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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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Oktoberfest

Let's begin the festive season on October 3rd at 5 pm for Oktoberfest at the Quadra Island Legion! Join us for a bratwurst dinner with all the fixings including grilled onions, sauerkraut, German potato salad and cabbage salad. For dessert we will have Heidi's famous homemade apple pie and gluten-free apple crumble with ice cream, all for just \$20!

This fundraiser is brought to you by the Quadra Island Ladies Auxiliary. The LA have been active for over 79 years. Our sole purpose is to raise funds to support our local Legion 154 and other worthwhile charities including the Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship.

This year we awarded two recipients each a \$500 scholarship to go towards their post-secondary education, Fortune Dennison and Maese Shea.

We welcome new members and there's no longer a requirement to be a vet or related to one. We have monthly meetings during the winter, and membership is only \$10 for the year. **If you're interested in joining our fun group, come on out to Oktoberfest or call 250-202-2217.**

Hope to see you on Saturday October 3rd to support this worthy cause, eat food and be merry!

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Anybody Can Play! Funding for Music Lessons for Quadra Kids and Youth

**Application Deadline:
September 30th**

For the ninth year in a row, the Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund (YMF) is pleased to announce that we are offering funding for music lessons to all young residents of Quadra Island. This funding can be used to pay for private music lessons, either in person or online. Anyone can apply as long as you are a resident of Quadra Island and aged 18 or younger.

To apply, please either email us for an application form, pick up a paper application at Inspirations, or find one online in the Files section of our Facebook page "Quadra Island Young Musicians Fund."

Fill it out and either return it to Inspirations, mail it to Box 221, Heriot Bay, BC V0P-1H0, or scan and email it to quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com.

Deadline: Sept 30th.

Our "Anybody Can Play" Program is made possible through donations from supporters.

Would you like to support our program this year? You can either send an e-transfer to quadrayoungmusicians@gmail.com, mail a cheque to the address above, or donate directly at Coastal Community Credit Union. You can also donate your Spirit Board points to #310.

Thank you Quadra Island for all of your support and for helping us to realize our vision of "a community where the lives of all children are enriched by quality music education, and where active participation in music is valued and supported."

- Dave Blinzinger, Jen Banks-Doll, and Aura Haydon, Organizers

Upcoming Legion Events

- **Saturday October 3rd 5-7pm**, LA Oktoberfest feast...\$20
 - **Saturday October 3rd 8pm**, Brothers in Arms, from the Sunshine Coast, playing rambunctious party music along with DJ, Prana Kite \$15
 - **Friday October 9th 5-7pm** Name That Tune, (Movie Night Edition) Proceeds to Quadra Cat Rescue
 - **Friday October 9th 8-Late**, Salt Water Cowboy's \$10
 - **October 31st 9pm** Haunted Glow Forest Halloween Party with Adham Shaikh & Pom Poko and other DJs Tickets on sale now at the Legion, Inspirations & The Clove, \$20 or \$25 at the door
 - You can purchase **Raven Bingo Cards!** We stream the bingo game Wednesdays at 7pm.
 - **NEW Poker start time...** is going back to 7pm, no longer 7:30
 - Super excited and thrilled to announce the kitchen will be opening soon, starting in October! Watch for updates
 - **The Quadra Legion is preparing for the upcoming Poppy campaign/Remembrance Day ceremony.** If you would like to order a wreath, please do so before October 19th or if you are interested in helping, please contact Laurie or Bob Hartley @ 250-285-2266
 - We are also looking for individuals who are interested in helping to organize activities & events!
- Let's come together and figure out fun things to do at our Legion, especially through the Fall/Winter months!
- If you are interested in volunteering for other things**, please email info@branch154.ca



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Day to Day

Wednesday, September 30

- ICAN Annual General Meeting, QCC Room 3, 7:15pm

Friday, October 2

- Live music with Go Dog Go, HBI Pub 8pm - 12am

Saturday, October 3

- Oktoberfest Feast, Quadra Legion, 5-7pm \$20
- Live music with Brothers in Arms w/ DJ Prana Kite, Quadra Legion, 8pm \$1

Monday, October 5

Quadra Garden Club presents: Growing Berries with Jen Alton: QCC, 7-9pm

Wednesday, October 7

- Live music with Simon Kempston, Kameleon, dinner 6pm, Show 7pm dets pg.4

Friday, October 9

- Friday Flicks presents Silent Friend, QCC, 7:45pm
- Live music with Funk Shway, HBI Pub 8pm - 12am
- Live music with Salt Water Cowboys, Quadra Legion 8pm, \$10

Saturday, October 10

- The Path of the Puma, QCC, 7:30pm

Sunday, October 11

- Live music with Jazz on the Rocks, HBI Pub 3-5pm

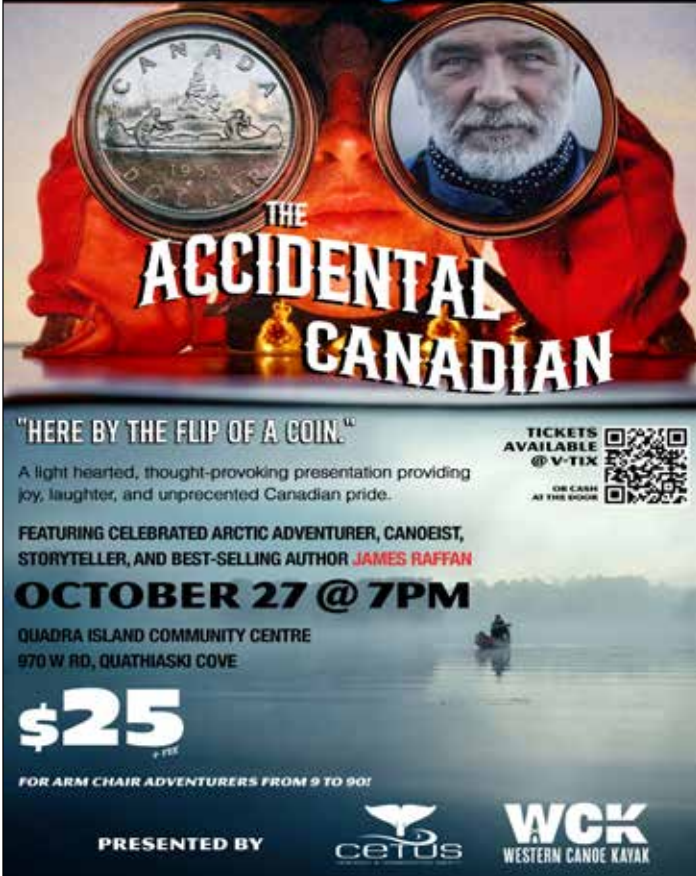
Friday, October 16

- Live music with Adam Beattie & Fiona Bevan, HBI Pub 8-10pm

Saturday, October 17

- General Voting Day, see details SRD notices pages 9-10, 13-14
- Quadra Concerts presents: Raagaverse with Strings: QCC, 7:30 pm dets pg. 22

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What's Happening at QCC October 2-16

Come down, get involved and be part of YOUR community!

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Mens Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group

COMING WEEK: October 3 - 9

SATURDAY: 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 11 Kundalini Yoga with Susan; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 5:30 Restorative Yoga; 7 Garden Club; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 6:30 CO-OP Meeting; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 12 Wednesday LUNCH; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 3 Art IN Nature for KIDS

THURSDAY: 8 SLUG CLUB; 10 Parents and Tots DANCE with KATE; 3 Sew Much Fun!; 5 Core Strength with Nicki; 6 Floor Hockey for Kids - Quadra School; 6:45 Quadra Singers; 7 Adult Drop In Floor Hockey - Quadra School

FRIDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 9:30 Mens Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Spinners and Knitters; 10:30 Friday Painters; 12 SMART Recovery Support Group; 7:45 Friday Flicks - Silent Friend

FOLLOWING WEEK: October 10-16

SATURDAY: 9 Beginner Tai Chi with Nicki; 10 Geshe Yong Dong; 10:15 Intermediate Tai Chi with Nicki; 1:30 Geshe Yong Dong - Sound Bath; 7:30 Path of the Puma

MONDAY: 8:30 Fitness with Jeannie; 10 Parents and Tots; 1 Jewelry Making; 1 Sing for Pure Joy; 7:15 Candlelit Yoga with Kate

TUESDAY: 8:30 Quadra Quilters Guild; 11 Balance, Core Strength & Bone Health; 2:30 Rec and Sports with Dave - Quadra School; 3 Good Grief Support Group; 5 Hatha Flow with Trinity; 7 Intermediate Spanish; 7:15 International Folk Dancing

WEDNESDAY: 10 Baby Clinic; 10 Gentle Yoga with Trinity; 10 Polaris Law Clinic; 12 Wednesday LUNCH; 1 Mosaics; 3 Ping Pong; 3 Art IN Nature for KIDS; 4 Intermediate Basketball with Dave - Quadra School

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Go to our website www.quadrarec.bc.ca to view the latest Rec Guide, OR navigate to REC DESK to register for kid's programs or see what's happening each day on the community calendar. <https://quadrarec.recdesk.com/Community/Calendar> Click on the calendar for more details! Phone the Community Centre at # 250-285-3243. Or E-mail: info@quadrarec.bc.ca



Kay Dubois Memorial Scholarship award winners 2026 - Fortune Dennison (2nd L) and Maese Shea (C) with members of the Quadra Legion Ladies Auxiliary Heidi Ridgway (L), Pat Reid (2nd R) and Daphne Dery (R)

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SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome items for publication
on subjects of interest to the
Discovery Islands community.

- **250-300 words** is a good length
for community announcements.
- Send articles in the body of an email.
- **Canadian spelling** please:
centre, colour, favourite etc...
- **Please use the title of your item**
in the email subject line.
- Remember to **include credits and
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NEXT DEADLINE

7pm Monday, October 12
for publication on
Friday, October 16

Thank You for Your Kindness

**I'm a Kiwi who was visiting
Quadra Island last month for 3
days with my daughter. She would
work online at our AirBnB while I
explored on foot.** Which was quite
an adventure in itself as I had no
maps or data on my phone!

I met with nothing but kindness
and assistance, people actually
asking me if I needed help as I
stood by the noticeboard at the
Heriot Bay shopping centre.
Particularly Maria who offered
me a lift home and a visit to
her home with the promise of
Kayaks. I never got there Maria
but I want you to know how
much I appreciated the offer.

Also top marks to your cafe, best
I visited in my 3 weeks in BC and
your gift shop where I got the
Quadra Island T shirt I wear with
pride. To the Post Master, the
post card got to New Zealand in
less than a week, well done.

And to the assistant in the liquor
section of the grocery store, I
hope the NZ wines eventually
got the right sign. Calling them
Australian is like labelling
Canadian wines USA! Sorry
about the lecture but names
are important, this was at the
same time as the Lake Ontario
controversy.

Julie Howarth
Wellington
New Zealand

Simon Kempston at Kameleon Wednesday, October 7

Scottish singer-songwriter and leading acoustic fingerstyle guitarist
Simon Kempston has toured the world performing his highly original,
contemporary acoustic songs and music.

A unique talent, his beautifully crafted material showcases his
incredible, distinctive and intricate fingerstyle guitar-work and his
gently nuanced, compelling tenor vocals.

An inspiring, poetic lyricist, Simon's impassioned live performances
showcase timeless songwriting and composition with a universal
appeal, interspersed with humorous worldly tales.

Touring in support of his critically acclaimed brand new album 'A Poet
Or A Painter' this long overdue return to Quadra Island is unmissable.
'One of Scotland's very best singer-songwriters' (Herald). 'Stunning
Talent' (STV).

Doors open at 6:00pm, full menu available

Show begins at 7:00pm

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Open AA Meetings

MONDAY AND FRIDAY nights, 7:30 to 8:30pm at Cape Mudge United Church at 29 Tekya, Cape Mudge. Everyone welcome!

Badminton

Quadra Island Badminton will be starting the new season on **Thursday, October 1st** at 7:30 pm. We play at Cape Mudge Gym. The drop in fee is 3\$. We play every **MONDAY** and **Thursday** at 7:30 pm. Any changes to the schedule will be announced on the **Quadra Island Badminton Facebook** page.

Have questions about Strathcona Gardens REC-REATE Phase 2? We have answers...

The SRD has put together updated FAQs with more information about REC-REATE's Phase 2 - new arena, parking, covered pathway and planned changes to Pinecrest Park.

Learn more about:

- The new third arena
- Pinecrest parking area and vehicle access
- Trees, landscaping and natural buffers
- Pinecrest Elementary & pedestrian safety
- The new covered pathway
- Considerations for nearby residents
- Project timelines and next steps

As detailed design continues, we'll keep sharing new information and updating the FAQs.

View the FAQs attached or online at recreatesg.ca/faqs

Way to Go

Join us on Mon. Oct. 19, 3:00 - 4:30 pm, QCC Rm. 3, for a time of sharing; presentation by Anna Byrne sharing her book about death care by family, friends & community; discussion; and business. \$2. Next meeting Nov 16.

ICAN AGM

Notice of ICAN Annual General Meeting Wednesday, September 30th, 2026, 7:15 pm Room 3 (upstairs) Quadra Community Centre and also via Zoom video conferencing and phone-in to register email quadraicansociety@gmail.com All Welcome

Support Quadra Cat Rescue

Donated beverage containers help fix cats and kittens and prepare them for adoption.

Please drop off empties at the new recycling centre (through to September) or at 519 Cape Mudge Road.

Also, Tru Value gift cards for both island stores are available at Inspirations. (Donate points #280.)

All funds help pay for fostering supplies and veterinary care.

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Family Dinner & Show in Herons

Dinner reservations start at: 5 pm

Show seating: 7 pm | Performance: 7:30-9:30 pm

Tickets (show only): \$29 adult | \$12 student

Call: 250.285.3322 to reserve your seats

Acclaimed Singer-Songwriters Adam Beattie And Fiona Bevan on Double Headline Tour

Acclaimed Scottish singer-songwriter Adam Beattie 'Uplifting Reveries Of Love' (Mojo Magazine) and multi-platinum singer-songwriter Fiona Bevan 'Startling odysseys' (The Guardian) embark on a double headline tour in celebration of their new music releases.

Adam will be performing songs from his brand new album *Home Fires Burning*; a homespun epic which explores family, legacy and belonging. Adam writes melodies inspired by the traditional fiddle tunes of his childhood, played on finger-picked acoustic guitar. The album has been receiving critical acclaim since it's release on 2nd May this year.

Fiona will be performing songs from her EP 'Here Now Yes', a set of brand new songs

exploring hope, love and female desire against a political backdrop. Fiona writes otherworldly melodies on piano and unique guitar tunings. **Fiona and Adam play at the Heriot Bay inn on Friday October 16 and in Campbell River at the Trinity Church on Saturday October 17.**



QI Pantry Looking at Community Solutions Are We a Bedroom Community?

First, what exactly is a bedroom community?

It can be described as a community where people live but work and or shop in other communities.

In many ways, Quadra has become a bedroom community to Campbell River.

How did we get here?

Over the years, as it became more convenient to cross the water and as big-box stores began offering a wider range of goods, often at a lower price, we naturally gravitated that way.

At the same time, businesses on Quadra increasingly became convenience stores, a place where we picked up a dozen eggs or a loaf of bread.

But ultimately, the kind of community we have is up to us.

Why is independence important?

When we depend on other communities for our goods and services, we become vulnerable to decisions and circumstances beyond our control, leaving our future in the hands of others.

The more we can provide for ourselves, the more resilient Quadra becomes.

The idea isn't to keep every dollar on Quadra. That isn't realistic, nor would it create a healthy or sustainable economy. But every time we support a local business, we give that money a chance to circulate throughout our community a little longer.

And there is another piece to this.

What if the community could actually own some of the island businesses and services it depends on?

The idea is simple: provide a service the community needs, create a financially sustainable business that not only gives back to its community but also gives the community an opportunity for ownership.

This is the bigger picture behind the QI Community Co-op.

It isn't just about where we buy our groceries. It's about asking ourselves what kind of community we want to live in and how much control we want over our own economic future.

Community resilience begins with community participation.

Sometimes, that participation starts with something as simple as where we choose to spend our next dollar.

For more information about the QI Community Co-op:

qipantrycoop@gmail.com

Strathcona
REGIONAL DISTRICT

Form 8-8

DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE (Close of Nomination Period)

I, Edith Watson, Chief Election Officer for the Strathcona Regional District do hereby declare, pursuant to Section 97 of the *Local Government Act*, that the following persons have been nominated as candidates in the 2026 General Local Election:

Candidate for the office of **Director, Electoral Area A** (Kyuquot/Nootka-Sayward):

Candidate Name	Address
Gerald Whalley	Sayward, BC

Candidates for the office of **Director, Electoral Area B** (Cortes Island):

Candidate Name	Address
Jade Jordan	Coquitlam, BC
Sandy Keith	Cortes Island, BC
Mark Vonesch	Manson's Landing, BC

Candidate for the office of **Director, Electoral Area C** (Discovery Islands-Mainland Inlets):

Candidate Name	Address
Robyn Mawhinney	Heriot Bay, BC

Candidates for the office of **Director, Electoral Area D** (Oyster Bay-Buttle Lake):

Candidate Name	Address
Bernadette LaFleur	Campbell River, BC
John Rice	Campbell River, BC

Given under my hand at Campbell River,
British Columbia, this 11th day of September,
2026.


E. Watson, Chief Election Officer

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Yoga Classes with Trinity Gogolin Return to QCC this September

I'm pleased to be offering two yoga classes this fall at the Quadra Community Centre, welcoming both returning and new students.

Whether you are looking to improve your flexibility, build strength, reduce stress, or simply enjoy moving in a supportive environment, these classes offer a welcoming space to reconnect with your body and mind.

Tuesday Evening – Hatha Flow 5:00–6:30 pm
A mindful Hatha practice that links movement with the breath to build strength, flexibility, and balance. This practice helps cultivate body awareness, and is a tonic for the nervous system. Each class begins with meditation and ends with deep relaxation.

- Tuesday evening Hatha Flow class begins September 29th.

Wednesday Morning – Gentle Yoga & Mindful Movement 10:00–11:30 am (you can enjoy Community Lunch just after class)

Come as you are! This is a supportive class combining Hatha and Chair Yoga with Chi Gong and mindful movement. Class begins with meditation, and ends with deep relaxation. We work with strength, balance and general mobility while cultivating greater body awareness and self-compassion. Class is suitable for seniors, beginners, or anyone wanting a slower more mindful approach. Any movement can be adapted to meet individual needs.

- Wednesday Morning Gentle Yoga & Mindful Movement begins September 30th.

Classes are at QCC upstairs in room 3.

For more information or to register, contact Trinity Gogolin at 250-203-4529 or trinitygogolin1@gmail.com.

- Many of you may already know that I've recently moved my massage practice to The Samara Wellness Centre, above the gym in Heriot Bay. I'm there on Mondays,

Wednesdays, and Fridays, and appointments can be booked online at thesamara.ca or by contacting me directly.

I look forward to sharing another season of movement, connection, and community with you this



Jazz on the Rocks at the HBI

Jazz on the Rocks will be performing at the HBI on Sunday, October 11 from 3-5 pm.

The group consists of Marnie Younger on Vocals, Dave Blinzinger on Sax and Flute, Nick MacGregor on Drums and Hal Douglas on Guitar. See you there for great Music, Food and Drink.

Watch Out for Kittens in the 'Hood

KITTEN SEASON is here—and itty bitty kitties are beginning to venture across island roads.

Please drive with extra caution, and contact Quadra Cat Rescue if you see stray cats or kittens in your island neighbourhood.

The sooner we get them fixed, the fewer we'll need to watch out for in future.

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Friday Flicks

Friday Flicks continues its Fall Film Series on October 9, 7:45pm at Quadra Community Centre, with **Silent Friend** (Germany/France/Hungary).

Set in a botanical garden within a medieval German university town, *Silent Friend* centres on a majestic Ginkgo biloba tree — which can famously live up to 1,000 years — that silently observes humans over the centuries.

In 1908, steadfast Grete (Luna Wedler) is seeking admission to the botany department of a prestigious institution. Though whip-smart, her sex is a barrier to entry into the male-dominated field and to society at large.

In 1972, at the same institution, Gundula (Marlene Burrow) is conducting an experiment on what plants can sense via a single geranium. She elicits the help of her anti-social classmate Hannes (Enzo Brumm), with whom there is unspoken sexual tension. Meanwhile, in 2020, Professor Tony Wong (Tony Leung Chiu-Wai), a brilliant neurologist working at the same institution, suspects a deep relationship between what is seen and unseen. Determined to make a connection, he seeks the supervision of world-renowned botanist Dr. Alice Sauvage (Léa Seydoux) to test his radical theory.

Over the span of ages, the incredible link between these humans goes unnoticed except by the tree, to which they are all spiritually connected.

IZCO Technology Solutions Named Top 10 Finalist in MSP Titans of the Industry Awards

Campbell River firm recognized in Government/Public Sector category

CAMPBELL RIVER, BC – IZCO Technology Solutions has been named a Top 10 Finalist in the Government/Public Sector category of the 2026 MSP Titans of the Industry Awards, a prestigious program recognizing excellence, innovation, and leadership in the managed services industry.

The recognition places IZCO among a select group of technology service providers helping public-sector and community-serving organizations improve cybersecurity, strengthen operational resilience, and modernize technology.

Based in Campbell River, IZCO serves municipalities, First Nations, non-profit organizations, healthcare providers, resource-sector organizations, and businesses throughout Vancouver Island and British Columbia.

“We are honoured to receive this recognition,” said Corey Magowan, Owner of IZCO Technology Solutions. “Our team is passionate about helping organizations make informed technology decisions, strengthen cybersecurity, and improve the services they provide to their communities. Being named a finalist reflects the trust our clients place in us every day.”

Give Like Dolly: A Little Book in a Quadra Mailbox

Imagine being three years old and finding a package in the mailbox with your name on it. Inside is a brand-new book—chosen especially for your age, and yours to keep.

For some little Islanders, this happens every month.

September 25 is Give Like Dolly Day, a new annual celebration inspired by Dolly Parton’s lifelong commitment to children and her belief in the power of books. Here on Quadra, it’s a lovely opportunity to celebrate the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and the local children who are part of it.

Dolly created the Imagination Library in 1995 in honour of her father, who couldn’t read or write. What began as a small program in her home county in Tennessee has grown into a worldwide gift of books. Today, children from birth to age five in participating communities receive a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book in the mail every month.

And it’s happening here.

Quadra Literacy Network became a local Imagination Library affiliate in February 2023. Since then, 87 children living on Quadra and in the Discovery Islands have received books, and 57 children are currently enrolled.

For a young child, a book arriving in the mailbox can be a pretty special thing. It can become a favourite bedtime story, a book to read with Mom or Dad, a source of new questions and ideas—or simply the one they ask to read again and again.

Dolly has said, “If you can read, you can do anything, dream anything and be anything.” Her message is beautifully summed up in another of her favourite phrases: “Dream More. Learn More. Care More. Be More.”

The Dollywood Foundation provides the books for our local program, while Quadra Literacy Network covers the cost of shipping them to the islands. This means that keeping the Imagination Library going here depends on local community support.

We won’t be holding a Give Like Dolly Day event this year, but we would love to celebrate the day by asking our community to give like Dolly—from the heart, and where you live.

A donation to Quadra Literacy Network helps cover the shipping costs that get those monthly books from the mainland to our local mailboxes. It helps ensure that another little child can open a package and discover that someone thought a book was important enough to send just for them.

We are grateful to the local sponsors who have already helped make this possible, including Campbell River Daybreak Rotary, the Quadra Legion and the Quadra Island Giant Garage Sale.

If you would like to help put more books into the hands of Quadra and Discovery Islands children, please consider making a donation to our local Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. You can contact Quadra Literacy Network at quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com.

On September 25, we’ll be thinking about Dolly, her father, her love of books and the wonderful idea that began with one community and grew to reach children around the world.

And here on our islands, we’ll be thinking about those little packages arriving in local mailboxes—and the children who open them.

Give Like Dolly. Help a child dream more, learn more, care more and be more.

Submitted by Kathie Landry, Literacy Outreach Coordinator
quadraliteracynetwork@gmail.com



NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

Bylaw No. 627 Electoral Area Woodchipping and Climate Resiliency Service

On Saturday, October 17, 2026 an assent voting opportunity will be held within:

- Electoral Area B (Cortes Island); and
- Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands Mainland Inlets)

On the following Question:

Are you in favour of Bylaw No. 627 which would establish a woodchipping and climate resiliency service within Electoral Area B (Cortes Island) and Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands Mainland Inlets) with costs to be shared on the basis of converted hospital assessments provided that the maximum amount that can be requisitioned annually by taxation of land and improvements will be \$0.059 per \$1,000 of property assessments within the participating areas.

Bylaw No. 627 proposes to establish a Woodchipping and Climate Resiliency Service for Electoral Area B (Cortes Island) and Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands—Mainland Inlets) to support the collection, chipping, transportation and upcycling of wood waste, as well as projects that help prepare the service area for the impacts of climate change or reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The service would be funded through property value taxes and other available revenue sources, including grants, with a maximum annual requisition of \$0.059 per \$1,000 of the net taxable value of land and improvements within the service area.

Only persons who qualify as resident electors or non-resident property electors within Electoral Area B (Cortes Island) or Electoral Area C (Discovery Islands—Mainland Inlets) are eligible to vote in this assent voting opportunity.

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING DAY:

Saturday, October 17, General Voting Day - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Strathcona Regional District Office, 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.
- Quadra Elementary School, 678 Heriot Bay Rd, Quathiaski Cove, B.C.
- Quadra Golf Course, 950 Heriot Bay Rd, Quathiaski Cove, B.C.
- Manson's Community Hall, 983 Beesley Rd, Mansons Landing, B.C.
- Gorge Hall, 1375 Robertson Rd, Whaletown, B.C.

ADVANCE VOTING:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026, Advanced Vote - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Strathcona Regional District Office, 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

Saturday, October 10, 2026, Special Voting - 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Surge Narrows Bunkhouse, Read Island

Thursday, October 15, Advanced Vote - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Strathcona Regional District Office, 990 Cedar Street, Campbell River, B.C.

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- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months at the time of registration; and
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

- Canadian Citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on October 17, 2026;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months at the time of registration;
- registered owner of real property within the relevant electoral area for at least 30 days immediately preceding registration;
- the only registered owners of the property, whether as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals and, none holds the property in trust for a corporation or another trust;
- not qualified to register as a resident elector of the electoral area;
- not otherwise disqualified by law from voting; and
- if there is more than one registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a nonresident property elector.

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Further information on the bylaw or the assent voting process may be obtained by visiting Bylaw_627 or by contacting the following at elections@srd.ca

Edith Watson, Chief Election Officer
Betty Wasyliw, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Hello,

Here on the edge of autumn equinox, we find beauty in crisp evenings, garden abundance, and star-studded skies. Once a year local government elected officials gather to learn, advocate with the provincial government, and debate policy at the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) convention. The 2026 convention has just concluded, and I want to share some of the advocacy I've undertaken on behalf of Area C and all SRD residents.

Local issues advocacy

Health clinic continuity

This year, meetings with Ministry staff were held online the week before the convention. I had separate meetings with Ministry of Health and Island Health officials. We discussed primary care recruitment and alternatives for the continued, sustainable operation of the Quadra Island Medical Clinic and the valuable lab, nursing, and social support services offered through the space.

Island Health recognizes the need for sustainability, noted that other island communities are facing similar challenges. They committed to seeking solutions that could benefit all of us who are in a similar boat.

Crown tenure applications

At my meeting with Ministry of Water, Land & Resource Stewardship staff, we discussed the Crown land tenure application at Hoskyn Landing, submitted in May 2025, as well as provincial policy regarding Regional Districts and potential Crown land for housing.

Unfortunately, I've learned there is a backlog in the permitting system, and it did not sound like the Hoskyn Landing application has progressed far in the 16 months since its submission. I outlined the real need for this tenure, both from community safety and economic development perspectives, and this has hopefully moved the application closer to review. I will be following up in due course.

Our discussion also centred on Crown land for housing, and it was encouraging to learn that there remains a path to a sponsored Crown land grant for housing. It was great to have SRD CAO Dave Leitch participate and learn alongside me in this meeting, and I look forward to seeking a Ministerial sponsor to help move the SRD's request forward.

Human-Wildlife conflict mitigation

My meeting with Ministry of Environment & Parks staff focused on the need for resources to train humans in order to moderate conflicts with wildlife. The SRD's 2025 WildSafe application was rejected due to provincial budgetary pressures. I learned how some other Regional Districts are tackling this issue and look forward to digging into the details in the months ahead.

Bylaw 643, Strathcona Gardens Recreation Service

I had the chance to speak with Minister of Housing and Municipal Affairs Christine Boyle about Bylaw 643 and the need for a separate referendum for Quadra Island residents. She shared that this file has been prominent in her office due to the significant amount of correspondence her Ministry has received.

Recently the Minister wrote to the SRD Board stating her Ministerial preference for a separate assent process for Quadra. The Minister weighing in is rare, and your advocacy made it happen.

You can view the letter under 'correspondence' attached to the September Board meeting minutes.

At the September 23 Board meeting I proposed a motion that incorporated the Minister's advice and provided a separate assent process for Quadra Island, which, incidentally, is the default position of the Local Government Act. SRD staff advised that this was a 'reconsideration' motion and therefore could only be made by one of the Directors who had previously supported the combined assent process. Unfortunately, not a single one of these Directors was willing to heed the request of the Minister and make the reconsideration motion: it went nowhere.

Be sure to circle October 17 on your calendar, remind your neighbours, and cast your vote on the Strathcona Gardens referendum question and the Woodchipping Service question!

Not going to be here October 17? Voting opportunities exist for early voting, mail ballot voting, and non-resident property owner voting. Find details at srd.ca/local-elections. My previous report dives into the two referendum questions, read it at RobynMawhinney.ca/directors-reports.

Regional Advocacy

The SRD Board had four advocacy meetings: three with Provincial Ministers, and one with the Premier. The discussions with Minister of Health Ravi Kahlon, Deputy Minister of Infrastructure Bobbi Plecas, and Premier David Eby were similar: the Province is well aware of the need and desire to un-pause construction of the long-term care facility planned for Campbell River.

Long-term care in Campbell River

It was interesting to learn about the work being done by the Ministry of Infrastructure to simplify and streamline long-term facility construction. They're shifting away from the CSA standard which dictates two sinks in every unit (one in the bathroom and one in the room); designing bathroom pods that can be plumbed in one hour versus seven; and finding many other efficiencies to ultimately shrink the cost-per-bed. The simplified designs will be used across the province, shrinking the cost of these needed facilities so that more of them can be built with the same budget.

Rural internet connectivity

We discussed Last Mile funding and connectivity with Minister of Citizens' Services, Diana Gibson. The discussion centred around the continued need for Last Mile connectivity, reaching homes from the Connected Coast system.

Director Lott of Gold River, Director Davis of Tahsis, and Director Vonesch of Cortes spoke to internet connectivity deficits, the need for flexible funding, and decisions based on actual service conditions.

Recently, the CRTC published changes that will require providers to state internet speeds that are actually available, beginning in March 2027. Currently, providers can state, 'up to' speeds, which leaves room for less-than-optimal service while potentially preventing applications for Last Mile funding that would provide adequate speeds.

Minister Gibson acknowledged this federal work and stated that she is not waiting till March 2027 to re-look at areas which are not able to access 50/10 speeds. This new CRTC requirement may be the catalyst for gaining provincial and federal funding to complete further Last Mile connectivity.

Chat with the Director

This is an opportunity to say 'hi' and discuss topics of interest. One morning each month you can find me at Aroma Cove Café ready to listen, learn, and discuss. Find me there October 1 & November 5, 8:30am-10am... you're welcome to stop by and chat! Of course, you can also connect by phone or email anytime.

Connect

You're welcome to contact me with questions or concerns: email RMawhinney@srd.ca, or call 250.203.2468. Visit srd.ca/government/agendas-minutes to keep up to date on SRD governance matters.

Respectfully,

Robyn Mawhinney



Coastal Community Earns Honours

The Credit Union Was Recognized Again For Commitment To Community And Workplace Culture.

Vancouver Island, BC - Coastal Community Credit Union has received two workplace distinctions, one by the Great Place to Work Institute® Canada (GPTW) and the other presented by Forbes and Statista.

For the second time in a row, Coastal Community will be recognized on GPTW's Best Workplaces for Giving Back list. Coastal Community CEO Kent Jesse says the honour reflects how the credit union brings its shared values to life.

"This recognition belongs to our whole Coastal Community team. Their generosity, local knowledge and willingness to volunteer their time and expertise strengthen Island communities every day," said Jesse.

Each year, Coastal Community invests half a million dollars to support Islanders, not-for-profit organizations and local businesses. "As a co-operative, giving back is part of who we are," Jesse noted.

Coastal Community received the honour after a thorough and independent analysis conducted by GPTW. The list is based on direct feedback from employees of the hundreds of organizations that were surveyed by the firm. To be eligible, organizations must

be Great Place to Work-Certified™ and have exceptionally high scores from employees on the Trust Index survey.

The nod joins another workplace honour Coastal Community received earlier this year. For the first time, the organization made the prestigious 2026 Forbes list for Canada's Best Employers for Company Culture, presented by Forbes and Statista. The Canada's Best Employers for Company Culture list recognizes 200 outstanding companies across all sectors that have demonstrated exceptional performance in fostering strong and positive workplace environments.

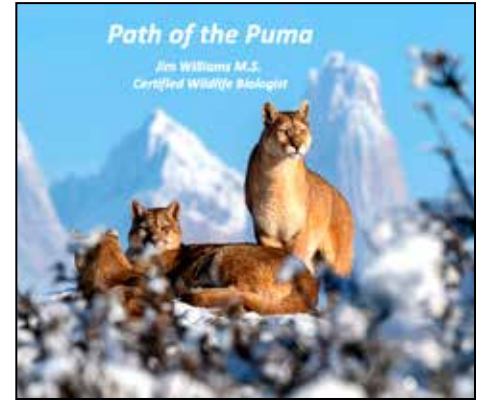
According to Jesse, the recognition reflects Coastal Community's ongoing focus on building a workplace culture where everyone can thrive.

Canada's Best Employers for Company Culture 2026 were identified in an independent survey from a vast sample of over 37,000 Canadian-based employees working for companies employing at least 500 people within Canada. The final ranking was determined based on Direct Employee Evaluations, Public Evaluations, and Company Culture Related Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Learn About Cougars

The Path of the Puma: Cougars in North America, Vancouver Island & the Discovery Islands

Speaker presentation at 7:30 pm Saturday Oct 10 2026 at the Quadra Island Community Centre



The Accidental Canadian

Tuesday, October 27, 2026

Doors: 6:30pm, Show: 7:00pm, \$25.

Quadra Island Community Centre

Celebrated Arctic Adventurer, Storyteller and Bestselling Author, James Raffan entertains with a light-hearted yet thought-provoking presentation called "The Accidental Canadian".

The show title was derived from the simple toss of a coin by his British parents when they were indecisive about which country they would immigrate to after WWII - S. Africa or Canada. James (and his 3 sisters) suddenly became 'Accidental Canadians'.

Dr. James Raffan is a cultural geographer and writer who has produced more than 20 books including many best sellers. He has been recognized with nominations and awards including the Queens Golden and Diamond Jubilee medals and Canada's Meritorious Service Medal for his foundational work in bringing the Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough Ontario onto the national stage. "The Accidental Canadian" is filled with 'flashy' visuals, whimsical stories, and original songs performed live. It's a two-hour presentation providing laughter, joy, tears and an unprecedented sense of Canadian pride.

His message to Canadians, "stand strong and together to protect the wild places and the integrity of the people he bore witness to, through his lifetime of travel and scribing"

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NOTICE OF ASSENT VOTING

Bylaw No. 643 – Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre Service

On Saturday, October 17, 2026 an assent voting opportunity will be held within:

- City of Campbell River
- Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay/Buttle Lake)
- That part of Electoral Area C known as Quadra Island

On the following Question:

Are you in favour of Bylaw No. 643 which would amend the Strathcona Gardens recreation facility service by adding that part of Electoral Area 'C' (Quadra Island) shown on Appendix 'A' to the bylaw as a participant for the service and specifying a cost sharing formula that uses a percentage of the converted hospital assessments of each participant as follows:

City of Campbell River – 100%

Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay, Buttle Lake) – 90%

That part of Electoral Area C known as Quadra Island – 80%

Bylaw No. 643 proposes to expand the Strathcona Gardens Recreation Centre service area to include Quadra Island, as a participating area alongside the City of Campbell River and Electoral Area D. The bylaw would amend the cost sharing formula for the service as shown above.

Only persons who qualify as resident electors or nonresident property electors within the City of Campbell River, Electoral Area D (Oyster Bay/Buttle Lake) or that portion of Electoral Area C known as Quadra Island are eligible to vote in this assent voting opportunity. An elector is entitled to only one ballot for an assent voting question, regardless of the number of properties they own within the applicable voting jurisdiction.

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- Campbell River Community Centre, 401-11th Avenue, Campbell River, BC
- Sportsplex, 1800 South Alder Street, Campbell River, BC
- Ocean Grove School, 3773 Mclellan Rd, Campbell River, B.C.
- Oyster River School, 2250 Terrain Rd, Campbell River, B.C.
- Quadra Elementary School, 678 Heriot Bay Rd, Quathiaski Cove, B.C.
- Quadra Golf Course, 950 Heriot Bay Rd, Quathiaski Cove, B.C.

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- Campbell River Community Centre, 401-11th Avenue, Campbell River, BC

Wednesday, October 14, Advance Vote - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

- Sportsplex, 1800 South Alder Street, Campbell River, BC

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Edith Watson, Chief Election Officer
Betty Wasyliv, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Gratitude And Healing: Buddhist Teachings, Meditation And Sound Bath!

On Saturday, October 10th we welcome the return of Lama Geshe Yong Dong and Menpa Nyima, for a morning of Buddhist teachings, meditation, blessings and healing, followed by a Tibetan Buddhist Sound Bath in the afternoon.

Geshe Yong Dong Losar (Geshe-la) has been sharing Tibetan Buddhist teachings in our community for many years. Originally from Tibet, he has been living in Courtenay since 2002 where he established and directs Sherab Chamma Ling, the only Tibetan Bon Buddhist Center in Canada. He teaches in many centers, communities and universities around the world and is known for making these teachings accessible through meditation, mindfulness and practical ways of cultivating greater peace and balance in everyday life.

Joining him is Menpa Nyima, who brings a different but complementary area of knowledge. Alongside his studies of Buddhist philosophy, he has spent many years learning Sowa Rigpa, the traditional Tibetan system of medicine and healing, as well as practices such as acupuncture. His work brings together an understanding of the connection between body, mind and inner well-being and provides an opportunity to explore some of these ancient traditions in a simple and practical way that can be applied to our daily lives.

The morning program will focus on Buddhist teachings, gratitude and inner healing with a special ceremony of blessings for ourselves and Mother Earth. The afternoon Sound Bath will offer a more immersive experience, using mantras, Tibetan singing bowls, drums and gongs to invite deep relaxation and inner stillness. "Rang Da" is Tibetan for self sound and is the natural sound we have within us. The relaxing music of a sound bath activates and connects us with our inner sound, helping to balance body, mind and spirit.

Please join us on Thanksgiving weekend as these 2 compassionate teachers share their wisdom and healing energy with us all!

Saturday, October 10, 2026 — Quadra Community Centre

Tibetan Buddhist Teachings: 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Suggested donation or dana: \$20 — no one turned away

Tibetan Buddhist Sound Bath: 1:30–3:00 pm

\$30 — Pre-registration required as space is limited

*If possible, please bring a yoga mat, blanket, cushion and eye pillow for the Sound Bath.

For more information or registration for the Sound Bath, contact Carol at 250-285-3035 or cfoort@yahoo.com



Market Thank Yous

A big Thank you Quadra community, family, friends and guests who supported the Quadra Island Farmers' Market and Bazaar for another fabulous season.

It was great to see everyone there we could not do it without you! A special thanks to our grounds landlords Danielle and Dre, Ross Doak for the porta potties, Laura at inspirations for printing our posters and Philip Stone for our entries in the Discovery Islander. We are also very grateful for volunteers who put in many hours all year and throughout this busy season to manage and maintain the running of the market. Thanks to all the talented artisans, farmers and educators, the fantastic musicians and to Mary-Ellen and Tony for managing the music and bandstand.

Wishing everyone a great winter from all of us on the market committee, we will be ready to greet you in the spring!

In the meantime, as a nice treat Ben of Green Torpedo Farm will be there for at least one more Saturday with his beautiful bumper crop of late summer harvest!



The Quadra Island Garden Club Presents: Growing Berries with Jen Alton

Monday, October 5th, 7-9pm at the Quadra Community Centre.

We've been hearing a lot of questions about berries lately...what varieties to grow? Where to get them? How to amend the soil? How far apart to plant? How to prune? How to protect from birds? And what about that mummy berry issue?

Well now it's time to learn all about berries with Jen Alton! She is excited to come to Quadra and share her experience with selecting, growing, and pruning berries, along with practical tips on growing conditions and healthy soil.

Have some berry plants to donate to our plant and seed table? Please bring them? Got some varieties to recommend? Please share your list!

About Jen Alton:

Jen has been working with plants for as long as she can remember! She grew up in the Comox Valley and has been a horticulturist since 2000, with a background in silviculture. She has always enjoyed sharing her knowledge and working with her community. She owned a landscaping company where she combined edible and ornamental plants to create beautiful, productive landscapes while helping homeowners grow food and improve food security. Now she enjoys sharing her knowledge of plants through her work at Outback Nursery and Garden Centre.

The Quadra Island Garden Club meets monthly to exchange gardening knowledge, promote sustainable and productive practices, and foster friendship among island gardeners.

Everyone welcome! Members FREE, Guests \$5.00. Come early to renew your annual membership (Individuals \$20/Family \$30), chat with fellow gardeners, and enjoy some coffee/tea and goodies. Doors open at 6:30. Stay to the end for your chance to win a great door prize!

What Happens to an RESP When You Die?



An RESP can be an important part of planning for a child's future, but what happens to it when you die is not always straightforward.

One of the most important things to understand is the difference between the subscriber and the beneficiary.

The subscriber is the person who opens and contributes to the RESP. The beneficiary is the child or young person for whom the money is being saved. The beneficiary does not own the RESP simply because they are named on it.

This means an RESP is treated differently from some other registered accounts, such as an RRSP or TFSA, where a named beneficiary can generally receive the account directly.

Who is the subscriber?

The first step is to find out exactly who the subscriber or subscribers are on your RESP.

If you are separated or divorced and are both legal parents of the beneficiary, you can have a joint RESP. CRA confirms that former spouses or common-law partners who are both legal parents can be joint subscribers.

If there is only one subscriber, it is particularly important to make a plan for what will happen to the RESP if that person dies.

What happens after death?

The RESP does not simply become the property of the child who is named as beneficiary. Instead, someone needs to take over the subscriber's rights so that the plan can continue.

CRA allows another person, including the deceased subscriber's estate, to acquire the subscriber's rights after death. What happens in practice can depend on the terms of the RESP contract and provincial law.

For this reason, it is worth talking to your financial institution and your lawyer or notary before a death occurs. Ask whether your RESP permits a successor subscriber and what needs to be included in your Will.

A checklist

If you have an RESP, consider:

- Find out who the subscriber is. Don't assume that the child named on the account owns it.
- If there are joint subscribers, understand what happens if one dies. Ask the RESP provider to explain the specific terms of your plan.
- If you are the sole subscriber, talk to your lawyer or notary about your Will and successor arrangements.
- Make sure your executor knows the RESP exists and knows where to find the account information.
- Don't assume the RESP will automatically pass to the beneficiary. Check the arrangements while you are still able to make changes.

An RESP is intended to help a young person with their education. Taking a few minutes to understand what happens to it after your death can help ensure that the savings—and any government grants and investment earnings that remain in the plan—can continue to serve that purpose.

This article is for general information only. RESP rules can be complicated, and the terms of individual plans vary. For advice about your particular situation, speak with your RESP provider and a lawyer or notary familiar with estate planning.

As of April 1, 2028, RESPs will no longer be offered. If you have been considering obtaining one, keep that in mind.

Way To Go supports our community in preparing for end-of-life through conversation

and education. We help loved ones care for their own dying and deceased—offering guidance, empowerment, and assistance from diagnosis through death and after death—making home-based, holistic care more accessible. Visit our website, way2go.ca; view upcoming events, read previously written articles, and join our email list.

- Written by Margaret Verschuur

Raise Your Voice In Glorious Song!

Fall Term: September 14th - December 7th; Every Monday from 1:00 -2:30 at the Quadra Community Centre.

Sing For Pure Joy! is a safe, non-judgmental Song Circle where every voice is welcome. No experience needed. When you sing with a group of people, you learn to subsume yourself into a group consciousness because a cappella singing is all about the immersion of self into community. To stop being 'me' for a little while, and to become 'us.' For most of human history people sang together, and it wasn't seen as a competition; it was a joyful communal experience. Raise your voice in splendiferous song with heart-felt melodies, soulful gospel songs and rousing spirituals, meditative chants, luscious layered song and robust rounds from all around this glorious Earth! Songs from the sublime to the ridiculous!

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Are you Digitally Literate?

By David Tomblin

I have frequently spoken about Digital Literacy without really giving a detailed explanation of what it is. Many of the people that I talk to say they don't know anything about computers, yet surprise themselves when describing an issue they might be having with great clarity and precise language of the digital age. I have put together a simple quiz for you to assess your digital vocabulary and understanding.

Digital Literacy Quiz

1. What is the primary function of an operating system (such as Windows or macOS)?

- A) To protect the computer from physical dust and damage
- B) To manage computer hardware, software resources, and provide common services for programs
- C) To connect the computer directly to a local television broadcast
- D) To print documents and scan physical paper photos

2. Which of the following is an example of a secure website address (URL) used for entering sensitive personal or financial information?

- A) <http://mybank.com>
- B) <ftp://secure-bank.com>
- C) <https://mybank.com>
- D) <://mybank.com.free-login.net>

3. What does the "BCC" (Blind Carbon Copy) field do when sending an email?

- A) It blocks the recipient from opening any attached files.
- B) It automatically replies to the sender with a read receipt.
- C) It hides the email addresses of the BCC recipients from all other people on the email.
- D) It sends a high-priority alert to the main recipient's mobile phone.

4. Which of the following is considered a strong, secure password practice?

- A) Using your birthdate followed by your first name
- B) Using the exact same simple word across all your accounts so you don't forget it
- C) Using a long combination of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers, and symbols unique to that account
- D) Writing your password on a sticky note attached to your computer monitor

5. What is "phishing"?

- A) A method to clean dust out of computer cooling fans
- B) A fraudulent attempt by cybercriminals to steal sensitive information (like passwords or credit card numbers) by disguising themselves as a trustworthy entity in an email or message
- C) A legal tool used to download large video files from the internet
- D) A setting used to organize computer files into folders

6. Which of the following file extensions typically indicates a standard text document created in a word processor?

- A) .jpg
- B) .mp3
- C) .docx
- D) .xlsx

7. What is the fastest and easiest way to find a specific website if you do not know its exact web address (URL)?

- A) Type a random string of letters into the address bar and press Enter
- B) Use a search engine like Google or Bing by typing keywords related to the site
- C) Turn the computer off and back on again
- D) Open the computer's recycling bin

8. Why is it important to perform regular software and operating system updates?

- A) To increase the physical weight of the laptop
- B) To change the color of the computer screen permanently
- C) To patch security vulnerabilities and fix software bugs
- D) To use up your available internet data limit

9. Which hardware component acts as the main temporary working memory where data for open apps and programs is stored while the computer is turned on?

- A) Hard Disk Drive (HDD) or Solid State Drive (SSD)
- B) Random Access Memory (RAM)
- C) Power Supply Unit (PSU)
- D) Universal Serial Bus (USB) port

10. If a webpage on your internet browser stops responding or fails to load new updates, which button should you click first?

- A) Back arrow
- B) Print icon
- C) Refresh / Reload button
- D) Close Window permanently

See answers overleaf

Municipal Election All Candidate Debates

The Campbell River & District Chamber of Commerce, the Campbell River Mirror and the Tidemark Theatre Society are co-hosting a series of debates for all candidates running in the BC Municipal Election on October 17, 2026.

The public is invited to attend in-person at the Tidemark Theatre — seating is on a first come first serve basis — or watch the LIVE stream on the Tidemark Theatre website — or watch the recording the next day on the Campbell River & District Chamber's YouTube channel.

NOTE: The public are invited to send their questions to: chair@campbellriverchamber.ca

Doors open at 6:30pm — debates will run from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

DEBATE DATES

Thursday, Oct 1 - Strathcona Regional Area Director Candidates

Monday, Oct 5 - Mayoral Candidates

Tuesday, Oct 6 - Council Candidates

Wednesday, Oct 7 - Council Candidates

Thursday, Oct 8 - School Board Trustee Candidates / Council if needed

NOTE: There are 2 dates set aside for Council candidates as there can only be 6 individuals on the stage at a time.

<https://elections.bc.ca/local-elections/2026-general-local-elections/>

We thank all the individuals considering standing for election and for their courage and commitment to our community — this is democracy in action!

Digitally Literacy Answer Key

1. B – The operating system manages the computer's underlying hardware and software resources.
2. C – The "s" in https:// stands for secure, indicating encryption is used during data transfer.
3. C – BCC hides the copied recipients' addresses to maintain their privacy from others.
4. C – Complex, unique, and long passwords provide the strongest defense against unauthorized access.
5. B – Phishing relies on deception via electronic communications to capture confidential data.
6. C – .docx is the standard file format for Microsoft Word and compatible word processors.
7. B – Search engines are designed to locate web pages using descriptive keywords.
8. C – Updates protect your device from newly discovered security threats and improve stability.
9. B – RAM temporarily holds data for active tasks, clearing when the computer shuts down.
10. C – Refreshing reloads the current page from the server to fix loading freezes

A high score of 8+ may not get you an acceptance letter from MIT, but it will give you a satisfying feeling that you know the lingo enough to speak about computer matters with confidence.

As always, I welcome any feedback on my articles. I am happy to help anyone who wants to learn how to navigate the digital world. You can reach me at dave@quadraliteracy.com

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National Day for Truth and Reconciliation - September 30

(Campbell River, BC) - On September 30, the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) joins communities across Canada in recognizing the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day.

This day honours First Nations, Inuit and Métis Survivors of residential schools, the children who never returned home, and the families and communities who continue to live with the impacts of the residential school system.

September 30 is also an opportunity to listen, learn and reflect on how each of us can contribute to stronger relationships with First Nations throughout the year.

The SRD encourages everyone to wear orange, attend local events, learn about the First Nations whose territories they live and work within, and explore the following resources:

- **Orange Shirt Society:** orangeshirtday.org
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:** nctr.ca
- **Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action:** nctr.ca/records/reports
- **Laichwiltach Family Life Society:** lfls.ca
- **Moose Hide Campaign:** moosehidecampaign.ca
- **Gord Downie & Chanie Wenjack Fund:** downiewenjack.ca
- **Witness Blanket:** witnessblanket.ca

In Campbell River, residents are encouraged to watch for local National Day for Truth and Reconciliation activities hosted by Laichwiltach Family Life Society and other community organizations.

Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex will offer limited operations on September 30 in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Everyone Welcome Skate and Pond Hockey will be available from 1:30 to 4:30 pm, and the arena will remain open for all pre-booked user groups. All other regular programming and classes will be cancelled.

The Strathcona Gardens pool will be closed starting September 26 as preparations continue for the opening of the new Aquatic Centre in October.

The SRD Board and staff are committed to continuous learning and to building meaningful, respectful relationships with First Nations throughout the region. This work requires ongoing listening, reflection and action, and extends beyond a single day of recognition.

Learning and relationship building do not end on September 30 and everyone is encouraged to carry this work forward throughout the year.

The Strathcona Regional District's corporate office and Strathcona Gardens Recreation Complex are located on the traditional unceded territory of the Ligw'ildax^w people. The SRD operates within the traditional territories of the Ehattesaht/Chinehkint, Homalco, Ka:'yu:'k't'h'/Che:k'tles7et'h', Klahoose, K'ómoks, Kwiakah, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, Nuchatlaht, Tla'amin, Tlowitsis, We Wai Kai and Wei Wai Kum First Nations.

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Air Conditioning

We use our technologies to adjust to the abnormal, and then we deceive ourselves into thinking that we are living in circumstances that are normal. Air conditioning (AC) is a classical example.

Air conditioning was rare prior to the 1960s, even in America. It has now become a necessity in many parts of the world. Indeed, many regions of the United States would not be habitable without AC. And this is becoming the case in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, the Middle East, the Gulf States, parts of the Orient and many regions of Europe. When temperatures this July hit 40°C in parts of Paris, riots broke out as people competed to buy the few remaining cooling devices. Many European cities were never designed to be liveable at such temperatures, particularly in Paris where apartments with skylights become saunas. A detailed analysis of death rates has estimated 200,000 Europeans died prematurely in the last four years from heat-related causes, and the global number of annual fatalities has been estimated at 498,000.

Temperature records were shattered during the summer of 2026. As a sample, South Korea

hit 42.6°C. Germany reached 41.7°C during one of Europe's five heatwaves of the season. Bangladesh was sweltering at 45°C. Saudi Arabia would not be habitable without extensive air conditioning, a luxury of electrical consumption for 99% of its households that is mostly provided by burning the same fossil fuels that are causing the heat that requires the cooling. The comfort provided by the AC in 90% of American homes is merely hiding a global problem that is not being addressed. The International Energy Agency estimates that 23% of Europeans have an AC unit, while 80% of the world's population now needs such an appliance, but only 40% can afford one.

The millions of additional air conditioners require electricity, which cannot be supplied by existing generation capacities or carried by overstressed grids. When the grids fail, as happened in Pakistan and Bangladesh in the summer of 2026, thousands of protesters flooded the streets because the heat was so unbearable.

As the July 26, 2026, edition of *The Economist* notes, "Countries that cannot afford to invest in grids, and in AC, risk entering

a self-reinforcing [downward] spiral." UNICEF estimates that in eastern and southern Africa as many as 130 million children could not attend school because of over-heated classrooms. "The International Labour Organization estimates that by 2030 heat stress will erase 2.2% of the world's working hours—the equivalent of 80 million full-time jobs—with losses concentrated among agricultural workers in South Asia and West Africa."

It doesn't take a sophisticated economist, politician, philosopher or environmentalist to understand where this is leading. Parts of the world will become either uninhabitable or wholly dependent on air conditioning for year-long survival. Life will be seasonally limited to indoors with vast amounts of energy devoted to cooling. This, of course, assumes that the generating facilities themselves can stay cool enough to continue functioning—drought and heat caused two Romanian nuclear reactors to shut down in August of 2026. This precariousness will create hundreds of millions of climate victims who will either suffer where they are, or become refugees migrating to more hospitable countries. The humanitarian, cultural, political and demographic stresses will be enormous.

So, too, will be the agricultural pressures. The two varieties of coffee plants that provide most of the world's beans, robusta and arabica, are having trouble growing above 30°C, a temperature that is often exceeded in their native habitats—a replacement species is proving difficult to find. But that is just the coffee. What happens should temperatures exceed the heat tolerance of millions of agricultural workers? Or worse, the viable survival limits of such staple crops as rice, maize and grains? Food production is already

being threatened by droughts, floods and the irregular hot weather initiated by global climate change. The only way of addressing this problem is to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions—principally carbon dioxide and methane.

The biggest emitters are often those countries with the highest standards of living and the greatest number of air conditioners. And because of the artificial comfort supplied by their units, the people in these countries are often the least aware and concerned about of the unfolding crisis that they are creating by their greenhouse gas emissions.

Maybe, however, this is beginning to change, as they find themselves unable to escape from a hotter world of their own creation. In addition to the heat, their profligacy, indifference and recklessness is creating abnormal weather, higher food prices, climate refugees, rising sea levels, and a host of other surprises that are becoming increasingly expensive, disruptive and tragic.

We actually have a natural, global air conditioning system that has been working perfectly well since our existence as a species. And we know how to turn down the temperature if we don't like the heat. Why we haven't done so will be one of the perplexing questions that will haunt us when the consequences eventually become overwhelming and unbearable. By then, unfortunately, it will be too late.

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At the Campbell River Art Gallery

Visit the Campbell River Art Gallery to see their powerful new exhibition **Super/Natural Creatures on from August 20 to October 31, 2026.**

This exhibition brings together rich storytelling traditions, ancestral designs, and contemporary printmaking. Featuring the work of James Kwaksistala (Kwakwaka'wakw), Charles Jules (Nuu-chah-nulth), and Alexander J. Mark (Nuu-chah-nulth) who are based in Campbell River, alongside special guest artist Thomas Whiteley (Inuit, Kuujuaq). Curated by Nadine Bariteau.

Throughout September and October, the art gallery will be transformed into a carving shed as artist James Kwaksistala carves live in the Main Gallery. The familiar atmosphere of a working carving shed—rarely encountered in a gallery setting—will fill the space with the rich scent of cedar, the rhythmic scrape of carving knives, and the warmth of shared coffee, conversation, and laughter.

Visitors are invited to spend time in the space, observe the creative process as it unfolds, connect with the artist and invited guest carvers, and witness a carving take shape over the course of the exhibition.

Spooky Season Artist Trading Cards LIVE Saturday, October 3rd! Artists of all ages and skill levels are invited to create and trade miniature works of art. We'll be supplying gothic, autumnal themed prompts for those who wish to be inspired by the start of Spooky Season!

MAKING SESSION | 12:30pm - 2:30pm

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TRADING SESSION | 2:30pm - 3:00pm

Open to all! You don't need to come to the making session to join our in-person trade! It's a great way to meet folks in the artist community and have some fun. Trades are free, 1:1.

To Learn More and Register

Visit: <https://www.crartgallery.ca/events/#!event/2026/9/19/artist-trading-cards-live>

Please visit [crartgallery.ca/events](https://www.crartgallery.ca/events) to view a complete list of upcoming public programs.

The Campbell River Art Gallery exhibition space and gift shop are open Tuesday to Saturday from 10AM - 4PM. Located at 1235 Shoppers Row in downtown Campbell River.

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ROOTS

Saturday October 24 12-1:30pm

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TRUNK

Saturday November 21 12-1:30pm

Workshop 2 will explore techniques for releasing the upper and lower back and psoas.

BRANCHES

Saturday December 19 12-1:30pm

Workshop 3 will focus on releases for the shoulder, arms, neck, and head (including the jaw).

Workshops are 90 + minutes long and participants will receive a handout of the sequences

covered in the class. Therapy balls are available for purchase at workshops or you can bring your own. (BYOB)

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Instructor Shannon McMurchy (certified in Pilates, Therapeutic Yoga, Feldenkrais, Craniosacral

Therapy, & massage) has developed and taught this series over many years in San Francisco

CA and Bend OR. Her approach draws from extensive study of Jill Miller's "The Roll Model", Sue Hitzman's "The Melt Method", and Thomas Myers' "Anatomy Trains".

All workshops will be held at the Quadra Island Community Centre

Roots & Neighbours: Quadra Island Housing News

It has been a very fruitful summer in the garden at Quadra Seniors Housing! Our common garden area has been a busy and welcoming place throughout the summer, with tenants enjoying the opportunity to get outside, get their hands in the soil, and watch their gardens grow.

The shared garden beds have produced a wonderful variety of vegetables and herbs, including corn, peppers and eggplant, along with many other tasty additions.

Many of our tenants also have their own individual garden beds, and they have certainly made the most of them. There have been lots of vegetables, beautiful flowers and, of course, plenty of homegrown produce to enjoy throughout the summer.

But the garden is about much more than what we grow. Gardening is a great activity for seniors because it gets us outdoors and moving, while still allowing everyone to participate at their own pace. There is bending, planting, watering, weeding and harvesting — all gentle ways to keep active and connected with the outdoors.

Perhaps just as important, the garden has become a wonderful place for socializing. Tenants stop to chat, share gardening tips, admire each other's flowers and see what's growing. There is something special about working alongside neighbours and sharing the excitement when something finally ripens and is ready to pick.

A big thank you goes to all the tenants who have helped care for the common garden and to those who have put so much time and love into their own garden beds. It has truly been a colourful, productive and social summer at Quadra Seniors Housing.

As the days get shorter and the gardens begin to wind down, we're grateful for all the sunshine, good food, friendly visits and little moments that the garden has brought us this summer.

Here's to another season of growing, sharing and enjoying the simple pleasures of island life!

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DECLARATION OF CANDIDATE
(Close of Nomination Period)

I, Edith Watson, Chief Election Officer for School District No. 72 do hereby declare, pursuant to Section 97 of the *Local Government Act*, that the following persons have been nominated as candidates in the 2026 School District No. 72 Trustee Election:

Candidates for Trustee, Electoral Area 1 – Greater Campbell River

Candidate Name	Address
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Craig Gillis	Campbell River, BC
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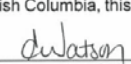
Candidates for Trustee, Electoral Area 2 – Sayward Valley

Candidate Name	Address
Shannon Briggs	Sayward, BC

Candidates for Trustee, Electoral Area 3 – Discovery Islands

Candidate Name	Address
Jan Gladish	Quathiaski Cove, BC

Given under my hand at Campbell River,
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Wei Wai Kum First Nation Breaks Ground on Waterfront Hotel

Campbell River – Wei Wai Kum First Nation marked a significant milestone in its economic development journey with a traditional land blessing and ground-breaking ceremony for a new waterfront hotel that will be branded a Tapestry Collection by Hilton and anticipated to open in Spring 2029. The hotel is Nation-owned and will be managed by Innovation Hospitality.

The hotel will be built on the waterfront site in front of Discovery Harbour Marina and adjacent to Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre, creating a new destination on Campbell River's waterfront.

Elected and hereditary leaders of Wei Wai Kum First Nation joined community members, project partners, municipal officials, and invited guests to celebrate the start of construction. The project is expected to create lasting economic, employment, and tourism opportunities for future generations. The ceremony also honoured the site's history: participants in the original Discovery Harbour Shopping Centre groundbreaking returned, and the ceremonial shovel carved by Master Carver Bill Henderson and first used more than 30 years ago was used once again.

"This ceremony represents far more than the start of construction," said Chief Councillor Chris Roberts. "By beginning this project in a way that honours our cultural values, territory, and traditions, we are creating a legacy that reflects who we are, strengthens our economy, and creates opportunities for future generations of Wei Wai Kum members and the citizens of Campbell River."

Mayor Kermit Dahl said, "Projects like this demonstrate what Indigenous economic leadership looks like in action. They create employment, investment, and opportunity while building something with a lasting connection to place."

Planned as a premier waterfront destination, the Tapestry Collection by Hilton hotel will feature:

- 140 guest rooms
- A 10,000-square-foot spa and wellness facility
- 5,000 square feet of meeting and event space
- A full-service waterfront restaurant
- A rooftop space with views of Campbell River and the waterfront

The hotel is expected to attract visitors from across Canada and around the world, supporting continued growth in Campbell River's tourism and business sectors.

Raagaverse with Strings: A One-of-a-Kind Musical Creation Comes to Quadra

Saturday, October 17 · 7:30 p.m. · Quadra Island Community Centre

What happens when the ancient melodic traditions of Hindustani classical music meet jazz improvisation—and then both are opened up to the sweeping possibilities of a string quartet?

Quadra Concerts invites island audiences to find out on Saturday, October 17, when Raagaverse with Strings takes the stage at the Quadra Island Community Centre. Led by vocalist, composer and educator Shruti Ramani, Raagaverse is a JUNO-nominated Indo-Jazz ensemble that brings together the

simple fusion of them. The result can be lyrical, rhythmically intricate, spacious, explosive and deeply improvisational—music that asks the musicians to listen closely to one another and respond in the moment.

That makes this performance especially fitting for Quadra Concerts' 2026/27 season, which has been built around artistic discovery and the idea that a concert can be more than a performance. The series seeks out artists willing to take creative risks and gives



musical language of Hindustani classical music with contemporary jazz, improvisation and composition.

But there is something particularly special about this performance.

"With Strings" is the first commission undertaken by Quadra Concerts.

Quadra Concerts asked Shruti Ramani to create something new: arrangements for a string quartet that would accompany and expand the core Raagaverse quartet. The result is an extraordinary eight-musician ensemble, bringing together voice, piano, bass and drums with two violins, viola and cello.

The string quartet features Meredith Bates and Joshua Zubot on violin, Parmela Attariwala on viola, and Marina Hasselberg on cello—four of Canada's remarkable contemporary string players.

At the centre of Raagaverse is a conversation between musical traditions rather than a

audiences the opportunity to encounter ambitious work in an intimate setting.

And this time, Quadra is not just the place where the music is being performed. Quadra is part of the reason this music exists.

On October 17, eight extraordinary musicians will take the stage to perform a musical creation commissioned specifically for this concert. For anyone curious about where Hindustani classical music, jazz improvisation and contemporary chamber music might meet, this is an opportunity to hear that meeting happen in real time.

Raagaverse with Strings

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Quadra Island Community Centre

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Dear Islanders,

After 19 years of serving Quadra Island as one of the founding directors of Landtec Industries, I am writing to let you know my role with Landtec will be coming to an end.

Landtec was founded the year my eldest child was born, and in many ways, the business grew alongside my family. It also grew me.

I was 23 when Landtec started, with much to learn. Over the years, I learned the business from many angles, from strategy and operations to building websites, driving trucks, lifting drill steels, and talking gravel production, blasting, and engines. The experience was more than I could have imagined when it all began. I proudly designed Landtec's website and was the wordsmith behind much of its messaging.

I also brought my own personality to working in a traditionally male-dominated industry. I used to joke that I had my own version of high-vis, and I'm fairly certain you saw me coming.

One of the things I have valued most has been the opportunity to connect with so many of you through my role as an owner of Landtec: tending your roads, offering dump-truck tours to the kids at the Children's Centre, participating in community events and, most recently, joining the truck parade. Quadra Island is an extraordinary community, and I have always been proud to play a part in it.

To everyone who supported Landtec, offered encouragement, stopped to chat, waved at me in the gravel truck, shared a laugh, or simply recognized the work being done, thank you. Your genuine words of encouragement over the years have lifted me more than you may know, and I have received them with deep gratitude.

As Landtec moves into its next chapter, my chapter with the company has come to a close. It has been a defining part of my life, and I leave carrying many lessons, memories and a great deal of gratitude.

As many of you know, in 2022 I began a nine-month professional coaching program through Elementum Coaching Institute. That experience opened the door to work that has continued to grow in importance to me. I am now furthering my professional coaching credentials through the International Coaching Federation while completing my Professional Counseling Diploma through Rhodes Wellness College.

My work now centers increasingly around helping people navigate grief and loss, significant life transitions, behavioural change, relationships and personal growth, including the complicated process of rebuilding when what came before no longer fits. I will be focusing on offering workshops, facilitated group experiences for organizations and communities, as well as private sessions.

It feels fitting that after spending so many years contributing to this island in one capacity, I now hope to continue serving people here, and beyond, in another.

I hope many of you will be part of whatever comes next. Do keep in touch. [SarahWolf.ca](#)

With gratitude, Sarah Wolf
(Formerly Richardson)



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11 Sun	00:45	1.421	4.7
	07:24	4.618	15.2
	12:59	2.888	9.5
	18:25	4.542	14.9
12 Mon	01:18	1.242	4.1
	08:13	4.717	15.5
	13:45	3.162	10.4
	18:53	4.434	14.5
13 Tue	01:52	1.150	3.8
	09:01	4.741	15.6
	14:32	3.395	11.1
	19:19	4.310	14.1
14 Wed	02:28	1.141	3.7
	09:51	4.698	15.4
	15:22	3.577	11.7
	19:46	4.173	13.7
15 Thu	03:06	1.202	3.9
	10:45	4.610	15.1
	16:20	3.696	12.1
	20:11	4.029	13.2
16 Fri	03:46	1.316	4.3
	11:45	4.510	14.8
	17:40	3.739	12.3
	20:39	3.880	12.7
17	04:31	1.466	4.8

Services

QUADRA WASTE SOLUTIONS

Local. On-Demand. Occasionally. Weekly. Servicing Heriot Bay and South. Enquire about our Seniors' Driveway Service. Call/Text/Email. quadrawastesolutions@gmail.com 250.202.9182 Tariff-Free since 2023

SHORE PINE SIGNS & DESIGN

Custom signs for home & business, boat/vehicle decals, Custom picture framing. Hours: Mon & Friday 930-2, Tues & Thurs 930-5. Next door to Q Builders. 250-285-2815 shorepinesigns@gmail.com

ROOFING

Professional Roofing Services www.javaroofing.com Call JAVA ROOFING at 250.204.2638

SMALL ENGINE REPAIRS

in Q Cove. Lawn Mowers, Tractors, Chainsaws, Trimmers, Generators etc. Also some electric power tools. Please call Don @ 250.285.3960.

NOTARY PUBLIC

Notary Public on Quadra located at Quathiaski Cove Plaza, we offer notarial services, personal planning documents wills, powers of attorney, representation agreements. Call 1.855.204.6277 toll-free emailinfo@quadranotary.ca

For Sale/Rent

Q COVE COMMERCIAL LOT FOR SALE

Contact savingpaul@hotmail.com

COMMERCIAL BUILDING

For sale. Commercial unit for rent. Quathiaski Cove Enquire: savingpaul@hotmail.com

Mobile Heavy Equipment

service and repair

Automotive service and repair
Welding and Fabrication
Mobile and Quadra shop



WOLF DEN MECHANICAL

250-285-2215

wolfdenmechanical@gmail.com

Wellness

MASSAGE & BODYWORK

Massage is an exceptional tool that aids in alleviating stress and tension of body & mind. Trinity Gogolin specializes in many styles of massage from Deep Tissue & Trigger Point Release to Relaxation Massage & Energy Work. U.S. trained with over 15 years experience. Trinity can be found at The Samara Wellness Centre above the gym in Heriot Bay. Book in online at thesamara.ca or Call / Text 250 203 4529.

SOUL SOLE MESSAGE

by 'foot pressure' is an ancient Ayurvedic modality that uses the feet to deliver the massage. Expect deep tension release, increased mobility, relaxation and healing. Studio in Quathiaski Cove. Call/Text Jen 250 285 0070 www.soulsole.ca

Home & Garden

EXPERT PRUNING

Skilled, efficient pruning of ornamental trees and flowering shrubs, including rhododendrons, pieris, camellias, and many more. Fast, reliable service with an eye for plant health, natural form, and beauty. Kai 250-850-9245 ggpropertycare@gmail.com

GARDEN IMPROVEMENT

Looking to make dramatic improvements to your food or ornamental garden? Horticulturist Ryan Nassichuk can help. Visit www.nassichuk.com, call/text 250 202 2326, or email nassichuk@gmail.com

Wanted

LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO RENT

I am a Cortes resident for 16 years, I have excellent references having lived in the same place for 9 years.

I am looking for a place to rent, I can maintain and repair any part of a building when need be, from plumbing to electrical, I have an extensive set of tools. i have lived for the past 50 years in small rural communities and rustic is fine.

I am a single 75 year old tapestry weaver and natural dyer. Non smoker non drinker, I can live in a small cabin as long as it can accommodate my loom, indoors preferably or on a covered deck.

My work can be seen on Instagram under my name Gabriel Dinim.

Please contact me at 250 935 0318 landline/ 250 551 4632 cell or at gdinim@netidea.com

Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING

Clerk\Assistant position

Heriot Bay Inn

Resume to: accounting@heriotbayinn.com

Up to 35 words:

\$25 includes GST - one edition

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discoveryislander.ca

NEXT DEADLINE

**7pm, Monday October 12
for Issue 892**

LOT 1 CLIFF RD. *NEW LISTING!*
\$350,000 • MLS# 1050229



- Partial ocean view lot overlooking Gowlland Harbour!
- 0.48 acre lot comes with a driveway and septic system in place.
- Most of the property is a level bluff with west facing views over Gowlland Harbour to Gowlland Island.
- Part of a small bareland strata subdivision with a common property trail that leads to the beach.
- Situated near the end of Cliff Rd, which is a no thru road and nice quiet neighbourhood.

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