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SANTA'S RIDE: Mr. and Mrs. Claus lead the 21st annual Salt Spring Toy Run Saturday as part of a weekend of motorcycle-centred events based from the Salt Spring Farmers' Institute. See a Santa's Workshop tribute to the fundraiser on Page 16.

INCORPORATION REFERENDUM

'Legally bound' words disputed

No-side demands politicians' intervention

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

As the first incorporation referendum advance poll opens today (Wednesday) and the formal debate runs tonight, public disputes about specific topics remain heated.

In a press release issued Monday, the Positively No group called on trustees George Grams and Peter Grove, and CRD director Wayne McIntyre "to correct misleading statements made by the pro-incorporation Yes campaign

about a municipality's legal obligation to the Islands Trust."

The no-side refutes the yes-side's claim that a municipal council "will be legally bound to support Trust aims."

Instead, Positively No campaigners are emphasizing wording in Section 39.1 of the Islands Trust Act, which states that a municipality in the Trust Area "must have regard to the object of the trust in adopting a bylaw or issuing a permit or licence." They feel "have regard to

the object" does not constitute being "legally bound."

"Our three elected officials have already intervened to accuse a private citizen of circulating material within the community they believed to contain 'false assumptions and material inaccuracies,'" the Positively No group states, referring to the elected officials' chastisement of islander Brenda Guiled after she critiqued

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MARINE INCIDENT

Joint effort rescues six off Mayne

BC Ferries responds again

BY SEAN HITREC
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries was the first on the scene after a boat carrying four people sank and two kayakers who attempted to rescue the boaters also ended up in the water near Mayne Island on Sunday.

Dylan Carter, maritime SAR coordinator from the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre, said the 9 a.m. sailing of the Spirit of Vancouver Island responded to a distress call for the rapidly sinking boat near Georgina Point on Mayne Island. The submerged vessel's four passengers were all stranded in the water. Two people on Mayne Island with kayaks saw the boat sinking and attempted to help the passengers before official help arrived. They too ended up in the water and needing assistance.

BC Ferries sent a rescue boat to help the group. Meanwhile, a Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue boat from Point Roberts, a Canadian Coast Guard boat from Ganges and a Coast Guard hovercraft from Sea Island in Richmond were dispatched.

Carter said the four people from the sunken boat were taken in the hovercraft to Tsawwassen, where they originated from, and were treated for mild hypothermia en route.

"One person was transported to emergency health services for swallowing sea water," he added.

The two kayakers from Mayne Island were uninjured and returned to shore with a BC Ferries rescue crew.

The Spirit of Vancouver Island was delayed by 20 minutes.

BC Ferries teams have been busy responding to marine incidents this summer.

"I know we had a rash of [rescues] last month," said BC Ferries spokesperson Deborah Marshall.

She said the average number of BC Ferries rescues per year is 24. Eleven have been undertaken since April.

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Meeting Cancellation

The Islands Trust Local Trust Committee Meeting for Thursday, September 7, 2017 is cancelled.

The next meeting is Thursday, October 5, 2017 at the Hart Bradley Hall, Lions' Club.

The proposed meeting agenda is usually available one week prior to the meeting and may be obtained at the Islands Trust office or on our website.

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Advertising Deadlines Change

Please note that the Gulf Islands Driftwood office will be closed on **Monday, Sept. 4 - Labour Day** and will reopen for usual business hours on **Tuesday, Sept. 5.**

Deadlines for the Gulf Islands Driftwood Wednesday Sept. 6 edition will be as follows:

Display Advertising deadline: **Thursday, August 31, 12 noon**

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ENVIRONMENT

Anglers to help with salmon escape

Data collection encouraged

BY SEAN HITREC
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With thousands of Atlantic salmon now swimming freely nearby after a fish farm in the San Juan Islands was damaged last Monday, Salt Spring biologists and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans need help cataloguing them.

The breach and spill of an unknown number of farmed Atlantic salmon into waters around the San Juan Islands is surrounded by controversy. What was first reported as 3,000 to 4,000 fish from a pen damaged by an irregular tide due to the Aug. 21 solar eclipse has fallen under scrutiny by scientists and activist bodies. They say the tide wasn't extreme enough to wreck the pen and the amount of net damage suggests far more of the 305,000 fish it held escaped than originally claimed. The Lummi Nation stated Monday that it had already caught some 20,000 of the fish.

Now it is up to anglers to help scientists and the government track the spread of the species.

Kathy Reimer, a salmon enhancement biologist on Salt Spring Island, said she is concerned about diseases common in fish farms spreading and the possibility that the fish might take over native habitats and spawning grounds. She urges anyone who catches an Atlantic salmon around the Gulf

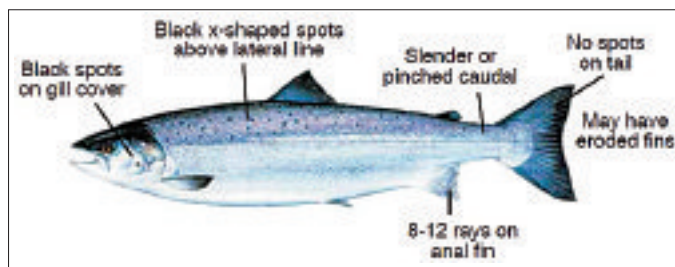


IMAGE COURTESY ATLANTIC SALMON WATCH

Example of an Atlantic salmon with identifying features.

Islands to contact her and put the fish on ice.

"We'd be willing to pick them up," she said. "This fall we'll be watching for them in Fulford Creek for sure," she added, noting that there is a chance they will invade native habitats on the island.

Anyone catching an Atlantic salmon should make a report to the DFO, whose personnel are tracking the invasive species through the Atlantic Salmon Watch program.

"We encourage anglers who catch an Atlantic salmon to report it via our toll-free [ASW] number at 1-800-811-6010. Donating the carcass to DFO provides us with valuable samples for our scientific study," said DFO communications advisor Michelle Rainer in an email to the Driftwood.

The DFO is not encouraging the same policies as the Washington Department of Wildlife, which has asked fishermen to catch as many Atlantic salmon as possible, because of the danger of over-catching native salmon in the process.

Rainer also clarified the rules on catching the fish, as they are not actually considered part of the daily native salmon limit anglers must follow.

"Atlantic salmon are not categorized as 'salmon' in the British Columbia Sport Fishing Regulations, but as unlisted finfish. As such, anglers may retain 20 of these fish per day, with no size limit," she wrote, adding that fishing is still only allowed in permitted areas.

To contact Reimer about an Atlantic salmon catch, email her at salmonkathy@gmail.com.

Maxwell Lake Please Respect the Watershed FIRE DANGER EXTREME

Maxwell Lake is a vital part of our island watershed, supplying water to many island homes, farms and businesses. The risk of wildfire during the summer months on Salt Spring is significant. A fire caused by a cigarette or campfire could cause devastating and permanent damage to the Maxwell watershed, render the lake unusable as a drinking water source for Ganges and jeopardize the safety of nearby residents, homes and farms.

Both islanders and tourists alike can help to play a vital role in watershed protection by honouring the fact that it is private community watershed and not open for camping, swimming, walking, hiking, picnicking, mountain biking or off-road vehicles such as motorbikes and ATVs.

In addition to the fire danger, these activities slowly degrade the watershed because the expansion of trails and pathways creates a direct route for nutrients and sediment to enter the lake during the rainy season. This nutrient loading will negatively impact water quality in both the short and long term.

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PIPELINE ISSUES

Lawyer opens Forum series

Karen Campbell visits Sept. 6

SUBMITTED BY SALT SPRING FORUM

The planned expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline is rife with controversy.

While Prime Minister Justin Trudeau argues the

economic benefits of the project are crucial for Canada, opponents believe the environmental costs far outweigh any benefits the project might provide.

Many First Nations and other communities on British Columbia's coast strongly oppose the project. The new B.C. government is seeking intervenor status to support a combination of 19 lawsuits launched by First Nations, environmental organizations, and others, which have been joined into one major challenge against the pipeline expansion.

One of the 19 lawsuits aims to protect the southern resident orcas against the noise and oil spill risk posed by the planned increase in tanker traffic. Launched by the Living Oceans Society and Raincoast Conservation Foundation, it will be heard by the federal Court of Appeal this fall.

Karen Campbell, the climate change program director at Ecojustice, is the lawyer leading the orca case. Her previous victories include overturning the federal government's approval of the Enbridge Northern Gateway pipeline.

On Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7:30 p.m., Campbell joins the Salt Spring Forum to discuss the legal strategies being used to stop the expansion of the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline.

Tickets are available through ArtSpring and at Salt Spring Books.

It Happened Twenty Years Ago: (speculative fiction) - 2/4 time
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NEWSBEAT

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SS Public Library + Community Gospel Chapel

PRIDE

Unitarian Pride service delivers 'A Message of Love'

Everyone welcome to inclusive event

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Salt Spring's Unitarian congregation is inviting people of all identities and beliefs to hear a special Pride festival service on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Guest speaker Dar Levy will be visiting Salt Spring from Victoria for the event. Her service, *A Message of Love*, will look back at how transgender youth experienced life not so long ago and some of the positive changes being made, as well as the further work society needs to accomplish. Levy believes a strategy based on love and radical acceptance can change the world, "one queer at a time."

"The message of love has a powerful effect. You can connect and make a powerful difference in the world with acceptance, rather than trying to make everyone conform," Levy said.

The Unitarian Church is an organization in which people of any or no proscribed religious faith can meet to explore their spirituality, based on certain shared values. It does not have a dogma or creed to be followed.

"Our values include acceptance of one another, compassion, and a commitment to justice and equity. We believe in exploring the mysteries of life, we believe in ethical living [and] we believe in living out our spirituality in this world by working for peace, justice, equality, democracy and respect," the website for the Canadian Unitarian Council explains.

Katie Watters, Salt Spring Unitarians' program coordinator, said a small group of 15 people meet around twice a month on Salt Spring. A special Pride service has been offered for a number of years, and like all Unitarian events, it's open to people of any

faith, gender, race, age, or ability.

While the spiritual side of life may not be the first thing one thinks about in terms of Pride celebrations, Watters said it represents an important aspect that hasn't always been available for people outside gender or sexual norms.

"At 58 I'm just now feeling the confidence to speak about who I am and feel confident in that."

DAR LEVY
Unitarian speaker

"I think there's an experience that many LGBTQ people face in trying to find a door that's open or a place where you can meet your religious or spiritual needs. That can be hard, and just another way society diminishes this unique group of people," Watters said.

Levy discovered Unitarianism around six years ago, when she and her spouse were looking for someone to officiate their ceremony. She found the organization met her beliefs and her need to think deeply about spiritual matters, such as how to be a better person.

"I've been a Unitarian all my life and didn't know it," Levy said.

Watters and Levy both say that joining a congregation to meet with other people pursuing the same spiritual quest fulfills something important in their lives, in a way that doesn't happen just by choosing friends with similar values.

"The reason my family is part of the community is it's interesting. There's a sense of belonging, and that it serves a larger purpose," Watters said. "We also find that a lot of friends that we socialize with



PHOTO COURTESY DAR LEVY

Dar Levy, a member of the First Unitarian Church of Victoria, will give a Pride sermon for the Salt Spring Unitarians on Sept. 10.

haven't heard of Unitarianism and don't know what it is."

"Unitarianism accepts you are the master of your faith and have the right to explore it on your own. To find a group of people that shares that gives you a place to belong," Levy agreed. "In a group of friends, these things usually aren't talked about that deeply."

In a world where people are identifying down into smaller and smaller groups, Unitarianism is one of the paths that is promoting equality in difference.

"Learning how to respect the diversity of everyone and seeing them as your tribe, that, I think, is what the challenge is: seeing the diversity of others as being equally valid to your own perspective," Levy said. "I truly believe that kind of identification is what the world needs."

That greater picture view has special resonance during Pride. Levy's sermon is based on acceptance of difference and love's better chance for changing the world over trying to force people to meet an ideal.

Levy, who identifies as transgender and queer, said there weren't many options for self-identity when she was growing up. "Butch lesbian" was the name she was given, but that didn't really describe who she was. And even with an adequate designation, there were too many restrictions on how people of difference could live their lives.

"At 58 I'm just now feeling the confidence to speak about who I am and feel confident in that," Levy said.

"The acceptance of diversity goes a long way to helping peo-

ple, because if you're constantly defending yourself, you don't get to be your best self in that person," she added. "It's amazing to see that happening now with young people. I would dearly love to see them when they're grown up, because I don't think it's something the world's ever seen."

Compared to her situation as a young person, Levy is surprised and impressed by seeing young men, in particular, who are willing to express being different without attaching any label to themselves too early.

But transgender youth are still killing themselves, as Levy points out. Bullying is prevalent, and the right to a safe public bathroom is being challenged not just in the United States but also places like Saskatchewan.

"We can't be complacent about it," Levy said.

"It's tough being different, and kids have a really hard time growing up with peer pressure anyway. To be bullied because of that is so debilitating. It messes up your life."

"I think it's great we're moving in the direction [of tolerance]," she said.

The Salt Spring Unitarians meet twice a month at 10:30 a.m. at 379 Lower Ganges Rd. (Salt Spring Seniors Centre). Levy's Pride service on Sept. 10 is followed by Mindfulness in Difficult Times, a sermon by Amanda Tarling on Sept. 24.

For more information, visit www.saltspringunitarians.com.

Pride 2017

This year's Salt Spring Pride festival has a number of events, including the parade in Ganges on Saturday, Sept. 9.

See next week's Driftwood for a detailed schedule, the www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com events calendar, or the Diversity and Inclusive Salt Spring Island website at www.daissi.org.

New Electronics Dealer on Salt Spring Island



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Orca Electronics Inc., former authorized dealer for the Source, has sold the business to Salt Spring Communication Station located in Upper Ganges Centre.

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INCORPORATION DEBATE

Incorporation reality stacked against pro, con claims

Bowen example applied to some common statements

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

What would incorporation mean to daily life on Salt Spring?

We just don't know, which is a source of much angst for many community members. But some of the common claims about what might happen, good and bad, can be examined against the example of the only Islands Trust community to incorporate so far. Bowen Island became an island municipality in 1999.

The following represents some of the statements made by people speaking both for and against incorporation, compared with examples of what actually happened on Bowen. Part 2 will be published in next week's Driftwood.

Position: The Islands Trust preserve and protect mandate will be lost.

All communities that have an Official Community Plan must follow its principles guiding land use.

Bowen's only major OCP update, passed in 2011, maintained all the goals of the pre-incorporation 1996 OCP, and added a goal to minimize the island's contribution to climate change. The number one priority of the plan remains "To preserve and protect the unique amenities and natural environment of Bowen Island for the benefit of Bowen Island residents and, generally, for residents of British Columbia."

As well, Bowen's Letters Patent specify that its OCP bylaws "must not be contrary to or at variance with the trust policy statement adopted by the Islands Trust Council."

Any proposed amendments to the OCP must be referred to and approved by Islands Trust Council. Council can refuse to do so "on the basis that it believes that the provisions of the proposed bylaw are contrary to or at variance with the Trust Policy Statement." Disputes will be arbitrated by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

According to its OCP review, at 78 per cent Bowen had a larger percentage of natural ecosystems than any other Trust area except Gambier, at 85 per cent. As of 2009, 14 per cent was in a "protected area," falling just short of the Islands Trust goal of 15 per cent.

Perhaps the most significant change to the OCP so far was the Snug Cove Village Plan, approved in 2005. This made all residential land in the cove eligible for multi-family attached housing, with up to 17.5 dwelling units per acre allowed if non-market housing is included, and concentrated development to encourage a sustainable and pedestrian-friendly village.

Position: Incorporation is the only way to solve the affordable housing crisis.

Official community plans can include policies on rental and home ownership, as well as incentives to developers to include affordable housing units. The ability to build new units is largely the purview of private developers with consideration to their profit margin, however, or through housing societies with government and private donor support.

According to Bowen's 2011 OCP update, "Between 2001 and 2006, the number of owner-occupied dwellings on Bowen Island increased by 23 per cent, whereas there was virtually no recorded change in the rental stock."

Bowen has entered into four affordable housing agreements since 2013, which together added 11 units. The Bowen Undercurrent reported in May 2016 there was just one long-term family home rental available at the time, though short term-vacation rentals were plentiful.

With no funds to subsidize housing, Bowen's solution has been to pass favourable zoning bylaws, most recently to legalize secondary suites, including "free-standing" ones. Salt Spring also has that capacity under its current governance model.

Having a proven water supply (which has stopped some Salt Spring affordable housing plans from proceeding) is a requirement both for CRD and Bowen Island building permits. Not having one is one of the reasons the controversial Cape Roger Curtis village plan may have been dropped.

Position: Large-scale development will take over.

Bowen Island Municipality has allowed some developments with increased density under comprehensive development zones. Often the zoning is used to set out an amenity in exchange for density. For example, the CD 12 zone accommodated the subdivision of the Greenway lands for a maximum of 23 lots while securing approximately 50 per cent of the lands for parks, trails and environmental protection purposes.

Two rezoning proposals submitted by Wolfgang Duntz and Daron Jennings in 2014 envisioned mixed neighbourhoods. Their Parkview Slope rezoning plan proposed to increase density from 23 to 105 units, including 55 non-market (affordable), in a mix of rental and long-term lease. Seymour Landing at Cowan Point proposed an increase from 25 residential units to 190, including 40 to 80 non-market units. Both projects were put on hold and have yet to be reactivated.

A large-scale increased-density proposal at Cape Roger Curtis was withdrawn in 2009. The plan

had called for village-style grouping of units on a 600-plus-acre property that would include affordable-housing units and a seniors complex, as well as protection of 50 per cent of the land and 85 of the shoreline as park, but would have increased density from 224 to 390 units.

After much community contention about the neighbourhood plan proposal, the property owners subdivided the land into 59 10-acre lots, as legally permitted. Since then council has been fighting the owners on mega docks, creating a prohibition bylaw against them after four were built. A recent court ruling found that one owner who applied for a foreshore license before the bylaw was drafted had the right to proceed, but the bylaw prohibiting docks on the cape has been upheld.

Position: Incorporation will make it more affordable for families to stay on the island.

Demographics suggest incorporation has not produced more young families on Bowen, which has an aging population similar to many island communities. Census data shows that between 2001 and 2006, the median age increased from 41.4 to 44.8, compared to 37.4 to 39.1 in Metro Vancouver. In 2011 the median age increased again to 46.6.

The largest age cohort is middle-aged, or between 45 and 64. This segment of the population had the most growth between 2001 and 2006, increasing by 37 per cent.

Despite a total population increase of 9.46 per cent from 2006 to 2016, the number of children ages 0-19 decreased from 830 to 805, or by three per cent, during the same period.

Public school enrollment at Bowen Island Community School (grades K-7) has dropped 14 per cent since incorporation. The school had 392 students registered in 1998-99, and 334 as of Sept. 30, 2016. A low of 225 students was recorded in 2005-06, with enrollment increasing steadily since then.

Position: Real estate agents and developers will take over municipal council.

It's possible, but this has not been the usual case so far on Bowen.

In 2005, the mayor and one councillor were elected on a campaign to stop the Cape Roger Curtis subdivision proposal. The mayor then campaigned against an updated "neighbourhood" plan with increased density in 2008.

A backlash against attempts to establish environmental protections and new development permit areas did see a "pro-development council" elected in 2011. The election has been described as "an almost total wipeout of candidates" who supported an initiative to establish a National Park Reserve with the federal government.

The 2011-14 council's economic development committee and community lands committee proposed OCP amendments that would have established social and economic diversity as the primary consideration for managing growth, and removed obstacles to tourism and industrial growth. Two of the members, real estate development partners Wolfgang Duntz and Daron Jennings, resigned in March 2014 before their terms were over due to potential conflict of interest over the rezoning of public lands. Duntz had been elected as one of Bowen's Islands Trust trustees.

"Now that we are out of council we will insist that they deal with rezoning applications which we are bringing forward," Duntz told the Bowen Undercurrent at the time.

The culture of municipal council flipped back to a more environmentally concerned one in November 2014. According to a legal judgement on the Cape Roger Curtis docks, a group called "Stop the Docks" was active during the election campaign and four of the candidates elected to council were involved with or sympathetic to that group, replacing the pro-development slate.

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- ✓ The council will be legally bound to support Trust aims
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- ✓ The province will spend an extra \$6 MILLION on needed road works
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- ✓ Official Community Plan changes MUST HAVE Trust approval
- ✓ The pace of development is mostly controlled by the market place

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Electric vehicle charging donation box stolen in Ganges

Reward set for return of metal container

BY SEAN HITREC
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After only one month in operation, the electric vehicle donation box next to ArtSpring in Ganges was stolen on Sunday and the owners

are offering a reward for its safe return.

The pink-coloured metal donation box that sat beside the EV charging station outside ArtSpring was created to help cover electricity costs for charging green cars. It went missing sometime between Sunday afternoon, when donations were collected, and when Jim Standen of Transition Salt Spring's EV group checked it again on Monday morning.

"I'd be surprised if there was more than \$2 in it. It was most likely empty," Standen said.

The box was originally fixed to a post with the screws that held it to the post locked inside. Standen suspects someone pried off the box with a crowbar-like tool.

While he's not interested in getting the money back from the donation box, he would like to see the box's safe return as it cost

around \$160 to make.

"I've posted a \$20 reward for whoever finds it," he said. "I'd be quite happy to pay the reward and not know who took it, so we can put it back up there with Fort Knox-type bolts."

Anyone with information on where to find the box is encouraged to contact Standen at jstanden@ucalgary.ca.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors say goodbye to Syrian family

Khaldis relocate to Calgary

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

A family of Syrian refugees who called Salt Spring home for the past year has moved on to Calgary to be closer to family and resources.

Samer and Ranya Khaldi and their children Serina, Adam and Mimi left the island on Aug. 22.

They arrived in July 2016 after concerted efforts by the Salt Spring Refugee Sponsorship Action Group to arrange a private sponsorship. Anne Marshall, a spokesperson for the group, said they were announcing the family's departure with heavy hearts, but full of understanding of the obstacles to permanent settlement in the community.

"It has been a wonderful year to

have had the pleasure of the Khaldis in our midst," Marshall wrote in a statement. "The main purpose of our sponsorship was to bring a Syrian family out of danger, and to provide a safe home in which they could transition to life in Canada. Through our sponsorship we did all we could to help the Khaldi family and I feel so proud of our efforts."

In a letter to the sponsors and settlement team, Samer Khaldi explained the major problem was accessing transportation. He was unable to get his Canadian driver's licence, and the family lived outside a transit route, so he was forced to hitchhike or spend hours walking to and from work. The situation left the rest of his family trapped at home, while his wife suffered from trauma and did not speak English well enough to receive support, had it been

more accessible.

"I am grateful to everyone who stood beside us," Khaldi wrote. "I will leave this island but I really feel it like my homeland. Thank you because you care about us and you feel the pain of the Syrian nation and support us."

The Khaldis will join Ranya's sister and her family, who have been settled as government-sponsored refugees in Calgary.

"Whereas we will miss the Khaldis on Salt Spring Island, they have inspired us and breathed new life into our community. We know that Salt Spring's loss is Calgary's gain," Marshall said. "There is a big Unitarian Church that will be delighted to welcome all the gifts of leadership and music that Samer brings with him. We send the family on their way with hearts full of love and best wishes."

First advance poll held today

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road maintenance costs and methods used by consultant Urban Systems in its final incorporation study report.

"We call on our elected officials to follow their own precedent, to publicly correct these misleading claims and to prevent further misrepresentation of this important issue."

Grams told the Driftwood he does not agree with the Positively No group's interpretation of the legislation.

"It is quite clear that municipalities within the Islands Trust are legally bound by the Islands Trust Act," he said. "Clause 38 of the act demands that a municipal council must have its OCP bylaws or revisions, and any rural land use bylaws, approved by the Trust's executive committee. The bylaws have no effect in law unless so approved. This is a legally binding requirement."

"Clause 39.1 states that a municipal council must have regard to the object of the Trust in adopting a bylaw or issuing a permit or licence. This is also a legally binding requirement."

"I do not believe that splitting hairs about the definition of the phrase 'have regard to' is purposeful," he added. "I see no evidence from Bowen Island that their concern with the environment has lessened as a consequence of a change to a municipal structure. Nor do I believe that the high regard for environmental protection Salt Spring holds would diminish as a result of a change in governance structure."

The relationship between the Islands Trust and a potential Salt Spring municipality would also be covered in its Letters Patent. While a draft LP will not be made public before the Sept. 9 vote, Grams said it will likely mirror that of Bowen Island's document.

Thirteen clauses of Bowen's Letters Patent address the Trust-Bowen municipality relation-

ship. Section 13.1 states: "The municipality is a member of the Islands Trust and shall support the object of the Islands Trust as defined by the Islands Trust Act, and the purpose of the provisions in these Letters Patent... is to ensure that there shall be no conflict between the actions of the municipality and the object of the Islands Trust and the Trust Policy Statement."

John Macpherson, spokesperson for the "YeSS!" campaign, said the Positively No campaign's demand "is another tempest in a teapot. The 'no campaign' knows the current system is dysfunctional and has nothing positive to promote. Therefore they appeal to fear and use diversionary tactics to sidestep real governance issues. First they attempt to discredit the incorporation study, then they lobby for one of their supporters to be appointed as a second fact checker at the Aug. 30 public forum, then they lobby for no fact checker at all, then they quibble over a YeSS! poster which shows a municipality and the Islands Trust will exist 'in concert,' and now they try to claim 'preserve-and-protect' won't survive a municipality. It's the emperor without clothes all over again."

The subject of a changing relationship to the Islands Trust will no doubt be discussed in tonight's debate. It begins at 7 p.m. in the gym at Gulf Islands Secondary School. Speaking for the "no side" are Gary Holman, Brenda Guiled and Greg Clayton. "Yes-side" panelists are David Wood, Ken Marr and Michael McAllister.

Former B.C. government cabinet minister George Abbott is the moderator.

Questions from the public were submitted in advance of the event. None will be taken from the floor.

Advance polls run from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Aug. 30 and Sept. 6 at Community Gospel Chapel and the Salt Spring Public Library. Saturday, Sept. 9 is regular voting day. See the CRD website for all the details about referendum voting.

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EDITORIAL

Empty nesters

When Canada began opening its doors to thousands of Syrian refugees in 2015, Salt Springers were eager to put out the welcome mat.

The Salt Spring Refugee Sponsorship Action Group was quickly formed. Fundraising got underway and resources and services required were assembled. The island's Unitarian Fellowship organization was highly involved as a Syrian family of the same faith was identified as ready for sponsorship. A 27-year-old man with an island connection was also sponsored and then able to move to an urban setting more appropriate to his work as a translator.

At about the same time, in the summer of 2016, the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island welcomed refugees Zack and Hind Hashim from Iraq.

The community reached out to the Syrian and Iraqi refugees and they reached back.

THE ISSUE:

Refugee relocation

WE SAY:

Good luck

collaborated with the Khaldis and pledged profits from her book *Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey* for their children's education. An unforgettably moving moment was when young Serina read the Arabic text from Ruurs' bilingual book during a launch event at the Salt Spring Public Library. Samer Khaldi shared his musical talents as an accomplished pianist.

But the rural island environment proved unsuitable in other ways. While the Hashims and Samer Khaldi were professionals in their native countries, they were unable to practise in their trained fields on Salt Spring. Separation from Syrian family members resulted in understandable grief and isolation for Samer's wife. Transportation challenges made life even more difficult for the Khaldis.

As a result, it's not surprising that the two families have since moved to more urban settings to embark on the next stage of their lives in Canada.

Some people might be disappointed that community efforts did not see the island viewed as a permanent place for refugees to live. But as Ann Marshall of the refugee sponsorship group states: "Whereas we will miss the Khaldis on Salt Spring Island, they have inspired us and breathed new life into our community."

Islanders should be proud of their willingness and ability to help individuals in distress around the world, and should not hesitate to do the same thing again.

DON'T WORRY. AS SOON AS THE TOURISTS LEAVE, THE KIDS GO BACK TO SCHOOL, YOU CAN GET A PARKING SPOT DOWNTOWN, THE REFERENDUM IS OVER, REAL ESTATE PRICES RETURN TO NORMAL AND IT RAINS YOU'LL FIND SOMETHING ELSE TO FRET ABOUT.



PARKER

VIEWPOINT by Larry Woods

Trust cooperation over conflict

Having run in the 2011 Islands Trust election as a clear opponent of yet another referendum on incorporation, I have been asked my position this time around. Has my view changed?

First, I would like to thank those on both sides of this debate for the substance and tone of their appeals. Unfortunately, I once again find that those seeking incorporation are offering arguments that are ill-timed, misplaced and taking us backward just at a time when we should be seeking out and moving forward with innovative and trail-blazing forms of governance able to deal with pressing local, regional and global issues such as climate change, housing and refugees. In our context, we have had the innovative Islands Trust leading the way since 1974. It deserves our continuing support. Undermining its scope and purpose would be a step backward.

Incorporation is not the only option. We all know what the many nearby municipalities look like. Many of us have chosen to live here precisely because we have experienced what municipalities do and how they are run and we don't like what we see. We have concluded that there must be a better way and the better way we have found in the B.C.'s Gulf Islands takes the form of the Islands Trust. We did not come here to create and run a municipality. Many of us who have come to Salt Spring since the founding of the Islands Trust were aware that we were coming to somewhere different, somewhere nonconformist, somewhere the governance structure relied on cooperation, not conflict. That's why we came.

It has been argued that incorporation and self-rule will give us the necessary tools to determine our future ourselves. It will make us more democratic we are told. "Salt Spring for Salt Springers" — with decisions being made by Salt Springers alone — is the dangerously nationalistic, eerily exclusive and unfortunately

backward call to arms. It soft-pedals the need for Salt Springers to work with our neighbours on nearby islands to preserve and protect our lands and resources. Cooperation is given lip service, with the current governance structure said to hold us back and undermine our sovereignty. Our roles as stewards, managing these beautiful islands cooperatively on behalf of all British Columbians and indeed all Canadians and citizens of the world, are quietly downplayed by the incorporationists. Yet, we, together with our neighbours on other Gulf Islands, are on the same team and for good reason, especially when you consider that we are living in an integrated regional ecosystem.

So just because you may not have gotten your way in dealing with the Islands Trust at one time or another in the past does not mean we should go backward, in the process undermining the Trust's viability by undercutting the participation of its largest member and throwing our inspiringly innovative, impressively successful and admittedly not yet perfect baby out with the bath water. If the Trust hadn't turned down some development proposals over the years, it would not have been doing its "preserve, protect and sometimes piss off" job.

Salt Spring does not need a mayor and council. No new toys for boys, thank you very much. Remember what happened in 1883, the last time we were a municipality. We got rid of them then and I for one hope we don't invite them back. Incorporation is a thing of the past. Incorporate in 2017? Positively, no! Forward, not backward, please.

The author is a retired university professor turned cheesemaker who ran for office in Salt Spring's 2011 Islands Trust election.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION:

Will you miss the Queen of Nanaimo?

Cast your ballot online at www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com before Monday at midnight or clip this box and drop it at our office before Monday at 4:30 p.m.

☐ Yes ☐ No

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Should SSI's STVR prohibition be enforced?

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NO YES

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "I do not believe that splitting hairs about the definition of the phrase 'have regard to' is purposeful."

GEORGE GRAMS, SALT SPRING TRUSTEE, RE ISLANDS TRUST ACT WORDING

SALT SPRING SAYS

We asked: What do you think about the tone of the incorporation referendum debate?



DOUG WALCOTT

I'm not hearing anything too terribly negative, [but I talked to a guy] who said that the tone was divisive.



DIANNE ENGLISH

I couldn't care less. My opinion was made up long ago.



HELGA BAGNELL

I think we have more important matters at hand than that. We need a laundromat.



TAMMY LANNAN

I wish it was a better tone... I think it should be a little bit more open to everyone having their opinion heard.



MICHAEL BAGNELL

I'm sick of hearing about it, to be honest.

Letters to the editor

Circle set

The incorporation question has certainly brought out a lot of strong feelings in the community — and not just on "either side" of the yes/no question.

Many people are also having reactions of fear, puzzlement, disappointment, dismay and even anger at the "way" in which the discussion (debate) is taking place. They fear that the conflicts arising from this issue are creating deeper rifts in the community, and may have long-term impacts on our sense of connection and our ability to work through disagreements in the future.

How can conflicts, such as disagreements over governance issues, become opportunities for learning and growing our ability to understand and care for each other?

Restorative Justice Salt Spring is offering another way for community members to be in dialogue with each other, and we have been facilitating some community circles over the summer.

The last one of this season will be on Thursday, Sept. 7 at Lions Hall from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an invitation for anyone who would like to explore a circle as another way to process conflict — one that increases the chances of actually being heard and respected, even when we disagree.

Hope to see you there! And please send a quick email to let us know if you plan to attend. saltspringdarlene@gmail.com

DARLENE GAGE,
COORDINATOR,
RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SALT SPRING

Impacts of climate change

Taxpayer alert. One of the notable omissions of the incorporation report was a consideration of the effects and consequences of climate change.

On page 147 of the report is a table of responsibilities

Letters to the editor are welcome, but writers are requested to keep their submissions to 350 words or less. Letters may be edited for brevity, legality and taste. Writers are also asked to furnish a telephone number where they may be reached during the day, and to sign their letters with their full name. Thank you letters will not normally be considered for publication. Send your letters to news@gulfislandsdriftwood.com

that would be transferred from the CRD to a municipal Salt Spring: "Municipality would be liable for damages to roads and infrastructure caused by climate change events."

Climate change is happening and this island will not escape because of sustainability planning. Here are three events, off the top, I think possible without mentioning the perennial erosion of North End and Isabella Point roads. 1. A major storm pushing up Fulford Harbour at high tide floods the road and erodes support for the bridge. 2. 40°C temperatures soften the asphalt, prohibiting

truck traffic. 3. A month's rain in a day forces Mowhinna Creek to jump its banks, cutting both Fulford-Ganges and Beddis roads. Wildfires are something else again.

Keep in mind that Salt Spring is half again as big as Vancouver and nine times bigger than Victoria with a tax base that is a very small fraction of those cities'.

CHARLES BRETH,
SALT SPRING

A community for all ages

Enfin! Hats off to Peter Vincent ("Salt Spring: It's a nice place to visit, but...")

Aug. 23 Driftwood) who has addressed the "elephants in the room," or is it the announcement that "the emperor has no clothes?"

It's time to really "smell the coffee" and make those changes, in partnership with all the stakeholders, and make this a community for all ages.

If Peter will run for mayor, I will run for council. Good news... neither of us are developers, lawyers or real-estate moguls. Will you step up to the plate and join us?

SUSAN WETMORE,
SALT SPRING

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Hats off to the retiring Queen of Nanaimo

A couple of weeks ago, I suddenly became an internet sensation. That's correct, right before my very eyes I was watching a video of myself go viral (or in my case it might have been bacterial) on social media. Pop artist Andy Warhol had once predicted that in the future everybody would be world famous for 15 minutes, and for me, the future was now.

Unbeknownst to me, someone had posted a video of me singing my tribute song to the Queen of Nanaimo, the ferry which for many years had transported islanders between Salt Spring and the mainland. The video had been filmed by James Falcon of Salt Spring Pictures at a 2007 concert given by Mike Hayes and me (aka "The Duelling Tubadours") at the Lions Hall as a benefit to support AIDS orphans in Lesotho, Africa.

What clicked in my brain a day or two after the video post was that it had probably been prompted by the recent announcement from BC Ferries that the Queen of Nanaimo was scheduled for "retirement" (meaning it will be sold at a bargain basement price to a Third World country where it will probably be scrapped for metal and still-workable parts like coffee machines and soap dispensers). She is to be replaced by one of the sleek, new Salish-class ships, built in the Gdansk shipyards of Poland.

The announcement should have come as no surprise to anybody, especially after the ferry's mishaps this summer. Twice, our Queen of Nanaimo, which for decades has been chugging between Long Harbour on Salt Spring and Tsawwassen on the mainland (with stops at Galiano, Mayne and Pender islands) had broken down right at peak weekend travel season.

Bedlam ensued at the various terminals on her route as both commuters and tourists were left in the lurch with their weekend plans dashed.

The news saddened me. I have to admit that for a long time now I have had a deep affection for the Queen of Nanaimo. Where else could you start a spontaneous conversation with total strangers while waving at your neighbour flipping burgers in the ship's galley, or (this actually happened years ago) sit around in a large group circle on the carpeted floor of the lounge at the bow while singing folk songs with Valdy?

I even have my own personal affinity with the old tub. About 20 years ago, my wife and I attended a wedding in Vancouver. Shortly after we unpacked in our host's guest bedroom, I discovered to my horror that my wallet was missing. To make matters worse, I had just been paid from my job and so the wallet was stuffed with a wad of cash.

Frantically, I scoured my brain for any memory I might have had of me pulling my wallet out of my pocket to pay for something I might have bought on island before driving out to catch the ferry to the city. I made a list and spent much of next day phoning the different stores and businesses on Salt Spring to check if I had left my wallet on some counter. No luck.

Finally, in desperation, I called the office at Long Harbour and left a message describing my plight and giving a number where I could be reached. The next morning the phone rang and I was informed by one of the BC Fer-



Shilo Zylbergold

NOBODY ASKED ME BUT

ries staff that my wallet had been found under a seat on the Queen of Nanaimo and had been turned in. Imagine my delight the next day, when I went to the terminal to pick up my wallet, to find not only that all my ID and credit card were still there, but every single bit of cash I had taken with me was still wedged into its compartment in the wallet. I was overcome by gratitude for the honesty displayed by the staff.

Fast forward to 1998 when CBC was promoting a concert in Vancouver featuring Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell and Van Morrison. The show was being billed as "The Legends of Rock and Roll" and as part of the promotion, the Mother Corp was holding a songwriting contest with the winner receiving a pair of tickets to this eagerly awaited concert. The rules were that the song must 1. be a ballad, 2. contain a B.C. place name, and 3. have the word "legend" in the lyrics.

At my wife's insistence, I set about writing an entry to the contest. I recalled the incident of the lost wallet and began penning a ballad which would give thanks and pay tribute to the Queen of Nanaimo. I abandoned the project several times but forced myself to stay up the entire night before the last day's noon closing deadline. I connected to the CBC recording machine over the phone just in time the next day and unsteadily sang my song into my telephone mouthpiece.

Days later we were picking peas in the garden listening on a transistor radio for the

results of the competition, when to our complete and utter surprise, my song was chosen as the winning entry. Elated, my wife and I raced into each other's embrace, spilling peas and trampling on the nearby onions. When CBC phoned later, we were asked by Kathryn Gretsinger, host of CBC's Afternoon Show, whether we would mind, while on our way to the concert, if we could stop off at the CBC building to do an interview and properly record the song in their studio. In those days I rarely turned down any gig, so how could I resist? During the course of recording the song, I fooled around a bit and did voice impressions of Dylan and Morrison singing some of the lyrics. Afterwards, Kathryn asked me why I didn't also include an impersonation of Joni Mitchell. I admitted to her that I didn't know how to do Joni.

That night, hours after the concert had ended and the musical reverberations had abated, I woke up in a cold sweat. In my dream, I had heard what would now become the ending to the song. The words are from Joni Mitchell's Big Yellow Taxi and famously go "you don't know what you've got till it's gone." In my revised song, as I sing the last line in falsetto, the word "gone" is sustained and morphs into a mournful ferry horn.

Which brings us back to the Queen of Nanaimo. After over 50 years of service, it seems that sadly, her day is done. Nobody asked me but, I guess all of us come with a "best before" expiry date. If you've watched the viral video, you probably agree that I may have overstayed my 15 minutes.

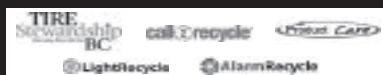
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Can't de-salt the spuds

Something not generally remembered or perhaps not known in this no-yes incorporation controversy is that prior to the Islands Trust Act the Social Credit government of the time had recognized the danger the islands were in (witness the Magic Lakes Estates development of 1,200-plus lots on North Pender Island) and declared a temporary 10-acre freeze on all the Gulf Islands.

This was still in effect in 1972 when the NDP came into power and proceeded in 1974 to introduce the Islands Trust Act with its preserve and protect provisions. The Socreds, who were very much against the wording of the act, fought this legislation tooth and nail, but with superior seats the NDP was able to eventually bring the act into being. Succeeding governments — whether Socred, Liberal or NDP — have passed amendments to it but have found it to their benefit to not monkey with its basic tenets.

Now we are faced once again with the prospect of incorporation. The powers that be behind the “yes campaign” are well meaning, no doubt. But sooner or

later down the road, as has happened time and time again, the developer “lobby,” with dollars in their minds (if not hearts), will find its way onto councils.

Over the years, with the guidance of two local trustees and one local CRD director plus the amazing support of the citizenry, Salt Spring has achieved much — ArtSpring, library, indoor pool, indoor tennis and squash courts, care homes, seniors' residence, excellent bus service, pathways and more. There is indeed much more that is needed, especially in housing, but I'm not convinced the incorporation route will do a better job, and if it wins the day there's no de-salting the spuds if you've put too much salt on them.

**ALAN ROBERTSON,
MEADOWBROOK**

Opinions puzzling

As a summertime visitor and annual Driftwood reader for three decades, even though we don't pay taxes and can't vote, perhaps our lakeside cabin rental and spending on groceries and eating out over on Salt Spring will permit an opinion or two on the pending incorporation vote.

It's puzzling that so many writers of letters and opinion pieces on the current big issue assume that if Salt Spring residents elect a mayor and council from

among their neighbours, then automatically those representatives will become rabid development advocates.

Look not far away at Metchoshin, a beautiful rural district west of Victoria incorporated in 1984. Remarkably, today it doesn't look so different from its municipal beginnings and the credit goes to councillors who reflect the voters who elected them. Nobody wants to wreck the place.

Two groups co-exist in Metchoshin: those in favour of rural preservation, and those who are emphatically in favour of rural preservation. There are big development projects coming close to its borders, but Metchoshin's councillors have held firm, election after election.

Why would Salt Spring Island be dramatically different? I understand the fine old island pastime of complaining about the Islands Trust, CRD, BC Ferries, Ministry of Transportation — have I missed any favourite targets? — but wouldn't it be more fun buttonholing your local elected councillor, a neighbour who can actually make a decision, unlike those faceless off-island bureaucrats?

No matter what, we'll keep coming every August. Good luck next month.

**NORMAN GIDNEY,
VICTORIA**

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Climate change costs a challenge

BY RUTH WALDICK

Severe weather has far-reaching consequences for communities, as a result of drought (crop failures, high feed prices, forest fires), unseasonably heavy rainfall (think of last spring), and temperature extremes (hot and cold).

Historic records show these events are increasing in frequency and intensity globally. Those dealing with emergencies resulting from severe weather tell us it is now pretty much impossible to anticipate future weather based on past experience. Consequences are most acutely felt at the municipal level, as their mandates deal with immediate concerns — safeguarding current and future water supplies, protecting infrastructure and public health. Domestically and internationally, municipalities are not equipped — nor jurisdictionally able — to cope with the risk analysis or level of strategic land use planning necessary to contend with the unpredictability of our evolving weather systems.

Extreme weather events also affect built and natural systems in complex ways. Globally, governments are responding to this complexity through regional resilience planning. Often, legislation is required to formalize relationships across jurisdictional boundaries to address gaps in oversight between municipal and higher levels of government. The most comprehensive effort I have seen was undertaken by the European Union; following years of consultation, program development and legislative changes, trans-national organizations have been set up (and funded) to tackle the complexities of managing risk at the levels of watersheds, airsheds and agglomerated urban regions.

By contrast, in Canada, municipal governments are struggling with inadequate budgets for basic infrastructure upgrades and day-

to-day services due to increased downloading of responsibilities by the provinces. The trend of increasing extreme weather events is already forcing choices between maintaining existing infrastructure and crisis management. Rural communities — even incorporated municipalities — also lack the climate data and necessary expertise to predict risk and develop adaptive plans. The short tenure of federal, provincial and municipal governments means that each is only accountable financially to deliver on short-term priorities. Without mandate or capacity to consider and prepare for emerging risk, strategic climate change adaptation planning in Canada lags well behind that in other western nations.

From Salt Spring's point of view, what happens on each of our neighbouring islands, coastal communities on Vancouver Island and in the Salish Sea as a whole will affect all of us. Fortunately, we are in a uniquely enviable position on Salt Spring of already having the regional body ideally suited to tackle climate change adaptation on the appropriate scale: the Islands Trust. All the legislation we need to engage in cross-jurisdictional strategic planning is already in place.

What do Gulf Islanders need to be thinking about? The number one priority identified by Salt Spring residents in the 2013 Urban Systems Governance Study was protecting our water resources. Yet, the final incorporation study report failed to consider water in the context of land use planning or emerging weather-related risk (e.g., infrastructure damage). Where is the analysis of what road washouts, shoreline erosion, warming lake temperatures (read: cyanobacterial blooms), and increased runoff and sedimentation mean to a

municipal budget? What would a new municipal government be taking on in terms of responsibilities and costs to contend with emerging extreme weather? We need to think about this before we commit ourselves to reducing the role of the Islands Trust and taking on the costs of climate adaptation locally. Yes, the final incorporation report indicates a zero net increase/decrease in cost through taxation, but, having failed to address these issues does not equate to there being no cost.

The report is also completely silent on the costs of adaptive planning against climate and weather risk, including damages from extreme weather (e.g., road infrastructure), increased public health impacts, as well as other emergencies, such as fire. Even in its limited reference to “Climate Action Services,” their lack of understanding is evident around adaptive planning; first, groups other than municipal governments need to take leading roles in climate adaptation planning and, secondly, municipal governments across Canada cannot address adaptive planning without cross-jurisdictional planning.

In my opinion, a municipality is not the proper governance model to deal with large infrastructure impacts on this island and opens us to great financial risks; a regional and collective approach is more of a guarantee that our small population will not bear the increasing risk or costs without assistance from the region or province. Incorporation also undermines the strength of the Trust, which we will need to rely upon to deal with the weather-related challenges to come.

The writer is an adjunct professor and research scientist studying climate change impacts and adaptation. She lives on Salt Spring Island.

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No choice but to vote no

As a member of the Salt Spring Island Incorporation Study Committee, we were repeatedly assured by the then Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development that the Letters Patent would be provided in advance of a referendum vote. It makes sense, since this is the legal document that has all the details of what we are actually voting on.

Quoted directly from their website: "The Letters Patent describe the boundary, establish the name of the improvement district, the size of its board and the services for which it is responsible for providing." The ministry has recently provided a "framework," but this is like sending the template Residential Tenancy Agreement to a tenant and asking them to sign without the blanks filled in. If this isn't reason enough to vote no I don't know what is. What are we actually voting on?

How can the community of Salt Spring agree to a contract without seeing it? Trust that the provincial government will do what is best? Trust that the deal will resemble what we are actually debating right now?

I find it offensive for the province to think that Salt Spring would vote yes on simply "trust us," and so on this basis alone, we have no choice but to vote "no" on Sept. 9.

GREG CLAYTON,
SALT SPRING

Policing speech?

Russ Hotsenpiller scolds the YESS! campaign for some clever wordplay in its poster (Aug. 23 "Trust is neutral" letter).

The Islands Trust says on their website that their three goals are preserving and protecting the Trust area's ecosystems, ensuring that development is compatible with the environment, and sustaining healthy communities. Where is the goal of policing the speech of island residents?

That's a big misstep onto a slippery slope with alligators at the bottom. If history teaches us anything, it's that nothing good has ever come of government officials telling people what they're allowed to say.

CHRIS PHIPPEN,
MARGARET AVENUE

We are the stewards

Salt Spring is a rare and precious jewel that requires a governance that not only protects and preserves Salt Spring in concert with the Islands Trust but a governance that can legislate its own mandate on protecting our island from unscrupulous developers and corporations who do not have Salt Spring's best interests at heart.

Right now there is not a body of people who could in fact stop anyone from doing whatever they want if it conforms to their present land-use zoning and/or is outside of Islands Trust jurisdiction.

Tourism is a major source of income for Salt Spring and as such we see that our own Local Trust Committee, without input from the islanders, has reverted to a former bylaw stance to stop short-term rentals that would benefit sorely needed tourist accommodation and be a source of income for Salt Spring's residents.

This seems to be a knee-jerk reaction to an acute housing shortage for Salt Spring's service workers and young and old alike who are in need of affordable housing. How does this help those who need affordable housing and who is going to ensure that affordable housing is at the top of the roster when there isn't a body politic to make sure this very important issue is resolved? An elected municipal council vetted by the people of Salt Spring would be a more democratic process when such important decisions are being made.

We are fortunate to have so many of the truly talented and industrious of our younger generation sustaining our present and creating their future, adding to the building blocks generations before them have put in place. Our up and coming generations will need a governance that keeps property tax dollars at home and a lesser outgo of funds to underwrite Islands Trust coffers. Islands Trust funding can then be shared in a more balanced way by all of the Gulf Islands, which at present rely more heavily financially on Salt Spring than is necessary.

It is up to all of us to create the stewardship that is required to keep bucolic Salt Spring from drifting like a ship without a rudder because we like everything the way it is and we don't care to invest in future generations and Salt Spring's longevity. A municipality will ensure the guardianship of Salt Spring for many generations to come.

My vote is yes.
GEORGIA TAYLOR,
SALT SPRING

Poster misconstrued

Russ Hotsenpiller, CAO of the Islands Trust, writes about our poster in the Aug. 23 Driftwood ("Trust is neutral" letter).

Quoting him, the poster "describes a Salt Spring Island Municipality and includes the phrase "in concert with the Islands Trust." He claims this leaves the impression that the Trust is supportive of the yes side. We disagree. Mr. Hotsenpiller had previously sent us a blunt email that the poster was misrepresenting the Trust's neutral position, and demanded that we withdraw our material or remove mention of the Trust. We replied that nothing has been misrepresented and we would not correct or withdraw something that wasn't there in the first place.

The poster pays homage to folk or rock concert posters, where one party playing "in concert with" the main act means "appearing and performing on the same stage." It counters repeated disinformation from the no side that the existence of the Trust is at risk, and that the values of a municipality and the Islands Trust are opposed.

Our poster presents an upbeat outlook, one that is supported by both Trust policy and by the Islands Trust Act. A Salt Spring municipality and the Trust will co-exist in a healthy ongoing legally defined relationship where our local council must abide faithfully by the preserve-and-protect mandate. Hence, the municipality and Islands Trust will be "in concert."

The notion that we should remove all mention of the Trust in our literature, or be restricted to some dictated wishy washy wording, is ridiculous. Imagine what the no brigade would say then. "They don't mention the Trust. They don't honour the Trust. See. They want the Trust gone." We refuse to play a heads-I-win-tails-you-lose game.

More concerning yet is a public official who, after back-channel whispers from one side on an issue, imagines he has the authority to control or dictate political speech, privately or publicly. Outright fabrications from the anointed go unremarked, but the disfavoured are chided publicly for

a playful metaphor. Mr. Hotsenpiller's proclamation of neutrality rings hollow.

We have run a clean campaign. We have worked very hard to communicate fairly, truthfully and respectfully. We will keep doing so. What we say about the Trust on our website, advertising and in our printed materials is this — and it is true: The Trust is pro-choice, the Trust is under no threat, and a municipality will be legally bound to observe and show support for the aims of the Trust. We wouldn't have it any other way.

NORBERT SCHLENKER,
ON BEHALF OF THE YESS! CAMPAIGN

Don't fall for disease

I am writing in response to an ad from the "Yes" campaign in last week's Driftwood; it would have us believe the Islands Trust will remain unchanged under a municipality. Setting aside the obvious question — then why go to all the trouble of a referendum? — this is simply not true. Much about the Trust would change; none of it for the better.

Unlike today, Salt Spring would have no dedicated Islands Trust local trustees. Two municipal councillors would be elected as dual councillors/trustees, a minority on the seven-person council. The other five councillors could range from indifferent to the Trust to actively hostile; they would still form the majority.

Unlike today, an island municipality need only "have regard" for the Trust preserve and protect mandate. This is a far cry from the "legally bound" the ad proclaims. "Have regard" can mean whatever a majority of four councillors want it to.

Our Local Trust Committee itself would be dissolved. We would have no Trust planners trained in the Trust's unique approach to land-use planning. We would have no Trust office. The Trust's capacity and visibility would be greatly diminished.

And unlike today, an island municipality can do an end-run around the Islands Trust and appeal to the provincial minister to approve bylaws that may well go

against the Trust mandate.

The most fundamental change, which no amount of pseudo-"fact" mongering can obscure, is that municipal governance, by its very nature, is the disease the Islands Trust was designed to cure. Under the Trust, land-use decisions are made with one overriding question in mind: will this preserve and protect the qualities that make Salt Spring Island so special. Under a municipality, newly burdened with the costs of delivering services, the overriding question has to be: how much will this help pay our bills?

MURRAY REISS,
FULFORD

Avoid power struggle

It is not necessary to be a careful student of politics — whether of international, national or provincial affairs — to be aware of a constant struggle for power.

Sadly, this struggle is evident almost everywhere in public life. Some of the most harmful aspects of human behaviour come to the surface whenever and wherever the struggle for power is present.

Fortunately, after many years of island living, I have seldom observed signs of this kind of struggle in the public life of Salt Spring Island. People customarily offer themselves for community responsibilities in order to fill a community need. Rarely have I felt that personal gain or advantage was a prominent goal, though we know that roots of personal motivation are difficult to discern.

I will vote against island incorporation because I fear that the proposed form of self-government could easily become the location of a struggle for power. I think that our past and present trustees have been helped consistently to avoid that pitfall due to the political structure of the Islands Trust. It would be a huge loss if we diminished that very considerable asset.

BOB WILD,
HEDGER ROAD

MORE LETTERS continued on 14

Power to the PEOPLE

Let's decide what's best for Salt Spring!

- 1
Local Decision Making
 made by SALT SPRINGERS!
 ...not by the CRD ...not by the Province
 ...not by Non-Resident Trustees!
- 2
More Representation
 LOCALLY ELECTED 7-Member Council...
 Eliminates the concentration of power in the hands of too few!
- 3
Smaller Government
 One 7-Member Council WILL REPLACE...
 • Four Water Districts • Fire District
 • Local Trust Committee • CRD • Province
- 4
Cohesion & Coordination
 One Council will... PRIORITIZE & BALANCE
 all service decisions with an overall view to the greater good
- 5
Financial Planning & Efficiency
 One Central Budget REPLACES many...
 Opening the door to long term financial planning and cost efficiencies
- 6
Sustainability Planning
 INTEGRATED Long Range Planning...
 Salt Springers will have the tools to bring visionary projects to life
- 7
Water Resource Management
 One local authority ENSURES...
 Integrated Long Term planning
- 8
Fully Accessible Local Meetings
 100% Local Meetings WILL CREATE...
 • MORE local participation
 • Tenants can vote on everything too!
- 9
Fully Accountable Local Officials
 Salt Springers will be held ACCOUNTABLE
 ...by SALT SPRINGERS!
- 10
Grants and Other Funding
 DIRECT ACCESS to gas tax funding and senior government grants
 ...CRD does not prioritize us
 ...OUR council would!




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SHOW THERE IS NO THREAT TO THE TRUST
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CONCERTS

Harry Manx and friends perform Fulford Hall show

Emily Carr String Quartet joins Sept. 8 concert

Harry Manx is back on Salt Spring with his new take on the "blues meets ragas" theme that has defined his sound so well.

Coming to Fulford Hall on Friday, Sept. 8., Manx will be joined on his home turf by the Emily Carr String Quartet for an evening of cross cultural music that references both Indian and western music.

"His 'East meets West' compositions are brought to light in a

whole new way with the inclusion of the string quartet," a press release explains. "As Harry put it, 'The strings give my music such an amazing lift, feels like I have wings'."

"Sitting centre stage playing drums and guitars, Manx drives the rhythms onward and forward with deep grooves, soulful patterns and spacious tones. He uses an Indian slide guitar, an all-metal National steel, a banjo, cigar box guitar and harmonica to lay down his audible vision, carrying the audience in a trance-like state. The lyrics draw from the works of the mystic poets with words of inspiration woven into story lines about everyday people."

The latest project is built on collaborations between Manx and

various string quartets while touring across the country. Stops have included the Montreal Jazz Festival, the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, the Koerner Hall in Toronto and the Banff Centre of the Arts.

Press material describes how Manx has become one of the most successful international touring musicians to hail from Canada, entertaining audiences for the past 30 years in over 40 countries around the globe. A worldwide festival favourite, his 15 recordings and ceaseless touring have seen him earn a slew of blues and folk awards in Canada, the U.S. and Australia, including 'Blues Musician of the Year' seven times in Canada.

Next Friday's show begins at 8 p.m.



Salt Spring blues man Harry Manx takes a break from his touring schedule for a home concert at Fulford Hall on Sept. 8.

AMY HELM

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8PM FRIDAY, Sept. 8th, 2017
Fulford Hall
2591 Fulford-Ganges Rd

www.harrymanx.com

LIBRARY EVENTS

Melious show up at library

Opening reception on Sept. 5

Salt Spring's library begins a fall season of activities with a new art show and a poetry reading next week.

On Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m., Larry Melious will host the opening reception for his Off the Wall exhibit, a photographic show from a collection of images that hang on the walls of his house.

"These images that carry him back to the place and light of that moment, mostly reflections of Salt Spring Island, but all of his time here on the rock," states a release from the library. "Over 32 years of photographing the world, he has found that an image will take on new meaning by the simple act of moving it from one wall to another. Maybe it's the

change of the room's light, or the pathway to the image, or perhaps just the human contact that lends a new dimension to the work. During the show's exhibition, Larry will occasionally move the images around on the walls to test his theory of position. He encourages the viewer to re-visit the exhibit and tell him if his theory holds true."

Off the Wall continues through September.

Poetry Launch

Then on Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m., the library's Open Mic poetry group celebrates its recently published chapbook of members' work. The evening is co-sponsored by Salt Spring Arts Council and Salt Spring's Theatre Alive group.

Town Hall Meetings

Satsuma Island
Wednesday, September 6
7:00—8:30pm
Satsuma Island Community Hall
109 East Point Road

Saanich
Thursday, September 7
7:00—8:30pm
Bob Wright Centre
Room B150
University of Victoria

Saanich
Monday, September 11
7:00—8:30pm
Our Lady of Fatima Church
4635 Elk Lake Drive

With Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen

Pender Island
Friday, September 8
7:00—8:30pm
Pender Island Community Hall
4418 Bedwell Harbour Road

Mayne Island
Saturday, September 9
6:00—7:30pm
Mayne Island Community Centre
493 Felix Jack Road

Galiano Island
Sunday, September 10
5:30—7:00pm
Galiano Community Hall
141 Saunders Bay Road

Saanich Peninsula
Thursday, September 14
7:00—8:30pm
Bodina Family Hall
Mary Winspear Centre
2243 Beacon Avenue

Salt Spring Island
Friday, September 15
7:00—8:30pm
Fulford Community Hall
2591 Fulford-Ganges Road

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TEA À TEMPO

Joyful Gagne on stage

Monthly rotation begins

SUBMITTED BY MUSIC MAKERS OF THE ANGLICAN PARISH

Tea à Tempo moves into the monthly series of recitals on Wednesday, Sept. 6 with the heartfelt music of singer-songwriter Gwendolyn Gagne.

Gagne has been writing songs for four decades and enjoys sharing them. She loves to sing and encourages others to sing along. Since moving to Salt Spring eight years ago, she has held many house concerts in her home, most of them fundraisers for worthy causes. Her first CD Quiet Joy was released in 2007 and her next CD, called Small Miracles, came out in late March of this year. Gagne has also been a

massage therapist for 39 years and has a home practice.

Gagne will be joined at Tea à Tempo by her daughter Sasha Rose, also an accomplished singer-songwriter who continually inspires her mother's work as she moves through the world offering her life to a path of healing through music and song.

Adding their own special touch to the afternoon in a few of the songs will be guests Adam Huber and Kathy Stack, who performed with Gagne at her first appearance in the venue last year.

The music begins at 2:10 p.m. in All Saints By-the-Sea. Optional tea and treats are available following the concert. Patrons should note the next concert in the fall series will be on Oct. 4.



THEATRE REVIEW

Spamalot delights fans



PHOTO COURTESY EXITSTAGELEFT PRODUCTIONS

Jekka Mack, left, and Christina Penhale get in the Spamalot spirit.

Final run starts tonight

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Theatre patrons who attended Monty Python's Spamalot during opening weekend have been easy to pick out of the crowd. They are the people strolling through town with a lingering smile interrupted only by the odd snatch of whistling.

The song that will be heard in snatches throughout the end of the summer is Always Look on the Bright Side of Life, and if the intention behind it was deeply ironic, the end result is strangely more effective than an earnest "Think positive!" would be. That's the brilliance of the Monty Python troupe, whose humour is absurd in the extreme, intellectual yet juvenile, but ultimately humanist in nature.

Salt Spring's exitStageLeft Productions has captured Spamalot's message and the deeply silly mode of its expression in equal measure. Company founders Jekka Mack and Christina Penhale now have a number of fully realized musicals under their belts, and have upheld their high production standards once again with their current offering, King Arthur and his knights may ride invisible horses, but they're doing it in front of a two-story castle, through a mysterious "and very expensive" forest, and arriving home at a Camelot based in Las Vegas, where the round table is a spinning roulette wheel.

Prancing through the scenery with overblown dignity, Jeffrey Renn takes clear delight being extra silly in his role as the King of the Britons, with Patrick Cassidy anchoring his straight man as the faithful servant Patsy. Nice contrasts between the two characters come with Patsy singing Always Look on the Bright Side (an import from the film Life of Brian, which inspired full participation from Saturday's audience). Arthur's lament I'm All Alone meanwhile inspires eye-rolling incredulity from the servant who hasn't yet left his side.

Python member Eric Idle adapted the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail for the theatre, so the show has more attention to the male experience than is sometimes seen on the local stage. The producers put together an impressively strong cast to support all those roles, with many company regulars and a couple of new additions stepping up with great zest.

Ray Colleran gets a stand-out bit of dialogue as the labourer Dennis and performs it expertly, arguing against the very concept of king before the Lady of the Lake converts him into Sir Galahad.

"Soggy old blondes with their backsides in ponds can't replace the electorate!" he proclaims just before getting the long and stately

looks of knighthood.

Jean Brouard is another welcome addition to the cast. His Not Dead Fred character starts out one of the best group song-and-dance numbers of the show. Later on, he's hilarious as the extremely rude guard of a French castle, slathering on a ridiculously thick accent and spitting out insults at top speed.

Tim Kempe is another great find. Taking on the role that Idle himself performed in the film version, Kempe is perfect as the not-so-brave Sir Robin. In a blonde pageboy wig, his round eyes and open mouth emoting distress that is perfectly visible all the way up to ArtSpring's top rows. He also leads You Won't Succeed on Broadway with commitment, refusing to buckle to the uncomfortable nature of the lyrics.

In a show that is very much aware of its status as a specific type of theatre, the Lady of the Lake is the character that has the most "meta" function aside from Robin, and Sue Newman is perfectly cast in the role. First of all, she has the chops to belt out the rock/gospel anthems and attention-seeking jazz scats. And as a theatre professional, she takes clear relish in sending up the genre, putting delicious emphasis into The Song That Goes Like This and The Diva's Lament. Here the Lady of the Lake is not such much mysterious force from the fairy world but Glinda the Good Witch and Evita all in one.

One of the pleasures of the mostly male cast is hearing their chorus of deep voices in several songs, but female voices also provide key harmonies in some cases. The Laker Girls — only Python would conflate mystical handmaidens with cheerleaders — add a pleasing dose of female energy. They are peppy and accomplished; there's even an impressive tap-dancing number.

Costume designer Maureen Mackay should probably win a Salt Spring Tony Award for her work in the community. Always creative, she and her team are responsible for pulling the audience into an entire world that is represented by just a few set changes. Particularly notable aside from the knights' livery are the Knights That Say Ni, the Laker Girls' many outrageous outfits and the French stereotypes that spill out of the castle, plus one very special wedding dress.

The "Spamband" led by Wendy Milton also gets top marks for filling the theatre with live instrumentation worthy of a full orchestra. Some sound and microphone issues happened during opening weekend but never impacted the smooth development of the show for long. Sound master Lawrence Wu will likely have the bugs worked out for the final run.

Four performances are still available at ArtSpring starting tonight, Wednesday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m. and running to Saturday, Sept. 2.

WHO ARE THE MANY ISLANDERS OPPOSED TO INCORPORATION? HERE ARE SOME OF US: YOUR FRIENDS NEIGHBOURS COLLEAGUES

Adrianne Ross, Alan & Mary Hughes, Alan & Terri Bibby, Alan Maynard, Alan Schoen, Alberto & Cecilia Parry, Ali Harris, Alice Friedman, Amanda Siep, Amarah Gabriel, Andrea Palframan, Andrea Rankin, Andreas & Annebeel Gedeon, Andrew Okulitch, Ann & Ross Alexander, Ann Watson, Ann Wheeler, Anna Ford, Anna Haltrecht, Anne Taylor, April & Michael Curtis, Arthur Black, Astha Bolliger, Audrey & Bob Wild, Aya Watanabe, Banana Joe Clemente, Barbara & Chris

Arnett, Barbara Freitas & Richard Koppelaar, Bea & Roy Brewer, Ben DesRosiers, Bernadette Mertens-McAllister, Bev Byron, Bev Lillyman, Beverly Stewart, Bill Harrington, Bill Showkow, Bob Fenske, Bob Hele, Bob Twaites, Bobbi Janowiak, Brenda & Chris Dixon, Brian Brett, Bruce Osborne, Catalina Stevenson, Candace Snow, Carol & Henry Tabbers, Caroline & Andy Hickman, Catherine Samson, Cathy Lenihan, Cathy Valentine, Charles & Gloria Dorworth, Chidakash & Shera Street, Chintan Bolliger & Satva Hall, Chris Anderson & Deb Cran, Christine Mauro, Claire Taylor, Claudia French, Colleen Bowen, D. Roberts, Daniel Ruane, David Borrowman, Deborah Campbell, Deirdre Rowland, Delaine Faulkner, Derek Lundy, Derek & Jennifer Barrio, Dianne Mayhew, Dianne Petrie, Doc Paynter, Donald McLennan, Donna Cochran, Donna Martin, Donna Zwick, Dorothy Cutting, Doug Wilkins, Douglas Muldoon, Dr. Bob Crossland, Dr. Rajdeep Gill, Dulcy Wilson, Eddie & Jan Jang, Elaina Hyde-Mills, Elizabeth White, Elizabeth Dunn & John Cochran, Ellen Karpinski & Jerry Barenholtz, Erin Cleal, Erna & Doug Robertson, Fabiola Naguib, Frances Hill, Fred & Jean Howell, Gail Meyer, Gary Gagne & Cary Ennis, Gary Kahne, Gavin Johnston, Gay Alkoff, Gaye Gardiner, Gayle Baker, Geoff Bartol, George Ehring, Gerri Davis & George Lerchs, Gill Kidd, Gillian Campbell, Gina McMahon & Ross Harvey, Gladys & Harold Page, Glenda Kaiser, Greg Spendjian, Guy Hoffman, Gwen McDonald, Hannah Brown, Hans Van De Sande, Harry Warner, Heather Biver, Heather Martin, Heather Martin-McNab, Helen Hinchliff, Helen Moon, Honor Griffiths, Howard Fry, Ian Fraser, Ian Van Wyck, Irene Wright, Jackie Rieder, Jackie Somers, Jan Slavok, Jane Hitt, Janet Simpson, Janice McLean, Janis Gauthier & Kenn Danner, Jean & Derek Wilkinson, Jean Brouard, Jean Gelwicks, Jennie Colver, Jill & Bob McIvor, Jill Willmott, Jim & Noni Fogarty, Jo Logan, Joan & Dan Clements, Joanne & Rob Burns, Joe & Dorothy Picotte, Joe Tannenbaum, John & Joyce Prothero, John & Marion Callas, John Davies, John Marko, John Moore, John Newton, John Todrick, Josie & Philip Lake, Josephine Bateman, Joy Holland, Jude Oliver, Judi Stevenson, Judith Bradley, Judy & Bob Cooke, Judy McLennan, Juliette Laing, Karen Reiss, Karen Selk, Kait Leslie, Katharine Atkins, Katharine Byers, Kathy Page & Richard Steel, Kathy Weisner, Kay Kos, Ken Deaton & Barbie the dog, Kjell Liem, Larry Appleby, Larry Woods & Sue Walker, Laurie Clark & Paul Bryant, Lea Weir, Leonie Muldoon, Leslie Corry, Libby Barlow, Libby Mason, Linda Quinn, Lisa Dahling, Lisa Sigeugirson Maxx, Lorraine Lowry, Luc & Elna Gravelle, Lynne Raymond, Lynne Terry, M. Solomon, Maggie Ziegler, Margaret & Alan Thomson, Margaretha Nordine, Margie Korison, Marian Hargrove, Marjorie Leckie, Mark Coulter, Mark Stevens & Robert Birch, Marlene Rice, Mary Ann McColl, Mary Fraser, Mary Harkema, Mary Laucks & Brian Swanson, Mary Lowery, Mary MacLean, Mary Rowles, Matthew Klassen, Maureen Milburn, Melanie Furman, Melynda Okulitch, Michael Bushby & Dennis Lucarelli, Michael Butler & Robin Ferry, Michael Cooke, Michael Dragland, Michael Hogan, Michael Wall, Mike & Marjorie Lane, Mike Lakin & Kate Turney, Mona Fertig, Mort Ransen, Murray Reiss, Nancy Braithwaite, Nicholas Courtier & Anne Macey, Nora Layard, Normand DesRosiers, Pamela McColl, Pamela Thornley, Pat Barclay, Pat Martin, Pat O'Neill, Patricia Flannagan, Patrick & Rosamund Dupuy, Paul Burke & Anna Gustafson, Peter Haase, Peter Lamb, Philip Grange, Phillip Van Horn, Phil Vernon, Phyllis & Matthew Coleman, Phyllis Wakelyn, Premilla Pillay, Randolph Parker, Rebecca Steel, Richard Kerr, Richard Murakami, Rick Laing, Rob Denny, Robert Beckett & Yantara Walker, Roberta & Roland Temmel, Ron Hardie & Judy Henderson, Ron Nordine, Ron Puhky & Kim Hanson, Ron Watts, Ron Weisner, Ronald Wright, Rosalie Beach, Rosalind Vijendren, Rose Murakami, Rowan Percy & Ren Ferguson, Russ Murcheson, Ruth & Sam Tarasoff, Ruth Waldick, Sabine Roodenburg, Safiya Carroll-Labelle, Sam Lightman, Sam Sydneysmith, Samantha Sanderson, Sandra DeAthe, Sandra Leckie, Scott Simmons, Sequoia Lesosky, Sharon Cooke, Sharon Doobenen, Sharon Farquharson, Sharon Sullivan, Sharyn Carroll, Sheila & Ernie Hoen, Shirley Graham & Peter Levitt, Simon Webb, Sue Earle, Sue Newman, Susan Astill, Susan Buie, Susan Bull, Susan Cogan, Susan Evans, Susan Paynter, Susan Sandler & Beth Appeldoorn, Sylvia Greenwood, Taryn Muldoon, Ted Harrison, Therin Gower, Tiff Wightman, Tom Flemons, Tom Mitchell, Ulreike Benner, Uri Cogan, Usha Rautenbach, Valerie Short, Vera Algoet, Veronica Murray, Vivian Chenard & Alan Martin, Wendy Judith Cutler, Wendy Kaye, William Griffiths, Yassie Pirani ...

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what's on this week



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Wed. Aug. 30
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo presents Caroni Young.

Viva Chorale artistic director Caroni Young performs with accompanist Jim Shultz on guitar. All Saints By-the-Sea. 2:10 p.m.

Monty Python's Spamalot. ExitStageLeft presents the hilarious musical "affectionately ripped off" from the film Monty Python and the Holy Grail, with added riotous send-ups of musical theatre for a rollicking evening of irreverent fun. ArtSpring. 7:30 p.m.

Oxford Blue. Live music at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Summer Reading Club.

Drop-in program, with crafts, games and fun for kids aged five and up. Come back each week for a different fun-filled theme. SS Library. 10 to 11 a.m.

Bittancourt House Museum. Museum open at the Farmers' Institute from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Incorporation Referendum Advance Polls. Non-resident property owners and residents who are 18 years or older, a Canadian citizen, have resided in British Columbia for the past six months and have resided on the Salt Spring Island for the past 30 days can vote on whether the island should incorporate as a municipality. Salt Spring Public Library and Community Gospel Chapel. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wed. Aug. 30
ACTIVITIES

Salt Spring Incorporation Debate.

Official event organized by Salt Spring's three elected officials, moderated by former BC Liberal cabinet minister George Abbott. Michael McAllister, Ken Marr and David Wood will present their case for a change to an incorporated structure. Greg Clayton, Brenda Guiled and Gary Holman will present the case against that change. Gulf Islands Secondary School gym. 7 p.m.



Special General Meeting of the Board of Directors of Central Community Hall Society.

At the hall to discuss fundraisers. Public welcome. 7 p.m.

Thu. Aug. 31
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Reeds & Wires.

Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Monty Python's Spamalot. See Wednesday's listing.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Classic Rock Bingo. Thursdays at Moby's Pub. 7:30 to 10 p.m.

Fri. Sep. 1
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Friday Wine Down.

Salt Spring Vineyards features live music every Friday. Come for a wine tasting and stay for the live music. 4 to 6 p.m.

Valdy.

Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

Pieta Brown With Bo Ramsey & Clarence Bucaro.

Live Pitchfork Social concert at Bullock Lake Farm. 7:30 p.m. show with dinner sales from 5:30 p.m.

Knacker's Yard.

Live at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m.

Monty Python's Spamalot. See Wednesday's listing.


ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

This is What a Spill Looks Like: Supporting Indigenous Legal Challenges to Protect the Coast.

A RAVEN Trust fundraiser at Fulford Hall. Photographer and first responder share images, stories from 2016 Great Bear Rainforest oil spill. Seafood BBQ at 6 p.m.; slide show and talk at 7 p.m.


Sat. Sep. 2
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Monty Python's Spamalot. See Wednesday's listing.

Neil Young Harvest VIII.

Annual tribute night to Neil Young at Tree House Cafe.

Performers include Bill Nash and Robert Johnson, Chris Chlopan, Bobo, Andy and Laura Meyers, Wesley Hardisty, J.J., Darren Linnell, Dan Smith and Mark LeCorre. 6 to 10 p.m.

Happy Daze.

Live band at the Legion. 7:30 p.m.

The Costners.

Rock/dance band at Moby's Pub. 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.

Saturday Market in the Park.

Locally produced crafts, foods and produce at famous event in Centennial Park. 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tony Head Memorial Slo-pitch Tournament.

14th annual slo-pitch tourney with visiting teams and a fundraiser for the Salt Spring Food Bank (through Island Savings' The Full Cupboard program) and a new Tony Head scholarship. BBQ and concession, kids' area and prizes. Fulford ball fields. All day.

Lantern Festival.

Annual lantern-lit performing arts parade and celebration beginning in Centennial Park at 8 p.m. and travelling around Ganges.

Sun. Sep. 3
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Music in the Vineyards.

Salt Spring Vineyards features live music every Sunday. Come for a wine tasting and stay for the live music. 2 to 4 p.m.



Duck Creek.

Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Bittancourt House Museum. See Wednesday's listing.



Tony Head Memorial Slo-pitch Tournament.

See Saturday's listing.

Mon. Sep. 4
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Chamigos.

Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Tony Head Memorial Slo-pitch Tournament.

See Saturday's listing.

What's in Your Name?

A free presentation by Clayne Conings, author of the Miracle of Names. Salt Spring Public Library. 7 p.m.

Tue. Sep. 5
ACTIVITIES

Trivia Tuesday. Tuesdays at Moby's Pub. 7 to 9:30 p.m.

Art Opening: Larry Melious' Off the Wall.

Larry Melious presents Off the Wall photo show. Salt Spring Public Library. 6 to 7 p.m.

Wed. Sep. 6
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Tea a Tempo: Gwen Gagne.

Singer-songwriter Gwen Gagne in concert at All Saints. 2:10 p.m.

Sasha Rose. Live at the Tree House Cafe. 7 to 10 p.m.

ACTIVITIES

Incorporation Referendum Advance Polls.

See last Wednesday's listing.

Pride Fest: Queer Story Sharing Circle.

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• **Larry Melious** presents a photography exhibit titled **Off the Wall** in the **Salt Spring Library Program Room** through September, with an opening event on Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 6 to 7 p.m.

• **Jeannette Sirois** presents **The Stillness of Life**, the final showcase exhibition of the season running at **ArtCraft** at Mahon Hall daily through Sept. 17.

EXHIBITIONS

• **Paradise** — an exhibit of work by Salt Spring Gallery artists — continues through Sept. 5.

• **Duthie Gallery** presents **Second Growth** — drawings and paintings by Sibéal Foyle and furniture by Peter Pierobon through Oct. 1.

• **Photosynthesis 2017** is the 17th-annual multi-photographer show running at **ArtSpring** until Sept. 5. This year's theme is "Pretty Pictures?"

• **Coming Together** — a paper collage exhibition of work by **Bly Kaye's** workshop students — is at **Kizmit Galeria and Cafe** through September.

Karen Reiss and **Donna Hall's** work is up until August 31.

• **The Island Textile Artists** group presents their latest work in an exhibit called **Loosely Connected** in the **ArtSpring** lobby through August.

• **Pod Contemporary** hosts "Many years have passed, New work by **Michela Sorrentino**" through Sept. 8.

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• **Amelie Love** shows artwork in an exhibit titled **I'm An Artholic** at **Fernwood Road Cafe** until Sept. 16.

• **Nikky Menard's Alchemy of the Soul** exhibit, including mixed media, gelli plate, pen and ink watercolours and soul star paintings, are on exhibit at the **Salt Spring Library Program Room** through August.

• **The Salt Spring Basketry Guild** marks its 20th anniversary with **Nests**, an outdoor exhibit at **Mahon Hall**.

• **ArtCraft**, the Salt Spring Arts Council's annual show and sale of work by **Gulf Islands artisans**, runs daily at Mahon Hall from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 17.

• **Salty Pear Gallery** is now open at 279 Rainbow Rd. with an exhibition of recent work by photographer **Stasia Garraway**.

• **Bob Fenske** shows photographs on the theme of **Life in the Streets** in the hallway at **Salt Spring Coffee Co.**

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FINE ART PHOTOGRAPHY

Beauty lies in sorrow at photo exhibit



PHOTO BY SEAN HITREC

Bernadette Mertens-McAllister with her six-photo series at the PhotoSynthesis exhibit at ArtSpring. The show runs until Sept. 5.

PhotoSynthesis group challenges perceptions of 'pretty pictures'

BY SEAN HITREC
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Screenshots of a video conversation with a sister inspired Bernadette Mertens-McAllister to explore personal visual representations of sorrow in work at the PhotoSynthesis exhibit now showing in the ArtSpring gallery.

Mertens-McAllister's six-photo series sticks out from the group. They are black and white, contrasty and obscured through a Photoshop filter. The pieces fit the photography group's theme for this year — Pretty Pictures? — which was set up to push the boundaries of aesthetics found on social media. The pictures, arranged in vertically paired couples, are a reflective attempt to get to the roots of sorrow.

Mertens-McAllister was inspired to do the series after a video conversation with her sister, who lives in Belgium.

"I took these pictures when I was doing FaceTime with my sister. I looked at them and said, 'Oh my God, this is sad,' and she definitely has been in hardship during her life, so it shows on her face," she said.

"It's the impact that the image has on people. As soon as that happens it's pretty, but it's not sunset pretty."

BERNADETTE MERTENS-McALLISTER
PhotoSynthesis photographer

The first two photographs in the series show expressive moments. Her sister is sitting partially off camera with deep shadows under her eyes. Through the obscure filter and relatively even lighting, what's clear is pain and sadness in the images.

From the conversation with her sister, Mertens-McAllister was compelled to look inward. The second pair of photographs are of herself.

"[It] was like 3 o'clock in the morning. I couldn't sleep. I had my iPad. I took a picture," she said.

In the second set, Mertens-McAllister seems unrecognizable at first. Her hair is back and her face is muddled by the stone-like Photoshop filter. Emotion seeps through to the viewer, however. The lighting shines past the subject and onto the wall behind her, leaving a darker and shadowed face with a certain tired sadness in the foreground.

For the third pair, Mertens-McAllister challenged herself to reflect further into her past and visually present a time when sorrow was prevalent in her everyday life.

"That was 10 years ago when I lost my hair while I was having chemo," she said, pointing at photographs titled Sorrow V and Sorrow VI.

"I was alone, living on a ranch at the time, when I was taking those pictures, so I didn't have anybody else to help me."

The images were taken with a professional camera, as opposed to the previous four that were taken on an iPad. Mertens-McAllister is in dramatic poses, lit evenly on a black background. With eyes closed and hands visible, she shows a vulnerability in sadness. She applied the same filter as in the other photographs and, if you didn't know her, you would think that the last couple of photographs were of a different person.

"What really makes it pretty to me is that there is alignment between the image and myself. It is that connection that somebody makes with an image," she said about the series as a whole. "It's the impact that the image has on people. As soon as that happens it's pretty, but it's not sunset pretty. There is connection and there's depth and it invites people, in their minds, to think about sorrow."

Mertens-McAllister is one of 18 unique photographers from PhotoSynthesis displaying their interpretations of the theme at the event. The group's 17th-annual show runs daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Sept. 5.

PRIDE FESTIVAL

Ferron and band at ArtSpring

Sept. 8 concert on tap

One of B.C.'s most well-loved performers is coming to ArtSpring next week as part of Salt Spring Pride festivities.

Ferron and her All-Star Band will play on Friday, Sept. 8 beginning at 7:30 p.m.

"Fresh from another triumph at last month's Vancouver Folk Festival, Ferron will be gracing the ArtSpring stage with her inimitable presence, poignant songs and warm-as-toast voice," states ArtSpring website material. "Be prepared to be deeply moved by this singer/songwriter/poet whose work has been compared to Van Morrison, Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen. Spanning a career of 40 years, Ferron is one of Canada's most respected songwriters."

She will be joined on the ArtSpring stage by her three-piece All Star Band.

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Reeks of politics

Our incorporation question largely centres around money. Both sides of the debate concern themselves with convincing the undecided about what the real costs of incorporation will eventually be. It is prudent for all of us to consider this topic carefully, but we can't let it eclipse two other considerations.

The more important one, in my opinion, is that incorporation greatly diminishes the Islands Trust's ability to preserve and protect this beautiful island. This is fact and not opinion.

When the yes side offers up shining examples of how good incorporation can be, they ignore one very important fact. Compared to Salt Spring, those municipalities had nothing to lose when they chose to incorporate. They weren't trading away the unique legal protection that we have enjoyed for decades. Without Islands Trust protection we would be Duncan with a moat. Remove that protection and the developers will begin their search and destroy mission at first light. I am voting "no" to protect the Islands Trust that protects me.

Secondly, the incorporation model described by Urban Systems may misrepresent our future road costs. FOI requests to the provincial ministry offer us a second perspective on the actual costs of roads, including engineering costs. The numbers are much higher than those in the Urban Systems study. This leads our CRD director and our trustees to request clarification. I would have asked for clarification from the Ministry of Transportation,

but it appears that, somehow, Urban Systems has responded instead. Our elected officials, who have clearly demonstrated a pro-incorporation bias, now have a response from the contractor who wrote the original report, rather than from the ministry that actually has the data. That same contractor has somehow been chosen as the only fact checker in the public debate. This stinks; it positively reeks of politics at its worst.

And it gives me another reason to vote "no."

CHRIS DIXON,
SALT SPRING

Everyone wants voice

Over the past weeks I have become increasingly concerned about the divisiveness in our community.

By definition a referendum pits one point of view against another. Tempers run high. In the heat of the moment ugly things get said.

Islanders are independent thinkers. We don't follow the herd. We care deeply about this island and we're never short on opinions. Yet, at the same time, I believe we share values of tolerance, respect, civility, democracy.

I hear and respect what people are saying. There are good and bad things about all forms of governance.

As a professional mediator I am familiar with how intensely each side wants me to commit to their point of view.

For better or for worse I am committed to giving everyone a voice, to making sure everyone who wants to vote gets to the polls. For me, success will be a record high turnout.

This is a referendum, not an election. On the

day after — whatever happens — the sun will rise and we will have to carry on. It's important to me to maintain friendships and relationships, personal and political, on all sides of the debate.

Whatever the referendum result, as an island trustee, I am committed to make whatever system is in place work for the best interests of all islanders.

PETER GROVE,
SALT SPRING TRUSTEE

Appreciated forum

I attended a Positively No event at Meaden Hall last week and I found it to be an excellent presentation.

My 17-year-old daughter wanted to find out more about the subject of local issues and she invited me to attend. We had such a good time there.

There was an excellent information session with questions and answers with some very intelligent panelists. I definitely appreciated the local knowledge and talent who put this together. It was a full house and many locals who have been here for many years came out to attend.

I am glad that Salt Spring supports civic involvement and the flavour of the community is that anyone at all, including children and teenagers, are welcome to learn how the island is run and to participate. We have a very participant-friendly style of government at this time and it is a great example for all the young people here to learn that anyone can participate in their community and can understand how things are run.

Good job!
JENNIFER MCCLEAN,
SALT SPRING

Type of governance is the relevant issue

BY PETER LLOYD-JONES

I have read as much as possible on both sides of the debate for and against incorporation and there have been many good points made on both sides.

However, it seems that many of us are missing the point of a referendum, which simply asks if we wish to become a municipality or not, i.e. a question of governance. Many residents seem to be addressing specific details rather than the big picture.

The fundamental question is what kind of local government we want and what kind of government will take responsibility for the Salt Spring community and lead us into a future, which will no doubt be more complex than it is today. We need to give the next generation the ability to live here and to prosper and not just become yet another retirement community.

The fundamental question, I believe, is whether we want to govern ourselves and decide our future or whether we would rather be governed/administered from afar. I doubt if many islanders would vote for a B.C. government with limited representation based in Alberta, for example, or for a Canadian government with limited representation based overseas! So why do we accept being governed locally from afar with one lone representative on the CRD Board and two trustees on the Islands Trust?

We need to take responsibility for ourselves and make local decisions here, while at the same time respecting the mandate of protection and preservation that the Islands Trust will continue to exercise over Salt Spring if we do incorporate.

A municipal council will be far more representative of our needs and agile in its decision making than our current awkward structure; will have the ability to negotiate on behalf of the island; and will access a host of federal and other grants to benefit islanders (water distribution, sewage treatment, etc.).

We also need to carefully manage our local economy to balance the needs of its residents as well as its visitors. (We were all visitors once!) It's also worth noting that, according to the Salt Spring Incorporation Study report, Bowen Island's property taxes have increased less since incorporation than ours on Salt Spring over the same period.

I do not believe we will be subject to rampant development if we incorporate, which the no side seems to insinuate, as we will vote in the councillors that we believe will do the best job for the island. I have not seen rampant development on Bowen Island or many other smaller municipalities, so please let's stop the scare-mongering.

Let's think of the future of Salt Spring and provide more opportunities for our children to be able to live here, reduce the multiple layers of government we currently have and create a more transparent governance structure.

I will vote "yes" and would ask all islanders to do the same, but most of all, go out and vote — it's your future!

The writer co-owns Hedgerow House in Ganges and is president of the Accommodations Group of Salt Spring Island.

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Too much misinformation not positive

BY HAROLD SWIERENGA

It has become apparent that the "no" campaign is based on generating fear and emotion, predicting all kinds of dire consequences if Salt Spring Island were to become a municipality.

The 10 Dangers of Incorporation advertisement in last week's Driftwood is a classic: a set of statements largely without any foundation. "Big developers get more say;" "Province has final word, NOT US;" "Over-development threatens;" "Secret council meetings;" "Rent hikes for tenants and small businesses;" etc.

Please, let's conduct this debate in a rational fact-based manner. I was very disturbed by the way the NSSWD was pilloried by some "no" supporters for presenting a logical case for municipal government based on financial and economic considerations for the benefit of the ratepayers. Surely, we can be better than this. The debate must be based on reasonable, factual information — not wild statements designed to scare us into voting a certain way.

Municipal government does not mean urban government

Perception is a huge issue in this discussion. The "no" campaign keeps trying to associate "municipal government" with "urban government." The latest blurb in our mailbox has the banner "Keep Our Island Rural." There is nothing inherently urban about municipal government in Canada. The vast majority of rural Canadians are residents of municipalities and wouldn't want it any other way. I can only imagine the reaction of a prairie farmer if it were suggested that the local municipal government should be dismantled and all municipal-type services be provided by the current Salt Spring model. A local resident even told me that since the consultant was a firm called "Urban Systems" it must have an inherent urban bias. I can assure you that the report would have been no different if the firm had been named "Rural Systems." I might also mention that the

neighbouring San Juan Islands have had municipal (county) government for years and are still just as rural as the Gulf Islands.

Is our "local" government really local?

An argument is made that we already have "local" government in the form of the Islands Trust and the CRD. I might comment that the three bodies providing municipal type services on our rock are all headquartered in Victoria — the Trust, the CRD and the Province — not quite local. The chair of our Local Trust Committee is even a resident of another community.

As several others have pointed out, we have a range of governmental authorities providing municipal level services with limited co-ordination. This can in no way be construed as "local" government.

Preserve and protect our community as well as our natural paradise

To me, the Islands Trust decision several years ago resulting in Salt Spring Coffee leaving Salt Spring Island exemplifies perfectly the need for municipal government.

The Trust mandate to "preserve and protect," as set out in the legislation, is focused on the environment and land use on the Gulf Islands. The Trust was never intended to be a form of local government, as some like to consider it today. It does not have the tools, the jurisdiction, the authority or the responsibility to fulfill the functions of a local government. Given its rather narrow mandate, the LTC decision regarding Salt Spring Coffee was based on land-use considerations only. As a result, a locally developed green business with a promise of significant employment opportunities was forced to leave the Island. This decision should never have been made on behalf of Salt Spring Island by just two trustees. Yes, the land use was preserved but

the greater society and population of Salt Spring was not well served. As others have pointed out, we are an aging population on this island, with limited employment opportunities for younger residents. A seven-member municipal council would have provided input from a broader representation of Salt Spring Island residents with a more comprehensive view of the needs of the island.

Often, when I drive by the derelict building on the weed-infested lot on the Fulford-Ganges Road I reflect on what could have been — a real asset to our island providing much-needed employment.

The Trust does an admirable job of fulfilling its mandate, (there are exceptions, such as approving the Channel Ridge development and the Norton Road affordable housing project delays), but it is unfair to expect it to decide on more comprehensive matters that go beyond that mandate.

I would urge all Salt Spring Island residents planning to vote in the referendum to read the article written by Peter Brouwer available on the YESS! website. Peter is a retired municipal engineer and writes with a deep knowledge and broad perspective. He answers a number of very relevant questions.

In summary, I would argue that Salt Spring Island can gain considerably from becoming the municipality of Salt Spring Island and having a true local government. I have ample faith in the Salt Spring electorate to fill council seats with members who have the desire and foresight to preserve and protect all that makes our island home what it is. The vision of the future for Salt Spring must be cognizant of all aspects of our life here. Given that, I suspect we could even finish the boardwalk.

Finally, there is nothing "positive" about voting "no" to a better way of doing things.

The writer is a concerned and involved Salt Spring Island resident.

The Trust mandate and incorporation

BY GRAHAM BRAZIER

For more than 40 years, "preserve and protect" has been the mantra for land-use planning on Salt Spring and other islands in the Trust Area.

It was first prescribed by the Islands Trust Act of 1974 and was in the vanguard of an environmental awakening in the region where the unfettered operation of the free market had created subdivisions of alarming proportions. It acknowledged that islands adjacent to rapidly growing urban centres are subject to pressures that market forces are unlikely to deal with in a manner that would respect and sustain healthy and diverse natural environments, and furthermore, that government intervention on behalf of the people of British Columbia was warranted.

Those pressures have not abated; nor has the need for preservation and protection. As a result, the impact of incorporation on the "preserve and protect" mandate may well be the determining factor for many as they go to the polls on Sept. 9. If a voter is convinced that the mandate would continue to prevail and guide future land-use decision-making on Salt Spring Island there would seem to be no reason to vote "no." On the other hand if "preservation and protection" ceased to be the guiding mantra for future development as a consequence of a victory for the "yes" camp, many people may want to re-think their vote.

There are only three possibilities: 1) the "preserve and protect" mandate wouldn't be diminished by incorpora-

tion; 2) it would be diminished or, 3) it is uncertain if it would be diminished.

If it would be diminished or it is uncertain whether it would be diminished, it seems clear that those who cherish the mandate of the Islands Trust should vote "no" to incorporation.

The Trust's response to the question appears under the heading of Frequently Asked Questions on their website as follows: "In summary, direct land use control on Salt Spring Island would be under the authority of the new municipal council, not the Local Trust Committee. In their decision-making, the Salt Spring Island municipality would have a legislative responsibility to have regard for the object of the Trust and the preserve and protect mandate."

While the first sentence suggests it would clearly be diminished, the phrase 'have regard for the object of the Trust' in the second sentence seems to back off but, at the same time, offer plenty of 'wiggle room' for all subsequent municipal councils and an abundance of uncertainty for Salt Spring residents determined to perpetuate the preserve and protect mandate.

As uncertainty diminishes voter confidence that the mandate would be vigorously pursued by any or all future municipal councils, a "no" vote for those who value it seems the logical choice on Sept. 9.

The writer is a former Islands Trust trustee from Denman Island and a board member of the Gulf Islands Alliance.

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Salt Spring Toy Run riders help fill Santa's Workshop

BY WENDY EGGETTSON
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

Vroom! Did you see and hear Saturday's Santa's motorcycle parade racing through the streets of Gan- ges? Hell's Angels? Hell no! It was a group of non-affiliated independent bikers



PHOTO COURTESY WENDY EGGETTSON

From left, Santa's Workshop volunteers Ellen Mae Simmonds, Christa Wohlfahrt and Wendy Eggertson hold thank-you signs for Salt Spring Toy Run participants.

events were all open to the public. One of the organizers (AKA Santa) — Kerry Butler — wants everyone to know that you are all more than welcome to join in the festivities every year.

With funding from rendezvous registration fees, fundraiser BBQs at Country Grocer and business support from the Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion and many others, the Toy Run last year donated an incredible \$5,000 (plus hundreds of dollars worth of toys) to Santa's Workshop on Salt Spring. They also contributed to a fund that supports emergency medical care to needy children and families. The hard-working elves of Santa's Workshop collect donations of toys and money on Salt Spring every winter to ensure distribution of Christmas presents to underprivileged kids on the island through Salt Spring Community Services. Without the Salt Spring Toy Run, Santa's Workshop would not exist. Salt Spring Islanders are encouraged to participate and help with the Toy Run and Santa's Workshop next year.

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Started in 1996 by Salt Spring Islander Lil Irwin and 10 to 15 other local bikers

to raise money for various local charities, the group has grown this year to 95 bikes, with over 200 people involved, under the leadership of Paul Smith.

On Friday night they held a dinner, on Saturday they hosted games during the day and held another big BBQ and dance (with live music) that night, raising money from ticket sales. These

TRAIL & NATURE CLUB

Blackberry Fest kicks off club's season

Hikers step into fall

The Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club kicks off its 2017-18 year with the Blackberry Festival at

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Hikers

Sept. 12: Blackberry Fest.

Sept. 19: Charles Kahn will lead a moderately strenuous exploration of trails in Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park. Meet at ArtSpring at 9:45 a.m. or at the Burgoyne Bay Provincial Park parking lot at 10 a.m.

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Sept. 12: Blackberry Fest.

Sept. 19: Yvonne Gibbon will lead a walk to Baker Beach. Meet at ArtSpring at 10 a.m. to carpool or at the trail entrance at the end of Quarry Drive at 10:20 a.m.

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Eileen Mary Botham,

NOVEMBER. 4, 1921 - AUGUST. 11, 2017

Eileen Mary Botham, 95, of Salt Spring Island, passed away peacefully Aug. 11, 2017 at the home of her youngest daughter, Mary Howard in Salmon Arm.

Born Nov. 4th 1921, in Ladner B.C. to Ray and Ida Hutcherson, Eileen spent her early years in Oregon, moving back to Ladner with her family at the time of the Great Depression in 1929 where her father set up the Home Oil Co.

In 1943 Eileen married Arthur Douglas Botham whom she met while the two worked at the Bank of Montreal in Cloverdale. With their three daughters, the family moved to rural Maple Ridge in 1958 where they lived until Art's retirement from the lumber industry in 1980. At the age of 60 they settled into their newly constructed home and Island life on Scott Point, Salt Spring Island.

Protestant ethic values of individuality, integrity, frugality and self-reliance heavily influenced all areas of Eileen's life. She was an avid reader and lifelong student of philosophy, history and economics. Eileen was soon making her way "up the hill" in Burnaby, to study at Simon Fraser University when it opened its doors to 2500 attendees in 1965.

A woman of great curiosity, wit and intelligence, Eileen accumulated respect and friends throughout her life. She researched and chronicled a social history of her Kirkland-Hutcherson family. Her letters routinely included the sentient qualities of household pets, creating quirky personalities and much laughter. She was a talented seamstress, passionate amateur artist, intimidating bridge player, debater of politics and world affairs. She leaves a legacy of commitment to social justice and volunteerism. She was a member of the Raging Grannies and Amnesty International, a supporter of the Nature Conservancy of Canada, a volunteer with the island Hospital, Salt Spring Seniors and Library, a longtime book club and KAIROS member. She immersed herself fully in the Salt Spring ethos.

She loved tennis and golf, spending many hours at both the Pitt Meadows and Salt Spring Island courses. A Senior Ladies' golf Captain and club champion.

Eileen was predeceased by her husband, Arthur (2003). She is survived by her brother Bill Hutcherson, three daughters, Nancy Botham, Holly Horwood and Mary Howard, seven grandchildren and three (soon to be four) great grandchildren. To her family, she passes on the words of Albert Einstein: "The only thing you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library"

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Catherine Verity Anderson

October 4th 1943 - August 24th 2017



Verity passed away at Lady Minto Hospital on the morning of August 24th with her daughter and brother by her side.

Born in Ottawa to the late Robert and Catherine Anderson, she is survived by her daughter Zoë (Scott) Antonik, grandson Logan, brother Chris (Deborah Cran) Anderson, nieces Riah (Alex) Hoehschmann, Sascha (Peter) Rackemann, nephews Bill (Milena) Boertjes, Sean Cran, and very dear friends.

Verity moved to BC in the early 80's, and to Salt Spring Island in 1986. She was a devoted mother and a loving and generous member of the Salt Spring community.

She was passionate about horses, a love that she shared with her daughter, and enjoyed spending as much time with her grandson as possible. Her kind and jovial outlook on life made her someone who's company was treasured, and she could always be counted on to make you laugh.

Many thanks to Dr.'s Ryan, Barclay and Van Osch, and the kind, compassionate nurses at Lady Minto Hospital for their care and support during this difficult time.

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Heaven on Salt Spring Island

Thank you, thank you Salt Spring. Many of you know that my wife, Val Konig, suffered a major stroke June 26, 2017. Her progress has been slow, but recently great improvement has taken place!

I especially want to thank all those who have stepped forward to care for my family.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Month number 9 is a Universal 1-Year means that it is a 1-Month. Number one is all about fresh starts and pioneering initiatives. It is associated with Aries and Capricorn and requires assertion, but can also prove aggressive and raw. This presents a generic perspective, like the weather for an entire region yet has global implications. Of course, every person and place have their own cycles to measure and there are many and they overlap. Still, we can look to the year and month via this Numerological perspective to gain some reference points. Astrologically, we are in the final days of Mercury Retrograde in Virgo/Leo. It re-entered Leo yesterday and will end its reverse motion there on the 5th and re-enter Virgo on the 9th. It is worth mentioning that Mercury in Leo will 'Station', seem to be at a standstill, the time period leading up to turning direct again and the time it takes to accelerate to full speed forward again for about the next 10 days, right at the degree of the Total Solar Eclipse! Mars is there as well thus we will experience a charge of energy. The Moon comes to full full in close conjunction to Neptune on September 6th (the 5th in the Maritimes and the rest of the world further East) and does so at 13 Pisces 53. If you have planets, angles or sensitive points in your Natal Chart at this degree, you will experience a boost and activation and potentially a measurable shift. Yet, unless you are aware and have some objective about what is going on, it will probably just manifest unconsciously. Awareness is the key to bring your conscious will to the fore to engage the energies optimally.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19) Something special is beginning in your life. It can be described as a birth or at least a conception. It is linked to what makes you special and can include the emergence of latent gifts and talents. These may be described as dreams come true and that will begin to flourish. Yet you also have work to do and it may take a week or two to hit your stride.

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20) Something major is shaking close to home. It will affect your lifestyle and touch upon your relationships and implies endings and rebirth. It comes on the heels of a much longer process of deep change over the past 2-3 years. You are emerging as a person transformed, or at least your beliefs, philosophy, attitude, and approach.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) In one way or another, you feel ignited and are on fire. Enthusiasm, determination, drive, and assertion are apt words. The time has come to make manifest the new chapter of your creative genius. It could come in an unfamiliar form or one which you do not quite expect. Trust such intuitive leads and take the plunge.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) A process of building on new foundations continues. These may not be literal and material; they could be emotional and psychological. However your flow is going, realize that you are meant to go forward and not look back, or at least not try to resurrect what was. Perhaps the shift is subtle. Your energy levels will rise as the month progresses.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) A process of taking new leads and strides continues. However, you may feel like you have been blocked or stuck these past few weeks. Fortunately, a window of lucidity is opening for you this week. It will continue into the month and will activate your drive and determination. Focus on creative expressions with beauty and intelligence in mind.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) Much is brewing in your mind. Something is pushing you to new modes of self-expression backed by a fresh set of priorities and goals. This is a call to participation in something larger than you. Call it 'contributing to a greater cause.' The good news is that by doing so you will experience a deep sense of satisfaction leaving you whistling while you work.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) A summons to assert a new fact of your sense of individuality has been sounded. It is calling you to break through internal and external resistances and barriers and to go big. Some measure of risk is implied. It may well include working with friends new and old. Doing the ground work behind the scenes is likely and could extend into October.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A steadily emerging sense of new leadership in you is on the rise. It includes creative leadership and imagination. Taking an independent lead is also featured. Over the next several weeks you will break through into new territory. It will require new tools, methods and/or strategies and fast thinking at times. You can do it!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Seeing a bigger picture and committing to the implications and demands of it is an important theme now. It has to do with truth and justice and what is right and ethical. It can be described as a path with heart. Currently, opportunities to gain some measure of public and professional attention possibly featuring promotions are available.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) The Lunar North Node is in your solar eighth house, the house of Scorpio. It began in May and has an 18-month cycle. During this time you are destined to undergo some major changes. These are linked to your sense of individuality, finances and investments, and your values and priorities in general.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Your closest relationships are even more in focus than usual. Deepening your involvement and commitment should be apparent now. It may include new activities shared with your significant other(s). Dealing with edgy interchanges was likely over the summer. The focus is not shifting to work and you are about to get down and dirty.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Weaving work and play is an important theme now. Close interaction with others will take on a creative expression. It is important that you concentrate to bring projects to a level of accomplishment and completion between now and 2018. Four months should be enough to get a lot done but you had better get going if you feel you are behind.

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TENNIS

Young tennis players compete in tourney

Close matches add to fun event

BY CARRIE COGAN
SPECIAL TO THE DRIFTWOOD

The Salt Spring Island Rogers Rookie Tennis Tournament took place last weekend under late summer blue skies over Portlock Park tennis courts.

Though the number of players was slightly less than previous years, the high enthusiasm and quality performances of the 15 players in four divisions made for big matches. In most cases this is the first competitive tennis experience for these players.

The U8 Rookie event was held Friday morning at Baseline Tennis Academy. It was comprised of four eager players, ages seven and eight years old: Finlay McMaster, Sascha Miller, James and Quinton Beattie. The boys had tons of fun drilling and playing Jail: The Skeleton Version and Stayin' Alive. Their shouts of victory and dismay could be heard bellowing up Stewart and Cusheon Lake



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Flynn Shugar, left, and Scott Goddard shake hands after their final match.

roads. Thanks to the two junior players, Katya and Kate, who were on hand to help coach Marianne Banman.

The other Rookie events were held on Saturday at Portlock Park tennis courts. In the U10 Orange Ball Division,

Tony Beardsmore edged out Nate Kray-Gibson for the win. Katya Miller exhibited a great attitude with fighting spirit, playing against the boys almost two years older than her. All three players exhibited stellar skill and outstanding sportsmanship.

Tournament director Banman emphasized, "I think good sportsmanship is by far more important than the skill exhibited during play. Having said that, I am thrilled to see such a huge degree of player improvement in both of these areas every year."

The four players in the U12 girls division — Miranda Vinti, Maya Kray-Gibson, Ariel Mullan and Kate Dubois — showed amazing focus and determination. All games played were very close, with a high level of competition. Vinti was the winner.

The U12 boys tournament also consisted of four players: Ben Sicherman, Flynn Shugar, Scott Goddard and Charlie Murray.

Top-level playing made for some exciting matches. Charlie, only seven years old, played up to par with boys almost twice his age. Ben put up a good fight to come in third. The victory match came down to Scott Goddard and Flynn Shugar, with Shugar edging out Goddard for the win by a mere two games.

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PADDLING

Dragons wrap up season

Season-best time a highlight of Steveston festival

BY DONNA COCHRAN
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At the Steveston Dragon Boat Festival last weekend, Spirit Point Dragons posted their season's best time for a 500-metre race.

It didn't score them a medal, but it boosted them into the second-highest division to race against some very competitive teams.

There were 72 teams competing, 24 women's and 48 mixed teams, racing one 200-metre race and three 500-metre races. The combined times of the first two races determined the placement for the third race.

In the first 500-metre race, Spirit Point were in the middle lane and had a roaring start. They just kept pulling further and further ahead of the other teams crossing the finish line with a season-best time of 2:14, a full eight seconds ahead of second-place Hydro Dragons (2:22), Twisted Dragons (2:23), the Eh Team (2:24) and Century Dragons (2:44). That performance placed them in Division B for the first time.

The A and B divisions are highly competitive with generally younger paddlers and as many as 10 men (the maximum allowed in mixed teams).

The Dragons' performances in the semi-final and final races were solid but didn't land them a medal. But Spirit Point team members came home with a lot of pride in their end of season achievement.

Paddlers for the races were Lohrainne

Ekelund, Lesley Grott, Donna Cochran, Mary Lou Cuddy, Robyn Huntley, Melynda Okulitch, Wendy McEachern, Kahsia Hartwell, Carmelle Labelle, Ware Hartwell, Ann Marie Davidson, Rob Huber, Chris Ortlepp, Lisa Coles, Heather Robertson, Lorenn Ekelund, Andrew Okulitch, Conner Ekelund and Sam Goddard, (Wendy's daughter) who raced with the team for the first time.

A special thanks goes to guest paddler Janet Bright from the Senior Momentum team.

The races took place in the narrow channel of the Fraser River's South Arm between Steveston and Shady Island. With the strong currents and tides, not to mention lots of regular boat traffic, steersman Tom McKeachie, did a great job of keeping the boat aligned down the narrow race course.

At the front of the boat, Mary Rowles drummed and shouted encouragement above the roar of the other teams paddling close by.

On a sad note, Spirit Point lost one of the team's biggest supporters in early August with the passing of Nils Christensen. The team gave a heartfelt "paddles up" salute to Nils and Sheila as they paddled out to the start of their final race. Let it run, Nils.

Spirit Point Dragons would like to give a big end-of-season thank you for the generous sponsorship of Country Grocer, Harbours End Marine, Moby's and Royal LePage and to the Driftwood for their coverage.

New paddlers are always welcome and should contact coach Mary Rowles at onthewater181@gmail.com.



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GOLF

Highlight of Salt Spring golf season on this weekend

Professional tourney also planned for Sept. 11

BY MARCIA HOGAN
DRIFTWOOD CONTRIBUTOR

Changes, events and results — there is a lot happening for golf aficionados on Salt Spring.

Those of you who enjoy a good walk on lush grass in the cool of the

evening will want to take advantage of the new twilight rate that begins at 6 p.m. Check out the changes to the driving range; special targets have been set up to test your accuracy.

The annual North South Tournament, for geographical bragging rights, kicks off at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 2. Don't miss out! With golf, carnival games, lunch and an auction it is the highlight of the season.

A professional golf tournament comes to Salt Spring on Sept. 11 when 36 professionals from across Vancouver Island tee it up for the home crowd. Spectator tickets can be purchased online at www.planet-hempgolf.com or at the pro shop.

In ladies 18-hole net match play, Lynda Tremblay defeated Franki Johnstone to win the Bank of Commerce Cup — her first trophy. Jill

Thompson won the Stableford with a score of 62; Tremblay was close behind with a 58.

Legendary golfer Sandra Palmer is returning to Salt Spring. She will be conducting golf clinics on Sept. 15 and 18. Sandra was inducted into the LPGA Hall of Fame this year. She currently plays on the Legends tour.

The Matson Cup final results saw Jordan Haenen triumph over

Zak Cutshall in a close match. Larry Davies won the Consolation event over Don Sharp. "He squashed me," said Sharp following the round.

Sharp was top man in the TNT summer session, with Tony Faulkner and Troy Kaye close on his heels. The Sunday best league has Gary Tremblay at the top of the leaderboard while Mike Winter heads the net competition.

Incorrect pool schedule in Fall Leisure Guide delivered in last weeks Driftwood.

Please cut out and replace the schedule on page 2 of the Fall Leisure Guide with schedule below.

Rainbow Road indoor pool

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Rainbow Road Fall Schedule

September 3, 2017 - March 31, 2018

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Early Bird 6:30 - 8am		Early Bird 6:30 - 8am		Early Bird 6:30 - 8am		
Energizer Aquafit 8 - 9am		Energizer Aquafit 8 - 9am		Energizer Aquafit 8 - 9am		
Lap & Leisure 9 - 11am	Lesson & Lap (rotating programs) 10 - 11am	Lap & Leisure 9 - 11am	Lesson & Lap (rotating programs) 10 - 11am	Lessons 10:30 - 12:45am		
Aqualite 9:30-10:30am		Aqualite 9:30-10:30am		Aqualite 9:30-10:30am		
Lap & Leisure 11 - 1pm	Lap & Leisure 11 - 1pm	Lap & Leisure 11 - 1pm	Lap & Leisure 11 - 1pm	Lap & Leisure 11 - 1pm		
Nooner Aquafit 1 - 2pm	Adult/Youth 1 - 2pm	Nooner Aquafit 1 - 2pm	Adult/Youth 1 - 2pm	Nooner Aquafit 1 - 2pm		
Lap & Lesson 2 - 3pm	Lap & Lesson 2 - 3pm	Lap & Lesson 2 - 3pm	Lap & Lesson 2 - 3pm	Lap & Lesson 2 - 3pm		
Everyone Welcome 3 - 6:30pm	Everyone Welcome 3 - 6:30pm	Everyone Welcome 3 - 6:30pm	Everyone Welcome 3 - 6:30pm	Everyone Welcome 3 - 6:30pm		
Evening Lap 6:30 - 8pm		Evening Lap 6:30 - 8pm		Friday Night Madness 6:30 - 8pm		

WATER FITNESS CLASSES

Energizer

This class will challenge you to work hard in shallow or deep water. A qualified instructor will guide you through a number of exercises which will help with your strength, flexibility and fitness.

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For those looking for more strength and stretching. These exercises are designed to get your blood flowing and your muscles moving.

Aqualite

If you have had hip or knee trouble or have had heart problems, then this is the class for you. This low intensity, cardio exercise class is perfect for those needing to focus on balance and core strength.

Friday Night Madness

This is a fun time for the younger folks in our community to come out and enjoy the pool. Periodically special events will be planned for this time slot.

GENERAL ADMISSION

Single Admission rates apply to each entry per day.

	Single Visit	10 Times	20 Times	1 Month	Annual
Adult (19 yrs and older)	6.00	54.15	102.30	60.15	410.00
Youth/Student (13-18 yrs or valid student card)	4.50	40.50	76.50	45.00	295.00
Child (6-12 yrs)	3.50	31.50	59.50	35.00	235.00
Tot (5 yrs and under)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Family (max 5 members)	13.00	117.00	221.00	130.00	820.00

Taxes included / Toonie swim \$2.00

	Single Visit	10 Times	20 Times	1 Month	Annual
Adult (19 yrs and older)	6.00	54.15	102.30	60.15	410.00
Youth/Student (13-18 yrs or valid student card)	4.50	40.50	76.50	45.00	295.00
Child (6-12 yrs)	3.50	31.50	59.50	35.00	235.00
Tot (5 yrs and under)	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Family (max 5 members)	13.00	117.00	221.00	130.00	820.00

LESSONS

Lessons 1/2 hour class \$60.00 / 10 lessons
Lessons 3/4 hour class \$70.00 / 10 lessons
1/2 hour semi private lessons (2 people) \$33.00

AQUAFIT

Pass \$7.50 drop in / 1 month pass \$67.80
10x \$67.50 / Annual \$575.00

Visit us at 262 Rainbow Road, V8K 2M3.

For more information and online registration visit www.crd.bc.ca/sii-pool

SLO-PITCH

Tony Head Memorial Tourney in play

Charity event runs Sept. 2-4

Labour Day Weekend will be spent on the Fulford ball fields for many islanders and visitors again this year, as players and fans come out for the 14th Annual Tony Head Memorial Slo-Pitch Tournament.

The annual charity event will see teams from Galiano, Victoria and Penelakut Island playing against Salt Spring teams from Saturday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 4. Entry fees and concessions sales are donated to community initiatives. With over \$1,100 raised last year, Head's family is pleased to designate The Full Cupboard as the event's charity of choice once again for 2017.

Head was born and raised a fisherman, practised in the building trades, was a lieutenant in the Salt Spring Fire Department and died in a boating accident while fishing on Aug. 13, 2002. The annual memorial tournament is coordinated by Tony's daughter Danielle Head.

This year the family is also establishing a Tony Head Memorial Scholarship with funds raised through T-shirt and raffle sales. The scholarship will be awarded to an individual who goes above and beyond to serve their community and places the community's needs above their own.

Visit www.tonyheadmemorial.com for game schedules and more information.

SQUASH

Squash season opens Sept. 8

Exhibition match scheduled

The Salt Spring Squash Club is hosting an exhibition match and season opener at its new facility at the Salt Spring Golf and Country Club on Friday, Sept. 8.

The event will raise funds to help put together a junior coaching and training program.

The main match features Canada's number-one woman squash player Vicky Lust (who is ranked 15th in the world) pitted against junior phenom Ryan Picken out of Shawnigan Lake.

The preliminary match will feature two of B.C.'s top five junior girls, showing the crowd how tiny 11- and 12-year-old girls can hit the ball and control the court.

Matches take place at 6 and 7 p.m. Seating is limited. Contact saltspringsquash@gmail.com for tickets.