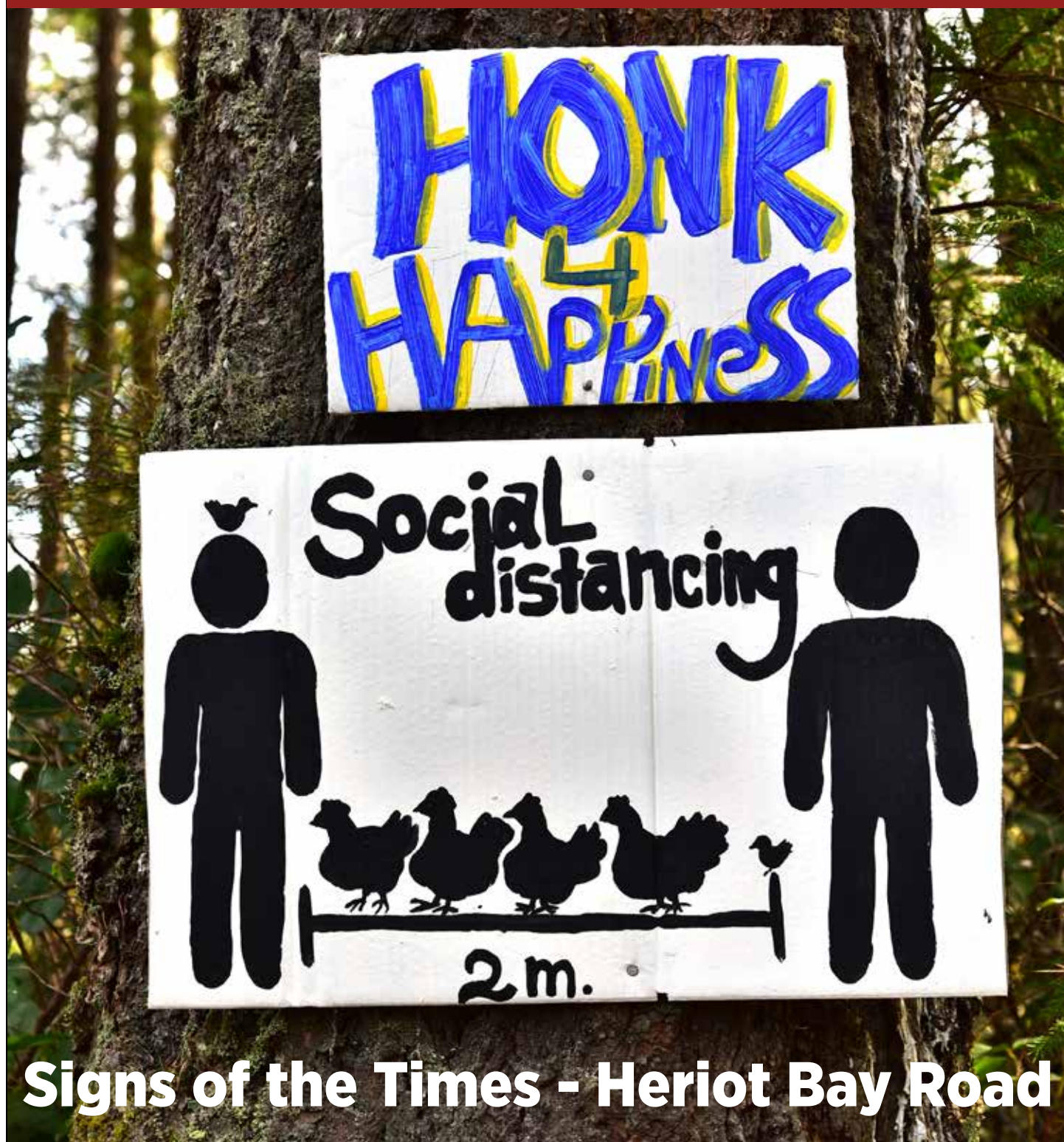


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As Covid-19 escalates, Quadra residents are taking many good actions. Most Quadrites appear to be social distancing. Key businesses have adopted controlled access and reduced hours, helping safeguard their staff's health while continuing to supply the goods we need. The Quadra Island Emergency Program, Food Bank, Quadra Circle, and now Caremongers are coordinating and providing local assistance. We are fortunate indeed to live on such a well-organized, community-minded island.

On their part, our federal and BC governments are doing a remarkable job in sharing information about Covid-19 and in planning and allocating health-care resources. Equally, they are making massive, necessary investments to help individuals and businesses weather the crisis. These initiatives should blunt at least some of the economic and social loss in BC and across Canada.

Sadly, the picture beyond our borders is a much bleaker one. Poorer countries and regions of armed conflict have little or no health infrastructure. Already overcrowded refugee camps struggle to meet the most basic clean water and sanitation needs, let alone even begin to fend off a pandemic. Without outside support, aid agencies are warning of a coming catastrophe.

There are some remarkable international organizations working on the ground in these dire situations. With the explosion of Covid-19, this work is needed more than ever. As a past Oxfam Canada board member, I have seen directly how even a modest donation can go a long way in assisting their efforts.

Covid-19 is undoubtedly putting some Quadra residents up against it financially. But, for those of us who may have some funds to spare, now is a perfect time to step up and donate to one of the several organizations doing stellar work in countries facing poverty and conflict.

One excellent way to do so is through the Humanitarian Coalition. It brings together Save the Children, Plan International, Care, Oxfam Canada, World Vision and seven other leading aid organizations. It gives Canadians a simple, effective way to help during international humanitarian disasters. For information and to donate, go to www.humanitariancoalition.ca. As a citizen of the globe as well as of Quadra, BC and Canada, please consider doing so. Because Covid-19 transcends borders, gender, race and wealth, we are all in this together.

--Kent Macaulay

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In the face of crisis people and communities are pulling together the world over. All the signs are pointing to massive social and economic upheaval, to say nothing of the hazards and heartbreak of the health emergency itself.

There is some comfort in hearing the daily briefings and announcements of support from various levels of government but we know from past catastrophes that a significant part of surviving the pandemic is going to come from efforts made closer to home.

One of the challenges we could face is maintaining our food supply. What seemed in past years to be a theoretical 'what if' exercise has now come a lot closer to reality. So far on Quadra we seem to have fared reasonably well with supplies at local stores and provincially we are being reassured that supply chains are robust and there's no need to worry.

Being a firm believer in exchanging worry for practicality I've searched for solace in the seed box, and I know I'm not alone. Social media feeds have lit up with pictures of newly constructed raised beds, requests for seeds, cuttings and a myriad of garden-related buzz. If there is a silver-lining with this virus thing and all its fallout, it has to be the timing. Whether

or not the approaching warm weather helps mitigate the spread remains to be seen but it is the ideal time to dig in and get a garden ready.

When it comes to vegetables I admit to being a half-hearted gardener. I mean, when we've looked at the price of tomatoes on the grocery store shelves in August, we've all asked ourselves 'is it worth it?'. But as the possibility of necessity rears its head the luxury of such a query is put to rest.



So where to start?

As April turns its page committed gardeners will already be well ahead with several key winter chores complete: preparing soil, pruning berry bushes, fruit and nut trees, and well underway with early spring planting: start trays indoors and cool weather crops outside.

The good news is, it's not too late to get into the game. Now I'm far from an expert but I'd

suggest two vital first steps: first look at your garden to make a plan and second get some key supplies like soil amendments and seeds.

I'm going into this gardening season with the mindset that we may have to produce as much of our vegetable needs as possible ourselves. If things get back to normal come June, July or whenever then so be it but this strikes me as a time to be a boy scout, girl guide or whom ever, and be prepared.

In the absence of any of countless books you may find inspiration for a complete, sustaining garden in the 'Victory Gardens of the 1940s. Agricultural agencies all over developed simple schematics to illustrate plans for vegetable gardens that are as relevant today as they ever were. If you're looking for a place to start this is a good one. The internet is awash in examples look for zone 7 & 8.

Recommended plot sizes to feed a couple or family seem to vary dramatically and local factors greatly complicate things. You'll find figures anywhere from 1500 to 5,000 square feet. With just hand tools I've found that ~2,500 square feet is attainable in several days of digging with much of that effort being removing rocks & roots that only has to be done once.

With soil amendments like compost from Adam at Islandscape and seeds, starts, starting mix and a few bits and pieces from Marie at On Root and Quadra Builders it's time to get planting.

This is the time for cool weather crops to be direct seeded outdoors. Peas, spinach, radish, lettuce and other greens can all be planted now. Beets, carrots parsnip and other root vegetables too. It's best to not plant complete rows in one go but plan for successive planting to extend maturing times and harvesting. We aim for three plantings, one now and two following in three to four week increments.

One of the most important crops is potatoes. Plant an early-harvest variety now followed by a mid and late crop in the coming 6 weeks.

Inside, squash, tomatoes and other warmer weather crops can be started for planting out later in mid-spring.

Don't forget to include crop rotation in your plan. Grouping rows together now will make rotation easier next year. And think ahead to winter gardening. Planting for that begins in late-August but planning ahead is a good idea. One way to steadily expand your garden is to dig new beds for winter planting during the summer, when you're not weeding!

- Philip Stone

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Way to Go

WAY TO GO EVENINGS ARE
CANCELLED UNTIL THE FALL.

Annual Event Deadline

WE'RE BUSY WORKING ON
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QI Outdoor Club Latest Information

**THE OUTDOOR CLUB HAS
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duration of the epidemic. But
we are encouraging everyone
to continue to get outside. We
are very fortunate to have lots
of uncrowded trails on Quadra,
as well as boating options. We
have a wonderful advantage over
urban areas in being able to go
outdoors and still avoid contact
with lots of strangers. Moderate
outdoor exercise is so important
for your physical and mental
well being. Of course, there are
some caveats. Best practice is to
stay local, hike solo or in a family
group or a very small group that
maintains physical distance. If
there are two unrelated people
hiking together, it's best not to
carpool or share any gear or food.
BC Park facilities are closed and
front country camping is
prohibited at this time.

2020 Beach Clean-up Cancelled.

Regrettably, Sierra Quadra's
April 19, 2020 Beach Clean-up
is **CANCELLED**. We obviously
could not have the usual food
and social gathering at the
headquarters site at Rebecca
Spit without violating the
social distancing required by
the COVID-19 pandemic,
and the logistics of protecting
everyone who was collecting,
gathering and transporting
collected material from our
beaches presented unsolvable
risks to those involved. We will
consider rescheduling to a more
favourable time, or just miss 2020
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wellbeing. Please be safe and
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Ray Grigg
for Sierra Quadra

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equipment, equipment-sharing,
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Quadra Island Chamber Music Festival Postponed

In light of COVID-19, the Quadra Island Chamber Music Society is postponing this summer's annual festival until July 2021. Our top priority remains the health and safety of our audience, musicians, patrons, volunteers and the Quadra community.

Our Society is a non profit organization. We will be refunding subscribers in the near future. If you do wish to make a donation, all donations will be distributed among our musicians. Thank you for your continued support. We will continue to post information and highlights on our new website: www.quadrafestival.ca

Catherine Smith, President

QISES AGM

The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Thursday, April 9 at 7PM at the Eco Center 2050 Hyacinthe Bay Road. Anyone interested may attend.

Caremongering QI

A new FaceBook group has formed for sharing and organizing community resources in response to COVID-19 on Quadra Island. The goal of the group is to organize the local community on the grassroots level to ensure vulnerable community members have access to food, housing, healthcare, and other necessities. Search & join Caremongering - Quadra Island

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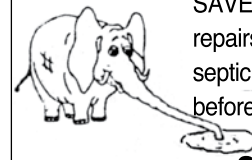
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No new fires may be initiated and no additional material may be added to existing fires. Campfires which are defined as a fire less than 50 cm used for heat, cooking or recreational purposes using firewood are still permitted.

High Sensitive Smoke Areas are shown below in yellow. This applies to portions of Gold River, Sayward, Campbell River, Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay / Buttle Lake), Cortes Island, Quadra Island and surrounding areas.

A zoomable map of the High Smoke Sensitivity Area can be viewed online at: <https://governmentofbc.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=6d288bc667b24528a5c1e3b4c0373d07>

Real-time air quality observations and information regarding the health effects of air pollution can be found at <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water>

For further information please contact the Coastal Fire Centre at 250-951-4209 or e-mail bcwsc.focinforationofficer@gov.bc.ca

As cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in BC continue to increase, the BC Centre for Disease Control recommends implementing measures that help to reduce excess air pollution in populated airsheds across the province. There is strong evidence that exposure to air pollution increases susceptibility to respiratory viral infections by decreasing immune function.

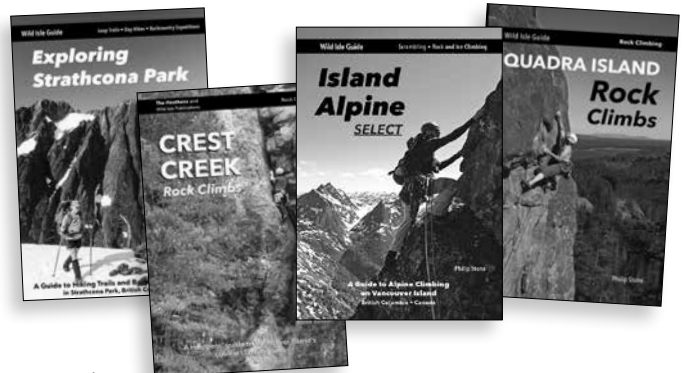
This means that:

- Deterioration in air quality may lead to more COVID-19 infections overall,
- Deterioration in air quality may lead to more cases of severe COVID-19 infections, adding further demand to our healthcare system, and
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Screening for Cervical Cancer

As an aside from the corona virus it might be of interest to discuss PAP smears. I am often asked if it is necessary to have repeated testing, especially with regards to seniors.

North America and Western Europe have some of the lowest international incidences of cervical cancer. This is largely because of effective screening and the introduction of the HPV vaccine to teenagers whilst in school. In the next generation we should see a large fall in cervical cancer cases.

70% of cervical cancer is related to the Human Papilloma Virus and we are seeing a decrease in the incidence of cervical cancer in counties who immunize. Sadly 90% of cancer mortality occurs in those who have never had a PAP, hence the very high incidence in most of Africa.

Interestingly, there is no consensus on how people should be screened.

BC every 3 years from age 25-69

USA every 3 years form age 21-65

UK every 3 years from age 25-49 and every 5 years until age 64

There is certainly no need for PAPs after a full hysterectomy, unless the surgery was undertaken for cervical cancer in the first place.

In Australia they are undertaking different cervical screening tests every five years for the HPV virus which seems to be a better test than the PAP

It may be a while before local guidelines are updated but international screening protocols suggest that ladies over 50 may need less frequent testing and could stop before the age of 70, if they have had a history of three previously normal PAPs. This should be discussed with your health care provider.



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ICAN, You Can

I count my lucky stars on the regular, but these days it's almost an hourly occurrence. When I take deep breaths of our wild forest air and exhale my thanks for whatever aligned to bring me here, I recognize how the confining anonymity of a city has never felt more repugnant to me. Here, we are so fortunate to be cradled in the safety net of a strong community, where faces are known and neighbours are cared for. Ideas are constantly budding and evolving to support everyone's needs, making certain nobody is left behind. The abundance of space and scenery is a refreshing relief in these lonely days - so much better than a vacant city street! I honestly wonder if there is a better place in this whole world one could possibly be to weather the experience of a global pandemic - we kind of have it all!

One of the groups dedicated to the betterment and security of our beloved slice of paradise is the resurrected/re-formed Island Climate Action Network (ICAN2, in its newer form). Because indeed, while our current global focus is on the viral outbreak, that large and gloomy problem of climate change still lurks over our future. This group of individuals is mustering skills to provide some security on a local level. One of the segments of ICAN2 is focusing on Do It Yourself (DIY) skills, ranging from repairing household items and tools to a 'skills registry', including such things as clothing repair and food preservation skills. Since supplies are potentially limited and time is abundant these days for many of us, I am hoping to share some simple recipes for basic food items to help us learn new skills, minimize plastic waste, and pass a little time - because who doesn't want to put their head down and let the clouds roll by until the garden starts to germinate and we can all hug our friends again?

One food I love, but rarely buy, is crackers. At potlucks I demolish the cracker plate; I love their salty crunch, their light crispness, how you can dip them or top them or just devour them - but I hate their packaging. Most of them come in a tray in a bag in a box, and I just



can't! Fortunately they're easy and satisfying to make, and can be customized every which way. The following recipe is much like a wheat thin, but could really be so many things (suggestions to follow):

Pre-heat oven to 400 degrees. In a medium bowl, mix 1/2 cup (c) white flour, 3/4 c whole wheat flour, 2 teaspoons (t) sugar, 1/2 t salt*. Add 1/4 c butter and crumble with your fingers until mixture resembles cornmeal. Pour in 1/4 c water and mix. Add more water 1 tablespoon at a time until mix comes together but isn't sticky - you can push it together with your hands, but try not to knead at all. Divide dough into 4. On a floured counter (or parchment) use a rolling pin to roll 1 ball at a time as thin as you can. Make sure it's not stuck to the counter, then cut into 1 - 1 1/2" squares (optional: sprinkle with additional salt before cutting). Use a spatula to lift onto a parchment-lined tray (you may need two trays). Repeat with remaining dough. Put one tray in the oven at a time. Check after 5 minutes, and every 2 minutes after (they can burn quickly!). If thinner ones are browning first, remove them from the tray. If they seem like they're browning but still soft, turn the oven off (after baking your second tray) and leave them in with the door cracked.

*try flavouring with herbs, shredded cheese, pepper flakes, etc.

Store in an airtight container, or try dry canning - an excellent idea if you make multiple batches (Note: dry canning is very useful, but not recommended for all foods - do your research!):

Preheat oven to 225. Put completely cooled crackers into clean wide mouth mason jars. Put the lid on and screw the ring on loosely. Place jars on a baking sheet, being sure they aren't touching. Bake 15 minutes for pints, 30 minutes for quarts. Carefully remove from oven, and even more carefully tighten the lids (with oven mitts or a cloth). Let cool. Crackers should stay fresh in sealed jars for at least a year.

I, for one, will be making variations of these crunchy delights until I can destroy the cracker selection at the next potluck - for which I cannot wait!

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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Hello to everyone, from a safe distance! Believe me, I am keeping away from everyone and not going anywhere until this pandemic is over. Hope you are all obeying the "new reality" and staying home as much as possible and keeping sanitized. We MUST do our part.

COVID 19 SRD daily update.

Sorry this information will be a few days old by the time you read it, but I do have a deadline with the *Discovery Islander* and it is today (30th). So the SRD has implemented a new resource page for Directors (and the public) so that we will have everything that they have in the way of information, so that we can share it with you as needed. I am sure it will take some getting used to and take a bit of practice, but hopefully it will be as advertised! I'll believe it when I see it (not to be cynical).

The information on the COVID 19 crisis is listed here ;

<https://srd.ca/covid-19-summary-of-public-health-orders-govt-announcements/>

I am not sure yet if that will automatically be updated or if you will need to go to the SRD site daily for the latest info. Trial and error!

Electronic meetings of the Board

We are in the process of having the appropriate hardware and software installed at the SRD office to allow us to conduct our regular Committee and Board meetings electronically. If successful, this should allow our regular meetings on April 15th to take place and for us to catch up on a lot of business that has been held up due to the "crisis". Our area, province and nation have pretty much been on hold while this pandemic occupies our time and energy.

Public Hearings

Two upcoming public hearings have been cancelled: one was for Quadra (BC Ferries) and one was for Cortes (Seniors).

Community Infrastructure Grant for outer islands

We have been waiting for about one and a half years for an answer to our application for a \$2.2 million grant to do all of the work that we have planned for the area around Surge Narrows on Read Island. We applied and awaited the answer. It didn't come. I called the Minister and was informed that it had gone

through the Provincial process and was sent to Ottawa for review. So I waited another month to give them time to review it. I then called the Federal Minister with no success. So I took it to our Board and they passed a resolution for the Chair of the Board to write the Minister and ask what the hold up was.

I then waited another month and was told by the SRD Board to go ahead and work behind the scenes to see if I could get through. After about a week of back and forth calls and emails I got a call lined up with the Minister and staff. Hooray, thought I! So we had a call and found out that the Feds had never received any application from the province. You can imagine my frustration and embarrassment. They were all so nice, too! They assured me that all they are waiting for now is the application and once received it should get a "rubber stamp" of approval.

So, I went back to the Provincial Minister and got numerous people and eventually the Director of the entire program and explained all of the convolutions of the past months. he accepted some responsibility and assured me that I would have an answer within seven days. Well I got the answer in three days and it was "NO!". Our application was turned down due to being oversubscribed. Excuse me!?! I would have thought that on the deadline of Dec. 31, 2019, they would have known that it



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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

was oversubscribed! I promise not to scream at this point.

So, I had a very long heart to heart with the Director of the program and an assurance that his staff will work with our staff on the application so that it will be bullet-proof for the next round of applications, which is coming up soon. I went to our CAO and he assured me today that his senior staff will be on the provincial staffs' case starting today. And, if they then accept it, it will go off to the Feds to be vetted.

In all my years of being your Director, I can honestly say that this is the kind of thing that drives me right up the wall. And I must stay calm! Be nice. And then I must go into "another strategy" mode and come up with one, quickly, so that we don't lose out. So, some more weeks of waiting for the results of the collaborative work that will be done and then maybe we will be granted permission to send it to the Feds to get our money! And the first thing that comes to mind is, we will probably have another Provincial election coming up and then all business stops! OK, I'll say it now... ARGH!

Welcome to the world of being your Regional Director. Gotta love it.

And in the meantime, the entire community of the outer islands is waiting and wondering what to do with all of the wonderful plans they have for creating a wonderful "village" at Surge Narrows and we are all wondering how we are going to deal with the additional dock space needed that was part of this grant!

Oh well! Patience. Perseverance. Strategizing. Good thing I don't have anything else to do. HA!

Proposal for Landing Pub area

I am going to include this here without too much comment. The new owner of the Whiskey Point Lodge, a very nice gentleman,

has presented some concept drawings (see below) for what he proposes for the site where the Pub was, at the entry to Quadra Island. He is also renovating and has plans to expand the Resort above. I feel obligated to show you this proposal before it goes much further. I have directed him to the Quathiaski Cove Village Plan and the design guidelines and this is what came back. I am going to stop there and let you have a look.

Feel free to share your comments with me and especially with our planners, Aniko Nelson, anelson@srđ.ca 250-830-6708 and John Neill, jneill@srđ.ca 250-830-6706 (see after closing)

Feel free to contact me between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@xplornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram>, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business. If it is important, my cell is 250-830-8005... Lots of choices.

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In closing...

And that is it for this rainy Monday afternoon! Please stay safe and healthy and follow all of the protocols for this pandemic. Most of all, be loving and kind to each other. We are all in this together. Please don't forget that your actions do effect others. I would also like to sincerely thank all of the front and rear line workers who are keeping this rock afloat! Peace and love to all of you.

number for SRD calls. All business calls should be on 285-3355. Many thanks!

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Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram

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Kameleon News

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So, relax, unwind, shut off the news..
The world has long rode this collision course
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Will we show some respect for mother earth ?
Will we learn the value of each other's worth ?
When we emerge from the shelter of our cozy cocoons
Will we spread our wings and dance to new tunes ?
In a perfect world we would all agree
Let's pray that this virus will set us free.
Hope springs eternal through the black holes of history
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Friday	09:54	3.3	10.8
	14:04	3.8	12.5
	21:08	1.4	4.6
04	04:30	4.6	15.1
Saturday	10:39	3.1	10.2
	15:19	3.9	12.8
	22:04	1.4	4.6
05	05:06	4.7	15.4
Sunday	11:17	2.7	8.9
	16:25	4.1	13.5
	22:53	1.5	4.9
06	05:37	4.8	15.7
Monday	11:52	2.3	7.5
	17:28	4.3	14.1
	23:39	1.7	5.6
07	06:06	4.8	15.7
Tuesday	12:27	1.9	6.2
	18:26	4.5	14.8
08	00:24	2	6.6
Wed.	06:35	4.8	15.7
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Thursday	07:04	4.8	15.7
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Thursday	09:15	3.2	10.5
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Saturday	10:47	2.7	8.9

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