

# discovery

## I S L A N D E R

# One Ship? - Two Ship?

## BC Ferries Embarks on Public Consultation for Upcoming Vessel Replacement



It's been the stuff of news, rumour and local, online banter ad nauseam but the pipe-dream of significant changes to the Campbell River - Quadra Island ferry service took its first official step forward this week with BC Ferries solicitation of public input on vessel replacement.

### In a BC Ferries news release they said:

"BC Ferries' Bowen Class vessels (Bowen Queen, Mayne Queen and Powell River Queen) are nearing the end of their lifespans. The upcoming retirement of these vessels gives us an opportunity to address what we have heard from you about increased traffic and sailing wait times on the Campbell River - Quadra Island and Nanaimo Harbour - Gabriola Island routes. While the Bowen Queen and Mayne Queen do not operate on these routes, we want to take this opportunity to hear your feedback as your input will help us with our vessel

replacement and redeployment planning. Would you prefer one larger vessel that provides similar sailing frequency as the current service, or two smaller vessels with increased sailing frequency?

This is an exciting opportunity to invest in vessels that will further our operational resilience and capacity, while improving your travel experience with us.

Your feedback is important to us and will shape how we deliver a future service that best meets the needs of our customers and the communities we serve. We want to hear from you as your input will help us determine the right vessels to build.

We will be holding a drop-in information sessions in your community Campbell River - Quadra Island (Quathiaski Cove) Tuesday, July 24 at 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Quathiaski Cove Terminal.

If you are unable to attend either of the sessions, you can share your views by completing a short survey between July 16 and July 26."

The survey can be found online at:

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/19-23service](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/19-23service)

This survey is not something to be taken lightly or rushed into. Our community will likely be living with the decisions based on its outcomes for decades to come. The questions on face value seem innocuous enough but answers could have unanticipated consequences. For example question 2 asks respondents to rank aspects of ferry travel, just remember, it doesn't matter if your vessel "arrives and departs on time" if you're not actually on it!

We should pay attention to the advice of those that lived on the island with a 2 ferry system but not let nostalgia cloud the realities of the future.

-DI

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### HBI FRIDAY NIGHT BANDS:

**July 20th Go Dog Go** - Beach Blanket Time Machine

**July 27th DUFFY live** - Classic Rock. Bring your Dancing Shoes!

**August 3rd Go Dog Go** - Beach Blanket Time Machine

**HBI Pub. 9pm.** NYC just good times.

**SATURDAYS; Open Mic.** 9:00pm. HBI Pub. "If music be the food of love, play on."  
- William Shakespeare

## Coming Events...

### Go Dog Go

July 20 - Beach Blanket Time Machine

### Duffy Live!

July 27 - Bring your dancin' shoes!

### Go Dog Go

August 3 - Beach Blanket Time Machine  
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# THE ISLAND CALENDAR

## Day to Day

### Friday, July 20

- Live Music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub 9pm no cover

### Tuesday, July 24

- BC Ferries Vessel Replacement Open House Quathiaski Cove ferry terminal 10 - 12pm

### Friday, July 27

- Live Music with Duffy Live!, HBI Pub 9pm no cover

### Friday, August 3

- Live Music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub 9pm no cover

### Wednesday, August 15

- Live Music with Salvaje, Herons at HBI 9pm reserve 285-3322

### Saturday, August 18

- Grant Lawrence and friends, Herons at HBI, dinner 6pm, show at 7pm reserve 285-3322

## List Your Event

- Email us at: [news@discoveryislands.ca](mailto:news@discoveryislands.ca)
- Drop off your item at *Inspirations* Q-Cove
- Or you can bring it to our office:  
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## The Regulars

### Mondays

AA, Big Book Study, 7pm Quadra United Church-

### Wednesdays

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 pm Upper Realm, Q Cove

### Thursdays

SMART Recovery group 12:30 - 2:00 pm, Boardroom, QCC, open to anyone over 19.

### Fridays

Alcoholics Anonymous, 8pm Quadra United Church

### Saturdays

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

### Sundays

Buddhist Meditation, 10 am, Upper Realm, Q Cove  
Family Service, Quadra Island Bible Church, 10:30am  
Quadra Sunday Painters, 11am-2pm, 285.3390

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## What's Happening at Quadra Island Community Centre

### THIS WEEK July 21-27

**SATURDAY:** 6:30 pm doors open for Chamber Music Festival - show starts 7:00 pm

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 am Somatic Yoga with Rob Selmanovic

**MONDAY:** 9:00 Junior Lifeguard Camp (ages 7-12), 10:00 Yoga w/ Josephine; 10:00 Parents & Tots; 1:30 Caregivers Support Group

**TUESDAY:** 9:00 Junior Lifeguard Camp (ages 7-12); 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 11:00 Fruit and Veggie Animals (ages 4-7); 5:00 Yoga w/Trinity

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00 Junior Lifeguard Camp (ages 7-12); 10:00 Climbing Wall (ages 7-14); 11:00 Moms and Babes

**THURSDAY:** 9:00 Junior Lifeguard Camp (ages 7-12); 9:00 Yoga w/ Brenda; 10:00 Parents and Tots; 10:00 Kellerhals Farm Excursion (ages 5-7); 12:30 SMART Recovery

**FRIDAY:** 9:00 Junior Lifeguard Camp (ages 7-12), 10:00 Kellerhals Farm Excursion (ages 8 plus)

### NEXT WEEK July 29- August 3

**SUNDAY:** 9:00 Somatic Yoga with Rob Selmanovic

**MONDAY:** 10:00 Parents and Tots; 10:00 Yoga w/ Josephine; 1:00 Sprout Making w/ Barb (ages 7-14)

**TUESDAY:** 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 1:00 Wild Child (ages 8-12); 5:00 Yoga w/ Trinity

**WEDNESDAY:** 11:00 Moms and Babes; 1:00 Wild Child (ages 8-12)

**THURSDAY:** 9:00 Yoga w/Brenda; 10:00 Parents and Tots; 12:30 SMART Recovery; 1:00 Wild Child (ages 8-12)

**FRIDAY:** 1:00 Skate Day; 4:00 Glam Jam (ages 8 plus)

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#### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

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

- **300 words** is an ideal length for community announcements.
- Articles do not need to be sent as attachments. Simply **send the text in the body of your email**.
- **Canadian spelling** is preferred.
- **Please use the title** of your item in the email subject line. We get a lot of items called 'DI Article'.
- Remember to **include credits and captions** for photos & artwork.

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#### NEXT DEADLINE

**7pm Monday, July 30**  
for publication on  
**Friday, August 3**

## QUADRA SALMON ENHANCEMENT

# QISES July 2018 Report

### An update for those interested in Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement.

Now that the automatic counting  
system at Village Bay Lakes  
(which took up most of 2017) is  
up and running QISES has gotten  
back to other chores. On a trip  
to Luoma Creek for the annual  
inspection and/or clearing of  
two log jams, we put baited fry  
traps in the stream. Results were  
disappointing, possibly due to the  
short duration that the traps were  
in the stream. One cutthroat was  
trapped.

Work started this spring on the  
deconstruction and eventual  
demolition of the two oldest  
buildings at the Eco Center, the  
tiny office which is getting quite  
mouldy, and the outdoor hatchery  
which has been out of commission  
for well over a decade. Fish tanks  
and other aluminium equipment  
were disbursed locally after futile  
attempts were made to interest  
other Vancouver Island salmon  
groups in them.

On July 8, eleven hardy soles  
turned up at Drew Creek to start  
the beginning of a 2-year project,  
the enhancement of Drew Creek.  
At present any existing gravel is  
buried under sand and silt. It is  
hoped that our work will facilitate,  
during high water events, self  
flushing of the creek.

Near the mouth of the creek,  
upstream from the culvert, a  
huge amount of branch material  
was removed as well as a few logs  
that were blocking silt. When  
the culvert is replaced, hopefully  
next year, spawning gravel will be  
purchased and put in the stream  
bed.

Drought proofing work continued  
on Hyacinthe Creek in order to  
keep water trickling through the



summer drought. Broken lines  
were replaced earlier this spring.  
Siphon rates are being monitored  
so that the water bodies, Mud  
Lake, Reed Lake, and the big  
wetland, are not drawn down any  
more than necessary.

Finally, thanks to Tru Value, their  
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who put their shopping points  
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## QI Cemetery Community Volunteer Thank You

The Quadra Island Cemetery Board would like to thank all volunteers for helping maintain our community cemetery. Your kindness is gratefully appreciated. The Board would also like to take this opportunity to thank friends and family members for not placing or planting extra or loose items on the grave sites or in the cemetery. It is important that the volunteer grass mowers can complete their work without having to move, and then replace personal items. If you have questions regarding the cemetery guidelines, please call 285-2859 for clarification.

*Quadra Island Cemetery Board*

## Calling Anyone who likes to draw!

Whether you're new to drawing, a master doodler, a professional designer, or have never picked up a drawing tool in your whole life, we're looking to create a Quadra Literacy post card.

This is a contest! The top 3 postcard designs will be selected for their visual appeal, wit and if they seem like they would give the postcard recipient a happy feeling when they check their mail.

Please submit your design to [quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com), drop it off at the Quadra library, or bring it to Lara at Inspirations. Contest closes Septemeber 1st, 2018



## Quadra Literacy

Beautiful people of Quadra, Indeed, this is all of ya, I'm here to express my gratitude for your wonderful literacy attitude.

Literacy Outreach Coordinator is my new job, here to support and collaborate, lifelong learning we will cultivate!

Thank you Cathy Pengelly and the Task Group, literacy is life; from reading to making soup, it's for everyone, young and old, the faint at heart, the shy and the bold.

If you need some help, I'll help you connect, if you want guidance, I can direct.

Family Literacy Day is one thing we do, but we love to help with your ideas too!

Email [quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com](mailto:quadralliteracynetwork@gmail.com) to contact me, or call 3362 to talk about literacy!

- Tracy Sinclair

## Market Music

Local musicians continue to play at the Saturday Market every week. The music happens from 10 am to lunch time.

Willow, a Quadra Island women's group, rocks the Market on July 7th. John Toelle and Richard Christie play the Market for the first time this year on July 14th. Mary Ellen Wilkins sings and plays guitar on July 21. Richard Christie and Brian Wilson, a popular duo, perform on July 28. Willow returns on August 4th to warm your hearts once again. John Toelle and Richard Christie return on August 11. Live music continues until mid-September.

Please make generous donations to our local musicians when you visit the Market. Thanking you in advance for keeping our local music groups alive and well. Call Steve Moore for more information at 250.285.3323.

## Hand Drum Jam

Come join the Hand Drum Jam. Beginners are welcome. Extra drums are available if you need one. Come to Spirit Books upstairs in Q Cove

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# Proportional Representation: An overview - Part 2

by Bonnie Brownstein

**Part two** in this series provides important information about how to register to vote in this fall's referendum on BC's voting system. It also discusses what Proportional Representation is, which countries already use such a system, and what all the systems on the ballot have in common.

## How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote if you are 18 years old AND a Canadian citizen AND a BC resident for the last six months. If you voted in the 2017 B.C. election, you are most likely registered to vote, but if you are not sure or have moved, call Elections BC Voter Services at 1-800-661-8683. You can register to vote or update your information online <https://eregister.electionsbc.gov.bc.ca/ovr/welcome.aspx#> This is how to get around the fact that all of us on Quadra have a PO Box as our mailing address: Enter your street address first without a PO Box. Once you have finished with this screen the sytem will prompt you to enter a mailing address. Only enter your PO Box number, town, province and postal code – NOT your street address. When you finish the whole process you will see your home and mailing addresses listed separately. You will get an email of confirmation.

## So, what is Proportional Representation anyway?

Proportional Representation is a voting system in which the distribution of seats in the BC Legislative Assembly is apt to be proportional to the distribution of votes between the parties. A party that gets 39% of the vote gets pretty close to 39% of the seats. Under our current system, 39% of the vote can and has translated into a majority government with 100% of the power.

## Which countries use Proportional Representation and which do not?

Over 90 countries use a proportional representation system including over 80 percent of OECD countries (our peers) <https://www.fairvote.ca/pr4bc-faqs-mythbusters/> This includes economically successful countries such as Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Belgium and the Netherlands. Many of these countries have used their current system for decades, without negative results such as too frequent elections. Canada, the US and the UK still use a First Past the Post system federally.

## What do all 3 systems on the BC Referendum have in common?

All of them are better than what we have now! All of them will mean the people who get elected more accurately reflect the values of the voters who voted for them because voters are less likely to vote strategically. All three systems maintain local representation so no area is without a representative in the BC Legislative Assembly. All three systems retain about the same number of MLAs we have now, although that number may slightly increase. All three systems require that a party must get at least 5% of the vote province wide in order to win a seat. [www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-bc-unveils-its-proposed-question-for-voters-in-electoral-reform/](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/british-columbia/article-bc-unveils-its-proposed-question-for-voters-in-electoral-reform/) This prevents fringe parties from getting elected. In the last three federal elections all 15-20 fringe parties put together got less than 1% of the vote.

<https://www.fairvote.ca/pr4bc-faqs-mythbusters/>

Stay tuned! On September 16th there will be a public meeting re PR at the community centre – details TBA.

For more information see Fair Vote Canada BC <https://www.fairvote.ca/pr4bc/>

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### Upcoming Events

Through most of July we have had more than one trip per week, thanks to the enthusiasm of the trip coordinators. As we begin the hot part of the summer, some outings are starting earlier in the day than originally planned, and some may need to be re-scheduled for more moderate temperatures, so stay in touch with the coordinator. There's an interesting mix of classic and new destinations over the summer. In August, there will be lots of swimming along with the hiking. Here are the upcoming trips until the end of August:

- 23 July, Monday** - kayaking at Village Bay Lakes and Main Lake Park
- 25 July, Wednesday** - hiking to Crest Mountain
- 27 July, Friday** - hiking to Woss Lookout and to Little Huson Caves
- 1 August, Wednesday** - kayaking at Granite Bay - Small Inlet area
- 8 August, Wednesday** - hiking to Surge Narrows
- 15 August, Wednesday** - hiking the Morte Lake Loop
- 22 August, Wednesday** - hiking a Homewood Trail Loop
- 29 August, Wednesday** - hiking to Nugedzi Lakes and viewpoints

The details for these trips and others can be found at: <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2018/>

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## Farmers' Market & Bazaar

A record Saturday of Vendors came out to the market this week. Thanks to everyone for their cooperation with making a smooth set up. the Quadra Market is unique with all types of art, wares and creations from locally made to imported from far, new and used, recycled and upcycled, massage and live music as well to keep you relaxed and dancing. A friendly reminder to keep dogs on leash and away from food tables while on the grounds Thank you! info: [quadramarket@gmail.com](mailto:quadramarket@gmail.com)



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## Going back to jail sale. Everything must go

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**Contents include:** six shotguns, four uzis, five vintage colt 45's, two berettas, a flame thrower, sixteen harpoons and two cases of zucchini. There are twelve ... no, make that ten land mines. You might want to be careful where you step. Five tin hats of various sizes, three with propellers still attached. Massive fallout shelter, walls are four foot thick made entirely of spam, baked beans and pickled cauliflower; air recycler sold separately. Six treasure maps including one that shows where Judas Trudeau has hidden his morals. Assorted tools and enough milled cedar to start your own coffin making business. 14 pair of cement overshoes, sizes 6 to 14. A small excavator, perfect for burying snoopy neighbours or federal agents. Only used ten times. Includes tiny bucket for cats that crap in your garden. The sister/wife is not for sale. I'm talking to you Allen. The sister/wife is not for sale. A 24' boat. Not sure what kind it is, ask Tim Kavanaugh it was his up until a few weeks ago. Various televisions, computers, phones and audio equipment I've picked up around the island in the last few weeks. Assorted glassware, tubing, retort stands, small oven and a pill press. Three alarm systems, super cheap because they obviously don't work that well. A Sony video cam with telephoto. Two ultralight, black, very quiet extension ladders that reach the second floor of your average house. For those of you not planning on divorce you might want to arrive early and check out my video tapes. Wide array of nonfiction books and magazines. 70 pounds of vacuum sealed venison. That reminds me 20 000 m. of high-powered electric fence. 150 cans of Green-pieces Japanese whalers I picked up in Antarctica. They tell me it tastes just like chicken.

Do not pet the dog. His bite is worse than his bark.

For the entire month of August my lawyer will be hosting a U-pick at a separate farm location. To get a map of the secret location go on the dark web and type in ip address 662.663.664.665/u-pick. Code word is munchies. Cookies must be enabled.



## Quadra Circle News

**ACTIVITY CENTRE:** Same varied program, different venue for the Summer! Join us each Wednesday in July and August 10:00 am – 2:30 pm at the Legion in Heriot Bay. Play Mexican Trains, get moving with Arm Chair Exercises and Qi Gong and enjoy Pastels and Percussion after lunch.

**CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting Monday July 23, 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm at the Quadra Community Centre.

**CHRONIC PAIN WORKSHOP:** at the Community Centre, facilitated by Pat Peterson and Sheelagh Elmitt, Mondays 22 October to 19 November, 9:30 am – 12:00 pm. Free. These workshops fill up quickly, so register early at the Quadra Circle office.

**COOKING CLASS:** Do you enjoy learning new culinary skills? Mitar Soe will host a cooking class at her beautiful Bold Point home this summer. More information soon on date, time, and how to sign-up for this fun event!

**FOOT CARE:** If you receive GIS or MSP subsidy, Quadra Circle can help by subsidizing the cost of caring for your feet. A qualified LPN provides this service. Call 250-285-2255, or drop in to the Quadra Circle office to sign up. Your feet will thank you!

**GOOD GRIEF – SUPPORT GROUP:** Join Owen Williams and Cathy O'Rourke at the Quadra Island United Church at Cape Mudge to explore, acknowledge and honour our grief/loss in a safe, confidential environment. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. Next meetings: Tuesday July 17, and August 7, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. For more info. call Cathy at 250-285-2122.

**PEACE OF MIND:** None of us likes the idea of a fall or sudden illness, especially if we live alone. For your own and your loved ones' peace of mind, Quadra Circle offers daily friendly phone calls by a trained outreach worker. Call Quadra Circle office at 250-285-2255.

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**VOLUNTEERS:** Needed for lunch prep Wednesdays July and August at the Legion. If you can commit to one or more days to slice veggies and fruit, or bring a snack or dessert, please contact Heather Kent, at hkquadracircle@gmail.com or 204-898-4570.

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## Quadra Island Seniors

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At our last meeting we welcomed a discussion from Captain Sharon Clandenning from the Quadra Island Fire department. Sharon spoke to us about many important issues including Fire extinguishers, storing batteries for smoke alarms because if the batteries are just thrown in a junk drawer they will heat up and start a fire. Many of us have been to CPR programs to make certain that we know how to help patients when there heart stops. This is very important because programs change and you must make sure that you know how to bring people back to the breathing stage when the heart is beating again.

On July 18th we are travelling to Fanny Bay Br.127 for a Picnic and a lot of fun, prizes and a delicious lunch with many Seniors from the North Island. We are dressing up with jeans and with Bling or sparkles on us. Our seniors were treated to a lunch at April Point in memory of Hilary Stewart after our last meeting, which many of us enjoyed. We are busy working in the Tourist Booth which is a fun job where we meet many people from all over the world who absolutely adore Quadra Island. Drop by for a visit. For membership call Lois Norman @3061

For Transportation call Ruth Amiabel @3801 or cell ph.250- 895-9188.

## Total Fire Ban for Campbell River - Includes Camp Fires and Beach Fires

With hot, dry conditions and increased fire risk, a total fire ban is now in effect for Campbell River. The ban – effective at noon on Wednesday, July 18 – applies to all recreational fires, including beach fires and camp fires on private lands.

“We know people love to have summer camp fires and fires on the beach, but the fire risk is so great at this point that the entire Coastal Fire Region other than Haida Gwaii and what’s called the coastal fog zone will have this prohibition in place,” says fire chief Thomas Doherty.

“We appreciate everyone’s assistance in doing their part to prevent wildfires in our community – and we are monitoring conditions,” Doherty adds. “If the weather changes and the risk drops enough, we will certainly let people know when and how they can have recreational fires in Campbell River.”

This prohibition does not apply to CSA-rated or ULC-rated cooking stoves that use gas, propane or briquettes, or to portable camp fires that uses briquettes, liquid or gaseous fuel, as long as the height of the flame is less than 15 centimetres.

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QUADRA ISLAND	VANCOUVER ISLAND
† 6:20 am	† 6:40 am
7:05 am	7:30 am
8:00 am	8:30 am
9:00 am	9:30 am
10:00 am	**10:30 am
11:00 am	11:30 am
12:00 pm	12:30 pm
1:00 pm	1:30 pm
2:05 pm	2:30 pm
3:00 pm	3:30 pm
**4:00 pm	4:30 pm
5:00 pm	5:25 pm
5:50 pm	6:15 pm
7:00 pm	7:30 pm
8:00 pm	8:30 pm
9:15 pm	9:45 pm
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**T**his is quite the heat wave we seem to be stuck in. I hope you are able to enjoy it and are not being adversely effected by it. With the fire danger at extreme, I sincerely hope everyone will take all precautions to avoid fires of any kind. I think we are probably breaking records. I know we are having to do a lot more watering than usual to keep plants alive! Now if the wind would just let up enough so I could possibly get a day to go fishing sometime between meetings. I will try to keep this to the main issues that are taking place at the moment.

We have full agendas on Wednesday the 18th at the Board and I will report on the outcomes in a future report. There will be many important issues, but I feel it best left until the Board has actually met and made decisions other than to just give you the items from the agenda, not knowing how the Board dealt with them.

## Stuart Island land acquisition

The first piece of good news is that after many years of trying to acquire the property on Stuart Island that the School District was no longer using we have finally been successful in our bid to accept the divestiture of the land from them, through the Province. This is at no cost, except minor survey, etc., and is great news to the Stuart Island Community Association. They currently have their structures on that property under long term licence with the Province. So the property is being transferred to the SRD and the water lease in front of the property that provides access is also being looked at for a Sponsored Free Crown Grant. I am very pleased with the cooperation of the School District, the Minister of Education, the Ministry of Forest and Lands (FLNRORD) and our Ministry of Municipal Affairs, for all of their help in making this happen. My thanks also go out to the Stuart Island Community Association for all of their cooperation and patience. This

has taken an incredible amount of lobbying to Ministers over the past couple of years and I am very pleased to see it coming to fruition. There is an official letter to our Chair that the SRD Board just received confirming the granting process on the DI web site.

## Meeting with Ministry of Transportation

And now for some more exciting news! Last Friday I had a long meeting with our two top Highways officials. It was great! They are both such "real" people and understand our rural needs and issues very well. We have gone back and forth on the road issues for so many years with our contractor telling us that they were underfunded and understaffed. They were right and I have used that argument continuously in my conversations with the Province. The Highways officials in Courtenay have been very receptive to our needs and ongoing problems and they have come through for us as you will see in the attachments to this report.

We are getting major paving done at the end of August / beginning of September. Some of it will be real pavement and some will be "double chip seal": they come through and prepare the road, chip seal it and then wait for a short time and then come through and chip seal it a second time! It is very important to note that after that initial chip seal the roads must be treated with respect if we want a good final product. This means no driving along the aprons, breaking off the edges, and keeping your speed down. After the road work is done, all the main roads will get new lines painted (and they promised they will do it before it starts raining!). Cross walks and stop lines will be done as possible.

They are totally re-doing the Hope Spring Road area, so I hope the residents there will be pleased. The intersection at Cape Mudge Rd. and Joyce Rd. is also being looked at

for realignment for safety reasons. Their engineers are assessing it and seeing if it is feasible. This should take care of some of the very close calls at that corner.

As you can imagine, I am very pleased that Quadra Island is finally getting its turn at major work.

You should also know that Emcon was unsuccessful in its bid to get the contract for our roads and it was awarded to Mainroad Contracting. I do not have any details on any possible personnel changes, if any.

You can go to the following website for further details: <https://www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/open.dll/welcome>

The map below shows the areas to be paved (white/ red online) and the areas to be double chip sealed (black/ yellow online) (You'll need to go to the DI website to see the colour version) [www.discoveryislander.ca](http://www.discoveryislander.ca)



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## Quadra Medical Clinic meetings

I have been sitting in on the meetings of the group that has formed to try and keep the Quadra Medical Clinic open (not to be confused with Harbourside Medical). We have had numerous meetings, numerous phone calls and endless emails. You have an incredible group of individuals working very hard on your behalf to carry out the mandate given by the community to "retain our existing services". They are also looking at creative ways to provide even more services and have Island Health and the Ministry fund them.

I was appointed by the Ministry and Island Health to be the "point person" to talk with the main contact at Island Health, Dr. Tom Gornall, after I had presented motions to both the SRD Board and the Comox Strathcona Regional Hospital District Board, which were supported unanimously. The Chairs of those Boards wrote to the Minister and other top officials at Island Health and we received immediate attention since our crisis is urgent.

A proposal has been presented by the group to Island Health and we are negotiating with them over how those items can be accomplished. We should hear back soon. In the mean time Dr. Boegel has been actively recruiting so that there will be new professionals to take her place when she leaves. She is going above and beyond what anyone could be expected to do to insure that her departure does not leave us short staffed at the Quadra Medical Clinic.

Updates will be published by the group regularly. Stay tuned! I am sure there will be a successful conclusion to this crisis due to the volunteers' commitment.

## Connect to Innovate

One more thing. The SRD has formed its corporate body and developed the articles of incorporation to deal with installing the backbone fibre optic cable coast wide to provide high speed internet to about 156 communities. Please go to their website for details. <http://www.strathconard.ca/sites/srd.civicwebcms.com/files/media/SRD%20approves%20creation%20of%20SCCNC.pdf>

I am going to leave you with these positive points and will have more for you in my next report regarding the outcome of the issues on this Wednesday's agenda. Enjoy the summer!

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@xplornet.ca](mailto:jimabram@xplornet.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,

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Director, Discovery Islands-Mainland inlets, Area C, SRD

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## Campfires Banned

Effective at noon on Wednesday, July 18, 2018, all open burning (including campfires and Category 3 fires) are prohibited within the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction [including Quadra, Cortes and the Discovery Islands].

The prohibitions will help prevent human-caused wildfires and protect public safety. **They will remain in effect until Oct. 19, 2018**, or until the public is otherwise notified. A map of the affected areas is available online at: <http://ow.ly/j94230kZQgz>

These prohibitions apply to all public and private land, unless specified otherwise.

## Recycle More Flexible Plastic Packaging

### in Campbell River at Island Return-It

People in Campbell River can now recycle more flexible plastic packaging at Island Return-It.

**New on the list** of recyclables are:

- zipper lock pouches for frozen foods, grapes, dried fruits and grated cheese
- bags for potato chips and wrappers for snack bars
- net bags for avocados, onions and oranges
- bubble wrap and plastic air packets

"Flexible plastic is one of the fastest growing types of packaging in use, and Campbell River got in early on this expanded service by participating in the pilot project," says Drew Hadfield, the City's director of operations. "Expanding the recycling service helps increase the chance that this material ends up recycled rather than in the landfill."

The newly-accepted flexible plastic packaging often includes multiple layers of different types of plastic, making it more challenging to recycle. Collecting this new type of material is helping Recycle BC research and determine how to best recycle it, including turning it into engineered fuel.

The depot in Campbell River is one of the 117 stations from around BC participating in the pilot project. Recycle BC expects all depots begin collection of the material starting January 1, 2019.

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	07:14	1.9	6.2
	13:21	3.6	11.8
	18:14	2.8	9.2
<b>21</b> Saturday	00:49	4.6	15.1
	08:12	1.7	5.6
	15:02	3.7	12.1
	19:32	3.2	10.5
<b>22</b> Sunday	01:34	4.5	14.8
	09:05	1.5	4.9
	16:24	4.0	13.1
	21:03	3.4	11.2
<b>23</b> Monday	02:18	4.4	14.4
	09:52	1.3	4.3
	17:25	4.3	14.1
	22:22	3.5	11.5
<b>24</b> Tuesday	03:02	4.3	14.1
	10:34	1.2	3.9
	18:14	4.5	14.8
	23:25	3.6	11.8
<b>25</b> Wed.	03:44	4.2	13.8
	11:12	1.0	3.3
	18:54	4.6	15.1
<b>26</b> Thursday	00:15	3.6	11.8
	04:26	4.2	13.8
	11:48	1.0	3.3
	19:29	4.7	15.4
<b>27</b> Friday	00:56	3.5	11.5
	05:08	4.2	13.8
	12:23	1.0	3.3
	19:59	4.8	15.7
<b>28</b> Saturday	01:31	3.5	11.5
	05:51	4.2	13.8
	12:56	1.0	3.3
	20:28	4.8	15.7
<b>29</b> Sunday	02:05	3.4	11.2
	06:34	4.1	13.5
	13:29	1.1	3.6
	20:54	4.8	15.7
<b>30</b> Monday	02:39	3.2	10.5
	07:19	4.1	13.5
	14:03	1.2	3.9
	21:22	4.8	15.7
<b>31</b> Tuesday	03:16	3.1	10.2
	08:05	4.0	13.1
	14:39	1.4	4.6
	21:50	4.7	15.4
<b>01</b> Wed.	03:58	2.8	9.2
	08:57	3.9	12.8
	15:16	1.7	5.6
	22:21	4.7	15.4
<b>02</b> Thursday	04:43	2.6	8.5
	09:57	3.8	12.5
	15:57	2.0	6.6
	22:53	4.7	15.4
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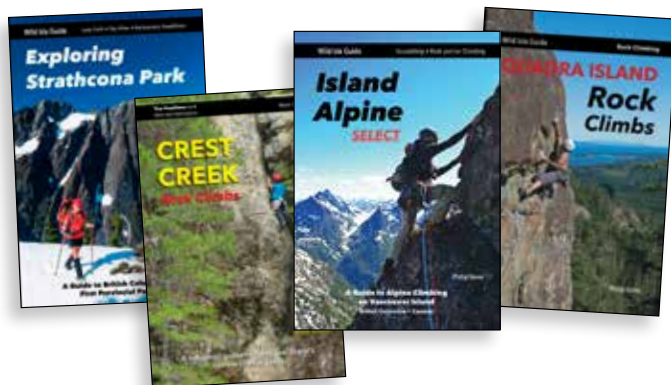
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