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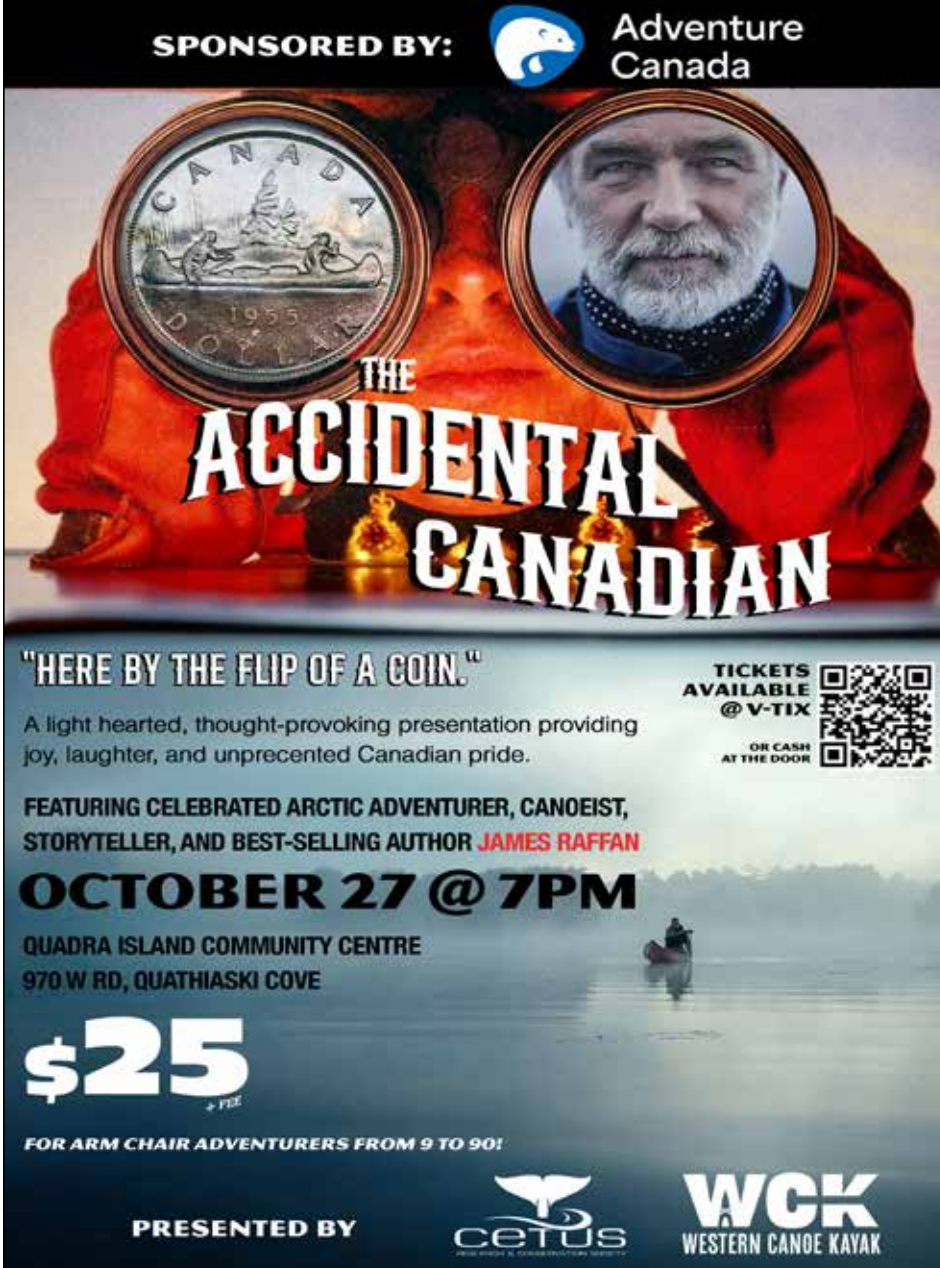
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Provincial All-Candidates Debate

The Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce, the Campbell River Mirror and the Tidemark Theatre Society are co-hosting a debate for all candidates running in the BC Provincial Election October 24th.

Provincial Election — All Candidate Debate
Tidemark Theatre

Friday, October 16, 2026

7:00 to 9:00pm

Doors open at 6:30pm

The public is invited to attend in-person at the Tidemark Theatre — seating is on a first come first serve basis — or watch the LIVE stream on the Tidemark Theatre website — or watch the recording the next day on the Campbell River & District Chamber's YouTube channel.

NOTE: — the 3rd Councillor debate will be available to view on the Campbell River & District Chamber's YouTube Channel.

<https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2026-general-local-elections/>

We thank all the individuals standing for election and for their courage and commitment to our community — this is democracy in action!

NEXT DI DEADLINE
Monday,
October 26
at 7pm



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Day to Day

Friday, October 16

- Live music with Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan, HBI Pub 8-10pm

Saturday, October 17

- General Voting Day, see details SRD notices pages 9-10, 13-14
- Quadra Concerts presents: Raagaverse with Strings: QCC, 7:30 pm dets pg. 22

Monday, October 19

- Way to Go mtg., QCC Rm. 3, at 3 pm.

Friday, October 23

- Live music with Tillers Folly, HBI Herons, 7:30pm
- Live music with Overboard, HBI Pub 8pm - 12am

Tuesday, October 27

- The Accidental Canadian, QCC 7pm, \$25

Saturday, October 31

- Live music with Adham Shaikh & Pom Poko, Quadra Legion, 9pm, \$20 adv, \$25 door



What's Happening at QCC October 16-30

Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR community!

THIS WEEKEND: October 16 - 18

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Mens Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group

SATURDAY: 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 7:30 Cultural Concerts - Raagaverse

SUNDAY: 10 Maker Bee; 3 Dementia Talk - Quadra Circle

THIS WEEK: October 19 - 23

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Feldenkrais Awareness; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 1:30 Way To Go; 4 Sewing Cloths for Teens & Tweens; 5:15 Restorative Yoga; 5:30 All Ages Games Night; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 9:30 Pilates Mat; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2:30 Rec and Sports with Dave - Quadra School Gym; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Polaris Law Clinic; 12 Wednesday LUNCH; 1 Mosaics; 3 Art IN Nature; 3 Ping Pong; 4 Intermediate Basketball with Dave - Quadra School Gym

THURSDAY: 8 SLUG CLUB; 9:30 Pilates Mat; 10 Parents and Tots DANCE with KATE; 3 Sew Much Fun!; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 6 Floor Hockey for Kids - Quadra School; 6:45 Quadra Singers; 7 Adult Drop In Floor Hockey - Quadra School

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Mens Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group; 7:45 Friday Flicks - The Presidents Cake

NEXT WEEKEND: October 24 - 25

SATURDAY: 8 Provincial Election; 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 12 Fascia Release Workshop

NEXT WEEK: October 26 - 30

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Feldenkrais Awareness; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 4 Sewing Cloths for Teens & Tweens; 5:30 Restorative Yoga; 7 Photography Club; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 8:30 Quadra Quilters Guild - Quilting B; 2:30 Good Grief Support Group - Quadra Circle; 2:30 Rec and Sports with Dave - Quadra Elementary Gym; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7 James Raffan Presentation; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Polaris Law Clinic; 12 Wednesday LUNCH; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 3 Art IN Nature for KIDS; 4 Intermediate Basketball with Dave - Quadra School Gym; 5:40 Warm Flow Yoga

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Go to our website www.quadrarec.bc.ca to view the latest Rec Guide, OR navigate to REC DESK to register for kid's programs or see what's happening each day on the community calendar. <https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar> Click on the calendar for more details! Phone the

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, October 26
for publication on
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Roots & Neighbours- Quadra Island Housing News

**There has been plenty of laughter,
friendly competition and good
company at Quadra Island Seniors
Housing recently!**

Residents gathered in the
lounge for a fun-filled Bingo
Evening, complete with prizes
and lots of cheering. Whether
residents were playing to win or
simply enjoying the company,
the evening was a wonderful
opportunity to get together and
share some laughs.

Taking advantage of the beautiful
fall weather, residents also
enjoyed an Outdoor Games
Afternoon, with croquet, bean
bag toss, bocce and Yardatztee.
There was a little friendly
competition, but mostly there
were smiles, conversation
and plenty of encouragement
between neighbours.

Activities like these are an
important part of life at Quadra
Island Seniors Housing. They give
residents opportunities to get
out, connect with one another
and build friendships. Games can
provide gentle physical activity
while also encouraging balance,

coordination, concentration
and mental stimulation. Just as
importantly, getting together
socially helps combat loneliness
and creates a stronger sense of
belonging.

For many seniors, having
neighbours to laugh with, share
an activity with or simply sit
and chat with can make a real
difference in their quality of life.
These gatherings help create
the kind of community where
residents look out for one
another and enjoy spending time
together.

At Quadra Island Seniors
Housing, we know that good
senior housing is about more
than providing a safe and
affordable place to live. It is also
about creating opportunities for
connection, friendship, activity
and fun.

A big thank you to everyone who
helped organize these activities
and to all the residents who
came out and made them such a
success. We are already looking
forward to the next opportunity
to get together!

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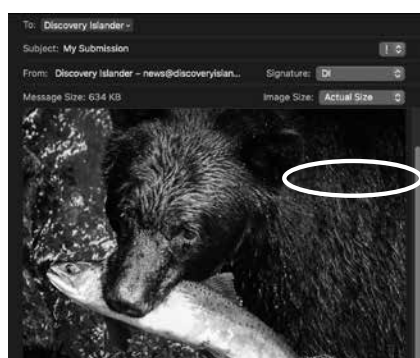
Calling All Artists!

The Quadra Island Studio Tour committee would like to invite you to an information session on **Sunday, October 25th from 4:30-5:30 in room 3 of the community centre.** Whether or not you are new or a veteran, come to get information and ask questions about the 2027 tour in June. Refreshments will be served.

Open AA Meetings

MONDAY AND FRIDAY nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone welcome!

Sending a Photo to the DI?



Please make sure it comes with enough pixels!

1600 x 1200 pixels is a good target and please send as a separate file, not inserted into a Word doc - thank you

Way to Go

Join us on Mon. Oct. 19, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing; presentation by Anna Byrne sharing her book about death care by family, friends & community; discussion; and business. \$2. Next meeting Nov 16.

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

As we move from a beautiful autumn into some rain, here are the upcoming events:
21 Oct, Wednesday – Hike to Rousseau Ridge
25 Oct, Sunday – Winter Planning Meeting and Social

The details for these events can be found at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2026/>

The end of October brings our “summer” season to a close and we hold our winter planning meeting. We will be planning hiking, snowshoeing, possibly kayaking and camping trips. The “winter” season lasts until the end of April, so it includes quite a bit of spring opportunities. We are looking forward to this quieter, less busy time on Quadra which still offers lots of great destinations. After the planning segment, we will have a potluck dinner and social. If you cannot attend the meeting, you are more than welcome to send your trip suggestions by mail to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com.

Quadra Legion Events

• We are pleased to announce the kitchen is now open! We want to welcome Chef Kevin Lancaster of Salt & Cedar Kitchen & Catering! He brings a passion for flavourful food, creativity and community to every culinary experience. His approach celebrates good food, quality ingredients and the connections made around the table. He is with opening Friday & Saturdays at 5pm. Families with children are welcome to dine in the hall. See you at the Legion!

- Monday nights-Pool Tournaments 8pm
- Tuesday nights- Crib Tournaments 7pm
- Wednesday nights-Texas Hold'em Poker, New time 7pm
- Saturday nights-Meat Draws 5-6:30pm
- You can purchase Raven Bingo Cards at the Legion & we stream the bingo game Wednesdays at 7pm, if you would like to join us
- Oct. 31st 9pm Haunted Glow Forest Halloween Party with Adham Shaikh & Pom Poko and other DJs Tickets on sale now at the Legion, Inspirations & The Clove, \$20 or \$25 at the door
- Sun. Nov. 1st 4pm Jigsaw puzzle competition. Teams of up to 4, \$80 per team. Keltilynne14@outlook.com
- Thurs. Nov. 12th McMillan Camp Town Boys & Remi Dean (details coming soon)
- Sat. Nov. 21st 8pm, That Is! Excellent new local band! \$10
- **The Quadra Legion is preparing for the upcoming Poppy campaign/Remembrance Day ceremony.** If you would like to order a wreath, please do so before Oct. 19th or if you are interested in helping, please contact Laurie or Bob Hartley @285-2266

*Our annual Remembrance Day Service will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 154 on Wednesday, November 11th, 2026. Please be seated by 10:45 am sharp. Everyone is welcome! The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a luncheon following the service.

*Next General Meeting Mon. Oct. 19th 7pm

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We can help with things like:

- Email: Sending, finding, and organizing messages
- Photos: Saving, sharing, and backing them up
- Windows 11: Getting comfortable with the new system
- Passwords and online safety: Managing passwords and staying safe from scams
- And more: Anything else that's been puzzling or frustrating you

Cost: Free!

To book a one-on-one session, email Grant at digitalsupport@quadraliteracy.com. Let him know briefly what you'd like help with and which device you use. That way, he can come prepared.

No question is too small. If it's been frustrating you, it's worth asking about!

Drop-in Mini-Workshops Are Back, Too!

Grant will also host free drop-in mini-workshops following Community Lunch, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The workshops will take place in the upstairs room of the Community Centre, beginning October 21 with Facebook and Your Privacy: Simple Steps to Take Control.

Some workshops will focus specifically on Android or Apple devices, and participants will be invited to bring their own devices to follow along and practise.

There's no need to book—just drop in! The workshops are free, and everyone is welcome.

We look forward to seeing you again.

List Your Event

Email news@discoveryislands.ca

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Bring it to our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd

Quadra Island Cemetery Update

Please take a few minutes here to see what has been going on in regard to Quadra's Memorial Grounds this past few months.

First and foremost a tribute to two wonderful Quadra residents and volunteers, Alf and Ruth Williamson. They have both been very involved with the QI Cemetery for many years with Alf serving on the Board for over 25 years and Ruth contributing many volunteer hours in the Cemetery garden, watering, planting, weeding, and designing. Alf has shared his skills and life experience at Board meetings and at the Cemetery where he is an indefatigable worker and reliable member of the team that ensures each burial proceeds in a dignified, efficient manner. As Ruth and Alf close the Quadra chapter of their life together and prepare to move to Courtenay, we wish them well and thank them very, very much for their devoted service to our Island's cemetery.

In May of this year a few dozen people gathered at the cemetery for "A Walk in the Memorial Park". They witnessed the unveiling of the Natural Burial Memorial which now provides a prominent place to memorialize those interred in the Natural Burial section at the south end of the cemetery. Headstones and permanent grave markers are not permitted in natural burial as the goal is for the area to naturalize over time and blend into the forest. You can learn more about Natural Burial, Traditional Burial, and Cremation Burial on our website.

As the season is now well underway it is time for the annual fall clean up:

Saturday, November 7 from 10 am – 12 noon
VOLUNTEERS WELCOME (Bring gloves, and if possible a leaf rake)

Anyone who has placed in the cemetery, vases, mementoes, or keepsakes that they would like to keep, please come and get them before the 7th. All items that are removed by our volunteer crew will be held in storage until next year.

The Quadra Island Cemetery Board includes Grant Hayden (Chair), Ian MacPhee (Treas.), Vic Gladish (Sec.), John Arnold, Tom Vaniderstine, Denise Chisholm, Jeff Dubois, and Gary Krook.

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The Accidental Canadian

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Doors: 6:30pm, Show: 7:00pm, \$25.

Quadra Island Community Centre

Celebrated Arctic Adventurer, Storyteller and Bestselling Author, James Raffan entertains with a light-hearted yet thought-provoking presentation called "The Accidental Canadian".

The show title was derived from the simple toss of a coin by his British parents when they were indecisive about which country they would immigrate to after WWII - S. Africa or Canada. James (and his 3 sisters) suddenly became 'Accidental Canadians'.

Dr. James Raffan is a cultural geographer and writer who has produced more than 20 books including many best sellers. He has been recognized with nominations and awards including the Queens Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals and Canada's Meritorious Service Medal for his foundational work in bringing the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough Ontario onto the national stage.

"The Accidental Canadian" is filled with 'flashy' visuals, whimsical stories, and original songs performed live. It's a two-hour presentation providing laughter, joy, tears and an unprecedented sense of Canadian pride.

His message to Canadians, "stand strong and together to protect the wild places and the integrity of the people he bore witness to, through his lifetime of travel and scribing"

Ages 9+



Acclaimed Singer-Songwriters Adam Beattie And Fiona Bevan on Double Headline Tour

Acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter Adam Beattie 'Uplifting Reveries Of Love' (Mojo Magazine) and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Fiona Bevan 'Startling odysseys' (The Guardian) embark on a double headline tour in celebration of their new music releases.

Adam will be performing songs from his brand new album Home Fires Burning; a homespun epic which explores family, legacy and belonging. Adam writes melodies inspired by the traditional fiddle tunes of his childhood, played on finger-picked acoustic guitar. The album has been receiving critical acclaim since it's release on 2nd May this year.

Fiona will be performing songs from her EP 'Here Now Yes', a set of brand new songs exploring hope, love and female desire against

a political backdrop. Fiona writes otherworldly melodies on piano and unique guitar tunings.

Fiona and Adam play at the Heriot Bay inn on Friday October 16 and in Campbell River at the Trinity Church on Saturday October 17.



Raise Your Voice In Glorious Song!

Fall Term: September 14th - December 7th; Every Monday from 1:00 -2:30 at the Quadra Community Centre.

Sing For Pure Joy! is a safe, non-judgmental Song Circle where every voice is welcome. No experience needed. When you sing with a group of people, you learn to subsume yourself into a group consciousness because a cappella singing is all about the immersion of self into community. To stop being 'me' for a little while, and to become 'us.' For most of human history people sang together, and it wasn't seen as a competition; it was a joyful communal experience. Raise your voice in splendid song with heart-felt melodies, soulful gospel songs and rousing spirituals, meditative chants, luscious layered song and robust rounds from all around this glorious Earth! Songs from the sublime to the ridiculous!

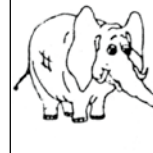
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Moonrise Rock Opera

Moonrise Rock Opera is a creative re-telling of ancient Celtic myths providing insight and encouragement to us humans as we find our ways in the wilderness of our present times. The original music, poetic storytelling, and puppetry will awaken imaginations to the wild, wondrous and magical worlds within and around.

The themes in Moonrise explore topics of ecological desecration, social injustices and the psychological distresses of a fraying social fabric. Themes also include overcoming and healing the wounds of imposed gender norms. The protagonist is a queer, gender-fluid being, as are many of the characters that help them find their way. We believe the protagonist's journey is a story that can resonate with all who are seeking self-discovery and discovery of one's place in a web of interconnectedness.

After the play, audience members are invited to gather in a circle for a time of reflection, integration and digestion 'post-trip'. This will be a space for audience members to share about their experiences of the play and to explore reflections and questions with each other and members of Moonrise. The space will be gently facilitated and will include grounding practices and perhaps a soothing lullaby or two.

**Sunday Nov 29 - Quadra Island
Quadra Community Centre**

Doors 2:30 pm, show 3 pm

Debrief Circle with Cast and Crew- 4:30- 5:30

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Raagaverse with Strings: A One-of-a-Kind Musical Creation Comes to Quadra

Saturday, October 17 · 7:30 p.m. · Quadra Island Community Centre

What happens when the ancient melodic traditions of Hindustani classical music meet jazz improvisation—and then both are opened up to the sweeping possibilities of a string quartet?

Quadra Concerts invites island audiences to find out on Saturday, October 17, when Raagaverse with Strings takes the stage at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Led by vocalist, composer and educator Shruti Ramani, Raagaverse is a JUNO-nominated Indo-Jazz ensemble that brings together the

simple fusion of them. The result can be lyrical, rhythmically intricate, spacious, explosive and deeply improvisational—music that asks the musicians to listen closely to one another and respond in the moment.

That makes this performance especially fitting for Quadra Concerts' 2026/27 season, which has been built around artistic discovery and the idea that a concert can be more than a performance. The series seeks out artists willing to take creative risks and gives



musical language of Hindustani classical music with contemporary jazz, improvisation and composition.

But there is something particularly special about this performance.

"With Strings" is the first commission undertaken by Quadra Concerts.

Quadra Concerts asked Shruti Ramani to create something new: arrangements for a string quartet that would accompany and expand the core Raagaverse quartet. The result is an extraordinary eight-musician ensemble, bringing together voice, piano, bass and drums with two violins, viola and cello.

The string quartet features Meredith Bates and Joshua Zubot on violin, Parmela Attariwala on viola, and Marina Hasselberg on cello—four of Canada's remarkable contemporary string players.

At the centre of Raagaverse is a conversation between musical traditions rather than a

audiences the opportunity to encounter ambitious work in an intimate setting.

And this time, Quadra is not just the place where the music is being performed. Quadra is part of the reason this music exists.

On October 17, eight extraordinary musicians will take the stage to perform a musical creation commissioned specifically for this concert. For anyone curious about where Hindustani classical music, jazz improvisation and contemporary chamber music might meet, this is an opportunity to hear that meeting happen in real time.

Raagaverse with Strings

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Quadra Island Community Centre

Doors: 6:45 p.m. · Show: 7:30 p.m.

Get your tickets through www.quadraconcerts.ca, Aroma Cove Cafe, Inspirations on Quadra, Copper Coast Gallery & Gifts

A Conversation About the Cove's Future

Having a thoughtful, logical conversation on Facebook can be challenging. Emotions often take over, and anonymity can make it easier to say things we might not say face-to-face.

This spring, I spoke with my customers about my hopes for the Co-op. Once established, we may eventually need a larger space. With only three commercial properties left in the Cove, two currently for sale, I mentioned the green space near the bank as a future option. We also discussed whether the Community Centre might eventually offer a suitable location for the Market as it continues to grow. These were ideas for discussion, not plans or proposals.

Somehow, this became the assumption that the Co-op planned to build by the bank and force the Market out. This misunderstanding became even more apparent in the responses to my August Facebook post, which had a different purpose.

After eight years of watching the Market grow and visitor numbers increase, I have witnessed too many near misses and unsafe parking situations. I wanted to explore practical solutions for parking and visitor safety, along with long-term options that could support the Market and the Cove's small businesses.

Unfortunately, the discussion shifted from finding solutions to accusations that the Co-op intended to displace the Market. I was disappointed that assumptions about my long-term hopes overshadowed the safety concerns that prompted the conversation.

Let me clarify three things.

First, the Co-op's long-term vision would involve a multi-million-dollar project. Financing and planning could take many, many years, if it happens at all. We are still working to establish the Co-op.

Second, raising questions about parking and the Market's future was not an attempt to push it out. It was about addressing challenges affecting visitors, vendors and local businesses.

Third, the Market's current location is privately owned. If that property, an investment property, was sold, the Market could face relocation with little time to prepare. Discussing alternatives now is sensible planning, not an attempt to displace it.

The Comox Farmers' Market, held at the Comox Valley Exhibition Grounds during summer, offers an example of a market operating with ample space and parking. With more than 80 vendors, it received the BC Association of Farmers' Markets' Best Market in BC award in 2015.

Could a location designed for vendors, visitors and parking provide a safer, more sustainable

future for our Market while allowing Cove businesses to benefit from its Saturday traffic?

In correspondence with the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, Kellen Truant, Operations Manager of the Highways and Regional Services Division, responded:

"It is understood that the market is expected to relocate to the community center during future summer seasons where additional space and parking are available, as currently takes place during the winter months."

The Community Centre has been discussed in conversation between the Ministry and the Market's committee. The Ministry's response suggests it understands that a summer relocation is anticipated.

I recognize that Saturday Market traffic benefits some Cove businesses more than others. As Cove business owners, we need to consider what could happen if circumstances change. Relying too heavily on another business or a single source of customer traffic can leave us vulnerable if that source relocates. Planning alternatives is not the same as trying to displace anyone.

Our year-round customers are just as important as our summer visitors. If residents find it too difficult to shop on Saturdays, we risk losing their business permanently. We need to welcome both locals and visitors while considering what works best for the Cove as a whole.

We all care about this community, even when we see things differently. I hope we can move beyond assumptions and work together on practical solutions.

My hope has always been to see our community thrive, not to take something away from it.

Deb at the Pantry

Words at the Theatre: An Evening of Readings by Local Authors

Words on the Water, Campbell River's Spring Literary Festival, is pleased to once again present Words at the Theatre: An Evening of Readings by Local Authors. Happening on Friday, October 30th, on the Rivercity stage, Words at the Theatre will feature original readings, short stories, and dramatic pieces from Campbell River and area authors, including many of our own Quadra literati.

Host Dennis Hawkins-Bogle will be joined by Glenda Bonne, Josh Brearley, Jim Creighton, Ian Douglas, D Ross Fisher, Sheryl Hebb, Terry Jordan, Barbara Lee, Samuel Ntama, Kristina Percy, and Anne Tenning. This line-up of diverse and talented writers is sure to engage, inspire, inform and entertain. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to soak in the ambiance of the spoken word, and support arts and culture in our region.

Words at the Theatre is a fundraiser in support of the 23rd annual Words on the Water Writers' Festival happening on March 5th and 6th, 2027. The event starts at 7 PM at Rivercity Theatre, 1080 Hemlock Street, Campbell River. Tickets are \$27 each and can be purchased online at www.wordsonthewater.ca.



At the Campbell River Art Gallery

Don't miss the Campbell River Art Gallery's powerful exhibition Super/Natural Creatures on until October 31, 2026!

This exhibition brings together rich storytelling traditions, ancestral designs, and contemporary printmaking. Featuring the work of James Kwaksistala (Kwakwaka'wakw), Charles Jules (Nuu-chah-nulth), and Alexander J. Mark (Nuu-chah-nulth) who are based in Campbell River, alongside special guest artist Thomas Whiteley (Inuit, Kuujuaq). Curated by Nadine Bariteau.

Welcome to the Carving Shed

For the course of the exhibition, the art gallery has been transformed into a carving shed as artist James Kwaksistala carves live in the Main Gallery. The familiar atmosphere of a working carving shed—rarely encountered in a gallery setting—fills the space with the rich scent of cedar, the rhythmic scrape of carving knives, and the warmth of shared coffee, conversation, and laughter.

Visitors are invited to spend time in the space, observe the creative process as it unfolds, connect with the artist, and witness carvings taking shape and masks that have recently been completed.

Mythical Creature Pumpkin Carving!

Join us Saturday October 17th from 10 AM - 1 PM for a supernatural morning of artist-led pumpkin carving whilst you sip on hot mulled apple cider!

This workshop will take place in the CRAG studio, surrounded by the carved woodblocks from the Super/Natural Creatures exhibition. Participants are invited to draw inspiration from the stories of the spooky season's creatures – both super and natural.

Supplies and pumpkins are included, and all skill levels are welcome. Participants may also bring their own favourite carving tools.

This workshop is recommended for ages 14+ unless accompanied by an adult, as we will be using sharp tools.

Register Here! <https://www.crartgallery.ca/events/#!event/2026/10/17/mythical-creature-pumpkin-carving>

Please visit [crartgallery.ca/events](https://www.crartgallery.ca/events) to view a complete list of upcoming public programs including 4 new Printmaking workshops with master printmaker Nadine Bariteau!

The Campbell River Art Gallery exhibition space and gift shop are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10AM - 4PM. Located at 1235 Shoppers Row in downtown Campbell River.

Panel Unveiling

Join us for the unveiling of five new interpretive panels accompanying the Museum at Campbell River's outdoor Soyokaze exhibit.

Created from research into the lives of Japanese Canadians on northern Vancouver Island and the surrounding islands, the panels share stories of the families and individuals who lived and worked in the region before their forced uprooting and internment in 1942.

The panels bring forward a largely undocumented part of our local history and provide a lasting resource for learning about the lives, experiences and contributions of Japanese Canadians in communities

throughout the North Island and Discovery Islands.

The unveiling and program of speeches will take place outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Light snacks and refreshments will be served.

Following the unveiling, guests are invited into the Museum to meet members of the project team and learn more about Japanese Canadian contributions to the region through the Museum's permanent exhibits.

This project was made possible with support from the Japanese Canadian Legacies Society.

Website: Japanese Canadian Exhibit Opening - Campbell River Museum

Building Quadra's Future

**An Economic Diversification Plan for Quadra Island:
Creating a plan to help shape our future.**

Quadra Island is a small island community facing a set of interrelated pressures that shape daily life and economic opportunities.

Housing affordability, access to healthcare and care services, transportation reliability, climate-related risks, and growing volunteer fatigue affect residents, organizations, and local businesses. At the same time, Quadra Island benefits from strong social ties, a deep connection to land and water, and a high level of local skills, creativity, and initiative.

In 2025, the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce observed these dynamics and embarked on an ambitious project, in partnership with the We Wai Kai Nation, the community, and many local businesses and non-profit organizations, to create an Economic Diversification Plan for Quadra Island. This Plan represents a roadmap for a resilient future.

The intent from the outset was to create a structured, community-informed foundation for thinking about economic diversification in ways that reflect island realities. The focus was not on identifying quick fixes or promoting sector-specific growth, but rather on understanding conditions, constraints, and areas of alignment that could support more coherent and realistic economic choices over time.

The timing of this work reflects both urgency and readiness: urgency because pressures are already affecting quality of life, and readiness because the community has strong organizational networks and a history of mobilizing around shared challenges.

Funding for this project was provided by the Province of British Columbia through the Rural Economic Development and Infrastructure Program (REDIP) and the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T).

This funding made it possible to move beyond informal conversations toward a coordinated engagement process. The Chamber of Commerce acted as a local convenor and administrative partner to engage community organizations, the We Wai Kai Nation, and external research support in the development of the Plan. While funding supported the process, priorities and directions were shaped by what emerged through community engagement rather than by funder-defined outcomes.

The images below summarize what we heard during the community consultation process about Quadra Island's strengths as well as the pressures we face. Have a look and let us know what you think in the comments!

All major reports, summaries, and engagement outputs generated through this process are publicly available at www.quadraEDP.ca, supporting transparency, ongoing learning, and future use by community members, organizations, and partners.

This is the beginning of a series of Facebook posts where we will share the process we followed to develop the Plan, as well as the Five Strategic Directions that emerged. Stay tuned!

-By the Discovery Islands
Chamber of Commerce

SRD and Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/ Che'tles7et'h' First Nations Release Salvaging Sacred Belongings Videos

(Campbell River, BC) – When disaster strikes, the loss can extend far beyond homes and infrastructure. Regalia, sacred belongings, photographs, artwork and other culturally significant items can also be damaged or lost. Four new Salvaging Sacred Belongings videos are now available to help First Nations communities protect and recover these important belongings following an emergency or disaster.

The videos were developed by the BC Heritage Emergency Response Network (BCHERN) through a partnership between the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) and Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che'tles7et'h' First Nations (KCFN), with grant funding provided by the Union of BC Municipalities.

Each video is approximately one minute long and demonstrates practical recovery techniques that can be used for cultural belongings and other items with similar materials, textures and finishes. The videos cover:

- Blow drying feathers
- Padding out cedar baskets for drying
- Spray cleaning wet materials
- Saving wet photos

“Protecting or restoring important objects from climate or natural disasters is vital to rebuilding and safeguarding First Nations culture after it was nearly erased by colonization,” said SRD Director Matthew Jack representing Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che'tles7et'h' First Nations.

All First Nations communities are invited to access these videos and learn practical skills to help restore and conserve artifacts, artworks and sacred items, helping preserve these important belongings for future generations.

More information and all four Salvaging Sacred Belongings videos are available at srd.ca/salvaging-sacred-belongings.

Communities can also contact SRD Indigenous Emergency Services Liaison, Lisa Campbell at 250-201-8876 or by emailing LCampbell@srd.ca to request downloadable versions of the videos.

The SRD extends its gratitude to the BC Heritage Emergency Response Network for its work in making this project possible. To learn more about BCHERN, visit bchern.ca

Area C Residents Invited to Help Shape the New Official Community Plan

Campbell River, BC – The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is inviting Electoral Area C residents to upcoming community events to learn more about the new Official Community Plan (OCP), see how community feedback has shaped its direction and review draft policy content.

Over the past two years, Area C residents have shared their ideas, priorities and concerns through open houses, community meetings, surveys, workbooks and other engagement opportunities. The SRD thanks everyone who has taken the time to participate and contribute to this important process.

Now, the SRD is bringing that work back to the community.

At the upcoming events, residents will have an opportunity to see how feedback received so far has been incorporated into the draft policy content and provide input on whether the proposed direction reflects the future Area C residents want for their communities.

Quadra Island Open Houses

The following open houses are drop-in events. Residents are welcome to stop by anytime during the scheduled hours:

- Tuesday, October 20, 2026 | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Quadra Island Legion (Hall)
- Thursday, October 22, 2026 | 11:00 am – 6:00 pm, Quadra Island Library

Outer Discovery Islands Community OCP Meeting

Residents are invited to attend a scheduled community meeting beginning at 1:00 pm:

- Wednesday, October 21, 2026 | 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Surge Narrows Bunkhouse

Residents are encouraged to come out, learn more about the new OCP and help confirm that the plan is heading in the right direction before the process moves forward.

To see how community input has shaped the process so far, residents can review What We Heard summaries from previous engagement activities and learn more about the Area C OCP at srd.ca/area-c-ocp.

Can't make these events? Stay tuned to srd.ca/area-c-ocp for more updates, and subscribe to receive notifications about upcoming opportunities to participate.

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A Planned Death at Home



Not everyone will have the opportunity to die at home. But for those who do, planning ahead can make an extraordinary difference.

When Bob first learned that his health was declining, he was clear about two things: he did not want MAiD, and he did not want to die in a hospital. He wanted to stay at home.

We didn't know then whether that would be possible. We didn't know exactly what the coming months would bring. But knowing what Bob wanted gave us a place to begin.

His final summer was a good one. He sat in the sun, golfed on his own, visited with friends and hosted old friends for several days. As autumn approached, we began making plans. With help from Way To Go, we talked through what would happen after his death, including burial and the paperwork that would be needed. We gathered important documents and made decisions while Bob was still well enough to participate.

That preparation turned out to be a gift.

When Bob's health changed suddenly in January, we already knew what he wanted. When the doctor asked if he wanted to go to the hospital, Bob said no. From that point on, family, friends, neighbours, nurses and members of the death-care community came together around us.

There was a great deal of practical care, but what I remember most is the feeling of being held by our community. People quietly stepped in. Someone brought groceries. Someone could be here during the day. Someone helped with the phones. Someone knew what needed to happen next. There was very little drama. We seemed to understand, almost intuitively, that this was Bob's journey and that our job was to support him through it.

There were tender and unexpected moments, too. We watched his brother's funeral together in the middle of the night. I sang quietly beside him. Our cat stayed close. Family members came and went. We talked, when we could, and simply shared the room when words were no longer possible.

Bob died peacefully at home, in our bed, surrounded by love.

And then came something I had never imagined: caring for his body after he died. With the support of Way To Go, we had time. We weren't rushed out of the room or separated from him. Friends and family could spend time with Bob privately, or not. There

was no expectation and no judgment. We could say goodbye in our own way.

Bob was buried four days later.

I am deeply grateful that we had prepared. The planning didn't make his death less sad. After 31 years together, there is enormous loss. But it gave us the freedom to focus on what mattered rather than trying to make difficult decisions in the middle of a crisis.

I also want to be clear that we were never opposed to MAiD. We respected Bob's choice, just as we respect the different choices other people may make.

We can't know what circumstances will surround our own death. Not everyone will be able to die at home, and not every death can unfold as Bob's did.

But we can talk about what matters to us. We can make our wishes known. We can prepare the people around us.

And sometimes, with a little planning and a lot of community, home can be a place where death is not something that happens to us, but something we are supported through—with love, care and time.

Way To Go supports our community in preparing for end-of-life through conversation and education. We help loved ones care for their own dying and deceased—offering guidance, empowerment, and assistance from diagnosis through death and after death—making home-based, holistic care more accessible. Visit our website, way2go.ca; view upcoming events, read previously written articles, and join our email list.

Written by Donna Hogarth
edited by Margaret Verschuur

RESP Correction

In the article about RESP's, I wrote "As of April 1, 2028, RESP's will no longer be offered." This is incorrect.

RESP's will continue. What is being phased out is the \$1,200 contribution which an eligible child can receive once between the ages of six and nine.

Thank you to one of our readers for pointing out this error.

-Margaret Verschuur

Dear Quadra Community

I would like to express thanks to my previous patients at Quadra Island Medical Clinic.

The many kind words, cards and gifts, following my recent retirement, have been humbling and very much appreciated. I am sorry that I cannot thank everyone individually.

After over 40 years as a doctor and tens of thousands of consultations, it was time for me to hang up my stethoscope.

However, I do so with something of a heavy heart. This is a special community, and I regret not being able to pass on patient care to a new physician.

I continue to live on Quadra; hope a new practitioner will be found soon and look forward to catching up with people socially.

Dr Steve Hughes

Queer Pride Reading

Whilst I was getting chemotherapy for stage 3 cancer earlier this year, I started to write my life story for my family. It was a way of doing something at a time when I felt very limited by my body's capacity. It also felt appropriate to be reflecting on my life as I came to terms with my mortality.

As part of that process, I realized some of my experiences in the health system were shaped by my genderqueer identity so I started writing about how my treatment was impacting me. One of my close friends shared that at Saltspring Pride she did a reading as part of the celebrations. Based on her encouragement, I reached out to the DI Pride committee with the idea we might do something similar. They suggested that we make it a separate but connected event at the library this Fall. So there will be an event at the library this month of writing by Allie, PJ, Tobi and I from Quadra.

If you too have a queer perspective and have written about your life experiences, either in prose or poetry, please email me at discoveryislandslearning@gmail.com

My goal is to provide a forum for as wide an age range and breadth of queer experience as possible so that we can make Discovery Islands Queer Pride readings a regular event.

I hope to see you at the library for the Queer Pride reading on Saturday Oct 24 at 2pm
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Shake, Rattle and Roll: The Big One Is Coming.

By David Tomblin

Earthquakes are an ever-present threat globally, but especially for those of us who live within the Pacific Rim. By the time you read this, BC will have just tested our earthquake readiness. Unfortunately the The Great BC ShakeOut itself does not send a province-wide emergency cell broadcast alert (like an Amber Alert) to all cellphones. However, specific local governments, universities, and regional districts tested their own local notification systems at 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2026.

Activating and Testing Your Emergency Alerts

To ensure you receive localized warnings on Quadra Island or Surge Narrows, you must utilize a mix of nationwide automated broadcasts and specific regional notification services. Because cellular coverage varies across the Discovery Islands, setting up multiple layers of alerts is the best way to guarantee you are notified.

1. The Automated Alert Ready System (No Signup Required)

The federal Alert Ready network automatically pushes life-threatening alerts (like tsunami warnings or earthquake notifications) to all compatible devices connected to a local cell tower. You do not need to sign up or opt-in for this service, and you cannot opt-out.

However, your phone will only receive these alerts if it meets the following criteria:

- **LTE/5G Connection:** The device must be connected to an LTE (4G) or 5G cellular network at the time the alert is issued. If you are only on Wi-Fi or a legacy 3G network, the alert may not go through.
- **WPA Compatibility:** Your phone must be Wireless Public Alerting (WPA) compatible. Devices sold in Canada after 2019 are universally compatible, but "grey market" or older phones imported from other countries might not be.
- **Updated Software:** Your phone's operating system (iOS or Android) must be updated to its latest version.

How to test your device:

You can check your exact phone model's compatibility by visiting the official carrier tool on the Alert Ready Wireless Page (www.Alertready.ca/wireless). Additionally, the province of British Columbia conducts mandatory system tests twice a year (typically in May and November). If your phone is compatible, updated, and connected to a network, it will spontaneously trigger the emergency alarm tone during these scheduled windows.

2. Regional District Alerts (Requires Registration)

Because Alert Ready only broadcasts during the most extreme, immediate life-safety events, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) operates a

localized public mass notification service via Alertable (which replaced the older Connect Rocket system). This system delivers highly targeted updates for regional hazards, boil water advisories, road closures, and localized evacuation steps.

Residents and visitors can activate these local alerts through multiple channels:

- **The Alertable App:** You can download the free Alertable app on your smartphone, tablet, or smart speaker. The app features an option to override silent mode, ensuring a critical middle-of-the-night evacuation order will wake you.
- **Text, Email, or Voice Landlines:** If you live in an area with weak data or prefer not to use an app, you can register your phone number or landline to receive automated voice calls or SMS text messages.

To activate: Sign up online through the <https://www.srd.ca/services/emergency-program/alerts-notifications>. If you do not have reliable internet access, you can register over the phone by calling the SRD directly at 250-830-6702

Keep in mind, the big one is coming. As I write this, Panama has just received a big shaker. If we are prepared, we can minimize the devastation that will likely follow a big shake-out.

As always, I welcome any feedback on my articles. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can reach me at dave@quadraliteracy.com

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Quadra Island's 2% MRDT Approved: DICC Seeks Oversight Committee Members

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce (DICC) is pleased to announce that the Province of British Columbia has approved a 2% Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) on eligible accommodation on Quadra Island, effective January 1, 2027.

This is an important milestone for Quadra Island, creating a dedicated source of funding to support a stronger, more sustainable tourism economy, improve visitor services, encourage shoulder-season visitation and help address tourism workforce challenges.

Help Shape the Future of Tourism on Quadra Island

DICC is inviting applications from community members interested in serving on the MRDT Oversight Committee. The committee will provide advice and recommendations to the DICC Council on the priorities, allocation and performance of MRDT funds, supporting transparent and responsible decision-making.

We welcome applicants with experience in tourism and accommodation, outdoor recreation, marketing, events, finance, governance, research, community development.

The committee will include tourism-industry representatives, a DICC Council representative, a housing liaison representing the Discovery Islands Affordable Housing Society (DIAHS), and up to two additional subject-matter advisors.

Through its partnership with DIAHS, DICC will explore potential tourism workforce housing initiatives. Subject to provincial requirements and approval of eligible projects, up to 50% of annual MRDT revenues may support tourism workforce stabilization.

How to Apply

Email admin@dicc.ca to request an application form and return the completed form to the same address.

DICC Council will review applications and discuss committee composition and next steps at its general meeting on November 16, 2026. Depending on the applications received, the Chamber may also approach individuals to ensure an appropriate balance of skills and representation. Appointments will follow once a suitable group of members has been identified.

The Chamber encourages community members who want to contribute to Quadra Island's economic vitality and sustainable tourism future to get involved.

Carol Ann Terreberry
President

On Behalf of the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce Council

Legal Notice Given To Strathcona Regional District to Enable Residents Of Quadra Island to be Heard Separately On Strathcona Gardens Upgrade

Residents of Quadra Island who represent most of the voters in Area C of the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) have, in a letter by their legal counsel and delivered to the Chief Election Officer and the Strathcona Regional District Board, stated that they must count votes cast by Area C separately on Bylaw 643 which is before voters in local municipal elections to be held October 17th.

The Strathcona Regional Board had earlier decided that Quadra votes would be counted alongside votes cast by residents of Campbell River and Area D in decision which would download millions of the cost of upgrading and operating Strathcona Gardens, Campbell River's Aquatic Centre and an ice-sheet which Quadra Islanders do not use.

Legal counsel points out SRD Board did not use required 2/3 majority in adopting resolution leading to the SRD not planning to count votes by Quadra residents separately.

"This is a complex issue and may result in serious ramifications at the SRD, The Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs, the current Election, and the Courts," says Jim Abram, former long-term Chair and Director of the SRD representing Area C.

If Bylaw 643 is passed, the increase in Quadra Island's property taxes will force Quadra Island's taxpayers to pay approximately \$30 million towards the original \$121 million cost of the project, which has already been faced with cost overruns and expected to cost at least \$131 million.

Green Candidate Introduction

My name is Benjamin Olsson and I am the BC Green Party candidate for North Island in the upcoming Provincial election.

I live in Campbell River and moved here in 2010 from Saskatchewan with my wife and two children. We fell in love with this beautiful region and want to protect it! I am a Registered Social Worker with over twenty years of experience in health care and social services. I have volunteered for and supported many causes since coming to Campbell River, including Greenways Land Trust, the Hospice Society, Canadian Parents for French, the Campbell River Minor Hockey Association, Habitat for Humanity, Save Simms Creek, and many others. I have served on the Executive of several Boards and have a passion for Sustainable Community Development.

The Green Party offers voters a fresh perspective and a long term vision for our region, our Province, and our planet. We desire a future we can be proud of, with properly funded education, health care, and social supports, a sustainable and cleaner economy, good jobs, more local decision-making, affordable housing and healthy food security. We deserve it and so do future generations!

I encourage people to look at our Green Party platform, our dynamic young leader Emily, and my background and goals for our region. I hope you will consider voting Green in this election. I am open to working with everyone in North Island and have the skills and vision to serve as your MLA. Let's make BC green and healthy again!

If you want to connect, please contact my campaign at teamolsson@bcgreens.ca or find my page on the BC Green Party website at bcgreens.ca for more information.

Thank you!
Benjamin Olsson, Green Party Candidate
North Island



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BC NDP Would Put Locals First With New Ferry Reservation Pilot

POWELL RIVER – BC NDP leader David Eby, alongside Randene Neill, BC NDP candidate for Powell River–Sunshine Coast, announced today a locals-first ferry reservation pilot to help residents in coastal communities travel when they need to.

“Ferries are not a luxury for coastal communities, they are critical infrastructure. People rely on them for everything from medical appointments to seeing loved ones,” said David Eby, leader of the BC NDP. “We want to make it easier for locals

to get where they need to go while continuing to welcome visitors who support our small businesses.”

The pilot would reserve a total of 12% of advance booking space for local residents. This includes 10% of advance booking space up to four days before sailing, and an additional 2% of advance booking space up until 24 hours before sailing. The pilot would begin on two routes:

- Horseshoe Bay – Langdale (Sunshine Coast)
- Westview (Powell River) – Little River (Comox)

Beyond the initial pilot, a BC NDP government would work with BC Ferries and other ferry-dependent communities to improve access for local residents on both reservable and first-come, first-served routes.

“On the Sunshine Coast, ferries aren’t just for vacations. They’re part of everyday life,” said Randene Neill, BC NDP candidate for Powell River–Sunshine Coast. “People who live here need to know they can get on a ferry when they need to, especially during busy travel periods.”

As more British Columbians and Canadians choose to explore destinations closer to home, benefiting local businesses, demand for ferry travel has increased. At the same time, people in ferry-dependent communities who need to get to appointments, access services and visit family deserve to know they can get where they need to go.

While the BC Conservatives’ cuts would put essential services at risk, the BC NDP is focused on practical solutions that help coastal communities stay connected and ensure locals can get where they need to go.



See how feedback received so far has been incorporated into the draft policy content and provide input on whether the proposed direction reflects the future you want for your community.

QUADRA ISLAND OPEN HOUSES

Drop in anytime!

- Tues. Oct. 20 | 11 am – 6 pm
Quadra Island Legion (Hall)
- Thur. Oct. 22 | 11 am – 6 pm
Quadra Island Library

OUTER DISCOVERY ISLANDS

Community OCP Meeting

- Wed. Oct. 21 | 1 – 3 pm
Surge Narrows Bunkhouse
Meeting starts at 1 pm.

Can't make it? Learn more,
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Update on School District 72 Trustee Election Ballot Error and Vote Counting

(Campbell River, BC) - As announced on Friday, October 9, 2026, an error was identified in the voting instructions printed on ballots used during one of the advance voting opportunities for the School District 72 trustee election conducted in the City of Campbell River. The printed instructions incorrectly

stated voters can select up to seven (7) school trustee candidates rather than directing voters to select no more than five (5) candidates. Once the error was discovered, election officials began providing verbal instructions to voters on how to correctly complete their ballots. Ballots on which voters selected more

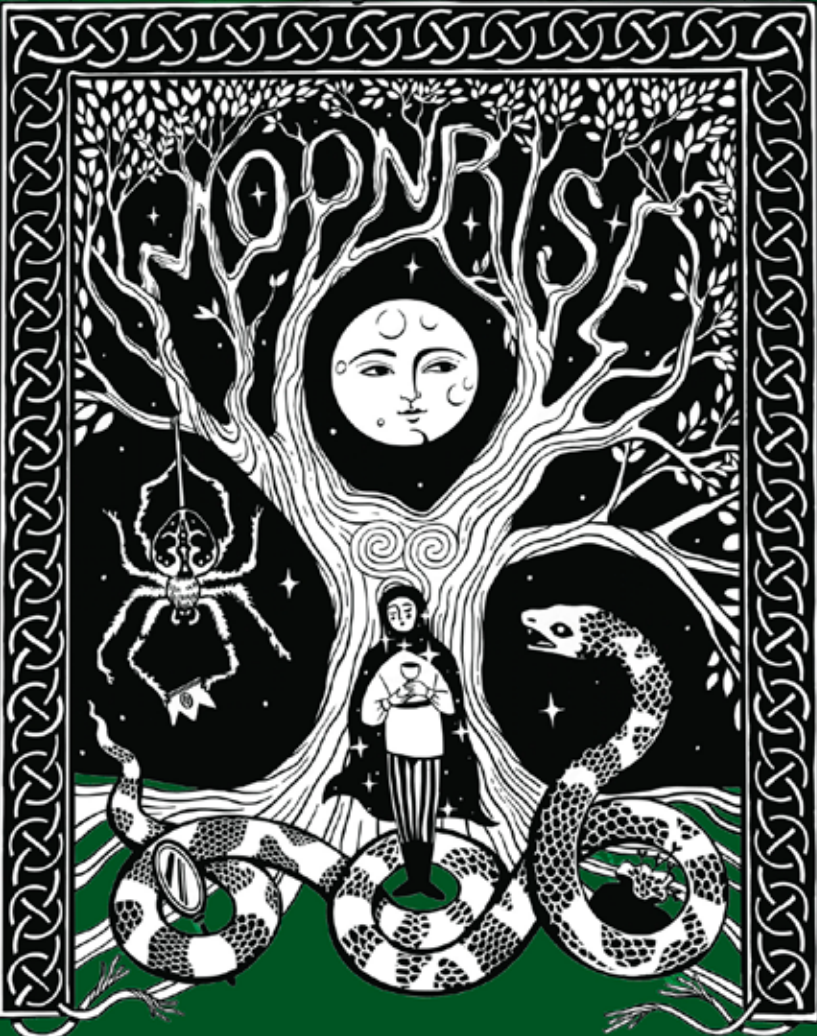
than five school trustee candidates must be rejected for the school trustee election, and the votes in that portion of those ballots will not be counted. Ballots on which five or fewer school trustee candidates were selected are not invalid and will be included in the final school trustee election results.

Provincial officials have advised that no ministerial order will be issued to address this matter. Election officials responsible for conducting the School District 72 school trustee election will continue to administer the election in accordance with governing legislation and applicable election bylaws. Maintaining the integrity of the election process remains the highest priority. An updated statement will be provided when election results are finalized. If election officials determine that the results of the School District 72 trustee election may have been materially affected, they will consider the available options under the legislative framework and keep candidates and the public informed.

As a reminder: Campbell River voters who have not yet submitted their mail ballots should select no more than five (5) School Trustee candidates.

This updated notice concerns only the ballot instruction error affecting advance voting for the School District 72 school trustee election conducted by the City of Campbell River on October 7 and City of Campbell River mail voting.

Advance and mail voting for the 2026 Local Government Election for Mayor and Council of the City of Campbell River and the Strathcona Regional District assent voting question, and advance voting for the School District 72 school trustee election held at other locations, are not impacted.



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello,

This report begins with a reminder that it's officially 'voting season'; includes news on upcoming OCP meetings (we get to 'peek the draft!'); and offers a few words on Bylaw 643.

Voting Season!

October 17 is final voting day in the local government election. For Quadra residents there are two referendum questions to vote on: Bylaw 643, Strathcona Gardens Service expansion to include Quadra Island, and Bylaw 627, Woodchipping and Climate Resilience Service, which would be shared with Cortes Island. **Vote at Quadra Elementary or Quadra Golf Course, 8am – 8pm, Saturday October 17.**

I've written previously about the two Bylaws, read my previous report with details here: robynmauwhinney.ca/directors-report-election-referendum-questions-on-the-horizon/

Converted hospital assessments

The referendum questions use the term 'converted hospital assessments', which can be confusing. For residential properties, a converted hospital assessment is essentially the same as a property's assessed value. Under converted hospital assessments, utility class properties may have a different valuation, depending on their ownership.

October 24, a week later, we get to vote in the provincial election for our MLA. Area C voting locations are Quadra Community Centre, Blind Channel Resort, and 'Murray Hall' aka Read Island Elementary gymnasium on Read Island. Voting is 8am – 8pm. According to Elections BC, four candidates are vying for our votes.

Area C OCP draft policy check-ins

SRD staff have announced upcoming meetings to view draft policy language for the Area C Official Community Plan. These are an opportunity to check in, see how feedback you've provided so far has been incorporated into draft policy, and to share your thoughts on whether the proposed direction reflects the future you want. As SRD staff put it, the goal is to 'confirm that the plan is heading in the right direction before the process moves forward'.

Two Open Houses are scheduled for Quadra. Please drop in whenever suits your schedule:

Tuesday, October 20, 11am to 6pm at the Quadra Island Legion;

Thursday, October 22, 11 am to 6pm at the Quadra Island Library.

Outer Discovery Island residents, there's a community OCP meeting at the Surge Narrows Bunkhouse Wednesday October 21, 1pm-3pm. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

An SRD OCP survey covering similar questions and content will be released before these meetings and remain open to the public for the next couple of months. A full draft of the OCP is planned for release and consultation in early 2027.

Bylaw 643

I've heard from many residents about the hardship a 51% tax increase would cause, about the unfairness of a combined referendum vote, and that many residents are feeling a profound sense of distrust in our local government. I am saddened and deeply frustrated.

Recently, there's been media coverage of correspondence from the Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs regarding Bylaw 643. The letter wasn't shared with all Directors and only came to light through a community member's Freedom of Information request. To my mind, this is irregular. I understand that Ministers don't often weigh in on local government matters. The Board not receiving the Minister's letter in July seems a missed opportunity for reflection on the Board's direction.

Without question, Bylaw 643 has been my biggest file to date. It has generated more emails to my inbox than any other issue and created a tidal wave of community attention focused on local government. Thank you to everyone who has written an email or letter, shared their thoughts, talked to a neighbour about it, signed a petition, or participated in some way. I only wish the conversation were about something better, less taxing.

There are four years ahead. I'm looking forward to conversations about building up our Islands, the services we need, and ways to bring us together. I have some ideas I'm looking forward to sharing with you once the Bylaw 643 dust settles. Until then, be sure to vote October 17!

Connect

The next 'Chat with the Director' at Aroma Cove Café is Thursday November 5, 8:30-10am. Please stop by, say hello, and share questions or topics that are on your mind. You are also welcome to connect with me with questions or concerns any time, email RMawhinney@srd.ca, or phone 250.203.2468. Visit srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes to keep up to date on SRD governance.

Until next time,
Respectfully,
Robyn Mawhinney



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Shake, Rattle and Roll: The Big One Is Coming

By David Tomblin

Earthquakes are an ever-present threat globally, but especially for those of us who live within

the Pacific Rim. By the time you read this, BC will have just tested our earthquake readiness. Unfortunately The Great BC ShakeOut itself does not send a province-wide emergency cell broadcast alert (like an Amber Alert) to all cellphones. However, specific local governments, universities, and regional districts tested their own local notification systems at 10:15 a.m. on October 15, 2026.

Activating and Testing Your Emergency Alerts

To ensure you receive localized warnings on Quadra Island or Surge Narrows, you must utilize a mix of nationwide automated broadcasts and specific regional notification services. Because cellular coverage varies across the Discovery Islands, setting up multiple layers of alerts is the best way to guarantee you are notified.

1. The Automated Alert Ready System (No Signup Required)

The federal Alert Ready network automatically pushes life-threatening alerts (like tsunami warnings or earthquake notifications) to all compatible devices connected to a local cell tower. You do not need to sign up or opt-in for this service, and you cannot opt-out.

However, your phone will only receive these alerts if it meets the following criteria:

- **LTE/5G Connection:** The device must be connected to an LTE (4G) or 5G cellular network at the time the alert is issued. If you are only on Wi-Fi or a legacy 3G network, the alert may not go through.
- **WPA Compatibility:** Your phone must be Wireless Public Alerting (WPA) compatible. Devices sold in Canada after 2019 are universally compatible, but "grey market" or older phones imported from other countries might not be.

phone's operating system (iOS or Android) must be updated to its latest version.

How to test your device:

You can check your exact phone model's compatibility by visiting the official carrier tool on the Alert Ready Wireless Page (www.Alertready.ca/wireless). Additionally, the province of British Columbia conducts mandatory system tests twice a year (typically in May and November). If your phone is compatible, updated, and connected to a network, it will spontaneously trigger the emergency alarm tone during these scheduled windows.

2. Regional District Alerts (Requires Registration)

Because Alert Ready only broadcasts during the most extreme, immediate life-safety events, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) operates a localized public mass notification service via Alertable (which replaced the older Connect Rocket system). This system delivers highly targeted updates for regional hazards, boil water advisories, road closures, and localized evacuation steps.

Residents and visitors can activate these local alerts through multiple channels:

- **The Alertable App:** You can download the free Alertable app on your smartphone, tablet, or smart speaker. The app features an option to override silent mode, ensuring a critical middle-of-the-night evacuation order will wake you.
- **Text, Email, or Voice Landlines:** If you live in an area with weak data or prefer not to use an app, you can register your phone number or landline to receive automated voice calls or SMS text messages.

To activate: Sign up online through <https://www.srd.ca/services/emergency-program/alerts-notifications>. If you do not have reliable internet access, you can register over the phone by calling the SRD directly at 250-830-6702

write this, Panama has just received a big shaker. If we are prepared, we can minimize the devastation that will likely follow a big shake-out.

For information on how to prepare for an emergency, visit Quadra Island Emergency Program at <https://quadraemergency.ca/>

As always, I welcome any feedback on my articles. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can reach me at dave@quadraliteracy.com

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Biological Wonders - Part 5

• In July, 2023, whale researchers in the Caribbean happened to be monitoring with drones a group of sperm whales that had gathered at the surface. They had been studying this group since 2005, so recognized them as 11 known females. What the drones witnessed was a birthing event in which 10 of the whales had clustered closely around the single female to protect her while she was in the precarious condition of giving birth to her calf. The birthing process itself took about half an hour. Following the birth, the 10 females then took turns pushing the newly born calf to the surface so it could breathe. The researchers noted that this is a particularly risky time for calves because they are not buoyant and need help to survive. Because sperm whales are highly social animals, the researchers recognized that what their drones were witnessing was an intergenerational gathering of grandmothers, mothers and daughters who had come together for a birthing event. (James Woodford, “Sperm Whales Help Each Other Give Birth”, New Scientist, April 4, 2026).

• Sex is more complicated than it seems, which is the conclusion reached by Lixing Sun, a distinguished research professor at the University of Central Washington. The most recent of his four books, *On the Origin of Sex* (Profile Books), explores a subject that is more complicated than “boy meets girl”. Many species reproduce asexually, a process called parthenogenesis in which an embryo develops without needing fertilization. This is the case with bacteria and fungi, but also occurs with California condors, bonnet-head sharks, Komodo dragons and at least 80 other species of vertebrates. Barnyard hens have the ability of eject most of the sperm from males that they deem to be inferior. And nature is more complicated than just being “binary”—“of splitting the world into sperm-producers and egg-makers.” “Swamp eels, clownfish, wrasses and other fish change sex as a matter of course.” And as a status enhancer, female hyenas have developed “a pseudo penis and a pseudo scrotal sac” to improve their feeding chances at kills. (Elle Hunt, “Of Sex and Nature”, New Scientist, 4 April 4, 2026).

• A new species of tiny spider discovered in Australia has been temporarily dubbed “Ballista” because it does something never before documented. This spider, from the genus *Propostira*, spends hours weaving a spring loaded “scaffold” that is tethered with a very fine silk trigger. When a particular species of ant is lured onto the platform by deceptive pheromones, the trap releases and the ant is catapulted about 50 cm upward into the main web where it can be safely consumed. The spider’s strategy is particularly ingenious because it targets a specific species of ant that attacks it. If the spider attempts to defend itself when under attack, the ant exudes a pheromone that summons other ants for assistance. So the spider has devised a clever strategy for selecting a single enemy ant and removing it from any opportunity to solicit help. (Maia Davies, “Spider Which Uses Spring Trap to Capture Prey Discovered in Australia” (BBC News, June 23, 2026).

• A 13-year-old Austrian “companion” cow named Veronika has somehow learned to scratch herself with a broom. She holds the broom in her mouth and adjusts its position to reach the itchy spot. If she is scratching her less sensitive back, she moves the rough bristled end of the broom with a “fast, forceful motion”. For her tender belly, she shifts to the smooth side and scratches more gently. Although this January 2026 study in *Current Biology* is the first to report the use of tools by cattle, many European videos show signs of obvious joy in cows when they are released into spring fields after a winter of eating dry hay in the confinement of barns. The animals run, kick up their hooves, do playful little dances, and show clear signs of delight (Discover magazine, Summer 2026).

• Birds-of-Paradise, known for their brilliant plumage are even more exotic than we thought. A study in the February 2025 *Royal Society Open Science* journal found that their gorgeous feathers also glow in ultraviolet, a part of the spectrum that we cannot see but many birds can. Of the 45 known species of birds-of-paradise, 37 emit this light to attract females. To make the visual signalling even more dramatic, the adjacent feathers are “super black” to increase the contrast. This “biofluorescence” is “visible to other birds as a bright yellow-green”. Although such a trait increases their vulnerability to predation, the risk seems to be offset by the mating advantages (Discover magazine, Summer 2026).

• Depending on the species, scallops have dozens to hundreds of little eyes on tiny tentacles bordering the rim of their shells. Each of these eyes has a pupil instead of a lens and “a curved mirror that focus light into two retinas”, a “structure that works well enough to detect small objects.” The purpose of these eyes, scientists have discovered, is to alert the scallop to tiny morsels of food that are floating by. The scallops can then open their shells, suck in the food, and stay safely closed when no food is available. And all this occurs without a central nervous system to register what is happening. This is the kind of biological information that is testing what we understand to be consciousness (An Immense World: How Animals Sense Earth’s Amazing Secrets, by Ed Yong, Random House, 2025).

Ray Grigg

for Sierra Quadra

BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT SOUTH QUADRA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that Ministerial Order No. 302 was approved and ordered on August 06, 2026 authorizing an amendment to Letters Patent for South Quadra Fire Protection District, effective from that date. The authorizing legislative provision is section 679 [amendment of letters patent and reissue of letters patent] of the Local Government Act. The purpose of the amendment is to adjust the boundary for South Quadra Fire Protection District to exclude parcels of land described as. L1 PI 15207 DL Sayward Land District Grouse Island PID 001-852-540 and L2 PI 15207 DL Sayward Land District Grouse Island PID 001-852-540.

As well as DL 210 Sayward Land District PID 007-752-563 Gowlland Island and DL 667 Sayward Land District Stag Island PID 000-849-049.

A copy of the Ministerial Order and map showing the boundary of the South Quadra Fire Protection District may be viewed or obtained from 844 Heriot Bay Rd.

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Heriot Bay Tides

DATE	TIME PT	M.	FT.
16 Fri	03:46	1.316	4.3
	11:45	4.510	14.8
	17:40	3.739	12.3
	20:39	3.880	12.7
17 Sat	04:31	1.466	4.8
	12:50	4.433	14.5
	19:16	3.681	12.1
	21:11	3.721	12.2
18 Sun	05:21	1.633	5.4
	13:51	4.399	14.4
	20:39	3.531	11.6
	22:13	3.551	11.7
19 Mon	06:20	1.799	5.9
	14:39	4.403	14.4
	21:25	3.323	10.9
20 Tue	00:31	3.445	11.3
	07:26	1.948	6.4
	15:15	4.428	14.5
	21:55	3.064	10.1
21 Wed	02:08	3.505	11.5
	08:30	2.084	6.8
	15:44	4.467	14.7
	22:22	2.749	9.0
22 Thu	03:21	3.673	12.1
	09:24	2.238	7.3
	16:08	4.513	14.8
	22:48	2.382	7.8
23 Fri	04:25	3.910	12.8
	10:11	2.432	8.0
	16:30	4.559	15.0
	23:15	1.978	6.5
24 Sat	05:23	4.189	13.7
	10:57	2.663	8.7
	16:52	4.601	15.1
	23:43	1.564	5.1
25 Sun	06:16	4.476	14.7
	11:41	2.916	9.6
	17:14	4.632	15.2
26 Mon	00:13	1.175	3.9
	07:06	4.731	15.5
	12:26	3.171	10.4
	17:38	4.646	15.2
27 Tue	00:49	0.851	2.8
	07:56	4.918	16.1
	13:13	3.410	11.2
	18:07	4.633	15.2
28 Wed	01:28	0.625	2.1
	08:48	5.015	16.5
	14:03	3.616	11.9
	18:41	4.582	15.0
29 Thu	02:12	0.519	1.7
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