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THE REGULARS

DAY TO DAY

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- Sing For Pure Joy! QCC, Rm. 3 3 - 4:30 pm 285-3764 or singforpurejoy@gmail.com
- Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous 7-8 pm Childrens' Centre **Men Only**
- 1st Monday - Quadra writers group, 7 - 9 pm 285-3656

TUESDAY

- Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm
- Folkdancing, QCC, 7:30 to 9:30, Sept 18-Apr 30

WEDNESDAY

- Yoga with Trinity Gogolin - \$80, or \$12 drop-in, 10 to 11:30 am QCC room 3
- Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
- UofQ - HiYa education from your neighbours. HBI pub 7:00 pm
- regular texas hold'em poker night 7:30pm at the Legion
- Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

THURSDAY

- Parents & Tots, QCC, 10:00 am - 12 pm
- Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
- Life Drawing @ Discovery Islands Gallery 6:30 - 7:30 pm 285-2352 / -2876
- Quadra Singers 6:45 pm Quadra Legion 285-2142 or quadrasingers@gmail.com

FRIDAY

- Unplugged Guitar/Singing Jam 7:45 p.m. Upper Realm
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra Children's Centre
- Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

- Winter Farmers Market & Bazaar 10 am to 2 pm QCC
- Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5 pm
- Open mic with Mo. 9:00 pm HBI pub

SUNDAY

- Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
- United Church service 11 am. Occasionally at noon, if advertised. 285-3163
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
- Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am.

Friday, February 22

- Friday Flicks - Beasts of the Southern Wild doors 7:30, show 7:45 pm QCC
- Iron Pyrites - reunite HBI Pub 9 pm

Saturday, February 23

- A celebration of Barrie Calverley's life 3:00 pm QCC

Sunday, 24 February

- Dianna David presents mime, magic and dance: show and a [workshop](#). Families "by donation." Adults \$10 at QCC. 2:30 pm.

Wednesday, 27 February

- Stuart McLean & the Vinyl Cafe Tidemark Theatre, Campbell River 7 pm

Friday, March 8

- Friday Flicks - The Intouchables doors 7:30, show 7:45 pm QCC
- Mount Benson Ceili Band - Lasqueti Celtic Fun! HBI Pub 9 pm

Saturday, March 9

- International Women's Day Celebration 6 pm QCC

Monday, March 11

- Genus Hydrangea at the Garden Club QCC 7pm

Saturday, March 16

- St. Patrick's Day Party - UFC 7-10, Dance with Emma Plant and the Rainforest

Tuesday, March 26

- Quadra Island Cemetery AGM 8:00 pm at the Quadra Legion

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NEXT DEADLINE
MONDAY, MARCH 4

ISLAND FORUM

Bylaw Overdue - Dog Owner

I am the owner of five dogs,
and I think it is long past
time to have a dog bylaw
on Quadra. The number of
complaints the RCMP has
received is evidence of that need,
and I'm sure there are many more
incidents that are never reported
to the police, in part because
people know that there are no
bylaws in place. I think people
and animals should be free up to
the point where their freedom
impinges of the rights of others,
human or animal. People do
not have the right to do whatever
suits them no matter whom it
hurts or offends. Why should
dogs have greater freedom than
their owners? I would add that
dogs at large are dogs at risk. We
have wolves, bears, cougars and
dangerous dogs on Quadra. A
dog at large is potential prey or
a victim to any of these. I am in
favour of dog owners accepting
responsibility for their animals. I
think the Gabriola Bylaw would
be excellent for Quadra. It is
straightforward and addresses
the issues that are most often
a problem. To be effective,
of course, it would need to be
strictly enforced.

Addressing the question of
dog freedom, the trails are not
necessarily safe places for dogs
to be free. When travelling with
my dogs, we have all enjoyed the
many benefits of dog parks, often
in areas like Quadra with many
hiking trails. Dog parks provide
a safe place for dogs to practice
or brush-up on their social skills,
to play with a variety of other
dogs, and to meet new people.
Currently there isn't any place on
Quadra that fills all these needs.
Obviously aggressive dogs cannot
be allowed into dog parks, but for
most dogs and their owners they
are a wonderful community asset.

Maureen Mather

Don't Blame The Dogs!

To The Editor:

In response to last issue's Island
Forum re Dogs and the law.

I would suggest that when dogs
misbehave, it is not necessarily
their fault, and the last thing
we need is another bylaw on
this island! The ones we have
are not being enforced, so why
have one more?

Philip suggests that debates
over dog ownership etc. are
"notoriously complex". I
suggest that it is really quite
simple.

The owner of the dog is
responsible for the dog's
behaviour. PERIOD! It is
not unlike having a child.
If your kid goes out and
trashes someone's property,
or harasses wild animals
etc, then you have to accept
responsibility for their actions.

However, to suggest that all
dogs should be kept confined
to their owners property
and "always under control"
is ludicrous! A lot of us own
a dog here because they are
allowed to have more freedom
than in an urban environment.
As a result, they are happier,
healthier and more socialized
with other dogs.

There are always exceptions,
just as there are with people.
But you can't penalize all the
dogs on the island just because
of the actions of a few.

The reason people take their
dogs to Rebecca Spit is because
it's a beautiful place to walk
your dog; they have plenty
of room to run and swim and
they also get to meet and
socialize with other dogs. They

obviously get to do more of this
when they are off leash. Dogs
are much less aggressive when
they are not leashed. Another
main reason why people
take their dogs to the Spit is
because there are no wolves
there! There are still wolves
around the south end, and they
will not hesitate to kill a dog
if they encounter one. Most
dog owners carry a leash with
them when they walk their dog.
In all the years I have been
walking my dogs at the Spit, I
have seen very few incidents
and most of those have been
caused by the owner or another
person, and not the dog.

So, for those of you who have
issues with a particular dog, I
would suggest that you try and
have a reasoned conversation
with the owner. If that doesn't
work, then the other option is
the RCMP.

If you have issues with dogs
in general, then you should
probably try and stay away
from places where there are
dogs present. If you're still
concerned about meeting an
aggressive dog, then carry
some dog biscuits with you.

Incidentally, the bylaw that
Philip was referring to is for
Strathcona County in Alberta
and not our Regional District.

Paul Ryan

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Copper Mining on Quadra!

I read with dismay the recent article about the proposed copper mine on Quadra. While the reporter attempted to present the proposal in a non-biased manner, the tone seemed to support the proposed enterprise. Philip Stone's "inquiries to find out a little more about what this new investment might mean for ... the community as a whole on Quadra Island" fell short.

First of all, any comparison of modern copper mining practices to First Nations use of mineral resources is ludicrous. They may have picked minerals off the surface or even dug them with hand tools, but they did not have bulldozers, blasting equipment and excavators. Nor can it be compared to timber operations, in which soil remains mostly intact in which trees are replanted and grow back. I have yet to see satisfactory restoration of an open pit mine.

Details given about the proposed size and tonnage to be removed are played down, as is the location of the first open pit (there is no reason to assume that there will only be one pit throughout the 3000 hectare claim). Because the area has been subject to mining in the past, and is located close to the old garbage dump (which is slowly being reclaimed by nature), it is assumed to be a wasteland and okay to make an even bigger scar rather than allow the area to heal itself. Profit for shareholders is king.

The method of extraction is made to sound quite benign: the doublespeak refers to a reduction in the elevation of small hills or pods, rather than simply stating that open pit mining means digging a very large hole in the ground. Any indication of an environmental review process was also down-played. Reading between the lines of the quote by Mr. Lazerson that "the regulations are very different" under the BC Small Mines Act, don't expect very much at all. For the BC Environmental Review Process to be triggered, a new mineral mine would be required to produce at least 75,000 tonnes of ore per year.

There was no mention in the article of transporting millions of tons of material off Island. Will this be trucked down the already dangerous Hyacinthe Bay Road, narrow Cramer Road through Heriot Bay

and along West Road to the ferry? How many trucks per day for how many years – 10 to 50 years as Lazerson is quoted? If this is the case, how will this affect our ferry system? Or will there be an arrangement to barge it across the Passage from the Gowlland Harbour log sort?

Since the material will likely be milled in the Campbell River area, I guess they'll have to figure out how to deal with the acid mine drainage from tailings. They can contact the Tsolum River Restoration Society for expertise on that issue.

The article paints a rosy picture of jobs for the community, but the qualifier is "not likely ... a huge number of jobs on Quadra". What does this really mean? The article ends by throwing a hook to skilled labour including environmental scientists to add to the Copper Island profile of consultants.

Apparently, the We Wai Kai Nation has given its blessing to the proposal. But the land is currently owned by the Crown, which means the people of British Columbia. The implication that the location of the Copper Island "property" has little significance to anyone – out of sight, out of mind – is incorrect. This is my back yard. I love and care for this land and the streams that run through it. And if you think that's a NIMBY statement, you're right.

Janis McLean

The New Gold Rush?

B.C.'s nineteenth century mines act needs major revisions to be brought into the twenty-first. It provides inadequate protection for the environment, property owners and communities, including First Nations. It is still the wild west for mineral exploitation.

Quadra has a long history of mining interest, beginning in the 1800s. It has been prospected and evaluated numerous times and sampled by drilling and [blasting](#). Over the years the claims made have changed hands like a pea in a shell [game](#). Currently about a third of the island's land mass has a mineral claim on it.

Until now the mineral deposits have not proven profitable to mine. Even the Lucky

Jim mine consumed more money than it generated. But with copper selling at U.S. \$ 3.75 a pound and much of the area now accessible via Timberwest's network of logging roads there is a renewed interest in these old claims, and there are good reasons to be concerned.

The Provincial and Federal governments, in their enthusiasm for resource extraction, have made changes to the B.C. Mines Act { 2008 } and the Federal Environmental Assessment Act and Fisheries Acts { 2012 } that have reduced or eliminated environmental protection and oversight.

The open pit or surface cut mining proposed can, even on a relatively small scale, be truly destructive. In addition to the devastation to the landscape, the contamination of ground and surface water through leaching of sulfuric acid, dissolved toxic metals and blasting residue can persist for an extremely long time.

About half of the claims named in Trilliant Explorations 8K form lay in the Hyacinthe creek watershed, one of Quadra's two important salmon streams. The consequences of copper mining in the Tsolum river watershed should be a wake up call.

Although essentially orphaned by recent legislation all watercourses, including those without obvious aquatic life deserve [protection](#). Clean water is a more important resource than copper ore and a healthy and intact environment is a better investment.

George Murdoch

For more information on Mr. Lazersons holdings Google; investorhub / copper island comprehensive overview

For more on re-making the B.C. Mines Act Google : miningwatch / top 40 reforms

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Protection of BCs Oldest Park in Judge's Hands

A struggle between public and private played out in BC Supreme Court this week. The judicial review, initiated by Friends of Strathcona Park, focused on the provincial government's decision to place private business interests above the best interests of the public and the park.

After hearing both sides, Honourable Justice Sigurdson has decided to reserve judgment until a later date.

"We hope that this case will help set a precedent ensuring protection of our province's parks" says Bridget Horel, a spokesperson for the group.

"The granting of this permit is being challenged on the grounds that the Minister of the Environment never considered whether or not the permit was necessary" explains Scott Bernstein, lawyer for Friends of Strathcona Park. Bernstein says "while government looked at whether it was financially

beneficial to them, they did not address the key question, whether it was necessary to preserve and maintain the existing recreational values of the Park, as is required by the Park Act."

Lawyer for the BC government, Leah Greathead, suggests in her argument that the jurisdiction of ministers and bureaucrats is beyond the reach of the court. She continued that the Minister had full authority, under the Park Act, to make the decision that he made.

"It seems as though our province is saying that the public and the courts have no place in questioning the decisions they make, Horel says. "We believe that provincial parks are to be kept for the public and that the public does have a right to say whether or not parks can be sold, privatized or commercialized."

The judicial review concluded Friday, February 08 but the public will have to wait to hear the outcome of this court case until a written decision has been provided. For more information or to find out how to donate please go to the Friends of Strathcona Park website.

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Empty Throne Speech for North Island - Trevena

Victoria - In her response to the Throne Speech North Island MLA, Claire Trevena, said that there was no mention of things that really matter to the people of North Island.

"My constituency has traditionally been a forest-based community. There was one line in the throne speech on forestry; one sentence only about the exporting of logs," said Trevena. "The people in the north island are watching, effectively, their jobs being shipped out of their communities. And this throne speech does not address that."

Trevena said the Throne Speech, which traditionally sets out a government's agenda for the coming session, ignored fundamental concerns about apprenticeships and training, our public land base, environmental stewardship, education and social services. She said it shows the BC Liberal government has given up on rural communities.

"One of the biggest gaps in the throne speech was ferries. By ignoring the ferries in this throne speech and refusing to address the problem, this government has, I think, just closed its door on island communities.

"This throne speech does not deal with the inequalities we have seen growing over these last 12 years. It should be looking at the fundamentals of our very rich province, our economy, our land base, our forestry, our water, our environment and our most precious resource - our people - and be investing in those," she said.



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Celebrate Barrie

Barrie Calverley passed away peacefully on February 12, 2013.

A celebration of her life will be held at 3:00 pm on Saturday, February 23rd, 2013 at Quadra Community Centre. Everyone Welcome.



Quadra Island Cemetery AGM

Tuesday March 26th, 2013;
8:00pm at the Quadra Legion

At The Legion

On Fridays it's \$5.00 Dinner night! Serving burgers, wings & other things. On Friday Feb. 22nd we'll be open at 5:00 to watch the Canucks game on the big screen. On Sat. March 16th we are having a St. Patrick's Day Party! With the night starting off watching the UFC fight from 7-10 on the big screen (with dinner available) followed by a Dance with Emma Plant and the Rainforest, a four piece band from Vancouver playing dancy rockfish music with an Irish flare, for sure to keep you on the dance floor from 10-1. \$10.00 cover charge at the door.

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Thank you!

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As the Boomers Age

There have been residents at Quadra Island Seniors Housing since December 2010 - 26 months. The recent work at Board meetings is procedure and protocol: setting up a financial budget, reserve fund and goals, maintaining the property (both gardens and buildings), including water tests, insurance, taxes and fees. As well, the Board is slowly trying to pay down the debt which was borrowed to complete the first two duplexes.

The Society would like to express its gratitude to the following financial donors of 2012. To Telus, and their employee (a Quadra resident) who recommended Seniors housing for a cash donation - a big thanks. An enormous thank you to Tru Value (Heriot Bay and Quathiaski Cove) for being the great philanthropic island business that you are. The whole community is grateful for the fantastic corporate donation of 1% of your sales donated to all types of charitable causes. Thank you to Tru Value shoppers who donate their points to Seniors Housing - please continue to think of us (#275) when you are at the cashier. Thanks to the staff of Heriot Bay Store, who last December donated the funds raised by their casual-dress Fridays - that was an unexpected bonus and much appreciated. All of these

cash donations go toward paying down the debt.

The Housing Society's 2012/13 Board Directors are Heather Adams, Nancy Allwarden, Ruth Amiabel, Val Barr, Al Beattie, Jerry Enns, Perry Johnston, Maureen McDowell, and Jeanne Stoppard. This Board is a cohesive and active group of community volunteers who are preparing the path to benefit future generations of seniors. There has been intensive volunteer work over the last four years, and of course, for the many years before construction began.

This is a community-funded project with many community members supporting the project with their professional skills. We want to acknowledge and thank several volunteers have helped out in 2012 by donating their time: Mary Thompson and Jack La Rue for mowing the lawn through the summer; Ruth Amiabel's son, Michael Thorpe, for repairing a shower door; Rick Milne for ongoing monitoring of the water system; Murray Abercrombie for the annual inspection of fire extinguishers; Lon McMartin for inexpensively repairing a clothes dryer; Tom Rohan for replacing an outdoor tap; Jim Abram for advice on sewer and property taxes.

The Society and its tenants are happy with the results of all of the volunteer work donated to build this high-quality housing. There have been no vacancies in two years, and the present seniors expect to remain residents for the long term. There is also a waiting list of hopeful tenants-to-be. The one-acre property on O'Connor Road is zoned for and has usable space for one more duplex. The Board of Directors has been discussing how to proceed with the next duplex. This project is the seed for the future of Seniors health and resiliency on Quadra. The Society's AGM is in mid-June so please take the time to come out to hear about Seniors Housing's future plans.

Thanks to Coastal Community Credit Union

Our enormous appreciation goes to Coastal Community Credit Union for their generous donation of the Legacy Grant in the amount of \$4000 which we will use to purchase a new fridge and paint the inside of the preschool building!

Quadra Seniors

Hurry up Spring! Our Seniors would like to be working in our gardens. We are planning our next meeting for Wed, March 6th/13 to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. So wear green Seniors. On Wed. April 3rd/13, we will have our Easter Party. But on Wed. March 20th/13 we are having a big event at the Legion, our North Island Regional meeting, where we will have other O.A.P. Branches from Fanny Bay, Cumberland, Union Bay, Black Creek and we may have guests as well. We will have many prizes and entertainment, also a delicious luncheon supplied by the Legion Womens Auxiliary. Many members have renewed their membership, but we always have room for more. We are working on Resolutions to be voted on at the Provincial O.A.P Convention to be held in Princeton Similkameen, in June. We must be on our toes to make sure the up and coming Seniors, our children, as well as ourselves are properly protected by our Governments. "Health comes before Wealth".

We are continuing on other Wednesdays our Armchair aerobics with Ann Lawrence and Carpet Bowling when Christine is well. For membership call Christine @ 2207 or Ruth @ 3801, for transportation or membership.

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Quadra Circle Is Busy!

Quadra Circle, a subcommittee of the Quadra Recreation Society, is a group of "over 55" folks meeting together for Fun, Education and Service, in particular improving local conditions for seniors. We host a healthy lunch by donation for seniors every Friday using the kitchen and lounge space kindly provided by the Quadra Bible Church. These weekly meetings include an exercise class with Ann Lawrence and a speaker on topics of concern to us. Once a month the Circle meets at the QCC hall for lunch with an international theme. About 25 seniors participate regularly; rides are arranged as needed. The Coast Community Credit Union has given us a grant for the past 3 years so we can provide supportive social contact for the seniors of all ages who attend. Lynn Conall will speak on "Decluttering for Seniors" at our lunch at noon this Friday, Feb.22. All 55+ are welcome!.

Last summer we teamed up with the Cortes Island Seniors group and visited the Recycling Depot, Free Store, Seniors Housing complex, the Co-op Store and lunched at Hollyhock. At Manzanita Art Studio, artist Diane Bersea gave us all a fun art lesson. Cortes Seniors toured Quadra in October, visiting the Salmon Enhancement Centre, the new Library and Yellow Dog Trading in Q Cove, followed by a tour of our Seniors Housing complex. After lunch at Tsa Kwa Luten, we all learned about glass fusion at John Hansen's Studio. Several of his beautiful pieces found new homes. Recently the Cortes Seniors attended the Wednesday lunch. More activities with the Cortes Seniors group are in the works. See photos of our adventures, courtesy of Jerzy Trzesicki (Cortes), at <http://sdrv.ms/V5A3dQ>.

A Call to Action.

Quadra has an urgent need for elder care facilities. It is thought that about 20 people are ready or nearly ready for some sort of supportive living situation not including those already in town who would like to return to their Island home. The facilities in Campbell River are full. The QCove Village Plan is now finalised and allows for re-zoning as required for residential facilities. At least one of the land owners is open to having his land developed for this purpose. Now is our chance to get active. We are in contact with VIHA about Residential Care but could probably proceed as a community with a lesser level of care and could provide it quickly as compared to VIHA's lengthy building process.

Following Joan Smith's inspired initiative in looking at developing Whiskey Point Resort as a care home (which is not so far receiving enough support to proceed as she envisioned it), the Circle has been looking at other and more affordable options for supported senior housing. We recently

toured 2 other properties for sale in the Q Cove vicinity as well as the Resort.. We plan to visit Ironwood Place, Evergreen Lodge and New Horizons in Campbell River and Abbeyfield in Comox in the next few weeks. We'll lunch at the Campbell River Senior Centre at Campbell River Common and learn more about their services.

One housing model (intended for seniors, including couples) is to buy or build a Q Cove-vicinity home with several bedrooms and bathrooms, plus a common kitchen/living room/recreation area. Meals, housekeeping and some supervision would be provided through a live-in House Co-ordinator. This is the Abbeyfield model (visit www.abbeyfield.ca). Operating guidelines are set by the residents and the managing charitable society. If a resident required more personal care, VIHA Home Support workers could visit the person daily.

Another model is to buy or build a facility that meets VIHA's standards for a licensed personal care home and would allow for "aging in place": independent living for individual seniors and

couples in their own rooms/suites, with increasing levels of personal care as needed.

Our related initiatives include: Doing a survey of Quadra seniors current needs, including housing and transportation; exploring funding options and community partnerships, understanding VIHA requirements; development of a business plan and a legal entity. We will update you with our findings.

To convince VIHA that we need elder care on Quadra we need numbers. If anyone thinks they or their relative would be interested in moving into some sort of supported living in the next 2 years please contact us. (Maureen 285-2221)

We have an enthusiastic working committee but lack business, administrative and legal expertise and especially need volunteers who can contribute these. Any help and suggestions are welcome. Several of our seniors would move in to a shared residence on Quadra tomorrow if it were available. We believe that if things are going to change we are going to have to make it happen.

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This is Our Time!

International Women's Day is a day of global celebration of women, past, present and future. It is a day of respect, appreciation and love for women, and a reminder of our economic, social, and political struggles, achievements and successes. It is a day to recognize and applaud our achievements and to highlight the gender inequalities and issues which still remain. On this day, women will celebrate and connect as only women do.

This is the 26th year that women on Quadra have gathered for a fabulous potluck dinner and fun entertainment to celebrate our sisterhood. Join other women on Saturday March 9 at 6pm at the Community Centre for feasting and revelry. Bring your women friends, a potluck dish, plate and cutlery and enjoy our evening together. . There will be dancing, 2 short films, live music and excerpts from the Vagina Monologues (18 years and up) performed by local women. \$2.00 each to cover the costs.

Please call Geraldine at 285-2272 if you'd like to help or have ideas for next year's event.



International Women's Day

Broken Windshields

There are a number of ways for the police to deal with a broken windshield ranging from a Notice and Order to repair, a ticket or even an order removing the vehicle from the roadway if the damage is serious enough. Since about 80% of the information that you need comes from your eyes, being able to see properly is a must.

So, when is a windshield damaged sufficiently to require replacement? There are regulations that describe damage that is considered to be vision obstructing. Conditions include a crack over 300 mm long in any part, more than 2 cracks over 150 mm long in any one piece of glass, stone or shot injuries more than 40 mm in diameter, two or more stone or shot injuries over 20 mm in diameter in any one piece of glass and broken glass showing sharp edge.

Being able to see is important but drivers must also take into account that the glass is a structural component of the vehicle these days and also plays a part in body integrity and proper air bag deployment. Failing to replace or repair a windshield when needed could have significant consequences.

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Genus Hydrangea

On Monday, March 11, 7pm at the Community Centre, the topic for the Garden Club meeting will be the genus Hydrangea. Most cultivated hydrangeas are offspring of more than 70 native species from south and east Asia - an interesting and varied group. They adapt well to our climate and add considerable colour through the summer months. The plants are to some degree deer resistant although often nibbled during the driest part of the summer.

Barry Roberts, advanced master gardener, from the South Surrey Garden Club and the Hardy Plant Group is an expert on hydrangeas. There is more to hydrangeas than the showy mopheads! Barry will take you through the extensive family of hydrangeas, the notable species and those 'must-have' cultivars. Cultivation, pruning and propagation techniques will be explained and handouts will be provided. Barry's 1.5 acre garden is located in South Surrey where he is growing his collection of 59 hydrangeas. Check out his web site at: www.heritagehydrangeas.com

For the show-and-tell table, bring some spring flowers: crocus, hellebores, forced Japanese plums or forsythia. Can anyone pick a bouquet of daffodils for the meeting? Share your extra seeds or seed catalogues. Drop ins welcome \$2 at the door or buy an annual membership.

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USA - 2012

Here comes a game-changer! **BEASTS OF THE SOUTHERN WILD** has won every prize from Sundance to Cannes. It creates a world to get lost in, a world of mythic wonder.

The "wild" is a tiny island off the coast of Louisiana, called the Bathtub by its almost feral inhabitants, who view mainlanders with trepidation. Events centre on the film's narrator; a bushy-haired, six-year-old girl called Hushpuppy (amazing newcomer Quvenzhané Wallis).

For context, viewers will remember Hurricane Katrina, the BP oil disaster, and slavery days. But first-time director Benh Zeitlin and cowriter Lucy Alibar, go for intimacy and the particulars with their enigmatic main players.

The shimmer of magic realism pervades the film, and cinematographer Ben Richardson catches its grit and grace. **BEASTS** is some kind of miracle, shot on a shoestring; a tribute to the people who stay rooted to home.



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Next Up at Friday Flicks

THE INTOUCHABLES

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The French import **THE INTOUCHABLES** has been an astonishing success in Europe, coming in second to France's top film of all time.



The film satirizes brutal, deeply held French notions of class distinction. It also indirectly addresses the country's imperialist history with Algeria, a former colony.

Philippe, left a quadriplegic by a parasailing accident, is refined, elegant, and conservative. Driss, familiar with a different kind of prison, is rude, crude, impulsive, highly sexed and quick to dance. Senegalese actor Omar Sy, is spectacular as Driss. Francois Cluzet is equally superb as Philippe. The two couldn't make a less likely duo for a patient-caregiver pairing, but Philippe wants to be taken out of his dull reality.

THE INTOUCHABLES has all the hijinks of rousing odd-couple films played out by two actors who demolish stereotypes about race and social class.

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Museum at Campbell River Columbia III Historic Boat Trips

There's a fabulously beautiful archipelago of islands, narrow passages and deep inlets backed by mountains that's secreted away from most of us. The Museum at Campbell River and Mothership Adventures have teamed up to offer a lucky few a three day/ four night journey through the Discovery Islands, Desolation Sound and up Bute Inlet from May 31 to June 4. They promise an unforgettable experience aboard the historic Columbia III, guided by historian and author Jeanette Taylor.

The trip includes daily shore excursions for short hikes to old homesteads and archaeological sites. "This is an active program," says Taylor. "We take a small group of not more than ten on these trips, which allows us to get out and explore."

The tour starts in Campbell River and wends through a circuitous route among the narrow channels of the Discovery Islands, with stops at places like Maud Island to view the site of the Ripple Rock blast, Desolation Sound Marine Park, Read, Maurelle and Sonora Islands, Bute Inlet and Mitlenatch Island, a bird sanctuary.

Every one of these destinations is memorable, says Taylor, but Bute Inlet is especially grand. It's a very long inlet, piercing deep into the Coast Mountains, with snow-capped mountains that are among the highest in the province.



The historic Columbia III

Weather allowing, the group will go by zodiac into both the Southgate and Homathko River estuaries at the head of the inlet.

Taylor, whose book "Tidal Passages, a History of the Discovery Islands," was on the BC Best Seller list for nearly a year, will share a wealth of tales about the intriguing characters who once lived in these isolated places. Though the region is now all but deserted, there were once many First Nations villages, followed homesteads and logging and fishing camps.

The impeccably restored Columbia III is the perfect vessel for a historic sites tour of this region. She was built to serve here over fifty years ago, one of the last in the Columbia Coast Mission's fleet,

bringing medical service to remote settlements. "It's like a homecoming when we stop at places like the old store and post office at Refuge Cove aboard the Columbia III," says Taylor.

The crew of the Columbia III, a family-run business, is famous for their gourmet fare. They will also share their passion for the birds, plants and sealife of the region, which has been home to the Campbell/ Kornelsen family for three decades.

Organizers recommend you book soon as only five spots remain for this trip aboard the 68-foot Columbia III, at an all inclusive price of

\$1740.00 per person, plus GST. For further information check the Mothership Adventures website www.mothershipadventures.com or the Museum at Campbell River site at www.crmuseum.ca, or call 1-888-833-8887 to register.

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B.C. Utilities Commission Approves John Hart Generating Station Replacement

Vancouver Island project to improve reliable power, sustain 400 jobs a year over five years

CAMPBELL RIVER – The British Columbia Utilities Commission has approved the replacement of the John Hart generating station near Campbell River. The commission determined the project was the most cost-effective option to address the significant reliability, seismic, environmental and fisheries issues associated with the 66-year-old facility.

Since most of Vancouver Island's power supply comes from the Lower Mainland, the John Hart generating facility ensures the province's second largest load centre has reliable power. The project will foster economic development in the region – creating about 400 jobs and sustaining them over five years of construction.

The commission's approval of the project comes after five years of project planning by BC Hydro, feedback from the Campbell River community and a regulatory review process that lasted close to one year.

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What have you got to lose?!

Legislature moves John Hart Dam Plans to Next Stage

Victoria – Plans for the reconstruction of the John Hart generating station are one step closer to reality according to North Island MLA, Claire Trevena.

The Legislature passed second reading of a bill which amends the boundaries of Elk Falls Provincial Park to allow for the construction work to start.

On speaking in favour of the bill, Trevena said: "I'm very pleased to see that this bill has come before the House so early in our very brief session. I know we're only here for a few weeks, but it was important that this came early so that B.C. Hydro can move on with its planned project to replace the John Hart generating station.

"To do that it needed to have two things in this period. It needed BCUC to give its final support, and that happened last week. Now it needed this paragraph that is in Bill 5 that removes part of Elk Falls Provincial Park from the park and will allow B.C. Hydro to get on with construction of the John Hart generating station."

In speaking on the bill Trevena spoke about the historic and current importance of BC Hydro in the economic development of Campbell River. The \$1.2 billion John Hart dam project will be a major economic driver for the community.

The bill will now be examined by committee before being passed after third reading.



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Blending the comical qualities of a Charlie Chaplin with the mime techniques of a Marcel Marceau and the smooth moves of a Michael Jackson, Dianna David's movement/storytelling act and workshop will surprise and engage all ages: kids, youth, adults and "mature" adults at the Quadra Community Centre on Sunday, February 24th at 2:30 PM. The afternoon full of magical

fantasy will include two distinct parts: a 45-minute performance as Dianna presents one of her characters, "Meena Myna the Mime Magician," a charming and dazzling display of her fascinating ability to move like a panther as she controls props and tells story through mime; and following a short intermission, a 60-minute fun workshop which will include mime, dance and contact juggling, no experience



required. This hour is open to any interested audience members, and we will clear an area of the floor and provide space for participation or chairs for watching. We are expecting lots of interest from young people especially.

Born and raised in Edmonton, Alberta, this first generation Filipino-Canadian started her performing career at the early age of 6 years as an incredibly gifted dancer. Fusing her love of dance with her cultural heritage, Dianna has been actively involved for twenty years as a performer, choreographer and artistic director for the dance group The Philippine Barangay Performing Arts Society.

Dianna David's career path has had its share of twists, turns and surprises. Graduating from the University of Alberta in 2000 with a BSc. in Mechanical Engineering, she landed an engineering job in San Francisco, where she encountered the Bay Area's finest Hip Hop dance groups and theatre companies. In her spare time, she performed in several dance/theatre productions, acted in a full length movie and played the lead role in the stage show, "Rocket Girl" for the Thunderbird Theatre Company of San Francisco.

Dianna decided to pursue her theatrical career in 2003, attending the Clown Conservatory at San Francisco Circus Center under the direction of world renowned Jeff Raz. She then studied physical theatre at the School of Physical Theatre with Ron East in London, England.

David's message is one of tolerance of differences and acceptance of others. Interested in sharing her love of artistic expression, she started a group called "Expressive Devotion" aimed at reaching out to the youth community by empowering them through dynamic workshops in order to help them find their own artistic vision.

During the 2010 Olympics, David and her creative partner Charity Zapanta produced a festival called "I Heart Van Art," to bring together other artists and celebrate the city. David's talent was noticed and she received a grant to create her present movement/storytelling acts which she has been touring to schools around BC for the last several years.

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Wednesdays; UofQ: February 20; vision boards and all materials to create Christi and Lois of Hummingbird...

February 27; Energy healing and cranial sacral work how it works, in common language with Terry Peebles.

March 6; Connecting Islanders, the challenges and value of local media with Phil Stone of the Discovery Islander. Learn something new from your neighbours every week. 7:00pm HBI Pub.

Friday Feb 22: The Iron Pyrites reunite and will be smokin' in the Pub 9:00pm n\c.

Saturday February 23: Bill Johnson in the Fireside Lounge \$12.00 at the door, 7:30pm. Bill Johnson has spent a lifetime immersing himself in the Blues. He's a master of the form and live is a blast of majestic Blues power. Immerse yourself in his solo acoustic performance

Saturdays; Enjoy Bill Johnson and then move over to the Pub; open mic with Mo and our very own local talent! 9:00pm every Saturday. n\c.

Sunday February 24; Oscar party in the HBI Pub!. Show starts at 4:30. You don't have to have seen the movies to win prizes and have fun! Dress up red carpet style or down Quadra style.

Sunday March 3; Introducing the Canadian Screen Awards; Genies and Geminis merge to celebrate Canadian talent. Watch them on the 8' screen, win prizes and have fun! Dress up red carpet style or down Quadra style, again! HBI Pub. Time tba.

Saturday March 23; Listen to Jon Brooks 7:30 pm in the Fireside Lounge; \$12 at the door.

Jon Brooks lyrics demonstrate his uncanny ability to press an ear against the heartbeat and soul of the times we live in - transforming, inspiring and uplifting us as we bear witness. He has been twice nominated as Songwriter of the Year by the Canadian Folk Music Awards. Brooks' songs are underscored throughout by his gently weather-beaten voice and the beautiful sound of hand on guitar.

Saturday March 30; David Gogo Dinner Show. Gogo is a multiple Blues Music Award winner who adds heart, soul and grit to the international blues scene. Over the years, he has performed with blues and rock legends B.B. King, Bo Diddley, George Thorogood, ZZ Top, and numerous others.. 40.00. Reservations: 285-3322

Saturday March 30; Enjoy David Gogo and then move over to the Pub; Aries zodiac party and open mic with Mo and our very own local talent! 9:00pm n\c.



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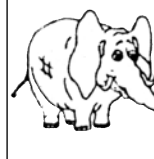
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CORTES DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area B

by Noba Anderson

Regional District Budget

For the past four years that I have been in office, I am proud to say that Strathcona Regional District taxation for Cortes has been very stable. The overall Cortes contribution to the SRD budget between 2009 and 2013 has varied between \$527,084 and \$571,395 such that today the budget is within \$2,000 of what it was in 2008, the year prior to me taking office. This while making significant annual contributions to parks reserve for land acquisition, doubling the annual grant-in-aid fund available to Cortes not-for-profit organizations, and saving for the purchase of a new fire truck expected this year! The 2013 recommended budget of just over \$531,000 includes \$180,000 for your fire protection service, \$148,000 for parks, \$60,000 in planning, and the remainder for admin, grant-in-aid, 911, emergency program, as well as liquid and solid waste. One major point of note is a recommended remuneration increase, the first in 7 years, for rural area directors (including myself) from \$20,699 per year plus meeting pay and travel time to \$31,128 plus the same. This increase, retroactive to 2012, puts the Strathcona Regional District amongst the highest paid rural directors in BC. Although it was exceedingly awkward to be voting on my own salary as well as that of my colleagues, I am very grateful that on this matter we followed the recommendation of our hired professional consultant and that the board voted in support 11 to 2 on this matter. I hope that this will help to attract and maintain top quality elected representatives that may otherwise choose a better paying vocation. For full budget details, please visit www.strathconard.ca. I am also very willing to answer any questions you may have and receive your input. Thanks to those who came out to the Cortes fall budget meeting and shared your spending priority perspectives.

Looking to 2013

Now that the revised Cortes Official Community Plan is awaiting only Provincial approval and final adoption at the SRD board, I am turning my attention to other matters including: parks, economic development, gas tax fund

spending and the Cortes zoning bylaw review still anticipated for the fall.

Parks

This year, in the SRD's parks department work plan we have prioritized park trail brochures, new beach access trails, and investigating cross-island trail linkage opportunities. What existing trails warrant formalization? Where would we like to develop trails? Where do we want to leave trail free? How can we secure formalized access across crown lands as well as across private land with willing land owners? How can we link up existing trail networks? How can we make certain trail systems more known? What is the appropriate balance between encouraging tourism and trail use and maintaining the wild and limited local use that many trails currently enjoy? I have reached out to past members of the Cortes Trails Committee as well as the Friends of Cortes Island who have taken the lead on Cortes trails recently. I have the interest of BC Parks as well as the Quadra Trails Committee, and am trying to pull a parks and trails symposium together later this spring to have an inter-jurisdictional dialogue about priorities and opportunities. If you are interested in trail planning please contact me.

Economic Development

This time last year, I called together Cortes tourism operators who are now formalizing a structure as the Cortes Island Tourism Association. In January, they received an early Grant-In-Aid from the Strathcona Regional District for \$2,000 for the development of a website and other promotional materials for the sector generally. I am secretly (or not so secretly) hoping that between the tourism initiative and the community forest effort, Cortes will soon birth a focused economic development effort to sustain jobs and families while being in keeping with island priorities. The SRD is conducting a region-wide economic development study and I am weighing any potential value of joining a regional initiative with the custom Cortes approach that would be derived through our own local efforts. Again, if

this catches your attention, please be in touch.

Gas Tax Funds

Since the SRD amended our gas tax agreement to allow ourselves to partner with external agencies, I have hosted two meetings (December and February) for Cortes non-profit organizations to explain the program and solicit project ideas. Cortes has about \$350,000 that needs to be spent by the end of 2017 on initiatives that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and/or result in clean air and clean water. Much Cortes interest centers around transportation and to that end, I have stared the ball rolling at the SRD to conduct a Cortes transportation study to evaluate the demand and possibilities. So far, I have received five expressions of interest and will continue to work with these groups to further refine and develop their proposals. I am also forming a small advisory group to help with this process. Project proposals will be received on an ongoing basis from Cortes groups. Please continue to generate ideas and discuss them with me.

Ferry Advisory Committee Update

The Tachek (our bigger ferry) has gone in for its \$15 million mid-life upgrade and will be back permanently serving Cortes at the end of September. It will return to us with new life saving appliances, heating, ventilation, lounge, washrooms, wheelhouse structure, propellers, sewage system and holding tank, electrical systems etc. The next Ferry Advisory Committee meeting, Thursday April 11th will be here on Cortes at 10:15, location TBA! This is a first in at least 4 years to be on Cortes. Generally they are on Quadra for BC Ferries staff scheduling reasons, but all the easier if you would like to attend and witness the business of your committee and presentations made by senior BC Ferries staff. If you have issues that you would like raised please contact one of your reps: Bertha Jeffery, Bob Tracy, Uschi Koebberling, Rod Lee or myself.

Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/ Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations

In January, the Strathcona Regional District participated in our second Community to Community forum, designed to initiate dialogue between our government and First Nations governments in the region. The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations, from the north west coast of Vancouver Island, joined us for a day of initial learning about each other. The Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' signed a treaty last year and are now in the early stages of being an autonomous government. With treaty, comes the right and requirement to join the Regional District within 10 years, with much the same rights as a municipality at the table. After they expressed readiness to join the SRD board with observer status, I made a motion that was passed unanimously that the Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h' First Nations be invited to join our board in that way. This will provide an introduction such that when they choose to fully join the board with voting power and taxation contributions, they will be familiar with our processes and services. There are VERY few BC First Nations with modern day treaties, and I am honored to be a small part of this major and long overdue settling of land title claims and the beginning of a new era of formal first nation governments.

Feel free to contact me about anything you have read here or any other local, regional or advocacy matter. 250-935-0320 or director@cortesisland.com

In Gratitude,
Noba Anderson
Rural Area Director, Cortes Island
Strathcona Regional District

Museum at Campbell River Tracks and Trains

"ChooChoo -Attention passengers, next stop Campbell River!" It's that time of year again – the North Island Model Railroaders annual show at the Museum at Campbell River is back! On Saturday and Sunday, February 23rd and 24th, from 12 noon to 5 pm (12 – 4 pm on Sunday), the community is invited to come see the excitement of model trains. The show is amazing - everyone that attends walks away impressed and this year's show will prove to be as interesting as ever. There is



North Island Model Railroaders, February 23-24, at the Museum at Campbell River

something for the whole family. Incredible displays of model railroad equipment, scenery and miniature buildings will all be available for 'looking and learning'. The electric Lego train will be back. And for the third year in a row, a wonderful display and demonstration of fully functioning radio-controlled miniature heavy equipment will be on site. Watch them do real work with real hydraulics! Questions are always encouraged as many Railroader Members are eager to introduce you to the fun-filled world of model railroads. The cost is \$8.00 per person or \$20.00 for the whole family. Kids under six are free. Call the Museum at Campbell River at 287-3103 for more information. Discover for yourself why this fascinating hobby is popular all around the world! Choo Choo!

Vancouver Island Regional Library Winner In National Contest!

Vancouver Island Regional Library has won \$1,000 worth of new children's books thanks to participation in the National Reading Campaign's "What did you read today?" kids' contest. The contest ran from November 14 to December 31, 2012.

The contest had kids in classrooms and public libraries across the country filling in colourful "What did you read today?" activity sheets which were displayed, photographed and tweeted to the National Reading Campaign's twitter page.

"We are so pleased to be a winner and look forward to receiving these new books which we know our younger customers will enjoy," says Fiona Anderson, Director of Library Services. "Staff in our branches had a lot of fun displaying the kid's activity sheets, tweeting titles to the National Reading Campaign, and talking with young people about the importance of reading and the joy it can bring to your life."

The National Reading Campaign is a coalition of librarians, educators, booksellers, publishers, readers and writers. The public awareness campaign "What did you read today?" was created to help make reading a national priority. Since 2008, the National Reading Campaign has brought together people from every region of Canada who are concerned about Canada's changing reading habits.

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Area C

by Jim Abram

It has been an extremely busy month and the next two months are going to be just as lively. Hopefully this report will give you some idea of what is going on in Area C.

Budget time!

Every year, starting in October, we start work on the SRD five year financial plan. It is a tedious process with many hours and meetings being put into it by directors and staff. It is not an easy process and rarely leaves anyone feeling one hundred percent pleased. In the end, this is what determines your tax bill, in conjunction with BC Assessment Authority valuation of your property, Fire Dept. taxation and the line items that are determined by the Province for policing, highways, schools, hospitals and other services. As a local government we only have a certain amount of control over what the final product looks like. Read your tax notices carefully in June and be clear on where your money is going.

One new item that you will see added to this year's budget is a taxation component for Solid Waste Management. This is a tax that was adamantly opposed by me and by a number of other directors at the most recent Solid Waste Board meeting. This is a joint service with the SRD and the CVRD as participants. The total for 2013 for Area C comes to \$7,758.00. This works out to be about one cent per hundred thousand dollars of assessed value. It is not a lot of money, but the principle is the point. This service has always been run on tipping (dumping) fees and has always been "user pay". There has been enough surplus for all of the other programs, such as the entire recycling program, to be paid out of that amount. But not anymore!. Despite the objection of many directors on the Board, the item passed. This item will be before us again at the next meeting and our opposition will still stand.

The other meeting that took place on that day was the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board. (When the CSRD was split in 2008, the Hospital Board and the Solid Waste board were not split, so we meet jointly). The voting structure at this larger board is weighted in favour of the Comox Valley Regional District (hence the

Solid Waste taxation passing). The Hospital Board is still pushing ahead with the construction of the two new hospitals for the north island and for the Comox Valley. Some of us are still concerned that this process is moving too quickly just before the Provincial Election and we are locking ourselves into hospitals that may or may not be sized correctly for 20 to 50 years in the future, and the Provincial directive that the hospital be built as a Public-Private-Partnership (P3). This is very concerning to many of us who believe in public health care. You can read as much as you want about the P3 model on the internet. Just search it and you will get more than you can imagine.

Lastly on the Budget, the Quathiaski Cove Sewer Service user fee is once again up for approval. My vote was against it. My meetings with staff have not been able to reduce the amount, so higher powers need to be brought into this discussion, hence:

Meeting with Minister and his staff

Due to the intransigence on the issue of the Sewer Fees, I have made arrangements to meet with the Minister responsible for Local Government, his Deputy Minister and ADM for Infrastructure Funding on February 26th. This will hopefully be a very productive meeting with some solutions coming out of it that will benefit the user community of Quathiaski Cove. Should the SRD not be able to lower the user fees after this meeting then my vote will be against the budget, while continuing to explore other funding opportunities.

Meeting with Telus

A meeting is scheduled on February 25th with the Area Manager for Telus,

in Victoria. My prime reason for meeting is for an update on the work that is being done on Quadra and is almost complete and to discuss a new proposal that will make the service even better for most of the people on the east, west and north sides of Quadra, the west side of Read Island and the west side of Cortes Island. If accepted, the cellular / data service for all areas will be top notch! Letters, maps, drawings and photos are all part of my presentation.

Q. Cove Water Study and Bylaws

As prescribed in our recently adopted Local Area Plan and Official Community Plan, a water study needed to be conducted prior to any major development proceeding in the Q. Cove area. That study was just completed and was paid for out of the Community Works Fund (Gas Tax money). The gist of the study is that there is sufficient water for the build-out of the Q. Cove LAP area and that a water supply system could be put in place with a number of wells supplying it. So, this is very good news for all of the worthy projects that are waiting in the wings to get started. My thanks to our staff for taking this on and making sure that it got done as soon as it possibly could.

Related to the entire service area for the Q. Cove sewer, there are two by-laws that

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the staff have been working on diligently. These would be the Sewer Connection fee for new hook-ups, which was woefully inadequate, and the Development Cost Charge by-law for the same area. Both of these will help the sewer fees by adding to the reserve fund that is so desperately needed.

Upcoming Public Hearings

There are three Public Hearings that will be scheduled at our next Board meeting and that you might want to watch for in the SRD advertising that will be done: two on Quadra and one on Sonora Island. All of the details will be provided by staff in the ads.

Other business

I will be attending on your behalf, the following meetings in various cities, in addition to the ones listed above:

Union of BC Municipalities Electoral Area Directors Forum in Richmond, February 18th through February 20th

Parcel Tax Board meeting, Thursday, February 28th

Strathcona Regional Board, Thursday February 28th (more budget!)

Regional Marine Advisory, March 3rd through March 5th in Richmond (SRD Board appointment)

Marine Area Planning Partnership, March 6th through March 7th (SRD Board appointment)

Electoral Areas Services Committee, Wednesday, March 13th

Strathcona Regional Board, Wednesday, March 13th

Comox Valley Solid Waste Management Board meeting, Thursday, March 14th at the CR Museum. (this will be the taxation "discussion" again and your attendance would be greatly appreciated)

Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District meeting, Thursday, March 14th

Centre for Civic Governance Annual Forum in Harrison, March 21st through March 24th

Strathcona Regional Board, Thursday, March 28th (final approval of the Budget)

That is probably enough for now! If you need to contact me, 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 or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

Please do not use my residential phone number for SRD calls. All business calls should be on 285-3355. Many thanks!

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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

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