

# DISCOVERY

## ISLANDER

### SRD Board approves Active Transportation Network Plan for Area C

**Campbell River, BC** – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is excited to share its first ever Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) for Electoral Area C! Developed in collaboration with community members, key interest groups, and We Wai Kai First Nation, the ATNP presents a long-term network plan supported by implementation actions to guide potential future investment opportunities in active transportation infrastructure. ATNP policy directions will also inform updates to the Area C Official Community Plan.

This initiative combined data collection and analysis with a two-phased public engagement process to better understand existing network gaps and establish priorities for advancing active transportation opportunities. Several key themes emerged through community consultation, including:

**Barriers to walking and cycling:** Inadequate roadside shoulders, blind corners, narrow lanes, steep terrains, vehicle traffic, speed limits, and a lack of dedicated active transportation infrastructure all present barriers to walking and cycling;

**A need for greater connectivity across Quadra Island:** A desire for increased connectivity between key Quadra Island neighbourhoods, community destinations, and commercial hubs such as Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay, as well as improved trail conditions;

**Improved connections with other travel modes:** Safe and efficient active transportation connections to Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay ferry terminals are critical to the community; and

**Maintain and enhance community character:** There is community interest to improve active transportation infrastructure that contributes to the local rural character.

The Active Transportation Network Plan identified six priority corridor improvement projects between Heriot Bay Rd and Rebecca Spit Rd, Quathiaski Cove Rd and Harper Rd, and along Green Rd from Quathiaski Cove to Cape Mudge. Community feedback indicated strong support for both Heriot Bay – Rebecca Spit and Quathiaski Cove Village connections as the most immediate need. The 450 m stretch between the Quathiaski ferry terminal to Harper Road was selected for future application to the Province of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant Program, as it fits the closest with the Grant Program criteria and commuter needs, while also aligning with active transportation priorities of the We Wai Kai First Nation.

"Big thanks to the many community members who participated in this important project" said Electoral Area C Director, Robyn Mawhinney. "Your opinions were integral to identifying active transportation priorities on Quadra Island. It's excellent to know what our community priorities are and I'm excited to move forward with next steps to improving access for pedestrians, cyclists and self-propelled commuters."



This project was supported by funding from the Province of BC's Active Transportation Infrastructure Grants Program, which aligns with the CleanBC commitment to increase alternative transportation solutions.

**For more information** about the Area C Active Transportation Network Plan, please visit: [www.srd.ca/area-c-atnp](http://www.srd.ca/area-c-atnp)

## Standing on Local Landmarks for Thee



The Quadra Island Outdoor Club is very pleased to announce that Beech's Mountain, Quadra Island, B.C. has been conquered and claimed for Canada, once and for all. On a beautiful spring day, after several hours of steady climbing, the Coast Range sparkling in the distance, eleven Club members proudly planted the Canadian flag into the rock, more or less, on Quadra Island's second highest peak, 463.7 m.

Valerie van Veen

Quadra Island Outdoor Club

Photo credit: Valerie van Veen

## Remembering Paul

### Mortimers Merry Making Memorial Monday May 5, 2025

Families and friends will join together to give him a send him off to his next incarnation at the Heriot Bay Inn.

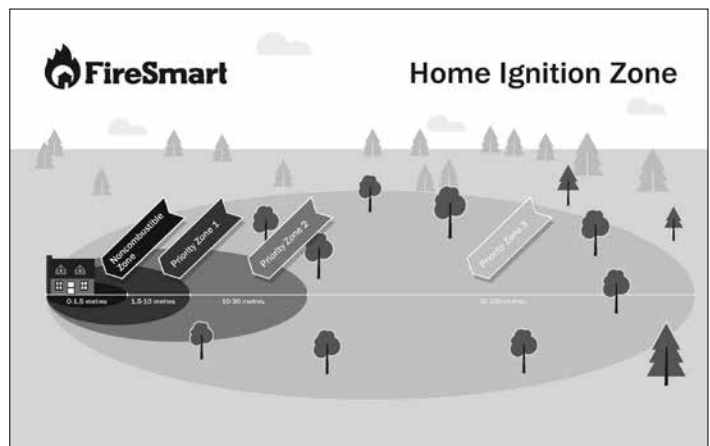


3:00 pm greetings and memories in Herons evolving to music in the pub at 6:00 pm-ish 'til late.

Do you have Paul stories or photo's?

We are creating a collection, short or long, beautiful, bawdy, brilliant, bleak, blissful or bacchaunian we'd love to have them and all of his famous never ending quotes as well.

Please send to [savingpaul@hotmail.com](mailto:savingpaul@hotmail.com) or Heriot Bay Inn through FB messenger.



## Mother's Day Cara Luft

### Sunday May 11 in Herons Dining Room

Dinner Service: 5-7pm  
Show Seating: 7pm  
Music: 7:30-9:30pm  
Tickets: \$49 *show only*  
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## ISLAND CALENDAR

### DAY TO DAY

#### Friday, May 2

- Celebrate the life of Jim Thievin, Quadra Legion, 7pm

#### Saturday, May 3

- Quadra Island Farmers' Market and Bazaar, Q-Cove behind Credit Union, 10 am
- BINGO, Quadra Legion 7pm
- Live music with Angelica Challengers, HBI Pub, 8pm
- Movie Night, Southend Winery 8:30pm, \$15. see pg. 8

#### Sunday, May 4

- Legion Ladies Auxiliary Plant Sale, Quadra Legion, 10 am

#### Monday, May 5

- Mortimers Merry Making Memorial, Herons at the HBI 3 pm music in Pub 6pm...

#### Friday May 9

- Live music with The Brice Tabish Band, HBI Pub, 8pm

#### Saturday, May 10

- Quadra Island Free Day, All around Quadra, 9am to 5pm see pg. 4
- Quadra Birding Big Day, All around Quadra Island, see pg. 12
- Emergency Preparedness Expo, QCC, 11 am to 3 pm see pg. 10
- Live music with Cove, Quadra Legion, 9pm

#### Sunday, May 11

- Mothers' Day with Cara Luft, Herons at the HBI 5 pm, Reservations: 250-285-3322

#### Monday, May 12

- Garden Club presents: Working with Soil Life w/ Ramona Aston, QCC, 7-9pm

#### Friday May 16

- DJ's Qdubz, Deprofessor & Technautica, Quadra Legion, 8pm \$10
- Live music with Blue Kats, HBI Pub, 8pm

#### Friday May 23

- Live music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub, 8pm

#### Saturday, May 24

- Quadra Island May Day, Rebecca Spit, parade starts at 10am

#### Saturday, May 31

- Live music with Wharf Rats, Quadra Legion

## REGULARS

#### Sundays

- Meditation Group: Quadra Children's Centre, 10am

#### Mondays

- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm
- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1pm

#### Monday & Friday nights

- Open AA meeting, at Cape Mudge United Church, 7:30-8:30pm

#### Wednesdays

- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 6pm - 8pm
- Poker Night: Quadra Legion 7:30pm

#### Thursdays

- Badminton at Cape Mudge Gym, drop-in fee \$3, 7:30pm
- Shakespeare Discussion Group QCC Room 2

#### Fridays

- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1pm

#### Saturdays

- Tennis Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - noon
- Pickleball Drop-In at Community Centre courts, 10am - 1 pm
- Meat Draw: Quadra Legion 5 to 6:30pm

## WHAT'S ON AT QCC



**Jump into the action at the Quadra Community Centre!  
Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR  
community!**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING at QCC

**May 2 - May 16, 2025**

#### THIS WEEK: May 2-9

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 6 Chi Gong

**SATURDAY:** 9 Island Voices Choir; 10 Way to Go

**SUNDAY:** 10 Mom and Me Yoga; 6 Young Musicians Concert

**MONDAY:** 8:30 am Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Sing for Pure JOY; 1 Jewellery Making; 5 May Monarch Info Night ; 6:30 Photography Club

**TUESDAY:** 10:30 Balance and Core Strength; 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Yoga with Trinity ; 7 Tai Chi

**WEDNESDAY:** 11 Art IN Nature for Homeschoolers; 12 noon Community Kitchen Volunteer Appreciation Lunch; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Softball; 4:30 Somatic Yin Yoga with Sandi

**THURSDAY:** 9:45 Tai Chi with Nicki, 10 Parents and Tots Dance with Kate; 10:30 Friday Painters; 3 Art IN Nature with Elke; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 7 Compassionate Community Meeting

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 6 Chi Gong; 7 The Unfaithful Servants

#### NEXT WEEKEND: May 10-16

**SATURDAY:** 9 ESS Emergency Fair; 9:30 Tai Chi with Nicki, 6 Mother's Day Yoga and Tea Blending

**MONDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Yoga with Josephine; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewellery Making with Q.Circle; 2:30 Caregivers Support ; 7 Garden Club Meeting

**TUESDAY:** 8:30 Quilter's Guild Meeting; 10:30 Balance & Core Strength with Q.Circle; 3 Intro to Softball; 5 Hatha Flow Yoga with Trinity, 7 Tai Chi with Nicki

**WEDNESDAY:** 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Baby Clinic; 11 Art in Nature for Homeschoolers; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Softball; 4:30 Somatic Yin Yoga with Sandi

**THURSDAY:** 9:45 Tai Chi; 10 Parents and Tots; 3 Art in Nature with Elke; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 5 May Day Monarch Speech Night

**FRIDAY:** 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Men's Fitness; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 noon Smart Recovery: to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com ; 6 Chi Gong; 7 Grade 5 Movie Night Fundraiser.

**For further info** phone 250-285-3243. OR go to our website and to our Recreation Guide tab to view the guide there: <http://www.quadrarec.bc.ca> OR navigate to our new REC DESK calendar to see what's happening each day, (click on each activity in the calendar to expand its details): [quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar](http://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar)



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#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome items for publication on subjects of interest to the Discovery Islands community.

- **250-300 words** is a good length for community announcements.
- Send articles in the body of an email.
- **Canadian spelling** please: *centre, colour, jewellery* etc...
- **Please use the title of your item** in the email subject line.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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#### NEXT DEADLINE

**7pm Monday, May 12**  
**for publication on**  
**Friday, May 16, 2025**

## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Quadra Free Day

Sat, May 10, 2025: 9-5 pm

Time to de-clutter sustainably! Set out gently used items you no longer need, and let your others give them a new home - all for free!

#### Guidelines For A Great Day

- Put out only items in good condition - things you'd be happy to give a friend.
- Watch for parked cars and people pulling in and out. Safety first!
- Please don't block driveways or sidewalks.
- Keep an eye out for pedestrians, bikes, scooters, and other vehicles.
- Bring your items in at the end of the day — let's keep Quadra clean!

#### Want to be included on the FREE DAY MAP?

Send your name and address to one of our organizers so we can add you to the list.

We'll post the addresses of participants closer to the big day!

#### Contacts:

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Organized by your Eco-friendly, ICAN VIRTUAL FREE STORE volunteer team

Let's keep good stuff out of the landfill and share the love in our community!

**Note:** If you leave stuff out after 5 pm, the thrift store gals will select things to pick up at the end of the day.

### Spring at the Legion

Mark your calendars for this year's Easter Bake Sale and big plant sale.

These two popular Spring-time events are hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary and held at the Quadra Island Legion.

First up is the opportunity to pick up some tasty home-made treats at the Bake Sale on Saturday April 19. Doors open at 10 am and the event runs until noon.

Then, for the gardeners, the annual plant sale will be set up on the Legion's front lawn on Sunday May 4 from 10 am to noon.

Donations of plants for this event are welcomed and, to make it easy to contribute, the ladies have a team of volunteers willing to come to your garden and dig out any perennials you may want to split or to pick up your plants.

They would also welcome donations from gardeners who can spare a few extra vegetable starts.

To arrange a visit from the volunteer team please contact Barb at 250-285-3714.

#### Next DI Deadline

Monday, May 12th at 7pm  
[news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca)

### Open AA Meetings

Monday and Friday nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone Welcome!

### Meditation Group

**WE MEET** every Sunday at the Quadra Children's Centre at 10am for a 45 min sitting meditation on a cushion or chair, followed by a short break with tea and cookies.

There is a reading of a book based on Buddhist perspectives and meditation practices, and then a discussion on the text we read.

Everyone is welcome, a small donation is appreciated. For more info call Don at 250 285 2193 or Kai at 250 850 9245.

### New to Quadra?

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and local businesses welcome you with a gift bag.

**Contact Carol Ann T. at:**  
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Email: [rideonquadra@gmail.com](mailto:rideonquadra@gmail.com)





## The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents: **Working with Soil Life; an Experimental Approach**

with Ramona Aston

Monday, May 12th, 7-9pm at the Quadra Community Centre

Local gardener Ramona Aston will share some project ideas and her results. Topics will include:

- An introduction to the relationship between fungi, bacteria, and plants
- Bokashi composting
- Hot composting
- Biochar
- Making your weeds work for you
- "Living soil liquid" and compost teas, soil-borne disease, and pest control

### About Ramona:

Ramona Aston has been gardening on family land since she returned to Quadra fourteen years ago. She loves to get excited about a new approach or technique in her garden, and is often trying something new while bringing forward what has worked for her in the past. Learning about the interconnectedness between bacterial, fungal, creature, and plant relationships struck a chord with Ramona and her gardening has been a series of projects to encourage these relationships ever since. As a result she has seen improvements in plant health and growth. In addition, Ramona is always falling in love



with flowers and the potential in seeds, and hopes to grow the seed saving culture on Quadra.

Everyone welcome! Come early to renew your annual membership, chat with fellow gardeners, and enjoy some coffee and dessert. Doors open at 6:30. Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. Check our website for more information about upcoming events: [www.quadraislandgardenclub.com](http://www.quadraislandgardenclub.com)

## Farmers' Market and Bazaar

The Quadra Island Farmers' Market and Bazaar starts May 3rd for another season! A field of vendors and smiles and great live music on the grass behind Café Aroma. We can't wait to see you! Saturdays 10 - 2

Music lineup:

May 3rd Dylan Alps

May 10th Clandening

For information contact:  
[quadramarket@gmail.com](mailto:quadramarket@gmail.com)



## Welcome to the Official 2025 May Day Theme!

~"Bugs, Slugs & Pollinators... UNITE!"~

A day where the slugs strut, bees boogie, worms waltz and the flowers cheer them on! This is a call to come play where the Wild Things Wiggle. It's time to BLOOM and BUZZ!! It's Creepy, Crawly and Courageous. Let's POLLINATE our future, one bug at a time!

There will be FULL details of "what, when and where" posted in the Discovery Islander a week prior to May Day.

For now... start dreaming about your parade floats and costumes!

See you at Rebecca Spit, Saturday May 24th!!!

P.S. Please contact the Community Centre if you would like help volunteer!



## What Do I Want From My Computer? A Journey Through Technology and Everyday Life - Part 1

**Today, computers are everywhere** — even in places you wouldn't expect! Your microwave, your car, your washing machine, and even the little remote you may use to unlock your car all have tiny computers inside. You might have heard about the Quadra Literacy Reducing the Digital Divide project in a recent issue of DI. It's a program that provides refurbished computers to people who can't afford costly new ones. It's important because nowadays, most businesses and government services expect you to have internet access. A lot of places don't even answer the phone anymore — instead, a recording tells you to visit their website. That can be really frustrating if you don't have a computer or internet.

This is the first of three articles where I will share some digital insights. Later I will describe the devices we can use to connect with the online world and I will focus on some of the tools and information Quadra Literacy (QL) can provide for you.

### Digital Survival:

So, what do we actually need computers and the internet for? Well, let me share some of my favorite uses for mine. I do most of my banking online, file my taxes online, keep a calendar to track work meetings and personal stuff, read the news to see what's happening around the world, book appointments, and attend online meetings for work — something that became super popular during the COVID pandemic.

And let's not forget about the entertainment value! I watch movies and TV shows through Netflix, use YouTube to learn how to fix things, and of course, I can't resist scrolling through Facebook to check out my friends' lives and laugh at some funny memes.

And if I have a question, I just type it into Google! (For example: "What bands did Steve Winwood play in?") The internet helps answer almost any question you can think of. Pretty amazing, right?

When it comes to replacing your outdated device the choices can be confusing and overwhelming. Quadra Literacy is here to help you figure out what device and operating system is perfect for you to stay connected. This can be as simple as giving your current computer a makeover to make it more useful for years to come. Or replacing your computer with an affordable, refurbished laptop. We can also help you select safe, user-friendly software and apps that are available for free.

In the next part of this series, we'll dive deeper into the world of technology and explore some of the options to connect with the online world. We'll also focus on some of the tools and information that Quadra Literacy (QL) can provide for you. Stay tuned, and let's continue this journey together!

**Stay tuned for Part 2: Essential Tools for Digital Survival!** See you next time...

David Tomblin for Quadra Literacy Reducing the Digital Divide Project. For information email [quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com)

## QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We had a very productive planning meeting on Sunday with lots of great ideas for new and familiar destinations. Here are the confirmed upcoming trips:

**30 April, Wednesday** - hike to Blindman's Bluff and Eagle Ridge

**7 May, Wed** - hike to Trout Falls

**14 May, Wed** - kayak in Gowlland Harbour

**21 May, Wed** - kayak at Amor Lake

**27-29 May, Tues-Thurs** - hiking and camping on Cortes Island

**10-12 June, Tues-Thurs** - paddling, camping and hiking in Main Lakes Park

**23 July, Wed** - hike to Newton Lake, Small Inlet and Waitt Bay

The information about trips to the end of April is found at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2024-25/> and the May and after trips are at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2025/>

The summer schedule will continue to evolve with more details on the trips coming soon.

For more information about the Outdoor Club visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org/> or email to [qioutdoorclub@gmail.com](mailto:qioutdoorclub@gmail.com)

## How Much Does it Cost to Put Something in the DI?

This is a question I often receive by email or phone so it's probably overdue to help clarify how the DI works in the actual paper!

**Editorial items run free of charge.** That's the service a community paper provides. That includes: news stories, events, thank you's, lost and found notes, essays and press releases from local organizations, etc...

**Advertising that is paid space includes:**

Display advertising like you see to the left, classified ads, legal notices, obituaries, help wanted, etc...

I hope that helps clear things up. As always we prefer to receive material by email, so please send yours to: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

### Spring Plant Sale

A plant sale is being held at the Quadra Legion on Sunday, May 4 from 10 to noon.

It offers the opportunity to pick up perennials, veggie starts, annuals and house plants all well-suited to the local conditions.

It is an important annual fund-raising event hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, which assists the work of the Legion and contributes to a number of charities and Quadra Island causes.

A group team is willing to gather any plant donations you may have and dig out any that you are able to share from your garden.

Please call Barb 285-3714 or email bill\_barb@telus.net to arrange a team visit.

**Your Submissions to the DI  
are Welcome!**

We especially appreciate submissions  
to be sent by email to:  
news @discoveryislands.ca

### Reminder from QI Cat Rescue:

Quadra Cat Rescue offers lower-cost spays and neuters for people who need assistance getting their cat or kitten fixed.

Please complete the form at  
[www.quadracatrescue.com](http://www.quadracatrescue.com)

### Coming Up! Quadra Island Birding Big Day (part of the Global Big Day)



**May 10, 2025**

A full day of spotting birds on Quadra Island!

The idea is to see and record as many species as possible within the 24 hour period. This event is a part of a Global Big Day, when people will look for birds all around the world.

Mark your calendar and watch the next DI for more details!

(There will be prizes...)

### Cortes Radio

Drop in and tune out



Quadra Island Harbour  
Authority

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

11am - Saturday May 10th, 2025

Heriot Bay Inn – Bay View Room

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Logo for Strathcona Regional District Area C Official Community Plan. It features a stylized mountain and the text 'Strathcona REGIONAL DISTRICT Area C Official Community Plan'.

A poster for the Kids & Youth Art Contest. It features a child holding a camera and the text 'KIDS & YOUTH ART CONTEST'.

**Share Your Art and Win!**

Submit an original drawing or photo that shows what you love about your Area C community. Show us with your own artistic creation!

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- Ages 8 to 12
- Ages 13 to 18

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Submit Your Masterpiece >>> [srd.ca/area-c-ocp-contest](http://srd.ca/area-c-ocp-contest)**

A QR code linking to the contest information.

## Winery Movie Night

You're invited to a Quadra winery screening of 82-min action-comedy film **OUTRUNNERS**, directed by local Ken Hegan.

**WHEN:** Sat May 3, red carpet 7 pm, showtime 8:30 pm (rain or shine)

**WHERE:** SouthEnd Farm Winery, 319 Sutil Rd, Q. Island

**TIX:** \$15 at Inspirations on Quadra

**INFO:** 778.238.7778

**See the trailer:**

<https://tinyurl.com/2prfr9u7>

## At The Legion

• Kitchen is now open **Fridays-Sundays 5pm!** Lee, is cooking delicious Burgers & more!!

• **Friday May 2nd 7pm** We will gather to Celebrate the life of Jim Thievin

• **Sat. May 3rd B I N G O!! 7-9:30** proceeds going to the beach clean-up efforts

• **Sat. May 10th Cove!!** Can't wait! Such a great local band and always a fantastic time

• **Friday May 16th 8pm** DJ's Qdubz, Deprofessor & Technautica is back for a great night of music \$10

• **Sat. May 31st Wharf Rats** are back!! Super fun band

## Discovery Islands Chamber Hosts Candidates Forum

Described by some of the 180 attendees as "well-organized and informative," the Quadra Island Federal All Candidates Forum took place on April 24 at the Quadra Island Community Centre, hosted by the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce.

Candidates participating in the forum included **Tanille Johnston** (NDP), **Jennifer Lash** (Liberal), **Jessica Wegg** (Green Party), and **Independent Glen Staples**. Notably absent was Conservative Party candidate Aaron Gunn, prompting a few attendees to leave early upon learning he would not be present.

Before the formal proceedings began, candidates engaged with community members at their information tables, while the open doors of the community centre welcomed the warm spring evening air.

Once on stage, each candidate shared their background and vision for Canada. Moderator Sarah Bradshaw then facilitated a Q&A session, fielding questions from the audience. Bradshaw later described the event as a resounding success, praising the candidates for being "eloquent and very respectful of each other and the audience."

"It gave us a chance to meet the candidates and get a clearer understanding of where they stand," said Quadra resident Dan Mooney, who also appreciated the lighter moments throughout the evening.

For those unable to attend in person, the event was live streamed with technical support from ICAN's coordinator Melissa McKinney and audio expert Chris Thompson. Special thanks were given to Robyn Mawhinney for designing the event poster.

"It was a fabulous example of teamwork in action," said Chamber President Carol Ann Terreberry.



DICC Federal All Candidates April 24, 2025. Left to Right: Moderator Sarah Bradshaw, Discovery Island Chamber of Commerce and federal candidates Liberal Jennifer Lash, Green Party Jessica Wegg, NDP Tanille Johnston and Independent Glen Staples. Photo: Claire Heffernan

## Funding For Students

A monetary award for students entering their first year of post-secondary education is offered by the Quadra Island Legion Ladies Auxiliary.

Applications for the annual Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship are now being accepted and should provide information on both the academic achievements and community activities of the student.

The scholarship fund has been assisting island students for almost 30 years. It has helped those seeking their degree and others opting for vocational training.

Email your application letter to [HeidiRidgway@royalpage.ca](mailto:HeidiRidgway@royalpage.ca) or mail to Box 129, Heriot Bay V0P 1H0 before **June 15, 2025**.

The DI welcomes written submissions of interest to the Discovery Islands community: news, events, opinions, musings. Please keep your item to 750 words for longer articles. Email to: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca)

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## Call for Performers for 8th Annual Young Musicians Concert and Fundraiser

The Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund is pleased to announce that the 8th Annual Young Musicians Concert and Fundraiser will take place on Sunday, May 4th, 6-8pm at the Quadra Community Centre!

This concert is a chance for children and youth on the island to share their music with the community and get comfortable with performing. It is also the main fundraiser for the Young Musicians Fund which supports music education and experiences for young people on Quadra.

We are currently looking for song submissions from young musicians, aged 18 and under, living on Quadra. Are you / your child / your students / a young person you know interested in performing in the concert this year?

To submit a song, please email [quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com](mailto:quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com) and we will send you a link to our online form. You are welcome to perform with adults if you like...your teacher, a parent, a friend, even a small group!

The deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 20th. However, the sooner the better!

**PLEASE NOTE:** All performers are required to attend the dress rehearsal after school on Friday, May 2nd @ the QCC. We will email you with your exact time spot, or you can just come after school on the bus and wait your turn.



This enables the performer to practice their entrance and exit, and get a feel for what it's like to perform on the stage and get rid of some of their jitters. And it enables us to figure out what they need in terms of sound and lighting.

The performers can wait their turn in the green room, or they can sit quietly in the hall and watch the rehearsal.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

Dave Blinzinger, Aura Haydon and Jen Banks-Doll, organizers

## Quadra Community Coffee Chats

Over the last number of years, the volunteers of Quadra Island Foundation have been working hard with the aim of enhancing the volunteer and social infrastructure that is so important to life on Quadra Island.

By both being a conduit for the funding, and partnering with other organizations, the Foundation is very proud to have played a part in the creation of several new staff positions in the community-building sector here on Quadra Island.

Our community building focus has also focused on the volunteer sector. For the second year in a row, the Quadra Island Foundation invited all those who put so much of their time and energy into volunteering and working to make our community a vibrant place to live together to talk about how we can continue to enhance life on our amazing Island. This Spring's Strengthening Community Connections event focused on how the island can best thrive with an ever increasing demand for volunteers and a perceived decrease in the available volunteer time.

Amongst the plethora of ideas that came to the fore was the concept that now that there are a good number of organizations with paid staff, that efforts should be made to bring the great minds along with anyone else who is highly focused on community building together on a regular basis to identify where opportunities for collaboration might exist.

To that end, we have sent an invitation to all of the island's social profit sector staff members to meet at Aroma on May 7th at 9:00 am for the first Quadra Community Coffee Chat.

We would like to extend the same invitation to other highly motivated community builders who would like to participate in this informal discussion.

So many partnerships, collaborations and time saving ideas and community building concepts spring to life when motivated people take a moment and simply sit across a table from one another.

Let's keep the conversation going. Perhaps we will see you on May 7th.

-Quadra Island Foundation

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## Ray Griggs articles - 'The Quadra Project'

I want to thank Ray Grigg for his 100 articles he has written in The Quadra Project for the Discovery Islander magazine. Your articles are always enlightening. I look forward to reading them all.

Barbara Mindell

## Seeking Thespian Sleuths

Theatre Quadra is seeking sleuths to investigate a selection of intriguing choices and uncover a killer play for our fall season. We value your input and hope you will help us sort through the clues to discover the best one-act murder mystery for our Quadra audiences.

There's one more play readings scheduled: May 4th at the Quadra Community Centre from 1:30 - 3:00pm.

All of the plays will be read at the reading.

Whether your favourite play is chosen, or not, the reading may give you a chance to find a character to play in the fall.

Audition dates to follow.

## DI Submissions

- Email: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca)
- Next deadline is May 12th at 7pm

## Disaster Preparedness Expo May 10

Just how prepared are you, and your family, for a major disaster on Quadra?

Saturday, May 10 !

A Very Busy Day On Quadra!

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As soon as you arise, listen for the birds outside your window. Start your list to send to Global Birding Day (details on page 12)

Then off to the Quadra Island Market. Support Island resiliency by buying local!

But before you leave home, put out your unwanted, gently used items at the end of your driveway for the ICAN Free Day!

And now on to the main event, Saturday May 10, 11 am - 3 pm .... The Disaster Preparedness Expo at the Quadra Island Community Centre!

Check out the many displays in the Community Centre parking lot; the Fire Department demonstrating Fire Extinguishers; the QI Emergency Program Ham Radio operators showing you how we will stay in touch with the rest of the world in a major disaster; the Salvation Army food truck providing nourishment for would-be evacuees.

And inside the Community Centre, see how a Reception Centre can help you if you must evacuate your home; learn how to prepare for a disaster; sign up for a short training session on how to use an AED.

And after your busy Quadra Island day stop at the Volunteer Table in the Community Centre to find out how you can join the QI Emergency Program Team, or become a Ham Radio operator, or maybe a volunteer with the QI Fire Department.

See you Saturday May 10, at the Disaster Preparedness Expos, Quadra Community Centre, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (15:00 hours) ... after you have done all that other stuff!

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### Appetizer

**Potato Skins gf (6)**     \$15  
golden skins topped with cheddar and mozza, bacon bits, green onions, tomato, served with salsa and sour cream

**Dry Garlic Ribs gf**     \$15  
.75 pound of seasoned bone in pork ribs fried golden brown, served with fresh lemon

**Nachos gf**     \$17  
layers of corn chips covered with tomatoes, black olives, jalapenos, mozza and cheddar cheese. served with salsa & sour cream.

**Pound of Wings gf**     \$17  
salt & pepper, hot, buffalo, honey garlic, plain, bbq & teriyaki

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**Chef's**     \$16  
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crisp bacon, turkey, cheese, lettuce and tomatoes, mayo, on toasted fresh bread

**Chicken Fingers**  
chicken breast filets fried to golden brown, served with dipping sauce

<b>3 piece</b>	<b>\$12</b>
<b>5 piece</b>	<b>\$16</b>

**7 oz Hamburger**     \$12  
charbroiled beef patty, served with lettuce tomato, mayo and onion

**6 oz Grilled Chicken Burger**     \$12  
grilled chicken breast, served with lettuce tomato, mayo & onion

### On the Side

**baked beans gf**  
**french fries gf**     \$4  
**coleslaw gf**

**onion rings**     \$5

**sweet potato fries gf**     \$6  
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## Way to Go - A Great Way to Go

It seems that even when we are anticipating a death, we are never fully prepared for it when it happens. Just last month, I learned that lesson the hard way.

Although I'd been involved with the Way to Go organization, when my husband Rudi passed away on March 31, my mind went blank. All I knew was that both Rudi and I wanted our bodies to return to the earth in a way that would enable us to give nutrients to nature, completing a seamless circle of life.

The first step in that process, I thought, was to call Margeret Vershur. As it happens, it was the last phone call regarding Rudi's burial that I would have to make.

Margaret and the Way to Go volunteers handled every detail that was required in the bringing Rudi's body home from the Evergreen Seniors Home to his internment in the green burial section of the Quadra Island Cemetery. Truly, Rudi's journey from deathbed to the final resting place was respectful, compassionate, and efficient.

My family and I are incredibly grateful to the many who were involved, but naming names might mean an accidental oversight--you all know who you are and I hope you know our deep appreciation. Way to Go is a reflection of the supportive and loving community that is Quadra; we are grateful to live in such a place.

The Family of Rudi Unterthiner

## Quadra Island - Birding Big Day Part of the 11th annual Global Big Day



### May 10, 2025 A full day of spotting birds on Quadra Island!

The idea is to see and record as many species as possible within the 24 hour period. This is a part of a Global Big Day,

timed for peak spring migration the second Saturday in May in the Northern Hemisphere. The October Big Day, also the second Saturday of the month, gives the Southern Hemisphere a turn to tally their spring migration and for us to participate in autumn birding in our hemisphere. Birders will be busy all over the globe on both days! For now we're focussing on May 10th, Quadra Island (and Global) Birding Big Day.

Last year's event set a world record for bird data collection in a single day. Over 63,000 birders compiled more than 156,000 checklists in 203 countries. 13,581 of these checklists were submitted from Canada! A record 7,847 species were documented. Let's see how many we can come up with on our island!

#### To participate:

- Get out and look for birds!
- Keep a careful list of what you see
- Report your results...

There will be prizes!

You can enter the Quadra event, individually or as teams (maximum 4 participants and counting together).

#### The categories include:

- Backyard Birds - spotted from a single location (within a 10 meter radius, eg. - in your yard)
- Unmotorized - transport limited to foot, bike, horse..... no motors!
- Open - anywhere on Quadra, any form of transportation
- Youth - birders 16 and under
- Bird Photo (or Birder!) - must be taken during this 24 hour period - pictures of birds or of people looking at birds.

#### Photo categories include:

- Smart or cell phone,
- Compact/digital/point-and-shoot/bridge
- Digital SLR & mirrorless

#### How It Works

- no need to pre-register - just get out and look for birds!
- keep a list of the species you see (and correctly identify)
- binoculars and spotting scopes are ok
- birds positively identified by sound may be counted
- no audio lures, please
- for unusual or rare species, please add a few notes of documentation: description of the bird, the location/habitat where it was seen, who else saw it, etc
- this event relies on the honour system - so please be honourable...

#### Reporting Results


- For the Quadra event - send your final list of species and/or photographs to: [kamanry@gmail.com](mailto:kamanry@gmail.com) by May 12th
- Don't forget to mention which category you are entering. We request photos be sent as JPG with an approximate file size of 300-600 K
- For the Global event (optional, but fun!) - post your results to an eBird account (easy and free to create). The eBird link is: [ebird.org/globalbigday](http://ebird.org/globalbigday)

It would be great to have the results posted on the Quadra Birds FB group too...

If you have any questions call Mark or Kathryn at 250-285-2103

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## REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

### Hello!

**Sun and showers for a cascade of May flowers!** This Director's Report is rather brief, an update which shares news from the April 23 Board meeting.

### VILLAGE BAY LAKE PAYPHONE RESEARCH CONTINUES

The loss of the Village Bay Lake payphone is significant for the Village Bay Lake Family Water Society, which represents 75+ recreational property owners who are 'very concerned about the lack of telephone access in the event of an emergency.'

In October the Board supported allocating staff time to report on options for reliable telephone service to the Village Bay Lakes area. The resulting report, received at the April 23 Board meeting, states that "through conversations with Telus it appears the decision to discontinue the payphone service at Village Bay Lakes was undertaken as part of a larger corporate program of service reductions based on economics... and it is unlikely that Telus would be interested in reinstatement of the service without a change in the economic circumstances".

After some discussion, the Board supported staff to continue researching, to determine the costs of reinstating or maintaining a phone service at Village Bay Lake.

### REGIONAL SERVICE REPORTS

I don't always write about reports which have been requested by the Board: it is often months before they are brought back, and the learning is what's included within. However, it may interest residents of Area C that April 23 there were motions for three reports supported by a majority of the Board: a report regarding a Regional Tourism Service; another regarding a Regional Arts and Culture Service; and a third regarding municipalities participation in land use and regional planning. I'll be sure to provide updates on these as the reports are written and returned to the

Board. Visit [srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes/](http://srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes/) to access minutes of previous Board & Committee meetings — these documents include direct links to the staff reports.

### UPCOMING VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

The SRD has received an application for a site-specific rezoning which would, if adopted, permit rural liquor sales and/or a microbrewery accessory to the principal use at Fisherman's Landing Lodge in Cordero Channel. A virtual Public Hearing is scheduled for May 7 at 7pm. The Hearing is being held virtually to make it more accessible for those who live near the remote location to weigh in. Find information and a link to login at this address: [srd.ca/government/land-use-by-law-meetings/](http://srd.ca/government/land-use-by-law-meetings/).

### CONNECT

Thank you for reading. You're welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns: email [RMawhinney@srd.ca](mailto:RMawhinney@srd.ca), or call 250.203.2468. If you'd like to chat in person, you can book an in-person meeting at [calendly.com/robynmaawhinney](http://calendly.com/robynmaawhinney).

Until next time,  
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## Nature is Big Business: Conservation is key economic driver in BC amid global uncertainty

**The resource economy isn't Canada's only trophy. Rising demand for ecotourism makes nature the province's most precious and profitable asset.**

Vancouver, BC — April 24, 2025 — As economic uncertainty continues and political unpredictability rises, British Columbia's greatest asset may well be its super, natural spaces.

According to the Tourism Industry Association of BC (TIABC), the tourism sector — underpinned by nature-based experiences — contributes \$22 billion to the provincial visitor economy.

“Investing in BC's natural ecosystems isn't just good for the environment — it's a sound economic strategy,” said Walt Judas, CEO of TIABC. “Nature supports more jobs and long-term economic value than any other sector in our province.”

“Nature is the foundation for our economic and community wellbeing,” said Tori Ball, Conservation Director at Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society, BC. “Prioritizing conservation and keeping our commitments to protect ecosystems will have guaranteed return for the future of British Columbians.”

Protecting more of the land and waters that underpin the province's prosperity also allows for nature-based tourism to flourish — the cornerstone of a sustainable and resilient provincial economy. The health of this critical resource is essential not just for tourism but also for job creation in rural and urban communities. According to 2023 figures, the BC visitor economy employs more than 126,000 people — that's compared to just over 29,000 jobs created by the mining, oil and gas extraction industry.

“Canada and BC are in a consequential moment. We have the choice to shape the type of province we want to hand to our children,” said Ball. “We know that people want a high quality of life that includes intact ecosystems and protected nature. Keeping Super, Natural BC a viable and enduring asset means sustaining a healthy environment that attracts tourism and supports outdoor recreation.”

From breathtaking wilderness to Indigenous-led eco-tourism, BC's natural beauty is drawing Canadians who are staying closer to home, as well as travelers from around the world who are choosing to re-direct their US vacation plans. Recent trends show a strong uptick in travel bookings across the province. According to a summer travel outlook released by Deloitte Canada, 74% of Canadians plan to travel domestically for their major vacation.

“Canadians are reconnecting with travel at home, and interest in authentic Indigenous experiences is growing,” said Chris Tait, Tourism Manager at Klahoose Wilderness Resort. “Bookings in all our key markets are up this season, including from Europe and the US, with domestic travel within Canada showing the largest increase year-over-year.”

With international tensions continuing to mount, tough decisions lie ahead. Investing in land use planning that will deliver on BC's nature conservation commitments will also protect BC's nature economy — the innovative solution we need in these times to sustain and grow Canada's economy.

### About CPAWS-BC:

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society - British Columbia (CPAWS-BC) is part of one of Canada's oldest non-profit conservation groups. We work to protect wilderness in every corner of BC and deep into the ocean. Working to advocate for BC nature since 1978, we are dedicated to keeping BC's natural environment thriving forever. Nature is BC's best hope.

## Charging ahead: BC Hydro triples its EV fast-charging network size in just one year

VANCOUVER: BC Hydro has hit a major milestone, tripling its electric vehicle (EV) public fast-charging network over the past year to 591 charging ports across B.C., installing an average of more than one port per day.

“B.C. is home to one of the fastest-growing EV communities in North America,” said Adrian Dix, Minister of Energy and Climate Solutions. “With more than 98 per cent of BC Hydro's electricity generated from renewable sources, EV drivers in B.C. are driving the charge toward lower greenhouse gas emissions and a cleaner future. Together with BC Hydro and other partners, we have built one of Canada's largest public EV charging networks to help reduce range anxiety and encourage more British Columbians to make the switch to electric vehicles.”

Since the early 2000s, BC Hydro has been a trailblazer in promoting EV adoption in the province. Leveraging renewable and affordable electricity, the company has enabled EV drivers to cut greenhouse gas emissions by up to 70 per cent and reduce fuel costs by up to 80 per cent compared to gas-powered vehicles. With about 195,000 EVs now on B.C.'s roads, that number is projected to soar to between 700,000 and 900,000 within the next decade.

BC Hydro's new report, *Driving Forward: BC Hydro's EV Charging Progress Report*, highlights its decade-long efforts to build a robust EV charging network across the province. Recent milestones include:

**Network expansion:** In the past year alone, BC Hydro has tripled the size of its public charging network, adding 418 new charging ports.

**State-of-the-art hubs:** Twenty-two new hubs have opened in every region of the province, each featuring 8 to 22 charging ports, to help minimize wait times for drivers.

**Next-gen fast chargers:** BC Hydro deployed new 350-kilowatt chargers at some locations, capable of delivering up to 100 kilometers of range in just five minutes.

**Boosted power output:** The network's power output surged from 10 megawatts in April 2024 to 41 megawatts by March 2025. About 85 per cent of charging ports are fast chargers and the network supports CCS, NACS and CHAdeMO connectors.

**Recognized for excellence:** BC Hydro is among six public EV charging network providers in North America top-rated by ChargeHub for its excellence.

**Completion of the Electric Highway:** With fast chargers placed about every 150 kilometers along major routes, the Government of B.C. completed the Electric Highway in September 2024. BC Hydro operates 111 of the highway's 155 charging locations, making up more than 70 per cent of the network.

“At BC Hydro, we're proud to be a key partner with our customers as leaders in North American EV adoption,” said Chris O'Riley, President and CEO of BC Hydro. “We are paving the way to a cleaner, more sustainable and convenient transportation future for British Columbians through investments in infrastructure, technology and partnerships.”

Looking ahead, BC Hydro will continue to foster B.C.'s leadership in enabling the EV experience:

By spring 2026, BC Hydro aims to expand its charging network to 800 ports.

This year, BC Hydro will debut its first 400-kilowatt chargers, offering 100 kilometers of range in just three minutes.



## Meet Our Young Musician!

**Jack Campbell is not your typical 22-year-old.**

The first thing he will tell you about himself is that he is deeply grateful for the people and opportunities that have allowed him to be where he is today. Jack is the Youth Musician at this year's Quadra Island

Festival of Chamber Music, and while notable, that does not begin to show you how unique he is. If you have read his biography on the chamber music website [quadrafestival.ca](http://quadrafestival.ca) you know that he has quite a collection of feathers in his cap and has performed or collaborated on many events in many countries: France, England, Switzerland, Germany, the U.S and Canada.

Like most musicians, Jack found his passion for violin at an early age. Music was a constant in his life as he grew up, surrounded by a family who sang and imparted an appreciation for the positivity and joy music brings. While in high school he started composing music and came to the realization that he wanted to be a professional violinist. He received several scholarships to UBC which enabled him to pursue his passion and he continues to study privately with artists he admires.

Jack strongly believes in the natural union of dance and music, both being intrinsically connected to humanity's historic-, ancient-, spiritual-, and social groups. He and his friend, Antony Knight (composer, creator, choreographer and performer), collaborated for a few years to produce "a piece for a quartet of modern ballet dancers working in structured improvisation and a quintet of classical instrumentalists working from a strictly notated score" to create a work they call *Absence and Creation*.

An entire performance concept, the Enigma Project, was birthed over a 5 year span of touring in Canada and Europe. A multi-disciplinary approach created at Bletchley Park, England, devised a way to compose

music based upon the Enigma encryption and numbers. (Codebreakers at Bletchley Park famously broke the Nazi radio codes during WWII. It was referred to as the Enigma Project.) Jack felt that a fusion of music, science, and math could be used to create pieces that link "the perils of history and culture" in a positive way. The resulting compilation is currently being performed by Jack at cities across Canada and will soon be performed in the UK and across Europe.

While these two major projects would be a complete resume' in themselves, the performance of which Jack is most proud took place September, 2024, at the opening of the United Nations Summit of the Future. The summit focused on how minority groups around the world make sure their voices are heard through political, activist, social, and scientific channels. Jack was the only musician there and his program included both modern and traditional pieces from every continent – "except Antarctica. I couldn't make a sound like a penguin."

Jack feels it is of paramount importance that the classical music community embrace the creation of works that are relevant to today's world and the problems it faces. In his opinion, "artists cannot have their heads in the sand... imagination also needs to...include our current reality." He feels musicians are obligated to help make others aware of the needs of the earth and its people.



Jack's final comment: "I consider myself a very, very lucky person."

You can enjoy seeing and hearing Jack's performance on his 1897 English violin (created by a French luthier) on Monday, June 23, at 7 pm in the Quadra Island Community Centre. He will be performing a short violin suite of his own composition, and also a solo caprice by Canadian Sophie Carmen Eckhardt-Gramatte'.

The Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music will be held on Quadra June 23-27, 2025.

Tickets are \$25 and available on Quadra at Inspirations in Quathiaski Cove or Copper Coast in Heriot Bay. Tickets are also available online at [quadrafestival.ca](http://quadrafestival.ca). Children 12 and under are free with an adult so bring your little ones to be inspired by our young musician!

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## Quadra Philippines Connection News!

The following words of gratitude and wise inspiration come from Analiza Macad, a young student from the Cordillera area of the northern Philippines. Quadra Islanders have supporting the education of Analiza for the past many years through a portion of the proceeds from the annual Giant Garage Sale. As she nears the end of her current school year, she shares with us her recent experience and aspirations.

### Dear Sponsors at Quadra Island Community,

I hope that this message reaches you in good health and happiness and that you are doing well in Canada. Your kindness and generosity have been a beacon of hope in my life and I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to share my journey with you. Every step of my academic path has been shaped by your belief in me and I carry that inspiration with pride and gratitude.

My aspiration is to become an educator who not only teaches but also inspires young minds to dream big and believe in themselves. Growing up I was fortunate to have teachers who nurtured my curiosity and encouraged me to strive for excellence, even during challenging times. Their dedication left a deep impression on me, and I have always wanted to pay it forward by becoming that same source of guidance and encouragement for others.

In the next 5 to 10 years, I see myself as a teacher making a difference in the lives of my students, particularly in communities where access to quality education is limited. I dream of creating a learning environment where students feel valued, understood and empowered to overcome their struggles. Beyond the classroom, I hope to implement programs that encourage students to explore their talents and potential, helping them grow into confident individuals who can create positive change in their own communities.

My academic journey has been fraught with challenges, but each difficulty has taught me valuable lessons. Financial constraints often loomed large, and balancing family responsibilities with my studies tested my resilience. There were times when self doubt clouded my vision, yet I knew that every challenge I face would strengthen my character and prepare me for the road ahead.

Through these trials, I found strength in the encouragement of my family, auntie and uncle. My faith also played a crucial role in keeping me grounded and hopeful during tough times. Small victories and moments of kindness reminded me to keep pushing forward, and your support became a constant source of motivation that carried me through even the darkest days.

Growing up in La Trinidad, I have always taken pride in my heritage. Our community is rich with traditions that celebrate unity and hard work. One of my fondest memories is the annual strawberry festival, where we come together to honor the land and its bounty. These experiences have taught me the value of perseverance, humility and gratitude, values that I carry with me every day.

To my fellow students who are still on their academic journey, I want to say that every challenge you face is an opportunity to grow and learn. Stay focused on your dream, hold onto hope and surround yourself with those who believe in you. The road may be difficult, but it will lead you to a destination worth every step.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for your kindness and generosity. Your belief in me has been a guiding light, inspiring me to work hard. With the opportunities you have given me, I strive to make a positive impact in the world. Your support, my dear sponsors, has changed my life!

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# Unexpected Death and the BC Coroner Service



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in place, all deaths are treated as unexpected, and the first step is to call 911. This connects you with BC Emergency Health Services, who coordinate the response from ambulance, police, and fire.

Firefighters are often the first to arrive on the scene. They manage the situation and provide first aid, CPR, and other life-saving interventions while waiting for paramedics. When paramedics arrive, they assess the person's condition, offer emergency care and, if needed, arrange transport to a medical facility. If the person is clearly deceased or resuscitation efforts are unsuccessful, they'll notify the RCMP. When possible, the paramedics will remain with the body until the RCMP arrive.

When the RCMP arrive, they'll contact the local coroner and begin gathering medical and background information from family or others at the scene. The coroner will then determine whether they need to travel to the island to conduct an in-person investigation, or if the situation can be assessed remotely, with the RCMP assisting on-site.

If the death appears to be natural and someone is present to take responsibility for the body, the coroner will recommend the family contact a funeral home, and the RCMP will step back.

If the circumstances are unclear, suspicious, or more complex, the case is handed over to an investigative coroner. In consultation with the person's doctor and other healthcare

providers, and through a review of medical records, they work to determine or confirm the cause of death. Again, if the cause of death becomes apparent and someone is available to take responsibility, the coroner will direct the family to contact a funeral home, and the RCMP—if still present—will leave the scene.

However, if the cause of death remains unclear, or if no one is available to take responsibility for the body, the coroner will take possession. They will arrange for the body to be transported to the nearest hospital morgue with available space—which may be as far away as Nanaimo. In the meantime, the RCMP may remain until the transport team has removed the body. In some cases, the RCMP will secure the home and leave the body unattended, maintaining contact with the transfer team.

If the coroner determines an autopsy is required, they will arrange for it—typically in Victoria, though sometimes in Vancouver or the Lower Mainland. Once the procedure is complete, the body will be returned to the hospital morgue it was originally taken from. This process can take some time. If the cause of death is clearly identified during the autopsy, the family will be informed relatively quickly. However, if the initial findings are inconclusive, it may take a year or two for the final report to be completed and shared with the family.

Autopsies are medical procedures focused on discovering the cause of death, and as such, they can be quite invasive. The priority is understanding what happened, rather than preserving the appearance of the body. Incisions are made, and while the body is respectfully handled, it is often not restored in the way a family might hope.

If there will be a viewing, involving a funeral home can make a significant difference. They

can take the time to gently clean and care for the body, re-stitch incisions more carefully, and, if appropriate, offer embalming. They can also help prepare the family for what to expect. A compassionate funeral home can help ensure this part of the journey feels as dignified and supported as possible. When deaths are sudden, spending time with the body of the deceased can be particularly helpful.

While each procedure follows standard provincial protocols and can be difficult no matter where you are, they can feel especially hard in a rural setting like ours, where services are limited and response times can be long. It may take hours for a transport team to reach the island. Saying goodbye as a loved one is taken away in a body bag can be deeply painful. When no one is present to take responsibility for the body, communication may be delayed—both in understanding what has happened and in learning where your loved one has been taken. In some cases, a body may need to remain in the home overnight, which can be distressing, until a funeral home is able to attend.

The BC Emergency Health Services, RCMP, and BC Coroner Service all do their best to carry out their roles with care. But these systems are stretched, and families are often bewildered and caught in the gaps. This article is based on the best information I've been able to gather as it currently relates to Quadra Island, in an ever-changing landscape. Most importantly, know that you don't have to go through this alone. These situations are not ones a grieving family should have to navigate without support. Please don't hesitate to reach out to Way To Go—we're here to help.

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## Emergency Preparedness Week Local Events

Campbell River, BC - The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) encourages community members to take part in Emergency Preparedness Week from May 4 to 10, 2025. Emergency Preparedness Week is a national awareness initiative and an opportunity for you to take action to ensure you're prepared to protect yourself, your family and your community during an emergency. This year, the SRD is offering community free first aid certification courses to provide residents in the regional district with the knowledge and skills in order to better offer immediate care to someone who is injured or ill.

"When faced with a sudden medical emergency or accident, people with first aid training are better equipped to take charge of a situation to help prevent a deterioration in the condition of the person affected. For patients, this can mean the difference between a shorter or longer recovery time. First aid training makes everyone more confident and comfortable during an unfortunate situation" said SRD Chair Mark Baker.

Additionally, a Disaster Preparedness Expo will be hosted on Quadra Island. The Disaster Preparedness Expo is a fun way to build community resilience and get your family better prepared for a disaster. Attendees can connect with a variety of different organizations involved in disaster preparedness and response.

**Local events on the Discovery Islands include:** Saturday May 3rd & Sunday May 4th, 9 am - 6 pm, Cortes Island Gorge Hall, Intermediate (Standard) First Aid certification course and Saturday May 10th, 11 am - 3pm, Quadra Island Community Centre, Disaster Preparedness Expo

## New Paper Reveals Extent of Crime in Canadian Sea Cucumber Fisheries

**A new research paper by the OceansAsia Research Team reveals the extent of sea cucumber fisheries.** The paper, entitled "Characterizing Canadian sea cucumber fisheries: history, regulation, and compliance," was published in the 2025 issue of the Pacific Community (SPC) Beche-de-mer Information Bulletin.

Sea cucumbers play important roles in marine ecosystems and are sometimes referred to as the earthworms of the sea. While these marine invertebrates are often forgotten in conversations around wildlife crime, they are highly valuable and targeted for poaching globally. A lack of attention on the part of the authorities, media, and the public leaves these animals vulnerable to organized criminal activities and overfishing.

The paper explores the history, regulation, and criminal activity within Canadian sea cucumber fisheries using data from media, legal cases, and law enforcement records between 2015 and 2022. Through this approach, researchers identified 22 cases from law enforcement records, one case from court records, and one case from news media stories. Most cases involved administrative violations like misreporting, with only a few instances of illegal fishing or quota overruns. The majority of cases occurred in British Columbia, with a peak in 2017. Legal case reviews revealed only one directly relevant case, R. v. Zhu, which involved illegal harvesting using prohibited gear, but the overall legal action has been minimal.

It is noteworthy that the paper was written prior to the recent case involving BC resident Scott Stanley Matthew Steer, who was recently found guilty on six counts relating to his illegal harvesting and selling of sea cucumbers in BC waters. The authors are available to speak to this case, sentencing is scheduled for May 1st and 2nd, 2025.

The authors concluded that when compared to case studies in other jurisdictions, crime in the Canadian sea cucumber fishery is of a lower scale and severity, and receives less media attention. The new paper fills an important and large gap in our understanding of marine wildlife crime targeting sea cucumbers in Canada, and provides context on the global trade, risks of illegal fishing, and Canada's regulatory landscape as it pertains to sea cucumbers.

"Conserving sea cucumbers is ecologically critical as they provide central ecosystem services similar to earthworms for seabeds and are an important part of marine food webs," said Felix P.C. Morrow, Memorial University Master's Student and OceansAsia Researcher, and lead author of the paper. "Proactive conservation measures are important as sea cucumber populations are very slow to recover their populations once depleted." "Around the world, illegal sea cucumber fishing has had a devastating impact on populations of this important marine invertebrate," said Teale N. Phelps Bondaroff, Director of OceansAsia and co-author of the paper. "Illegal fishing undermines conservation efforts, destroys wildlife populations and ecosystems, hurts legal fishers, robs potential tax dollars from governments, undermines good governance and social order, and fuels organized crime."

The paper adds to the OceansAsia's Research Team's growing body of work exploring crime in sea cucumber fisheries around the world, which includes articles on the phenomenon in India and Sri Lanka, and Mexico, and a recent book chapter exploring the issues more broadly.

"While it was reassuring to find that crime is less prevalent in Canadian sea cucumber fisheries as compared with some of the other fisheries our team has examined, this should not fuel complacency," said Phelps Bondaroff.

**Disclosure:** The work is funded by supporters of OceansAsia.



## Oceans Day Beach Clean-Up

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The Comox Strathcona Waste Management (CSWM) service and the Quadra Island Beach Clean Dream Team are hosting a beach clean-up event for residents who have collected beach debris.

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## Globalization - Part 2

**The wide-ranging application of tariffs by the United States, imposed unilaterally by President Donald Trump, will radically restructure 80 years of international trade** that was engineered by the Bretton Woods Agreement following the end of World War II. Trump's actions will have a plethora of consequences, but the economic strategy is "madness", a term used by Justin Wolfers, a Professor of Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan (The Cost of Living, CBC Radio, April 6, 2025).

"Trump comes from the world of real estate," explains Professor Wolfers. "He thinks that business is pure competition. I win, you lose. If the price is fixed, a loss on you is a win for me—this is a zero-sum mentality. The problem with this is that it fails to understand the basic principle of economics. Economics is basically about cooperation, so we can do things more efficiently."

If Trump's goal is to make the U.S. more self-sufficient, explains Professor Wolfers, there may be a military advantage—for which North Korea is a perfect example. But this would deny Americans the rich diversity of products that are available to them from the rest of the world.

According to Professor Wolfers, Trump sees a trade deficit as a subsidy that can be fixed with tariffs, but this is "crazy". It would be like going to buy food at your local supermarket and then declaring that you have an unfair trade deficit with it because it has your money. Such an attitude completely misses the cooperation that goes into the production, processing and distribution of food.

Consider a bag of flour. Without the cooperation of trade, we would each have to grow our own wheat, harvest it, grind it, and store it safely until needed throughout the year. The reason we can buy the flour at an affordable price is because of the network of agreements that exist between the farmers, the builders of their tractors, the truckers, the millers, the packagers, and those who constructed the supermarket and run the generation stations that provide the electricity for the lights, freezers and cash registers. And all this is supported by those who have made the trucks, built and maintained the highways, produced the necessary fuel, operated the ferries, and manufactured the lumber for

the farmer's house so he has a place to live while growing the wheat. An economy, in other words, is a complexity of interrelationships that benefits all participants, and it only works when founded on cooperation and trust. Trade is sharing resources for everyone's gain, and the more we trade the more we gain as we build efficiencies and economies of scale. Trade gets us computers, the internet, coffee, tea—and provides us with bananas, avocados, mangos, and a convenient bag of flour throughout the year.

Many economists are skeptical about the benefits of tariffs because they impair trade. History has confirmed that trade benefits everyone who participates. Indeed, it's one of the first transactions that occurs when one culture meets another. And the fairer the negotiated agreements, the greater the benefits. America has, as much as any country, benefited from the Bretton Woods Agreement that globalized trade, communication, technology, diplomacy, governance and human values. The Agreement has not, as yet, produced the perfect world order, but it's far better than the alternative of isolated and individual countries struggling against each other to survive, which was the recipe for creating two world wars.

Trump's tariffs are essentially regressive, and wholly incompatible with the values and workings of the modern world. Which raises the issue about America's trade deficit with other countries, and Trump's rationale for imposing tariffs on their goods. The obvious explanation is that the superiority of America's industrial and technological capabilities is being challenged, so unless it finds a new way to lead the world into the 21st century it will continue to experience the sunset on its economic and political dominance since the Bretton Woods Agreement at the end of World War II.

The restructuring of global economic, political and military forces are serious and disquieting enough, but the unfolding disaster that needs the attention of the worldwide community is global climate change. Without the concerted and coordinated effort of all countries working co-operative and strategically, the likelihood of an environmental Armageddon is increased. Significantly, because of Trump, America has withdrawn from the very international organizations that we need to combat an environmental and humanitarian crisis.

We live together as a human species on Spaceship Earth, and we have reached a time in history when we must understand and accept that reverting to the fractured schisms of tribal chaos will be a disaster for the diversity of life on our planet, including ourselves. We cannot live together without cooperation, and we cannot have cooperation without trust. If we abandon these two guiding principles of civilized human behaviour, then we can be almost certain that the future will be considerably worse than even the worst of the present.

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	09:12	3.85	12.6
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