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Nov. 24, Friday
 • Friday Flicks 'East is East' QOC
 Doors open at 7:30pm
 Nov. 25th, Saturday
 • Festive Brunch Quadra Island Bible Church
 9:30-12 noon
 • Christmas Craft Fair Manson's Hall, Cortes
 11am - 4pm

Nov. 27, Mon.
 • Slideshow-Forestry on Van. Island Yak Shack
 7pm

Dec. 1, Friday
 • Christmas Craft Extravaganza Upper Realm/Cove Plaza
 12-6

Dec. 2, Saturday
 • Christmas Craft & Bake Sale Quadra Island Legion
 10am - 2pm
 • Christmas Craft Extravaganza Upper Realm/Cove Plaza
 10-6

Dec. 3, Sunday
 • Public Meeting - Ferry Fares Quadra Elementary
 1pm

Dec. 8, Fri.
 • 'Blame it on Bossanova' Fashion Show QOC
 Dec. 9, Saturday
 • NITRS Country Christmas 1049 Heriot Bay Rd
 11:30 am - 3:30 pm

Dec. 15, Friday
 • Carol Sing Camp Hornwood
 8:00pm

Dec. 16, Saturday
 • Quadra Singers Concert QOC
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**The Next Deadline For
 Advertising & Editorial
 12 noon, Tuesday Dec. 5th, 2000**

*Only items received before the deadline
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Eckhart Tapes

I'm curious to know if there is anyone who would want to get together once a week to listen to a set of six tapes which are a recording of talks given by Eckhart Tolle during his 'Power of Now' retreat at Hollyhock this September. Each tape is about an hour long. Eckhart is an enlightened teacher who lives in Vancouver. Phone Eric Light at 285-2372 or email me at erlight@island.net

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Sierra Club Slides

An Aerial View Join SierraQuadra at the Yak Shak Mon. Nov. 27 at 7 p.m. for an informative slideshow and discussion of the impact of cutting in Vancouver Island's forests. It will be presented by Jill Thompson of the Sierra Club of British Columbia and Forest Watch.

Craft Fairs Continue.

Three seasons markets. Every Sat. Except Dec. 7 for Linda Evans wedding) until Christmas from 10am-2pm and longer. \$5/table, \$2.50 half table and children. Juggling, live music, kindling, hand made soap, produce, good nutritious food, displays of all kinds and much more. More convenient than Wal-Mart, Zellers, Superstore etc. Saves ferry fares (which are going up I hear). Gives children and teenagers and anyone a way to earn pocket money instead of getting into crime of any kind plus, many more reasons why this is good fun to attend. Come one! Come all! Everyone welcome. No one goes hungry. 285-3766 for more info.

Christmas Gift Ideas

What is light easy to mail, inexpensive and unique to Quadra Island? Actually, there are three things, in a range of prices and all of them available only on Quadra.

1) For friends or relatives who have never been to Quadra, why not fold a map of the island inside a Christmas Card? Mark a red dot where you live and underline the places you often go, where you work or any other favourite landmark. Only \$1 from Quadra Crafts, KT's Village Gifts and Explore.

2) COLOUR ME QUADRA is a fun colouring book by Hilary Stewart that will keep youngsters occupied for hours and gives an idea of some of the delightful places, activities and events on and around the island. Twenty three pages for colouring and spiral bound so they lie flat. Only \$5 no tax. Available at Quadra Crafts, KT's Village Gifts, Explore and Hummingbird.

3) QUADRA T-SHIRTS. An attractive T-shirt with a black and white Quadra Island recreation Society logo. They come in three sizes and in beige, grey and plum. Shirts are 100% cotton and great value at \$20. Available at the Christmas Craft Fair, Nov. 17 & 18 at the Community Centre.



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Amnesty Network Alive

Amnesty Women's Action Network Alive and Well on Quadra Island.

We meet on the last Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We are always looking for new members. At the meeting one of our members provides us with letters regarding prisoners of conscience. There is also an educational component to most of our meetings i.e. watching a video documentary on an issue of interest. For the past few years our group has been following the situation of women in Afghanistan closely.

In the ensuing months we have a number of events planned. December 10, which is International Human Rights Day, we will have an informal table at Quadra Foods.

If you are interested in writing letters of support but can't find time to come to our meetings or to write your own letters please note that we leave copies of our letters in a box beside the bulletin board at Quadra Foods. All that is necessary is for you to sign, put a return address on, and mail these letters. We recommend that you only use an initial for your first name as it is beneficial in many countries that your sex not be identifiable. It has been shown many a time that these letters can effect positive changes for prisoners of conscience. For further information on our group phone 285-3632.

High Fashion on Quadra Island

Glamour and glitz prevail on Friday, December 8th at the Quadra Community Centre when 'Blame it on Bossanova' hits the stage that night. Billed as a pre-Christmas fashion show extravaganza, this non-profit event promises to be full of entertainment for all ages. The show features an eclectic mix of locally designed clothing, vintage wear spanning five decades, and today's current streetwear trends. This is a collaborative effort of several businesses and individuals from Courtenay up to Quadra, and show proceeds will go to a local group or organization chosen by volunteers.

Advance tickets are \$4/adults, \$3/students, and \$2/children under 12, and are available at Doof Records in Courtenay, Incognito in Campbell River, and Bossanova on Quadra Island. Support the local scene and come out for an evening of fabulous festivity! For more information, call 285-2003.

Quadra Island Seniors Housing Society Report

In September 2000 The Society organized a drive to promote corporate memberships and donations to assist in funding and in obtaining Foundation grants. Letters were mailed to 86 businesses and followed up by a personal visit or phone call.

In October 2000 Carol Reese generously produced a one sheet insert for 'The Hungry Eye' that described the history of the Society, its aims and progress. This was sent to the general community and it also suggested participation (in a number of ways) in the project.

To date we have had a positive response from 31 businesses, 8 personal donations and 5 prospective members. We hope those businesses that are unable to give us support at this time will do so in the future. We have had a number of businesses offer donations of work or services. New members would be warmly welcomed.

To publicly thank all those who have donated, we present the following lists. Those who have donated since we composed this list and those promising future donation will be acknowledged in a subsequent publication.

Business memberships: Campbell River Veterinary Hospital, Cornerstone Concrete, Discovery Islands Realty, Doug Peters Excavating, Heriot Bay Store, Quadra Credit Union.

Donations: All Clear Septic, Don Heald Plumbing, Gardens by Paul, Hands on Health, Heriot Bay Consignment Store, Island Dreams Adventures, James Pottery, K.T.'s General Store, Mystic Isles Business, Pacific Gardening, Plum Blossom Acupuncture, Quadra Foods, Quadra Storage, Quadra Taxi, Quadrate Ventures, Seascapes Waterfront Resort, Whale of a Gallery.

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Well attended workshop

How to protect your Children

How to protect your children from sexual abuse, was the topic that brought many parents

to the workshop hosted by Quadra Daycare on November 6. We would like to say thank you to Lisa Ball from Family Services in Campbell River, for sharing her experience of 16 years working with abused children. She gave us a lot of important information; how offenders work and why most children don't tell. She gave parents some helpful advice, on how to protect their children from sexual abuse. For all the parents who couldn't attend the workshop, here is some important information:

HOW OFFENDERS PROCEED

Offenders typically come in three different forms. The offender within the family (fathers, uncles, aunts, brothers), the offender from extended family (friends, babysitter, coach, teacher etc.) and the stranger. Often the offender is male but it must not be forgotten that females abuse as well!

Grand mothers, mothers, aunts, older sisters, female family friends and babysitters, are all potential abusers.

Both girls and boys are victimized and just because an offender tends to choose boys, doesn't mean girls are either safe with him. A child is abused because they are a child, unable to defend themselves and are easy targets. Offenders are often victims themselves. The two main tools an abuser uses are controlling his victim and maintaining the secret.

Grooming children is a process. It begins when the predator chooses a target area. He may visit places where children are likely to go: schools, shopping malls, playgrounds, parks, and the like. He may work or volunteer at businesses that cater to children. Other predators strike up relationships with adults who have children at home- single parent families make particularly good targets. Victim selection and recruitment are next. There is not a prototypical victim of child abuse. Any child may be victimized. Predators often target children with obvious vulnerabilities. The child who feels unloved and unpopular will soak up adult attention like a sponge. Children with family problems, who spend time alone, who lack self-confidence and self-esteem, and who are isolated from their peers are likely targets. Many predators use a combination of forced teaming and charm to 'recruit' the child.

They may offer to play games, give rides, or buy treats and gifts as tokens of friendship. And they almost always offer a sympathetic, understanding ear. Offenders are often skillful

manipulators, who influence and control a family and people around a victim child. A predator will usually introduce secrecy at some point during the grooming process.

HOW TO RECOGNIZE

The best way to recognize grooming behavior is to pay attention to your child. Pay attention to any changes that differ significantly from their normal natural behavior and try to find out what is behind them. Children's fear of people is not yet developed, their intuition not yet loaded with enough information and experience to keep them from harm. When we blindly surrender responsibility for them to others without question, we invite trouble.

Parents should know their child's teachers, coaches, day care providers, and other significant adults in their lives. Make unannounced visits. Ask questions. Stay involved.

Please talk to your children. Teach them to recognize grooming behavior. Teach them to be wary of any physical contact initiated by an adult and teach them to trust you with their problems and their pain. The safest child is the child who knows he can bring his problems and concerns to parents and adult caregivers without reproach or retaliation.

HOW TO PROTECT MY CHILDREN

It is difficult to protect your children from abuse by family members and close friends. But you can be alert to many other potentially dangerous situations.

Be aware where your children are and what they are doing. Know who is with your children.

Teach your children to watch out for their own safety. Remind them not to accept money, treats

or favors from strangers. Warn them never to accept a ride or go anywhere with someone they don't know. Talk about what your children can do if someone approaches them. Tell your child to seek help immediately if an adult makes them feel uneasy or afraid. Tell them to run away and scream for help.

But remember that many children are abused by adults they know. Tell your child that they don't have to agree to demands for physical closeness.

Assure them that it is all right to say no even to close friends and relatives.

Encourage your child to tell you or another adult immediately if anyone touches or talks to them in a way that seems strange or makes them uncomfortable.

Teach your child that 'Secret touch is wrong' Your child can recognize an offender

by feeling uneasy and run away. Watch the words you are using in your daily life with your children, for they are very literally in their understanding what adults say.

On birthdays we only have surprises... We don't maintain secrets in our family!

HOW CAN I TALK TO MY CHILDREN ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE WITHOUT SCARING THEM? You have already taught your children many safety rules-how to cross busy streets, and so on. Precautions relating to sexual abuse can be a natural part of your discussion of safety in general. Set rules that are appropriate to each child's age and development, and change them as the child grows up.

You don't have to tell very young children about sex when you discuss these rules if you don't want to. For example, simply explain that some adults may try to take off children's clothes or touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Be sure you use words the children understand. Answer questions fully, and let your children know that they can come to you at any time to talk about anything that is puzzling or upsetting. Your calm, matter of fact manner will reassure your children that they can share their concerns with you in the future.

EMPOWER YOUR CHILDREN WITH KNOWLEDGE

Build a strong relationship

Encourage communication

Acknowledge feelings no matter how trivial

TEACH BOUNDARIES

Privacy boundaries: bathroom activities, dressing, assert own personal boundaries

Do not insist on hugging or kissing

TEACH ASSERTIVENESS

Encourage decision making, choices, etc.

COMMUNICATE

Encourage use of proper name for body parts. Explain about 'Secret touch is wrong'! Tell them what to do if something happens. Be relaxed around the subject of sexuality. Use a 'touching incident' as an opportunity for education. Don't use blanket statements like 'You do everything the babysitter says'.

If you would like to get more information about this topic, you are welcome to get an information package at the Quadra Daycare 285 3511 or to call Lisa Ball at 287 2421.

Quadra Quilters Donate Quilts to Island RCMP

Thanks From Quadra Is. RCMP

On November 14th, the local R.C.M.P. was invited to the monthly meeting of the Quadra Island Quilter's Guild at the Community Centre. President of the local Guild, Shirley Duncan, presented the R.C.M.P. with two beautiful hand crafted quilts. These two quilts, which go along with two others earlier donated, are impeccable. The quilts are offered as a project undertaken by the guild to provide comfort to those in need when in contact with the police. They will be carried in our police cars for such situations when a person who may be in distress for a variety of reasons, requires some comfort that can only come from the caring, compassion and effort which went into these quilts.

The local ladies, which total 35, have donated a countless amount of time, as well as their own money in producing these quilts goes a long way in showing what a strong community we live in. It was a surprise for myself to see just how many people are involved in the guild. When I arrived, and interrupted their meeting, the smiles on all of the faces shows how truly they enjoy their work. Work that will be measured I am sure, from the expression shown on the face of the first person who receives quilt.

This is not the first project the guild has undertaken, as they also do quilts for the Woman's Transition House in Campbell River and Ronald McDoanld House. I can only imagine the other recipients of these quilts are as pleased as we are and look forward to further involvement with the guild.

Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated.

Cst. Craig PETERSON
Quadra Island R.C.M.P.



Quadra RCMP Constable Craig Peterson receives quilts from Quadra Quilters.

Quadra Quilters

The November meeting of the Quadra Quilters welcomed three new members to their group. Information about a number of upcoming events, including workshops, and quilt shows were shared and the remainder of the 2000-2001 quilting season is shaping up to be very busy. The first blocks for the next quilt raffle were displayed and they are both exciting and well crafted.

The group presented Constable Craig Peterson with two of the five quilts the group are in the process of completing for the local RCMP unit. We hope they will provide comfort and warmth to any who have need of them in the future. Quilts have long been associated with warmth and love and we enjoy carrying on this tradition.

An after-lunch workshop on machine applique was conducted by Shirley Duncan. Dissolving seaweed stabiliser used in applique was an amazing product. If only we could make it from the seaweed washing up on our shores at this time of the year. We all have the opportunity to try the new techniques on the December 'Block of the Month', Oregon Daisy. The December meeting will be our Christmas Pot Luck luncheon.

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The year is 1971. George Khan has long since left his Indian wife to immigrate to Salford, Manchester. In fact, he has married again and had seven children, and together, he and his Lancastrian wife run 'George's English Chippy'. Times are tough. A war is raging between India and Pakistan, and England is supporting the racist and anti-immigrant Enoch Powell. Not only does George feel 'less than a man in the eyes of his white neighbors,' he feels deeply ashamed in relation to the Pakistani community, which disapproves of his wife and of his children's liberal ways. Despite his own 'poor example,' George is determined to make good Pakistanis of his children. Dad's dictatorial plans to get his children on the straight and narrow bring the churning rebelliousness under his roof to overflowing.

The air is filled with the sound of shattering taboos. All of the Khan children have infectious vitality. When George isn't looking, his kids dabble in Catholicism, date the wrongsorts of people and eat bacon and sausages while mom poises at the ready with air freshener in hand. At times we see the bewilderment beneath George's rage and the way Ella, his wife, walks a dangerous tightrope to protect her children while defending her husband's shaky self-esteem.

East is East opens all the cans of worms inside a family drama. It is the stuff of kitchen sink comedy - and lavatory humor as well. It is frank, impudent and self-mocking, thriving on ripe vulgarity and a hectic pace. In cinematic terms, East is East offers a more satisfying meal than one might expect to get at 'George's English Chippy'.

Stay tuned for Friday Flicks' next series of six, which will begin in January.

(review credits: Reel Reviews, London Evening Standard, The Village Voice, The Nation)



Ladies Aux.

Christmas Sale

Sat. Dec. 2 10am - 2pm For tables call 285-3971 or 285-2207

Annual Carol Sing at Camp Homewood

Friday, December 15th at 8:00pm. Come and enjoy an evening of singing your favourite Christmas Carol then stay for a time of refreshments. Held in the beautifully decorated lodge at Homewood, this seasonal event is a highlight to all who attend. See you there.

Seasonal Family Outing at NITRS

December 9, 2000 from 11:30am to 3:30pm at 1049 Heriot Bay Road, Quadra Island (follow the signs from the ferry). While visiting Santa, buy your cultured Christmas Tree. Have a family outing at our Indoor Riding Ring, with ponyrides, wreath-making, photos with Santa and concession stand. May the North Island Therapeutic Riding Society take this time to wish all our Volunteers, Riders, Sponsors and especially BC Ferries a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and THANK YOU for your support. We plan to serve more riders next year so would really appreciate more volunteers. CONTACT Tel 285-2240 nitrs@island.net <http://www.nitrs.ca>. as of Dec. 1, 2000



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The 15th Annual Christmas Craft Fair was a joyous event at the Centre thanks to the many crafters, customers, CCAP concession volunteers and especially the organizers, Sue Anderson, Mimi Smienk and Val Barr [concession.] Appreciations also to Ruth and Martin Amiable [ho-ho] Dan Bingham, Gordon James, Fire Dept. volunteers, Garnet Kehn, Colleen and Sue Swanson Lilly Langevin, Heather Fraser and Keri Smith, and Mary Ellen Wilkens.

Appreciations go to Michael Stahnke and Abby Brooks for moderating the 'Meet the Federal Election Candidates' meeting of November 19. [It would be helpful to have a group ready for the next election who will organize the all-candidates meeting. In order to get all candidates at one spot on the same date, it means choosing a date as soon as an election is called and contacting those running.] If you are the one to organize this, call the Q.C.C. for more deets.

If you wish to rent the Q.C.C. for classes, workshops and fundraisers, please book now. The Winter/Spring program is shaping up. If you have always had a yen to pass on your knowledge on a subject or skill, phone and let's talk...

Sandra Spearing, Q.C.C. coordinator
285-3243 M-F 8 am to 3 pm

Green Party Candidate Comes to Quadra

After the All Candidates Meeting on Sunday, Nov. 19, Pam Munroe, Green Party candidate for Vancouver Island North MP, is more informed about issues of particular concerns to Quadra Island.

'If the federal government were providing the kind of adequate protection for our water, air and soil, that the Green Party calls for,' says Munroe 'neither the pollution from the Campbell River Co-Generation plant, nor the dumping of cruise ship effluent would be permitted.'

And although the logging of Raven district lot #123 is not under federal mandate Munroe adds, 'the Green Party is working for enforcement of international agreements on greenhouse gases, like Kyoto. This would require truly sustainable forestry and local control of forest land, and a reduction in carbon monoxide and other pollutants from the Elk Falls Cogen plant.'

Retired from a successful accounting career in Alberta, Munroe recently moved to the Comox Valley. She has a long history of community involvement in environmental, educational and health care concerns. She was active with the Alberta Greens, serving as their Chief Financial Officer for nine years, and interim Party Leader for 6 months.

Munroe predicts that the Greens will get 10% of the vote nationally. 'and much more than that on Quadra Island.' Munroe feels that a vote for the Green Party is never wasted. If we continue to vote for the bad to avoid the worse, that is all we will ever get.' She adds, 'We are the only party recognizing that the well being of all depends upon the ecological principles that form the basis of Green Policy.'

Greens Call For Emission Control

The Green Party supports the immediate installation of emission control technologies, to the highest standards possible, on the Elk Falls Co-Generation Plant in Campbell River.

If its not economically viable to use the highest pollution controls, then its not economically viable to build and operate it. Period.

Canada currently has no plan to meet even the pitifully low emission standards of the Kyoto Accord on green house gas reduction.

This huge complex plant is the opposite of the 'soft energy path' the Green Party advocates. We will support small-scale hydro, solar, wind generation, and especially tidal power.

Canada and Vancouver Island North could be a model for sustainable energy with our north coast winds, abundant solar and unique tidal opportunities. Why not a tidal power research station at Surge Narrows??

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC VIEWING

2001-2005

FOREST DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that TFL Forest Ltd. will hold a public viewing of a Forest Development Plan for the Johnstone Straits Operation which is to be harvested under Tree Farm Licence 47.

The forest development plan shows the location and orderly development of proposed harvesting, and road development, maintenance and deactivation activities. The forest development plan is available for review by resource agencies and the public before approval is considered by the Ministry of Forests. If approved, the plan forms the basis for Cutting Permit applications that provide the authority to commence harvesting.

DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES:

Campbell River:

Middlepoint Office, TFL Forest Ltd., 5705 North Island Highway

Monday, December 4, 2000 to Friday, December 8, 2000

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Quadra Community Center, Quadra Island

Saturday, December 9, 2000

12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

A representative of TFL Forest Ltd. will be available to discuss the plan. If you are unable to attend any of these dates, please contact Rick Monchak, R.P.F. at (250) 286-7364 to arrange a viewing.

In addition, a copy of the forest development plan for the Quadra Island portion of TFL 47 will be displayed at the Quadra Island Library, 712 Cramer Road, Heriot Bay, for the 60 day viewing period, commencing November 22, 2000, during regular library hours:

Saturday, Tuesday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm; 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Friday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Any written comments must be received at the address below by January 22, 2001.

B.T. Storry, R.P.F., Operations Planner

TFL Forest Ltd.

Johnstone Strait Operation

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Cancelled Sailings

In order to allow our employees the opportunity to vote in the federal election, the following two sailings between Quadra and Cortes will be cancelled on Monday, November 27th: 1:50pm departing Cortes Island and 3:05pm departing Quadra Island. Service will resume with the 3:50pm sailing.

Ray Condo & the Richochets Perform on Cortes

International recording and touring artists, Ray Condo and the Richochets are performing at a dance at Manson's Hall on Cortes Island, Saturday, December 2.

The Vancouver based neo-traditional quintet, which punch out stripped down western swing/rockabilly tunes, have gathered a large following from across North America and Europe. Condo, who's major influences came from Hank Snow, Anita O'Day, Gene Vincent, Nat King Cole and Charlie Feathers, describes the bands and his musical evolution as coming from elements of rockabilly, country-western and Western swing. As Jeff Richardson writes in the *Journal of Country Music*; "The bottom line is that these guys can play. Its going to take some special talent for any band to be on the same level."

Tickets are available at Cortes stores or call 935-8525 for more info. Doors open at 9:00 p.m. Refreshments available.



Arts & Crafts Market

A Christmas arts and crafts market opens this week at the Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery. The juried sale brings together some of the finest hand crafted items available in our region, for sale until Christmas in a festive retail setting. Everyone is invited to opening night, November 17 from 7:00 to 9:00, for first pick among hundreds of items and a chance to meet some of the potters, weavers and crafters involved. The market will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 - 5:00 and Fridays until 8:00 p.m., to December 23.

Museum at CR Backcountry Skiing

Saturday, Nov. 25th at 2:00 p.m. at the Museum at Campbell River share **Pal Horvath's** excitement about back-country skiing as you watch his wonderful slides of spectacular local wilderness areas. Cost is \$5.50 adults and \$4.50 students and seniors. Call 287-3103 to register.

The Museum at Campbell River invites everyone to its annual gala reception on Friday, Dec. 1 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This year's theme, "**Christmas for the Millennium**", will feature sparkling blue and silver decor, arts and crafts for kids, ongoing entertainment all afternoon, sumptuous treats, and surprises in the galleries and shop. Come and join our spectacular traditional event. It's all free with regular museum admission.

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JOB OPENING

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Woodlot Licensees Receive Forest Stewardship Awards

Representing all six forest regions within BC, twenty-five woodlot licensees received recognition for a high level of management on their woodlots. Awards were presented at the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations' Annual General Meeting held recently in Prince George, BC on October 13-14, 2000.

The annual awards recognize woodlot licensees who have made significant contributions to enhance and promote the Woodlot Licence Program. Local woodlot associations and the Ministry of Forests submit nominations for the Forest Stewardship Awards. Licensees are evaluated on their Forest Management Practices, Community Involvement, Compliance, and Volunteer, Innovation and Profitability efforts.

There are three levels of awards: District, Regional and Provincial. Individuals nominated for the District Award receive a certificate of achievement. One woodlot licensee from each of the six Forest Regions receives the Regional award of Distinction. From these six finalists, the top overall performer is selected as the recipient of

the Provincial award of excellence. The forest regions are Cariboo, Kamloops, Nelson, Prince George, Prince Rupert and Vancouver.

The recipient of the Provincial Award of Distinction for 2000 is Bill & Anita Batten from Golden BC. Bill and Anita have managed Woodlot #0456 since the late 1980's. Bill, who is close to 80 years old, remains very active in the planning and on the ground operations of the woodlot. Bill is always willing to share with others what he has learned from his woodlot and through his life experiences.

The Federation of BC Woodlot Associations membership consists of woodlot licence holders and private forest landowners who have a common interest in agroforestry, small-scale forestry and good forest stewardship. Members manage more than half a million hectares of Crown and Private forest-land in the province. There are 810 woodlot licensees in BC, and 27 local woodlot associations within the Federation.

Comox Logging History at Museum

The Museum at Campbell River is pleased to present award-winning author/historian Richard Mackie with a slide show and talk on his newest book, *Island Timber*, Wednesday, Dec. 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Island Timber is an illustrated history of the Comox Logging Company. Between 1910 and 1938, the Company operated the largest sawmill in the British Empire, cutting large-barked Douglas Firs harvested all the way from Campbell River to Courtenay. Thousands of local people, many from old Comox Valley families, constituted the "Comox Homeguard", a large part of the logging company's workforce. Until the company was taken over by Crown Zellerbach in 1954, the Comox Logging and Railway Company was the main employer of the Comox Valley. The company also logged Quadra Island, Ladysmith, and Nanaimo Lakes, employing many local residents.

Dr. Mackie draws upon over one hundred interviews for this meticulously researched detailed history. Written in the engaging style evident in such earlier works as *The Wilderness Profound*, the book also includes an abundance of unique historical photos and maps.

Richard Mackie has a close connection with the area, having lived in the Comox Valley and served on the Board of the Museum at Campbell River. The son of a zoologist and an art historian, he holds a Ph.D. in Canadian History from the University of Victoria, and has taught at U.Vic., University of Washington, and North Island College in Campbell River.

Reserve your places for the evening by calling the Museum at 287-3103 between noon and 5:00 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday. The cost is \$5.50 adults/\$5.00 students and seniors.

Mt. Washington Purchases 600 Acres of Additional Terrain

Mt. Washington Alpine Resort Mt. Washington Alpine Resort announced on November 6th the acquisition of 600 acres of land for future Resort expansion. The new land is located to the West and North of the current Alpine Lodge and will be developed for both summer and winter activities.

The process began in May, when construction was started on a new 10,000 square foot Nordic Lodge Adventure Center. This multi-adventure facility has now been completed to lock-up with the exterior construction done and the interior scheduled to be finished during the 2001 summer season. This beautiful post and beam Lodge, located a kilometer to the West of the existing Nordic Lodge, will feature a spectacular view of Mt. Albert Edward and will serve as an additional dining and retail outlet for both nordic and alpine skiers. This area will also serve

as the trailhead to Strathcona Park, providing better accessibility and a central point for educational tours. Nordic enthusiasts will be happy to hear that all the services currently offered, such as rentals and lessons will continue to be provided and the expanded facility will also offer lockers, change rooms, laundry facilities, showers and a large deck overlooking Strathcona Park.

With the land purchase finalized, the Resort will now focus on steps two and three of the development plan which include; a realignment and extension of the red chair, additional hiking trails, an updated village core including water features and a conceptual plan for additional construction.

Peter Gibson, General Manager for Mt. Washington Resort, has been working closely with stakeholders to ensure that while this plan provides

better access to Strathcona Park it will also offer educational services to better instruct the park supporters on environmental concerns and issues. As we expand into the Westside we realize it is important to work collectively toward ensuring all questions, including any environmental concerns identified by the Local Area Planning Process, are addressed, says Gibson.

Many of our current skiers, boarders, hikers and mountain bikers have expressed their desire for additional terrain and this land purchase will certainly provide us with the room to grow into a multi-season Resort, continues Gibson. The Resort hopes to see most of the expansion plans, including at least two additional chairlifts, completed within the next five years. In order for this to happen along with a succession of successful winters, Mountain real estate must also be developed.



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Winter Wishes & And So Much More A Holiday Art Making Extravaganza For Children Ages 7-12 Years Old

December 7th 21st Thursday
afternoons from 3:30-5pm

The Campbell River and District Public Art Gallery is offering a children's holiday art making class called 'Winter Wishes' which will run for three weeks from December 7th to 21st on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5pm. This final class of the year is a seasonal one that reflects the atmosphere of the gallery's Christmas Arts and Crafts Market. Students will create a variety of holiday related art projects including cards and ornaments with holiday motifs and surprises using materials like glitter, cellophane, and paints. They will learn how to use a variety of art making techniques to create their holiday ideas including sponge painting, three dimensional paper construction, and much more. This is a perfect opportunity for children to get into the spirit of the holidays! The class is limited to eight students so remember to register early! The fee for this class is \$30.00. Registration forms can be picked up in the foyer of the Centennial Building on the bulletin board outside gallery hours or in the gallery Tuesdays to Saturdays from 10-5pm. The gallery is also open on Friday evenings until 8pm for your holiday shopping needs.

The gallery is also hosting a

variety of other holiday events for the whole family including a 'paint your own ornament' day on Saturday, December 2nd from 11am-2pm. Clay ornaments will be handpainted with a variety of colours of acrylic paint. A portion of the proceeds from this event will be donated to the Campbell River Food Bank. So bring the family along for some creative fun that benefits the local community.

On Tuesday, December 12th from 10:30-2:30, Irene Blueth of Silver Sea Handmade Jewelry, Cortes Island, will be demonstrating jewelry fabrication: wire working, sawing, and texturing in the gallery lobby. Irene will explain about 'Lost Cedar Casting', her special technique for replicating organic forms. Visit this exhibit of the various stages of the process and see work in progress. She will also be available for consultations about custom orders or reworking your old gold.

Other events at the gallery in the next month include a print making class for Christmas cards, and the return of the Art Card Swap with a holiday theme. For further information on these classes or other programs at the gallery, please drop by the gallery located at 1235 Shoppers Row in the Tye Plaza parking lot or contact us at 287-2261.

AIDS Awareness Week

This year Canada's AIDS Awareness Week is once again on the last week of November, commencing November 27th and culminating in World AIDS Day on December 1st. The theme for the Canadian Campaign this year is, 'Men Make A Difference.' Representatives from AIDS organizations in each region of Canada, including a staff member of Campbell River's North Island AIDS Coalition, participated in the selection of the target group, and the development of the theme, posters, postcards and fact sheets. These materials were distributed to stakeholders throughout the country in mid November. Attached are the fact sheets detailing the issues for men in Canada in the context of HIV and AIDS. The Poster reads, 'Millions of men thought they wouldn't get AIDS' They were wrong. Protect Yourself.

The North Island AIDS Coalition (NIAC) continues to play a primary role in the provision of services for those residents of Campbell River and area living with HIV and AIDS. Our Education for Prevention, and Harm Reduction (Needle Exchange) Programs continue to be well received and utilized by individuals perceived to be at risk, and the community at large.

The North Island AIDS Coalition has seen unprecedented growth in the past year, and now provides comprehensive services and programs for North Vancouver Island from Fanny Bay to Port Hardy, including the Northern Gulf Islands, the North Central Coast and Bella Bella. Full services including Individual Advocacy and Support Services, Education Services, Harm Reduction Programs, and Volunteer opportunities are available in NIAC branch offices in Courtenay, Campbell River and Port Hardy. Outreach from these regional bases guarantees that services are available to smaller communities and individuals outside of these urban centers. NIAC also provides services and programs for persons living with Hepatitis C.

For more information, please contact NIAC's office at the numbers listed above, or drop by for a visit during office hours. We are open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. NIAC is a Community Resource Centre. Persons living with HIV and AIDS and the general public are always welcome.



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You are invited to a special meeting to ask questions and provide your input on BC Ferries' proposed changes to the existing fare structure on:

Date: Sunday, December 3
Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Location: Quadra Elementary School Gymnasium

Three options proposed for implementing fare changes. All three include a 3.8% fare increase. One option is a straight across-the-board increase based on the cost of inflation. The other two options are distance-based and are intended to address issues of equity and customers depends on the implementation option.

You can obtain a copy of the Tariff Review Summary Report (which includes a feedback response form) and provide us with your input by:

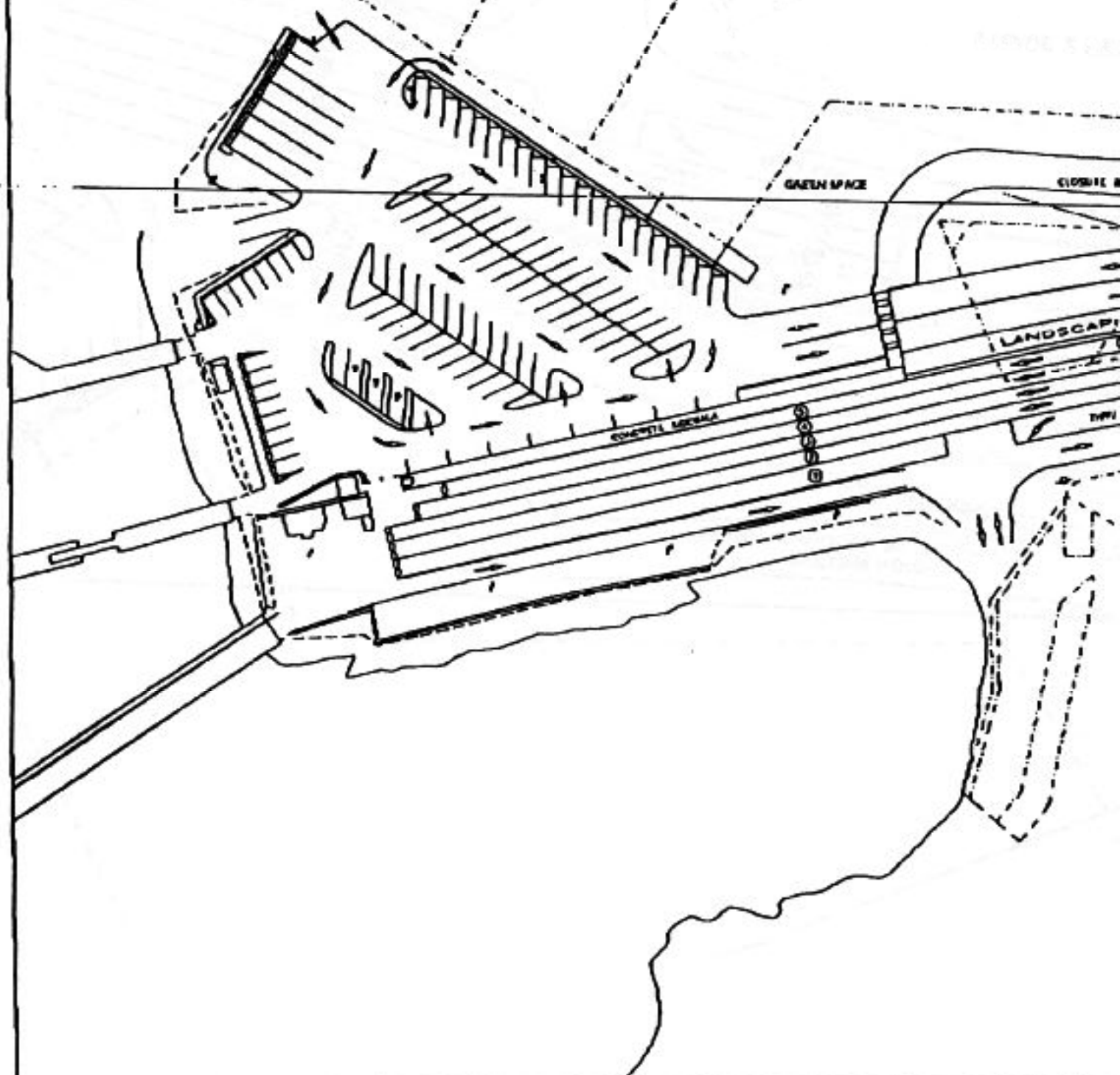
- Attending the public meeting on December 3 and speaking with BC Ferries staff.
- Picking up a copy of the report from the Campbell River terminal ticket booth.
- Visiting the corporation's Web site at www.bcferries.com. Under "BC Ferries News", you will find the latest Tariff Review summary report.
- Calling 1-877-281-1294 or faxing the BC Ferries Tariff Review project team at (250) 978-1119 to request a copy of the report and the feedback response form.
- Writing to BC Ferries at 1112 Fort Street Victoria, BC V8V 4V2

For more information, please contact:

Nancy Cameron, Consultation Coordinator
(250) 978-1323

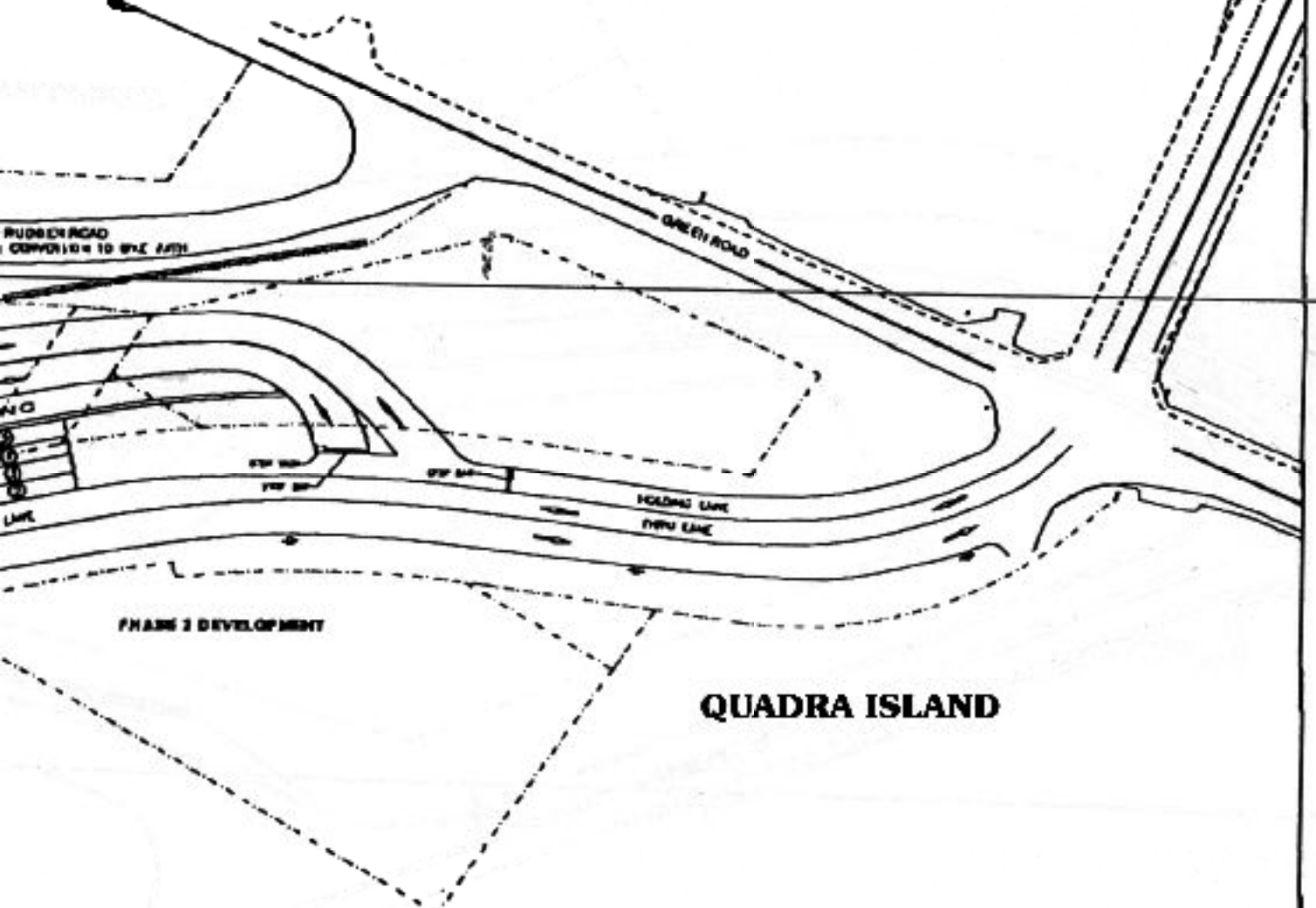


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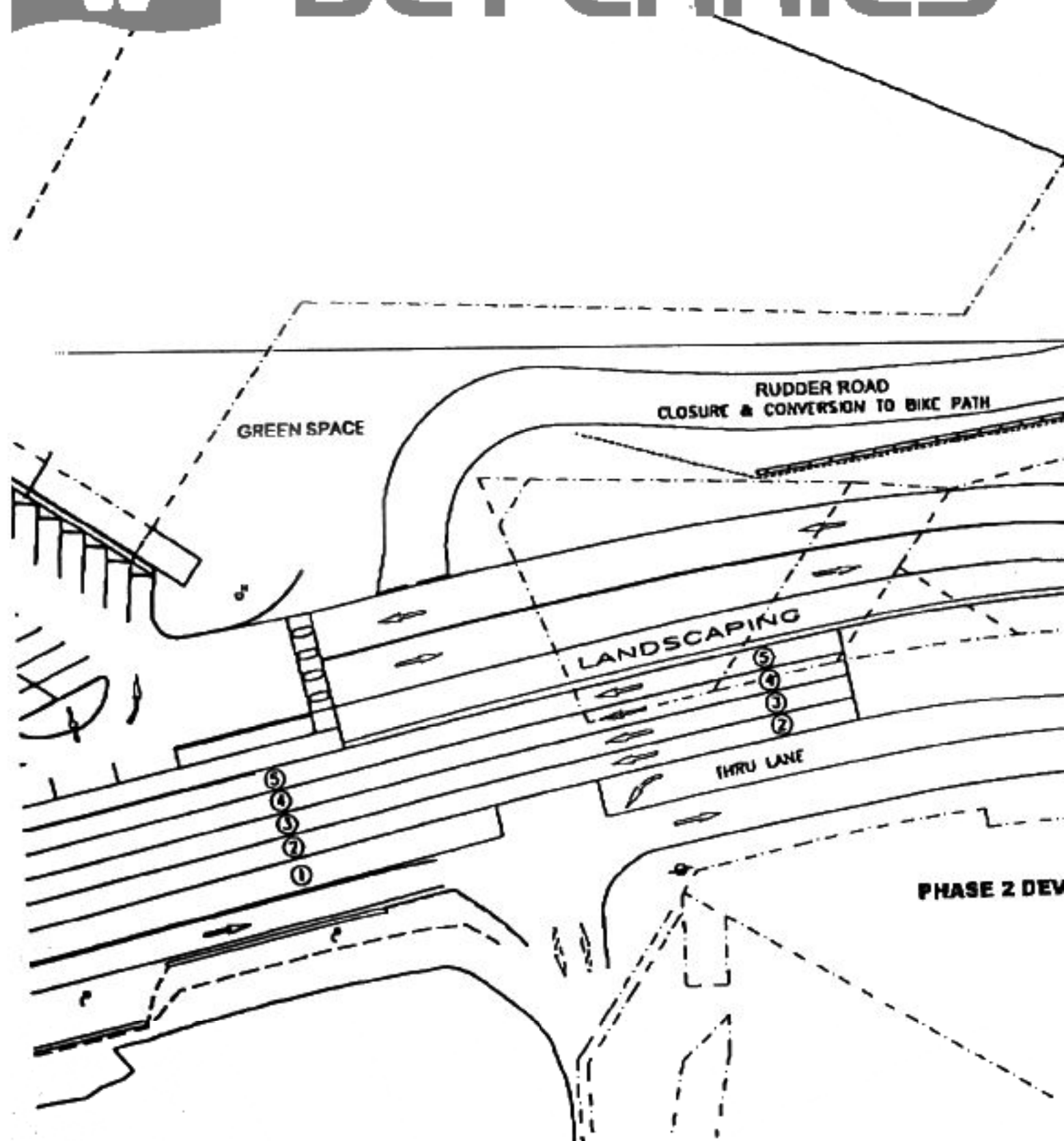
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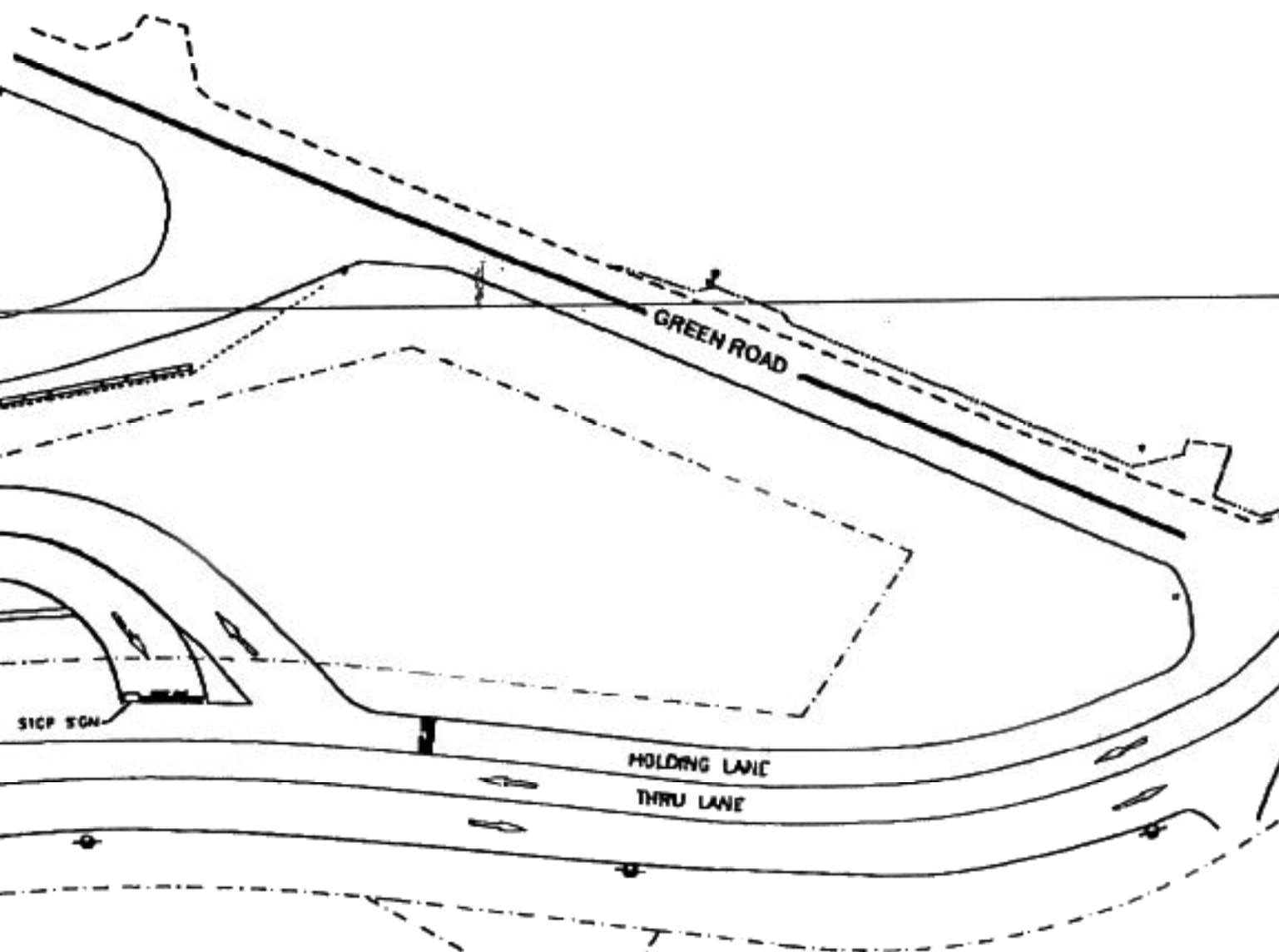
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Island Forum

To: Discovery Islander

The organizers and vendors of the Farmer's Market and Bazaar would like to thank the Credit Union for allowing us to utilize their property for the Community Market again in 2000.

Due to the popularity of the Market this year we were able to share some of our funds from table fees with the community. This year the vendors agreed to donate \$100.00 each to Quadra Seniors Housing and the Quadra Food Bank. We also split \$100.00 between our much appreciated entertainers, 'First Pressing' and the 'Hurling Harlequins'.

Thank you to all of the patrons and vendors who make the market a success.

Sincerely,

Dalyce Dogterom, on behalf of the Farmer's Market and Bazaar

Thanks from CCAP

The Community Centre Addition Project would like to thank everyone involved for a successful Christmas Craft Fair Concession. The kitchen sold out of all the yummie treats. The proceeds will go to the building fund for the addition. A big thank you to Aroma Coffee, Heriot Bay Store, Lovin Oven and Miss Elena's Mexican Specialties for their generous donations over the past years. Elena's Chili is always a success while the soups made by Lynda and Neal Rolfe, and Julie Watson, Carol Woods, and Val Barr filled the hall with such a tempting aroma that they disappeared before the Craft Fair was over. The dessert makers who graciously donated their baked goods were Nancy Allwarden, Paulette Marisi, Robyn Mawhinney, and Vibeke Pedersen. Thanks to Jessica Whittingham for her specialty

coffees on Friday night. The volunteers who served this wonderful fare were: Val Barr, Kelly Bodin, Donna Dennis, Jodi Duncan, Maru Jolar, Rosie Lukinuk, Shamra McClellan, Elena Mason, Robyn Mawhinney, Lynda Rolfe, Neal Rolfe, Gabriella Romano, Tanya Storr, Julie Watson, Kerry Watson, Jessica Whittingham, Carol Woolsey, and Carol Woods. Thanks to all of the helpers and to Santa for the treats.

Dear Editor,

It's now not very difficult to understand why the Canadian economy is approaching a definitive ranking in amongst third world countries, if the candidates seeking election to Parliament are indicative of the caliber of those responsible for governance of Canada.

Two questions posed to those candidates in attendance at a recent all candidates meeting.

1. What is your understanding of the impact on the Standard of Living in Canada as a result of the continuously declining value of the Canadian dollar? and 2. If elected, what would you do to facilitate the infrastructure for the New Economy in Canada?

The result was an initial stunned silence, and then some stumbling, confused responses. Not even one candidate was able to properly address these issues. Clearly the candidates didn't understand what was asked, nor communicated any inkling of knowledge whatsoever respecting the significance of all important underlying economic factors.

I now firmly believe that we should have another option on our election ballots: i.e. "None of the Above"

Ted Conover,
Quadra Island.

Thank You

From Quadra P.A.C.

Quadra P.A.C. would like to thank everyone for their help in building our Phase 2 of the Playground. We would like to thank Bill Chrichton for his generosity with exchanging fishing trips for work done on the playground. Thanks, Bill, for helping to get this off the ground. We couldn't have done it on time without you! Another special thank you to Ray LeSarge for all the time he has put into this project. Also to Gerald Peers, Alan Burnett, Scott

Charron and Phil, Tina and Kate - our three Katimavik helpers.

Thank you to Doug Peters (excavator), Roy Dahlas (fill & dump truck), John Toelle (Bob Cat), Don Doodlitz (Bob Cat, post-hole drill, dump truck), Quadra Island Builders Ltd. (materials at cost), Jim Roberts (cement mixer) and Uplands (gravel).

Thank you for all the homemade baked goodies to feed our hungry labourers.



Anderson and Jim Roberts for putting in the extra time that you did with constructing our playground.

Thank you to our labourers who gave up their Saturday to help:

Bill Chrichton, Ray LeSarge, Gerald Peers, Jack Mar, Murray Garland, Kevin Kavanaugh, Dorian North, Jim Roberts, Alan Burnett, Rob Simpson, David MacLean, Ken Dinnes, Ralph Pressner, Scott Anderson, Dave Alger, Frank

Thank you to Sue Anderson and Cindy Bulach for feeding and looking after all the children.

We are very grateful to everyone that helped support P.A.C. in building our playground and we apologize if we forgot to mention someone that helped.

Sincerely,

Mori Peers, Julia LeSarge, Mary Jane Crawly, Sue Graham and Shannon Peterson.



Groundbreaking Island Aquaculture Research Featured at Pacific Aquaculture Exposition

by Jim Mitchell

A local aquaculture research project was featured at the afternoon session of the Pacific Aquaculture Exposition at Strathcona Gardens in Campbell River on Friday, October 27. Tim DeJager of Desolation Sound Oyster Farm in Gorge Harbour presented research on the "carrying capacity" of Gorge Harbour to support more oyster farming. This is a groundbreaking project, representing the first research of its kind on pacific oysters and firmly placing Discovery Islands oyster farmers on the cutting edge of the industry. The project utilizes sophisticated oceanographic instruments to collect data for current and seawater characteristics along several track lines across Gorge Harbour. Future plans are to calibrate a three dimensional hydrodynamic computer model using the data in order to be able to estimate the currents and seawater characteristics in Gorge Harbour if oyster aquaculture were to be expanded. The final goal is an estimation of the maximum amount of oyster aquaculture that Gorge Harbour could support.

The Gorge Harbour research was prepared to address what DeJager characterized as unfounded concerns from environmental organizations over density, oxygen levels and species diversity. It will also assess Gorge Harbour for the potential for expansion of oyster aquaculture and provide management tools for oyster aquaculture in Gorge Harbour and in the rest of British Columbia. The primary goal was to determine the "carrying capacity" of Gorge Harbour. This was defined as the

maximum amount of oysters that could be grown in Gorge Harbour or the point where oyster biomass would cease to increase with a larger number of oysters. More practically the optimum "carrying capacity" would be somewhat less than this so as to minimize the loss of oysters.

The technical approach is to gather data on water currents, temperature, conductivity, chlorophyll, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and pH for all depths along several tracklines across Gorge Harbour. Air temperature and wind data were also collected. Impressive and easy to understand colour graphics were presented showing sample data profiles where the red end of the spectrum represented fastest flowing currents and the blues represented the slow flowing currents. A distinct blue "water current shadow" was observed in the lee of the oyster rafts. When this data for water currents is coupled with the data on seawater characteristics, a greater understanding of the impacts and limitations of oyster farming will be possible. At this time the research is inconclusive as to what the carrying capacity of Gorge Harbour for oyster aquaculture is but the project will continue in the spring and the plans are to calibrate a three dimensional hydrodynamic computer model in order to be able to estimate the currents and seawater characteristics under a variety of conditions and scenarios. The primary productivity of plankton will be addressed and the filtration and deposition rates of bivalves will also be studied.



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Money Matter\$ by Steven Halliday

Back Pocket Blues

Like most men I carry a wallet in my back pocket, and most of my pants tend to wear out in that area much more quickly than any other. The reason for this accelerated deterioration is that my wallet is overstuffed with important stuff like a driver's license, various permits and notes, but the most notorious culprit is the several pieces of plastic I simply have to carry around all the time. I recently culled out all of the cards I rarely or never use, and still ended up with a fat wallet. No money, just lots of plastic. I for one can't wait for the Smart Card to become available – the thought of having one card with a chip that allows it to function under whatever use I wish is a dream come true. Small wallet, longer pant life...what could be better?

In the meantime, we all have to make do with a collection of cards that fulfills our unique needs. Some people still carry a whole bunch of retail credit cards such as Sears or the Bay while others can get by with a only a MasterCard and/or Visa plus an Interac Debit Card. A lot of us can't give up our American Express cards – who knows when the urge to charge up a round the world trip or buy a ridiculously expensive toy might strike? Gotta have that unlimited credit! I even know someone who still has a Diner's Club card! I figure he must keep it as an ice scraper rather than ruining a useful card. In actual fact you can easily get by with the 3 major cards mentioned – a MasterCard, Visa and debit card. You can use one or the other of these cards at virtually any location in the world, plus you have an

ATM access card AND 3 ice scrapers. If one card fails to work you have 2 backups. And as a bonus, when the Smart Card finally becomes a reality in Canada you'll only have to wear yourself off these 3 cards.

I'm sure most readers give very little thought to their debit cards, but I'll bet that all of you that have one are using it more and more often. I use mine at least once or twice a day, as does my wife. To give you some idea of how popular they are, the Credit Union I work for processed 1,933 Interac Direct Payment transactions in December of 1998. In September, 2000 we processed 5,265. In that same month, Credit Union Central of BC processed 5,389,443 transactions! But what is really interesting is how many transactions didn't go through – 167,103 or 3.1% for CUCBC. In my Credit Union's case, the number was 206, or 3.9%. 88 of these were because the person had insufficient funds. 68 were because of an incorrect PIN, and 23 were due to the person exceeding their daily limit, a security function that minimizes loss should your card be fraudulently used (if this happens to you more than once or twice you should ask to have your limit increased). These numbers certainly illustrate the growing popularity of this method of payment, and are a testament to the success and dependability of the Interac system.

Occasionally problems do arise whereby your debit card apparently fails. However, the majority of the time the problem is not with your card or even the institution that issued the card.

There are several components to the Interac system, in fact there always 5 every time you use the card. It works like this – you present your card to the merchant, who then swipes the card through his/her authorization terminal (1). It then dials up via phone line (2) the merchant's credit union or bank (3), which then routes the transaction to a "switch" operator (4), which then obtains authorization from your credit union or bank (5). The authorization or decline is then transmitted in the reverse order. A problem with any of these 5 components can lead to frustration, which is why I have on many occasions written that you should always have a back-up card – never rely entirely on one card. Too often the problem is with the phone lines.

Getting back to Smart cards, these little gems should be commonplace within 5 years. The card, which has a microchip imbedded in the plastic, will be programmable to be used instead of any or all of your credit and debit cards – you will select your preference at the time of purchase. In fact, it is becoming a popular notion that the card could carry all your personal data such as driver's license info, medical insurance and/or history, even store phone numbers for when you use it as a telephone calling card! Of course, losing the card would be a major headache, but I'm pretty sure they will come up with a solution for that as well. Good news for us all, except maybe some wallet and trouser retailers...and plastic card manufacturers.

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MSM and the Modern Diet

by Darlene Booth RNC

Our ancestors did not have the luxury of supermarkets, frozen TV dinners or cereal in a box. They were farmers, hunters, foragers, gardeners and fishermen. Much of their day would have been devoted to gathering enough food to survive and food preparation took a lot more effort than just adding water. What was once a matter of survival has now become recreation. If we need food, we can just hop in our car, drive to the store and stock up. We have jobs to tend to, hobbies to occupy us, and better things to do than churn our own butter! We have evolved into a society of convenience. And this convenience comes with a price.

This is not to say that our ancestors had an easy life. They had their share of hardship and disease. But one thing they did have was food in its more natural state. Wholesome, life supporting foods. Free range meats and fish. Fresh picked produce that was complete with a full range of vital nutrients.

Vegetables and fruit contain more than just vitamins, minerals and fibre. They contain hundreds of phytochemicals that are active ingredients which have an effect on the body. Many of these vital nutrients are lost during transportation, storage, processing, and cooking.

Methyl-Sulfonyl-Methane, more commonly referred to as MSM, is one such nutrient. MSM is a natural form of organic sulphur that is found in a wide variety

of raw foods and it is rapidly lost through evaporation during storage and transportation. Cooking, drying, and processing quickly destroys any MSM that may remain in the food. Since our modern diet is comprised mainly of cooked and processed foods, many believe that MSM could be our missing link to vibrant health.

Unless we are eating primarily a raw foods diet, it is doubtful that we are getting enough MSM to support our needs. This is especially true when the diet largely consists of poor quality foods. Supplementation with MSM has been reported to improve many health problems including allergies, arthritis, asthma, candida, circulation, diabetes, digestive problems, emphysema, fatigue, fibromyalgia, lung dysfunction, headaches, skin problems, stomach problems, tendonitis and more.

Sulphur is found in all living things and it is one of the more abundant compounds in the human body. It supports a healthy immune system, enzyme activity, hormone balance and formation of connective tissue of all types. Approximately half of the total body sulphur is concentrated in the muscles, skin and bones. Sulphur is necessary in collagen production and is a major nutrient in formation of cartilage, skin, nails and hair.

MSM helps relieve inflammation as well as blocking pain but it is not a fast fix like over the counter painkillers. It may take a

number of weeks to note the benefits. MSM is part of the amino acid chain and forms the flexible bond between proteins. It helps at the cellular level by keeping tissues flexible and has been reported to improve joint flexibility, reduce pain, soothe and repair damaged skin, reduce stiffness and swelling, break up calcium deposits and even improve the appearance of wrinkles.

MSM is safe, odorless and non-toxic. It is generally recommended that you take anywhere from 2 to 8 grams per day in divided doses but work up to these doses slowly. MSM improves circulation and cell permeability which help to detoxify the body more efficiently. Due to this cleansing action, some people may find they experience some mild cleansing reactions. Discontinue use of MSM one week before liver function testing because it can cause a false positive for elevated liver enzymes.

MSM is not just limited to human use. Many pet owners report substantial improvements in their animal's health with the addition of MSM. Especially noticeable in skin problems. Our animal friends are also missing important nutrients when they exist on a diet of kibble or canned food. It has been said that when dogs eat grass it is the MSM that they are looking for. There are many other health benefits associated with Methyl-sulfonyl-methane and there are a few authors who have written informative books on the topic. Is MSM the missing link in your diet?



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QUADRA ISLAND OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

ANNUAL REVIEW - 2000

Each year the community is notified of any official community plan amending applications being considered by the Regional Board. This notice is to advise residents that the Regional Board is currently giving consideration to one plan amending application to allow for establishment of an eco-tourism lodge. More specific details are outlined below. You are invited to attend the public hearing on December 5, 2000 to provide comments on this proposal. Please note that no other bylaw amendments, other than those listed, are scheduled for consideration at the upcoming public hearing.

If you have any questions relating to this proposal, or other planning matters, do not hesitate to contact Regional District staff (Beth Rees or Russ Hotsenpiller) at 1-800-331-6007.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Section 892 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the proposed bylaws:

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| Bylaw No. 2313 | "Quadra Island Official Community Plan Bylaw, 1996, Amendment Bylaw No. 5" |
| Bylaw No. 2314 | "Quadra Island Zoning bylaw, 1990, Amendment Bylaw No. 57" |

WILL BE HELD AT:

Quadra Elementary School
678 Heriot Bay Road
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ON: Tuesday, December 5, 2000

COMMENCING AT: 7:00 p.m.

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2313 is to amend the Quadra Island Official Community Plan by redesignating a \pm 1.06 ha area of land and portion of unsurveyed foreshore located within and adjacent to D.L. 1639, Sayward Land District from Silviculture to Commercial. The area affected by the proposed bylaw is more particularly described in Land Act Application File Nos. 1403028 and 1403029. The applicant has applied to establish an eco-tourism lodge utilizing existing infrastructure.

The intent and purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 2314 is to amend the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw by rezoning a ± 0.19 ha area of unsurveyed foreshore from Access One (AC-1) to Marine Commercial Two A (MC-2A) and ± 0.87 ha area of unsurveyed Crown upland land and portion of foreshore from Rural One (RU-1) and Access One (AC-1) to Commercial Two B (C-2B). The subject areas are adjacent to and within DL 1639, Sayward Land District and are more particularly described in Land Act Application File Nos. 1403028 and 1403029. The C-2B zone will allow for establishment of an eco-tourism facility (resort) with a maximum accommodation capacity of 35 persons. The MC-2A zone will allow for public or commercial boat ramps, wharves, or floats as part of a C-2B operation.

Additionally the Bylaw, if adopted, will specify a minimum lot area requirement for Crown Land holdings to be in accordance with the lease, or license of occupation, as approved by the Regional District and issued by the jurisdiction having authority.

A copy of the proposed Bylaws and related information may be inspected at the Regional District offices, 4795 Headquarters Road, Courtenay, BC between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on November 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30, December 1, 4 and 5, 2000.

At the public hearing all persons who deem their interest in property affected by the proposed Bylaws will be afforded an opportunity to be heard on matters contained therein. *Please note that legal considerations prevent the Regional District from considering any representations made after the close of the public hearing.* If you cannot attend the Public Hearing, all written submissions (mailed or electronic) must be received by this office no later than 3:30 p.m., December 5, 2000.

The Directors from Electoral Areas 'A', 'B', 'C', 'D', 'G', 'H', 'I' and 'J', and the District of Campbell River are appointed as delegates to the Public Hearing.

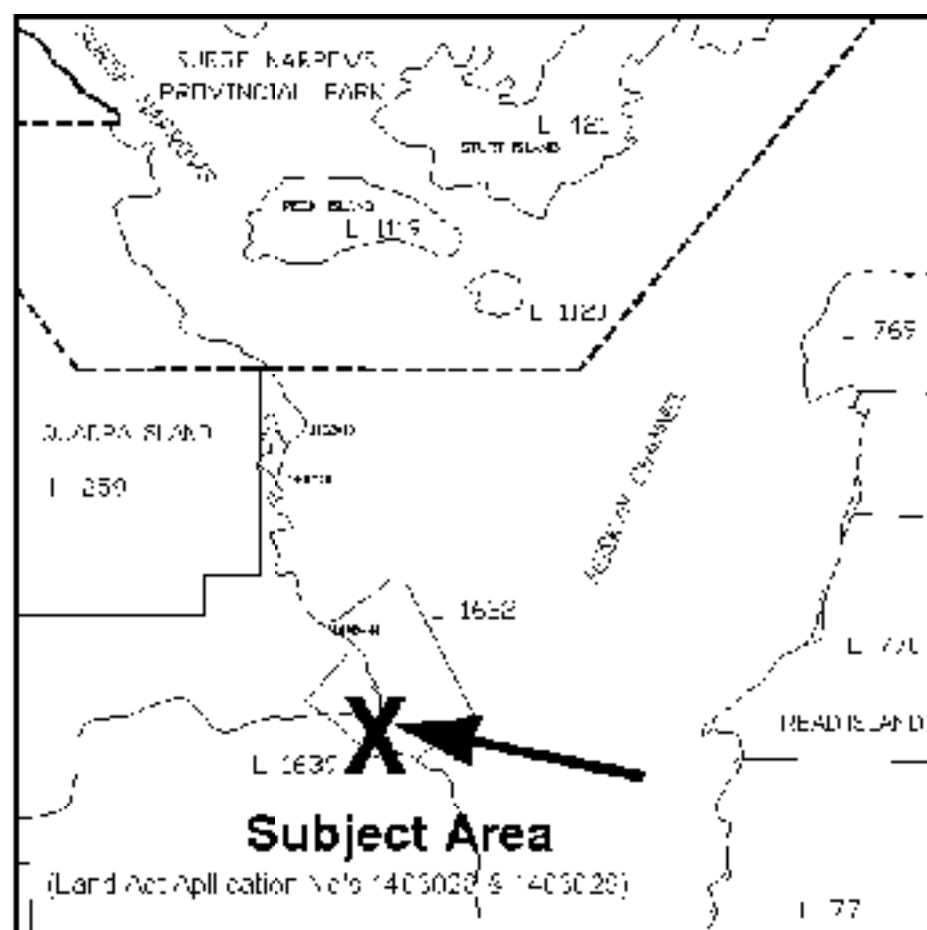
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REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

by Jim Abram

My main topic for this report is B.C. Ferries and their proposed tariff increases.

A meeting of the Tier One Stakeholders group for Quadra and Cortes was held today from 11am to 3pm at the Heriot Bay Inn.

It was not very well publicized due to the fact that the original agenda proposed only a few topics for discussion, none of which were earth shattering. Just days before the meeting it became known to us that one of the topics for discussion would be the proposed tariff increases. About 2 dozen people showed up to take part in the discussions and listen to the proposal.

After listening to far too much technical info on why we should pay more for our service I made the following statement:

'I think that it is important that everyone in the province pays for ferry service; just as we pay for highways throughout the province and other items such as the Lion's Gate Bridge and the West Coast Express'.

'B.C. Ferry Service is not a business; it is a service; a transportation service'.

'I, to this day, do not agree with any increases to fares; not by an amount to cover inflation, nor any other amount. I have conveyed this position at the Coastal Council meetings as have Tim Walters, Martin Amabel, Michael Gibbons, and Lynn Nash'.

'I do not believe that you can 'rationalize' (which is one of the options presented by B.C.F.C.) a fare structure that was totally arbitrary to start with; one that was raised by 45% in 1997 and then rolled back in the case of commuter books but not individual fares'.

'I do however, believe that the B.C. Ferry Corporation should be eliminated entirely and that the ferry system should be put back into the Highways Ministry and that the federal government contribution (subsidy) should be increased substantially'.

'The support staff that is necessary to look after the ferry portion of the highways system should be assimilated into the Highways Ministry, thus eliminating considerable unnecessary expense'.

'I really don't mean to sound disagreeable, but I don't really have a lot of time nor a lot of patience for this exercise:

'Forget about the increases';

'Put us back in the Highways Ministry'

'Let's stop wasting all of this time, energy and money trying to convince us to agree to something that we are never going to agree to'.

That was the end of my dissertation. Many others had great comments and we all continued to let B.C.F.C. know that they will be in for another major battle if the events of Nov/97 are repeated.

So, we are going to have a public meeting on Sunday, December 3, from 1pm to 4pm at the Quadra Elementary School Gym to discuss the B.C.F.C. Proposal.

PLEASE ATTEND!

I will be inviting our MLA and other provincial politicians and whoever is the federal MP after the November 27 election.

I would also like to draw your attention to the insert elsewhere in this edition and Philip's article on the proposal for the parking/loading area in Q. Cove. I hope the Green Road residents will note that the traffic will not come up Rudder Road to Green Road. The proposal looks workable at first glance and is open to suggestions to B.C.F.C. The Tier One Group and the attending public thought it looked workable also.

So, mark December 3rd on your calendars and attend the B.C.F.C. meeting on proposed fare hikes!

See you then,

Jim Abram, Director, Area J

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Island Report

Federal Election All Candidates Forum



by Tanya Storr

An all candidates meeting held at Quadra Community Centre on November 19 attracted a crowd of approximately 100 islanders from children to seniors. Unfortunately, not all of the candidates were able to be at the forum. In attendance were Dan Smith from the Liberal Party, Pam Munroe from the Green Party, Alex Turner from the NDP, and Jack East from the Marxist-Leninist Party.

The incumbent, John Duncan from the Canadian Alliance Party, sent a message stating his regrets at not being able to attend due to a previous commitment. His message also said he would be willing to answer questions in writing. David Tingley from the Progressive Conservative Party, John Krell from the Christian Heritage Party, and Nancy Moore from the Natural Law Party were also absent.

Moderator Michael Stahnke introduced himself, timekeeper Abby Brooks, and the candidates, explaining that the forum would begin with opening statements from each of the candidates, followed by audience questions and the candidates' closing statements.

Marxist-Leninist candidate Jack East

talked about the grave dangers of the nuclear arms race in his opening statement, and the need for workers of the world to unite.

"The working people cause whatever society exists on this earth and they have reason to unite," East said.

Liberal candidate Dan Smith said he is running for office because he thinks Vancouver Island North deserves better representation, support, and service. He mentioned that his grandparents were from Rivers Inlet, and he has worked in industry and four different federal government departments.

Green Party candidate Pam Munroe said this was the third all candidates meeting she had been to and it was the best turnout she had seen yet. Munroe explained that she is new to Vancouver Island, having just moved to Courtenay from Alberta, where she was financial officer of the Green Party for ten years.

"I'm an accountant by trade, I can balance the books, and I'm hoping to get some balance into the environment," she stated.

Alex Turner said he lived on Cortes for six years and North Rendezvous for six years, and currently lives in Courtenay. Now a schoolteacher, Turner

has previously been employed as a logger, tree planter, and commercial fisherman.

"I've raised five children and I know what it's like for working people trying to raise kids. I want to speak out for working people," he said.

The floor was opened for questions, and Martin Amiel asked what the parties plan to do to help the seniors. Turner said the NDP is committed to having a home care program. Munroe said the Green Party recognizes the problems with the healthcare system, and would introduce discussions about a home care program into the Canada Health Act.

Smith said the Liberals want to improve the healthcare system, and he recognizes that in three years there will be a shortage of housing for seniors. East stated his view that home care will remain a utopia until the working class takes over the means of production and becomes the ruling class.

Bill Assu prefaced his question about poverty affecting the lives of Canadians by saying it should be considered a criminal offence to have Food Banks and homeless people in this country.

"We have a Food Bank on Quadra and a larger one in Campbell River. Having enough to eat and a roof over your head should be considered a fundamental human right in this country," Assu stated.

Turner responded by saying an estimated 730,000 people in Canada use Food Banks and there are 200,000 homeless people in the country. He said the NDP has a plan to double the Child Tax Credit and to provide low cost housing for homeless people.

Smith talked about the need to come up with innovative, creative priorities to stimulate the economy of the North Island.

Munroe said the Green Party would look at the issue from two points of view: an environmentally conscious economy that would provide thousands of jobs, and seriously considering a Guaranteed Annual Income, consolidating payments already being made under several government programs.

East said the real Food Bank is the land, and industrial agriculture has driven people off the land and allowed chemical corporations to poison crops. 'The real Food Bank would be people working the land in agricultural communities.'

Elaine Price asked the candidates for their views of the Indian Act, if they had copies of the Act, if they are satisfied with this legislation, and, if not, what would they replace it with.

Munroe replied that she is not very familiar with Native issues and apologizes for that, but if elected she would have lots of people working with her. She added that she doesn't feel the Indian Act works well for anyone in this country.

East said he would encourage the democratization of First Nations people and teaching of their languages in schools.

Smith said he owns several copies of the Indian Act and it is 'an embarrassment to Canada'. He added that Canada never conquered the First Nations people across the country, and the Canadian educational system doesn't provide the truth.

'I would ask that people think about social justice principles in order to come to their own conclusions about issues that haven't been resolved since 1492,' Smith said.

Turner said the history of First Nations people in this country is a disgrace and it is a credit to First Nations people that their culture has remained alive. He said he doesn't own a copy of the Indian Act, but would replace it with signing treaties in B.C. because there will be economic uncertainty until treaties are signed.

Joan Sell asked how the co-gen plant can be made to be less polluting before it's started up. Munroe stated that the Green Party thinks the co-gen plant is technology going the wrong way.

'The least they can do is put in scrubbing equipment, but they say it's too expensive. I say if it's too expensive to protect the environment, why put the co-gen plant in place at all. If we all conserved energy by turning the heat down, etc. we wouldn't need such facilities,' she said.

Smith talked about Liberal policies on the environment, including strengthening emissions standards for vehicles and doubling the investment in research and development, and said we all have to work together to better the air quality.

Turner stated that the co-gen plant passes all provincial and federal requirements, and there were four planning meetings where members of the public were able to have input on the plant.

East recommended that people read and subscribe to *Hätersked Sentinel*, a magazine produced on Cortes that is one of the leading pulp mill critiques in the world.

Ruth Amiabel asked for the candidates' views on violence, particularly among young people. Smith said he believes education and awareness can help decrease violence, and we all have to work together to make that happen.

Munroe said the culture of violence stems from our violence to the environment. 'If we were respectful to the earth, maybe, just maybe, we wouldn't be violent to each other.'

East said the source of violence in this society is U.S. imperialism, and that equality for women would go a long way towards solving the problem of violence.

Turner talked about the link between t.v. and youth violence, and advocated encouraging the CBC to make better programs and not selling the CBC to private interests.

Wendy Richardson asked the candidates about their views on proportional representation. Munroe answered that the Green Party believes moving to some form of proportional representation would benefit 'those of us whose voices aren't heard.' She added that all democratic countries in the world except England, Canada, and the U.S. have some form of proportional representation.

Smith said the question begs another question: how far do we want to go with proportional representation? 'The present system we have promotes equality—it's a free system.'

Turner said a hybrid system is needed. 'Some form of proportional representation will mean that every group in the country will at least have some voice.'

East stated that proportional representation would have to include gender parity. 'Fifty-fifty is material harmony, that's the law of nature.'

Noel Lax asked each of the candidates to tell the audience about their weaknesses. Munroe said she is bossy and needs to listen, and she is shy and would need encouragement to get around and meet lots of people in the riding. Turner said he isn't the tidiest person in the world, but fortunately as an M.P. he would have help keeping his papers organized.

East said we have all kinds of weaknesses. 'If we took away the pressure of exploitation and put the working class in power, it would all change.'

Smith said his weakness is his child ego, adult ego, and parent ego. He added that

another weakness is all the communities on the North Island do not have a full range of services available to them.

Riki Vogt said she is worried about democracy from the point of view of the World Trade Organization and the General Agreement on Trades and Services. She asked the candidates two questions: 'If you were elected, would you take part in the next round of GATS negotiations?' and 'What is your stance on the labeling of genetically modified foods?'

Munroe characterized the GATS document as 'very scary', explaining that if it goes through, companies from all over the world could bid on any privatized service in Canada. She added that she'd like to see a moratorium on GM foods.

East said the Marxist-Leninist Party is against the GATS and the WTO. 'U.S. imperialism is an armed, violent block to your future.'

Smith said we would have to talk about all the implications of not being at the negotiating table, but if that's what people want, he would fight for it. Turner said if Canada signs the trade agreements, we will lose our autonomy. In terms of GM foods, Turner said they should be labeled as people are eating irradiated vegetables without even knowing it.

Monty Bingham asked the candidates about their criteria for making value judgements, so he can better understand how they will make decisions.

Munroe responded that she believes any act by the government must take into account the ecological integrity of the planet. Turner said he believes in making decisions based on the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Smith said he makes value judgements based on trust and respect for one another and the benefit of future generations. East stated that he would promote culture, environment, and people sharing the wealth.

Ted Conover asked two questions: 'Given the decline of the Canadian dollar, what is the impact on the standard of living?' and 'If elected, what would you do to facilitate the infrastructure of the new economy?'

Turner emphasized the need for value-added processing of natural resources, using the advantages we already have to build a strong economy. East pinned the problem on U.S. control, and suggested we go back to 'setting our own mint.'

Munroe said having a low dollar is a double-edged sword, because it is good for exports. She advocated moving from an exploitative economy to one that respects the environment.

Smith termed the decrease in the value of the dollar a 'deplorable situation'. He said there is a need to balance environmental needs along with the economic needs of our communities.

James Francis asked other than political opportunism, why was the election called now? Smith said he wished John Duncan were present to answer that question. Turner replied that the only reason the election was called now was because Prime Minister Jean Chretien wants to maintain another four years of personal power.

Martin Amiabel said ferry rates are projected to go up, and he asked the candidates what they will do to give islanders their rightful share of federal gas taxes so that ferry dependent communities can travel free as part of an extension of the highways.

Smith agreed that one way to make ferries affordable would be to bring them back into the highways system. 'We also need to ensure mariners and aviators have a safe haven when the weather turns.'

East said that free public transportation could be very easily put into place. Munroe concurred that we should look at bringing the ferries back into the highways. 'The Green Party believes there should be a moratorium on new road building. We would look at putting money into rail as opposed to roads. I believe the federal government should give a portion of the gas tax to ferries.'

Turner stressed that there is a need for public transit all over Vancouver Island 'so people can get to work on fast, efficient, environmentally friendly transportation.'

Closing speeches were last on the agenda for the forum. Turner emphasized his history of living on the islands and ability to speak out on behalf of islanders. Munroe said there are three reasons to vote Green: shifting the focus from personal to environmental, to support Green policies, and instead of voting for bad or worse, voting for someone you really want.

Smith promised to deliver better service, representation, and support for North Islanders if elected. East said while he doesn't expect to get elected, he appreciated the chance to come out and talk to people.

The candidates stayed after the forum to meet islanders and answer additional questions. **Voting will take place on Monday, November 27 between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at Quadra Community Centre.**

BC Ferries Meet Islanders

by Philip Stone

Representatives of BC Ferries met with the Tier One Ferry Advisory Stakeholders Committee and members of the public Monday November 20th, 2000 at the Heriot Bay Inn. Despite the apparent lack of public notice and the late addition of tariff increases (for 'tariff' read 'fare') to the agenda the meeting was fairly well attended and the venue choice encouraged a strong contingent of Cortes Islanders to make the trip over. Indeed the meeting was attended well enough to send a clear message to BC Ferries that Islanders have no humour on the subject of fare increases.

Geoff Dickson from BC Ferries presented an overview of BC Ferries' Tariff Review. Mr Dickson stated that the goal of the tariff review was to rationalise the fare structure to allow planning for future growth and to account for inflationary costs such as fuel which he said has risen \$60 million annually with the recent oil price hikes.

The Tariff Review document details the history of BC Ferries tariffs, the issues and principles surrounding tariff equity, an explanation of how the tariff equity model is arrived at and three options for implementing tariff equity. So what is tariff equity? In lay man's terms, the gist is that on each ferry run the fares should reflect the level of service on that run with distance travelled being the most widely accepted measure of the service.

According to BC Ferries, the first tariff summary report was released in June this year. A response feedback form was included and generated 600 responses from the public. The top ten issues generated from the public are: 1) The fares are too high now. 2) Seniors discounts and other social programs should be removed. 3) BCRC should be part of the highway system. 4) Distance makes sense as a way to establish fares. 5) Fares should be charged on user-pay basis, no cross-subsidized routes. 6) BCRC costs need to be cut first. 7) Residents should get a discount. 8) Increase should be straight across the board. 9) Build a bridge. 10) Raise the subsidy, and also 10) Fast Ferries are the cause for the fare increase, sell the Fast Ferries.

Of these ten issues the one strongest felt at the HBI meeting seemed to be #8, that the ferries should be part of the highways system. Jim Abram made an eloquent statement outlining his position on the matter and he made it clear that Quadra and Cortes Islanders would not accept a fare increase.

BC Ferries have requested the opportunity to make a submission to cabinet in mid-December with details of the new tariffs. Concern was expressed at the meeting that

this timeframe did not allow for adequate public consultation. John Sprungman pointed out that if BC Ferries pushed forward with this plan then the events of 1997 would be repeated and the government would be politically embarrassed and almost certainly be forced to roll back the rates as a provincial election draws nearer.

Many other points were made by members of the public and the Tier One committee. The upshot is that a public meeting has been called for December 3rd at the Quadra School Gym. Little doubt what the message will be that Islanders will deliver to BC Ferries then!

Other items discussed included another call for Quadra Islanders to voluntarily avoid the 9 am sailing in deference to Cortes Islanders who frequently miss their first connection to Campbell River because of overloads. Some discussion was had regarding early morning scheduling as at the moment it is not possible to make the first flight out of Campbell River airport when the ferry leaves Q-Cove at 6:15 am. This matter was left for further discussion.

The next item and one keenly anticipated by Quadra Islanders was the proposed Quathaski Cove redevelopment at the ferry terminal. Jock Palmer, Senior Master on the M.V. Powell River Queen, presented a conceptual drawing of the proposed work. (See pages 18-20 of this issue for copies of the maps). Palmer and BC Ferries planner Rick Kitto were at pains to emphasise that the plan is in the preliminary stages and is not cast in stone. Jock pointed to other Gulf Islands who shied away from similar projects in the past only to find with time that community development encroached so close to the ferry terminals as to preclude any such alterations. This he said is an opportunity to develop an aesthetic, safe and efficient loading area for Q-Cove. The plan as presented would create 20% more parking, a safer exit into the traffic flow, the closure of Rudder Rd to automobile traffic and its new role would serve as a bike and pedestrian path. In addition there would be landscaping, lamp stands, a wide sidewalk and eventually a covered walkway right down to the ferry.

Funds for the development would come from the Capital Projects budget and has no bearing on the proposed tariff increases. Cost estimates for the project were for Phase 1 - \$99,000 and for Phase 2 - a guess of \$250,000 to \$300,000.

BC Ferries is soliciting input on the plan which can be addressed to: Tony Monaghan BC Ferries, 130 Ellenor Rd, Courtenay, BC V9M 4B3 by fax to 250 339-1046 or email to anthony.monaghan@bcferries.com

We Will Remember Them

by Tanya Storr



The laying of wreaths at the cenotaph.

Photo: Tanya Storr

People of all ages packed the Quadra Legion on Remembrance Day to honour those who have lost their lives in war. Following the singing of 'O Canada' and the hymn 'Eternal Father Strong to Save', Cliff Hand gave the address.

Cliff spoke about the unveiling of the Canadian Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, an event that took place in May 2000 when civil and military dignitaries went to France and brought back the remains of a Canadian soldier who served in the First World War to Ottawa for re-interment.

'This tomb is symbolic and will serve for us and future generations to remember that Canada honours 27,500 service personnel who have no known grave. This unknown Canadian soldier finally came home to Canada over 80 years after his death,' Cliff noted.

Cliff went on to say that he was pleased to learn recently that the Victoria Cross medal, the highest award for bravery, has been donated to the Canadian War Museum. The medal was donated as part of a set from the family of George Fraser Kerr, a First World War soldier from Ontario.

Kerr was awarded the Victoria Cross, the highest commonwealth award for valour in the face of the enemy, after leading his company into battle when his regiment was called to an attack on September 27, 1918.

During the attack, they encountered a German machine gun nest. Kerr charged in single handed, capturing four machine guns and 31 prisoners. At the time, the 22-year-old soldier was recovering from a bullet wound in his arm.

Prior to winning the Victoria Cross, Kerr had won the Military Medal in June 1916 as an enlisted man and the Military Cross in August 1918 as a lieutenant. The next month he added a bar to that medal, in effect a second Military Cross.

'I was glad to read that George Fraser Kerr survived the war. Bravery such as this is what heroes are made of,' Cliff stated.

Cliff mentioned how the First World War was termed 'the war to end all wars', a statement that did not stand the test of time for very long. He mentioned how growing up during the Depression years in industrial northwest of England, he saw the frustrations of his World War One wounded father and many others.

'They returned from the war as victors to what was deemed 'a land fit for heroes to live in' to find that they could not find any worthwhile employment for several years. It was not until the threat of the Second World War that the majority of them went back to work. There were lots of out of work heroes in those sad days,' Cliff recounted.

He added that the world does not seem to gain from the terrible lessons of war, as in the 50 years since the end of the Second World War Canada has served on more than 45 warlike assignments.

Cliff pointed out that in our everyday comfortable lives we frequently read about acts of bravery by people who go that extra mile to assist above and beyond the call of duty.

'These are our peacetime heroes and we should be mindful everyday of the

price that is paid for our protection in peace as in war, and especially on this Remembrance Day.'

Cliff then introduced a group of young girls—Jenika Doherty, Sierra Fraser, Cori Inrig, Kyra Foort, Sonya Bingham, Lara Giletski, Fontana Bartsch, and Kelsey Booth—directed by Sue Chamney, who gave an excellent presentation on what Remembrance Day means to them and recited John McCrae's WWI poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

The girls' seamless and captivating tribute to Remembrance Day was met with loud applause, and several people commented afterwards that they had done a wonderful job.

After the playing of 'Last Post', everyone observed a two-minute silence to remember those who gave their lives in war. Rob McKerracher then played the evocative notes of 'Lament' on the bagpipes.

Following the singing of 'Abide With Me', representatives from the regional district, RCMP, Legion Zone, Legion Branch, Ladies Auxiliary Zone, Ladies Auxiliary Branch, Quadra Seniors, and Armed Forces laid wreaths at the front of the assembly.

After the service, everyone went outside and Rob McKerracher played the bagpipes as wreaths were laid on the cenotaph. People were then invited to pin their poppies on the wreaths. Members of 19 Wing Comox stood in 'Sentinal' positions around the cenotaph.

Captain Richard Chartrand of 19 Wing Comox said some of the members were at the Quadra Legion Remembrance Day service for their second or third time.

'It's nice to be here. I myself just got posted in the West from Halifax a few weeks ago, and I plan to come to this service again. Colonel Newman, our commanding officer, passes his regards to Quadra,' Chartrand said.

At the luncheon after the service, I had the opportunity to talk to some of the veterans who were present. Bill Dubois Sr., who was in the RCAF 408 squadron in WWII, told me his squadron was based in Halifax.

'We were known as the 'Goose Squadron'', he said. 'I was a wireless operator and air gunner. I was in planes pretty well for the duration of the war, and was one of the lucky ones to come home.'

When in England, Bill's squadron was based in Linton-on-Ouse, Yorkshire. He recalled an aspect of their training called 'escape exercises'.

'They would take us way out in the countryside in covered trucks, drop us off, and instruct us to find our way back. I remember lots of old stone walls and Yorkshire cattle. The trouble was the guys in the Army were in a lot better shape than we were. There were a lot of Dieppe vets there,' Bill said.

Bill gave a talk at Quadra Elementary's Remembrance Day service, as he has done every year for the past 25 years.

'I stress how important it is to work for peace, and that we should be grateful for the life we have because of the sacrifices of the veterans. They put on a really good Remembrance Day service at the school,' he stated.

John Pollard, who was with the R&F from 1936-1951, started out as a wireless operator and airgunner, but was grounded in 1940 along with all the other trained technicians to do mechanical work on planes.

Reflecting on the presentation by Sue Chamney's performance troupe, John said he was glad to see the young girls keeping the idea of remembrance alive.

Frank Mowat was with the First Canadian Parachute Battalion during WWII. Frank joined in Vancouver, B.C. and did basic training in Vernon. Of the 150 men who volunteered from the West, only eight were chosen to remain with the battalion. Frank was one of the eight, and after he and the other seven men had been tested by a psychiatrist in Winnipeg, Frank was one of the final four chosen.

'When the shrink asked us a question, we must have been giving the right answer,' Frank said.



Laurence Hargreaves laying a wreath.
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Jenika Doherty, Sierra Fraser, Cori Inrig, Kyra Foort, Sonya Bingham, Lara Giletski, Fontana Bartsch, and Kelsey Booth—directed by Sue Chamney, reciting John McCrae's WWI poem 'In Flanders Fields'.
Photo: Tanya Storr

Jean Mowat, Frank's wife, added, 'They were Canada's perfect healthy boys, mentally and physically.'

Canada had only one parachute battalion. 'We were a little battalion all by itself in the British 6th airborne division. Our medical and supports were always English,' Frank told me.

In Canada and the US, it took five jumps to qualify, but in England it took eight. 'We had to qualify with eight jumps before we could get our wings,' Frank recalled.

In addition to several practice jumps in England, Frank did two jumps into wartime Europe: on D-Day into Normandie and another one over the Rhine into enemy territory.

'Of all the men in the two airborne American divisions and one airborne British division who jumped on D-day, only half survived. On the Rhine drop there was the 6th airborne British division and the 17th airborne American division, and again only half the men survived. That was a bad one because it was daylight and the enemy could see you better to shoot,' Frank remembered.

In some of the planes the paratroopers jumped out the door and in others they jumped through an opening in the floor.

'The jump never bothered me. Some guys had to be pushed out of the aircraft, but I always figured the parachute was going to open. The R&F women's division packed all our chutes. Altogether I made around 25 jumps, including qualifying jumps,' Frank said.

Frank still has his First Canadian Parachute Battalion red beret. 'When I go to reunions people ask me why I don't get a new beret, but I keep my old one. During my jump in France I was wearing a tin hat, but I had my red beret with me.'

Frank also served in the Battle of the Bulge, as a member of the only Canadian unit to serve as a unit in that battle. He went to Belgium on a ship called the *Empire Gwent*, landing in Osten.

Frank and Jean went to Normandie in 1994 for the 50th anniversary of D-Day.

Several days after the Remembrance Day service, I spoke to Legion poppy fund chair D.J. Keim to find out how the poppy drive went this year. Donations are collected on Quadra and Cortes, and the funds collected go to veterans' families in need on the islands or to school bursaries.

'This was our best year ever. Two years back we broke the \$1,000 mark, last year we raised \$1,200 and this year we raised just under \$1,700. Our goal for next year is to meet or beat that amount,' said D.J.

She added that she is very proud of the Quadra and Cortes communities for their support and generosity.

'We're very happy we raised this amount because it means we can make a meaningful contribution to people in dire straits.'

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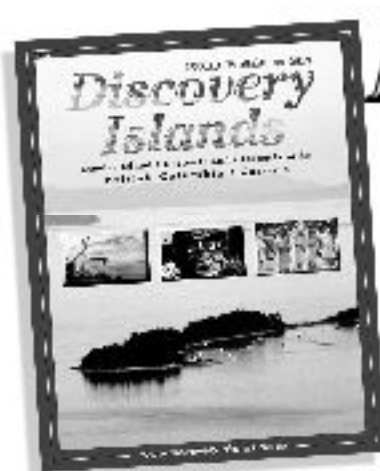
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