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Our warmest thanks to Michael Mascall for this initiative! If you have been thinking about donating to the project, now is the time. Send an e-transfer to info@quadraislandfoundation.ca, or a cheque to Box 402, Heriot Bay, BC V0P 1H0. Donations should be tagged "Proceeds to go to QES Solar Power Demonstration Project". Please include your mailing address so QIF can send you your receipt. For further information about the project, please see the two previous issues of the DI.

We Have Wood!

THE EMERGENCY FIREWOOD program needs volunteers to cut, split and stack wood. We especially need people with chainsaws to cut up logs. It would be wonderful to get it all done and not have to continue to work through the entire summer! We are still happening every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 2pm at the Community Centre. For more info call or text Sandy at 250-202-5928.

Buddhist Meditation

Join us Sunday's from 10-12am for meditation.

We meet at the Quadra Island Children's Centre for a 45 min seated meditation, then a short break, some reading and discussion on a buddhist book.

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Try it and see for yourself how much water is being wasted that you can now reuse.

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For Island Climate Action Network (ICAN). Email susan@prairiesky.ca

Quadra Food Guide

If you are a local food producer who would like to be included in the Quadra Island Food Guide listings, please let us know at: qifoodguide@gmail.com

The Food Guide receives support from Quadra ICAN.

Be part of our local food culture. Eat Fresh! Eat Local! Visit qifoodguide.ca

Tom Macklin Memorial

Tom Macklin's Internment will be held at the Quadra Island Cemetery at 11 am Saturday, August 7th.

Service and lunch to follow at the Quadra Island Bible Church.

Tennis & Pickleball Players Needed

Quadra Tennis is always on the lookout for more players. We have two great courts at Blenkin Park and good people to play with! If you're new to Quadra and like to play tennis, we want to meet you! Call Ken or Louella at 250-285-2580 to get involved.

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

- **300 words** is an ideal length for
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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, August 16
for publication on
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ISLAND FORUM

The latest note from Mr Abram
about "the Schellinck proposal"
has pushed me to finally speak
up. I found it extremely petty and
unprofessional. I am puzzled by
this brief, rude statement. Mr.
Schellinck has presented all of
his information, as requested,
to the Regional District and is
waiting for a public hearing to
be announced. The ball is in
the Regional District's court.
No guessing is required on Mr.
Abram's part.

I contacted Mr. Schellinck, who
informed me that he has asked
Mr. Abram for a list of his current
concerns. Neither Mr. Schellinck
nor the Regional District staff
have received anything to date.

Kathy Sales

Have an opinion to share?
Submit your letter
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Dear Patient,

Please accept this letter as
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was to be our forever home, but
a job position for my husband
in Ontario, has necessitated a
relocation for us to stay together
as a family.

It has been such a wonderful
experience to work with such
welcoming patients and co-
workers who I consider family
and community, for my time
here on Quadra Island. I have
built some really beautiful life-
long friendships, and I will miss
everything and everyone. I look
forward to visiting as much as I
can and keeping in touch.

We are actively looking for
someone to take over my
practice. We currently do not
have a replacement as yet, but
will update the community
as soon as we have any news.
Unfortunately, Dr. Keith Graham
is unable to take on any new
patients at this time.

Thank you for your patience and
understanding.

Kind regards,

Dr. Lola Kareem

British Columbia is becoming
a police state of WOKENess.
Seemingly anything can be
deemed a hate speech if someone
finds it offensive regardless how
over sensitive, narcissistic or
ridiculous that person may be.
Everyone is a victim these days.
Freedom of speech is becoming
a thing of the past save hurting
someone's feelings.

It suddenly dawned on me that
every comedian I love (including
Billy Connolly and Bill Hicks)
would be flogged at the post of
righteousness by PC zealots.

This is a massive attack on our
democracy and the high Priest of
this WOKE nonsense is one Mr
Justin Trudeau.

Piers Morgan beautifully crucifies
him in the following piece. And
its about time someone did.

PIERS: Trudeau is a spineless,
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Ashley Lind



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The Show Must Go On

Hey Quadra, do you think it's time to step out again? Looking for a little fun? For some fine theatre? Are you ready to welcome back our fantastic Quadra audience and our amazing lip sync stars? If so, Quadra Theatre has you covered with The Show Must Go On - a lip sync. Our always delightful and good fun lip sync will go on stage at the Quadra Community Centre field on Saturday, August 28. Our enthusiastic, animated and sometimes zany participants will entertain you with two shows on the 28th: one at 2 pm and the other at 5:30pm. (Doors 1:30 and 5) Bring your family and friends, your own chairs, beverages and snacks. (No concession at this event.) Tickets are free and must be picked up at Inspirations starting on August 10th. There will be a maximum of 100 tickets per concert and they are limited to four per person. Tickets will not be available at the door. A donation box for Cortes Radio will be at the concerts.

Lip Sync defined:

- Lip sync (short for lip synchronization) is a technical term for matching a speaking or singing person's lip movements with sung or spoken vocals. Audio for lip syncing is generated through the sound system in a live performance
- A show where the participants have as much fun as the audience. A rollicking good time.

Interested in being in the show? We are looking for seasoned "syncers" as well as beginners. Everyone is invited to perform: adults (this includes you, seniors), teens, children. Your act maybe a solo, a duo or a group performance. The sky is pretty much the limit. What to do? Step #1 choose your song and actors. Step #2 register your act at blee007@live.com. Step #3 synchronize and liberate your lips. Step #4 start rehearsing. Need help? Contact us at blee007@live.com.

Quadra Island Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

We're certainly hoping for moderating weather in August. In the meantime, the Outdoor Club has suspended the hiking schedule due to the heat and the extreme dry conditions. Also, many members are amazingly busy, making up for lost time. Our kayak outings remain in the plan, while we pause and see when it's reasonable to resume hiking. Here are the upcoming trips

16 August, Monday - kayak in Granite/Kanish Bay/Small Inlet

7-11 Sept, Tuesday to Saturday - multi-day kayaking to Jedediah Island

More information about these outings is available at:

<https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-summer-2021/>

For more information about the Club visit <https://qioutdoorclub.org/> or email to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com.



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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Quadra Philippines Connection News - NO GIANT GARAGE SALE!

Greetings to everyone during these unprecedented summer months!

Although it is positive that many things are beginning to open up in relation to Covid, it still feels like too much too soon for our regular fund-raising Giant Garage Sale.

Therefore, we are encouraging supporters to have their own garage sale and then perhaps donate the proceeds or a portion to the Philippines Connection. Thank you to Marie Sheran and all those who supported her garage sale at the south end last Sunday. \$750 was raised that will be added to our funds!

Our main focus over the past year has been to continue to support through IAT the education of Analiza Macad and Zeah Mae Paclay, our two sponsored students who live in a remote area of the northern Philippines. Fortunately, we had some funds in reserve from past giant garage sales to cover this commitment to date. However, we will still need to fund-raise further in order to maintain our ongoing support over the next while. This will hopefully include providing computers to these two dedicated young girls whose learning has been done virtually since the onset of Covid and will soon be going into high school. For now they have been sharing the limited computers provided at the IAT learning centre when they are able to get there. Therefore, we welcome all contributions at this time with an option being to send an e-transfer to cfoort@yahoo.

com which would ensure that a tax receipt be issued at the end of the year.

The following is a letter from Analiza who is now in grade 8, updating us as to her most recent experiences. Analiza also greets us in a short video sent from IAT that has been posted and is available to watch on the Quadra Corkboard!

Hello my dear sponsors at Quadra Island Community!!!

Wishing you a day full of sunny smiles and happy thoughts! I hope that you are all doing good within your family circles and of course with your work as well.

Everything here has gone well in regard to my studies. Our school is already done now for summer break. As far as what I have gained from this school year, I have learned to do a task by myself. With the help of my parents and relatives, I have overcome the challenges I've encountered in every subject that I've had. I am so happy that I surpassed in this school year and am ready to encounter the next challenges in my life.

Due to the weather the farmers here have been suffering from lack of water for their plants which are dying because there has been no rain. The irrigation system is dying almost also. Since my father is a farmer I can see how hard it is for him. Every time he comes home he is tired out from working on the farm. We here are all praying and hoping that next month we will experience rain to help the farmers.

As for my family condition, I am blessed to have them because they always find a way to support us all and get what we need. Due to this pandemic we have had time to better bond to each other and our love has been strong enough to overcome all the challenges that have come our way. I realize that life takes you to unexpected places but love brings you home!

That is all for now. Thank you for your kindness to me and for supporting my studies. Wishing you much good health and take care always!

Your sponsored girl,
Analiza

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

Quadra Island Farmers Market & Bazaar

The Quadra Farmers' Market and Bazaar has been going great what a beautiful place to hear fabulous music while shopping for fine art, handmade artisan products, recycled and upcycled items and some fresh produce, baking and preserves. Come enjoy this special market we run till 2nd week of September. Social distancing or masking is requested while on the field.



Vendors please note that there is no drop-in on market day. Please call ahead by Friday 8pm quadramarket@gmail.com to find out if there is a space for you for Saturday's market. See you Saturday! 10 - 2 on the field behind the Credit Union building

At the Legion

The Legion & the kitchen is now open on Wednesdays at 5:pm! As well as Thursday-Monday @3pm with kitchen hours from 4-8pm! Patrice is mixing it up a bit, with Chinese food now on Thursdays and its Mexican Mondays!!

Our next Bingo is on Sat. August 21st 7-10pm

Yellow Dog Bulk & Whole Foods M.A.G. Memorial Bursary

Yellow Dog will be offering 2 bursaries of \$500.00 each, available to assist Quadra Island students pursuing post secondary education, including academic institutes and trade schools. These bursaries are payable directly to the student to assist with travel expenses, book fees, living expenses, etc.

Applications can be submitted by email to yellowdog@telus.net. until 1st of September 2021.

Please include the following;

- Student's name and contact information.
- Proof of enrolment in a post secondary institution or traded school.
- Write a short letter telling us a little about yourself, how long you've been on Quadra Island.
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BC's Inland Temperate Rainforest Nearing Ecosystem Collapse Threshold

Prince George, BC - A team of international scientists conducted an assessment of the status of ecological conditions within BC's Interior Wetbelt (IWB) and Inland Temperate Rainforest (ITR). Their findings will be published in a special feature on Imperiled Ecosystems in the journal *Land*.

The project is part of a global set of case studies on Earth's dwindling primary (unlogged) forests led by scientists at Griffith University and includes case studies in Canada, USA, Russia, Europe, and the tropics. Several BC researchers were involved in the assessment, with the spatial analysis performed by the US-based Conservation Biology Institute.

The international team used a set of criteria developed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for ranking the status of ecosystems based on their conditions over time. Remote sensing imagery, government data, and published species accounts were used to determine primary forest conditions across the 16.4 million-hectare IWB bioregion nestled along the western flanks of the Rockies and Columbia Mountains. The bioregion includes very old redcedar and hemlock rainforests, as well as endangered

spruce snowforests.

The main findings include:

- Industrial logging (3.2M ha) represented 57% of all human impacts, reducing primary forest by 2.7 million ha for the Interior Wetbelt (IWB) bioregion and 524,003 ha for the Inland Temperate Rainforest (ITR) subzone over the past 50 years.

- Logging rates nearly doubled from 5.3% in the 1970s to 10.2% in the 2000s and have risen more recently as wood demand pushes into upper elevation spruce forests and pressure to log is mounting from biomass pellet manufacturing.

- Several IWB watersheds were assigned 'Vulnerable' to 'Endangered' rankings based on loss of habitat for rare plants, old-growth birds like northern goshawk, habitat for Southern Woodland Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), sensitive fish like bull trout, and old-growth lichens.

- Overall, the IWB bioregion was ranked 'Endangered' and the ITR 'Critical'.

- If logging rates continue at current levels, ecosystem collapse is imminent within 9 to 18 years for the ITR, considered one of the world's most imperiled temperate rainforests.

One of the study authors, Michelle Connolly of



Goat River in the inland rainforest.

Photo: Paul Morgan

Conservation North explains, "these alarming findings come as the BC government enables more primary forest logging in the Interior Wetbelt for sawlogs and bioenergy while promoting these products as clean, green and renewable."

Dr. Dominick A. DellaSala, Chief Scientist of the US-based Wild Heritage, a Project of the Earth Island Institute, was lead author on the study, adding, "thousands of scientists have been sounding the alarm about the need for governments to act swiftly in addressing the global biodiversity and climate emergencies accelerating around the planet. We need BC to do its part while there is still precious little time remaining to save this unique bioregion."

DellaSala adds that while the

Great Bear Rainforest has rightfully received considerable conservation attention, the IWB is paying the price by not being part of a province-wide network of protected areas that envelope remaining old-growth forests for their climate and biodiversity benefits. DellaSala chose the IWB as the global case study because of widespread neglect by the BC government compared to the Great Bear.

There are only two other inland temperate rainforests in the world,, in the Russian Far East and Inland Southern Siberia. The ITR perhaps the highest concentration of rainforest lichens in the world, along with endangered woodland caribou, numerous old-growth birds, and the full suite of forest carnivores, a global gem in a sea of clearcuts.



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Funding for Active Transportation Projects will help people get around Sayward and Cortes Island, says NDP MLA Michele Babchuk

SAYWARD – New Democrat MLA Michele Babchuk says new funding from the BC NDP government will help local governments create active transportation development plans and encourage more people to cycle, walk, skateboard, and use other forms of active transportation.

“For people in Sayward and on Cortes Island, getting around on a bike is nothing new,” said Babchuk, MLA for North Island. “By investing in active transportation planning in partnership with municipalities and regional districts, we can help keep people safe while they keep staying healthy and reducing emissions.”

The Village of Sayward will be receiving a grant of \$18,617 for Active Transportation Planning, and the Strathcona Regional District will be receiving a grant of \$20,000 for the Cortes Island Active Transportation Planning Research and Data Collection Project.

This funding is part of \$600,000 that will be available from 2020-2022. These grants are awarded to local governments and administered by the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM).

MLA Babchuk says this initiative is part of Move. Commute. Connect., B.C.’s Active Transportation Strategy, a plan to make walking, cycling and other forms of active transportation as safe and convenient as possible. By facilitating more clean and sustainable methods of getting around, New Democrats are supporting a healthier, more resilient natural environment.

Move. Commute. Connect. is part of the New Democrat government’s CleanBC plan to put B.C. on a path to a low-carbon economy that creates opportunities for all while protecting our clean air, land and water.

Glass Jar Reuse Day

ICAN’s Glass Jar Reuse Repurpose Recycle Day Was A Huge Success! Many boxes of canning jars and other jars found new homes on Quadra, and an entire recycling tote full of jars was recycled at the Campbell River Return-It Depot after the July 18th event. A huge thank-you to the participants, all of the volunteers and especially to Bernie and Susan who transported our unwanted jars to Campbell River, and unloaded them all at the Recycling Depot!



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E-Comm Warns of Continued High Call Volumes and Lengthy Waits on Police Non-Emergency Lines

With 36 per cent of police non-emergency calls needing to be redirected, new E-Comm campaign urges people to 'make the right call.' July 28, 2021, Vancouver, B.C.—

Extraordinarily high demand for emergency services has led to longer wait times on police non-emergency lines answered by E-Comm, as call takers prioritize a record-breaking number of 9-1-1 calls from people in life or death situations.

A number of major incidents across the province, from gang-related shootings and the ongoing opioid crisis, to the historic heatwave that swept across British Columbia and the earlier-than-normal wildfire season, have resulted in increasing 9-1-1 call volumes. Now, with the province nearing the end of COVID-19 restrictions, E-Comm, the emergency communications centre responsible for answering 99 per cent of B.C.'s 9-1-1 calls, anticipates continued challenges with long wait times on police non-emergency lines.

"Heading into the busier summer months, we always expected to see increased call volumes," says Oliver Grüter-Andrew, President and CEO of E-Comm. "But the current strain on emergency services, including 9-1-1, is extraordinary. This record-breaking demand has led to increased wait times on police non-emergency lines, as E-Comm call takers must prioritize answering

life or death emergencies coming through on 9-1-1."

E-Comm has been struggling with increasing demand and longer wait times on police non-emergency lines for the past few years, but the problem has been greatly exacerbated by higher call volumes on 9-1-1 and ongoing staffing challenges. Adding to current issues with wait times, E-Comm is reporting that up to 36 per cent of police non-emergency calls do not belong on these lines and must be redirected to other, more appropriate resources. This is a huge drain on police dispatch services and takes up valuable call taker time that could otherwise be spent on helping people needing to report actual non-urgent police matters.

"For many of the calls we receive on non-emergency numbers, a police call taker is not the right person to action the caller's concern. Knowing when to call 9-1-1, when to call the non-emergency line to report a non-urgent police matter or when to call elsewhere doesn't just free up these critical resources – it also means callers can get the help they need faster," explains Grüter-Andrew.

Of the 36 per cent of calls that cannot be handled on police non-emergency lines, some of the most common redirects are:

- Local police agency

Visit your local police agency's website for information about fingerprinting services, criminal record checks or requests for copies of police reports.

- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

Call 1-888-495-8501 or report fraud online if you have experienced fraud or a fraud attempt but did not lose any money.

- ICBC

Call 1-800-910-4222 or make a claims report online if you were involved in a motor vehicle incident where there are no injuries or imminent threat to public safety and all vehicles are drivable.

- Local civic services

Visit local municipal websites for all questions or concerns related to city bylaws including dumped garbage, parking-related complaints or concerns about traffic lights.

- BC Residential Tenancy Branch

Call 1-800-665-8779 to ask questions about tenancy laws or to get help with landlord/tenant disputes or apply for dispute resolution online.

For those who aren't sure if their call belongs on the police non-emergency line, E-Comm has a list of alternative resources and information on its website. Meanwhile, many non-emergency concerns can be reported online, at the caller's convenience. Otherwise, calling on a weekday outside the hours of 7:00 a.m.—7:00 p.m. can help reduce the wait time to speak with a police non-emergency call taker. A full list of links to online crime reporting and non-emergency phone numbers is available at nonemergency.ca.

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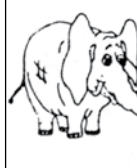


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Centennial Pool House Design Survey

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One design would see the current layout mostly retained with modest improvements. A second design would see the facility modernized to a largely universal style changing village concept open to the pool deck with individual changing stalls.

High level costing for both options is included for information. The City has currently allocated \$350,000 in capital funding to the project and is seeking senior government grant funding for the remainder.

"The Centennial Pool is beloved by the local community... We would love to hear from residents about the new design options" says Amber Zirnhelt, Director of Planning & Recreation.

The survey and designs are on display at the Centennial Pool and posted online at: <https://bit.ly/3yAr12l>

The survey will run through August 22, 2021.

Regional Director's Report

Hello to all of you overheated "rain wishers"!

As always there are plenty of issues to report but most require me to get some of the finer details from the SRD, and of course, being a holiday, I can't do that.

My last report was fairly comprehensive and my next one will be also.

Until then, please email me rather than the other choices. After that, feel free to contact me between the hours of 9:00am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday (please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!) at 285-3333, 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...

You can read occasional updates on issues that I will post on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram>, but please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business.

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First Nations' Land Claims Settlement

The first of the 14 recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review (OGSR), which the BC government has promised to implement, pertains to the relationship between the province and the Indigenous people who live here:

1. Engage the full involvement of Indigenous leaders and organizations to review this report and any subsequent policy or strategy development and implementation.

The priority given to this recommendation concurs with the rights to title that Canadian courts have determined are the legal claims of First Nations. It is also supported by a BC legislated act that recognizes the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and is part of the redistribution of power that is taking place throughout the province. Land claims settlements are not specifically mentioned in the OGSR, but they are undoubtedly part of the subtext. Quadra Island will likely be affected.

Low profile negotiations have long been taking place between the three involved "nations": provincial, federal and First Nations. Locally, these negotiations have

reached Level 5 of 6 Levels, with the last being implementation of the agreements previously reached. This means that the terms of an agreement on a land claims settlement are effectively in their final stage. How long they will continue and how long the implementation will take are unknown. But three seemingly unrelated events may provide useful information.

On March 18, 2021, the Campbell River Mirror (March 23, 2021) had a Zoom interview with Aboriginal rights and title lawyer, Jack Woodward. He has acted on behalf of First Nations in court, believes major changes will be coming to the province, and suggested that we prepare for an adjustment to the jurisdiction of significant areas. Some of the Crown land that is presently contracted as Tree Farm Licenses may find itself "with a different landlord," said Woodward. "It's going to be a local landlord, not a foreign landlord," he added, alluding to First Nations' control from the corporate management of many of BC's Tree Farm Licenses. "Over the next generation," he concluded, "we're going to see a replacement of ownership of large parts of the province."

The second event was the provincial government's media presentation of The Forestry Intentions Paper on June 1, 2021. It was an announcement of the legislation scheduled for the autumn of 2021, preparatory to the "modernization" of the forest sector, which could include an enactment of some or all of the recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review. Noteworthy was a doubling from 10 to 20 percent of forest tenures available to First Nations.

On Quadra, the Crown holdings that are conspicuously available for land claims settlement is Tree Farm License 47. Occupying most of the Island, it is licensed to TimberWest, whose logging interests are is now being managed by a corporation called Mosaic. The obvious claimants to this land would be the We Wai Kai Nation, whose ancestral home has been Quadra Island.

The third event that provides useful information was a joint disclaimer by the We Wai Kai Nation and Mosaic Forest Management printed in Quadra's The Bird's Eye on January 13, 2021. It denied that any

"negotiations" were currently underway with the Open Bay Society regarding the proposal for a conservancy comprising about 3,370 ha of TFL 47. But the disclaimer was issued jointly by the We Wai Kai and Mosaic—intentionally or otherwise—revealing that they were in some kind of negotiations, presumably in connection with an eventual land claims settlement.

The public is not privy to any of the crucial negotiations that are almost certainly underway and, at least locally, are in their final stage before the implementation process begins. The implications for the future of both the We Wai Kai and Quadra Island are enormous should most of the Island transfer from Tree Farm License management to Indigenous ownership.

This inevitable change offers promising possibilities. First Nations have an honoured tradition of being stewards of the land, and unlike Mosaic's notion of management, Islanders would unlikely be fighting with First Nations to protect the salmon-bearing potential of the Hyacinthe Creek watershed. Venerable old trees might be regarded as ancestral friends rather than cubic metres of profitable wood. And forest ecologies might be valued for their spiritual wealth rather than their logging potential.

Additionally, as Jack Woodward explained, legal precedent under Canadian trust law has established a limitation on Indigenous title that prevents them from destroying the land. "When First Nations do assume ownership of their land, they, unlike federal and provincial governments," he said, "are not allowed to destroy the fundamental economic value and productivity of the land, so, they're forced by our legal system to be good stewards." Should this legal control combine with their tradition of ecological sensitivity, then the environmental prospects are promising.

So it would seem that the inevitable unfolding of circumstances will require The Quadra Project to consolidate its vision of the future with the aspirations of the We Wai Kai Nation, a auspicious process that just might make the Island truly whole.

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July in Real Estate

Busy long weekend came to an end and the sun keeps smiling. I can't believe what I'm about to say... but I miss the rain (for my garden). My garden is feeling the stress of super hot sun but I'm still loving the heat and enjoying the time spent at the lakes.

July was a busy month across the board, maybe not as busy as we have seen recently but that's probably due to the stress test changes and also summer vacations. A lot of people are taking some time off and enjoying the summer.

Campbell River

The Vancouver Island Real Estate Board reports that;

"Inventory remains extremely tight in the VIREB area, tracking at a 21-year historical low. Active listings of single-family homes and row/townhouses dropped by 51 per cent from July 2020. In the condo apartment category, inventory decreased by 60 per cent from one year ago. Based on the demand VIREB is seeing, there is no doubt that sales would be higher if there were sufficient inventory."

VIREB's heated housing market continues to impact prices, which continue to increase throughout the board area.

The benchmark price of a single family home in Campbell River area is 639,100 up from \$588,800 just 3 months ago.

Apartments in Campbell River area benchmark closed the \$336,300 mark and Townhouses \$465,700.

"Unless demand drops significantly or more housing supply comes online through

new construction, the needle for VIREB's inventory situation will not move by much," states Mackay. "BCREA, VIREB, and other real estate boards continue advocating with policymakers at the provincial and regional levels to speed up the development process so that municipalities can expand supply more quickly to meet demand."

In the month of July we saw:

Quadra Island had four new listings, and five pending sale (received offers and are waiting for completion)

Cortes Island saw one pending, one cancelled and two new listings.

Seems like a very busy month in such a small market.

Calgary

Price growth slows as supply to demand balance improves.

July sales totaled 2,319 units, which is well above long-term averages and the best July on record. The pace of sales growth has eased over the past few months, but so too has the pace of new listings growth. This has helped prevent any further monthly gains in inventory levels, and while overall supply remains slightly higher than last July, it's mostly due to gains in apartment and row product.

The benchmark price of a detached home in the city of Calgary is \$539,900, apartments: \$254,100, semi-detached: \$428,400 and row houses: \$299,600.

Vancouver

Unfortunately due to the long weekend the Vancouver Real Estate Board didn't release the numbers in time for me to publish so maybe I'll include them in the next edition.

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Trading 'likes' for injuries: BC Hydro links rise in public safety incidents to social media

VANCOUVER: A new BC Hydro report finds a rise in trespassing and public safety incidents involving infrastructure could be tied to the pursuit of the perfect social media post.

The report titled "Living on the edge: British Columbians taking more outdoor risks for social media glory" suggests a 200 per cent increase in trespassing incidents at BC Hydro dams, reservoirs and recreation sites. The increase in incidents ranges from climbing transmission towers to swimming in restricted areas at dam sites.

The rise in public safety incidents involving its electrical system is likely motivated partly by the public's desire to post experiences on social media. The report found nearly half of British Columbians have witnessed someone doing something risky outdoors to get the perfect photo, selfie or video. And while only about 15 per cent admit to participating in this behaviour themselves, the evidence on Instagram, YouTube, Facebook and other social media channels suggests the problem is likely more widespread.

The biggest social media risk-takers are younger British Columbians, and men are twice as likely as women to engage in this type of behaviour. The most dangerous things British Columbians have done to achieve the 'perfect' shot include standing at the edge of a cliff (16 per cent), knowingly disobeying safety signage or trespassing (12 per cent) and taking a selfie from a dangerous height (9 per cent).

This behaviour should not be taken lightly, as it can result in some very serious injuries or death. In fact, about 2 per cent or an estimated 80,000 adult British Columbians admitted to injuring themselves while trying to get a photo or video, and each year people across the world are killed in selfie-related incidents – many involving water, electrical equipment or falling from heights.

BC Hydro's top priority is public safety and it recommends the following to stay safe near dams, reservoirs and electrical equipment:

- Stay clear of generating facilities including dams, powerhouses, power lines and electrical equipment.
- Obey all warning signs and keep out of fenced, gated and restricted areas.
- Never contact or climb transmission towers.

- Stay on designated trails and within observation areas, they are clearly marked.
- Stay well back from the edge of a waterway where footing may be slippery or the bank unstable.
- Listen and watch for sirens and strobe lights. These are warnings that water levels are changing.
- Stay outside of public safety booms and buoys.
- Keep in touch – if hiking or heading out on the water, do not go alone and let someone back home know where you are or use GPS if in range.

For more information on how to stay safe around BC Hydro's electric infrastructure, visit bchydro.com/safety.

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Liberals Cut Support for Millions of Struggling Canadians

Over the weekend, while millions of Canadians are still without work, the Liberals chose to cut the amount of CRB people receive by \$800. The NDP knows that Canadians still need help to make ends meet. That's why coastal MPs are urging the government to reverse these senseless cuts.

"Justin Trudeau promised he would be there for Canadians as long as they needed help. But now, he has chosen to cut vital support while people are still struggling to make ends meet," said NDP MP Randall Garrison (Esquimalt—Saanich—Sooke).

"The Liberals are moving on from the pandemic while people are still struggling through it," said MP Gord Johns (Courtenay-Alberni).

Throughout the pandemic, Justin Trudeau had to be forced by the NDP to provide people with any real support. When the Liberals wanted people to survive on \$1,000 a month during pandemic lockdowns, NDP MPs pushed back and succeeded in doubling help for struggling families. Now the government has cut the CRB by \$800 a month knowing full well this will hurt families struggling to make ends meet.

"Although things are starting to reopen and there is a light at the end of the tunnel, this

pandemic is not over. Certain industries will take longer to pick up again, and some are still waiting to reopen," said MP Rachel Blaney (North Island-Powell River). "Millions of people who needed this support six months ago, will still need it for a few more months."

"\$1200 a month is simply not enough money for a family to survive on," said MP Laurel Collins (Victoria). "The Liberal's decision to cut CRB support will have a devastating effect on millions of Canadians and force them to choose between putting food on the table and paying their bills."

"Many businesses have been forced to close permanently and parts of the country are still under restrictions, making it hard for people to get back to work in some industries. Nevertheless, the Liberals chose to cut the vital CRB support," said MP Alistair MacGregor (Cowichan-Malahat-Langford).

New Democrat MPs made it clear to the Liberals that they would sit through the summer and help them pass what legislation is needed to make sure families don't suffer with an \$800 cut to their income. Instead Trudeau chose to adjourn at the end of June and proceed with the cut.

FYI

Cole Snotes

Being the foremost critic of my time, people keep pestering me with questions. The two most common are: 1, how much study does it take to become a critic; 2, How does a painting by a hack like van Gogh sell for a bazillion dollars (close shave there, I almost said something bleepable). Luckily I can answer both questions at the same time.

First, you don't need to study your subject at all. You need to study your target audience and then you say what they want to hear. One critic's reputation (we won't say Harold Bloom's name out loud) rests on saying the works of Shakespeare and the bible are good. How does this tie in with van Gogh? Hang on, I'm getting there.

Having failed at being a preacher (how is that possible?), van Gogh tries his hand at painting. Not having any training or talent, he latches onto the Impressionists because they seem like antiestablishment kind of people and he figures they might put up with him hanging around. Van Gogh is so whacked, however, that even a serial pedophile like Gauguin can't stand to be near him. Unable to sow madness to a roommate he decided

to chronicle his descent into the mental maelstrom and share it with the world. His paintings sold like truth at a Republican convention.

Flash forward a hundred years or so to where a rich wife has a painting sized spot on her wall. "Get me something angsty that matches our couch. Something in a sunflower yellow would be good. Make sure you pay a lot for it. I don't want Rochelle to think I'm cheap." The shill at the auction house, seeing he's got somebody rich with no artistic taste at all, bids the van Gogh up to stupid heights. When Rochelle hears what just went on she tells her husband to get a van Gogh too, "but be sure to pay more for it." When his Yellow Blobs on a Blue Background sells for more money than a real painting, the critics decide they need to reassess remonetize Vincent. They hire the PR hack who convinced the world Jackson Polyp's work was both intentional and artistic. He tells them to rename Yellow Blobs to Starry Night and focus less on van Gogh's painting and more on his mental state. He then hires the out of work 'musician' his thirteen year old daughter likes to perform a song about Vincent. The positive feedback loop starts up and money starts raining down on the art parasites like blood in a slaughter house.

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