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Golf Course Open House Answers and Raises Questions



Public Hearing June 21



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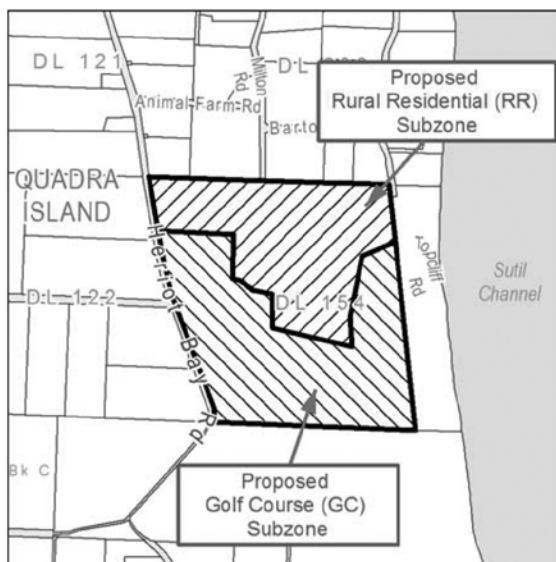
BYLAW NO. 271 – QUADRA ISLAND ZONING BYLAW, 1990, Amendment No. 116

Date of Public Hearing: Wednesday, June 21, 2017
Location of Public Hearing: Quadra Island Community Centre, 970 West Road,
Quathiaski Cove BC
Public Hearing to begin at: 7:00 p.m.

BYLAW NO. 271

Areas affected by proposed Bylaw No. 271: The areas affected by the proposed bylaw include all lands zoned Recreation Commercial One (RC-1) within Bylaw No. 1213, being the Quadra Island Zoning Bylaw, 1990; in particular, land described as a 63.8-hectare parcel situated at 950 Heriot Bay Road, Quathiaski Cove BC and legally described as Lot 2, District Lots 122 and 154, Sayward District, Plan 36442, except Part in Plan VIP75891 as shown on the map below.

Purpose of proposed Bylaw No. 271: The bylaw, if adopted, would introduce two subzones, being Rural Residential (RR) and Golf Course (GC), into the existing Recreation Commercial One (RC-1) zone. The introduction of these subzones will facilitate the development of a 17-lot strata subdivision to include associated park dedication and provision of a public pedestrian trail within the RR subzone, as well as, the establishment of the existing nine-hole golf course within the GC subzone.



Copies of the proposed bylaw 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 June 9, 2017 until June 21, 2017.

The public hearing 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 bylaw will be given an opportunity to be heard or to file a written submission at the public hearing. Written submissions from persons who are unable to attend the public hearing must be delivered electronically or by hand to the Regional District office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in order 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 hearing.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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THE ISLAND CALENDAR

Day to Day

Friday, June 16

Skampida, Quadra Legion. Tickets \$15 advance at Inspirations, \$20 at the door

Saturday, June 17

- Tiny Tricycles Poetry HBI 7pm register -3322
- Corwin Fox, Cape Mudge United church on 7:30pm \$15 at door

The Regulars

MONDAY

AA, Big Book Study, 7pm Quadra United Church

TUESDAY

Al-Anon Meeting, Quadra Children's Centre, 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

1st & 3rd Wednesday Food Bank, QCC 1-2pm
Prayer Meeting, Quadra Island Bible Church, 7pm
Poker Night, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 7:30pm
Hand Drum Jam, 7:30 p.m. Upper Realm, Q. Cove

FRIDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm Quadra United Church

SATURDAY

Farmers Market in Quathiaske Cove 10 am - 2pm
Meat Draw, Quadra Legion, Heriot Bay 5 pm
Open Mic with Mo, 9pm at the HBI pub

SUNDAY

Buddhist Meditation, 10 a.m., Upper Realm, Q. Cove
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am-2pm, 285.3390
United Church Service 11am except for 3rd Sunday
Evening Service, 7:30pm, 285.3163

What's Happening at Quadra Community Centre

THIS WEEK JUNE 16-23

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness w/Jeanne; 11:00 Electrocycle Roundup

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness w/Jeanne; 10:00 Parents & Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/Josephine

TUESDAY: Yoga w/ Brenda; 1:30 Caregivers Support Group; 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 Moms and Babes; 7:00 SRD Public Meeting

THURSDAY: 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 10:00 Parents and Tots; 7:00 TQ Pantomime info meeting

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness w/Jeanne

NEXT WEEK JUNE 26-30

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness w/Jeanne; 10:00 Parents & Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/Josephine






TUESDAY: 9:00 Yoga w/ Brenda; 5:00 Yoga w/ Trinity

WEDNESDAY: 11:00 Moms and Babes

THURSDAY: 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 10:00 Parents and Tots

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeanne

Source: Environment Canada

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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm on Monday, June 26
for publication on
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ISLAND FORUM

Golf Course Appeals for Support

When the idea of a golf course for Quadra Island began many years ago, those involved had big dreams. The course was created by local investors and thousands of volunteer hours. The original plan was to expand to an 18 hole course. The current reality, however, is that the existing 9 hole course faces continued financial losses, primarily due to servicing a very significant debt. The only way to save the golf course is to pay off this debt through the sale of lots on the portion of the property not being used.

The Quadra Island Golf Course hosted an open house, inviting everyone to attend. Our goal: to answer your questions regarding our proposal to rezone the unused portion of the golf course property, and provide the opportunity to discuss those plans with experts and knowledgeable representatives, many of whom were volunteers. The event was well attended and we appreciate the time islanders took to reach out to us.

We started working with Quadra islanders long before the open house to identify concerns and questions and as a result, a number of changes have been made. We moved the location of the access road leading into the development from Milton Road to Heriot Bay Road; relocated the parking lot servicing the trail head from Milton to Heriot Bay Road; moved the septic field to the southeast portion of the property; brought in experts and concerned citizens to study the wet lands and water flow from these wetlands and have made a commitment that the wetlands will be protected and the natural water flows will be maintained. We are also working with members of the trails committee to enhance the connectivity of the trails network in the area.

We want to make this proposed development fit into the community by staying true to the Quadra values which define

why so many of us live here. As such, we elected to go with a strata development which affords a level of control over future development of the individual properties. Specifically we will: establish a park and trail network; require forest cover retention on each property with buffers between properties; protect the wet lands and water flows; utilize an advanced septic system to minimize the need to a septic field and we will provide a variety of lot sizes for families to choose from.

This is not a typical golf course community, most of the homes will not be able to see the golf course and none of the lots will border on the playing area. Lots will be sold at market value. With the maintenance of forest cover, the park, and trail, wildlife should benefit as compared to the alternative approach of simply selling off the lots without a strata or to a land developer.

We understand concerns over past promises and the current lack of trust by some, but please understand that the shareholders are only interested in making the existing golf course viable and avoid the necessity of selling the whole property to developers. This is not, as we have heard from some, a money grab. After paying off the debt and covering the cost of all the works required for this proposal, we are not anticipating any residual money. In any event, none of the money will go to investors.

This is a community owned and run course with a quality and standard that exceeds many, if not most, 9 hole golf courses. It is something to be proud of. We hope we have the support of the community as we see so many benefits. As such we encourage you to attend the public hearing on June 21st to show your support, or alternatively, to voice your concerns.

From the leader of the planning team Quadra Island Golf Course
Hal Reveley

Official Community Plan Challenge

In a world increasingly concerned with financial gain over quality of life, our O.C.P. would be the envy of any community. Contrary to re-assurance that this would not happen, Quadra Links Ltd. is applying to re-zone 65 acres of it's "150 acre Green Space" to create 17 lots all under 4 acres in a zone designated for minimum 10 acre lots. I don't believe this to be in accord with the spirit and intent of the O.C.P. which specifies housing density to be concentrated in Quathiaski Cove and Heriot Bay. If approved, it would set a precedent, making anywhere on the island open to such proposals. Those of us who value our peaceful lifestyle should not have to spend time and energy defending it, especially when so many have put in so much effort to encourage wise development.

Whilst it seems that part of the motivation of our Regional District Planning Office is to promote development, it should not be at the cost of our quality of life, the environment or the other creatures we share this land with. It's a lot harder, if not impossible, to recover land after you've lost it. This is an opportunity to be an example for others to emulate. If the O.C.P. needs further clarification let's amend it so we don't have to go through this again.

The Public Hearing will be 21st June. This is no time to be complacent. I encourage you to attend to make your voices heard and write to the Regional Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,
John D. Walton

Stick to the Plan

Dear Jim:

I think it is important to stick to our community plan and keep this area of Quadra rural 10 acres. Although some of the lots in this area have been reduced to 5 acres, it is usually to accommodate families. If the community plan is broken this time will be easier the next time the golf course fails, or in other areas to bring in smaller lots. People visiting from other islands Salt Spring, Gabriola, Hornby, appreciate how we have been (some how, so far) able to prevent urban sprawl, and protect the nature of the land, the trees, the birds and animals. Seventeen more lots will mean seventeen more wood stoves and probably two cars per house, adding to the pollution and noise. This will also give us the precedent to do it again. We have seen what has happened to other islands, let us have the courage to stick to our community plan.

Roberta Robson
Milton Rd.

Have an opinion to share?

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Re: Quadra Links re-zoning application and proposals

To Jim Abram and the other Regional Directors:

I have been a resident of the neighbourhood near Milton Road (between Animal Farm Road and Milford Road on Heriot Bay Road) since 1973, which makes me one of the first residents of this whole area (formerly called "the back road"). Over the years I have walked along deer trails, along logging roads, and bushwhacking through the forest in the area which includes that presently owned by the Addisons and Quadra Links. This has been a land of re-generating forest, becoming mature now, with wetlands, streams, some old growth fir and spruce (sadly diminished now) in the present and recent past inhabited by many deer, (fewer cougars and wolves) and smaller mammals, many many varieties of birds and native plants. Coming downhill one is greeted by rocky beaches with exquisite panoramic views of mountains, islands, and sea. Paradisiacal indeed.

Over these years I have witnessed many changes, with roads put in and homes built as the (supposed-to-be) 10 acre lots were sold. From my perspective, overall there has been respect and caring for the rural character of this unique area. This may be in for a drastic change if the Quadra Links Re-zoning application and proposal to develop a 17-lot subdivision go forward. I would like to add my

voice to those of my neighbours on Milton Road and surrounding areas in cautioning against this application and proposal, and also to re-iterate and emphasize the following points made by Susan Westren in her letter published in the May 19, 2017 edition of the Discovery Islander:

- that the rural character of the area would be damaged
- that the sustainability of the water supply and water table is threatened
- that the re-zoning and proposals are not in keeping with the Official Community Plan (OCP) and go against decisions and promises made in past consultations and meetings
- that the increase in housing density should be contained to the Cove
- that this plan will in no way alleviate housing shortages on Quadra, as it will not be affordable housing for low or middle income families, seniors,

or anyone but those with plenty of financial resources.

—that traffic would be a problem and increase the damage to the rural character

It seems that many of us inhabitants of this area of the "back road" would have to make sacrifices to save the financial woes of the Quadra Links 9-hole golf course. In addition to the present-day humans, who can speak for themselves, pro and con, there are the many trees, plants and animals we share the land with...and also future generations of inhabitants, (human and hopefully wild plants and animals) who need to be considered. Few of them stand to benefit from this proposal, one of (potential) short-term gains for (again potential) long-term losses.

I hope these perspectives help in your considerations.

Jean Thomas Aston



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CSBC Wants to Keep Canadian Anglers Safe on the Water

Toronto, ON, -- July 1st to 9th marks National Fishing Week in Canada. The Canadian Safe Boating Council (CSBC) wants to remind anglers that wearing your lifejacket is even more important than wearing your 'lucky fishing hat'. But they do share one trait. They both must be worn to be effective!

According to the Canadian Safe Boating Council and the Lifesaving Society, 80 percent of recreational boaters who drown each year in Canada were not wearing a lifejacket or Personal Flotation Device (PFD). Most of these drownings occur in small, open power boats, accounting for 60 percent of these preventable deaths. Many these victims were males between the ages of 19 and 35, out for a day of fishing.

Many of those who don't wear their lifejackets or PFDs believe that, since they are good swimmers, having them onboard and within easy reach is good enough. But a lifejacket stored under a seat or up in the bow will be of no help when the unexpected happens, like falling overboard while trying to net the catch. "National surveys clearly show that more than half the recreational boats sold in Canada are used for fishing on a regular basis," says John Gullick, Chair of the Canadian Safe Boating Council. "During National Fishing Week, the Canadian Safe Boating Council would like to remind all anglers not only to have their lifejacket onboard their boat, but to wear it as if their life depended on it - because it just might!"

Many of today's anglers are delighted with the models that are designed specially to suit their needs. They're rugged, allow for full freedom of movement to cast and are constructed with lots of pockets for gear. Some even come equipped with an attachment from which to hang a landing net. When choosing their lifejacket, anglers should also check the label to make sure it is Transport Canada approved, is the correct size and fits snugly.

"Fishing is a part of our Canadian fabric and an activity that's easy to get hooked on," says Gullick. "All boating season long, the CSBC is asking those who fish to 'Get Hooked on Lifejackets' too."

This initiative is made possible through support of Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety. More info: www.csbc.ca.

Corwin Fox Concert

Corwin Fox, playing at Cape Mudge United church on **June 17th** at 7.30, doors open at 7.00, ticket \$15 at door.

Fox is a Canadian songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist hailed as "a shining light in Canadian roots music" by Vancouver Island Music Festival artistic director Doug Cox. Having toured extensively across Canada, the US and Australia since 1995, Corwin he now records and produces other artists in a wide range of genres. He still plays concerts and festivals performing his songs on banjo, guitar and ukulele, and teaches songwriting to youth. He founded the Corwin Fox Academy of Perpetual Excellence, now his focus. Corwin plays venues large and small, solo or with his projects such as Morlove or The Chimney Swallows.

Lost and Found

A woman's wallet was found in the meadow on the Haskin Farm Trail. It has been turned into the Quadra RCMP. To claim please contact the detachment on West Road.

Also found:

a Panasonic Ski Racing Sim card (4GB) on the Haskin Farm Trail a few days ago. It is still in the plastic wrap so assume it is new.

Call Hal Reveley 250-285-2810

New to Quadra?

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Popular Father's Day Tradition Marks 18th Year Weekend Celebrates Families, Fishing and the Great Outdoors

June 9, 2017: A popular Father's Day tradition in British Columbia is returning for the 18th year June 16 – 18, 2017. Family Fishing Weekend is a way for families to spend quality time together while enjoying a popular outdoor pastime. And, with the fishing licence requirement waived for the weekend, families get a break on the cost as well. Free events held throughout the weekend offer fishing activities for everyone ranging from those new to fishing, to families who would like a fishing basics refresher to people simply interested in joining a fun group activity.

Family Fishing Weekend events have been planned throughout Vancouver Island. Attendees learn about fishing gear, share freshwater and saltwater fishing tips, learn about environmental stewardship and the tradition of recreational fishing. These hands-on events are designed so everyone from beginner to expert has an opportunity to catch a fish. Loaner rods, reels and tackle are provided for those who do not have their own gear.

"For many BC families, Family Fishing Weekend marks the unofficial start of summer," says Family Fishing Society of BC President Wayne Saito. "A free weekend of fishing is a great way to encourage families to get outdoors and enjoy sport fishing across British Columbia."

Events are supported by the Family Fishing Society and organized by Fish and Game

clubs, the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC, The Province, the Conservation Officer Service, municipalities, community groups, and local businesses. A complete list of participating communities, locations, and event descriptions, along with step-by-step fishing instructions, can be found at www.bcfamilyfishing.com. Freshwater and tidal fishing regulations, including daily catch limits, always apply; details are posted at www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca or www.fishing.gov.bc.ca.

"We hold Family Fishing Weekend during Father's Day weekend to offer kids, friends and families an activity they can enjoy together," says Provincial Coordinator of the Family Fishing Society of BC, Owen Bird. "While some come to learn about fish and fishing, we also see many knowledgeable anglers who come to teach and share what they love about fishing. It's great to see the passion for the sport being shared with the next generation."

Events will be held throughout Vancouver Island including on Quadra Island at Village Bay Lake June 17-18.

The Family Fishing Society of BC was established in 2001 to encourage new anglers as well as promote and coordinate Family Fishing Weekend and other angling initiatives targeted toward families and young people. 2017 marks the 18th year of the licence-free fishing weekend.

Quadra Trout Derby

Quadra Island's Annual Trout Derby June 17th & 18th at Village Bay Lake! Must be registered by Sunday noon & final weigh-in at 3pm. Great family fun with great prizes. Adults \$10. Youth 15 & under \$5. No fishing licence required for this B.C. Family Fishing weekend.

Market Music

Local musicians will be performing at the open Community Market next to the Quadra Credit Union from 10 am to lunch time every Saturday.

The line up for late June and July is as follows. Barry Hodgson plays the Market on June 17. Richard Christie and Ray Bennett perform on June 24. John Toelle and Richard Christie rock the Market on July 1. Willowishes, a four piece women's group, plays on July 8th. Quadra Drummers drum up a storm on July 15. John Toelle and Richard Christie return on July 22. Roadside Rattle finishes the month on July 29. More music is coming in August and September.

Come support our local vendors and please consider making generous donations to our local musicians. For more info, phone Steve at 250-285-3323.



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Skampida Returns

Discover Sound is pleased to announce the return of Skampida with special guest Mt Eliah!

Skampida is a rock mestizo band, formed in Bogota, Colombia in 1999. Expect an innovative and diverse fusion of Colombian reggae, folkloric rhythms, urban sounds (hip hop, punk and latin styles like cumbia and champeta) along with gypsy influences and drum & bass. In 18 years, they have become one of the most successful and popular groups to emerge from Colombia.

Special guest Mt Eliah was born from the belly of Carrington Bay, west coast raised and west coast is where he stays. One third of the Infamous NakedDJs. Co-Producer of Atmosphere Gathering. Benjamin E Howells AKA Mt Eliah has played a central role in music and community action in the land he loves for more then a decade.

Skilfully blending 4/4 dance tempos you can sleep to or sweat to. Gypsy, Latin and African influences stirred up with a generous helping of conscious reggae, reggaeton, dancehall, cumbia and other bass-heavy, mid-tempo beats. Mt Eliah provides a feast of extremely fun, danceable music.

Don't miss this great event Friday, June 16 at Quadra Legion. Tickets \$15 advance at Inspirations, \$20 at the door

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Hello to everyone on this incredibly beautiful day! I will be spending most of it sitting at my desk writing this report and taking the occasional look out my window at the sun in the trees! But there is a lot to report on and I want you to feel informed.

Mayday

I would first of all like to give a belated congratulations to all participants and organizers in our annual Mayday festivities. Since I didn't do a report two weeks ago, I missed out on that opportunity to congratulate. It is so wonderful to see this tradition carry on year after year with so much enthusiasm. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all, I am sure.

Rebecca Spit Park road

It was wonderful to see that the Parks Ministry finally fulfilled their obligation to grade the road prior to the parade. It was about time! They have fallen further and further behind on maintenance each year and hopefully under whatever government comes out in the wash next week, we will get improved service in the future! They even had the nerve to suggest that we as a community should partner with them to provide this service (in other words, help pay for it). Sorry, but it is a Provincial responsibility and we should not accept any further downloading of costs or responsibilities. We already pay through our Provincial taxes for this simple chore. We have enough on our plates as it is!

I would like to say to our community, however, that if you want the road to remain in good condition for a longer period, then please treat the road surface better by slowing down to "Dead Slow". You may think you are going slow, but on a dry day, just look in your rear view mirror and see the cloud of road dust that you are kicking up. And all of that dust is part of the road surface, so try and keep it there. Not to mention all of the people on the beach and the walkers / bikers that are being forced to eat that dust as you pass. Be courteous and conserve our road surface. If you can see a cloud behind you, then you are going too fast! Simple rule of the road. (End of lecture)

Road repairs

I have seen a lot of postings on FaceBook about how great the Highways Dept is doing because they repaved a few spots on Quadra. Sorry folks, but those were specific jobs

that Tayco paving was contracted to do. Our Ministry of Highways (not to be confused with Emcon Services) has neglected our island for so long it is pitiful. We were due for a major road "renewal" at least ten years ago and we never got it, constantly being "bumped" by other communities. I understand from Emcon that we are still due for some paving under the supervision of the Min. of Highways in the near future.

We still have more serious potholes than one can count and aprons that need grading, ditches that need cleaning and brush that needs cutting. These items are a topic at every Safety Council meeting that I attend and yet we are still waiting. Your calls to the Ministry and to the head office of Emcon in Campbell River just might give our local crews the tools they need to fix our roads. The potholes are now "tire-poppers" and "axle breakers". Unacceptable! Make the calls!

Connectivity Revisited

I am going to reprint below the part of my report from May 15th that I am not sure very many of you read. For years, I have been working on trying to get good internet and cell coverage for our islands. I have been to countless sessions with Ministers, ministry staff, Telus, Shaw, CRTC, Network BC and our own providers to try and improve coverage. I have had some successes over the years bringing ADSL internet to the Cove area in the mid '90's and better cell coverage in the past 5 years. But none of it has been what we really needed. So through our Board I helped to make "connectivity" a Strategic Priority and the Board started to put some money into it including hiring a hot-shot consultant that does this for a living and is very successful. Our community has lobbied me continuously.. continuously... to lobby for the provision of better service. Even though this is not a local govt. service, I have done what you have asked. It has been all-consuming. So now we are looking at making it a local govt - run service.

My point is that I went to a lot of trouble to bring you up to speed on the fantastic movement that is being made in the way of providing world class internet and cell service right to your door. I have been working with our local provider who has been totally involved. I reported in the info below where we are at and I expected someone to comment in the last issues of our local media. There was not one peep from anyone. Nada! Did anyone read the info? I thought (obviously wrongly) that this would be the news item of the year.

So here it is again.

And I can add that since I wrote this in May we (SRD) have applied for two more grants that have become available to extend service and make it even more affordable. I will continue to assume that our community wants these services and I will continue to advocate on your behalf to get them.. So please have a read (or re-read) of the following:

(Beginning of reprint) "Connectivity / Cell coverage and more

Just the topic everyone is waiting to hear about and I have not been able to adequately report on due to it being dealt with in confidence at the SRD Board table. It has been so very frustrating to have people think that nothing was going on when I knew that behind the scenes we were working our backsides off. Many staff, our consultant and I have had this on the front burner for months and I have been working on connectivity in general since 1993 when I got the ADSL in the Cove central area. I later managed to hound Telus enough to get them to put their equipment on the Cantel / Rogers tower at Noble and Heriot Bay Rd. to improve the area covered and with a higher level of coverage being LTE in some parts. This has been a slow never ending battle, but one I chose to fight to the end and am still continuing on your behalf.

I met with the Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce and others some months ago and some have finally picked up on trying to gather support from Telus to increase coverage through a petition and letters as I suggested. I am confident that this effort will at least show the ever increasing need for better connectivity of all sorts, but what Telus does with it is anyone's guess! I will certainly use the info in my lobbying efforts and it is so important that whatever people are doing, they forward it to me for use... letters, petitions or whatever!.

I would caution everyone that the petition and letters, though asking for improved coverage, will require a number of very expensive cell towers and will never reach all of the nooks and crannies on the island's topography. It just isn't possible, so don't expect a perfect world. Some areas will never have cell service back in the areas that it is being sought for... Also remember this "ask" will be subject to public (neighbourhood) scrutiny, and the willingness of the companies to spend the huge amounts of money to put in such a network if it is even possible in our terrain ...

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The following is the latest email that I rec'd from Telus regarding my hounding them for better service. I have only included the first portion as the rest would require his permission:

"Jim,

I continue to look for opportunities to get Quadra included in the programs. Over the past few years the transport, xDLS infrastructure, and cell services have upgraded and I have been cyclically inserting requests to the planners of the fibre and cellular build programs. I hope to have some additional details in a few weeks. I'll get you an update when I get the info back from the planners on my most recent ask.

Cheers,

(Telus Manager)"

And now on to the the news that I have kept you hanging on about!

SRD moves on its strategic priority to improve broadband connectivity in the Region

The SRD has also made a significant application to the Connect to Innovate Program. This is a \$500 Million federal funding program aimed at improving broadband connectivity for rural and remote communities. The application put forward by the SRD is for a new subsea fibre-optic network with the potential to benefit many

coastal communities within the region and beyond. If successful, this fully-funded 'backbone' infrastructure will deliver high speed broadband to landing points in eligible coastal communities (that would be ("US"). Internet service providers can access these 'points of presence' to provide improved service to residents, institutions and businesses through local distribution networks. Applications closed on April 20th and funding announcements are expected later this year. We are told that we are on the top of the list and this will allow us to remove ourselves from the Telus network and be on one that is run by the SRD, most likely. The cost will be far less and it will actually be available!!!

Improvements and upgrades to 'last-mile' or local distribution networks owned and operated by ISP's (Independent Service Providers) are also being contemplated. Through the provincial Strategic Priorities Fund, the SRD will be submitting an application for capital improvement projects nominated by local ISPs. Applications for this program close on June 1st. This will include out local providers and will allow high-speed fibre-optic and cable connectivity to all of our residents. This is what is meant by "last mile". There is the "backbone" (undersea fibre) and there is the "last mile" (the delivery to your door").

It is important to note here that the Board came up with three eligible projects for this funding but the funding program only allowed

for two projects to be submitted. This is where I had to do my work at the Board table and convince the Board that the two that would be applied for would be for Strathcona Gardens and for Broadband Connectivity. The third project was for a long-standing Area D water project I felt horrible having to deny support to Area D, but we do have to make tough decisions and this was one that I could not let slip by. We "discussed" as a Board at length and when the vote was taken, we won!!! So the two applications will go in and provide sufficient money to deal with the "last mile" connections. Phew!

This is so very exciting and brings autonomy to so many communities along the coast and around Vancouver Island. There is so much more that I have to tell you about this but it has not yet been released to the public. As soon as it is I will be free to share it with you. I hope this is all considered good news and you will continue to support my efforts at the Board and Provincial level to improve our service." (end of re-print)

Golf Course Public Hearing - June 21st

I have been getting daily calls and emails about this proposal and it will go to Public Hearing on the 21st at 7pm at the Quadra Island Community Centre. (see the notice elsewhere in the DI and the Gumboot). The Hearing will continue until everyone has had an opportunity to speak and I have informed the SRD staff and Directors that they may need to spend the night. We will not be shutting down to facilitate the staff catching the last ferry. If we did that we would have to adjourn the hearing and come back on another night to continue. This is not fair to the community nor the applicants. I know there are many opinions out there and the Public Hearing is the place to express them. Letters should also be sent to the SRD to jneill@strathconard.ca prior to 4:30 pm on the 21st if they are to be included in the Hearing process. No submissions will be accepted after the Hearing and the Directors will not be able to talk about the proposal with anyone until it has gone to the Board two weeks or so later.

Planning workshop for Q. Cove

As many of you know, we put a Local Area Plan in place as part of our Official Community Plan a few years ago. Part of the area being planned is the treed 26 acres south of the Library. The property was purchased and the owners and others are actively in the



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process of soliciting views through workshops on the island. A three day event was just held this past week and I had the pleasure of attending the last day (I was in Board meetings the other two days). It was great experience to see the youthful vigour that is present in the group that is heading this up and they are using the core principles that were developed with the entire island over a three year period in creating the Local Area Plan. All the good things like affordable housing, rental housing, sustainable living, walkable community, etc., etc., and many more very exciting ideas for job creation and education are part of this discussion. There will be more on this in the future, but I wanted you to know that the work that we did on the Local Area Plan is not dead nor on a shelf!

Upcoming commitments, etc.

I will be attending another MaPP meeting (Marine Area Planning Partnership) on the 16th and another one near the end of the month to discuss our very important marine issues. The is the Provincial and First Nations process that I have been part of for at least eight years.

I will also be attending another PNCIMA (Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area) meeting on the 19th and 20th in Vancouver. This process is Federal and is dealing with how to spend the \$1.5 Billion that the Feds committed to the Oceans Protection Plan. I have been part of this process for about the same amount of time and we are now finally dealing with the details of implementation.

Next week will be more Board meetings and Committee meetings and on the 11th through the 20th I have the UBCM Executive meeting in Richmond.

I am hoping to take some time for myself and my family while we have a bit of summer to enjoy all the things I have spent so many years trying to protect in Area C and elsewhere on our coast. Fishing, boating, hiking, kayaking, camping locally, gardening, etc., are all going to fill some of my days. That may mean that I pass on doing a report now and then and that I might not get right back to you on your emails and phone calls. Hopefully you will understand. We have so little good weather in the course of the year and then it is time to prepare for winter, which will also take up some of my time, putting gardens to bed, cutting firewood and battening down the hatches. I know you all get it!

In the meantime, feel free to contact me between the hours of 8:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at jimabram@explornet.ca or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram....> If it is important, my cell is 250-830-8005... Lots of choices.

Please do not use my residential phone number for SRD calls. All business calls should be on 285-3355. Many thanks!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Abram

Tiny Tricycle Poetry at the Heriot Bay Inn



Poetry is alive ...and happening live, on-stage at the Heriot Bay Inn. The Tiny Tricycle Poets are made up of three internationally and locally recognized individuals: they are a provincial team slam champion, a national team slam champion, and Canada's largest scholarship winner. The Tiny Tricycle Poets have shared the stage with artists, instrumentalists, clowns, and politicians: Saturday June 17 they are on stage in Herons at the Heriot Bay Inn, sure to provoke thought and feelings with their weird, Canadian poetry.

The evening with the Tiny Tricycle Poets is also an opportunity for local poets to get on stage. There will be an "island style" (non-competitive) poetry slam segment during the evening, a chance for islanders to share a poem they've written. The details you'll need to know if you want to participate: poems have a three minute time limit; poets may not use musical accompaniment, costumes, nudity or props; the poet has to have written the poem they are performing.

It's \$5 for the Tiny Tricycles Poet event, but free admission for participating poets who have pre-registered by calling the Inn. The Poetry event begins 7 pm June 17; to dine beforehand, reservations are recommended, please call the Inn 250.285.3322.

Pitch your Lip Sync Act on July 9 at the Legion!

Theatre Quadra and Cortes Radio invite the lip sync talent of Quadra Island to join Cortes companions in our second annual lip sync extravaganza. Fifty percent of net proceeds to support CKTZ 89.5 FM with the balance to fund community theatre on QI. Lip sync 2017 hits the stage on Saturday, August 19 at the Community Centre.

Here's how to sync it up: Assemble your Act...

Put together an awesome lip sync. It can be a solo performance, a duet, or an extraordinary ensemble – enlist your family, friends and neighbours.

This is an all-ages affair, so frame it for family fun. Check Theatre Quadra on Facebook for pix of last year's stellar event. We can only take a limited number of acts, so as soon as you have a plan email theatrequadra@gmail.com to put your name in the queue.

Pitch your piece....

Sunday, July 9 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Legion. We can't wait to see your stuff. Bring your tune and your troupe to a pitch meeting with Theatre Quadra so we can set you up for the show! If you can't bring your performers to the pitch, at least come and paint the picture for us. If you can bring the gang, that's even better

Liberate your lips...

Friday, August 18: Technical run-through at the Quadra Community Centre from 6:30 to 9:30.

Saturday, August 19: SHOWTIME! Quadra Community Centre, starting at 7:00pm/doors at 6:30.

Plus an invitation from Cortes: Quadra performers who'd like to join Cortes Lip Sync on August 12, 2017, contact Doni Laird theatrequadra@gmail.com

Quadra Islanders: Put your lips together and sync!!

For information, contact producer Doni Laird at 250-285-3881 or theatrequadra@gmail.com



Photo: Doni Mothershead

A Big Bouquet of Roses and Daisies

to the entire staff and community of Cortes Elementary School

A huge thank-you goes out to Cortes School and the community that hosted the Track Meet and Greet held at Cortes School on Wednesday May 24th. This event was organized with clock-work precision and the day went very smoothly. We sincerely appreciate all the work required to make an event look easy and effortless.

The ferry ride from Quadra to Cortes Island was a fun adventure and the weather was beautiful! The curvy, uppy and downy bus ride gave everyone a real appreciation for the bus driver, Derek, who made it possible for 100 children from Quadra elementary to attend this event! (Some of the ADULTS really appreciated the ginger-granol THEY took BEFORE they got on the bus!) We met new friends, saw beautiful hidden lagoons and hiked in pristine forests. We also felt like we were all the fastest runners, the longest jumpers and farthest throwers! Finally, we got the chance to be the fastest eaters of delicious burritos and chocolate chip cookies when the day was done! YUM!!! Our school community on Quadra hopes this is the beginning of many trips back and forth from the two islands, forging new friendships, having new adventures and feeling like we are all part of something larger than ourselves!

Here are some thoughts from Kindergarteners and Grade 1 students about their highlights of the day!

-I loved going to Cortes and running a race!
-My favourite was high jump and far jump and well, practically everything! -The chocolate chip cookies were awesome! -Long jumping and burritos were my favourite! -High jump and the obstacle course were cool! -I loved doing the races - I liked the high jump, the race and long jump! -I loves the prizes! -I liked jumping on that mat thing! -I have two things, the races and the jump we did where you rake. -I liked meeting new kids from the school. -I loved the ferry and the horse ride!!

With Sincere thanks and gratitude for a wonderful day,

Lesley B, Melanie, Sheldon, Mike Bobby, Leslie C, Mr. Mike, Mike and Amber

Qigong at the Spit

Qigong for health and vitality. Join us at Rebecca Spit, weather permitting, everyone welcome. Tuesdays 9:30 - 11am until June 27. Money donation to the Quadra Food Bank. At the grassy area left after the gate, opposite the parks sign. Info call Denise at 250-285-3743

Farmers' Market

June is a great time to find things at the Quadra Farmers' Market. Dads' day is Sunday, maybe he's a gardener, or a cook? How about some pickled garlic form Cortez Gardens, or pick him up some fresh herbs and local hazelnuts, a Clematis plant or flower starters. What about a good book to relax with, and a bag of homemade cookies!? Or choose from a fabulous selection of truly fine and handy artistic woodwork or wildlife photography. A shaving bar or a manly scented soap from one of our handcraft soapers perhaps? And how about some smoky whisky chocolates?! We will have Barry Hodgson to groove you with his live tunes. See you there on the green grass behind the Credit Union building from 10-2. Vendors pay only \$5 and just \$1 for kids.

Theatre Quadra Information Session

Want to indulge in an autumn of fun and silliness? Then please come to the information meeting about plans for a fall pantomime. We'll be doing a classic English Panto, Cinderella, seasoned with Quadra local colour. There are parts for all ages & in traditional panto-style, there are a few parts where men will play women & even a part for a woman to play a man. There will be lots of laughs, a few songs & you can be a part of it. At the information session, the play and the cast of characters will be discussed. There will be roles for all ages and if you are interested in a part, we'll give you a scene with the character in it for you to review. There are essential jobs in the production team as well. So if you are more interested in back stage than on-stage please come to the meeting. Casting and rehearsals will occur in early September and the performances will be November 24th to the 26th. The information meeting is on Thursday, June 22nd, at 7pm in the Green Room at the Community Centre.

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Sunday June 18; Go Dad Go! Fathers Day Two Course Dinner. Caesar Salad followed by a 10 oz grilled NY Steak and garlic buttered poached prawns, crushed potatoes, green bean and peppercorn sauce. 39. Reserve 285-3322.

Tuesday June 20th; Ukes Of Hazard! Come check out this amazing pop-rock/swing band from the Yukon! Featuring Electric Guitar, Bass, Drums, Saxophone and Electric Ukulele! June 2017 marks this hazardous group's first tour to British Columbia! 9PM. HBI Pub. \$5.00 Cover

Karaoke party every Tuesday all summer long! Starts June 27 with host Scotty Low. Show off your talent, amaze your friends! Everybody has fun at Karaoke! HBI Pub. 9:00pm.

HBI Friday Night Bands... June 23rd; Ray Bennett - The Blues Man is Back!... June 30th; Go Dog Go - Beach Blanket Time Machine!... July 7; Duffy Live rockin it out at the HBI Pub. 9PM. N/C

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Quadra Circle News

Transportation: Need A Ride to Social Events or Medical Appts? Call our Coordinators Diana & John, 250-285-3630. At least 24hrs notice is required to set up a driver so please book ahead. This service is FREE

Seniors Activity Centre: Join our Team on Mondays & Wednesdays at Quadra School for Ping Pong at 9:15, Walking Group at 9:30, Social time at 10am. The exercise programs (Qi Gong with Denise Maille or Armchair Exercises with Ann Lawrence) start at 11am. Our lunch buffet is served at noon. Pastels and Percussion with Laura McLaren are on Mondays at 1pm. The Activity Centre venue will change for July & August as the school closes until after Labour Day. More information to follow in the coming weeks. Stay active and connected while having fun.

Foot Care: Are your wonderful feet and toes crying out for attention and your unable to fix the problem? If you receive GIS or MSP subsidy Quadra Circle can help you by subsidizing the cost of caring for your feet. You can sign up for a qualified LPN to come to your home and provide this very important service. Drop into our office 285-2255 Wed, Thurs, Friday 11am-3pm Stay mentally & physically healthy by having happy feet.

Friendly Phone Calls/Friendly Visits: Do you live alone and need some supportive phone calls or visits? Receive daily check-in calls from our volunteers, or a visit for support

& connections with services on Quadra. This could include social visits to your home, provided by our Seniors Peer Councillors. Free service. Call our office 285-2255. Wed. Thurs & Fri.

Being connected even if your unable to leave your home prevents that feeling of being alone and isolated! Call us and ask us to start calling you.

Emotional Wellness: Do you or someone you love need help with their emotional health? Assistance is available twice a month here on Quadra Is. For appointments with an Island Health Counsellor, at Quadra Island Medical &/or attend free Relaxation classes with Rebecca. Call 250-850-2620 or email Rebecca.Miller@viha.ca Take Care of Yourself First!

Quadra Home Meals: If you're unable to cook, or are recovering from illness, injury or surgery we can assist you. Meals are prepared at food-cost by Gowlland Harbour Resort. The meals are ordered weekly, by noon, on Saturday & picked up at Quadra Circle Office 11:30 - noon on Wednesday. Or delivered upon request. Call Karen: 285-3064. You will be very pleased you did.

Friday Lunch at the Legion: We will resume the program in mid September so please look for the information in all the usual places in late August and early September. Enjoy your summer.

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Streamkeeper's Workshop a Success



Last month Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society (QISES) organized a weekend Streamkeeper's Workshop on Quadra. There was space for 16 people, mostly from Quadra but five were from the outer islands.

Dave Clough who has been working with salmon enhancement for over 30 years (including several years here in the 80s) gave a brilliant, inspiring workshop. After morning classroom work at the Eco-centre the afternoons were spent doing field-work at Open Bay Creek and Hyacinthe Creek estuary. The photo, taken by Allan Mandell, shows*****.

If anyone is interested in doing this course next Spring please contact me now for details as Dave gets booked up almost a year in advance. (Our monthly QISES meetings are the 2nd Thursday of every month, 7pm, at the Eco-centre. All are welcome and we always need volunteers.)

Eileen Sowerby 285 2434

Quadra Island Seniors B.C.O.A.P.O.--Branch 91

We are now at the O.A.P.O. Convention in Agassiz working very hard to make everything better for Seniors and their families who will be Seniors down the road..

We are hoping that Isobel Mackenzie, who is B.C.'s advocate for Seniors can solve many problems that we have and want changes.

One major problem I want changed is why in some areas in B.C. When Seniors reach 80 years and receive a letter from the Motor Vehicle Board to have a Physical by your doctor to make sure that you as a Senior are able to drive. We are lucky where we live because our doctors are very kind with their billing. I know in Delta it costs \$211.00 in Victoria \$90.00 and up in Port Alberni \$45.00. I cannot help but wonder if we are on Medical Service in B.C. why do Seniors have to pay anything??? I hope I can solve this problem and many more. Some people may call me Ruth the trouble maker but at least I am good for something.

When I left home my beans were growing tall and climbing and my Squash was coming along I hope that they will be watered along with my flowers on my deck. Will get back to you all when we come back in June.

The Tourist Information Booth has been very busy. Drop in for a visit and meet all our workers who welcome visitors to our beautiful Discovery Islands.

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Community Centre's Summer Rec for Kids

Summer is on its way and the Community Centre's Summer Recreation Programme is just around the corner! There will be plenty of super fun activities for kids of all ages to take part in here at Q.C.C! Returning are some of your favourites; Snorkeling With the Salmon, swimming and skating in town, Theatre Camp, half-day escapades on the water with Quadra Island Kayaks, Paddleboarding lessons with Wild Coast Adventures, our Water Play Day, Soccer Camp, Mug Making with Gordon James and SO much more! The guide will be distributed to all mailboxes on the island, available on our website as well, and in the Q.C.C. office. Keep your eyes peeled for our summer recreation guide in the coming weeks; it's going to be a great summer!

YOU are Invited to the Blenkin Park Playground Renewal Grand Reopening!

Thanks to our amazing community full of volunteers and thanks to the support of the Regional District the new Oodle Swing is up and the picnic area in Blenkin Park is once again skookum and ready to provide shelter. So we at the Quadra Community Centre are thrilled to invite everyone to our Mini Grand Reopening of the Blenkin Park public playground (near the Children's Centre) on June 21st at 12:00. Please join us and the Children's Centre as we thank community volunteers and the Strathcona Regional District with Cupcakes and Lemonade!

Spring Yoga Classes with Trinity Gogolin

Tuesday & Thursday evenings 5 - 6:30 Hatha Flow classes.

Wednesday mornings before Community Lunch / Gentle Yoga, designed for those with injuries or health conditions, Seniors, or anybody wanting a slower more mindful approach.

All classes explore meditation, deep relaxation, some yoga philosophy and the beautiful sounds of the harmonium.

Classes are held at QCC upstairs in Room 3.

Please call Trinity with any questions at 250 203 4529

Quadra RCMP Report

On June 2nd, 2017 Quadra RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a car on Quadra Island because it had stolen licence plates on it. The male driver alleged that he was unaware that the licence plates were stolen. Further investigation into the stolen plates revealed that someone had not only stolen these licence plates and validation decal but they also stole a newer validation decal from another licence plate and taped it over the existing stolen validation decal that was on the licence plate. The male was charged for several Motor Vehicle Act infractions and the investigation is still on going.

On June 5th, 2017 Quadra RCMP were alerted to a missing female who was on vacation on Cortes Island. The female had went for a hike in an unfamiliar area at 5PM and did not return to her cabin before dark. A marine and ground search was initiated with the RCMP and Campbell River Search and Rescue the following morning. The female was located at around 1030AM. She was tired but unharmed. The RCMP would like to thank the businesses, BC Ferry crew, and local citizens who assisted in the search efforts on Cortes.

On June 6th, 2017 Quadra RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Quathiaski Cove, BC as the vehicle had no insurance. The male driver could not produce a drivers licence or any identification and made a poor decision to give police a false name. The officer soon learned the real identity of the male who was prohibited from driving. The male then found himself under arrest for obstruction and driving while prohibited. Charges are being forwarded to Crown Counsel in this matter.

On June 9th, 2017 Quadra RCMP received a complaint of a fraud on Quadra Island. The complainant discovered purchases/ cash advances made using her credit card that were not authorized. The investigation continues but the RCMP would like to remind the public to reconcile purchases made on their credit cards with their receipts and immediately advise their banking institutions of any fraudulent purchases not authorized by the card holder.

On May 30th, 2017 Quadra RCMP conducted a traffic stop on a male on Cortes Island, BC for not having insurance. The male displayed symptoms of impairment and was issued a 90 day Immediate roadside prohibition (IRP) from driving. On June 8th, 2017 (10 days later) Quadra RCMP conducted a traffic stop on Quadra Island on the same male. The male once again displayed symptoms of impairment due to alcohol. This time he was transported to the Quadra RCMP detachment for a Criminal Code impaired investigation. The male provided breath samples almost three times the legal limit. Charges of Impaired driving, Over 80mgs, and driving while prohibited are being forwarded to Crown Counsel.

In the past 30 days Quadra RCMP issued a total of eight - 90 Day Immediate Roadside Prohibitions (IRPs) (3 on Cortes Island and 5 on Quadra), three - 3 day Immediate Roadside Prohibitions (IRPs) (all on Quadra Island), and investigated one Criminal Code Impaired driving investigation (Quadra Island).

Cpl. Kevin CHRISTENSEN
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THE EDITOR NOTES

Fourteen years on the financial realities of operating a facility within a limited local market, is squeezing the Quadra Golf Course, putting its long-term viability into question.

To achieve some financial relief the solution being proposed is to create an amendment to the existing zoning bylaw to permit the development of a 17 lot strata-subdivision on 65 acres of the original 150 acre parcel. By selling these lots the golf course would be able to use the proceeds to pay down their mortgage and clear that debt. At least that is how I read it which seems to be confirmed by Hal Reveley's eloquent summary in this DI's Island Forum.

At the open house on June 5th I heard some long time friends and new acquaintances speak passionately and sincerely about their concerns for the future of the golf course. Moving from table to table, I asked, and overheard, a variety of questions. Many were answered sincerely by the staff, supporters and shareholders but I know from conversations through the evening and subsequent online debate that not everyone is satisfied with the option on the table.

The quandary seems to be that the community as a whole is being asked to support a development that requires a deviation from the hard-thought-out Official Community Plan in order to sustain a facility that is used by a relatively small number of people with no guarantee that the result will actually ensure the golf course's long-term viability. And the kicker is that there looms the threat that if the development doesn't proceed then that may make the golf course vulnerable to

a buy-out by an off-island developer with the potential to bring enough money and political leverage to circumvent the OCP and impose a different, much less desirable development on the community.

While I feel that I want to support my fellow community members, and I do see the golf course as an important asset that deserves a fighting chance, I have questions about the proposal and the manner it is being presented. On the face of it the choice of a strata-title, whereby the types of development, aesthetics etc... can be regulated, seems a good idea. The lot sizes between 2 and 4 acres while certainly denser than the surrounding neighbourhood are a far cry from a typical suburban subdivision and not that far removed from the 5 acre parcels common between the villages. But are these going to be the actual final lot sizes if the amendment passes? Looking at the small-print on the plan map, circulating in the open house handout, it says "Lot layout is conceptual and subject to change..."

I understand that it is typical legalise but for an amendment of this scope to be accepted I think a more secure guarantee of continuity between the proposal and the final lines on the ground is required. Strata titles I imagine to be quite complex, and doubtless riddled with loop-holes to boot.

Another question that was raised at the open house came from the Strathcona Regional District table. Listening to the SRD staff I got the distinct impression that they were voicing a bias in favour of the proposal rather than focusing on just explaining the mechanics of the process. This seems a bit premature

to me, if not flat-out inappropriate. Is not the protocol for the Regional Directors who preside over the public hearing and related correspondence to make a recommendation to the board and for the RD board to then make a decision that then directs staff how to proceed?

I'm also curious how a new 'sub-zone' gets created? Was this idea crafted by the Quadra Links planning group? The charter surveyor that drafted the plan? It appears to be an idea that is advanced beyond what would otherwise seem to be a natural progression. Which makes me also wonder if the Regional District planning staff haven't already been consulted, even party to the development of the proposal? And if that's the case is that normal? Until given direction by the community through our elected Director shouldn't the RD staff's primary responsibility be to uphold the OCP, not find ways to bend the rules?

Lastly, the question has to be raised whether this proposal, if passed, is enough to bring financial security to the operation? The risk is that it's only a stop-gap measure that delays the inevitable, but the by then the development has been done. What improvements to the business plan are being made to accompany this development proposal?

The Quadra Golf Course is a wonderful asset to the community and the members and board, our friends and neighbours, have, for the most part, come to the community in a sincere manner. I'm not sure the proposal as it stands is watertight enough to warrant supporting the amendment, but the course itself is. Truly we face a quandary on June 21.

- Philip Stone

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	13:14	3.4	11.2
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17 Saturday	00:37	4.7	15.4
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18 Sunday	01:19	4.7	15.4
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20 Tuesday	02:36	4.7	15.4
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