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Conservancy?



**Could Morte Lake Finally Get the
Protection it Deserves?**

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Emergency Firewood

The Emergency Firewood program is still happening every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at the Community Center. If you run out of firewood and can't afford more, we have some available, however this is not going to supply your entire firewood needs for the rest of the winter. We do need volunteers to cut, split and stack wood. People with chainsaws are especially needed. Social distancing applies. For more info call or text Sandy 250-202 5928.

Family Literacy Week

Family Literacy Week is January 25th to 30th and Quadra Literacy is hosting an outdoor series of activities for friends and families to enjoy throughout the week. We will not be gathering together this year, but we will still be creating together! Our theme for 2021 is Mapping Together, to the Treasure! We will be creating a Time Capsule, so let the ideas flow and make a treasure or a letter to put inside the capsule, and we can bury it for the future. Stay tuned for more details!

Quadra Philippines Connection News

Greetings from Analiza Macad, a grade 7 student in Kalinga Philippines!

A wonderful greeting for you my dear sponsors. Before anything else I would like to greet you with, "Magandang Bulay"! Magandang Bulay is a Filipino term that means good life or great life. We love this greeting. Whenever we hear this we feel motivated. It gives positivity in life. It makes us feel strong and tells us to keep going despite the bad happenings because of the pandemic and the weather or climate change.

Here in our place some of the barangays were affected by typhoons "Ulysses" and most recently typhoons "Pepito" and "Rolly". But the most affected area is our neighboring provinces like Cagayan, Isabela, and Catanduanes. We are lucky here in Kalinga since we were not so severely affected and are thankful that we are safe. Unfortunately, our plants such as rice and all kinds of vegetables were destroyed because of heavy rain and wind. We are now just buying rice at the store so we have rice to cook. I was also sad because my two little siblings were admitted to the hospital with amoebas. Due to the heavy rain our source of water which is from a spring became dirty. But because of the typhoons most people stayed home which is good since it will minimize the record of Covid-19.

However, in Cagayan the effect was devastating because of the unexpected floods

almost 3 feet. Typhoon Ulysses left a damage that caused the losses of too many lives of people, animals and the environment. Our Barangay community donated relief packages to Cagayan and Isabela. They gave rice, potable water, and clothes, sheets and blankets because many belongings were submerged by the flood. IAT also raised funds and many alumni donated groceries and other things to be given to those most affected. I also donated clothes that no longer fit me.

In my studies it is really hard for me to adjust to this new normal of learning. With this kind of module learning I have to do self study and self understanding in my every lesson. There are some of my subjects that I can't really understand but I am thankful to my auntie for she is the one who is guiding me through my lessons. As an elder sister I help my little siblings in their modules in the simplest way I can. This pandemic is not really good for us students but we are still thankful because by this we are learning to be independent in learning which makes us strong in our journey. I am focussing on my lessons for the coming examinations.

Now in December it is colder and rainy and many are experiencing cough and cold. Covid-19 is still here in the Philippines so each one of us is hoping that for the new year we will be Covid free. For my family condition, I am so happy that everyone is safe! This situation that we are facing is helping us to understand each other and to become more bonded as a family. As for my responsibilities in our house, I am proud to say that I can still manage them.

This is all for now my dearest sponsors. I am very thankful to have you all in my life. I promise to do my best in my studies so at least to give you all a smile! My family circle and I always pray for your good health and send you blessings. Thank you and take care always!



Irruption Hits Quadra!

Of birds, that is.... Everyone is commenting on the large numbers of small, grey striped birds that are being seen in large flocks all over the island. These are Pine Siskins - cute little finches with a flash of yellow on their wings. We normally have a population of this species here year round, but this year they are here in force and almost a hazard as the flocks swarm out in front of cars on the road. Flocks as large as 2,500 birds have been reported along the coast. We are seeing them swarming in the treetops as they consume the seeds in alders and cedars. This is thought to be the largest irruption of Siskins in recorded history, and the birds have even been spotted as far as Bermuda.

Siskins are typical of what is called an irruptive species. These are birds that sometimes get pushed out of their usual territory by adverse conditions. A poorer than usual cone crop to the north has resulted in birds that depend on this food source being forced south to find forage. Red-breasted Nuthatch is another irruptive species, and we are seeing more than usual of these as well. They usually travel in family groups, hanging under branches and exploring up and down tree trunks while they give their nasal "yank yank yank" contact calls. Other irruptive species we might spot are Evening and Pine Grosbeaks, White-winged Crossbills (our common Crossbills are Red)

and Common Redpolls, all also members of the finch family.

All of these birds are attracted to feeders (Siskins especially love niger or thistle seed). However, all of the finch family is particularly vulnerable to both salmonella and a nasty eye disease, both of which spread between birds at a feeder. It is important to keep feeders and seed collection trays clean - wash them every couple of weeks with soapy water. If you spot any sick birds the feeders should be bleached in a 10% solution and then rinse them well before using again.

So when you look outside and see your back yard practically vibrating with excited birds, have a closer look and see if you can spot other rarities in these mixed flocks. There should be some good bird-watching this winter!



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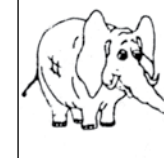
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We welcome items for publica-
tion on subjects of interest to the
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Here are a few guidelines:

- **300 words** is an ideal length for
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- Articles do not need to be sent as
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- **Please use the title** of your item
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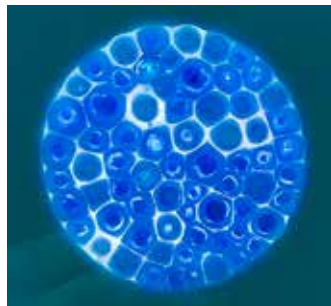
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Quadra Island Foundation Launched

Quadra Island now has a community foundation

What is a community foundation? A community foundation holds donations in a permanent endowment fund to support local projects and charitable organizations. Many nearby communities have their own foundations, including Cortes, Saltspring and Bowen islands, Powell River, the Comox Valley and Campbell River. Each community foundation is autonomous and governed by a volunteer board.

How does a community foundation work? Donors receive tax receipts for their contributions, and major donations usually come through wills and estates. Interest earned from careful investment of the donations is regularly distributed for community benefit. Until the Quadra Island Foundation is granted charitable status, the Campbell River Community Foundation will hold in trust (and issue tax receipts for) any donations intended to benefit Quadra Island.

"We understand that it could take up to 18 months for the Quadra Island Foundation to receive charitable status, and we want to let people know that, if they're interested in contributing a permanent legacy for our community, that can be arranged now," says volunteer Michael Mascall.

How was the Quadra Island Foundation established? In 2020, Quadra volunteers began the process to establish the foundation. Quadra Island Foundation was incorporated under the BC Societies Act in August. The application for charitable status was filed with Canada Revenue Agency in November.

Thanks to early financial support from an anonymous donor and from the Strathcona Regional District, the newly-formed foundation is able to cover some of the legal and start-up costs

associated with establishing a public foundation and registered charity.

"Quadra Island Foundation is extremely grateful for generous donations from an anonymous source and from the and Strathcona Regional District through Area C Director Jim Abram for the initial funding to help establish the local community foundation," says volunteer Mich Hirano. "We also thank the Campbell River Community Foundation for their critical administrative support."

What happens next?

"We're looking forward to the time when donations to the endowment fund have grown large enough to generate interest that can be distributed to support the many good works that benefit the people, culture, and environment of Quadra Island," says volunteer Matthew Kelly.

"Over time, we'll also be looking for people with diverse backgrounds and skills to join our group of volunteers," says volunteer Jody Rodgers. "Please stay tuned for opportunities to contribute as a volunteer."

"We'll also provide updates to keep you informed about our progress in the coming months," says volunteer Julie Douglas. "In the meantime, we welcome any questions people might have about arranging donations for the future benefit of our wonderful island community."

For more information about contributing to the Quadra Island Fund, please contact Michael Mascall by telephone at 250-202-1968.

At this time, cheques should be payable to the Campbell River Community Foundation, marked for Quadra Island Fund on the memo line. Please mail cheques to Quadra Island Foundation at Box 402, Heriot Bay, BC, V0P 1H0. Remember to provide your return mailing address for income tax receipts.

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Chamber Music Notes

In this issue, Daniel Scholtz, principal viola of the WSO and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra as well as a musician at our chamber music festival reports on his life during these challenging times.

I have been quite busy in Winnipeg not only as a performing artist, but as a teacher, coach, and Conductor of the Winnipeg Youth Symphony. I also recently joined the executive board of the Canadian Viola Society as Secretary and am Vice Chair of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's Musicians Committee. The fall started strong with WSO performances entertaining a greatly reduced, but live audience. Youth Symphony was rehearsing in person and I was teaching students in my home. After the long spring and summer of lockdown this seemed acceptable and greatly needed by all of us. However, this situation did not last. So as all artists and many teachers are doing, we turned to virtual platforms for teaching and performing, which in many ways has opened up so many opportunities for students and professionals to collaborate around the country and the world. One of my students in the Youth Symphony composed a piece and every student has recorded their audio and video tracks. Different students are working together to edit the submissions and will produce a final product to be released on social media.

My two sons, who should be at the University of Calgary for bio-chemistry and Ottawa

University for bio-pharmaceuticals, are here at home studying. We spent time together this summer doing some major home renovations before they went off to their bedrooms for school! My wife and I have always worked well together in the kitchen, but during the spring she truly developed a culinary passion that continues unabated. Even our boys have gotten into exploring new tastes and ingredients both in creating and consuming! I think the most important thing for me throughout this time has been my family, friends, and the different communities I am fortunate to be a part of across the country. I cannot wait to see everyone again and share our smiles and stories.

Catherine Smith, President
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POETRY CORNER

2021

Twenty twenty one, a fresh new year,
Will it bring good fortune, new hope, less fear?
Will we conquer corona and send Mr. Trump packing?
Will we trust one another with no spying or hacking?
Will the whole world unite in harmony and hope?
Will the pandemic teach us to care and to cope?
The year that has past, we are happy it is done,
Let's drink to a bright future in twenty one.
To health, to wealth, to peace and good will
May the dawn of this new year our dreams fulfil.
In the darkest days the sun will still shine
Let's take a cup of kindness, for auld lang syne.
Raise your tankard, your mug, your glass or your stein,
And say farewell twenty twenty, for auld lang syne.
In the unknown tomorrows of twenty twenty one
May the battle of covid be over and won
Let this virulent plague be vanquished forever
And our lives returned to their former endeavours.
So here's to the new year twenty twenty one
May your joys be many and your troubles none.
- Ann McLean

DI Submissions

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†† Commuter sailings, expect overloads

* Fridays and Saturdays Only

** Tuesdays - Dangerous Cargo

No passengers or cars.

AT YOUR HBI

WOW! 204 take-out turkey dinners were distributed around Quadra Island on Christmas Day!

Thank you to those who delivered to neighbours and friends along the way, the generous donations and all those who offered to volunteer, along with Chef Richard for cooking 9 turkeys and all the fixings! And a very special thank you to Lois for organizing this fantastic event this year, and for many more to come!

Check out our new to-go menu offering up a few HBI favourites along with family-style meals to go (see menu on the right). Special pricing in effect until February 28, 2021 or while quantities last! Made in-house with care, from our family to yours.

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Saturday and Sunday

2020 was one for the books! We can't thank our Quadra Island community enough for all of their support this year. From our entire team, we want to wish you a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2021.

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with green salad and your choice of dressing

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Gabbing About Gardening 2021: A New, Free Zoom Series

Despite being physically distant, we gardeners and wanna-be-gardeners can still enjoy each other's presence & participation via Zoom. Join us online for this new series of free, interactive talks & panel discussions featuring professional and experienced gardeners.

Our entertaining and engaging speakers will encourage, empower and educate you about all aspects of organic gardening. We'll have lots of time for questions & comments, too.

Here's our line-up for January:

On Monday, January 4 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm we will present "Seeds Matter: Selecting Seeds for Success" with special guest presenter: Adam Schick, a long-time farmer and organic market gardener from Linnaea Farm on Cortes island.

On Monday, January 11 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm we will present "Let's Talk Dirty: Building Soil Health & Fertility" with a selected panel of soil health enthusiasts & educators including Marc Doll. Marc is a firm believer in local food security and believes that food security begins with soil. He and his family own and operate Foot Forward Forest Farm, an organic farm on Quadra Island. Marc is transforming formerly denuded land through the best practices and principles of regenerative farming.



On Monday, January 18 from 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm we will present "Lights, Soil, Action! How to Get Your Starts Started" with special guest presenter Arzeena Hamir, Agriologist & Professional Market Gardener from Merville, BC. Arzeena and her husband own Amara Farm, a 26-acre certified organic vegetable and blueberry farm. She is a popular garden club speaker & educator.

For more information, contact Lu at 250-285-2213.

Join our friendly and supportive community of gardeners on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/QuadraIslandandCortesIslandGardens>

2020 Quadra Island Real Estate Market Summary

Overview

- A total of 43 properties sold.
- Out of the total, 23 were single family dwellings and 20 were bare land.
- Out of the single family dwellings, lot size ranged from 0.4 acres to 50 acres.
- Price range of \$330,000 to \$3,565,000
- Out of the lots, size ranged from 0.11 acre on Green Rd to 40 acres on Heriot Bay Rd.
- Price range of \$168,000 to \$679,500

Median Price

- 2019 \$580,100
- 2020 \$640,000
- Sell Price/List Price Ratio for 2018 to 2020 has ranged from 93-111%. It is common for properties to sell at full list price or higher.

If you are thinking of listing your home this year, the market picks up significantly at the beginning of March. We currently have a severe shortage of homes for sale. I am happy to provide a complimentary market analysis of your home, as well as more detailed market statistics (including sale prices). Feel free to contact me at 250-203-8652 or at renee@quadralsland.ca. Check out my website quadralslandhomes.ca

- Renée Stone

Quadra Singers' Spring Session

The Quadra Singers will begin their next session on January 21. As with the fall session, the main choir will have virtual rehearsals every second week. We wish we could all sing together, but this keeps song in our lives while we are still distanced. In support of this virtual choir, our Music Director, Kate Alexandra, and our accompanist, Joyce Baker, provide rehearsal parts online. So we get to sing along with them as we practice. In this new world of technology, Kate will compile our individual recordings into a virtual choir recording.

There is also the opportunity and support for choir members who wish to sing in small groups. Rehearsal tracks and combining of individual audio recordings are available. For more information about the session and how to join, please contact Joan Varley at jvarley@xplornet.com

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I just read in the local rag that residents are complaining about people deer hunting too close to their homes.

Wouldn't it be easier to let hunters know where crown lands, open to hunting, are

I once spent an entire day in Victoria, being sent from office to office, trying to find if a certain island was open to hunting. After an entire day, I got no answer

When one arrives on Lasqueti at the ferry dock, one is faced with a large plywood sign showing where crown land is. Seems top secret around here!

The Discovery Islander could post such a sign in hunting season, from August to December

It could also show locations of residences. When I fire shot, how am I supposed to know there is house well hidden in the bushes nearby

Residents there can plasticize the signs, and post them under their no hunting signs

Far less confrontational, and better diplomacy all around

The provincial government used to print maps showing marine parks

Now, hunters can only take a

wild guess as to whether they are in park or not. Guess wrong, and you are a criminal, for the crime of not being a good guesser!

Brent Swain

Dear Editor,

Which part of "mandatory" does your anti-masking correspondent not understand? Wearing a mask is not a matter of personal choice. It is not "eccentric" to choose not to wear one, it is deliberate disobedience of a BC public health order. An order enforceable by police and carrying a \$230 penalty.

If the correspondent wants an end to the "name-calling and guilt-tripping" – the remedy is in his/her own hands.

Grow up and take some personal responsibility!

"Fed Up"

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Dear Enthusiastic Quadrite,

Thank you for your plea for kindness. There can never be too much kindness.

For me, kindness includes avoiding reckless behaviour that may jeopardize the well-being of my friends, neighbours and family. What is going on in the world right now is neither a happening nor a propaganda machine, it is a viral pandemic that has killed millions and sickened hundreds of millions.

Health care professionals and scientists around the world have outlined what we should do to help stop the spread of the virus: Wear a mask and avoid gatherings. Inconvenient perhaps, but really quite simple.

Whether or not one agrees with the professionals is beside the point. There are people who think that traffic laws or firearms regulations shouldn't apply to them because they know better, nevertheless society will hold them accountable for breaking those regulations. This is our social contract, that for the greater good we will abdicate certain things that we may consider personal rights, such as the right to drive however we wish or to discharge firearms wherever we wish.

Fortunately we live in a democracy, so that if one feels that their freedoms are being curtailed unnecessarily they can express their feelings. However, if expressing their feelings jeopardizes the wellbeing of others then they should be held accountable.

So yes, let's all seek kindness. And in kindness remember our social contract and our accountability.

Thank you,

Bruce & Deb.

Dear Editor,

About a month or more prior to this article, I was walking the woodlot block behind Gowlland Ridge, just off the Thompson road trail. I was mushroom picking and exploring the side trails heading toward North Gowlland road to then loop back up on the North Gowlland Trail.

I was with my white wolf dog, wearing a vivid green jacket, when around a bend in the trail came a huntress in camouflage, gun raised and pointed at my chest. Ya, that scary.

Being a former contracted fisheries guardian, trained in gun handling, and hunting protocols I immediately went into a HEY! MF defensive mode, and gave them royal hell. Largely because I was triggered shitless. The unfortunate part is that I have been diagnosed with a stress disorder, called cptsd, so it was all I could do not to puke, and run. Adrenaline was pouring through me, as I had to walk past their vehicle. They knew they screwed up but gave me attitude, not an apology. I noticed the Chev truck, I believe had Ontario plates. I did not have the presence of mind to take my phone out because the stress had me barely holding on. Besides THEY had the loaded gun, with attitude. This hunting couple claimed to be part time Quadra residents from Ontario, so that might give you a clue. I didn't report to the RCMP because as I said, I just don't need anymore stress and drama in my life. Many of my hunting friends said I should report, so here it is. And if you know these pineapples, give em hell.

Anyone that knows basic gun handling and hunting, knows you never raise your weapon until you have a clear shot.....

Wildly Leanne

Research Conservancy Latest Proposal to Protect Forest Lands Compensation on Table to Safeguard Recreational and Ecological Treasure

Land management is always a hot topic on Quadra Island and there's hardly more of a touchstone for Islanders' passion than the Morte Lake - Mt Seymour area. Social media sparked into life before Christmas with news reported in the National Observer of a proposal to create a 'research conservancy' on approximately 2800 hectares of land including Mt Seymour and Morte Lake.

The Quadra Island Research Conservancy initiative is being brought forward by Aaron O'Connor and Chia-Ling Lee, founders of the Open Bay Society.

In November 2020, The Quadra Island Research Conservancy (QIRC) initiative formally requested that Mosaic, who hold the Tree Farm License for the area (TFL-47), suspend any planned logging activity or operation planning in the proposed conservancy area, in order for consultations to continue on a level playing field, without the threat of road-building and logging that might compromise the values of a future conservancy.

Open Bay Society has offered to negotiate with Mosaic a proposal that might include a 'compensation for conservation' model, to develop interim protections for the land identified in the QIRC proposal.

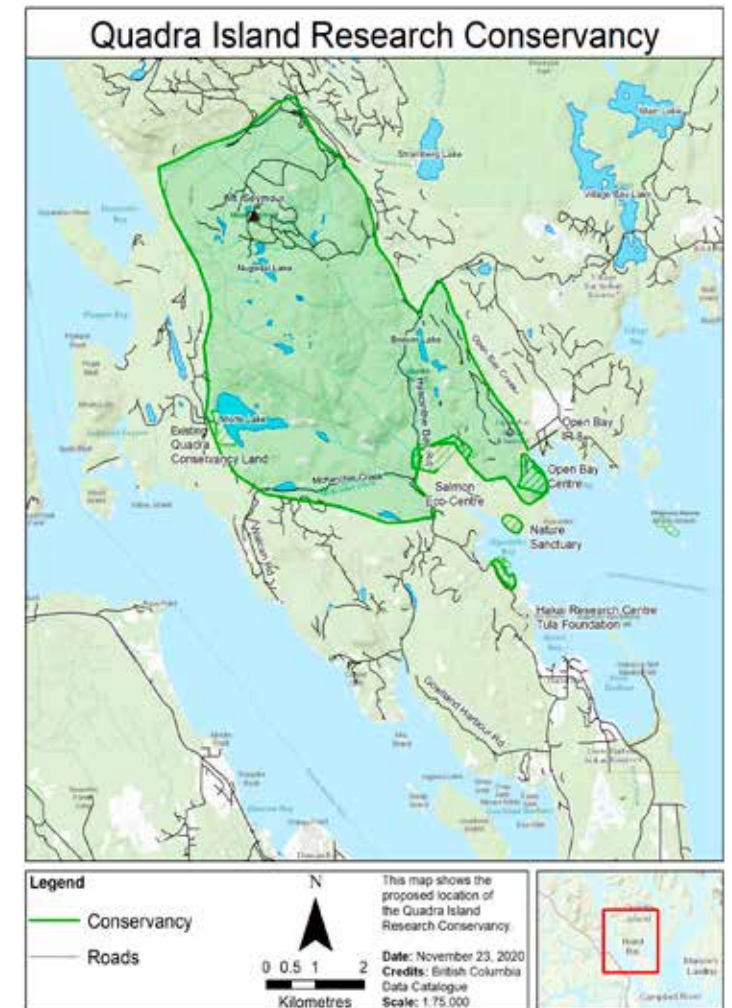
Should these interim protections be agreed on, permanent protections could then be considered, through a more in-depth process over time, by all major stakeholders (the Government of BC, First Nations and TFL-47 tenure holder, Mosaic).

Open Bay Society has assembled a team of forestry and conservancy professionals to guide and expedite this process. Mosaic are being updated with all developments and Open Bay Society have communicated an open door for Mosaic to participate in negotiations.

This proposal is the latest in a series of land use processes and initiatives which have consistently identified the Mt Seymour - Morte Lake area as requiring management objectives that better reflect the land's use and value to the community as a standing forest. The proposed conservancy area is used intensively for recreation by local residents and is a major draw for regional visitors who contribute millions of dollars each year to Quadra Island's local economy.

There is a network of regionally significant hiking trails, mountain bike trails and rock climbing crags all around the lakes and forested hills of Mt Seymour. This infrastructure, and the ambiance of the

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standing forest containing it, are cornerstones to Quadra Islands tourism market positioning, developed over the past twenty years. The success of tourism on Quadra Island and the revenue it generates is not accidental. Hundreds of thousands of dollars in local and provincial Government investment along with a steady stream of earned media have showcased the experiences available here, in very large part at Morte Lake and Mt Seymour.

In 2015 the concept of bringing some measure of protection to the Mt Seymour area was floated to a generally good local reception. As the proposal, for what was then described as a 'recreation and cultural reserve' gathered momentum the Strathcona Regional District obtained a grant from the Rural Dividend fund and commissioned a study which was undertaken by Urban Systems to investigate the potential options for managing the future of the Mt Seymour area.

Urban Systems and the SRD held an open house on Quadra Island in November 2017 to poll resident's ideas and opinions. While there were some concerns expressed regarding the removal of the Mt Seymour lands from the timber supply, the vast majority of views documented in the resulting report envisaged a future for Mt Seymour that did not involve logging. Urban Systems presented their final

report 'Mt Seymour Recreation Area Scoping Plan' in March 2018. The plan and SRD staff recommendations to the Board are available on the SRD web site here: tinyurl.com/y8qntz2d Since then little has been heard from the SRD on the matter. Enter Open Bay Society.

In early 2019, the Open Bay Society was incorporated as a not-for-profit, on Quadra Island, BC, where it purchased 105 acres of temperate rainforest on the island's northeast coast, and designated the land as protected wilderness and wildlife habitat. This was the beginnings of Open Bay Centre (www.openbaycentre.org) and a wilderness conservancy for the purposes of research and restoration.

In October 2019, Open Bay Society requested the most recent Mosaic operation maps for Quadra Island. The maps provided were cause for concern.

In particular, extensive projected roadwork in the Morte Lake and Chinese Mountains area, and the McKercher Creek area. These areas comprise critical habitat for at risk species, and comprise an established recreation destination for Quadra locals and visitors.

In November 2019, Open Bay Society, employing professionals in the fields of forestry and conservation, set out to consult with stakeholders (Crown, SRD, First Nations and the TFL-47 tenure holder, Mosaic). These

consultations resulted in the Society developing the Quadra Island Research Conservancy initiative. QIRC has been brought forward as a preemptive solution to avert controversial road-building and logging operations in this sensitive area. The QIRC initiative further considers the social and economic benefits for the Quadra community, including;

- The conservancy contributing to the island's growing research sector.
- Protecting cultural sites.
- Supporting diversification of the local economy by facilitating non-extractive revenue streams.
- Enhancing public access and enjoyment of public land.
- Protecting critical habitat.

Initiatives like QIRC also bring about outside interest in our community, its achievements and advantages.

Aaron O'Connor at open Bay Society says "There is significant justification for Mosaic to cooperate with the requested interim protections, and allow negotiations to continue in earnest. This is also an opportunity for Mosaic to extend some goodwill to the community."

He continues "The merits of the QIRC proposal, and the potential benefits for the Quadra community, warrant Mosaic's cooperation."

To support the conservancy proposal Open Bay Society are undertaking a socio-economic impact study which is due April 2021 a biological survey due later in 2021. The Society has proposed undertaking timber evaluations in cooperation with Mosaic to assess the value of potential tenure holder compensation.

O'Connor described "The studies, and work to date, represent a considerable investment by Open Bay Society. These are necessary data-sets to achieve protections. Our position is that these studies should not be taking place under the threat of logging operations."

- Philip Stone
with files from Open Bay Society

The public can express their support for a moratorium on logging in the Mt Seymour & Morte Lake area by contacting:

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Report: Mobile Homes' Design Leads To Higher Electricity Costs For Thousands

A new BC Hydro report finds many British Columbians living in mobile homes – many of whom are elderly or low-income – are at an energy disadvantage compared to other home types.

The report titled "Mobiles and megawatts: Why mobile homes use the most electricity" finds the average mobile home (also known as a manufactured home) uses 50 per cent more electricity per square foot than the average single-family home. While the size of mobile homes is similar to most apartments, their overall energy use is closer to that of townhouses or duplexes with nearly double the square footage.

Over 70,000 BC Hydro customers live in mobile homes – one of the highest concentrations in Canada. The largest proportion is located in the Southern Interior and more than 60 per cent of B.C.'s mobile home residents are over the age of 60.

A recent survey[1] found limited insulation options and some inefficient heating and cooling behaviours are large contributors to higher electricity use in mobile homes. About 20 per cent of mobile home residents use portable space heaters as one of their heating sources – one of the most expensive ways to heat a home. Further, about 85 per cent open windows at least

some of the time to help regulate temperature swings in their homes.

BC Hydro data also shows more than half of mobile home customers use a cooling system in the summer – this is higher than other dwelling types.[2] Many use portable air conditioners, which use 10 times more energy than a central air conditioning system or a heat pump. Heating can account for up to 50 per cent of a BC Hydro bill in the colder months, so improving heating and insulation is the most impactful efficiency change.

While 75 per cent of those living in mobile homes are interested in conserving electricity and saving money, many are concerned with how much it will cost or do not know where to start. There are a number of rebates, programs and tools available to help customers save energy and money, and BC Hydro recommends:

- Taking advantage of rebates and incentives: BC Hydro offers home renovation rebates year-round to improve a home's energy efficiency, including rebates up to \$2,000 for upgrading windows and doors, and up to \$2,000 for installing a heat pump – the most efficient way to cool in the summer and heat in the fall and winter.

- Enrolling in energy saving programs: BC Hydro offers the income qualified Energy Conservation Assistance Program and energy saving kits that provide advice and products to make energy-efficient home upgrades.

- Tracking electricity use: Use MyHydro to see how everyday actions like turning on a space heater affect electricity usage.

- Joining the team: Customers can sign up for Team Power Smart and commit to cutting electricity consumption by 10 per cent over the year, earning a \$50 reward if successful.

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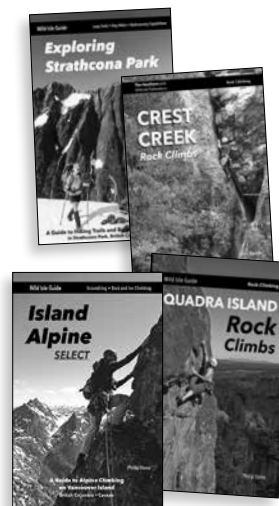
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