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## CLIMATE CHANGE

# New climate action plan released

March 2 Zoom event marks official launch

**BY GAIL SJUBERG**  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

While the coronavirus pandemic has pre-occupied Salt Spring Island and the world in the past year, a core group of 23 volunteers has continued working on how to manage another crisis: climate change.

Eighteen months of intense effort spearheaded by the non-profit Transition Salt Spring (TSS) has resulted in the just-released Climate Action Plan (CAP) 2.0, a 102-page report containing 250 recommended actions.

TSS estimates that if those actions are taken they could reduce Salt Spring's greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030, and mitigate the increased risk of forest fires, drought, sea-level rise and biodiversity loss, among other climate-change impacts.

The CAP 2.0 document will be officially launched at a public Zoom event on Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. (with registration at [www.tinyurl.com/CAPLiveZoom](http://www.tinyurl.com/CAPLiveZoom)). Saanich-Gulf Islands MP Elizabeth May and Capital Regional District director Gary Holman are scheduled to participate, along with TSS chair Bryan Young.

"It's good to see climate action planning on Salt Spring finally gaining traction," said Elizabeth White, a CAP 2.0 steering committee member who oversaw editing of the final document with Young. "We have an actionable set of recommendations for the organizations, governments and businesses that serve our island. And, most importantly, much more alignment between governments, agencies and the general public on the need to act."

The plan covers a vast swath of island life: transportation, food and agriculture, forest and freshwater ecosystems, built infrastructure, and land use and settlement patterns.

For each suggested action the plan identifies public agencies that should have a role in enacting them, and also outlines what individuals, non-profit groups and businesses can do to make a difference, when applicable. A review of the Salt Spring Island Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw, which are Islands Trust documents, is also recommended.

In light of recent push-back against Islands Trust efforts to explore protection of the Coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem, one CAP 2.0 area that could be controversial

is support for granting greater regulatory and enforcement powers over clear-cutting and tree-clearing on private land to the Islands Trust (as lead agency) and the CRD. However, the plan also suggests creating financial incentives for landowners to protect forest lands, and to promote "sustainable forestry practices and tree-thinning through incentives or other program initiatives."

"We don't need to have a zero-sum game here on Salt Spring with respect to our forests," states the plan. "With the right tools we can balance private property entitlements with the requirements to lower emissions and adapt to a hotter, drier and more dangerous future. In order to get there, landowners need to be properly rewarded for enhancing forest ecosystems rather than cutting them down."

Assuming sufficient financial and community support is available, Transition Salt Spring envisions serving a role as "keeper of the plan and as community convenor to facilitate collaboration leading to project development."

**CLIMATE PLAN** continued on 3

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## FERRIES

# Ferry schedule input wanted

### New ferry to prompt 2022 changes

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

BC Ferries is inviting local communities to contribute their ideas on how schedules could be improved in the Southern Gulf Islands when a new Salish-class vessel comes on line in 2022.

Introduction of the ship will mean increased carrying capacity of around 80 cars. The new Salish vessel will be serving the Swartz Bay-Southern Gulf Islands route with the upcoming retirement of the Mayne Queen. BC Ferries is reaching out to island communities to identify ways to enhance ferry service in advance of the new ship's arrival.

Salt Spring Island routes to Tsawwassen could also be impacted by any changes that take place on the

Southern Gulf Islands routes, so participation in the exercise is encouraged.

"Public input is very important in this process and the more BC Ferries hears from the public the better," said Harold Swierenga, Salt Spring Ferry Advisory Committee chair.

The corporation reports engagement will take place in two phases.

In Phase One, now underway, BC Ferries will work with the community to develop a list of criteria to evaluate schedule options later in the process. In Phase Two, the company will present schedule options to the community and use the criteria to evaluate them.

The first phase of engagement will take place virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions on travel and gatherings. BC Ferries is reaching out to communities via ferry advisory committees, at terminals, on vessels and online.

BC Ferries last engaged with Gulf Islands communities about schedules in 2015. The company said feedback collected during that exercise will continue to inform the enhancements and improvements it is exploring for 2022.

## PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE

# PARC promotes two trails

### Brinkworthy path a priority

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Salt Spring could see two additions to its trail network following resolutions passed by the island's Parks and Recreation Commission (PARC) last Tuesday.

The first relates to an offer of land made to create a pedestrian pathway from Lower Ganges Road to the Brinkworthy community.

The project, proposed by Partners Creating Pathways and the owners of 131 Brinkworthy Rd., would see the Capital Regional District acquire a 76-metre statutory right of way to accommodate a 1.8-metre-wide pathway along Brinkworthy Road. It would mean residents of Brinkworthy Estates could access Lower Ganges Road by a proper off-road path.

Jean Gelwicks of Partners Creating Pathways explained that Brinkworthy residents

have historically walked across the field part of property purchased last year by siblings Bob and Marilyn McDowell. Gelwicks said the McDowells had been advised that for liability/insurance purposes they should not let people continue that practice.

PARC estimates project costs at approximately \$21,500.

### Wright - Frazier roads

The subdivision of a large parcel of land at 455 Blackburn Rd. into three lots has raised the possibility of connecting the end of Wright and Frazier roads through a registered easement and trail.

As a referral agency for the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, which approves subdivisions on the island, PARC gave its blessing to the plan, subject to the landowner registering a five-metre public access easement in favour of the CRD that would connect the two roads, and covering the plan and surveying costs.



## Official Notice Annual General Meeting MID ISLAND CONSUMER SERVICES CO-OPERATIVE

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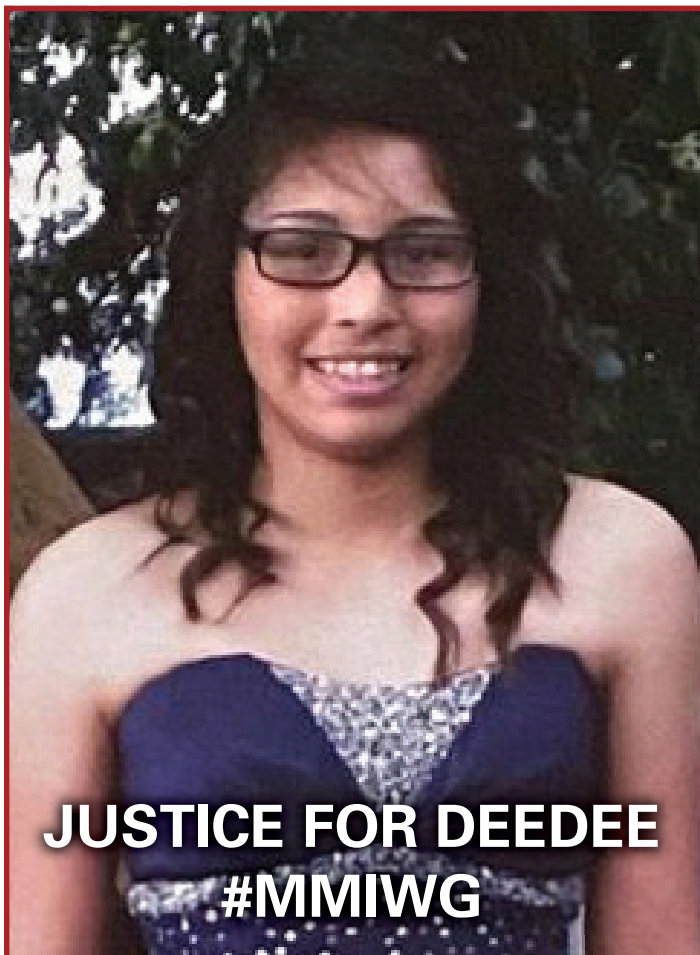
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Registration for the AGM is required. A registration link will be available on our website between May 6 & 21, 2021.

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## FREIGHTER ANCHORAGES

# Anchorage unsolved

Petition supports private member's bill to prohibit ship parking in Gulf Islands

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN

DRIFTWOOD STAFF

With funding for the federal government's five-year Oceans Protection Plan due to run out this year, island residents working on the freighter anchorages issue are disappointed to see negligible action on that front.

Islands Trust Council chair Peter Luckham and staff attended a three-day forum on the plan hosted by Transport Canada last week. Luckham observed the \$1.5-billion initiative, which launched in 2016, is Canada's largest-ever investment in marine environment protections. But while advances have been achieved in respect to things like whale protection and the understanding of bitumen, next to nothing has changed when it comes to commercial freighters using sensitive Gulf Islands waters as a long-distance parking lot for the Port of Vancouver.

"We're more than four years into the process. They're talking about wrapping it up next year — and so far the process has been completely absent of any recommendations or solutions," Luckham said.

The Islands Trust has advocated for years for the eventual elimination of freighter use of the anchorages and has asked that a port management plan be developed to reduce waiting times at the Port of Vancouver. Voluntary protocols were established to decrease anchored vessels' impacts on island residents in terms of lights and noise, but Luckham said these are not often followed. Indeed, ship crews frequently take advantage of their time waiting to enter the port by doing maintenance work, with accompanying loud noise that disturbs wildlife as well as humans. Air pollution and substances dumped overboard into the ocean are additional issues, along with anchor drag across the seabed and the potential for fuel spills.

On Feb. 8, the Transportation Safety Board of Canada released the findings of its investigation into the entanglement of two ships' anchor lines and the subsequent collision between the Golden Cecilie and Green K-Max 1 that occurred in Plumper Sound during a windstorm last March.

According to the report, "TSB investigations have found that, even when formal processes are present, they are often not effective in identifying hazards or reducing the risks. The Golden Cecilie's safety management system was certified and audited by an approved authority. However, the

investigation identified gaps in the effectiveness of safety management relating to the vessel's preparedness for adverse weather."

The authors note 102 anchor dragging occurrences were reported along the B.C. coastline between January 2015 and March 2020, or around 20 per year. Their investigation did not address broader issues of potential environmental impacts, however.

"The report was alarming. It pointed out some obvious shortfalls in safety and situational awareness . . . but there was lots left unsaid. It didn't really dig deeper," Luckham said.

Luckham added oil spill response times are still not being adequately addressed, despite the work of the Oceans Protection Plan. There is a six-hour delay before a response team reaches the Salish Sea, which is enough time for an outgoing tide to turn and the waves to bring fuel in towards the shore.

Additional matters not being addressed, Luckham said, are that freighter sizes have increased to such a degree they are too big to get all their cargo loaded at once, meaning they actually return to a long-distance anchorage midway, and thereby double the opportunity for incidents to occur. Shipping traffic has also increased.

"The number of vessels transiting our area is so large, it's not a question of 'if' there will be incidents," Luckham said. "The incident where those two ships' anchors got tangled was a serious wake-up call, and we haven't woken up."

Luckham said the Islands Trust will continue trying to work with the federal government, and he hopes to meet with new Transport Minister Omar Alghabra. The Trust appeared to be making headway with provincial government support prior to last fall's election, and they plan to do some proactive follow-up there.

Islands Trust Council has also given its full support to a federal private member's bill introduced by Alistair MacGregor, MP for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford. The bill proposes to amend the Canada Shipping Act to prohibit freighter anchorages throughout the proposed Southern Strait of Georgia National Marine Conservation Area. The boundary extends from Saanich Inlet and Cordova Bay to the southern tip of Gabriola Island.

A petition to the House of Commons to support the bill is open until March 31 at [petitions.ourcommons.ca](https://petitions.ourcommons.ca) under e-2985 (Transportation). Luckham encourages island residents concerned about freighter anchorages to sign on.

"The more voices we can bring to the table, the better," he said.

## 'One cool island' plan online

### CLIMATE PLAN

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TSS chair Young was a lead editor of the document.

"What's striking," he said, "is that as Transition Salt Spring has retooled to take on the implementation of this plan, a number of doors are opening. This just seems to be the right moment for this plan. I think it's because people now really understand that while climate action means big changes, it offers lots

of opportunities for good change — for livelihoods, for the land and for our future on this island."

The plan creators drew on the input of dozens of experts and input from more than 2,000 islanders. It builds on the previous climate action plan for Salt Spring, which was published in 2011.

To read the whole plan, the 10-page executive summary and supporting material, follow the links on the [transitionsaltspring.com](http://transitionsaltspring.com) website.



**NORTH  
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### NOTICE TO THE RATEPAYERS OF THE NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE ELECTION OF TWO TRUSTEES

Notice is hereby given to the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, that nominations for TWO trustees will be received in the District office between:

**8:00 am February 24, 2021**

**12:00 noon March 9, 2021**

Nomination of candidates for these positions must be made in writing, duly signed and seconded, by two duly qualified electors of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District with signature of agreement by the nominee, and delivered to the District Office at or before 12:00 noon, Tuesday, March 9, 2021.

### NOMINATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED FROM THE FLOOR

Both of the Trustee positions are for a three year term commencing at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road and virtually. Due to COVID-19, a maximum of 50 people are permitted to attend in person; however the meeting will also be held virtually through Microsoft Teams, and the link will be posted on the district website for the public to join. The Trustee election will use an exclusively mail-in ballot process. Voting packages will be mailed on March 22, 2021 and ballots must be received at the District office by April 16, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

To be eligible a nominee must be a Canadian Citizen, 18 years of age or older, an owner, or spouse of an owner of land in the North Salt Spring Waterworks District, and entitled to be registered as a voter under the Elections Act.

Visit the "Who We Are" and "Becoming a Trustee" pages on our website for more information about the role of a Trustee.

Nomination forms are available at the District Office and online in the Documents/Forms section of the District website.

### NOTICE OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Ratepayers of the North Salt Spring Waterworks District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at the Community Gospel Chapel, 147 Vesuvius Bay Road, Salt Spring Island, BC, and virtually through Microsoft Teams.

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# OPINION



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### EDITORIAL

## Time to share views

For islanders wanting a break from talking about COVID-19, three different subjects are commanding our attention this week.

First is the release of the new Salt Spring Climate Action Plan, containing some 250 recommendations for how our island can reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 50 per cent by 2030. Spearheaded by the Transition Salt Spring Society with support from local government and individual donors, what is called "CAP 2.0" builds on a comprehensive plan published back in 2011. In addition to laying out suggested actions, CAP 2.0 points out progress that has already been achieved in reducing GHG emissions locally.

The society stresses the importance of everyone in the community being on board with understanding climate change impacts and how they can be mitigated. The plan is available now on the TSS website and an official Zoom launch event is set for Tuesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. For people who might find reading the entire plan a daunting task, an easy-to-read 10-page executive summary covers the basics.

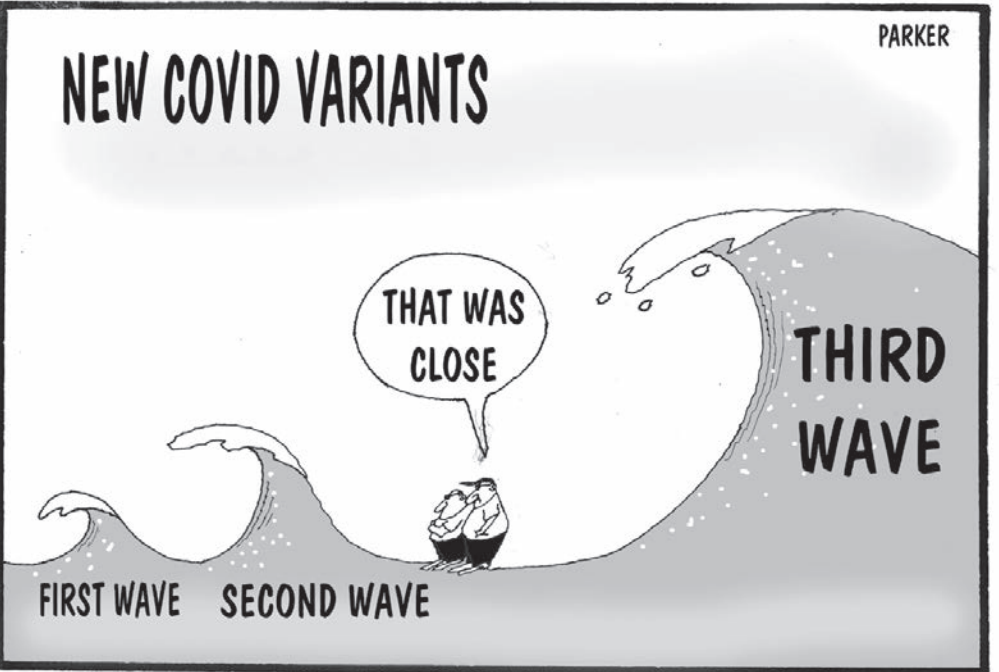
Looking even further into the future, the Islands Trust wants public input for the purposes of revisiting its Policy Statement through a process called Islands 2050. It's holding a virtual open house on Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. People can register through the Islands 2050 page or otherwise find the relevant Policy Directions document and how to provide feedback about it on the Islands Trust website. The aim is to modernize the Trust's guiding document through public and First Nations engagement. With the role of the Islands Trust a hot topic on many islands these days, the open house — and the quarterly Islands Trust Council meeting set for the following week — are two places to get up to speed on policy directions that affect all island dwellers and property owners.

Finally, BC Ferries is asking for public input on Gulf Islands ferry schedules. With a new, larger Salish-class ferry set to replace the Southern Gulf Islands' Mayne Queen next year, the opportunity to make schedule changes has arisen. The first round of consultation kicked off last week and runs online at bcferries.com until March 16. Paper copies of the relevant survey are also available from local ferry terminals or the chief steward's office.

The work of creating the future we'd like to see must still go on regardless of the pandemic. Everyone is encouraged to be part of the process.

**THE ISSUE:**  
Important topics being aired

**WE SAY:**  
Find ways to contribute



## Burgoyne info contradicts

BY PATRICIA LOCKIE

While applauding the support for investigative journalism expressed by the writers of "Background info provides Burgoyne context" (Feb. 17 Driftwood), it is disappointing to note that they themselves ignore one of the first principles of that discipline, namely, check your sources and the veracity of the information given.

Most journalists that I have known and worked with would argue that this applies especially when dealing with government sources of information.

The writers claim that BC Parks made the choice not to reinstall a bridge on a multi-use trail in Burgoyne "after consultation with the Salt Spring Trail and Nature Club and local equestrians." This is false. BC Parks did not seek advice or counsel, and did not take into consideration the concerns or ideas of interested parties prior to commencement of work on the trails. In the case of the "local equestrians," BC Parks responded to emails sent by two concerned trail users after changes to the trail system had already begun.

It was a reactive approach, as opposed to the proactive stance BC

### VIEWPOINT

Parks purports to foster. In effect, BC Parks said to both the Trail and Nature Club and to trail riders: This is what's happening and, unfortunately, multi-use trail capacity will have to be sacrificed.

**It was a reactive approach, as opposed to the proactive stand BC Parks purports to foster.**

It is true that Trail and Nature Club representatives were invited to fix the problem by mapping alternative trail routings, which they did. Again, this happened after the key decisions to undertake changes to multi-use trails had been made. So far, none of the suggested alternate trail routes have been accepted by BC Parks.

The interesting aspect of the bridge is that a replacement has been installed, which the writers fail to

mention. The new version is for pedestrians only, thereby eliminating the multi-use trail function. Had there been true consultation with trail riders — a key user group identified as such in BC Parks' own management plan — a different, more inclusive design would surely have been seriously considered.

Budgetary restraints have been mentioned as one of the explanations for the new model. Again, had there been authentic consultation in a timely fashion, groups such as the Horse Council of B.C. and the Back Country Horsemen of B.C. could have been enlisted for their decades-long trail building expertise and funding potential, as witnessed in other provincial and regional parks.

So, yes, let's indeed encourage our local media to "take a deeper dive" into what is happening in Burgoyne Bay/Xwaaqw'um Provincial Park. In my opinion, the Driftwood editorial of Jan. 26 was a good start in the call for greater transparency and accountability by BC Parks.

*The writer is a member of the Salt Spring Trail Riders group.*

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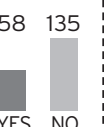
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Are you motivated to make changes needed to fight climate change?

Yes  No

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION:

Is the federal government's vaccine strategy satisfactory to you?



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# OPINION { QUOTE OF THE WEEK: }

**“The incident where those two ships’ anchors got tangled was a serious wake-up call, and we haven’t woken up.”**

PETER LUCKHAM, ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL CHAIR

## SALT SPRING SAYS

**WE ASKED:** *What do you think about Salt Spring’s housing needs?*

**JAY UNGER**



“I’m lucky to be living at home, especially because it is so expensive around here.

**ANNA HALTRECHT**



I would say we should focus on working families. It sounds like they’re the ones struggling the most.

**DUANE LITTLE**



We need to open up this community somehow for young families. We can’t let this village fall into being a retirement community.

**SUSAN BRAIN**



If I was hoping to move to Salt Spring, I would be very careful to have my housing in place first.

**IGNACIO ARBAIZA**



We need more rentals and less B&Bs if the island is going to keep its gardeners and young people.

## LETTERS to the editor

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

### Venomous

I have just recently read that anti-Asian hate crimes have significantly risen in the past year.

Paul McElroy’s Feb. 17 column demonstrates the very strong and harsh feelings some people can harbour even over things that are distant to them and will likely impact them little in their lifetime. Probably COVID hasn’t helped.

His reference to the Fox News website as “festering pages” and those that may read it as “folk who come to its trough for their daily dose of spike and venom” sounds a bit “venomous” to me. He compares Trump and his followers to the Mafia and/or Hitler, which is grossly inflammatory and I would imagine not appreciated by survivors of the Holocaust and their families. (Although the treatment of the Ukrainians in the 1930s by Russia and the treatment of

certain minorities in China today may faintly approximate, nothing compares to the atrocity of the Holocaust.)

Mr. McElroy admits that he is not aware of how Republican senators relate to the ordinary Republican voter and vice versa. He refers to QAnon Trump supporters (I presume) as having fetid imaginations. Throughout his column he unleashes his anger and negative feelings, based on his own perceptions.

Perhaps Mr. McElroy should avail himself of the many modalities Salt Spring Island offers to deal with stress before he becomes part of the hate speech/crimes statistics.

**AL WILKE,**  
SALT SPRING

### Action wanted

Further to my Feb. 10 Viewpoint about the Islands Trust and affordable housing, allow me

to draw attention to the results of your newspaper’s online poll, which showed that of 478 people who responded, only 19 per cent believe affordable housing should be a Trust priority.

These results are generally in keeping with previous polling undertaken by the Islands Trust. The message is clear: the vast majority of Gulf Islands residents want the Trust to make the environment its top priority.

In reading Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick’s “Housing dialogue wide open” Viewpoint in last week’s edition, it is apparent she has yet to grasp this point. She promotes decisions “rooted in solid environmental, economic and social equity principles and policies.” Does she not realize this is magical thinking as two of the goals cancel out the third?

She also refers to “a diverse and sustainable supply of housing.” What exactly does the

word “sustainable” mean? Does Ms. Patrick have specific reference points, including tree cover, groundwater observations, shellfish harvesting closures and other indicators of ecosystem health or is she just using feel-good jargon to cover for the higher densities she will be creating with her “powerful and foundational” zoning and subdivision tools?

As environmental degradation accelerates across the Trust Area, there is a growing sense that the Islands Trust has lost its way. People are mobilizing and a number of trustees have already launched efforts to change the Trust from within. We have had enough baffleleg and want immediate action to fulfill the preserve and protect mandate.

**ALIX HODSON,**  
GABRIOLA ISLAND

**MORE LETTERS** continued on 7

## Salt Spring sourdough starter origins a bit murky

When was the last time you checked your sourdough starter?

Had you been asked this question a couple of years ago, you would have answered with “say what?” However, in these days of COVID, it’s very likely that you could give the exact day and time you last took a peek to see if your magic baking potion was bubbling away towards fermentation.

Yes, for many of us, the hobbies and activities that are occupying our time at home have taken a sharp U-turn since the pandemic forced us into these restrictive bubbles. Gone are the book club dinners and beer nights with the boys. Likewise for your ballroom dancing classes and spin cycles at the gym.

Instead, you’ve been filling the time learning how to knit socks, crocheting hacky sacks, petit point needlework embroidering wall hangings with pithy aphorisms such as “There’s No Place Like Home,” hooking carpets you will never complete, or preparing to plant a garden that will rival the ones grown at Findhorn in Scotland.

Most likely, however, you’ve been baking bread. And not just any ordinary loaf, but the kind of bread that is kicking the yeast out of all other competitors. Sourdough.

Now, in order to bake sourdough bread, you need a little fermented mixture of something called sourdough starter. This is not a new-fangled invention. It’s been around for over 5,000 years and dates back to the Bronze Age. Archaeological digs have found traces of the good stuff alongside shards of clay pottery in what is considered the cradle of agriculture, Mesopotamia.

The sourdough starter was valued and passed on from generation to generation and from one civilization to the next. Later, in about 1500 BC, the ancient Egyptians improved the quality of the starter by allowing it to absorb some of the wild yeast particles floating around in the air from the beer they were notably good at brewing. Legend has it that pharaohs were buried in elaborate tombs along with their most prized slaves, their favourite cats, and their precious sourdough starter. Some archae-



**Shilo Zylbergold**  
**NOBODY ASKED ME BUT**

ologists have even made the case that the starter was used in the embalming fluid to mummify the departed noble class before they were wrapped up and placed inside the pyramids.

As the centuries passed, families began to guard their sourdough starters as they would any valued inherited heirloom. Clan-destine societies, complete with secret handshakes that recreated the motion of the kneading of dough, were formed to protect the ancient recipes. Even the Freemasons got into the act by storing away their precious sourdough starter in glass jars which came to be known later as “freemason jars.”

Eventually, sourdough starter made its way to North America and played a major role during the Gold Rush days in California and in the Klondike. Besides its use as a leavening agent in baking bread, the starter was also useful for tanning animal hides. In 1849, Isidore Boudin opened a bakery in San Francisco that supplied gold prospectors with both sourdough bread and starter (called the “mother dough”), which would enable them to bake bread when they weren’t panning for nuggets. A few decades later, Isadore’s widow, Louise, risked her life by grabbing a bucket of the mother dough before escaping from the bakery during the Great San Francisco earthquake of 1906.

What exactly is sourdough starter? Different recipes vary, but the basic ingredients include ground-up grain, mixed with a liquid (usually water or milk) and left at room temperature in the open air so that any wild yeast will settle into the mix. Mashed-up potatoes and sugar can be included as options that will affect the fermentation process and slightly alter the bread’s flavour.

A chemical reaction occurs as the yeast consumes the natural sugars to produce a variety of acids, alcohol and carbon dioxide. It is the carbon dioxide gas which causes the bread to rise as the little bubbles that are trapped in the dough give the loaf the holes in its structure.

Similar to many other fermented concoctions, sourdough starter can be used to create many other menu items besides bread. Fry the batter and then sprinkle it with jam or sugar and you’ve got yourself sourdough-boys. Wrap it in grape leaves and bake it in the oven to produce delicious Greek sourdoughlades.

Nobody knows for certain when sourdough starter first made it here to Salt Spring. Some claim it was smuggled over from the Loch Lomond region in Scotland by the early settlers who mistakenly assumed it was a particularly potent form of haggis. Others argue that it came here much earlier over the land bridge that connected Siberia to North America. It was passed from one Indigenous nation to another until it worked its way across Sansum Narrows where it was traded for eagle feathers soaked in fermented skunk cabbage juice.

Our research department, which is located in the archives hidden deep within the bowels of the catacombs found beneath the Driftwood office in the former Valcourt Centre, has dug up a third possible origin for sourdough starter here on the island. What has been uncovered is scientific evidence that the sourdough starter is a natural chemical phenomenon brought about by the perfect storm which allowed local wild barley to mix with bull kelp in the presence of the salty waters of the natural spring our island was named after. With a little time and fermenting luck, the result has been nothing less than spectacular.

Nobody asked me, but it doesn’t look like this COVID pandemic is going to fizzle out any time soon. Normal, whatever that means anymore, still seems like it’s a long way away. Until we see signs that show us otherwise, let’s make like sourdough starter and keep bubbling on.



# No time to waste in challenge of our lifetime

BY RODNEY POLDEN

One newspaper cartoon by Dan Piraro shows a TV weatherman cheerfully announcing: "Our extended forecast includes global warming and the catastrophic end of the human race. But for the weekend, it's looking like sunny skies, mild temperatures, and a general apathy toward environmental concerns. Now back to you, Jim."

Nobody welcomes difficult news. If options are limited to "Kids are playing with matches in the hayloft" or "The farm's already burnt down," then "earlier" is still far better than "too late." If we can wake from our snooze, that is, and make use of this opportunity we have to turn ourselves away from an unhappy future.

Imagine 20, 40, 80 years from now: Will we still have orcas, yellow montane violets, phantom orchids, propertius duskywing butterflies, screech owls and cougars, bumblebees and band-tailed pigeons, red-legged frogs and fairy shrimp?

Will we save the salmon, the cedars, the nighthawks?

Will your children's children enjoy the company of a hummingbird? Get to watch bumblebees dance from flower to flower? Watch an orca swim past the shore?

Scientists keep trying hard to get our undivided attention and engage meaningfully about our two major oncoming crises: climate heating and the present hemorrhaging loss of biodiversity worldwide. Some nations and communities are striding ahead, and making real progress. Too many are making little if any effort at all. The United Nations reported that the past decade saw not a single one of 20 agreed targets met by world governments to protect nature and life-sustaining ecosystems. Not even one.

Among the G7 industrialized nations, since the baseline year 1990, Japan and USA slowly increased their carbon emissions (+2.7% and +3.7%), whereas Italy, France, Germany and U.K. all made significant reductions in GHGs, with -35% and -38% for the latter two. This shows what can be done.

And Canada? Sad to say, poor leadership and inaction led Canada to the dead-last place in the G7 with an almost +21% increase in GHG emissions. Why such dismal results, Canada? Are we really so apathetic? Short-sighted?

Yet globally ". . . half a trillion dollars of harmful government subsidies for agriculture, fossil fuels and fishing" reported by the Convention on Biological Diversity recently makes it clear that most corporate and political leaders continue obsessively taking us deeper into a big hole. Here it's the pipelines, the tar-sands, LNG, the banks that continue to fund it all . . . and so many others.

The numbers are unarguable. In real terms, it's like Canada pouring gasoline onto the global climate change fire. It's helped "legitimize" other nations worldwide in also doing too little to curb increased burning of coal/oil/LNG, with an ensuing acceleration in species and habitat loss as temperatures climb. Add in related factors, such as pesticides, plastics, air and water pollution, excessive consumption, forest destruction and overfishing, and it's clear our natural world is under a brutal siege from our thoughtless habits.

It's not that we don't know this. Is it really that we just don't want to care? I don't believe so.

When people are shown things they can do that create swift, positive change for the

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better, there's often an encouraging response, an uptake of solutions. Too often, though, we leave it up to government

to do the work, make the changes, try to create solutions, then show us success, all while staying addicted to low tax rates for corporations and the wealthiest.

The climate and species loss crises are not that kind of problem. They're not even in the same category as COVID-19, which is of course a huge problem but not likely ecosystem-ending in scale. Both crises have the potential to undo every good thing that we humans have been working on for thousands of years, and end whole webs of interconnected habitats, systems and biodiversity. These crises require everyone in society to play a part in changing ourselves, reversing the damage we've created: from whole industries to family homes, individuals, all of us.

So, given we basically need to change or die out, how about creating — soon! — some new habits: widely, throughout our whole society; deeply, with new habits that transform how we ourselves, individually, take responsibility for our world, our neighbourhood, our homes and communities, our own watershed and water-source, our forests, the creatures and species that are also our neighbours, whether familiar or not. If we wait for corporations or government to get it all done, we could still be sitting here once we're surrounded by ashes (or floodwaters).

There are so many ways for us all to take a role, to contribute, to give a helping hand, to nature, to the systems and webs that hold living things together, healthy, woven into mutually supportive biomes. Many conservation and other NGOs would be happy for your volunteer efforts, your support, your

active participation. There's so much to be done and so much that needs protection if it's to survive.

New habits individually help enormously too: reducing consumption, greening your surroundings, re-wilding a depleted natural area, protecting native species habitat, even letting the leaves lie on lawns for overwintering pollinators, butterflies and others, even that too helps. Teach kids about the amazing natural heritage we have here in the islands — almost unmatched outside of the tropics for its variety and richness. Help them see what's here. We live in a biodiversity hotspot. Long may it last.

If your own circumstances don't make it easy to contribute in those kinds of ways, then please give what you can, how you can. Charitable organizations — local and national — are working as hard as possible to save nature in all its forms. They need every bit of help they can get. We need our youngsters to see that some of the richness and beauty we ourselves have been gifted with has been saved, cared about, perpetuated, for them too. Will we save our forests, our old-growth? Will we save our biodiversity?

It's up to us. To all of us. It is the challenge of our lifetimes, whether all this will survive our own period of tenancy on the planet.

We could afford to do a bit better, couldn't we?

Of the many possibilities for constructive action, helping to protect the mature forests and rich wetlands of the Larmour Lands is one I'll mention. Please visit: [www.ssiwaterpreservationsociety.ca/protectlarmourlands.html](http://www.ssiwaterpreservationsociety.ca/protectlarmourlands.html)

*The writer is a long-time Salt Spring resident, involved on-island with conservation of forests, wetlands, water and climate.*

## Special Event!

**Islands 2050: Virtual Open House**  
March 3, 7–9 p.m.

Islands Trust wants to hear your views about updating the Policy Statement.

Register at: [islandstrust.bc.ca/islands2050](http://islandstrust.bc.ca/islands2050)



## Islands Trust Council

**Notice of 2021 Islands Trust Council Public Meeting Dates**

**March 9–11**  
Online/by phone

**June 8–10**  
Online/by phone

**Sept 21–23**  
In-person, Nanaimo

**Nov 30–Dec 2**  
In-person, Victoria

Meeting details are subject to change. Visit [islandstrust.bc.ca](http://islandstrust.bc.ca).

Posted at Islands Trust office locations:

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**Northern Office**  
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☎ 250-247-2063

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☎ 250-537-9144

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**LUB Amendment for Regulation for Recreational Vehicle Use**  
Bylaw 121

## PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PENDER LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What is the bylaw about?

The Local Trust Committee (LTC) is reviewing regulations related to recreational vehicle use.

Draft Bylaw No. 121 would amend Land Use Bylaw (LUB) No. 114, 2016 in order to tie the use of a recreational vehicle as a dwelling to a building permit, and limit the use to two (2) years. In addition, the Bylaw will limit the temporary use of a recreational vehicle to sixty (60) days in a calendar year.

The Community Information Meeting will be held prior to the Public Hearing to provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed amendments.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the electronic public hearing binder and details on connecting to Zoom is available online:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/spender/sp-news/>

A copy of the bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, February 19 to March 4, 2021, or online:

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Written submissions?

Send by 4:30 p.m., March 4, 2021 to:

- Islands Trust, 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC V8R 1H8, or
- Email: [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca)

*Note: All submissions received become part of the public record.*



# More data needed to analyze systemic racism

I am a member of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act.

Parts of the act have been amended over the years, but it has been decades since there were any major reviews of the entire legislation. With increasing pressure on the provincial government last summer to address systemic discrimination, bias and racism in policing, Mike Farnworth — Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General — called for the review and gave the committee a sweeping mandate.

Through January, committee members have received informational briefings from several government ministries and agencies. In the coming weeks we will be expanding to wider stakeholder presentations from experts, community groups and the public.

What is systemic discrimination, bias and racism? In 2005, the B.C. Human Rights Tribunal adopted a definition and Kasa-



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REPORT

ri Govender, B.C. Human Rights Commissioner, shared it with the committee. It offers an important frame for our work.

Discrimination means practices or attitudes that have, whether by design or impact, the effect of limiting an individual's or a group's right to the opportunities generally available because of attributed rather than actual characteristics. It is not a question of whether this discrimination is motivated by an intentional desire to obstruct someone's potential or whether it is the accidental by-product of innocently motivated practices or systems. If the barrier is affect-

ing certain groups in a disproportionately negative way, it is a signal that the practices leading to this adverse impact may be discriminatory."

**In the darkness of information vacuums, politicians can make decisions that align with their partisan needs, and then falsely claim their decision to be the best possible approach.**

There has been no dispute from the dozen or so senior leaders that presented to the committee over the past few weeks that there is a problem in their provincial ministries

and agencies. The question is to what extent that is the case.

It is a question they all have trouble answering because the provincial government does not collect comprehensive data, specifically race-based information.

It is not a complete void, of course. We do collect better information about Indigenous people in British Columbia, and that data helps us make vital policy decisions.

For example, because the Ministry of Health has some information about the disproportionate risk COVID-19 poses to Indigenous people, they were able to change their vaccine rollout strategy to reflect that. Noting the value of this information, it makes little sense that Health Minister Adrian Dix would push back against collecting disaggregated demographic data to better understand how the pandemic is affecting other diverse populations. Perhaps if we had that data the vaccine roll-out would

look a lot more nuanced than it is today.

With better information we can make better choices. In the darkness of information vacuums, politicians can make decisions that align with their partisan needs, and then falsely claim their decision to be the best possible approach. In this context, it is no wonder our government systems are rife with discrimination, bias and racism.

Commissioner Govender offered a handful of recommendations for the committee reviewing the police act, including to "require all police forces in B.C. to collect, disclose and analyze race-based and other disaggregated demographic data across the full spectrum of police services."

If this government, or any future government, wants to have a shred of credibility, they would move on this recommendation, not just for policing but across the entire institution.

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**No hoax, folks**

Last week I found that my daughter and her two children living in Israel have contracted COVID-19. Yes, the odds are in their favour, but as a parent, I worry about even a remote chance of serious complications coming from this terrible disease.

Recently I was standing in a short line outside a local business when a third person joined our queue. The two of us ahead of him were masked and ready to enter the building when our turn came. Without provocation, this man started to berate me for wearing a mask outside and then went on to say there is no reliable test and the whole thing is terribly over-reported. In short, he told me it was all a hoax.

My temper flared and my retort was not as polite as usual. After telling him my family had the coronavirus and that I was not interested in his theories (add a few expletives), he tried to argue his points again. My companion finally got through

by calmly telling him not to share his opinions.

The above cartoon I drew captures my feelings about our cultural shift resulting from gossip and lies proliferating on social media. The age of reason seems to be passing us by and the future scares me. I hope our grandchildren sort this all out because we sure didn't.

**JIM DICKINSON,**  
SALT SPRING

**Parkinson's column correction**

I need to make a correction in my Feb. 3 guest column on Parkinson's disease.

The well-established drugs that are available can ease the symptoms. They do not slow progression of the disease. Only exercise can do that.

**LINDA STARKE,**  
SALT SPRING

**COVID-19 IN BC**



**IN A MARATHON, THE LAST MILES ARE THE TOUGHEST.**

Dr. Bonnie Henry | Provincial Health Officer

The pandemic has been a long road for all of us. And when we are tired, it's easy to slip and let our guard down. But we can't stop now. By fall 2021, everyone in BC will have had the option to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Let's keep at it, say 'No' to gatherings, stay local and help to keep each other safe until the pandemic is behind us. Thank you for doing your part.

Learn more:  
[gov.bc.ca/covid19](http://gov.bc.ca/covid19)

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## INVESTING

# People are asking: Is the stock market inflated?

Ever-changing world poses several questions for investors

BY CHRIS STOOKSBURY

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This question has been posed by many over the past nine months, as stock prices continue to rise.

The National Bureau of Economic Research (U.S.A.) has estimated that small business could fail at an alarming rate, with up to 73 per cent of those in the tourism sector and 85 per cent of those in the restaurant sector closing forever. We all see the "closed" and "for lease" signs in our community.

The strange thing about the stock market is that it tracks not what is happening now, but what the collective market thinks will happen in the future. While the economy now feels horrible, and that future for many feels uncertain, recently released financial and economic data is starting to explain the eternal optimism displayed by the global stock market.

Large multi-national companies (RBC, Amazon, Walmart, Apple, etc.) comprise the majority of stock markets around the globe. Many of these companies entered 2020 with their largest cash positions ever. When the COVID crisis hit, small business faced closures, supply chain issues and lack of access to additional funds. Large companies, on the other hand, were



Chris Stooksbury and Dixie Klaibert of Beacon Hill - Raymond James.

poised to take advantage of an economy almost immediately driven online (Amazon) or to large stores (think of the lines at Home Depot and Walmart). These companies posted record profits in 2020, despite the overall contraction of the economy.

A recent study released by Goldman Sachs in the U.S.

showed that company earnings in the S&P500 (the 500 largest companies in the U.S.) surpassed the pre-pandemic high levels of the fourth quarter of 2019. Put another way, the largest companies in the world are making more money now than ever. On top of that, according to the Federal Reserve Economic Data, retail sales in the largest economy in the world (U.S.) are now at the highest point on record. The government stimulus that has been injected into the U.S. economy, as well as here in Canada and around the world, is translating into spending not seen in decades.

Real estate is also flying off the shelf throughout Vancouver Island and Gulf Island communities. Record-low inter-

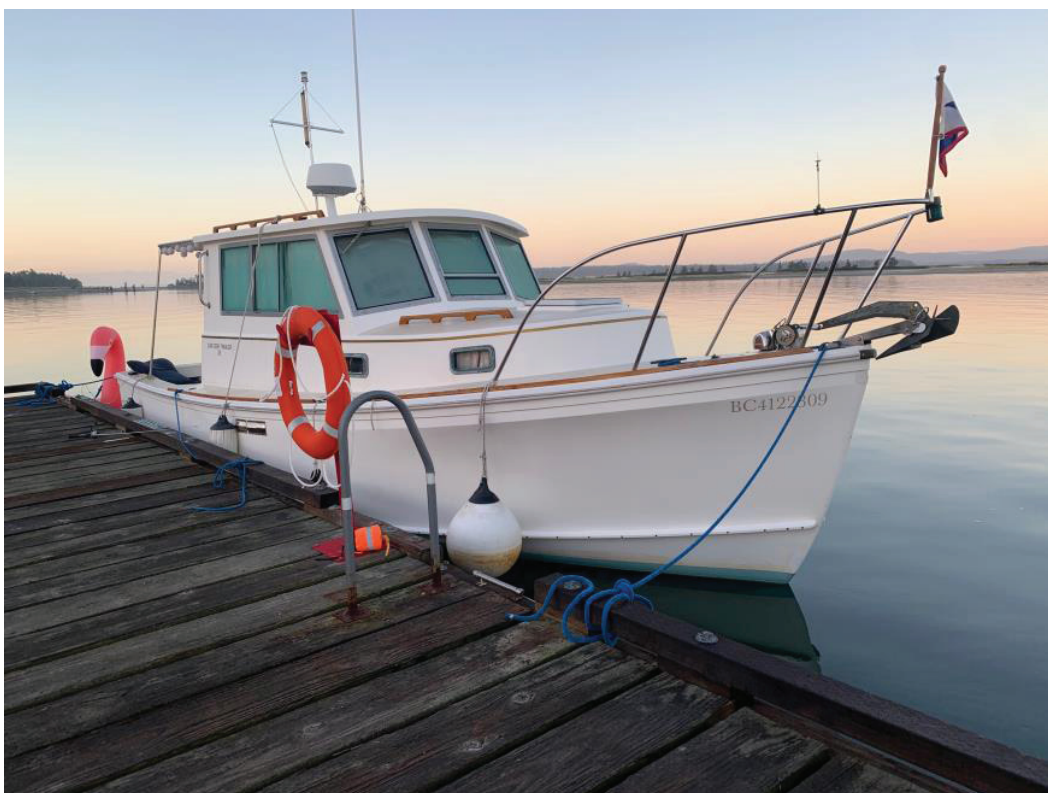
est rates and the prospect of life getting back to normal after the vaccine have many investors optimistic about the future.

Investing can be mind-numbingly hard when trying to look into a cloudy crystal ball to predict the future. Instead, investors should focus on capturing the global stock market returns with low-cost, tax-efficient index funds or exchange-traded funds (ETFs). Investors need to chart a course in an ever-changing world to ensure they reach their destination safe and secure.

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## RETIREMENT

# Canadians provide study data

Survey of 55 to 75 cohort reveals level of confidence in financial future

While the majority of older Canadians say that their finances have not been significantly impacted negatively by COVID-19 (69 per cent), the pandemic has led them to re-evaluate how they save, invest and even spend their money, according to a recent RBC Insurance study.

When it comes to spending, Canadians aged 55 to 75 have been providing financial support in various ways, by helping family/friends in need (39 per cent), increasing commitments to a family legacy (31 per cent) and to charitable giving (28 per cent).

The poll also revealed that one in five older Canadians (21 per cent) have had to dip into their retirement funds in order to pay for everyday expenses, rising to 30 per cent for those with a household income of less than \$40,000 per annum. Moreover, a third (36 per cent) say they are not on track with their financial goals, and a similar proportion (33 per cent) say that the pandemic has left them feeling less confident that they'll have enough money throughout their retirement to be able to afford the lifestyle they would like to lead.

### Re-evaluating the way to save and invest

Half (50 per cent) of older Canadians have been able to save more money since the start of the pandemic, rising to 59 per cent among those who use a financial planner. In fact, the study

found 45 per cent are accumulating savings that were earmarked for vacation or entertainment, and holding them for future entertainment spending (55 per cent), investing (29 per cent) and to pay down debt (18 per cent).

Two in three (64 per cent) say they're on track with their financial goals for retirement, while one in three (36 per cent) are not. Many are also looking to make changes to their financial portfolio, where two in three (66 per cent) are interested in safer investment options that guarantee income.

What's more is 20 per cent of older Canadians who worked with a financial planner are more confident that they'll have enough money to last throughout their retirement, whereas only 11 per cent of those who never worked with a financial planner feel confident. The primary reasons older Canadians work with a financial planner include receiving financial advice, help in planning for their future and retirement, and the ability to follow/manage their investments.

"As Canadians approach retirement, financial needs and goals begin to change including the way we invest our savings," said Selene Soo, director, wealth insurance, RBC Insurance, of Mississauga, Ont. "Although it's beneficial to take a proactive role and do your own research on investment

tools, speaking with a professional like a financial planner or insurance advisor can help protect the money you've worked so hard to save. This can help ensure you have enough income to last during retirement or leave a legacy."

In this climate of uncertainty, many are looking to make other tweaks to their portfolio, including new strategies to help their money last through retirement (57 per cent) and adjusting their portfolios and risk tolerance (30 per cent).

### Canadians should consider the following

Consider investing in products such as segregated funds, including guaranteed investment funds (GIFs) that offer unique benefits that can help you reach your retirement income. Seg funds help your money grow while providing a guarantee to keep your original investment safe and providing unique benefits for estate planning.

Look at different investment options to help during retirement such as annuities that provide a predictable income stream for as long as you live, regardless of whether financial markets rise or fall.

Speak to a financial planner or insurance advisor to discuss options and ensure you're on track to meet your long-term financial goals.

### About the study

These are some of the findings of an Ipsos poll conducted between Jan. 15 and 17, 2021, on behalf of RBC Insurance. For this survey, a sample of 1,000 Canadians aged 55-75 was interviewed online.

SOURCE: RBC Insurance



## PLANNING

# How to reach financial goals when they've changed

Basic tips for uncertain era

During this trying time, your financial priorities may have changed. This could be an opportunity to reassess your financial goals and make changes to your savings plan.

The first thing to do is to identify and prioritize your goals. Then, set a dollar amount and a timeframe for each goal. The amount of time you have to achieve your goals can affect how you plan to save and invest.

If you're saving for a major purchase within a year or two, your focus will be on building your savings. You'll want to keep your money protected and easily accessible.

If you're putting money away for a long-term goal, such as your retirement or your child's education, you may want to consider a broader range of investment types, including bonds and mutual funds. Keep in mind that some investments are complex and can be risky. Talk to an investment professional or financial advisor to find the investment options that are right for you.

If you can, consider setting money aside for an emergency fund to pay for future unexpected expenses, like a home or car repair. Start by figuring out what you can put aside every week. Whether it's \$50, \$20, \$5 or some small change, the important thing is to start. Eventually, your goal should be to save the equivalent of three to six months of regular expenses.

When it's truly an emergency, don't hesitate to use your emergency fund. It's much better than costly options such as credit card advances or payday loans. It will also help you manage your finances during challenging times and prevent financial stress.

Find more information at [canada.ca/money](http://canada.ca/money).



## RRSP DEADLINE is MARCH 1!

If your income tax rate for 2020 is higher than it will be at retirement, it's generally a good idea to contribute!



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**WRITING CRAFT**

## Paper Covers Rock goes virtual

March 6-7 workshops offered with in-person festival pushed to October

**SUBMITTED BY PAPER COVERS ROCK**

Paper Covers Rock is a new annual readers and writers festival coming to Salt Spring Island. Originally planned for March 5-7 as a multi-track festival with workshops, keynotes and panels, the event has been adjusted to accommodate ever-evolving pandemic restrictions.

While most in-person workshops have now been shifted to the weekend of Oct. 2-3 at The Cottages at Bullock Lake, there are several virtual workshops taking place over the original festival dates of March 6 and 7. Local authors Chris Humphreys and Margriet Ruurs will host respective workshops on fantasy fiction and children's books, while Joseph Dandurand will lead a session on storytelling, with Sonja Larsen to discuss how memory plays into memoir writing.



**MARGRIET RUURS**



**JOSEPH DANDURAND**



**CHRIS HUMPHREYS**



**SONJA LARSEN**

Festival organizer Terri Potratz has also created a weekly newsletter that goes beyond the usual event announcements to include author interviews, writing tips, book suggestions, and a collection of links and references to inspire creators of any kind. Next weekend's online workshops will be live, spanning an hour or more in length, with allotted time for audience Q&A.

People can get more information and sign up at [papercoversrock.ca](http://papercoversrock.ca).

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## Artists support auction

Silent online Art Inspired by Nature event opens Monday



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Painters, photographers, sculptors, potters, basket makers and fibre artists have responded to the call for donations of art work for an online silent auction in support of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy.

As of last Friday, about 70 pieces of art had been donated to the conservancy to run an online auction for their fundraising campaign. The online silent auction will run from Monday, March 1 to Sunday, March 7, and the conservancy will be accepting art donations until Feb. 25.

On the theme of "Art Inspired by Nature," there is art available for all tastes and at a variety of prices ranging from \$50 to \$5,000-plus. Patrons are also donating works from artists who are not from Salt Spring but who, clearly, have also been "inspired by nature."

To inquire about donating, people can email [ssiconservancy-artauktion@gmail.com](mailto:ssiconservancy-artauktion@gmail.com) or go to the conservancy's website at [www.saltspringconservancy.ca](http://www.saltspringconservancy.ca).

Pat and Rosemarie Keough, who donated a copy of their award-winning masterpiece book called *Antarctica*, sum up the feeling expressed by several of the artists.

"Having been involved with the preservation of wilderness and endangered species from the sub-arctic to the Antarctic, this COVID period has focused our attention on the nature we are blessed to enjoy right here at home. What better way to express one's gratitude than to support efforts such as those of the Salt Spring Island Conservancy."

In a similar vein, RM Dupuy, who donated one of her award-win-

ning paintings, explained her reasoning this way: "Supporting the Salt Spring Conservancy has been important to my husband and me since its inception in 1994. Donating to worthwhile organizations when there are so very many can be a tough decision, especially when our dollar can go so much further in far-away lands, but we like to 'think globally and act locally' by keeping our main focus on social and environmental causes close to home."

Other notable artists donating to the cause include well-established artists, such as painters Jill Louise Campbell, Judith Borbas, Don Hodgins and Mel Williamson; photographers Anette Schrage, Avril Kirby and Janet Dwyer; potter Judy Weeden and sculptors Karen Reiss and Melanie Thompson, to name just a few.

Says Pierre Mineau, one of the organizers of the auction and a member of the conservancy's board: "In helping the conservancy, it was also my wish to highlight the tremendous diversity and quality of visual arts that we have on Salt Spring and to also show the incredible importance of nature in inspiring much of the artistic process."

The auction catalogue link will be released on the conservancy website a few days before bidding begins.

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# ISLAND LIFE



**D.W. Salty** is looking for material for his column, **Streets of Salt Spring Island**

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**LOCAL BUSINESS**

## Resiliency in focus for awards

Chamber of Commerce's 2020 Salty Awards handed out

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Winners have been named in the Chamber of Commerce's Salty Awards program that saw nominations and entries accepted last fall.

The Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce's new executive director, Jesse Brown, along with board president Darryl Martin and photographer Ramona Lam, presented 11 awards throughout Ganges village on Feb. 10 and 11.

The event was supported by title sponsor Windsor Plywood. Specific awards were sponsored by Country Grocer, Solace Organic Spa, Li Read - Sea to Sky Premier Properties, Windsor Plywood, Salt Spring Exchange and Jesse Brown.

"Now more than ever, we need to support our small and medium-sized businesses on Salt Spring Island," said chamber president Darryl Martin. "It was a pleasure to deliver these awards."

The 2020 Salty Awards program departed from its format in recent years by having fewer awards and a COVID-19 focus of "resiliency" for some of them. People then voted online for businesses or non-profits that had submitted materials supporting their application.

Winners are:

- Resilient Small Business of the Year Award: Francis Bread



PHOTO BY RAMONA LAM

Tim O'Connor, left, and John Dolman, owners of TJ Beans cafe and longtime island business people who support various community initiatives, after receiving the inaugural Matt Steffich Community Impact Award.

- Resilient Business Owner Under 40: Meghan Carr and Peter Hunt of Francis Bread
- Resilient New Business: Fernwood Road Cafe
- Customer Service Award: Country Grocer
- Resilient Large Business of the Year: Tree House Cafe
- Social Leadership Award: Copper Kettle Community Partnership
- Green Business of the Year: Al's Gourmet Falafel & Fries
- Matt Steffich Community Impact Award: Tim O'Connor and John Dolman of TJ Beans
- Resilient Woman in Business Award: Becka Heck of Switchboard Cafe

- Workplace Health & Safety Award: Barb's Bakery & Bistro
  - Innovation Award of Excellence: Moby's Pub
- The Matt Steffich Community Impact Award was created to feature community members "who are always looking for ways to improve the community and make it a more enjoyable place to live, while commemorating such a wonderful supporter of our community and the Salty Awards," explained the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce website when the call for nominations went out last fall. Steffich was a chamber board member and owner of Steffich Fine Art, who died suddenly in June of 2020.

for salt spring arts & entertainment happenings  
SEE OUR WHAT'S ON CALENDAR ON PAGE 13 **Driftwood**

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# Youth master skills on the water

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Five Gulf Islands Secondary School work experience students had their first on-the-water training on Feb. 12 after several months of socially distanced in-person and virtual Zoom training sessions.

Students spent a chilly day learning skills with Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 personnel. All of the training complied with or exceeded the COVID-19 protocols set out by the Ministry of Health, RCMSAR and the Gulf Islands School District.

During the class sessions, the five Grade 10 and 11 students completed their Pleasure Craft Operator Certificate and Radio Operator Certificate – Marine, which are Transport Canada and RCMSAR requirements. Participants were Sel Patterson, Aila Gessinger, Thomas Schulze, Kaliya Hart-Weller and Ben Shugar.

The students learned seamanship and cold water survival skills, completed a fitness test and performed a personal flotation device competency test. The PFD test required students to demonstrate their ability to successfully exit from an overturned vessel while wearing a PFD.

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PHOTO BY MIKE MURPHY

Kaliya Hart-Weller is on the helm of the Amarah Gabriel vessel with Thomas Schulze, left, handling communications and Ben Shugar at the navigation station.

tors coxswain Paul FitzZaland and advanced crew member Mike Murphy, the students took turns on the helm during a man overboard drill so they could experience executing the procedure and to feel how the 28-foot vessel with 450 horse power handled. All of the students did very well and seemed to enjoy the experience even on such a cold day.

Over the next several weeks the students will learn the skills to be a crew member on a fast response rescue vessel.

To top off the training day, the students were fortunate to observe what looked like two pods of orcas hunting in Stuart Channel between Vesuvius and Crofton.

The Victoria Foundation provided a grant for this year's program.

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ISLANDS TRUST

# LTC pauses for water questions

Francis Bread also in rezoning stream

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

The Salt Spring Local Trust Committee has allowed two long-standing rezoning applications with little forward movement to stay open a little while longer in order to get water supply questions settled.

Decisions made at the LTC's Feb. 16 business meeting will give applicants Robyn Kelln and Eric Booth more time to provide proof their properties can access enough water to meet their project plans, without impacting surrounding neighbourhoods.

Trust planning staff had recommended going no further with Kelln's rezoning application to permit a single unlawful cottage as legal affordable housing on Mariko Place. They noted 14 months had passed since he was directed to conduct a sustained well-pumping test and to monitor the effect on the neighbourhood's aquifer using a nearby well, without those activities taking place.

Kelln told the committee he was willing to perform the 12-hour test on his own well but had not succeeded in getting anyone else to monitor their wells during that period.

"Albeit nice and friendly neighbours, they declined, and for very good reasons: COVID, their wells will be shut down, possibly for 48 hours, there's liabilities for later malfunctions, and it's a total inconvenience," Kelln said.

Trustees were sympathetic to the point that losing water during COVID could make it difficult to fulfill the observation well-monitoring requirement, but found the potential impact on the surrounding area remained a concern. Islands Trust senior freshwater specialist William Shulba reported the north end of Salt Spring is one of the most densely populated parts of the island relying on groundwater.

Shulba said it might be possible to estimate the potential impact of increased water use through other means, such as by asking the hydrologist to "ensure there is no significant interference to neighbouring wells, identify that analysis somehow in their pumping test, and certify that."

"That would remove the requirement for the applicant and their professional to undertake monitoring of an observation well," Shulba said.

The LTC decided to defer a decision on closing the file so Kelln could work with staff to determine a suitable alternative.

"I think we're signalling that if they cannot have a neighbouring well, then we under-

stand that, and there must be a way to get around that," trustee Laura Patrick commented.

Staff had similarly recommended closing the book on Booth's affordable housing project on Park Drive. The application has been open since 2013, but a water supply source has not been established and forward action has stalled.

**"The hope at this point is the study that's due next month will open the door for the moratorium to be lifted."**

ERIC BOOTH  
*Housing development applicant, on water supply*

Booth's most recent proposal for the property is to build multi-storey apartment buildings containing 24 studio suites and 24 one-bedroom apartments, with a minimum of eight units designated as affordable housing. Water supply for the project is at issue since the North Salt Spring Waterworks District has put a moratorium on new service connections, and a groundwater source was determined insufficient to meet demand in all cases.

Booth argued for more time to determine the water source during last Tuesday's meeting, outlining his expectation that a NSSWD peer review of its Maxwell Lake supply will be released in March.

"The hope at this point is the study that's due next month will open the door for the moratorium to be lifted," Booth said. "At this point, given how close we are to an actual potential resolve on the issue that's been going on basically since 2014, which has affected this application, I would ask for a further abeyance."

The LTC agreed to put the application on

hold for an additional six months.

The NSSWD has not confirmed the study will be ready by March.

## Francis Bread rezoning advances

Family members involved with the Francis Bread bakery and Duthie Gallery B&B units on Churchill Road got a step closer to making those operations legal on Feb. 16 when the LTC voted to direct staff to draft a rezoning bylaw.

Applicant Peter Hunt confirmed the family's intention for the site is "to carry on doing exactly what we're doing right now and have been for three years" and not for larger-scale commercial development.

The draft bylaw will include language that permits a "restaurant" that is no bigger than the current bakery cafe and two commercial accommodation cabins. First reading of the draft bylaw will be scheduled after the applicant submits parking and septic capacity studies. The bylaw could then go to public hearing sometime later this year.

# TIDE TABLES at Fulford Harbour

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## OCP and LUB Amendments for Short Term Vacation Rentals Bylaws 119 & 120

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### PUBLIC HEARING

SOUTH PENDER LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

What are the bylaws about?

The Local Trust Committee (LTC) is reviewing Short Term Vacation Rental (STVR) policies as part of their Top Priority Project.

Draft Bylaw No. 119 would amend the Temporary Use Permit (TUP) section in South Pender Island Official Community Plan (OCP) Bylaw No. 107, 2011 in order to add new STVR TUP guidelines. Draft Bylaw No. 120 would remove STVRs as a home occupation use in Land Use Bylaw (LUB) No. 114, 2016.

The Community Information Meeting will be held prior to the Public Hearing to provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments.

How do I get more information?

A copy of the electronic public hearing binder and details on connecting to Zoom is available online:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/spender/sp-news/>

A copy of the bylaw, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available at the Islands Trust Victoria office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, February 19 to March 4, 2021, or online:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/spender/stvr-project/>

Written submissions?

Send by 4:30 p.m., March 4, 2021 to:

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Note: All submissions received become part of the public record.

March 5, 2021  
CIM - 10:30 a.m.  
Public Hearing to follow CIM

#### Zoom Meeting

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#### Who should attend?

Anyone affected by the proposed bylaws

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Government approves islands' ICET membership

## Rural grant funds now accessible

BY GAIL SJUBERG  
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

A long-made call to include Salt Spring and the other Gulf Islands in the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) has been answered.

The provincial government announced last week that the islands are now eligible to apply for funding from ICET and be included in other services that ICET provides.

Islands trustee Laura Patrick shared the announcement during

the Feb. 16 Salt Spring Local Trust Committee meeting.

"It's extremely good news and [there was] a lot of hard work by Salt Springers to bring this about and make this funding available to Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands," Patrick said.

"Expanding the trust's service area means more small communities will be eligible for funding that will help them grow and thrive, supporting projects such as building new infrastructure, enhancing small-business opportunities or supporting Indigenous economic development," said Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs,

Economic Recovery and Innovation.

Until now, communities in the Capital Regional District were excluded from the ICET service area because the CRD itself is an "urban" area. Juan de Fuca, one of three electoral areas in the CRD, was added to ICET via an order in council last December, which prompted criticism because it is part of Premier John Horgan's riding. The Feb. 16 press release framed Juan de Fuca's inclusion as coming into effect along with the two Gulf Islands electoral areas.

Francine Carlin, chair of the

Salt Spring Community Economic Development Commission, has long advocated for her island to be included in ICET. She described the announcement as "a huge milestone for our community."

Carlin said in a press release, "We now have the ability to take full advantage in applying for government grants that up till now we were excluded from. The inequality has kept us from receiving supports for projects like a regional food hub, village and cultural revitalization, broadband network planning, destination trails and pathways, as well as initiatives like agri-food innovation strategies and green

business attraction."

Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen had also lobbied hard for the islands to be included.

"ICET has an exceptional 15-year track record for strengthening and diversifying local economies in the region, and I'm delighted that more people and communities will now enjoy the benefits," he said. "The Southern Gulf Islands have been asking for this change for more than 10 years, and I'd like to raise my hands in gratitude to Minister Kahlon for his efforts in making this expansion happen so early in his time as minister."

## ANIMAL WELFARE

# Community information sought on Salt Spring feral cat colonies

## BC SPCA branch aims to manage problem

The British Columbia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is stepping up efforts to identify and tackle community feral cat colonies on Salt Spring.

"We get regular reports of feral cat sightings across the island, but the public often

doesn't know if there are more cats around or if they are being fed," said Gerald Lewandowski, manager of BC SPCA's Salt Spring branch, in a press release. "In an effort to better gather this information and understand the scope of these colonies, we are now mapping out the sightings that are reported and are asking community members to report cat sightings to help create a complete picture through an online survey."

BC SPCA says information collected in the survey will help the Salt Spring branch systematically address the issue of feral cats through the trap-neuter-return (TNR) process.

"In order for this process to be successful we need to ensure all cats in a colony are spayed and neutered," Lewandowski said. "The more information we have from local residents, the better we can make sure the work is successful."

Information provided by the BC SPCA states TNR "ensures no new kittens are born, helps to stabilize and reduce cat populations, provides vaccines and improves the lives of the individual cats and overall cat population."

Salt Spring residents can share their cat sightings through the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/36ZK6DQ>. Anyone interested in volunteering to assist in the project can contact the branch at 250-537-2123.

Capital Regional District

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### Notice of Review

## 2021 Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel

Notice is hereby given of the annual sitting of the Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel, pursuant to Sections 204 and 205 of the Community Charter.

**Date:** Wednesday, March 10, 2021  
**Time:** 12:15 pm  
**Place:** CRD Headquarters, Room 652  
625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC

The panel will consider any complaints respecting the parcel tax roll and authenticate the roll in accordance with legislation for the following services:

- ▶ South Galiano Island Fire Protection & Emergency Response Service
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- ▶ Sticks Allison Water Service (Galiano Island)
- ▶ Small Craft Harbour Facilities (Southern Gulf Islands)
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- ▶ Magic Lake Estates Sewer Service (Pender Island)
- ▶ Magic Lake Estates Sewer Debt Service (Pender Island)
- ▶ Maliview Sewer Service (Salt Spring Island)
- ▶ Lyall Harbour/Boot Cove Water Service (Saturna Island)
- ▶ Surfside Park Estates Water Service (Mayne Island)
- ▶ Skana Water Service (Mayne Island)
- ▶ Gossip Island Electric Power Supply Service

The Parcel Tax Roll Review Panel will hear only those complaints or appeals filed in writing with the undersigned at least 48 hours in advance of its sitting.

A copy of the complete roll will be available for inspection at the Capital Regional District, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm M-F, and the Salt Spring Island Electoral Area Office, #108-121 McPhillips Ave., Ganges, BC, from 9 am to 4 pm M-Th; commencing February 24, 2021.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.

Nelson Chan, Chief Financial Officer  
Capital Regional District

## what's on this week



Wed.

Feb. 24

VIA ZOOM

**Tech Cafe: News Literacy.** Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg leads a discussion on the present-day media landscape and news literacy topics. 7 p.m. Sponsored by the Salt Spring Public Library. To get the Zoom link, email [programs@saltspringlibrary.com](mailto:programs@saltspringlibrary.com).

Thurs.

Feb. 25

ACTIVITIES

**Al-Anon (Support for Friends and Families of Alcoholics and Addicts).** A friendly, supportive group that meets in person every Thursday. 12 to 1 p.m. at Salt Spring Seniors' Centre. Social distancing and COVID-safe practices in place. Participants' privacy also guarded.

Thurs.

Feb. 25

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

**North Salt Spring Waterworks District Trustees Meeting.** 10 a.m. See [northsaltspringwaterworks.ca](http://northsaltspringwaterworks.ca) for agenda and link.

Fri.

Feb. 26

VIA ZOOM

**ASK Salt Spring.** This week's guests are Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce executive director Jesse Brown and president Darryl Martin. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Email [ask@asksaltspring.com](mailto:ask@asksaltspring.com) to get the link.

**Island Pathways AGM.**

Annual general meeting. Reports will be given from all committees. 2 p.m. Request link from [info@seido-en.com](mailto:info@seido-en.com).

Tue.

Mar. 2

VIA ZOOM

**Salt Spring Climate Action Plan Public Presentation & Launch.**

With Transition Salt Spring Society chair Bryan Young, CRD director Gary Holman and MP Elizabeth May. 6:30 p.m. Register for the live public zoom presentation at [www.tinyurl.com/CAPLiveZoom](http://www.tinyurl.com/CAPLiveZoom)

Wed.

Mar. 3

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**Obituaries**

**Alice Kathleen (née Lacy) Rathwell**  
September 12, 1922 - January 10, 2021



Kathleen was born in Falkland, BC, two years after her parents emigrated from England. In 1925 her family moved to Salt Spring Island (SSI) and started a farm on 135 acres at Fulford Harbour. She and her four siblings attended the one room Isabella Point School. Kathleen joined the army in Ottawa, Ontario as a cook during WWII. There she met her husband Victor Rathwell and they had a daughter Margaret. After Victor's death in 1963 she returned to her parents' farm on Isabella Point Road, SSI. The farm had goats, chickens, sheep and large vegetable and flower gardens. She taught all the grandchildren how to feed the animals, milk the goats, weed the gardens and collect the wood. As a family they were self sufficient living off the land and sea for their livelihood. Kathleen won awards every year at SSI Fall Fair. Most years she was awarded a ribbon for almost every entry and she did keep track - usually on the back of a piece of junk mail or used envelope (nothing was wasted). She was a master of "reduce, reuse, reuse again" long before we ever heard the term recycle. Kathleen was an avid bridge player and member of the Fulford Bridge Club. She was a lifetime member of the SSI Garden Club and a devout attendee of St. Mary's Anglican Church. Her garden flowers were forever on display in the church for Sunday services. In 1983, after the passing of her parents she moved to her own home on Beddis Road, Ganges, BC. She was an excellent tennis and badminton player. She was still playing well into her 80s. In 2014, at the age of 92, she floated down the Pentiction River Channel on an inner tube with her niece Janet Lacy. The photos of their adventure made the front page of the Pentiction Herald. She taught cribbage to her grandchildren and many of the Oak Bay Lodge staff. She spoke to everyone she encountered and she always spoke her mind. However, no one could miss the twinkle in her beautiful blue eyes.


A special thanks to the staff at Oak Bay Lodge and the Summit who treated "Great-Grandma" with much love and respect.

Kathleen was predeceased by her husband Victor Rathwell, her siblings, Captain Edward Lacy (Mollie), Mary McDonald (Jack), Ruby Alton (Roy) and her parents Arthur and Hilda Lacy. She is survived by her daughter Margaret Leck, her brother Harold Lacy, grandchildren Lisa Himmelman (Matt), Tim Leck (Alison), Denise Poirier, great grandchildren Samuel and Melissa Poirier, Odessa, Athena, and Logan Guest as well as many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held later on SSI. Margaret can be reached at [mleck@shaw.ca](mailto:mleck@shaw.ca)

**Obituaries**

**RICK (CLIVE) HILL**  
1939-2021



Rick Hill of Salt Spring Island, BC, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2021 after a short battle with cancer. His trademark sense of humour shone through until the end. Rick was born on May 7, 1939 in Meriden, Warwick, UK to Frederick and Muriel Hill, the second of three brothers. He was a man of the world's extremes, from the sea to the mountains and from the equator to the far north.

Rick emigrated by ship to Canada in 1956 at the age of 17 and wore many hats in his early life. He was a commercial diver in Montreal, worked on avalanche control in BC, and as a ski instructor in BC and Norway. He worked in merchant shipping as far away as Asia, operated a tugboat in the Arctic at Mokka Fiord on Axel Heiberg Island, and ran the ski shop at Whistler in the late 1960's.

In 1973, Rick and Betty (Kotyk) married in Vancouver and 4 years later they settled on Salt Spring Island. They had two children, Sean and Jenny. Rick and Betty bought their first fishing boat, the Thoroughbuilt, which Rick captained for many years. For a time he worked with the Coast Guard at Bull Harbour and later piloted water taxis on Salt Spring. He came back to fishing for several years with his second boat, the Norvis Puffin, and later crewed on a commercial fishing packer, the Pacifica.

After retiring from fishing he joined Betty at Volume II Bookstore which she owned and operated. His love of books, knowledge of local waters and extensive nautical expertise was a huge contribution to the many boaters seeking charts and a good read. Rick was in his element, providing them with essential marine information and regaling them with tales of his adventures on the open sea.

In his later years, Rick continued to find joy in reading, gardening and fixing anything and everything. Two years ago at the tender age of 79, he rebuilt the chimney in his house brick by brick. He was an unstoppable force of nature.

Rick was a loving father and husband and a man of many words and opinions. Rick had a great sense of compassion for people and believed that everyone has a right to live their life without the interference of others. He rooted for and celebrated the underdog.

Rick is survived by his wife Betty, their children Jenny and Sean, and his daughters Natasha Robb-Burrows and Robin Gauvin and all of their loved ones.

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MARINE ENVIRONMENT

# Abandoned vessel funding gets boost

Salt Spring wrecks tagged for removal

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN  
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Some abandoned boats and barges left to rot in Gulf Islands harbours for years are on the list for removal this spring with full funding for the effort extended by the federal government.

Newly appointed Transport Minister Omar Alghabra announced on Feb. 16 the Government of Canada would be providing \$1,692,079 under the Abandoned Boats Program to assess and remove vessels on both the west and east coasts. Included is \$551,202 to remove 24 boats around Victoria and the Gulf Islands. Salish Sea Industrial Services Ltd. has the contract to remove the vessels, which had been previously surveyed by the Dead Boats Disposal Society.

"These are the final ones for removal. Hopefully it will be done by March 30," said John Roe, a Salt Spring resident who founded the Dead Boats Disposal Society.

He noted partners Salish Sea Industrial Services have previously removed 12 abandoned boats from Fulford Harbour, so getting the last big piece out will be a major accomplishment.

The federal government launched the \$1.5-billion Oceans Protection Plan in 2016 to help protect Canada's coasts and waterways, with several disbursements for vessel

removal programs given since then. While in the past the government has paid 75 per cent of costs, the new announcement covers 100 per cent of costs for approved boat removal assessment projects and boat removal and disposal projects, in recognition of COVID-19 economic impacts.

On schedule for disposal are some long-term eyesores on the Salt Spring shoreline. They include a live-aboard barge with a steel hull that has been beached at Fulford Harbour for 10 years and an abandoned fishing boat that's been moored at Burgoyne Bay for 15 years. A wrecked catamaran submerged in Booth Inlet for the past two years is also on the list.

Pender Island targets include a sailboat that sunk near Medicine Beach, another sailboat that sunk in Hope Bay, and a power cruiser at Thieves Bay. Wrecked and abandoned boats will also be recovered from waters around Thetis and Gabriola islands, as well as Jediah Island — a marine provincial park located near Lasqueti Island.

The Wrecked, Abandoned or Hazardous Vessels Act, established as law on July 30, 2019, makes it illegal to abandon boats, increases vessel owner liability and strengthens the Government of Canada's response in cases where owners do not dispose of their vessels at the end of their useful life.

Boat owners who don't have the means to dispose of an end-of-life vessel may be able to sign over title to a removal program. Contact Roe at 250-383-2086 for more information.

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**TIP OF THE WEEK:** The powerful Aquarius New Moon seed of Feb. 11 comes to full on Feb. 27, bringing its destined activations to full light and life. The first of three aspects between Saturn and Uranus that occurred on Feb. 17 also invariably continues to reverberate with the synchronicities it was destined to produce. Due to the Aquarian themes involved, these events combined are bound to be creating very noticeable, revolutionary waves. Revolution has been the main theme for months now and only those of us with highly selective perceptions are not aware of it. Mars having formed a trine to Pluto on Feb. 24 and Venus having entered Pisces on the 25th and joining forces with Sun and Neptune, may serve to soften the edges. Yet, Venus forming an exact aspect to Uranus and Mercury to Jupiter in Aquarius is countering and thereby contributing to a much-needed global awakening to the realities of the great economic reset underway. Asking ourselves how genuinely aware we are of these realities is important regarding being responsible to our collective future.

**Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19)** Despite a keen interest in remaining aware of larger events and trends that have entered an exciting chapter, you will feel the urge to slow down for a while. Yet with Mercury now direct, a natural, added measure of flow can be felt both evidently and subtly. Call it the early signs of spring, but there is more to it. Projecting your awareness to the world stage, you may be moved with compassion.

**Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20)** The Sun in Pisces has taken the emphasis off of your career life and social status, but not entirely. You still want to know your best course of action. While you may not be entirely sure of your direction, what is certain is that you feel determined to enter new territory somehow. To this end, you may find yourself appealing to the sympathies of friends, indirectly ascertaining their loyalty.

**Gemini (May 21 – Jun 21)** You remain in a philosophical mood. Yet, it may amount to feeling a little lost still and the urge to escape may also be strong. On the other hand, you may feel ready for new knowledge and perhaps psychological and spiritual insights and tools. Prayers and communications with angelic realms may be occurring spontaneously, dissolving conditioned beliefs and perceptions.

**Cancer (Jun 22 – Jul 22)** Amidst a continued investigation with your skepticism meter still at high volume, Pisces time is calling you to enter a more meditative period. A softer mood may be accompanied by sadness and tears as you realize that the way things were is dying and what is rising to replace it does not appear friendly, or light. You may be wondering what you can do amidst an impulse to pray.

**Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 23)** Death is always followed by rebirth... of some kind. As physics observes with the law of conservation of energy, change and transformation are all that can happen to energy, regardless of the form. Of course, this is a very ancient, spiritual understanding, yet which refers ultimately to divine source and first cause. Whatever your convictions, rest assured that rebirth is already underway.

**Virgo (Aug 24 – Sep 22)** The Full Moon in your sign could manifest as reactive emotional responses. Positively, you could feel like you have arrived at a whole new level of awareness and independence. It will prove helpful to be philosophical about it all, as in focusing to see yourself, others and circumstances from other angles of perspective and interpretation. Aim for moderation and avoid matter-of-fact attitudes.

**Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22)** Getting clear on what will bring you more satisfaction in your life is a central theme now. Becoming more aware and getting creative about how to achieve greater fulfillment is featured. Having more financial flow is a very real possibility. On the other hand, it is what money brings that is truly important and the emphasis is on feeling good. Passion and pleasure are examples.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21)** Connecting with friends is a core theme now. Realizing that it is hard to please everyone due to their own expectations is important. So, you are wise to focus on your own sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. When your success is linked to bringing inspiration to others, you are likely to feel more inspired. Keep it simple, sweetheart, inspire to be inspired.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21)** Circumstances of light have contributed to you seeing the world as with new eyes. With new perceptions come new interpretations and attitudes. In some cases, you may have turned 180 degrees. Such changes are a good sign that your convictions are not fixed. These are contributing to changes in your values and priorities. Your better health is a central theme.

**Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19)** In these revolutionary times, responding in a like manner is likely. With many new realizations coming in, you are eager to act on them for the sake of practical advantage. Making key investments is featured with the objective of increasing your sense of security. Making sincere efforts is required and some of these may amount to significant changes in your habitual approach.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 19)** The six-planet-stellium-in-Aquarius-New-Moon-seed comes to fruition now. For you, it implies some significant initiatives, the synchronicity of which should be quite evident by now. If you are unclear, reflect on the subtle but real shifts that have occurred. Invariably, it is serving to shake you awake. How you respond to this aspect of your destiny is for you to decide.

**Pisces (Feb 20 – Mar 20)** Aquarius and its ruling planet, Uranus, are symbolic of democracy, awakening, illumination, revolution... The activations of these often come from 'left field', the intuitive, right side of the brain. By now, you have received the messages that you were destined to, unless your lower mind is firmly in control and thus blocking such intuitions with rationalizations. It's all good, but some discernment may be required to know.