abram:** I was the first to notify our communities of the pending developments in Toba and Bute Inlets and worked closely with the Friends of Bute Inlet. Included were 17 run-of-the-river Independent Power Projects that would generate power in our most pristine wilderness and transmit it via massive linear clear-cuts through our inlets down the Sunshine Coast for export to the USA for use in continuing uncontrolled development. Our existing businesses would be adversely impacted: tourism, eco-tourism, bear watching, fishing, back country guiding, sight-seeing, mountain climbing, kayaking and more. At a BC Environmental Assessment Office public meeting that I organized on Quadra Island, we had approximately 350 people crowd our Community Centre to oppose this project. I took that as clear direction to oppose this development and I will do it again, should it be back on the table. Tourism creates more jobs than any other industry. The areas that tourists visit must be preserved.

The promise of providing "green power" from this project is a complete myth. The project will endanger prime habitat for grizzly bears, mountain goats, fish and the ecosystem. We cannot risk this. This power will all be going south across the border. Destroying our local economy for such a project is wrong. The promise of jobs is also a myth. Only short-term construction jobs, mostly to out-of-area contractors, are being offered. The finished sites provide possibly one or two caretakers

vs. the incredible loss to our environment and our economy. The community direction can allow me to answer with a resounding NO!

Please go to the following site to read my comments from 2009 when we were at the beginning of this process: [http://www.thegumboot.ca/cgi-bin/show\\_articles.cgi?ID=979&TOPIC=0](http://www.thegumboot.ca/cgi-bin/show_articles.cgi?ID=979&TOPIC=0)

**Shawn O'Connor:** I support advances in the area of "Green Energy" technologies, whether those advances are in the form of wind, solar, tidal, or glacial waterfall capture. I favor anything that moves us away from the burning of fossil fuels, or the devastation of a landscape, and provides a sustainable source of clean and renewable power. Area C has incredible capacity to generate energy; the trick is to harness nature's power, without damage to the natural world.

I understand that the Alterra Power Corporation has application for pursuing hydro generation within the boundaries of Area C (Bute Inlet), and delivery of this power into the North American Power Grid. I also understand that there will be a significant public process and environmental assessment before any development will be allowed to proceed. I am sure that most of us can agree that electricity is a direct benefit to our daily lives, and that any impact resulting from power generation should be mitigated and sensitive to our environment, before it is allowed.



**There is a lot of turmoil and uncertainty in the world. Please explain ways that you believe we can prepare to meet these challenges at the community level and how as Regional Director you will work to achieve or assist them.**

**Shawn O'Connor:** Yes, we do live in a troubled world. I often wonder how Governments from around the world intend to stop warring by dropping bombs on those who do not share their political perspectives. In a less dramatic sense, our community would be better served if we took

the time to consider the perspectives and opinions of others, before deciding to throw a hate bomb at the first sign of an alternative point of view.

As Regional Director, I may not be able to bring peace to the Middle East, or feed all those who hunger around the world. I will however, always listen to constituent concerns, and offer any assistance to issues that are within my mandate and duties as your local representative. I would maintain impartiality in the rendering of a decision, and base my actions on the truth and the facts.

**Jim Abram:** Most of what I have talked about to date has centred around sustainability: jobs, economy and the environment. We have bigger fish to fry globally: Climate change, peak oil, demographics. Right now on Quadra Island there is a group looking at Transition Towns. It is not a new concept, but it is becoming more and more necessary to look into. It looks at the broader plan for food sustainability, energy, health, education, and the economy to name a few. We must look at resilient communities, look at adaptation with impending climate change and ways to get away from our dependence on fossil fuels. What we want is a community that is more self reliant than at present. I support investigating this transition and will be looking for community desire and direction.

**Please summarize why you believe residents should elect you to represent Area C at the Strathcona Regional District Board?**

**Jim Abram:** You will never find a harder working, more dedicated person to represent you. I have the knowledge, the contacts, perseverance, integrity and love of this community. I will always do my absolute best for you as your elected representative.

**Shawn O'Connor:** I believe that residents should elect me as Regional Director because I have a track record of getting the job done. In this case, the job is to build consensus on issues that have been stalled in process, and salvage what we can of the cost and inputs to-date. A lot of effort has gone into developing our Official Community Plan, and I do not intend to see any of the hard work and valuable contributions wasted. To achieve consensus we need to shed polarized views of the issues and work toward compromise.

Once consensus and a clear path forward is determined, any project needs to have funding sourced. This will help ensure that there is no additional tax burden levied against residents for capital expenditures. The funding opportunities offered in the last few years during the greatest spending spree in Government history could have funded projects from sewer and water systems to recreation facilities, parks, trails and many other community projects. These missed opportunities are preventing our community from reaching our greatest potential.

If elected Director, I would assist staff any way possible to ensure funding applications are submitted in a timely manner, so that community projects do not go unrealized due to a lack of funding.

Let's work together to make Island life better. On November 19th, vote for change. Vote O'Connor.

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## Hospital Plan NOT a Partisan Local Election Issue

**Citizens For Quality Health Care** is concerned about the attempts of some local municipal election candidates to resurrect the 2006 VIHA proposal of ONE 'regional' hospital on the North Island. This plan would have eliminated an acute care hospital and left Campbell River with little more than a clinic, replacing the Campbell River hospital and St. Joseph's with one hospital at Dove Creek Rd. and the inland highway, inconveniencing 100% of the people in both communities as well as the entire North Island population from Qualicum to Port Hardy.

Over 19,000 people signed a petition which was presented to the legislature in November of 2007, demanding that the government and VIHA "ensure that fully functional acute care hospitals are maintained in the Comox Valley and Campbell River, that VIHA provide adequate funds to upgrade and expand our local hospitals, and that the hospitals remain publicly funded and care publicly delivered." Many actions were taken from 2006 to 2008 to give voice to concerns about the ONE 'regional' hospital plan, including public forums in both Courtenay and Campbell River, delegations to

VIHA and to the legislature, letters to the newspapers and to VIHA.

In January 2009 VIHA announced that it had come up with a new plan to build two new hospitals, one in Campbell River at the site of the current hospital, and one in the Comox Valley at a new site, not the present St. Joseph's Hospital site. The VIHA announcement included the commitment to maintain all the services currently provided in Campbell River as well as to provide 'regional beds' and services at the new hospital in the Comox Valley.

Even before the original ONE 'regional' hospital plan was announced in 2006 there were opportunist appeals from some individuals in both communities to argue that if there were one hospital it should be in their community and that the other should be deprived, a divide and conquer tactic that appealed to some media and some politicians. Citizens For Quality Health Care was established for the purpose of bringing together all the residents of the North Island to ensure that nothing was lost and that hospital care would be enhanced and expanded.

## Healthcare.....

The VIHA plan for two hospitals, while not perfect, is more appropriate for the North Island with its scattered population and two main population centres.

Attempts to resurrect the ONE 'regional' hospital - in the Comox Valley - is ill-advised political opportunism that can only cause further harm and delay. The acute care services that VIHA has outlined for the North Island in the 'two hospital' plan are virtually the same as those outlined in the ONE 'regional' hospital plan.

We urge the politicians to pay attention to the real problems and the voters to reject the calls to re-open this divisive and unproductive debate.

To contact Citizens for Quality Health Care: 250-338-4067 or 250-287-3096

## Salute to Yorke Island

One of Canada's least known World War II military fortresses was built on tiny Yorke Island BC, six kilometres northeast of Kelsey Bay. Local author Catherine Marie Gilbert has written a local history book entitled "Yorke Island and the Uncertain War - Defending Canada's Western Coast during World War II" and will be giving a pictorial presentation at the **Museum at Campbell River on Friday, November 11 from 1-3 pm** about this intriguing place.

Get a sneak preview of some of the numerous images Gilbert collected for her book, many of which came from personal collections.

Gilbert's book is being published locally by Ptarmigan Press and will be out early in the new year. To register for this talk, call 250-287-3103.

## Who ya going to call ?.....or why I'm voting for Jim Abram !

In the fall of 2008 several Wood Lots were waiting for Timber West to finish with their wood at the log sort in Gowland Harbour so we could have our turn at using the sort to scale our wood and move it to market. When I got a call from my log broker "Mark, Timber West has decided to shut the sort down for the year.....I guess you guys will have to truck all your wood off island on the ferry!"

To truck wood off Quadra adds unnecessary congestions to ferry runs and is really not economically viable not to mention slow ! Besides, Timber West had promised we would have our turn after they had finished. But the new sort manager for Timber West decided differently!

So I called Jim !

The next day I got a call from my log broker "Mark, I don't know who you talked to but Timber West was apologetic and said "you Wood Lots can bring your wood in as soon as you can!"

Who I talked to was Jim Abram!

Jim had spent over a decade negotiating the conditions under which Timber West could operate their log sort. Some of those conditions included access to the sort for Wood Lots and private citizens of Quadra Island.

Jim knew the history of the log sort and was part of it. He knew the phone call to make. This is one small example of Jim's work and how it helped me and others.

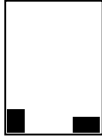
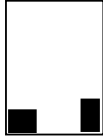
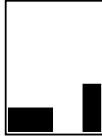

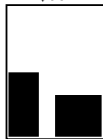






Over the last twenty plus years I've worked with Jim on a number of projects. His deep understanding of the issues and his sincere desire to solve a problem fairly has always impressed me. Jim is in great danger of giving politicians a good name!

Thank you Jim,  
Mark Nighswander  
Wood Lot 1899

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**QUADRA AND THE OUTER ISLANDS:** It's our home and our environment. It's where island businesses, industry, and residential neighbourhoods have co-existed for generations, each recognizing the other while respecting differences.

Today many feel our community needs more jobs. Existing jobs need to be protected. New jobs need to be created – jobs that add value, complement our lifestyle, and don't threaten existing jobs in tourism, construction, and our growing home-based service industries.

## Jim's priorities for the next three years:

**TOURISM** Jim will continue working with the Province for an integrated strategy to expand tourism and eco-tourism. This will increase the number of tourists bringing income to hotels, B&Bs, and other island businesses.

**HIGH SPEED INTERNET** Jim is committed to completing high speed internet access in all regions of the islands – to support home-based businesses and improve islanders' access to the world.

**WOODLOTS** Jim continues to support island woodlots which create family-oriented business opportunities and jobs, and which encourage value-added production for island sawmills.

**REDUCING FERRY FARES** Jim will continue to pressure the Minister and the Premier to reduce our ferry fares and return BC Ferries to the Ministry of Transportation as part of our highway system.

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