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A Ferry, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!



In the aftermath of the public engagement meeting with BC Ferries and the Ministry of Transportation there's little to add that hasn't already been reported.

Throw in the fact that with over 500 people in attendance 1 in 5 Quadra Islanders were actually at the meeting and heard the proceedings for themselves. So this report need not regurgitate a minute by minute account. Suffice to say that a resoundingly unanimous message was presented to the Government and BC Ferries representatives; that their endlessly spiralling fares and now proposed service cuts are not acceptable and that the coastal ferry services should be treated as an extension of the highways system and funded accordingly, and not expected to turn a profit as if it were an optional luxury.

It's a mantra that will be more than familiar to regular readers and anyone who has been following the issue since the Coastal Ferries Act and the first round of rate increase came down in March of 2003.

In the past 18 months alone we've now had three meetings with BC Ferries, the BC Ferries Commissioner and the Ministry of Transportation. The message has been the same at all these meetings and countless others across the province, both public and at higher levels with regional representatives, Ferry Advisory groups and Government Ministers.

Yet despite the very clear opposition and suggested change in course, the BC Liberals seem determined to continue with gouging ferry users in a futile quest to make an essential service turn a profit.

Why is that?

Why is it that a Government that stands on its high horse proclaiming to be 'business friendly', 'fiscally responsible' and a champion of free enterprise can't even undertake the most basic of business planning exercises and analyse the effects of rising ferry fares on the overall economy?

What exactly did all those Bachelor of Commerce graduates lining the halls of Victoria learn during their education?

And this isn't conjecture and hyperbole. Kevin Richter, the assistant deputy minister with the B.C. Ministry of Transportation actually stood up at the December 9th meeting and admitted outright that no studies have been done on to test not only the effect of rising fares on declining ridership but also on the contribution of

coastal communities to the provincial economy. That really does make you wonder how these civil servants make *any* decisions and how they can justify their six-figure salaries.

Fact is, we already know more than they do and much of it was very eloquently stated at the Quadra Community Centre. Rising fares are forcing people off the island and those determined to stay are seeing their quality of life diminish as they spend an ever-increasing portion of their income on basic travel needs and/or go without the cultural and family connections they need for a full and healthy life.

Which leads me to repeat, and add to, a few things that I said at my turn at the microphone on December 9th and since published elsewhere.

If the Government of BC wanted to find twenty million dollars for advertising their latest boast, seed one of their donor's latest pet projects or study yet another industrial mega-project, they could find it in a heart beat.

The Government routinely writes off losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars to erase the legacy of their ideological opponents, spends our tax dollars to subsidize projects that threaten our environment and future, and turns a blind eye to corporate infractions like stumpage evasion and so on...

The \$20 million shortfall of BC Ferries is a drop in the bucket of the BC budget. Our provincial GDP is \$200 billion making \$20 million a mere 0.01%, peanuts!

So in the light of the declining ridership, the wilful negligence of the Government in refusing to even assess the effects of the Coastal Ferry Act and the very clear and vocal opposition to their handling of the ferry

corporation you have to ask yourself again, why?

The only conclusion I can draw is that they plainly and simply do not care, this is what they *want* to happen.

Christy Clark and her cabinet do not care about our access to education, cultural events, basic health services, employment or any such things. If they did then they would be charting a very different course. Yet, as it is with governments of every stripe, they continue to allow corporate profiteers to call the shots, squeezing us dry with taxes and endless user fees all the while slashing services and doling out our tax money to corporate freeloaders.

A change in government is not going to change this and as cathartic as protests and venting at meetings might be, that's not going to change things either. I'm not discouraging those that feel bound and determined to oppose the government through these channels from doing that but as I said last Monday night and in so many words in my short editorial in the last DI, we need to put time and energy into an alternative plan.

Whether its Government ideology or rising oil prices, or for that matter both, we have to acknowledge that the halcyon days of rural life are over.

Governments are systematically emptying the countryside of people and concentrating them in the cities. If we want to hold out and make a life out here we have to recognize that and start strategizing to find ways to make our lifestyle sustainable without the government's help or at least with greatly reduced support.

What that looks like is going to take a community-wide vision, ingenuity and determination.

- Philip Stone

Massive ferry protest in works



BC FERRY COALITION

The headline is correct, we are organizing massive protests against the provincial government's mismanagement of BC Ferries, but we need your help to make the massive protests happen.

The newly formed BC Ferry Coalition is working to organize massive protests not just on the Sunshine Coast but also around the Salish Sea in various coastal communities including Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo in the New Year.

There is not a single coastal community in BC that is not aghast at the service cuts and yet higher fare increases the provincial government is proposing. The provincial government is strangling our coastal communities and is damaging our social and economic fabric and they must be stopped!

We will be sending out more information next week including details of plans and background information to help our citizens better understand the issues at hand. In the meantime, please take the time to pass this information along to your family, friends, workmates and various organizations and networks you are connected with. We are working on a BC Ferry Coalition website which we hope to be fully functional in the very near future. The BC Coastal Ferry Advisory Committee Chairs website is a good source of information at <http://facchairs.wordpress.com> and is well worth visiting.

We are inviting any organizations who want to lend their names as supporters of the BC Ferry Coalition to contact us to add their names in support. We also need to raise funds to cover our organizing and printing costs. Individuals and organizations who are able to lend their financial support can send cheques made out to the 'BC Ferry Coalition' my address for now for. Send Premier Christy Clarke a Christmas present in the form of a donation to the BC Ferry Coalition! Your generosity will help determine our collective success.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas with family and friends and an Active New Year!

We also suggest a New Year's Resolution for us all: let's come together to force the Provincial Government to stand down from their reckless and ill-conceived BC Ferries Service Cuts and Fare Increases and demand open and transparent ferry service needs assessments in and for all of our coastal communities, which we believe will necessitate a complete re-thinking of how BC Ferries is mandated to meet those needs.

Defend Our Marine Highways!

Defend Our Coastal Communities!

Help Build the BC Ferry Coalition!

Jef Keighley for the BC Ferry Coalition



ISLAND CALENDAR

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THE REGULARS

MONDAY

- Parent & Tots, QCC, 9:30 am - 12 pm
- Sing For Pure Joy! QCC, Room 3, 3:00 - 4:30. All Welcome.
- Weight Watchers, QCC, 6 pm - 7 pm
- Drop-in Badminton, Cape Mudge Gym \$2/player Q? kbaily@telus.net

TUESDAY

- Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:00 pm
- Folkdancing, 7:30 to 9:30 pm, QCC, Sept 17 to end Apr, 285-3298.

WEDNESDAY

- Parent and Babes 11 am QCC
- Free Firewood, Behind Q.C.C., 1 p.m.
- Reiki Share for all levels, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 1-2:30pm
- Mid-week After-School Meditation, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 3-4 pm
- Hand-drum Circle, Upper Realm, 7:45 - 9:15 pm
- 1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1 - 2 pm

THURSDAY

- Parents & Tots, QCC, 10:00 am - 12 pm
- Quadra Singers, QCC 6:45 p.m
- Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7 pm
- Drop-in Badminton, Cape Mudge Gym \$2/player Q? kbaily@telus.net

FRIDAY

- White Light Essences & Guided Meditation, Studio 6 Upper Realm, 1-2:30 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 8 pm Quadra United Church
- Live bands in the HBI Pub 9:00 pm

SATURDAY

- First Saturday of month - Local Food Market at Quadra Legion from 10-2 pm
- Winter Market & Bazaar 10 am to 2 pm Quadra Community Centre
- Quadra Legion Meat Draw 5 pm
- Open mic with Mo. 9:00 pm HBI pub

SUNDAY

- Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30 am
- United Church, 10:45 am unless advertized, Sept 15 to end Jun, 285-3163.
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 am - 2 pm, 285-3390
- Buddhist meditation, Upper Realm, 10 am.

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Source: Sagemet / Report on Environment Canada

DAY TO DAY

Friday, December 20

- Iron Pyrites at the HBI Pub music starts 9 pm no cover

Saturday, December 21

- Tips Eve - Elec-Trick Lemonade rockin' the Quadra Legion 9 pm - 1 am \$10

Sunday, December 22

- QI United Church service, 12 noon, Rev. Wayne Hughes

Tuesday, December 24

- Worship the King at Quadra Bible Church 1281 West Rd 6:30 pm
- Christmas Eve service, United Church, 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 26

- Annual Boxing Day Casino Night fundraiser Quadra Legion 7 pm

Friday, December 27

- Cameron Gunn at the HBI Pub music starts 9 pm no cover

Tuesday, December 31

- New Year's Eve dinner and dance with Peel, HBI dinner 6 pm dance 9 pm
- New Year's Eve dance with DJ Absolute Zero, Quadra Legion 9 pm

Thursday, January 2, 2014

- Public Hearings Bylaws 185, 186, 187 Q.C.C. 7 pm

Sunday, January 5

- QI United Church service, 10:45 am

Monday, January 6

- Deadline Day for the Discovery Islander, all material due by 7 pm

Wednesday, January 8

- Free Firewood is back, Q.C.C. 1 pm

Friday, January 10,

- Quadra Youth Theatre Monsters in the Closet opens Q.C.C.

Monday Jan. 13

- Gardens of Quadra Q.C.C. 7 pm

Wednesday, January 15

- Free Money, Downstairs Board Room, Q.C.C. 11:30 am

NEXT DEADLINE: MONDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2014



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NEXT DEADLINE

**7 pm, MONDAY
January 6**

for publication
Friday, January 10

ISLAND FORUM



Ferry Cutback Meeting

Believe it or not, some islanders approached me and said they agreed with using non-violent civil disobedience to stop the ferry cutbacks.

Others had a negative view of such actions.

The meeting was an amazing demonstration of the commitment of Quadra Islanders to maintain our current services at a reduced cost. So why should we be discussing non-violent civil disobedience when it could lead to fines and arrests?

Here are the reasons:

1. The current cutbacks are just the beginning. There will be more in the coming years.
2. The next B.C. election is four or five years down the road.
3. The NDP proposes only a two year freeze on ferry fares and doesn't commit to putting ferries back into the public sector as a highway.
4. With less ferry service at higher rates, people will move off the island and the value of our houses will rapidly decline.
5. Individual civil disobedience doesn't work. We are taking individual action by making less use of the ferries but nobody is listening to individual protest.
6. The only thing that will work is cutting back the income that goes to the ferry system in big way. This requires collective action up and down the whole coast.
7. And believe or not, there are ways to enter the ferries without paying and without inconveniencing fellow travellers... (secrets not to advertise).

Steve Moore

Ferry Issues

Can anyone out there stand to read another bit about our ferries? Of course I attended the meeting last week and heard many excellent speakers, however none with any constructive response to the proposed cutback in sailings. Several people made the point that there really isn't an interest to support our island residents, the overall goal is to eliminate the island peoples and our earth loving culture.

So the plan to reduce operating costs by eliminating one run/day is supposedly final and the suggested elimination of the last night run was determined by paper statistics which don't tell the whole picture for sure, however if the meeting was truly intended to ask for community input, I have 2 suggestions;

1) What if we keep the late night run by extending the 'supper' break to eliminate an early evening run instead?

Have no idea what the logistics of this would look like for staffing, however this means the late night run continues, and vehicles held back by the longer 'supper' break can still take a later ferry, which would actually increase the vehicle count for those later runs.

For our evening walk on passengers, I'm pretty sure we could work out a mutually beneficial arrangement with our local water taxi to provide an evening walk on service at fair cost for islanders for that time.

2) Is it feasible to set up an Islander Ferry Corporation for running our ferry system? Anyone out there with experience to run numbers and contemplate this kind of possibility. Wouldn't it be lovely to take back management of our ferries since we already have them operated by local islanders. What if we become true shareholders? How could we do this, how much would it cost us as individuals, as communities? Somehow I imagine we could do it more cost effective than is happening now.

If you don't want a smart meter, you can get off the grid, however if you don't agree with the ferry service as offered, can you get off the ferry? At any given time there are only three days worth of food on Vancouver Island, so if we want to reduce our ferry dependancy we certainly need to grow a lot more food, and do a lot more local business. The bottom line is we need to find some way to sustain a balanced level of ferry service within financial reach of residents.

Gypsy Mama

Have an opinion to share?
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The Canary is Dead

When I got to the Community Centre at 3:00 to set up some audience mics for the Ferry fiasco, there was a table on the stage and the audience chairs were in four sections. I put a mic in each of the three aisles so people wouldn't have to stand up in one long line all the way back out of the hall. A little after 4:00 the ferry people arrived. The first thing the woman said on entering was, "We have to change everything!" They pulled out the mics they pulled down the table and they took out a bunch of the chairs so they could put up their charts. When that was done she unsuccessfully tried to browbeat a videographer into moving from where he had set up. When it was suggested to her that we knew our community's needs better than she did replied, "It's our meeting. We do it our way." You'd think that if you were trying to convince people you cared about their opinions you'd treat them as partners rather than servants, you'd treat them as allies rather than as the enemy. While I put away our equipment I wondered, "How did we get here?"

Where is here? Here is where every decision is based on money. When arts groups go to ask for money they have to explain how art is good for the economy — that spending a dollar on art will get them five dollars later. But artists don't do art to get money they get money to do art. Sociologists, psychiatrists and doctors say that spending a dollar on prevention will give you five dollars back later. But allowing for a healthy happy people should be the government's only job. We don't want sane and happy people to make the government money we want money to make the people happier and healthier.

A good working economy isn't one where you pay lots of people to make things they can't afford to buy. A thriving economy isn't one where only the wealthy people from other countries can buy the homes and businesses that citizens can no longer afford. A good working economy is one where even the poorest person has access to proper food, shelter and personal fulfillment. The reason our government is run like a business is because it's comprised mostly of business people.

The question we have to ask then is — if government is using the business model why are they doing it so badly? There are two reasons and they are linked: first, a business model is set up to benefit it's owners and shareholders and sadly governments no longer consider the electorate as its owner or shareholder; second, a business is usually run as if it will continue running, whereas, a government is only run for about four years. Spending a dollar now to save five dollars later is only a wise business plan if it's you who saves the five dollars. If you do not think of yourself as a steward, if you think of the other political parties as the enemy as opposed to fellow stewards, if you think of the people as a resource then taking the money and running is best business practice.

What can we do? Clearly, there is nothing we can do about the changes in the very short term. But BC Ferries is just the canary. Now that it's dead it's time to get everybody out of the mine. We have to convince ourselves, we have to convince the people we know and finally we have to convince the people we elect to make decisions on our behalf that money is not the goal, it is just one of the tools we can use to reach our goal.

Chris Thompson

BC Ferries -- Is It Time For Us To Secede?

What do you think? Here we are, on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands in the Salish Sea, being held hostage by the BC ferry corporation. And BC Hydro is raising its rates, the school system is under-funded, the medical system seems to be in a state of financial stress, most if not all of the old growth has been taken, the pulp mills are closing, the saw mills are closing, and the wild salmon?

Do we need the rest of Canada? What if we do it ourselves?

Isn't it time that we consider being our own country.... it would be bigger than about 40 countries already in existence. With a population of around 850,000 capable people, living in one of the richest areas of one of the richest countries in the world....we should be able to do it on our own and do it

our own unique way. We could create a sustainable society based on our creative people and renewable resources.... we could control the waterways around us (would we charge BC Ferries a toll for using our waters?).... for energy there are 2 hydro electric generating facilities already in existence, and without the pulp mills there is enough energy for most of the existing population. And then of course, we have alternative energy sources such as tidal, wave, solar... for fibre we have trees or perhaps hemp... and for food the fish and the rich river deltas provide fertile agricultural land...

I think the potential is there to do it ourselves in a viable alternative way.

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Shellfish Farming Not a Fairyland

The main point that Roberta Stevenson seems to have missed in her recent letter to the editor was that Noba Anderson, Cortes Island's Regional Director, acted against the interests of the marine environment and the wishes of the upland residents as expressed at the Public Hearings on rezoning for shellfish farm siting on Cortes Island.

In contravention of previous Regional District Board policies and their interpretation of the bylaw regarding "passive aquaculture," Noba Anderson decided to allow powered machinery to be used in residential/recreational areas of Gorge Harbour without any restrictions. This allows the unbridled noise from power washers/conveyor belts driven by generators at industrialized shellfish farms near many homes.

As an employee of, and principal spokesman for, the BC Shellfish Growers Association, Stevenson is paid to promote the shellfish industry, despite negative impacts and opposition by the

public. She certainly tried to do this in her comments, but did not address the points I was making in my letter to Noba Anderson.

I am not against shellfish farming; nor am I against responsible harvesting of forests. I only want to see the interests of all stakeholders and the marine environment respected. Stevenson presents a fairyland version of the shellfish industry, but, a number of communities suffer from noise, tons of debris, and industrial activity due to inappropriate mechanized shellfish farm siting that Director Anderson supported.

Stevenson claims that the industry creates jobs and is needed to feed the world as if this justified the further expansion and takeover of marine areas by the industry. This may be, but the mechanized shellfish operations promoted by the industry have reduced jobs in the industry and the region even though the industry has expanded. Moreover, China has just banned the import of all shellfish from the American

Northwest, including Alaska, due to high levels of metallic and other toxins. It follows Hong Kong which has refused to accept BC shellfish due to high levels of carcinogenic cadmium that occur in some BC waters, including some sites in around Cortes Island.

The bottom line is that shellfish leases should be sited where they are socially acceptable, health producing, economically viable, and environmentally sustainable, i.e., away from already established residential areas—just like the finfish industry which has a 1 kilometer setback from residential/recreational areas. There are many entirely suitable sites along our coastline without conflicting interests. Ms. Anderson did not honour the concerns stated by her constituents but instead, in accordance with her own agenda, recommended that no restriction be placed on machinery. This is not socially acceptable.

Yes, Roberta, unbridled, large-scale shellfish operations do impact other stakeholders, pollute the environment, and can result in decimating/raping marine ecosystems. Big industry is the big problem, whether clear-cutting, tar sands, open pit mining, or industrial-scale shellfish or finfish operations. They all can have negative impacts on people and the earth and every available opportunity should be employed to minimize these negative impacts.

Ms. Anderson did not attempt to protect the marine environment or her constituents from the socially unacceptable impacts of industrialized shellfish farming as they requested of their Regional Director.

Brian Hayden

Winning at Parenting

Barbara Coloroso is an internationally recognized speaker and author in the areas of parenting and teaching "She's witty; she's wise; she's compassionate; she's sensible... she offers adults clear, manageable tips for building nurturing relations with children and teens." – Canadian Guider

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to attend this DVD presentation by Barbara Coloroso. Part one will be viewed on Wednesday, January 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 and part two will be viewed on Wednesday January 22 from 6:00 – 7:30 at Quadra Elementary. Childcare is available if you contact Robin at 250 285 3185 or email robin.quadraliteracy@gmail.com

Java Bay Cafe Holiday News

Java Bay will have Christmas Cookie Tins available as of Thursday December 12th.

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December 24th and 31st closing at 3:30.

December 26th will be following the Tru Value Foods hours of 2-5.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY!



Happy Holidays From Quadra Marine Services

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Best wishes to one and all for the holidays

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Upcoming Legion Events

On Saturday, December 21st bring an appetizer to the meat draw social and follow with a Tips Eve Party! Elec-Trick Lemonade will be rockin' the Legion from 9:00-1:00; \$10.00 at the door.

The Annual Boxing Day Casino Night on Thursday, December 26th starts at 7:00pm. Poker & Black Jack will be dealt up with proceeds going to a local non-profit group.

On New Year's Eve it's DJ Absolute Zero with an exciting playlist; sure to ring in 2014 on a high note. Complimentary snacks and champagne at midnight. \$5.00 at the door!

Happy Holidays from the Quadra Legion, Branch #154. We look forward to celebrating with you over the holiday season.

Christmas Season at QI United Church

Everyone is invited to a Sunday service at 12 noon on Dec. 22 with

Rev. Wayne Hughes of CR United, and the annual Christmas Eve service

at 7:30 pm. The next service will be on Sun. Jan. 5 at 10:45 am. (Mimi 3163)

Thank You

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who came to the Legion on November 20 to participate in the memorial service for Bruce Douglas Thomson. Thanks especially to the Ladies Auxilliary for preparing the food and to Branch 154 for supporting the event. I am most appreciative to those who made this memorial possible.

Brigitte Oskam

Addition

When we thanked the community for their support in the last DI we accidentally missed sending thanks to Lawrie Bowles, and Vivianne Dorsett. Both donated stunning prices of art, and are much appreciated.

Much gratitude, Quadra Children's Centre.

Worship the King

You don't need to travel far to worship the King. Quadra Island Bible Church has planned a short Christmas Eve Service for all ages. Come to 1281 West Road at 6:30pm on December 24.

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Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

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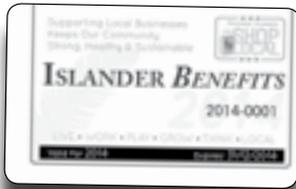
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Buddhist Meditation

There is a Buddhist Meditation group which meets every Sunday Morning at the Upper Realm in Q. Cove at 10 a.m. We meditate for 40 minutes, take a break for tea and then discuss a reading together. It's free or by donation. Beginners are welcome. Call Steve or Danielle for more information at 285-3323

Free Money/January 15 Many thanks to the generous people of Quadra who have donated money to the Free Money program. We now have enough for January and February. Another \$1,000 is needed to will keep us going until April. Free Money is designed to help low income and unemployed Quadra residents, elders on fixed incomes and single parents. Each individual receives \$10 and a family receives \$20. It's not much, but it happens on a Food Bank day, a Community Lunch day and a Free Firewood day. The next time all four of these things happen at the same time isn't until Wednesday, January 15. Therefore the next Free Money distribution is at 11:30 a.m. in the downstairs seminar room at the Q.C.C. on January 15. (However, the Food Bank remains open on New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1 at 1 p.m.) Please consider making a donation to the Free Money Association account at our local Coastal Credit Union

CCCU Supports DIEP



The Quadra Island Branch of Coastal Community Credit Union is very proud to have raised over \$1200.00 this summer at our Sunset Cinema. Last week we presented the funds to Fire Chief Sharon Clandening and Discovery Islands Emergency Preparedness Chair Judy Hagen. The funds will be used for Volunteer Firefighter Training.

A Christmas Gift for Writers

Are you looking for a unique Christmas gift for a writer, or an aspiring writer? Jeanette Taylor and Annette Yourk will teach their Writing Family History, Memoir & Biography course to Quadra Island this winter/spring. After two fully booked sessions in Campbell River, they look forward to bringing this popular six-part course home to the island.

The course defines the genre(s) of history writing, taking students through the process of developing their own projects in stages, to first draft. Their chosen subjects will be the focus for in-class writing exercises and homework. Coursework is designed to help participants plan and organize their materials AND develop skills in writing narrative and creative non-fiction.

The classes runs from February 15 to March 22, 2014 on Sundays from 1-4 p.m. at the Community Centre. The cost is \$140 per person, which can be paid in cash or by cheque at Book Bonanza in Q. Cove Plaza. Call 250-285-3651 for more details. The fee includes a comprehensive binder.

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Free Firewood- January 8th

Free Firewood is usually available every Wednesday after Community Lunch at 1 p.m. However, after the turkey dinner on Wednesday December 18, Community lunch doesn't start up again until January 8th. Also, Christmas and New Year's Day are on Wednesdays. As a result Free Firewood will start up again on Wednesday, January 8th when Community Lunch resumes. However, if you have an emergency situation and lack funds for firewood, Call Steve at 285-3323 or Alan at 285-3544. If you can afford wood, consider calling Shawn at 285-2177, Billy at 285-3714 or Keith at 285-2722 or any of our local wood suppliers. Please remember we can not supply wood to a single individual or a family for the entire Winter. But we are pleased to help when needed. Please consider donating money to the Free Firewood Association Account in our local Coastal Credit Union. Keeping everyone warm is important

Quadra Island Seniors

Our annual Christmas Luncheon was terrific, great food by H.B.I, entertainment by the Thievin family, and great prizes. Thanks to Judy Hagen, & Nancy Allwarden, Christine Dyson & Marilyn Lamb, who made it all possible. Thank to all our invited guests, who helped us through 2013, it is always greatly appreciated. Our next General meeting will be in the New Year 2014, Wednesday January 8th/14.

HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS &
A JOYOUS NEW YEAR 2014

Nepal - New Date

Our Wilderness Trekking fundraising presentation had to be postponed from 24th November with sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused. Luckily we have a new date and welcome everyone to join us for stories and photos from our recent Tsum Valley Yoga trek in Nepal. Refreshments provided by Yellow Dog and all proceeds to Umbrella Foundation Orphanage in Kathmandu. 7pm on 24th January at Quadra Community Centre.

See you there!!

Attending Holiday Festivities?

- Plan Before You Head Out

Whether you're attending a holiday get-together or meeting up with friends to watch the game, if your festivities involve alcohol, make sure to plan ahead for a safe ride home.

The Quadra Island RCMP want you to enjoy a safe holiday season with your family and friends. Here are a few tips to say safe on the road:

- 1) Take your turn to be a designated driver: Being a designated driver is a shared responsibility; take your turn to help get your friends home safely.
- 2) Plan your safe ride home before you start drinking: If you're going to drink, choose a designated driver before heading out.
- 3) Use other options to get home safely: Call a taxi or call a sober friend.

During the month of December, an average of five people are killed in B.C. each year in crashes involving impaired driving.

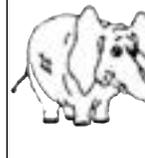
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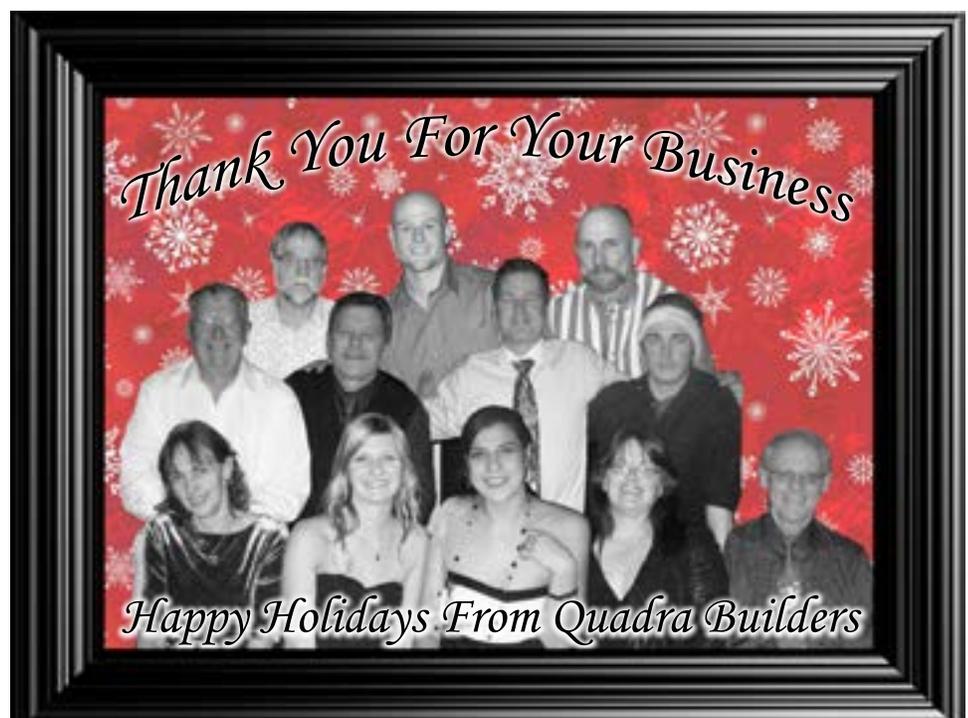
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Community Christmas Dinner at the Heriot Bay Inn December 25. Doors open at 5 pm, dinner at 6 pm. Come one, come all, everyone is welcome to feast and be festive. Join in the gift exchange, bring a new or "like new" wrapped gift or re-gift. Volunteers? Phone the Inn at 285-3322.

New Years Eve at the Heriot Bay Inn: enjoy Dinner in Herons with special three course menu \$39; Herons open till 10 pm! Then boogie on in to the pub and **bring in the New Year with PEEL**. They'll get your toes tapping, feet moving, knees bending, body shaking, hands clapping and head tossing! Band from 10 pm – 2 am; \$10/door.

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HBI Pub. Where live music lives! Friday night band: Quadra's own Iron Pyrites December 20! And another of Quadra's own: Cameron Gunn – come home to entertain us, December 27. Dine before you dance, HBI kitchen is open until 8:00pm.

Quadra Circle News

Friday Lunch for seniors on December 13th featured a Christmas Potluck with Turkey Veg soup and scrumptious side dishes and desserts made by our members. We enjoyed good food, carol-singing, musical treats and the warmth of friendship. Here are a few special moments, courtesy of photographers, Carol Woolsey and Kathy Slater:



Quadra Circle is grateful for all the caring, dedicated volunteers in our activities: Friday Lunch, the Seniors Outreach Program, the Ride Program, Housing Initiative and the seniors reading to Quadra School children. (For details, call Mary at 285-3084 or Marie: 285-3950.) The support, grants and donations from community members, the Quadra Recreation Centre, Coastal Community Credit Union, our Regional Rep, Jim Abram, and the Strathcona Regional District, Mariana at Gowlland Harbour Resort and Island Health help make it possible. Thank you all!



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Quadra Circle Friday Lunch

Join us at 1281 West Road (in the Lower Level of Quadra Bible Church). Arrive for 11 am armchair exercises with Ann Lawrence or at noon for lunch and a speaker. December 13 features an International Christmas Potluck and is our last meeting until January 3, 2014.

For more information contact Karen at 285-3064 or Mary at 285-3084.

Quadra Outdoor Club Winter Activities

The Quadra Island Outdoor Club is now organizing activities for the winter. There will be a mix of hiking and snow-based activities throughout the season. If you have not yet joined, please contact Darcy Mitchell at darcm@telus.net. The schedule is under construction, so visit the webpage for the current status at qioutdoorclub.org. The trip details are available there and the contact information for the coordinator of each trip. It is essential to let the trip coordinator know that you want to participate a reasonable time before the trip.

Mt. Washington does not yet have enough snow to open, but we're hoping that Santa will bring them snow for Christmas. The hike to Maud Island was postponed due to weather, but will be re-scheduled in the new year. We've had a number of successful impromptu hikes to take advantage of weather and will continue to have these.

The Christmas bird count will be held on January 4th. This is not an Outdoor Club trip, but there will be a lot of cross-over interest. The contact for the bird count is Katherine Manry at kamanry@gmail.com. It may not be essential to be an expert, if you want to participate.

Here are the upcoming events:

Wednesday, 1 January - New Year's Day hike

Saturday, 4 January - Christmas bird count

Wednesday, 8 January - Mt. Washington carpool

Saturday, 18 January - Elk Falls hike

Wednesday, 22 January - Mt. Washington carpool

Mon-Wed, 3-5 February - Stay at Mt. Washington

Images of Summer in the Gardens

Do you want to participate in a delightful pick me up for the beginning of 2014? Join us on Monday January 13th 7pm at the Community Centre for an interesting evening. Photos of a summer garden can be joyfully shocking in the middle of the low light and often frozen season of the year. The Garden Club meeting will give you a pleasant reminder of how green and full of life it is on Quadra during the growing season. Last year Club members photographed their gardens at the peak of summer, to share these images at the first winter meeting. Don Mottershead, leader of the Q I Photo Club, has developed an inspiring hour long slide show as a result of these submitted pictures. The photographers will be asked to say a few words about their garden scenes. Come out and enjoy.

The Club meets on the second Monday of each month except for holidays. Membership is \$10 per year or \$15 for the family, \$3 for drop ins. There is a guest speaker at each meeting as well as a plant sale table, general gardening information for the beginner to the experienced, and of course, yummy refreshments. Join us this winter and share our dreams for gardens to come. Everyone welcome.

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Set up starts for vendors @ 8 am. Tables
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If you would like more info:
quadramarket@gmail.com or Michele 250-
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As the 21st of December is our last market
for 2013, Michele and Stella wish you all,
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Cheers, Til we meet again!

Large Family Band From Cortes Island Releases Debut

Six-piece family band The Merry McKentys
are releasing their first studio album on
December 18th. The album, titled "Out of
the Woods", was recorded this fall at Dove
Creek Studios in Courtenay and includes
fifteen sweet and upbeat traditional tunes
played on piano, guitar, mandolin, and
three fiddles. It will be released at a concert
and contra dance on Cortes Island on the
18th.

The band of traditional music enthusiasts is
made up of five adult siblings and their dad,
with occasional appearances from other
friends and family members. The album
tracks are mostly traditional Canadian
and Irish tunes, with a few modern
Canadian and Scandinavian pieces. The
arrangements aim for a traditional feel,
showcasing simple and cheerful tunes with
rich harmonies and lively accompaniment.

The McKentys started playing traditional
music almost two decades ago while
living off the grid on a rustic homestead
in the interior of BC. "We were living in
the woods when we started playing music
together and are still rather accustomed to
being a cheerfully anonymous back-woods
family band," Adam, the band's guitarist,
explained. "Now we suddenly have a
Facebook page and a Twitter feed and are
posting videos of ourselves on the internet.
It's all a bit strange."

Since moving to the coast they have toured
around the Salish Sea on their wooden
ketch and travelled to Europe, bringing
traditional music and contra dancing to
enthusiastic audiences in France, Italy, and
the UK. The pianist / accordion player Ieva
sums it up: "Getting to tour and hang out
with my hilarious family all at the same
time is a really good gig."

Purchasing information for the album,
as well as tour dates, videos, and
audio samples can be found online at
MerryMcKentys.com (Facebook and
Twitter links too, of course).



Christmas Greetings

T'was the night before Christmas, when all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

When down through the chimney, all covered with soot came the "Spirit of Fire", an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern as he looked all around him for something to burn.

What he saw made him grumble-his anger grew higher for there wasn't a single thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree, it stood in the corner, leaving passageways free.

The lights that glowed brightly for Claire and for Tim had been hung with precaution, so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen and wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green.

The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent that the ornaments used should be fire resistant.

Mother and Dad know the things to avoid, like cotton and paper and plain celluloid.

Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass gave life to the tree it really had class.

And would you believe it , right next to the tree was a suitable box for holding debris.

A place to hold wrappings of paper and string from all of the gifts that Santa would bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust as he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust.

For the folks in this home had paid close attention to all of the rules of good fire prevention.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

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Have you ever been the only orange in a group of apples? Have you ever felt like you were born at the wrong time, into the wrong family, into the wrong body? Have you ever thought you were born into a prison, condemned only for being yourself? What if you suddenly had a chance for escape? Come and see Monsters in the Closet (Tickets \$12/\$6; \$15/\$8 at the door) to find out how a bookish monster and a grumpy girl react.

Are you bored with all the stuff on tv? Are you tired of watching the same cute puppy videos your uncle forwards you? Are you looking for an evening of music and comedy that will not be like anything you've seen before? Come to Monsters in the Closet (tickets available now at Hummingbird, Works of H'art, Music Plant) and be amazed by the talents of a group of young actors and musicians.

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Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society 2013 Fish Counts & Ongoing Projects

The fish counts for Quadra Island are in for the 2013 spawning season and the runs were good. This means that water levels were adequate, our mid-September rains helped greatly, and water temperatures were cool enough for the run. Here are the counts;

Open Bay Creek count; 2817 chum, no coho were observed

Granite Bay Creek; 721 chum, 10 coho, 1 jack

Drew Creek; 16 chum, 22 coho

Village Bay Creek; 733 chum, 17 coho, 3 jacks

Hyacinthe Creek; anecdotal evidence only as one landowner will not allow QISES on his property; thousands of chum reported by another local resident, 6 coho in Mud Lake system.

Counting fence at Village Bay Lake, emptying into Village Bay Creek; 1744 coho, 71 jacks, 70 chum. Bear in mind, the fences at Village Bay Lake were vandalized twice during the counting season, putting volunteers at great risk doing repairs and counts in jeopardy. The numbers we did get suggest that well over 2000 coho migrated up into the lake system and spawning streams beyond, phenomenally good news as to the health of the system.

When we do count we go to each location once per week for the entire run. We do this every year. This gives us comparative statistics which enable us and the DFO scientists to evaluate the health of the entire system.

QISES Improves Spawning Opportunities in Luoma Creek

Stream modification for hopefully creating new spawning beds for returning salmon used to involve “straightening and cleaning” i.e. removing all alleged obstacles like fallen logs in order to facilitate an even flow of water. Further research, however, found this to be very unproductive. Today we try to maintain natural terrain and cover and provide meandering to straight stream stretches with minimal slope and flow. The



meanders create pools and riffles causing natural deposition of gravel- ideal spawning territory.

Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society [QISES] volunteers have been applying this approach near the mouth of Luoma Creek where it empties into Little Main Lake. Five “A-frame” structures’ utilising fallen logs semi-submerged and cable-tethered were created to collect debris which will, in time, provide cover for the salmon at both ends of their life cycle, the spawners and the fry.

In addition we will be planting new trees in this rather open area to provide shade cover which is presently badly lacking. To this end we acknowledge a donation of young saplings of red cedar, white pine and Douglas fir from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans via their Campbell River Community Advisor.

Among other projects considered for the near future are some viewing sites and platforms so that people may view chum salmon during the spawning season. At present the only safe viewing site is the bridge over Granite Bay Creek. We envision a site on Hyacinth Creek near

the culverts, a prime spawning area. Sites for coho viewing would be very difficult to ascertain and more difficult to access. Coho charge up our streams and spawn just about as high as they are can get. We consider ourselves very lucky when we do spot coho, such as the ones in Luoma and 8 we spotted in Saxon Creek.

Led by Peter Calverly and the great gang from Granite Bay, and with permits obtained from DFO, we hope to be doing more fry trapping in 2014. The Streamkeepers courses that we took in 2013 gave us skills to do this. We bait cages, trap fry, identify, and then release our catch. This activity gives indications as to stream and species health. On many of our difficult-to-access streams, we might not know if coho were there should it not be their identification in our summer traps. Our small active volunteer base has enabled us to carry out this work. We will be seeking new volunteers in 2014 to expand our work for the salmon.

Al Beattie

V. P.

Quadra Island
Salmon Enhancement Society

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT



By Jim Abram

Greetings to all on this beautiful foggy day! It has been quite the exciting week and I will try and touch on some of the highlights for your reading enjoyment.

BC Ferries extravaganza

I would like to thank all of Quadra Island for the incredible turnout at the Community Centre on Monday night. What a crowd! We managed to get between 500 and 600 people out to this meeting. That is phenomenal! Your presence was an extremely powerful message to this government even if their presenters didn't get it! It is the Premier and the Minister who will be seeing what went on and how much media coverage it got. This is such an awesome community to represent. To come out in bad weather to once again voice your opinions to the government is a real show of solidarity, love and caring for each other and our island way of life. We are all in this together and we stood together as we will in the future. There has been media coverage on CTV and CHEK TV at 5pm, 6:30 pm and 11:00 pm. Great article in the CR Mirror and the CR Courier along with media up and down the coast. And you can see what went out to all the seniors in BC by going to: <http://www.betterthan50.com/conversations/posts/North%20of%2050/north-of-50/ruth-less-than-amiabell-slams-bc-ferries/> This is a province wide seniors on-line publication.

The Minister was on CBC radio the next business day and I am positive his interview was prompted by our meeting's response to their insane plan. Our MLA

was interviewed the next day after that as the Opposition Transportation critic. They know we are not finished with them yet! The protest actions by the Chambers of Commerce and business are ramping up and major public protests will be arranged for February. So be ready!

Once again, I want to thank all of the people who helped to make this event happen and to all of the people who participated. You are all wonderful! I asked the staff at the Community Centre to arrange for child care and they acted swiftly and had it all set up and it was well used. I asked Judy Hagen to see if she could get some traffic control for the parking that would result with such a large crowd. After many discussions with other agencies about liability we were able to take it under the wing of the SRD and Judy had a total of six volunteers controlling traffic. I would also like to thank the staff at Emcon CR and Quadra for making sure that all roads on Quadra were cleared and sanded and salted. They also graded the apron / shoulder along West Road from Homewood all the way to Industrial Way on both sides of the road to allow for the much needed overflow parking. Thanks to Michael Stahnke and his crew for setting up the hall the way I suggested to force the presenters to move straight into a meeting format without all the baloney of having story boards with all of their misinformation taking up our valuable time. We needed to talk to them as a group and we did! As a side note, the consultant came in and removed a portion of what was set up, intent on having story boards. I argued with her when I arrived at 4:45pm

and she won.. for a short time. As soon as the throngs of people started to arrive, we started to put the chairs back up! This was the first event that I have attended on Quadra where the hall was mostly full a half hour prior to start time! That is a true indicator of how angry this island is with the BC Government and its plans to further destroy our community.

As I mentioned earlier, we are not finished with them yet. There are going to be massive protests, province wide. Below is one of the first off of the blocks. When Chambers of Commerce and businesses get angry they become a force to be reckoned with. They will be taking their (our) concerns straight to the Premier. Since "jobs and the economy" are one of her main platform points, she will have a hard time ignoring this group of job creators and contributors to the economy! I include the following for you to see what is planned in the near future. The idea is to get all of the coastal Chambers of Commerce joining this fight. And I believe they will. Our communities are being destroyed and we cannot put up with that.

We are also planning massive protests in Victoria once the Legislature sits again and the entire coast is sending people to that one. It will give us a chance to surround the Legislative buildings and let those inside know what it feels like to live on an island! I will be working on all of these initiatives with all coastal communities over the next months and when it is time I am sure Quadra, Cortes, the outer islands and Campbell River will join in to make this a notable event. Stay tuned.

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Outer Islands

Ok. Enough about ferries! For those who live in the outer islands, I want you to know that tomorrow, Dec. 17th, I will be meeting all day at the SRD offices in CR with the representatives for Transport Canada and their lawyer to negotiate the divestiture (abrogation, in my opinion) of the three wharves in your area. Surge Narrows, Owen Bay and Port Neville will all be discussed. We are on some sort of crash deadline with the feds as they need to have a negotiated offer back to them by Dec. 31st. Just so you are aware, I am participating in this process on your behalf under duress. This is wrong! It is a federal responsibility to transport people and goods from community to community on our "marine highway"! (sound familiar?). I am only agreeing to go through the process after close examination of the consequences if I don't participate. Those consequences would be the eventual removal of these public facilities and I cannot allow that to happen to the communities I represent. So wish me luck. I will have my CAO and our lawyer at the meeting also as part of our team.

The other issue that I want to mention is that I will be able to give you some long awaited news about an enforcement issue in your area. It first needs to be released by the Board for the public to see. At that time, I will let you know the details. Until then, my hands are tied. It will be very soon.

Telus

I mentioned in my last report that I would be meeting with Telus in Victoria on Dec. 4th. I had the meeting and it was very frustrating to hear that the corporation is in their annual planning process at this point and that they cannot release any information to the public at this time. From the words used and the tone of the meeting, we are still on the list for further upgrades. They still have a team of people working on the planning details, so that is very encouraging. I am sorry I cannot give you more definitive details, but I can't tell you what I don't know. I will let you know as soon as I do.

Sewer expansion misinformation

I was informed that a letter has been distributed to property owners in the Quathiaski Cove sewer expansion area. Apparently this letter contains some incorrect figures that would lead people to believe that joining the system would be far more expensive than it will be. The letter is also a plea for people to vote "no" to the expansion. My personal opinion is that this request would be a mistake. I would encourage anyone that has received this

letter to call me to discuss it. I have spoken with the author and have explained some of his misconceptions. Please phone me or the SRD (Russ - 250-830-6703 - direct) for correct information on this very important initiative.

Last but not least...

I would like to thank all of my community for all of the support you have given me in this past year. I look forward to winning more battles with your help in the coming years. We still have lots to do and with your help, I am confident that we can accomplish anything!

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy Holiday Season and hope that you get to spend some down-time with family and friends and forget about our daily battles with the forces of darkness! I look forward to a very productive, exciting and successful New Year.

Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@xplornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices.

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Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram Director,
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A Great Evening with Harry Manx

Words & Pictures

By Caroline Edliq

The comfortable surroundings of the Heriot Bay Inn, good food, good company and great live entertainment – there’s no better way to spend a November evening. This is the ideal setting in which to experience Harry Manx – up close and personal.

The dining room was filled with the happy buzz of conversation, following our delicious dinner, when Harry appeared. Having set up a small, carpeted platform he announced that he was his own “roadie” for this event. A selection of guitars and banjos rested on a rack beside him, and on the floor lay the instrument cases bearing signs of the wear and tear resulting from many tours by road and air. A compact collection of electronic gadgetry was in place, with the digital display showing the words “Harry’s Kit”. An ingenious foot percussion set-up, a harmonica and the set list written in bold, black felt pen on a sheet of paper completed his one-man show requirements.

There was a brief introduction to each song, accompanied by some wry piece of humour; but there was none of the long-winded story telling typical of so many artists. Harry interacts in a direct and friendly way with his audience – and once the music starts there is a transformation. Each song begins with a kind of exploration, a warming up of the strings and the body of the instrument where one gets the impression that the man and his music are engaged in a kind of communion, deep and intense. As this free form expression evolves and coalesces then the feet take their turn, and the

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beat begins. From this point the song is in motion and Harry and his music become one. It appears that he inhabits the song – or the song inhabits him as you see and feel the music moving through him. There is artistry and elegance in his hands. This is most evident as he plays the beautiful mohan veena, the instrument which he studied for many years in India, alongside its creator, Vishwa Mohan Bhatt. As his fingers glide across its lower strings there is a delicate, shimmering sound. The other hand is occasionally raised in a gentle sweeping gesture and one can almost feel a spiritual presence surrounding him. This is Harry Manx, transporting us to other places.

The highlights of the evening were Harry’s arrangement of the song “Death Have Mercy”

where the mohan veena is such an integral part of the character of the song, enhancing the hypnotic nature of the piece. Harry’s originals included “Ship of Fools” which is a sheer delight with its mysterious

and subtle opening, and “Nine Summers Lost” which gives him the opportunity to enjoy his beloved steel guitar. “Bring That Thing” is one of his most popular compositions, although in this case it seemed to end too soon; I wanted more – but perhaps I was remembering a previous performance where Harry was joined by other musicians, allowing for a more extended version of the song. A Harry Manx performance would not be complete without the J.J. Cale classic “Tijuana” and the Willie Dixon composition “Spoonful”, both of which were enthusiastically received by fans who were happy to hear all their favourites. “Can’t Be Satisfied” was the typical show stopper where Harry could show the full extent of his one-man musical genius, allowing everything to come to a wild and crazy climax. Naturally the audience was not willing to let that be the end of the show, and Harry graciously treated us to just one more song. The evening came to a mellow conclusion with a beautiful rendition of “Crazy Love”.

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We will have drivers travelling around the main areas of the island beginning at 9 am on January 11th for pick up. Bottles can be left at the end of driveways.

If you do not live within the main vicinities (Cape Mudge and between Q Cove and Heriot Bay) but would like to donate bottles please call Cally Overton @ 285 2974 or Melanie Zylstra @ 285 2233 to arrange pick up.

Thank-you for saving your bottles and supporting the Quadra School.

*NOTE: We will not be driving off the main roads unless someone has called to specify they would like pick-up

A Last Word

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There's no end to the challenges running a small business in a small community there's many of us that know that. But the positive support and encouraging feedback goes a long way to making it all worthwhile.

I wish you all have a fantastic Christmas, or whatever seasonal festival you may celebrate!

Enjoy the New Year celebrations and I look forward to the positive turns 2014 brings us and our community.

- Philip Stone

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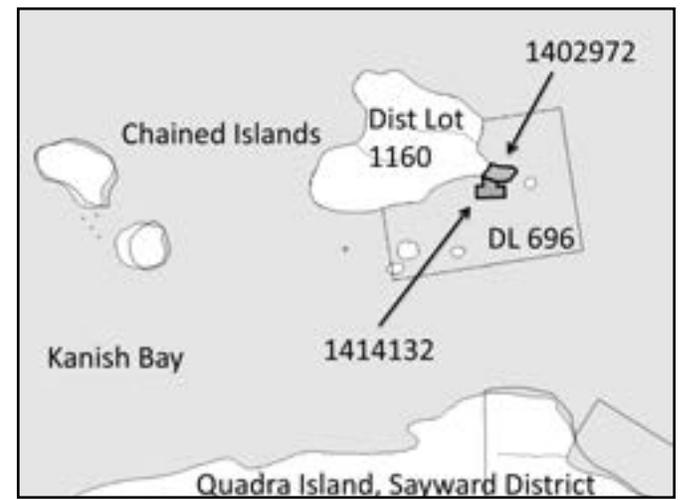
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

BYLAW NO. 185 – QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 104

BYLAW NO. 186 – QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 105

AND

BYLAW NO. 187 - QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 106

Date of Public Hearings: January 2, 2014

Location of Public Hearings: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road, Quathiaski Cove, BC

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 185 will commence at: 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 186 will commence: Immediately following the close of Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 185

Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 187 will commence: Immediately following the close of Public Hearing on Bylaw No. 186

BYLAW NO. 185

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 185: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Discovery Passage, Sayward District, +/- 0.06 hectares in area as shown on Map 1 (right) (Crown Land File No. 1412592).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 185: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Access Two (AC-2) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the siting of an existing private dock.

BYLAW NO. 186

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 186: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Discovery Passage, Sayward District, +/- 0.15 hectares in area as shown on Map 2 (right).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 186: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Access Two (AC-2) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the construction of a dock for private moorage purposes.

BYLAW NO. 187

Area affected by proposed Bylaw No. 187: The subject area is described as Unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water being part of the bed of Open Bay, Sayward District, +/- 0.10 hectares in area as shown on Map 3 (below right) (Crown Land File No. 1412092).

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 187: This bylaw, if adopted, would rezone the subject area from Heritage One (HE-1) to Access One (AC-1) to permit the siting of an existing private dock.

Copies of the proposed bylaws and related information are available for inspection at the Strathcona Regional District Customer Service Centre, located at #102 – 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, from December 6, 2013 until December 23, 2013 and from 8:30 a.m. until 12 noon on Tuesday, December 24, 2013 and Thursday, January 2, 2014. The bylaws and associated staff reports may also be viewed on the Strathcona Regional District website at www.strathconard.ca.

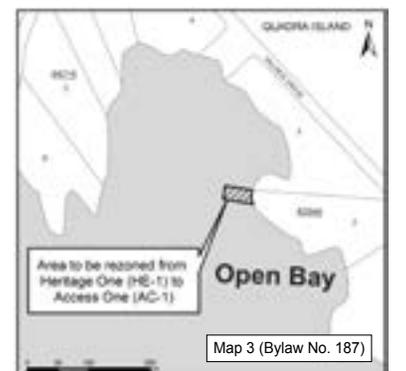
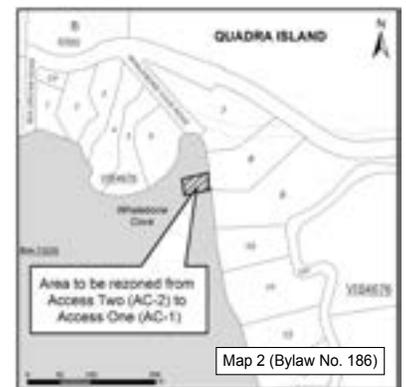
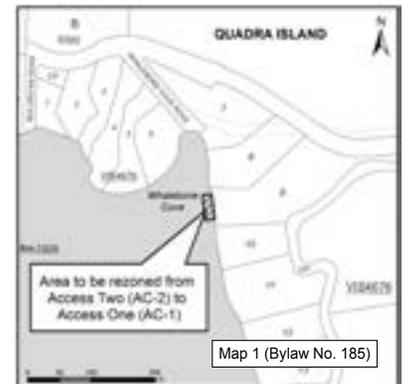
The public hearings will be held by a delegation of Electoral Area Directors representing the Strathcona Regional District Board. Anyone who believes their interests are affected by the proposed bylaws will be given an opportunity to be heard or to file a written submission at the public hearings.

Written submissions from persons who are unable to attend the public hearings may be delivered by hand or electronically to the Regional District office no later than 12:00 noon on January 2, 2014 to be considered as part of the public hearing record. The Strathcona Regional District cannot consider any representations made after the close of the public hearings.

R. Hotsenpiller, Chief Administrative Officer

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22 Sunday	02:08	1.5	4.9
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