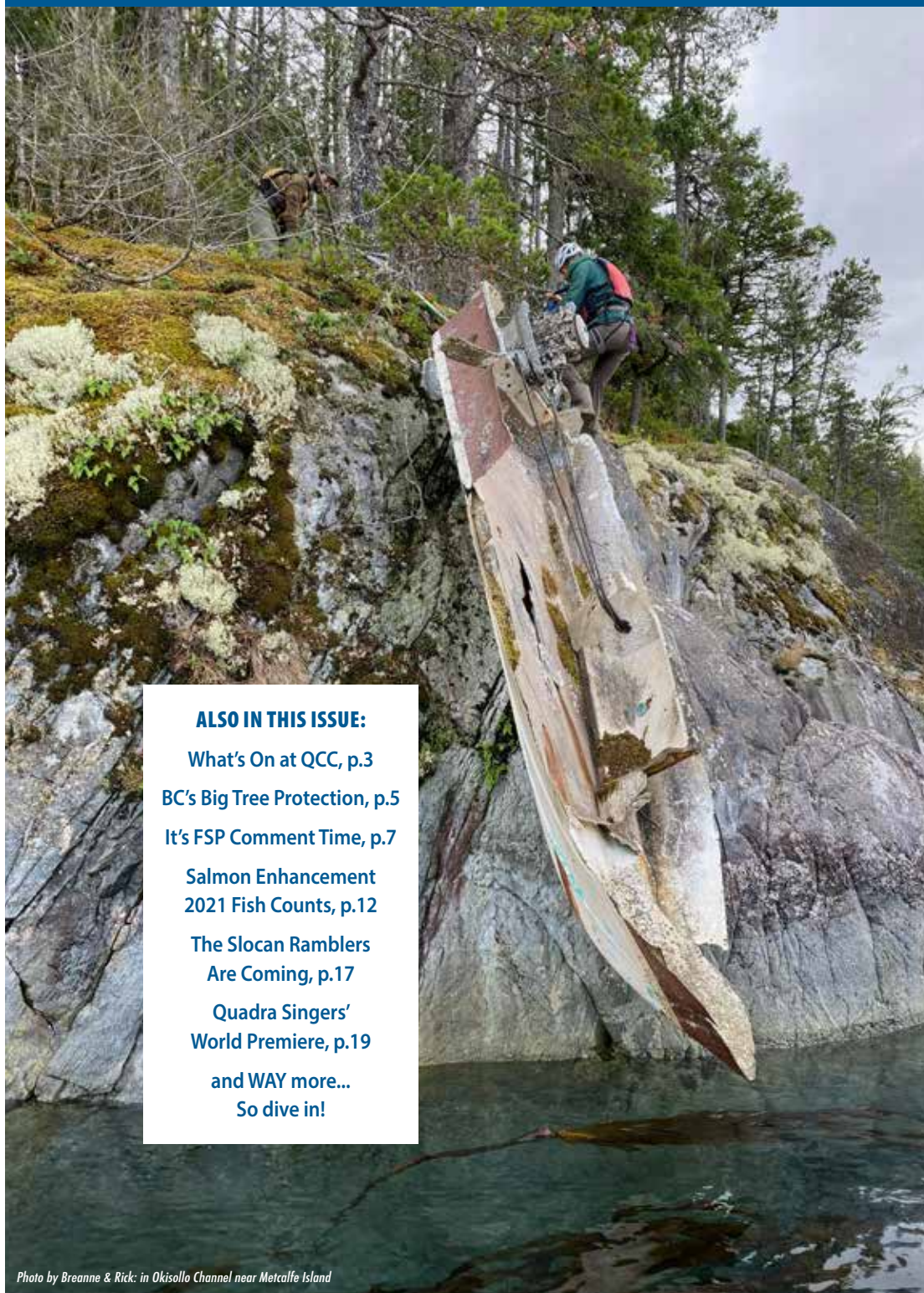


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and WAY more...
So dive in!

Spirit of the West Adventures is happy to report we've wrapped up a very successful Marine Debris Clean-Up project!

And here are the numbers:

- We did 12 weeks of clean-up, from October through mid December 2021 – during one of the wettest and windiest autumns on record!
- Our team consisted of 18 local youths and an additional 7 who identify as 'young at heart.'
- We cleaned over 357 kilometres of shoreline around Quadra, Cortes, Read, Maurelle, and Marina Islands; the Penn and Rendezvous Islands; the Bretons; and smaller islands including Grant and Mitlenatch.
- All in all, our teams collected over 50 tons (110,000 lbs) of marine debris around the Northern Discovery Islands!

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- Over 50% of what was collected was able to be recycled, repurposed or reused! Not only was it removed from the beaches and ocean, it has been kept out of the landfill too.

SO WHAT DID WE FIND?

- Mountains of plastic and styrofoam
- A huge tire over 10 feet wide and 4 feet high, which weighed over 6000 pounds, that had been on Rebecca Spit for many years
- A shattered fibreglass boat hanging from a cliff (cover shot)
- A refrigerator
- A deep freeze
- Several outboard motors
- Some vinyl record albums
- 189 shoes (102 left and 87 right, to be exact!)
- A 6000 lb metal buoy
- The majority of the items that we collected were from abandoned shellfish operations or aquaculture – fish farm hoops, baskets, predator nets, buoys, and styrofoam dock floats.

Detailed data collection was undertaken. Teams documented multiple factors about each item collected, including the type of item, what it was made of, how much it weighed, and where it was collected. This information will be shared with the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy, in the hopes that it will help with future removal projects and ultimately prevent the materials from entering the ocean in the first place.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- The average grey whale weighs between 40,000 and 60,000 lbs; We collected over 110,000 lbs of debris.
- Weight doesn't do justice when expressing the volume of materials, considering that much of the debris was styrofoam and lightweight plastic.
- We filled – to the brim – two full-sized transport trucks with

recyclables; six 40-yard bins of garbage; one transport truck's worth of tires; two 40-yard bins of metal recycling; and two trailers full of hazardous goods, including leaking barrels of oil.

further contribute to the horrific issue of microplastics. It is also important to remember that this is merely a drop in the ocean and more items are washing up on our shores every day. In other

our dollars; and to of course continue the good work on this island of picking up debris as it comes in. Together we do have a voice and together we can make a difference, even if it can feel



Photo: Brendan Kowlecky

LOCAL INVOLVEMENT

Thank you to everyone involved in all aspects of this project!

Thank you to the many locals who dropped off items they had collected on their beach walks, or reported items they had found on beaches that needed removal.

Thank you to the members of the community who were invited to grab any items that they could repurpose or reuse – those blue barrels were a hot ticket item amongst gardeners! A total of over 4000 lbs of materials were responsibly repurposed by Islanders.

The returnable bottles and cans collected were sorted and returned, and those funds were donated to the Quadra Elementary School PAC (Parents Advisory Council).

The metal recycling netted a refund which will be donated to an organization to help reduce future materials from landing on shorelines.

And while we are very proud of the work accomplished in this project, the real win is that every piece removed will not get the opportunity to break down and

words, this is far from over! We will be urging our Government to continue funding these cleanup projects, as well as aiming to stop the pollution at its source.

We challenge everyone to stop and think before purchasing, to ask tough questions of the places and companies we vote for with

a wee bit overwhelming in the process!

To learn more about the project and to see a detailed map of the areas cleaned and materials collected, check out <https://www.kayakingtours.com/marine-debris>

IN ADDITION TO OUR GRATITUDE TO THE SPIRIT OF THE WEST ADVENTURES

TEAM in the field and those working behind the scenes, we would like to acknowledge and thank the following individuals, businesses, and groups for their invaluable assistance and support during this project:

- All the locals who did their own beach clean-up and dropped off items
- All the locals who came and picked up items to be reused
- Chief Chickite, We Wai Kai Nation
- The Crew of the Marinet
- Chris Wilton, Quadra Island Boat Tours
- Taku Resort and Marina, and Lynden McMartin
- Heriot Bay Inn
- Island Farm to Table
- Kameleon Food and Drink
- John Barclay, Nevil Hand, John

Arnold and the entire Quadra Island Beach Clean Dream Team

- Quadra Island Building Supply
- Quadra Island Community Centre
- Quadra Island Harbour Authority
- Stephanie Valdal, Services Coordinator, Comox Valley Regional District
- The Clove in the Cove
- Eamon Simmons Excavator
- Our neighbours who patiently waited while we sorted
- The Sierra Club of Quadra, Claire Trevena, Jim Abram and the SRD, and all others who wrote letters of support for our project
- And of course, to those that we have missed in our list – our apologies!

We also gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia through the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

Quathiaski Cove: the Plan vs. the Reality

WHEN TOURING AROUND Quathiaski Cove village, the gateway to Quadra Island, one can't help but be struck by the proliferation of unlicensed and derelict auto storage facilities.

Are these the types of usage we all intended for our town centre? This is a complete



disregard of both the spirit and intent of the Q Cove Village Plan. It mocks many residents who spent countless hours developing a vision for a livable, walkable hub with an inviting small town character. The committee also paid particular attention to protect local water

resources from potential contamination.

The community weighed in and agreed to have this vision turned into a bylaw – one that has been ignored and unfortunately has received little or no enforcement.

Is this what you want for the village? Why can't industrial uses be undertaken on the land that is zoned appropriately? Currently on Quadra Island, there are areas zoned Industrial specifically for these types of operations.

If you agree that that this type of use should not continue in the Village, please let your Regional District know your views.

If you disagree and feel that this type of use is fitting for the Cove, please take a moment to express your views. Perhaps there is something I am missing.

I have attached a link to the Village Plan Bylaw for you to re-review and interpret the intent for yourselves:
https://srd.ca/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Bylaw-No.-120_Quadra-OCP-Amendment_Quathiaski-Cove-Village-Plan-reduced.pdf
– Ed Fisher

THANKS

MANY THANKS to the person who dropped off a (much needed) truckload of fir and alder to my woodpile last Wednesday. Whoever you are, you reaffirm my faith in humanity and in Quadra's community. Bless you,
Connie Cooper

NEXT DI DEADLINE:
Monday, February 14
at 7pm

WHAT'S HAPPENING at Quadra Community Centre February 4 -17, 2022

THIS WEEKEND February 4,5,6

FRIDAY: 10:30am Friday Painters, 12pm Smart Recovery (to join contact Jude: smartrecoveryquadra@gmail.com)

THIS WEEK February 7-11

MONDAY: 10am Parents and Tots, 10am Yoga with Dood, 1pm Quadra Circle Ping Pong, 3pm Junior Ballet with Kate, 5:15pm Iyengar Yoga

TUESDAY: 10am Quilters Guild, 10:30 Quadra Circle Strength & Balance, 5pm Yoga with Trinity, 5:30 Math and Science Tutoring with Denise, 7pm Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10am Yoga with Trinity, 1pm Food Bank

THURSDAY: 11am Quadra Circle Somatics, 6:15pm Quadra Singers

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COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

New Cookbook is a Food-Related Portrait of Island Life

THE OVERDUE ARRIVAL of 'A Taste of Life on Quadra Island, Island
Cookery III' just days before Christmas—waylaid by prairie blizzards,
highway washouts, and a truck-clogged terminus—was rescued by Dave
Tolley of Aroma Café and Andreas Hagen, who rented a truck to pick
up our shipment in Nanaimo. It was a nail-biting end for Quadra Island
Children's Centre's cookbook committee, who produced this book
within just twelve months—as a vital fundraiser.

Our appreciation of how much skill, talent and drive a small
community like ours can muster grew at every turn as we compiled
this book. One hundred and eighty-three people were involved, many
with specialized skills. Three hundred and fifty recipes were tested by
80 cooks and eight teams weighed the results against the book's fresh,
local, made-from-scratch theme. They eliminated duplicates (like
the five apple cakes), and initial editing followed—while we raised
additional funds to increase the page count to shoehorn in 140 recipes,
representing 79 contributors.

To broaden appeal, we included history tales, foodie profiles, and
gardening and foraging tips by 21 writers, enhanced by 218 photos
taken by 22 photographers. Former islander Vince Kehn took recipe
shots and prepared the photo collection for publication.

Jessie Stones, another former islander, did the design and layout; and
merchandise Karen Nighswander provided valuable insights. Farlyn
Campbell's hand painted map and Candace Holmes's illustrations add
colour and context.

Following pandemic protocols, volunteers met on porches, revelling
in a chance to engage in a creative project with a positive focus. The
flexibility of Zoom allowed former islanders like Asia Young to bring
her organizational skills to the recipe index.

Dionne Lapointe-Bakota wrote the chapter openers; and

naturopathic doctor Katie Field
assigned dietary symbols. Copy
editors Cathy and Jim O'Rourke
honed the text; followed by
proof-reader Julie Douglas.

Rowan Kehn, Kathryn Manry
and myself, as project co-
ordinators, arrayed draft pages on
walls and floors, ate good food,
and debated photo placement
and recipe order. And once the
books were in hand, Andreas
Hagen created a website, and
digitized sales systems—and
provided book storage.

Covid has impacted nonprofits
like the Children's Centre, where
building maintenance had to be
sidelined. Inspired by the success
of its predecessors—'Island
Cookery I & II', which benefited
a former pre-school—our goal is
to generate multi-year funding.
And early results suggest we'll
succeed, with sales reaching over
1,000 copies in the first month.
A second printing is booked for
May.

The quality of this book, with
its full colour images and sewn
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or in retail shops.

—Jeanette Taylor, for: Tucker
Dinnes, Andreas Hagen, Rowan
Kehn, Lesley Kidd, Kathryn
Manry, Brandon Pirie, Heather
Simpson, Fairleigh Taylor, and
Asia Young (2022 cookbook
committee)

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BC's Big Tree Protection: A Legacy of Public Deception

THE BC GOVERNMENT'S recent announcement of 2.6 million hectares of old-growth logging deferrals reminds us of previous commitments made to protect big trees. The new plan sounds encouraging but as with other protection proposals, the devil will be in the details.

In the Discovery Islands, the landscape is in various stages of clearcutting and recovery. In newer cuts, alder and salmonberry grow up and thin, revealing enormous stumps; the dwindling evidence of what-once-was. Here were once magnificent forests of green, light and shadow, columned with massive firs, cedars and hemlocks. With its mild climate, rich soils and abundant precipitation, our islands hold some of BC's best growing conditions for coastal Douglas-fir. Our largest veterans, such as this mother fir on Read Island, are simply awe-inspiring. When we looked into protection for these last old trees, we learned about some government touted programs.

In January 2018, BC Timber Sales (BCTS) announced the Coastal Legacy Tree Program for its management areas. Protection was made available for trees exceeding specified diameters (arbitrarily determined by dividing in half the diameters of the largest known specimens in the province) with a 56-metre buffer (about 1 hectare) surrounding the tree. At the time, the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development promised additional regulation through the Forest & Range Practices Act. They stated that "The [BCTS] policy will be reviewed to make it stronger."¹

However, in September 2020, when the BC government presented its Special Tree Protection Regulation, they weakened the possibility of protection by increasing tree size requirements. Coastal Legacy Trees which now fell short of the new requirements lost their protection. Logging companies could also file for permits to cut identified Special Trees and/or their supporting trees.

It is not clear why government increased the required diameters, or who influenced those changes.

With BC's Special Tree Regulation in hand, we headed out to measure our islands' first growth. To our dismay, none of the few remaining giants, nor any of the first growth stumps were big enough to qualify for protection. If "Special Trees" don't exist here, where we have ideal growing conditions,

where could we find them? And how many trees in BC actually qualify for protection?

These questions led us to Cathedral Grove.

Surely Vancouver Island's best known big trees would meet BC's Special Tree criteria. So, we traveled to the Grove to measure its very biggest trees. Of fourteen Douglas-firs, only three were big enough to qualify, two of them just barely! None of the cedars qualified. If Cathedral Grove wasn't a park, only three trees and an adjacent three hectares of land would be eligible for protection.

The BC government estimated its new regulation would identify approximately 1500 trees, resulting in a total protected area of 15 sq km [0.0016%]. The Big Tree Registry (begun in 1986, now managed by UBC) lists 457 trees, 253 of which are in protected areas. Of the other 204, not all of them meet or exceed the Regulation's minimum diameters. If it took 35 years to find and list 457 trees, how long will it take to achieve the new provincial objective – and who will do it?

The Special Tree Protection Regulation describes an intention to protect big trees, but offers no plan for implementation. Logging companies are bound by law to report Special Trees, but that Industry's self-regulation has a woeful track record. Log scalers (who evaluate harvest volume) could check for infractions; however their latest manual makes no reference to the new regulation.² Will it be

up to citizens to find, measure and register the additional 1296 trees that are supposedly somewhere in BC's clearcut landscape?

Clearly, BC's big tree protection strategy is not a forest protection strategy, or an old growth protection strategy. The 56m buffer is no replacement for a forest, leaving these veterans vulnerable to catastrophic events like windstorms, fire, drought, disease and insects. All of these are increasing in frequency and intensity.

If BC's government was genuinely concerned about protecting big trees, they would have at the very least reduced the size requirements. They did the opposite, in a public relations stunt that serves the logging industry and diverts public attention away from the real issues of deforestation, habitat destruction, and loss of old growth and biodiversity. We urgently need to protect our remaining old forests, and to create an effective plan for ensuring the recruitment of younger forests as future old growth.

The Special Tree Protection Regulation is a token gesture by a business-as-usual government that is attempting to placate the public into thinking it is addressing the issue of disappearing old growth. In actual fact, less than 3% of the rich lower elevation forests required for growing legacy trees remain intact.

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QISES and Hyacinthe Creek: Past and Present

PAST: There appear to be some members of the community on Quadra who are wondering why the Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society has not been more vocal of late in “demanding” Mosaic Forest Management curtail all logging in the Hyacinthe watershed. Some people seem to be of the opinion that the recent logging in the Hyacinthe watershed is to blame for low stream flows in Hyacinthe Creek. Well, here are some facts relative to QISES’ involvement in the watershed and the associated historical logging.

Most importantly, low (drought) flows in Hyacinthe Creek have been observed by QISES volunteers for several decades (3+). Literature does state that forest harvest alters the hydrological balance in each watershed; however, the degree of impact varies with each area due to a variety of local site conditions. Determining the degree of impact that logging has had in the Hyacinthe watershed over the past 100+ years, even in the past 15 years alone, is difficult to quantify. All we know is that it has likely had some degree of impact. However, it does not seem accurate to claim that Hyacinthe flow conditions have been greatly impacted by the logging of the past 10-15 years. In addition, what has not been touched on in recent community discussions are the additional human-related impacts that may have also contributed to Hyacinthe Creek’s current problems.

QISES has had a working relationship with Timberwest, now Mosaic, for more than 30 years. The companies have consistently sent their planned cutblocks to the Society well in advance of the proposed cut dates for comment. QISES volunteers review the cut blocks and walk any of the blocks that might be connected to or potentially cause sediment or hydrological issues to the salmon bearing habitats on the Island. Several of the volunteers either have direct experience in the logging industry or have experience in watershed management. Comments are then sent to the company. Timberwest/Mosaic has, over the years, consistently (but not always) adjusted their cutblock boundaries or eliminated proposed cutblocks where the Society has pointed out potential conflicts with the fisheries resource. The companies have also modified their cutting practices or road construction at the Society’s request.

In short, QISES has had a largely successful cooperative working relationship with the companies. The Society continues to believe that

more is to be gained by cooperative discussions regarding forestry issues on Quadra Island. This has worked well in the past with Timberwest/Mosaic. This strategy will be carried on going forward.

PRESENT: A Mosaic delegation met with QISES last spring to present their cutting plans for the coming year in the Hyacinthe Watershed. Prior to the meeting QISES had asked the company to: a) identify harvest objectives in the watershed over the next 10 years; b) come to the table with some facts on the hydrological impacts of further logging on Hyacinthe Creek. They brought the 2022/3 plans but none of the other requested information. At that meeting QISES members stated that although it may be possible to mitigate the hydrological impacts of some level of additional logging in the watershed through expanded “drought proofing” measures (a program that has been successfully delivered by the Society of for the past 15 years, and is in the process of expanding). However QISES needed to understand the hydrological impacts first before commenting any further.

Mosaic has not delivered the requested information. QISES has sent two letters to Domenico Iannidinardo (Mosaic’s CEO) and his staff, stating that the Society does not support any further logging in the watershed at least until such time as Mosaic comes to the table with the necessary information to outline logging impacts from forest harvest in the watershed. In their first response Mosaic ignored responding to the information request and went directly to mitigation options and funding that they could provide. QISES responded by reiterating our original request, again stating that we would not support any further logging in the watershed. There has been no response from Mosaic since then, other than to say it will not attempt any new logging in the watershed in 2022.

Simply put, QISES’ position to Mosaic has been stated – no more logging in the Hyacinthe watershed until the company can state what their 10 year harvest plans are, what the associated hydrological impact will be on Hyacinthe Creek, and how it can be mitigated. Once the information is received and analyzed, mitigation, if at all feasible, can be discussed.

The ball remains in Mosaic’s court.

– *The QISES Board of Directors*

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This regulation’s inefficacy demonstrates how the NDP government disregards both forests and democracy.³ As onerous as it may be, it’s up to us keep the pressure on so that the new old-growth deferrals become permanent.

– *Johanna Paradis and Lannie Keller*

FOOTNOTES

1 Chad Pawson, CBC News, June 15, 2018.

2 Ministry of FLNRORD. Timber Pricing Branch. Scaling Manual. April 1, 2021.

3 The overwhelming majority of British Columbians want to protect all remaining old growth. Insights West, June 4, 2021.



Please Submit Your Comments to Mosaic's Quadra Forest Stewardship Plan by Feb. 10.22

THE QUADRA-QUINSAM Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) is available for public comment until Thursday, February 10, 2022. See the entire FSP online at www.mosaicforests.com/stewardship-plans

Under the Forest and Range Practices Act the "licensee" (TimberWest/Mosaic) must invite written comments on the Forest Stewardship Plan for 60 days. The licensee and the BC government need to hear from all of us who have interests and concerns about our forest lands here on Quadra.

Send a letter with the subject line **Quadra-Quinsam FSP Comments to:**

Jennifer Peschke RPF,
Area Forester, Mosaic Forest Management,
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We've compiled a series of comments that can be referenced in your response to the FSP. We encourage you to use your own wording and refer to the points that are the most important to you, or of which you have personal experience.

REASONS TO KEEP OUR FORESTS STANDING:

1 • Keeping Quadra's forests alive and standing is a beneficial contribution Quadra can make to mitigating the climate crisis in BC. Mature forests contain a lot of carbon. Much of Quadra's forests started growing after the fire of 1925, so are in their peak sequestration decades now.

2 • Summer temperatures in clearcuts are much higher than in forested areas. Clearcutting increases wildfire danger, one of the greatest threats we face here. We need our mature, more fire-resistant forests now more than ever.

3 • The world is experiencing an extinction crisis, which puts countless species (including us) at risk. Current BC forestry practices do not safeguard species at risk by protecting their habitat.

4 • Forested slopes – in contrast to recently logged slopes – help mitigate flooding in heavy rains, and lessen the danger of erosion and landslides.

5 • Forests, fish and shellfish are interdependent in complex ways. Current logging practices along creeks and rivers impact fish habitat negatively.

SUGGESTIONS FOR LETTERS TO MOSAIC AND THE DISTRICT MANAGER IN REGARDS TO THE FSP:

1 • Summer droughts are longer than they used to be. Summer temperatures in clearcuts can become very high, especially as we see more heat domes. Logging raises the fire hazard in fire season to 'High' for up to 30 years, due to the flammability of slash and plantations. Leaving forests standing reduces the risk of devastating forest fires. Older forests are more fire-resistant.

2 • The BC Government's Old Growth Strategic Review highlights the need for carbon sequestration. We are in a climate crisis and need carbon sequestration now, not in a decade or two.

3 • #2 of the five major recommendations of The Old Growth Strategic Review recommends the "conservation of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia's forests as an overarching priority..." See the cover photo from the January 21, 2022 DI (Issue 772). Logging all around and between the big trees that are left standing does not preserve ecosystem health or biodiversity.

4 • Allowing trees to become old and take on the characteristics of old growth forests is what is meant by "recruitment forests". There are still some significant areas of old growth forest remaining on Quadra Island, and these need to be mapped and protected. There are also considerable numbers of post-1925 fire trees that are now 97 years

old. We need these mature stands to be left as "recruitment forests" for fire resistance, carbon sequestration, and preservation of biodiversity.

5 • Much of Quadra was designated as Special Management Zone (SMZ) 19 under the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan (VILUP) in 2000. The Objectives of this SMZ set a target of 25% to 33% mature forest to be left standing. In light of escalating climate change impacts on our forests, we suggest that this target must be re-evaluated and set considerably higher.

6 • "Fisheries sensitive watersheds" (FSW) is section 7.5 of the FSP. It currently reads: "Not applicable. No fisheries sensitive watersheds... exist in the plan area" – which is not the case. The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society has been working for decades to maintain coho, chum and cut-throat trout populations in the Hyacinthe Creek watershed. Therefore Sierra Quadra is asking that the whole Hyacinthe Creek watershed be designated an FSW, and that logging operations cease so the the whole area may become a "recruitment forest."

The BC government released the news on January 25, 2022 that it will be focusing on watershed protection going forward.

Refer to: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2022ENV0007-000103>

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The next meeting will be on Monday February 28, so as not to conflict with the Garden Club's zoom. The topic will be "Experiencing the loss of a child." The final two meetings are March 21 and April 18, and a Death Education Fair on Sunday April 3, from 1 to 3:30pm. To help with the fair, email margaret.verschuur@gmail.com

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QI Outdoor Club Upcoming Events

WE MIGHT HAVE more variable winter weather in the forecast, which should accommodate the variety of upcoming trips:

9 FEB, WEDNESDAY Hot chocolate walk along the Campbell River waterfront

16 FEB, WEDNESDAY Snow at Mt. Washington

23 FEB, WEDNESDAY Hike the Quinsam River Trails (rescheduled)

2 MAR, WEDNESDAY Hike Cape Mudge trails

23 MAR, WEDNESDAY Paddle to Bays, Bretons and Beyond

Most of these outings have trip details available on the webpage by visiting <https://qioutdoorclub.org/schedule-fall-winter-2021-22/>

For more information about the Quadra Island Outdoor Club, you can email to qioutdoorclub@gmail.com

Remembering Bilz

HOW DO I BEGIN to thank so many people who have shown such concern and love towards myself and our family after William's passing? I have received numerous cards, letters, emails, texts and phone calls with such thoughtful messages. Special thanks to the Dream Team of Lisa, Tracy and Heidi from the Library and Moreka from Aroma. Through their organized, thoughtful manner they have enabled many people in the community to nourish us with delicious meals, baking and other treats. This has been, and continues to be, deeply appreciated. I have personally felt such heartfelt support. Thank you to everyone. I plan on taking more time off, but will be out and about in the community before too long. Thanks again.

Fondly,

Barb van Orden

Go to www.bilzrockfish.com to share remembrances of William and read what others have written under Remembering Bilz.

In-Fibre to Home Construction Begins on Cortes Island

THE FIRST OF THE fibre-to-the-home deployments from the Connected Coast is starting now on Cortes Island, BC.

This week, construction crews are starting to build the underground-drop network, the infrastructure that will one day connect all residents of Cortes Island to a resilient and reliable telecommunications network.

The \$4.3 million last-mile project is financed in part by the provincial government and operated by CityWest. Depending on weather and other factors, the construction phase of the project should be finished by the springtime.

"We're excited to be bringing both great fibre-to-the-home services, as well as being a partner in the Connected Coast project," said Stefan Woloszyn, CEO of CityWest. "A lot of people in our organization, as well as on Cortes Island, worked hard to make this happen, and we're grateful for the opportunity to serve."

CityWest has indeed received a lot of local help to make this project happen. In addition to the crew, local subcontractors have been hired: 50 per cent of the labour crew is made up of Cortes Island residents.

Once construction is complete, the drop infrastructure will be tied into the Connected Coast network, a joint partnership operated by CityWest and Strathcona Regional District, and financed by the federal and provincial governments. The Connected Coast will provide backbone communication services to Cortes Island, as well as 138 other rural and remote communities, including 48 Indigenous communities – representing 44 First Nations – along the BC Coast from Prince Rupert, to Haida Gwaii, south to Vancouver, and around Vancouver Island.

The 'Dropping In' fibre-to-the-home installations will begin on the Klahoose First Nation, followed by the Seaford neighbourhood, then Mansons Landing and Whaletown.

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A Critique of Mosaic's 2022 Forest Stewardship Plan, Part 2

THE PROBLEMS QUADRA ISLANDERS are having with Mosaic's Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) have their roots in the relationship of the corporate forest industry with the province of British Columbia. As governments transferred the authority for the management of forests to corporations such as TimberWest and its proxy, Mosaic, two processes were activated. The first was the disempowerment of the public to influence the fate of their own forests.

This is illustrated dramatically in a July 15, 2019, letter from Mosaic's Chief Forester, Domenico Iannidinardo to The Honourable Doug Donaldson, then Minister of Forests, Range and Natural Resources Operations. Under the heading of "Defining Public Trust", Mr. Iannidinardo writes that, "Our concern is that the concept of 'public trust' can be misused by some to advance a view that any activity or practice they do not support is a violation of public trust." He then goes on to explain that any resulting "consultation" could interfere with logging plans, "with serious negative implications for the sector and local economies," the clear suggestion being that Minister should, therefore, use legislation to limit the influence of public input on FSPs.

The letter goes on to explain that, although "sustainable forest management is a three-legged stool, focused on environmental, social and economic sustainability... it is therefore critical that timber supply be maintained as a key overarching objective." In the logic of corporate thinking, the availability of trees to log somehow becomes the only important leg on the "stool". Environmental and social considerations suddenly lose their importance in the corporate quest for profit.

And this identifies the second problem with any bargain between governments and the corporate forest industry. The primary objective of corporations is profit. All strategies are considered through the lens of maximizing returns to shareholders. Business is not in the business of either protecting the environment, pleasing society, or supplying "economic sustainability" to anyone but themselves. The other legs of the "stool" are collateral benefits that accrue as long as profit margins are high enough to justify them. But corporations that start losing money scrimp on environmental protection, abandon any social obligation they may have promised, and justify "business is business" as the rationale for closing operations and transferring them somewhere else. The machinery of corporate profit-making has caused the wholesale closure of innumerable mills throughout BC, both lumber as well as pulp and paper. If the profit margins are higher in America, Taiwan, China or Korea, that's where the mills are built and that's where BC's logs go to be processed. Profit trumps all other loyalties, duties and responsibilities.

In another amoral corporate manoeuvre – without the stability of the jobs provided by mills – most of Mosaic's so-called "employees" in its logging operations have now become contractors, a nifty business strategy that transfers the risk to the competitive bidders. The process distances Mosaic from direct responsibility for its working personnel and minimizes its obligations to society, all while maximizing corporate profits.

The end result of trusting bargains between corporations and governments is that the imperatives of business make treacherous partners. Mr. Iannidinardo interprets any objection to logging plans as a "violation of public trust" and threats to "local economies". Given the corporate imperative to survive in a comfortable zone of maximum profits, his words don't actually say what they really mean.

This has created a situation in British Columbia that is coming to a tense, confrontational and unhappy conclusion, summarized by Gavin McGarrigle, the Regional Director of the 27,500 Unifor members in Canada (Campbell River Mirror, Dec. 8, 2021). Decades of "systematic over-harvesting, short-term profits over long-term sustainability and broken promises, from the forest companies themselves," he writes, have led to a crisis. "Simply put, the BC forestry sector is struggling and the forest industry itself has been the co-author of its own demise."

The Ministry is aware of such problems with forest management in BC, and is intending to replace its Forest Stewardship Plans with Landscape Level Planning in Bill 23. A postponement of the implementation of Mosaic's 2022 FSP and its replacement with a more sensitive and responsive provision in the Forest and Range Practices Act could help to alleviate some of Quadra's concerns about Mosaic's present and future logging practices.

At a more comprehensive level, the United Nations' COP26 meeting has concluded that we will not come close to meeting our global carbon reduction targets without the assistance of corporations. And the science of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has identified deforestation as a major cause of the planet's unfolding ecological crises. Recent studies have found that, if BC were a country, its per capita destruction of forests would be multiples worse than some of the most egregious deforesters in the world. And because of disease, insect damage, forest fires and rapacious logging, BC's forests are now a net contributor to atmospheric carbon.

Mosaic is functioning as it were oblivious to these findings and these trends. Quadra Island would be a good place for it to connect to the reality of both our local and collective situation. What is it about the global ecological crisis that Mosaic doesn't understand? Indeed, the entire forestry sector is coming under pressure to reform. This pressure exists on Quadra Island, too. And it's our responsibility as a community to remind Mosaic in the most explicit of terms that it is not exempt from the winds of change that are blowing through the trees.

Lesley Fettes is the District Manager of the FLNRORD branch of the ministry that is responsible for final authorization of Mosaic's Forest Stewardship Plan. Expressions of your concern should be sent to her as well as Jennifer Peschke.

– Ray Grigg, for Sierra Quadra

Letters of concern can be sent to:
Jennifer Peschke RPF,
Area Forester, Mosaic Forest Management,
Box 2800 Campbell River, BC V9W 5C5
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**Jim Abram's
Regional Director's
Report
will be back in
Issue 774!**

Where's Justin?

Where is Justin? Oh! He's hiding again,
 He doesn't want to talk to the trucker men.
 He says that they have unacceptable views,
 So without a hearing they stand accused.
 He thinks they are just a lunatic fringe
 So he retreats to his bunker to cringe and whinge.
 This fringe now stretches from coast to coast to coast.
 Justin's sunny ways are now hot smoking toast.
 The truckers are now gathered on parliament hill
 Will they get a warm welcome or be told to chill.
 Will some appointed minister appear to greet them?
 Or will government media lie and try to defeat them?
 Justin has been exposed to more than just omicron
 The eyes of the whole world are now looking on.
 International media are following the truckers,
 Whom Justin dismissed as a bunch of suckers.
 This rally is not about vaccines or shots,
 Justin just can't seem to connect the dots.
 It's all about the freedom to act, speak and think
 His dictatorial mandates brought his country to the brink.
 Hanging out in his hideout, he has much food for thought
 Will he once again say SORRY for the damage he wrought.
 Generations of Canadians died for freedom of choice,
 Now it is time Justin listened to the people's voice.
 A Canadian is a Canadian, is a Canadian, they say.
 It is time that Justin started thinking that way.

– Ann McLean

Way to Go: Community-Led Death Care

AFTER MEETING for several years some Way To Go members, inspired by folks from Denman Island, created a service called Community-Led Death Care. This group

of volunteers are ready, on short notice, to provide practical and emotional support to those approaching or navigating death. In the past, communities cared for their own at death, simply and naturally. Death was a part of life, and the care shared by friends and neighbours. Community-Led Death Care volunteers are your friends and neighbours, knowledgeable, willing and able to lend helping hands.

Many people are not aware that in British Columbia it is legal to care for a body at home. Family and friends are allowed to sit with, wash, dress, and otherwise tend to the body. They can build a casket, make funeral arrangements, and transport the body to the graveyard or crematorium. Participating in these tasks and accompanying a body right to the end can be enriching.

The following is an account of a recent Community-Led Death Care experience, as told by one of the volunteers.:

"Although his preference would have been to die in his home, this lovely elderly man died in the Campbell River hospital. A community member made the widow aware of the group of volunteers who she could ask to assist her through the process. Although she hadn't known what was possible, it didn't take her long to decide that, with guidance and support, she wanted to be involved in the tasks required to return her husband's body to the earth.

"Community-Led Death Care volunteers picked up the deceased's body from the hospital. Before bringing it to her home, they stopped at a private house and removed the

plastic body bag and hospital identification, viewed the body so they could tell the widow what to expect, and wrapped him in a blanket. At the widow's request, they brought her beloved's body to her home and laid him out on her kitchen table.

"With the help and support of two volunteers, she washed, dressed, and lovingly tended to her husband's body. A local carpenter built a box which was delivered, along with a meal his wife had made, to her home. Although her plan had been to casket the body, she wanted it left overnight on the table, and covered him with a thin veil. A volunteer offered to spend the night with her, but she declined.

"The next day volunteers helped her casket the body and transport it to the nearby cemetery, where friends and neighbours had gathered. A simple graveside service was held, and the body lowered into the grave by those who knew him.

"The widow is touched that her community came together and helped her during a time when she needed it, and that there were meaningful tasks that she could participate in. She was warmed by how many people came to the cemetery to honour her husband and pay their respects. Each volunteer who helped was grateful they could contribute in a way that was meaningful and felt right."

Contacts for "Quadra Island Community-Led Death Care" are in the Little Phone Book in the Community Bulletin Board section under Clubs & Organizations. The website communityleddeathcare.ca has more information.

Any questions or comments can be sent to WayToGo@gmail.com.



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Emergency Firewood

THE EMERGENCY Firewood program is looking for volunteers to cut, split and stack wood. We especially need people with chainsaws to cut up logs. Since we have two piles of logs, we can have four people cutting at once and still maintain social distancing. We are still happening every Wednesday afternoon from 12:30 to 2pm at the Community Centre. Firewood is available every Wednesday during that time. Please provide your own vehicle if at all possible.

The Emergency Firewood Program is there to fill short-term need, not to supply anyone's entire winter's firewood! Please continue to do your best to secure your own firewood, but we are here for you in case of need. And if you need wood, please volunteer some of your time or encourage your friends to, on your behalf.

If you would like to volunteer to deliver firewood or to help with cutting, splitting and stacking, please call or text Sandy at 250.202.5928.

Extreme Weather Shatters 2021 Electricity Demand

BC HYDRO DATA shows several electricity demand records were broken in 2021 after extreme weather hit BC at different times of the year.

The new report titled "2021: A record-breaking year for electricity demand and extreme weather" shows BC Hydro had record peak loads in 2021 due to extreme temperatures in both summer and winter that lasted for extended periods of time.

"We use peak loads to describe the electricity demand in the province during the highest load hour of each day," says Kyle Donaldson, BC Hydro spokesperson. "With the heat dome in the summer and the sustained cold temperatures in December, we saw more record-breaking hours on more days last year than any other single year."

In 2021, the weather also caused electricity anxiety for British Columbians – in a survey conducted by BC Hydro, [1] 76 per cent of respondents said they are concerned about the reliability of their electricity supply because of climate change.

"BC Hydro has enough supply options to meet growing demand for power," says Donaldson. "We have always seen our highest

demand in the winter months, but demand for power in the summer months is catching up and we saw a distinct shift in that direction last year with more air conditioning load."

In summer 2021, many places in B.C. broke temperature records, and BC Hydro experienced 19 of its top 25 all-time summer daily peak records, including breaking its all-time summer peak hourly demand record.

The 2021 holiday season saw extremely cold temperatures and heavy snow throughout BC that resulted in the highest and longest sustained load levels ever experienced on the BC Hydro system. Overall, this winter so far, BC Hydro has experienced 11 of its top 25 all-time daily peak records. In fact, on December 27, BC Hydro broke its all-time peak hourly demand record.

BC Hydro is well positioned to provide safe, clean, reliable electricity to its customers during increases in demand and can also help people reduce their carbon footprint:

- BC Hydro has a surplus of electricity and expects to have more than it needs until about 2030. BC Hydro's 20-year Integrated Resource Plan maps out how it will meet future demand for electricity through a combination of energy conservation and the development of generation resources.

- BC Hydro is encouraging electrification. British Columbians can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help mitigate the effects of climate change by switching to hydroelectricity from fossil fuels: an electric

heat pump can cool in the summer and heat in the winter, while electric vehicles significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For more, visit bchydro.com.

Grants will keep people and local environment safe

NDP MLA MICHELE BABCHUK says local organizations will be able to restore local ecosystems and keep people safe with funding from the Community Gaming Grants program for environmental and public safety initiatives.

"Being safe when adventuring outside and protecting the outdoors where we live, work and play, is paramount for the North Island," said MLA Babchuk. "We are so lucky to have the dedicated volunteers working hard with these not-for-profit organizations to make this a reality. Their work is critical in keeping people and the environment safe on the North Island."

On the North Island, two community organizations are receiving over \$91,000 in grants for public safety work. This can include volunteer firefighting, marine and land search and rescue operations, crime reduction and restorative justice, and emergency response and communications.

Another four local not-for-profits are receiving nearly \$127,000 for environmental initiatives such as ecosystem conservation, animal welfare, and education and outreach programs.



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Quadra Salmon Enhancement's 2021 Fish Counts

WHEN THE Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) announced in early October of last year that there would be no commercial chum salmon fishery in Johnstone Straits it was evident that the 2021 chum returns to our streams on Quadra would be below normal. They ended up being 25 to 50 percent lower than the average for the past 12 years. (Open Bay Creek 1,513; Hyacinthe Creek 1,121; Village Bay Creek 225; and, Granite Bay Creek 169.) It was very disappointing that no chum were observed in Drew Creek and only 3 were counted in Waiatt Creek, where Joanna Paradis and her sons Kai and Jack have been traveling by boat to count for the past two years.

The highlight of last fall's count had to be the coho returns to Quadra. Six hundred seventy-two adults and one hundred nine jacks passed through the QISES video camera at the outlet of Village Bay Lake. These fish all move on to spawn in a significant number of small creeks that flow into the lake system. After having reviewed the video of the early returns, Pete Calverley noted that these were very large, bright, beautiful coho.

Also, in the upper reaches of Hyacinthe Creek, 16 adult coho were observed by Janis McLean in the vicinity of Mud Lake. This is the most seen since 2015. Several adult coho were observed by Judith Hayes in the upper portion of Granite Bay Creek. Coho are notoriously difficult to spot as they move quickly upstream, traveling through untold obstacles and wetlands, where they often spawn in the small tributaries of the main stream. Walking along the bank of a stream looking for coho is a thankless task. Chum salmon are much easier to spot. Thus, our counts don't accurately reflect what is likely a much larger number of coho spawning in the creeks on Quadra. The camera at Village Bay Lakes (VBL) provides us with an exceptionally accurate count. As a result, QISES initiated a summer fry trapping program two years ago which has provided us with ongoing evidence of coho in Drew and Open Bay Creeks as well.

In more general terms and despite some opinions to the contrary, the returns to the salmon streams on Quadra have improved over the past 40 years. The chum returns to Open Bay and Hyacinthe Creeks are currently, significantly, greater than they were in the 1980s and 1990s. In addition, the coho returns to the VBL system over the past 10 years are better than any of the 10-year periods since the counting fence was first established in 1990. Exceptions to these improvements have been the poor returns of chum salmon to Drew Creek, and the loss of the sockeye run in the early 2000s in VBL.

This is not to say that QISES is in any way trying to take credit for any of these improvements. We do what we can to record accurate data and improve stream conditions. More than 20 volunteers put in countless hours last fall during our October and November fish counts. Thank you all. There are many factors affecting the well-being of salmon. Ocean survival rates are still very much a mystery and the future with respect to global warming is of great concern to all of us.

– Doug Richardson
on behalf of the QISES Board

If You Go Down To the Woods Today...

IT MIGHT SEEM a bit early to be thinking of forest fires in our province, but a recent report put out by "Stop the Spray BC" is drawing attention to the "Review of Glyphosate Use in British Columbia Forestry" released in 2019. They say leaked documents reveal that critical evidence regarding wildfire resistance was eliminated from the 2019 review.

Glyphosate in forestry is used to suppress deciduous species like aspen, birch and cottonwood – reducing the diversity of forests and, ironically, taking out species that have much greater natural fire resistance than conifers.

The 2019 report was written by an industry- and government-

funded research group called FP Innovations, and was reviewed by senior ministry public servants.

FOI documents from 2020 reveal that these ministry officials demanded a pre-determined conclusion: they asked FP Innovations to write a report showing "how glyphosate use supports the overarching objective of promoting the establishment of healthy and diverse forests."

In a recently reviewed leaked draft version, the emphasis given to the fire resistance of deciduous species was present but omitted in the final report.

Also omitted was this: "It is reasonable to believe that a potential expansion of deciduous species in boreal forests, either occurring naturally or through landscape management, could offset some of the impacts of climate change on the occurrence of boreal wildfires."

"The final report denies science and fact on so many levels," says Stop the Spray BC spokesperson James Steidle. "It reveals the depths of corruption and underhandedness in the Ministry of Forests... who will literally censor critical evidence from their own research to support a system that will more likely burn down public forests and threaten your homes and communities, so long as it supports their pathological obsession with conifer plantation production."

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Radon (Rn) 101: Understanding It Within the Canadian Housing Context

RECENTLY AS PART OF Professional Development Course I took an interesting course and I would like to share with the readers of the Discovery Islander what I learned.

The course was put together by “Evict Radon” which is a volunteer-led Canadian non-profit organization dedicated to solving Canada’s large and allegedly worsening radon-gas exposure problem.

Why should you care about this?

Exposure to Radon may cause serious health issues including lung cancer.

The reason why it’s relevant to Real Estate is that Radon is a health concern and could be seen as “latent defects” in a real estate transaction. Latent defects are hidden, unknown defects that are not generally discoverable by a prospective purchaser or a reasonable inspection.

In all of my years in the industry I have never seen a deal fall apart due to a Radon reading. In fact, I have never even seen a Radon reading disclosed in the Property Disclosure Statement but I suspect that this trend of “healthy homes” will continue to

push new ways of red tape. In my opinion, if it’s actually based on science and not on special interest groups and it will make us healthier, then I think it’s worth looking into.

WHAT IS RADON?

“Radon is a tasteless, odourless and invisible radioactive gas that results from decaying uranium, and is a leading cause of lung cancer.

Radon filters up from the ground and into the air. It can enter buildings through openings where the buildings contact the ground. In the outdoors, radon is diluted to low levels. Inside buildings, however, radon can build up too harmful, concentrated levels. Breathing increased levels of radon increases a person’s chance of developing lung cancer. In fact, Radon is linked to 16% of lung cancer deaths. It is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking.”

WHO IS AT RISK?

“Everyone is at risk for radon inhalation, and any building that has contact with the ground has the potential to have high radon levels, including houses, apartments, schools, daycares, warehouses and commercial spaces.”

“Evict Radon” is asking for you to participate in their research by testing your home and sending the result back to them.

Participation in this research-based study can help in better understanding what type of property produces a high or low radon environment and why. It will help in identifying who in society are the most at risk and also help in determining meaningful changes to policy and building codes in the future.

I am naturally skeptical when someone says “this is for your own health” because it usually

means it will cost me something. However, I am open minded and passionate about learning so I purchased the test to see what it says about my home. The test cost me \$53.99 plus shipping and taxes, a total of \$78.71.

The way to conduct the test is to place the little plastic device (the radon test) in the lowest level in your home where you spend about four or more hours a day. This could be your basement or the main floor. Do not place the radon test in well ventilated spaces such as kitchen, bathroom or areas with open windows or excessive airflow. Do not place them on the floor. The purpose of these tests is to give the research group a more accurate measurement of air quality. Typically, a location on the bedside table is a great place for the test. The test needs to stay in the same location for minimum of 90 days or longer.

If you would like to participate in this study go to the websites provided below. Both of the websites provide an abundance of information about Radon, about the test and also the mitigation process.

I think it’s a great resource for those of you that are curious or just health conscious.

The website <https://c-nrpp.ca/testing-for-radon/>

The website to purchase the home test is here: <https://evictradon.org/about/>

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A First for Quadra Island Foundation

IT'S OFFICIAL! Quadra Island Foundation has made its first investment – and with it, launched a permanent fund for future community benefit.

In December, the local community foundation invested \$10,000 through the Vancouver Foundation's Socially Responsible Investment Fund.

"This investment launches QIF's permanent endowment fund," says Mich Hirano, treasurer for the volunteer board. "It's a significant achievement to be able to do this, and it's possible because of the generosity of local donors. We thank everyone who has contributed to this financial legacy that will support a variety of local needs through the income it generates."

"Our focus will now turn to building that endowment fund," says board chair Michael Mascall. "The more money we have in our endowment fund, the more investment income we'll generate, and that will eventually be available as grants to directly benefit the people, culture and natural environment of our community."

As the trustee holding the funds, the Vancouver Foundation will pay out income from QIF's investments annually, starting in fall 2022.

"We've had great response from a number of community members already and hope that establishing an endowment fund through the Vancouver Foundation will encourage even more people to support QIF's fundraising efforts," says board secretary Matthew Kelly, adding that, because QIF is a charitable organization, donations are eligible for a tax receipt.

"Gifts can be made in support of a specific cause or in memory of someone, or just to give back," says Jody Rodgers. "Gifts can

be a financial donation now, or something written into your will, including donation of property."

"All contributions make a lasting difference for a stronger Quadra community, this very special place we call home," adds Julie Douglas.

A QIF website is in the works. In the meantime, anyone interested in learning more about how to support QIF, including with an estate gift, can send email to info@quadraislandfoundation.ca, or direct telephone inquiries to Michael Mascall at 250.202.1968 or Mich Hirano at 250.285.3060.

People are also welcome to contact the local board members (Michael Mascall, Mich Hirano, Matthew Kelly, Jody Rodgers and Julie Douglas) with inquiries.

BACKGROUND

Core values used in evaluating companies for Vancouver Foundation's socially responsible investments are: respect for the environment, respect for stakeholders and respect for human rights.

Companies are disqualified that are predominantly involved in providing tobacco-related products; weapons manufacturing and military services; nuclear power utilities and uranium mining companies.

Find out more here: <https://www.vancouverfoundation.ca/sites/default/files/documents/Investment%20Overview.pdf>

ICAN and QI Garden Club Team Up Again!

DREAMING OF A fresh salad you picked yourself? Perhaps we can help! ICAN and the Quadra Island Garden Club bring you our latest LEARN food security HANDS-On Workshop, this time on microgreens.

All of our workshops are funded through donations. Donations cover the cost of the

workshop kits and the honorarium we give to the presenter. Donations can be e-transferred to quadraicansociety@gmail.com

Previous workshops include: LEARN to Make Sourdough Bread, LEARN to Make Kombucha Tea, and LEARN to Grow Sprouts. All workshops are recorded and will be part of an online library, to be made available soon at www.quadraican.ca/ and www.quadraislandgardenclub.com

LEARN TO GROW MICROGREENS

with Aaron Quesnel, Sky Harvest Farm
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LEARN:

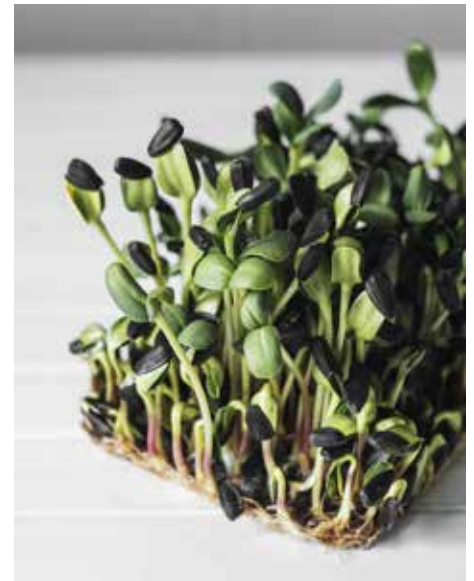
- To grow 3 types of microgreens – seeding, lighting, watering, & harvesting
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ICAN Granted Charitable Status

QUADRA ISLAND Climate Action Network is now a registered charity. This means that all donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt. Donations can be made to a project that is underway, or to a particular team, or to ICAN in general.

We wouldn't have achieved charity status without the informed guidance of Jude McCormick, head of ICAN's Water Security team, who served as our direct liaison with Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). We're also indebted to the efforts of the many ICAN members who wrote project descriptions, and supplied yet more details when asked. It was the very thorough descriptions of projects undertaken by each team that allowed the CRA to understand what ICAN does and ultimately to accept our application. We are also grateful to Quadra Island Foundation for encouragement and interim support. Our heartiest thanks and congratulations to everyone who participated in the effort.

The fourteen projects whose descriptions turned the tide were:

- Food security workshops (at QCC and now by Zoom again)
- Quadra Island Food Guide
- Online survey re: growing and accessing local food
- Garden tool repair café in QCC parking lot

- Enhanced recycling centre on Quadra, in coordination with Comox Strathcona Waste Management
- "I CAN Use That" onsite Free Store and ReStore
- Solar demonstration project on Quadra Elementary (still very much in progress — watch these pages!)
- Solar water heating
- Glass Jar Day
- Wicking beds at seniors' housing
- Rainwater storage tanks (contact dunnjudy@hotmail.com or phone 285.2302 if you want to purchase one)
- Recycling razor blades, disposable razors, and oral care products at the Cove Pharmacy
- Squash the Curve
- Our amazing Virtual Free Store

Being granted charity status is a wonderful privilege and also a wonderful opportunity that carries some added responsibilities. We are delighted with this development and look forward to expanding our efforts to support a resilient and sustainable community here on Quadra.

Quadra ICAN at present has eight teams: Food Security, Water Security, Energy Self-Sufficiency, Transportation, Live Lightly, Virtual Free Store, Affordable Housing, DIY & QUILT tool library. Want to find out more? Check out our website: <https://www.quadraican.ca/>. Have an idea for us? Contact quadraicansociety@gmail.com, or phone 604.789.2492.



Roger Cay Smith

Nov 29, 1955 - Dec 22, 2021

Born in Burnaby, BC, Roger attended Edmonds Elementary School then Burnaby South. His love for the stage started there in Sound of Music with his sister Penny. He was active in many music and drama productions, in Burnaby and New Westminster. Roger learned RV Service at the family business and went on to become service manager on other Lower Mainland lots.



In 1981 he visited Mick and Glo, Mom and Dad, on Quadra Island. And was hooked. He married and had one son Jeremy. After many years and several positions at Walcan Foods, he opted to be a fish and wildlife guide and was a good one for several years. He always loved the water, that was his Happy Place.

Quadra was a perfect place to hone his music and acting skills. He loved the old 'coffee houses' at the Community Centre. Since they couldn't yet afford a piano, when one was required they loaded Roger's piano into the back of his pickup and off it went to do the job. Roger had a great voice and sang solo and group, played piano and guitar, and acted whatever role came up. The highlight was lead singer in the Tidemark production of The Mikado. Roger's last twenty or so years were spent in Campbell River working in retail auto and marine stores, then working with adults and children with special needs. He loved them all.

Roger was a social drinker like many of us, beers with the buddies after work or weekend parties. I'm telling you this because Roger would want me to. Alcohol began to take control of his life. Studies show it can actually rewire the brain. He went through many treatment centres and would always tell me, "Don't try to hide it, Mom. If they ask about me tell them I am in treatment. People need to know how powerful alcohol can be, and be watchful."

He was never able to beat it. The last few years he was in and out of hospital, kidneys and liver not functioning normally. In 2021 he was in long term care at Lady Minto Hospital on Salt Spring Island, and they were wonderful. On December 1, 2021 he moved to Campbell River New Horizons extended care and was admitted to hospital on December 14. His organs were shutting down, and lungs infected. Alcohol is not kind. He passed away at 8pm on December 22 with his son Jeremy at his side.

He leaves Jeremy, daughter-in-law Ruby, and grandchildren Amelia, Eliza and Griffin; parents Richard (Mickey) and Gloria Smith, sister Penny Ritchie (Ted); nieces and nephew Marlo (Robert), Deanna (Dave), Jesse (Rachel), Uncle Gary Norum (Regina), grand-nieces and nephews, and many cousins.

He lived a full life, loved and was loved. He asked that his ashes be sprinkled in Discovery Passage so sometime this summer when the weather is fine that will happen. Roger loved animals and always had dogs and cats, in younger days raccoons, baby birds, and once a cold wet bat he found clinging to a bush. Maybe they will meet again on the Rainbow Bridge.

SRD Woodstove Rebates

IT COULD BE TIME to change out your inefficient wood stove and qualify for SRD's Wood Stove Exchange Program

The Strathcona Regional District (SRD) is offering its Wood Stove Exchange Program once again this year which provides an opportunity for property owners to receive rebates from \$300 to \$750, effective September 15, 2021. Rebates are being offered on a first-come, first-served basis to residents interested in exchanging their old wood stove for a new, high efficiency heat pump, gas insert, wood or pellet stove.

Rebate incentives are as follows:

- Wood stove to wood exchanges: \$300
 - Wood stove to natural gas, propane, and pellet stove: \$500
 - Wood stove to heat pump: \$750
- All new stoves which have

a CSA-/EPA certification are eligible. To participate, homeowners need to provide evidence that the old stove has been decommissioned, and the new stove has been installed in compliance with building codes.

For more information regarding the program, please visit www.srd.ca/wood-stove-exchange-program or contact the SRD office at 250.830.6718 or rebates@srd.ca.

CR Art Gallery: Professional Development Series

ALONGSIDE the 40th Annual Members' Show, the Campbell River Art Gallery and the Campbell River Arts Council are launching a Professional Development for Artists virtual workshop series, facilitated by artist consulting and education company Dazed & Confucius.

The workshops are an opportunity for artists to bring their business to the next level, guided by a company that prioritizes strong concept and identity building and attention to the quality artwork itself, first and foremost.

"After the resounding success of last year's professional development workshop (Digital Tools for Artists), it became apparent that our community had both an appetite and a need for more

resources to help elevate their art practice to the next level," said Sara Lopez Assu, executive director of the Campbell River Art Gallery. "We're very excited to have developed this program with David and Pennylane, and are confident that it will provide folks with a valuable educational opportunity."

The first in the four part series, The Artist Tool Kit, will feature David Ellingsen – artist consultant and educator, who is originally from Cortes. On February 12, 2022, he will introduce the most important tools recommended for artists approaching the fine art industry, including: the CV, the Take-Away Card, a Price list, a Website and more. Each topic is described in detail with tips on how to maximize its function, design and usage based on his extensive experience in the field.

"I'm very excited about the upcoming Professional Development Series," said Ken Blackburn, executive director for the Campbell River Art Council. "The Arts Council and Gallery are collaborating to offer opportunities for local artists to develop their professional skills. We have chosen a range of workshop topics that are essential for contemporary working artists. This Series will

be a tremendous resource for our cultural community."

To register for this event, go to <https://bit.ly/cragpd1>

Each seminar is \$25, however if you register for all four you pay only \$90. Members are also eligible for a 10 per cent discount.



Pennylane Shen, owner of Dazed & Confucius, with David Ellingsen will be facilitating virtual workshops hosted by the Campbell River Art Gallery and Arts Council this year.

(Photo by Dazed & Confucius)

Members should log in before registering, in order to receive their discount.

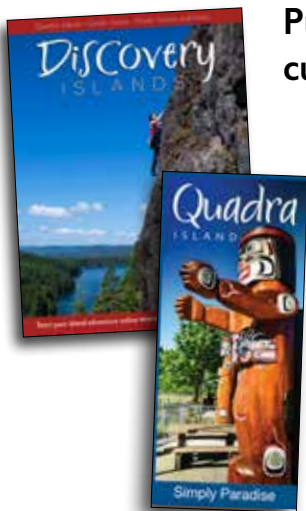
The next seminar, How It Looks: Trends and Techniques in Contemporary Framing, Hanging and Presentation, is coming up on April 23.

To register go to <https://bit.ly/cragpd2>

Dazed & Confucius works with visual artists around the world helping them achieve their goals in the fine art industry or in their own practice. Artist consultants Pennylane Shen and David Ellingsen assist over 1000 artists a year through personalized one-on-one consultations alone. Outside of consultations, Dazed and Confucius offers seminars and workshops on navigating the fine art industry, and provide tools such as website building, art writing and professional documents tailored to the artist.

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Music to Our Ears: Tickets On Sale for Slocan Ramblers Concert

MISSING LIVE MUSIC? Hankering for a safe and memorable night out with friends and neighbours? Mark your calendar for a concert with the Slocan Ramblers, 7:30pm, March 4 at the Quadra Community Centre.

The Slocan Ramblers promise a high-energy performance with impeccable musicianship, blending bluegrass, old-time, roots and folk music. This is a great opportunity to support award-winning musicians and enjoy a toe-tapping good time.



The Slocan Ramblers, March 4 at QCC

Current public health protocols require all performers and audience members to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Audience members must also wear a mask over their mouth and nose and sit “in their bubbles” distanced from others. Tickets are limited to ensure the hall is at half capacity for safe chair spacing.

The pandemic has been tough on musicians and music lovers who’ve been missing the magic of live music. Restaurants have also struggled, and Quadra’s Cultural Committee encourages people to start the evening with a meal at one of the island’s eateries before attending the show—following all public health guidelines, of course.

Advance tickets are \$17 at Inspirations in Quathiaski Cove. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door for \$20. Tickets can also be purchased online through Tidemark Theatre.

The Slocan Ramblers are considered Canada’s bluegrass band to watch and a leading light of today’s acoustic music scene. With their deep song-writing, lightning fast instrumentals and sawdust-thick vocals, the Ramblers are a 2019 Juno Award nominee and 2020 IBMA Momentum Award “Band of the Year” winner.

Their newest album is Queen City Jubilee (2019 Juno Award nominee for Traditional Roots Album of the Year). It features “roots music without pretension, music to make you feel something, and tunes to keep you up all night.”

SRD Gardens Recreation Complex Opens

THE STRATHCONA Regional District (SRD) and the United Steelworker (USW) Local 1-1937 agree to resolve the current labour dispute through a mediation and arbitration process.

USW staff will return to work while both parties use an independent mediator/arbitrator to move forward and negotiate a new collective agreement.

The Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex opens its doors:

- Tuesday February 1 – Arenas are available for booked ice user groups
- Wednesday February 2 – The entire complex is open to the general public

Please visit www.strathconagardens.com to confirm schedules and programming.

The SRD values Strathcona Gardens staff and the important community service they provide and looks forward to resuming rehabilitation, recreation and

leisure services.

Covid Safety Protocols and public health orders are in place, visit www.strathconagardens.com/covid-19 for more information.

The SRD thanks the general public and user groups for their patience during the strike action and welcomes everyone back.

DI Submissions

The Discovery Islander welcomes written submissions of interest to the Discovery Islands community: news, events, opinion and musings are fair game.

Please keep your item to a reasonable length: **750 words** is a good target for *longer* articles.

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Update from the Quadra Island Garden Club

GREETINGS GARDENERS! After almost two years of limbo, we have decided to start meeting again on a regular basis. We miss you! Our meetings will be held over Zoom for now, with the hope that we can get back to meeting in person at the Community Centre by the fall. Meetings usually take place, September to May, on the second Monday of the month, at 7pm. However, February will be an exception (see below).

Memberships are free this year and admission to our Zooms are free. If you would like a new membership card, please contact our Membership Coordinator Robin Beaton through our email quadraislandgardenclub@gmail.com. We hear that Art Knapp has a new system and is requiring everyone to present their cards to get the discount.

We will also be holding our spring plant sale this year, tentatively scheduled for May 1. So please think of us when you are separating your perennials, rooting cuttings, or starting seeds as we would love your extras. The plant sale is our main fundraiser of the year and we really appreciate the support of everyone who donates plants, buys plants, and volunteers.

Please watch the DI for updates or check the Meetings and Events page of our website <https://quadraislandgardenclub.com/club-meetings-and-events/> or the Quadra Garden Grapevine group on Facebook.

We send out emails to our members to keep them up to date about gardening going ons, both in the Club and nearby, and to share helpful gardening info. Want to receive those emails? Join the Club! Or view 2022 emails on our website <https://quadraislandgardenclub.com/news/>

If you are a member and you are not receiving emails, please do a search of your email for Quadra Island Garden Club or check all your folders for an email called Jan/Feb E-news, sent on January 25th. Then drag it into your inbox.

Coming up in February we will be hosting a double bill for our meeting, featuring two very talented local gardeners:

TWO TALES OF TWO PROPERTIES

Monday, February 21st at 7pm
Via Zoom

“Getting the Most From Your Garden: Identifying Your Site's Limiting Factors and How to Overcome Them” with Terry Phillips. This is a personal story of lessons learned from a difficult site, plus tips and tricks to help you.

“From Clearcut to Prolific Forest” with Lilianne Langevin. A personal story of how a property was transformed over the years from a logging slash to what it is today.

To find the Zoom link, please go to the Meetings and Events page of our website and look for this event <https://quadraislandgardenclub.com/club-meetings-and-events/>

Note: This meeting is taking place a week later than our usual meeting time because we don't want to compete with Valentine's Day, nooo.

Happy Gardening!



Milk containers are now refundable

YES, YOU WILL BE paying a deposit of 10 cents on your milk cartons and other milk substitutes, such as almond or soy milk. This packaging can then be taken to the bottle depot for a refund. Or you can continue to include them with your recycling.

This change means that almost all products that are considered drinks will have refundable packaging. The only exceptions to this are kefir and drinkable yogurt. These and other milk product packaging should be included with your recycling.

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– Sandy McCairns

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Quadra Singers, the Little Choir That Could

QUADRA ISLAND'S community choir is sharing a video of its world premiere performance of a new Canadian composition, Corona Chorus.

The song was written in the early months of the pandemic and echoes the advice of Dr. Bonnie Henry and Health Minister Adrian Dix.

Composer Dr. John Hooper has an extensive list of musical achievements and was Quadra Singers' musical director when the choir returned to in-person rehearsals in fall 2021. To date, Quadra Singers is the only choir to have performed Corona Chorus.

"Singing together is a decades-long tradition in our small island community, and it was very hard to let that go in the spring of 2020 because of the pandemic. After two sessions online, we worked hard, following provincial guidance, to provide a safe environment to sing together again," says choir president Joan Varley. "Under Dr. Hooper's leadership, this piece, it's musical style and lyrics, really captures the mix of feelings and challenges that we're facing during the pandemic. And the bonus was that he turned a really tough subject into

something that shares the important public health message in a new way."

Varley adds that the choir has sent the video link to Henry and Dix as a tribute to their ongoing efforts to keep British Columbians informed and healthy.

See the performance at this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDimgnlOtdE>



Like other choirs that have continued in-person sessions during the pandemic, Quadra Singers follows strict safety protocols. All participants must wear a mask, keep two metres apart and be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The choir also requires everyone to wash their hands when entering the practice space and uses air purifiers and opens doors for air circulation.

The Quadra Singers concert took place before the omicron variant was known to be circulating in British Columbia. Safety procedures for the concert included limiting hall capacity and requiring all audience members to wear masks and be fully vaccinated against the virus.

Quadra Singers started their spring session in January, with pandemic safety protocols in place and concerts scheduled for April 22 and 23.



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	19:46	4.2	13.8
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Saturday	09:04	5.0	16.4
	15:33	2.5	8.2
	20:48	4.0	13.1
6	02:45	2.2	7.2
Sunday	09:34	4.8	15.7
	16:21	2.3	7.5
	21:59	3.8	12.5
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	23:29	3.7	12.1
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