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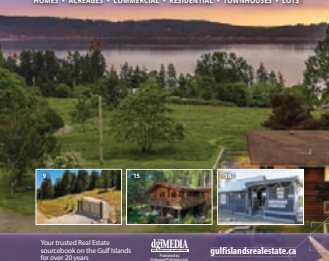
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FIRE

Windsor retools following fire



Main store destroyed but recovery plans continue to unfold each day

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

Windsor Plywood is "rising from the ashes" following a devastating fire at its Rainbow Road location in the early hours of June 1.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Acting Fire Chief Jamie Holmes said firefighters responded to a report of alarm bells in the area at 2:35 a.m.

"Upon arrival the crews found smoke coming from Windsor Plywood at 166 Rainbow Rd. and additional resources were paged out for a commercial structure fire," said Holmes. "Twenty-six firefighters and eight apparatus were used in extinguishment of the fire over a 15-hour period, flowing in excess of 100,000 gallons of water."

Smoke could be seen throughout Ganges and the harbour for several hours on Tuesday, and Rainbow Road was closed between the high school and elementary school.

High water use from the North Salt Spring Waterworks District system resulted in service disruptions and the need for a boil water advisory from Tuesday to Thursday afternoon for customers using water from Maxwell Lake.

"It appears that the water demands of the [Windsor Plywood] firefighting effort were such that our Cranberry watermain system along Cranberry Road lost pressure, causing some ratepayers to lose service," said NSSWD operations manager Vaughn Figueira. "Because of the loss of pressure in the main, as a precautionary measure, we called a boil water advisory."

Figueira said water quality could have been compromised due to a loss of pressure and subsequent repairs, but that was fortunately not the case.

No firefighter or civilian injuries were reported from the fire itself. However, Windsor co-owner Ken Marr's hand was bitten by Cedar the store cat when he was moving her to safety after she was located on Tuesday morning.

Despite the hand injury, Marr was upbeat and grateful when reporting on progress already made by Thursday afternoon.

"This could have been really bad. It is bad. But no one got hurt and the fire was contained to the building," Marr told the Driftwood.

"The door shop is already up and running . . . Our carpenters are in there like nothing happened. It's full steam ahead. We are going to recover fast."

Two small housing units offered for use by Fields Stores Ltd. will be used in the recovery plan, and on Monday Marr said a huge tent had been ordered to create retail space on the west side of the Rainbow Road property.

PHOTO BY KASSY MARR

Flames burst through the metal roof of the Windsor Plywood main store in the early hours of June 1 as Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue crews respond. See our www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com site for a video clip of the fire taken by Kassy Marr and more photos.

WINDSOR FIRE continued on 15




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MARINE ENVIRONMENT

Small oil tankers banned from Active Pass

Controversial transit sparks new policy for pilots

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

An incident that saw a fully laden oil tanker transit Active Pass in April will not be permitted to reoccur in the foreseeable future, according to a new order by the Pacific Pilotage Authority.

The crown corporation, which is responsible for the pilotage of all ships over 350 tonnes through British Columbia's coastal waters, issued a notice to industry last month stating piloted vessels carrying oil, pollutants or hazardous cargoes in bulk "will not" transit Active Pass or Porlier Pass. The requirement has been made available to the public at large and will remain in place until a risk assessment can be completed.

Barry Swanson, one of the concerned citizens who witnessed the MV Kassos travel through the pass this spring, considers the news to be a good first step.

"I was pleasantly surprised. It's not incumbent on the pilotage authority to distribute a notice to the public, but I think because of the outcry this [incident] incurred they decided they would," Swanson said.

Swanson is a founder of the Salish Sea Orca Squad Protection Society, which is dedicated to increasing awareness about the orcas in the Sal-

ish Sea, notably the critically endangered southern resident killer whales. He and his wife Rachelle Hayden have been part-time residents on Galiano for five years. They were out for a hike when they glimpsed the vessel in the pass.

Shipping rules already require tankers over 40,000 tonnes to take Boundary Pass when travelling the region. The MV Kassos, registered to Liberia, is 103 metres long and 6,256 tonnes fully loaded. Until now most pilots guiding smaller tankers have avoided threading the narrow pass between Mayne and Galiano islands. People who witnessed the MV Kassos pass through were both surprised to see it and to find out it was there lawfully.

"We were really shocked, obviously," Swanson said. "Some people interviewed have talked about the size of the tanker, because it is a smaller one, but this is dangerous goods."

Hayden managed to get a photo of the tanker and sent it to her good friend Gerald Graham, an oil spill expert living in Victoria who has consulted for government and intergovernmental agencies such as the World Bank and UNESCO. Graham immediately contacted the Pacific Pilotage Authority.

The organization told Graham the pilot in this case was nearing the end of his eight-hour work window and decided to take Active Pass instead of Boundary Pass to avoid adding another two hours to the trip, which would have meant having a second pilot take over. Graham said the pilotage authority issued a notice to pilots telling them not to bring tankers through the route soon after he cor-



PHOTO BY RACHELLE HAYDEN

The laden oil tanker MV Kassos cruises through Active Pass in April. New rules from the Pacific Pilotage Authority prevent pilots from using the route for the time being.

responded with them. He suggested upgrading that to the notice of industry, which they soon did. The benefit, he said, is that everyone knows the rules, including ship captains and company managers, so it's not just local pilots trying to convince them.

"The Pacific Pilotage Authority has regulatory authority, so the rules are binding," Graham said.

Graham observed risk of an oil spill is elevated in Active Pass, along with the potential environmental impact. Conditions such as geography, currents and busy ferry traffic all add up to a dangerous situation.

"They're very, very tricky waters

to navigate and it's an extremely narrow passageway as well. There's risk of collision and there's a rocky shoreline, so if a tanker lost power and ended up on the rocks you could have a very serious oil spill," Graham said.

Graham said the MV Kassos appeared to be carrying heavy fuel oil, and would have capacity for around 40,000 barrels in 12 tanks. Even if just one tank were punctured in an accident, it could mean 3,000 barrels of oil released into the water.

"Why take the risk when you could go through Boundary Pass?" Graham asked.

Swanson said the southern resident killer whales are frequent users of Active Pass during the summer months, usually starting in July, when they might pass through three or four times a week on their feeding loop following the salmon. They continue to frequent the area through October, and can still be seen at times through the fall and winter. Biggs' or transient whales that feed off marine mammals are also frequent visitors.

"The implications of an oil spill are not just to cetaceans, and not just to the southern residents who are already critically endangered. More importantly, the whole biosphere would be massively affected, so that's my concern," Swanson said.

Swanson believes a firmer ban on oil tankers in Active Pass needs to come from Transport Canada.

Transport Canada was unable to comment before the Driftwood's press deadline, but has previously said the department was not considering any changes.

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HOUSING

Fields imports recycled cottages

Salt Spring worker housing needs recognized

BY ELIZABETH NOLAN
DRIFTWOOD STAFF

Eight small cottages that arrived on Salt Spring last week may be available to residents as affordable housing in the not-so-distant future thanks to forward thinking by Fields Holding Company.

Fields CEO Jason McDougall told the Driftwood there are no firm plans for the units just yet, although the company has loaned two of them to Windsor Plywood for their office use following their devastating fire of June 1.

"We know there's a need for affordable housing on the island, and we want to see if we can be helpful," McDougall said, adding the homes could potentially be used by Fields employees.

The eight one-bedroom, one-bathroom homes were part of an affordable housing development called Moose Village operated by the Life Cycle Housing Society in Powell River. The society has been approved to increase density to take advantage of BC Housing funding and will be building a 24-unit building on that site. They were unable to find anyone locally who could make use of the houses and didn't want to see them demolished, so they partnered with house recycling and moving company Nickel Bros.

The company listed the homes at a base price of \$47,000 each if purchased separately. Moving and installation but not bargaining costs were included in the price.

Delta-based Fields corporation took advantage of the opportunity to purchase the entire set of units. They left Powell River by barge on May 31 and arrived in Ganges Harbour at around 10 p.m. that night. All eight cottages were delivered by Nickel Bros. to the new Fields retail store location currently under renovation at 804 Fulford-Ganges Rd.

Fields will now be looking for appropriate property where the homes can be permanently moved, including the two that went to Windsor Plywood's Rainbow Road location.

"We hadn't planned on that, obviously, but Windsor is an important part of the community," McDougall said. "We reached out and asked them if there was anything we could do to help get them back on their feet. We're going to help them out any way we can, even if that means lending them some space. That's what community does."

McDougall said that offer includes the Fields store site. The company had been working toward a potential opening date of July 1, but McDougall said there is no set date at this point.

(For a photo and video clip of the homes arriving in Ganges, see the www.gulfislandsdriftwood.com website.)

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire's other impacts discussed

Fire chief Q&A addresses health and environmental concerns related to Windsor Plyfood fire



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

Salt Spring Fire Rescue firefighter Jim Pohl works at subduing the fire that destroyed Windsor Plywood's main shop and offices last Tuesday morning.

Salt Spring residents were grateful and impressed by Salt Spring Fire Rescue's response to the fire that destroyed much of Windsor Plywood's main office and showroom on June 1.

Located in a dense zone with multi-family housing units, School District 64's school buses and works yard and multiple schools nearby, the situation could have been much worse if the fire had not been contained to the main building.

At the same time, the fire was one of the biggest to ever hit Salt Spring and it involved toxic materials. Acting Fire Chief Jamie Holmes answers community questions about the event's potential environmental and health impacts below.

Q. If foam was used to fight the fire, what is the chemical risk of using that substance in such a large event?

A. Class-A foam was used during the overhaul, or clean-up, stage of the fire at 166 Rainbow Rd. Class-A foam, which is like dish soap, helps water soak into the wood and assists with cooling and extinguishment. We use this foam at 0.3 per cent concentration, meaning 99.7 per cent of what comes out of our hoses is water. We use BIO For N by Bioex and the MSDS sheet can be found at <http://www.vanassche-fire.be/pdf/2082010101140-BIOFORN@SAFETY-V2.pdf>. Please remember this is the information for the foam concentrate, not the diluted solution we flow on our fire scenes.

Q. What happened to the foam and/or water run-off and how was it managed or contained?

A. We did not have the resources on scene to deal with any run-off from the fire. Due to the slope of the property, I believe most of the run-off was collected by the storm drains on Rainbow Road.

Q. Who determines the environmental management of such events, both during and afterward? Is it monitored by the provincial Ministry of Environment? Is there special concern when drainage into the ocean is a factor?

A. Fire department strategic priorities are life safety, incident stabilization and property conservation, in that order. If we have the resources on scene we try to protect sensitive areas whenever possible. A spill report has been filed with the Ministry of Environment for this incident. I have briefly spoken with staff at the ministry and I expect to have further discussions with them next week.

Q. In terms of air quality, how did the fire department determine it was safe for local schools to open as usual Tuesday morning?

A. Early Tuesday morning we had discussions with SD64 regarding the schools. At that time the fire was under control and we were in the overhaul stage. With the prevailing winds heading away from the schools we determined that the schools could operate with the kids sheltered in place, and closing the school yards for outdoor activities.

Q. What are the potential impacts to firefighters of working on that type of fire, with so many chemicals already on site? How are they protected during the event and how are they monitored afterward?

A. Firefighting is dangerous and every fire we work is hazardous. Firefighters are exposed to a number of harmful carcinogens including formaldehyde, hydrogen cyanide and phosgene. It's unfortunate that firefighters do see higher cancer rates than the general population, which is why we have presumptive legislation for many cancers. Department guidelines are in place to ensure personal protective equipment is available and worn in hazardous environments. SSIFR works with our occupational health and safety committee and tries to make our working environment and post-event environment as safe as possible. SSIFR does on-site gross decontamination, followed by further cleaning back at the fire halls. All three fire halls have a shower and we have an infrared sauna that we encourage our members to use post-fire. We also encourage regular medical check-ups and early screening detection tests for cancers and other occupational diseases recognized as related to firefighting.

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EDITORIAL

Truth, then action

The truth about how First Nations people have been and are treated in Canada has gradually been revealed in the past decade.

Processes like the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls have allowed the experiences of Indigenous people to finally be heard and accepted as true, profoundly disturbing and demanding action at all levels of society — from individuals to institutions and governments.

But last week's confirmation that the remains of some 215 children were found in a mass grave on the site of the former Kamloops Indian Residential School on Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc territory crystallized the horrible truth in a way that is barely fathomable.

THE ISSUE: Residential school grave site

WE SAY: Heed First Nations leadership

Knowing what is already known about our country's history with First Nations and residential schools, many people have responded with "shock, but not surprise." As the collective shock recedes, it's critical to take action, and to do so more decisively than has so far been done. Very few of the TRC's 94 "calls to action" have been enacted, for example. As with all matters involving First Nations, settler institutions must let them lead the way to determine what must be done, and then provide the support and resources needed.

At the same time, as the B.C.-based First Nations Leadership Council pointed out in a May 31 statement, "It is not the responsibility of First Nations peoples to locate, disclose, protect and preserve all mass grave sites, when the deaths were linked to the residential school system. It is Canada's obligation to ensure proper protection, investigation and commemoration is in place as this burial site is connected to Canada's colonial laws and policies of forced denominational education of First Nations children."

The council also stresses that the proper legal framework related to locating and protecting unmarked burial sites, as outlined in the TRC calls to action back in 2015, must also be put in place.

After that, the \$27 million previously earmarked but unspent by the federal government for detecting human remains on residential school sites must be disbursed, with further funds released as required.

Doing the right thing now cannot erase the travesties of the past, but the path required to reach some semblance of reconciliation, which requires truth and openness from all parties involved, is clear.

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PARKER

Slow road petition created

BY MARY LAUCKS AND BRIAN SWANSON

VIEWPOINT

For about three weeks we have been collecting signatures on an informal survey regarding our use of speed humps in managing the speed of traffic along our private section of Beddis Road. So far we have collected 194 signatures supporting our three simple points.

We have just received a phone call from the B.C. Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MoTI) asking if they could buy our private section of Beddis Road. Their offer was in response to the petition (against the speed humps) to the legislature as described in the April 28 Driftwood article. In our conversation with MoTI their representative stated that if they were to acquire this section of road they would bring it up to MoTI standards. We assume this means they might widen the road, remove all or parts of the hedgerow and overhanging branches, plus remove the speed humps. We are afraid their final plan is to expropriate our section of the road.

Prior to August 2016 when we installed the speed humps, we found it difficult to cross the road to our field and forest on the other side of Beddis Road from our

main gate. Cars would regularly pass our gate at speeds in excess of 100 km/hr. At that time we were crossing mainly to hay the field and, in apple season, to transport the mash and apple compost to the hay field.

Since 2016 our farm has grown to three full-time staff and we now have a firewood processor to deal with the fallen trees from the 2018 storm. We cross the road frequently with an excavator and the firewood processor, a truck, tractors and gators. Without the humps, because the road curves near our gate, we and our staff will again be at risk of being hit, especially when crossing in large slow vehicles. Besides the safety issue for ourselves and our staff, we often see people bicycling and walking on the road and we fear for their safety. Our road has beautiful hedgerows and is an enjoyable place to move through slowly, but if it is brought up to MoTI standards we will again have speeding cars and the hedgerows and trees will be cut. We are hoping this can be avoided by a formal show of support from our community.

Therefore we are asking the 190+ people who signed our survey, and others who support our position, to sign a formal petition. We plan to submit this petition to the B.C. Legislature via our MLA Adam Olsen.

The petition requests the B.C. Legislature to direct MoTI to 1) acknowledge that our efforts to slow traffic on our section of Beddis Road are appropriate for our safety and the safety of our staff in crossing to the other side of our property, 2) agree that slower automobile speeds on this section of road are beneficial to the community because it makes the road safe for walkers and bicyclers, and 3) investigate whether there are other heritage roads on Salt Spring Island that, with community support, would benefit from similar measures (e.g. Cusheon Lake Road).

A legislative petition requires a signature, date, and the signer's name and address. We did not ask for addresses on the informal survey. So please drop by our farm stand at 900 Beddis Rd. and sign the petition.

Thank you very much for your support.

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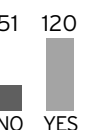
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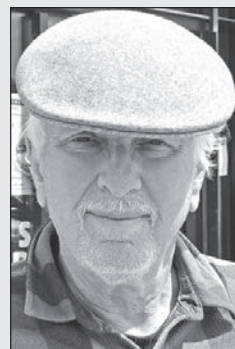
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SALT SPRING SAYS

WE ASKED: *What do you think about the B.C. government’s approach to old-growth forests?*

DALE THORSON



“It’s regrettable. We’re not going to see any new old-growth trees, are we?”

SUSAN PALMER



They say they’re protecting it but they’re not. Deferral is not protection, and I really dislike the disingenuous messaging around it.

DAVID NORGET



It’s archaic and it needs to change. It’s time for new thinking.

LAUREN WILDER



Not very satisfied. I feel we need a moratorium on all old-growth logging in the province.

JOSH FUNFER



It’s horrifying to me. Old-growth forest is essential to my life, and it’s incredibly important to the ecosystem.

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

Policy statement needs focus

The following was submitted to Islands Trust Council and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

As a former trustee for Gabriola Island (1986-90; 1993-96) I was disheartened to watch the defeat of the March Trust Council meeting motion “that Trust Council affirm its understanding that the paramount object of the Islands Trust Act is preservation and protection of the natural environment.”

I believe that the historical significance of the Trust object “to preserve and protect” must be considered even with the most radical revisions of the policy statement. Protection of the natural environment was the reason for the original 1974 legislation, as a measure of dealing with alarming fragmentation and destructive human development on several of the Gulf Islands.

I am very pleased to see climate change and First Nations reconciliation incorporated into

this policy statement project, but I do not support the inclusion of housing as a primary guiding principle, despite my strong support for affordable housing as a national, provincial and regional imperative.

Affordable housing for everyone requires a paradigm shift in the way our country, province and finance systems deal with real estate. The fact that our children cannot afford even the most modest accommodation in the place they were born is appalling. But it is not a problem that the Trust can solve.

Rather than have a policy statement that is “as broad as possible” as a few trustees have suggested, I believe it should focus clearly on environmental priorities. Otherwise its purpose as a guiding document for the future of the Islands Trust is scattered and ineffective, and local Trust committees will not have the support they need to make courageous decisions during the climate emergency era we are in.

Your most important job as trustees is to support stewardship and be leaders for the protection and rehabilitation of the precious and highly threatened natural ecosystems of the Trust Area.

The Trust needs to put all of its energy into what it can accomplish and use every means possible to regulate building size, lot coverage, tree removal and natural area (including foreshore) protection. This work at the local and Trust-wide level can only be done with a policy statement that boldly and clearly focuses on environmental protection.

SUSAN YATES,
GABRIOLA ISLAND

Prioritizing matters

Last week’s editorial contained misleading statements about the Trust mandate and erroneously suggested the Trust is powerless to limit growth.

Regarding the defeated motions to prioritize the natural environment, the editorial stated “a majority felt the Trust’s commitment to the environment is stated loud and clear in its object and mandate.” This obscures the fact that “commitment” is not the same as “priority,” and that, without a qualifier, the word “environment” can refer to both the natural and built environment.

Nowhere in the Trust documents does it explicitly say the natural environment is the top priority, and that is why some trustees want clarity. As pressure for development mounts, interpretation has become everything.

Trust Council made a huge mistake in 1994 when it interpreted “unique amenities” as including “healthy communities and culture.” That fateful decision put social and economic goals on an equal footing with environmental protection.

The policy statement must allow for community needs, but require local Trust committees to put the environment first when human activities threaten overall ecosystem health.

The goal is not to “stop development that is at present legally allowed” but to limit the creation of new densities. Therefore, the debate over the wording of the policy statement is anything but “absurd.”

These precious islands do not have to be developed like “any other place” if trustees go beyond having a “commitment” to the natural environment to prioritizing it in a legal and binding way.

JACINTHE EASTICK,
GABRIOLA ISLAND

Want to save the planet? Save humanity first

BY EMMA-LOUISE ELSEY

I have been extremely saddened to read the many recent letters in the paper that suggest that affordable housing should not be a priority for the Islands Trust.

This has shocked and saddened me. And I write the following as someone who has lived on Salt Spring for the last 13 years and has seen the amount of rental housing decrease exponentially — and rents increase hugely.

The Islands Trust already has protecting the environment built into its mandate. It has already declared a climate emergency. This is great.

And the preserve and protect mandate also covers community — our precious island communities.

In our privilege, we seem to have forgotten this.

Yes. Privilege. I’m guessing that many of the people who want to exclude supporting our fellow lower-income humans are (like me) white, educated and middle class. You are likely to be relatively financially comfortable, homeowners (perhaps for a span of years so that now your home is worth double — or more — what you paid for it). You might drive an electric car, own an electric bike, have solar panels on your roof. You may enjoy shopping at the local farmers’ market and buying local. You are thoughtful about where your goods come from, you recycle, repair and reuse. You are good people.

But many low-income families simply cannot afford to be green. They must buy the cheapest option irrespective of how far it has been shipped, whether it is

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recyclable or how many rainforests were chopped down to make it.

There is a direct connection between helping lower-income people and “saving” the environment!

This 1970s brand of environmentalism is not enough any more. And worse, it smacks of privilege and of not making the effort to understand what it’s like to not have the opportunities we have had.

Fifty years ago the world looked very different. Then, it was enough to protest and save the trees. Now, if we want to save the trees — and our planet — we must think bigger. We must help our fellow humans feel safe and comfortable, and this starts with stable, affordable housing. Once people have a home, then they too can perhaps begin to help us save the planet.

I see an ongoing battle over the question, “What’s more important: our fellow humans or the environment? Affordable housing or the coastal Douglas-fir ecosystem?”

But we’re asking the wrong question, because the answer is neither. Neither one is more important than the other.

And if you truly want to save the planet, we must find a way to do both. Because if we don’t pull together, everyone loses.

I could not disagree more with the ex-trustee who says we cannot do both the environment and affordable housing. This is ridiculous. We are human: creative and endlessly resourceful when we need to be.

The Islands Trust is a land-use planning body. It literally gets to make decisions about how land is used or not used.

I simply cannot get my head around this unwillingness to prioritize and do what we can with the tools we do have to help our fellow humans.

You and I get to buy the delicious locally made \$10 loaves of bread from Francis Bread, while some people have no choice but to buy day-olds, or the cheap big corporation-produced, plastic-wrapped, pesticide-sprayed, preservative-filled white loaves you probably avoid.

The enemy is not affordable housing. It’s unfettered capitalism! A capitalism that wants ever more, ever cheaper. A world where financial results matter more than doing the right thing and where the natural world is treated like a commodity.

We cannot save the planet without trying to save humanity. The capitalist policies that have led to corporations polluting and damaging our environment also hurt our fellow human beings. It’s not just the planet that unfettered capitalism is destroying, but our communities.

And I believe that preserving the environment without considering the needs of all the humans who live in that environment is inhuman.

So. Here you are, reading to the end of my little tirade. I doubt my words will change anything, but I do hope. Like I said, you are good people.

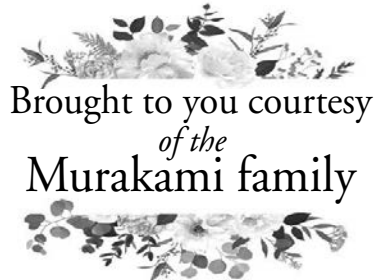
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Council should revisit motion

The following was submitted to Islands Trust Council and filed with the Driftwood for publication.

BY LUISA MAFFI AND DAVID RAPPORT

In view of the upcoming June 2021 meeting of Trust Council, we are writing to voice in the strongest possible terms our request that Trust Council reconsider the following motion, which was defeated at last March's Trust Council meeting: "that Trust Council affirm its understanding that the paramount object of the Islands Trust Act is preservation and protection of the natural environment."

We wish to urge Trust Council to consider this motion again and vote in favour of it. In our view, the fact that this motion was defeated the first time around stems not only from a profound misconception of the object of the Islands Trust Act but also from a profound misconception of our relationship — as individuals and as communities — with the natural world.

The environment is not "out there," separate from us. We are in it, and it is in us. What we do to it, we do to ourselves. What happens to the health of our ecosystems is the bottom line of whether we ourselves and future generations can live healthy and safe lives. It's not a matter of some mythical balancing act between the needs of nature and the needs of humans — as a number of trustees seem to believe, including our own

Salt Spring trustee Laura Patrick. There are no trade-offs here, no "a little bit of this, a little bit of that." If we don't work first and foremost to ensure the health of our ecosystems, there's no way that we can ensure the health and well-being of our communities.

To ensure the protection and preservation of our natural environment, so that it remains healthy and can continue to support is, is what you were voted in to do. You're not politicians bound to address every issue under the sun to make your constituents happy so you can get voted in again next time. You are (or are meant to be) a special breed of people entrusted with making difficult — and yes, sometimes unpopular — decisions for the preservation and protection of the environment.

The environment is not "out there," separate from us. We are in it, and it is in us.

That is the ultimate meaning of the much-quoted clause "for the benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia." To claim (as trustee Dan Rogers has done in response to letters that Trust Area residents have already sent out) that said clause implies balancing the needs of the environment with human needs is a red herring. There is no higher human need than to preserve and protect the environment that sustains us and all other species on earth.


Does it mean (as the same trustee suggested in his open letter) that, if any human activity affects the Trust Area's environment, then trust-

ees should say no to it? Not at all! That's another red herring. All species, including us, modify the environment to a lesser or greater extent in the process of ensuring their own survival and subsistence. What it does mean for the trustees' decision-making process is that each proposed human activity has to be considered — individually and cumulatively — for how it might affect the health (proper functioning) of our ecosystems, which are already heavily stressed by anthropogenic pressures from local development all the way to climate change. And if the proposed activity is going to add significantly to the already existing pressures, then it should be denied or scaled back to reduce its impact as much as possible.

Yes, we do live here, and we do need to be able to live here even if we're not wealthy — especially if we're not wealthy, in fact. We, all of us in the Gulf Islands (and anywhere in the world!), need to (re)learn how to live more modestly on this earth, satisfying our basic needs within the inevitable limits of the natural environment, taking pleasure in a simple life in a healthy environment, and savouring the joys of community, instead of wantonly chasing money, power, and wants.

Your collective energies would be much better spent in ensuring that protection and preservation of our Trust Area environment creates the conditions for the above to be possible, rather than in engaging in a "popularity contest" to win the favor of a vocal "affordable housing" constituency that — no matter how well meaning — is pushing you to pit human needs against those of the ecosystems on which all our lives depend.

Please do reconsider the motion in question and vote in favour of it this time.



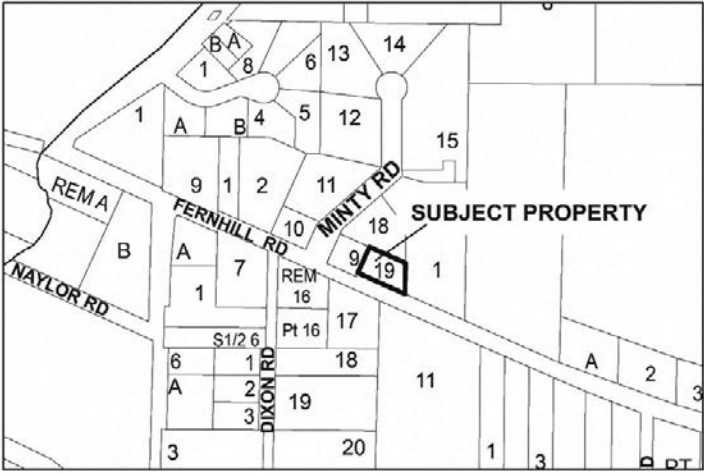
NOTICE MAYNE ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE MA-TUP-2021.2

NOTICE is hereby given that the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee will be considering a resolution allowing for the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit, pursuant to Section 494 of the Local Government Act. The proposed permit would apply Lot 19, Section 12, Mayne Island, Cowichan District, Plan 23126 (PID: 000-008-575). This property is located at 437 Fernhill Road.

The purpose of this temporary use permit would be to permit a **Thrift Store** and **Archive and Museum Storage** within the dwelling unit, and **Fall Fair Activities** on the subject property.

The establishment of these uses would be subject to the conditions specified in the attached permit. The permit would be issued for three (3) years and the owner may apply to the Mayne Island Local Trust Committee to have it renewed once for up to an additional three (3) years.

The general location of the subject property is shown in the following sketch:



A copy of the proposed permit may be inspected at the Islands Trust Office, 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday inclusive, excluding statutory holidays, commencing **May 31, 2021** and continuing up to and including **June 11, 2021**.

For the convenience of the public only, and not to satisfy Section 494 (2) (c) of the Local Government Act, additional copies of the Proposed Permit may be inspected at various Notice Boards on Mayne Island.

Enquiries or comments should be directed to Phil Testemale, Planner 2 at (250) 405-5170. For Toll Free Access, request a transfer via Enquiry BC: In Vancouver 660-2421 and elsewhere in BC: 1-800-663-7867; by fax at (250) 405-5155; or by email to southinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca before **4:30 p.m., June 11, 2021**.

The Mayne Island Local Trust Committee may consider a resolution allowing for the issuance of the permit during the electronic business meeting starting at **1:00 p.m., June 21, 2021**.

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Real Estate

Buyers: How to compare prices and value?



JAN MACPHERSON

Comparing homes with similar attributes can provide valuable insights. Consider the age of the: roof, decks, septic field, appliances and "deferred maintenance". How dated are the bathrooms and kitchen and flooring? Would you want to replace them? The cost of replacing each of these items could be considerable. Make up a comparison chart accounting for these differences.

When planning a second viewing, ASK FOR AN INFO PACKAGE & PERMISSION TO TAKE PHOTOS. Take notes. Identify chattels that you may wish to have included such as: window coverings, appliances and their brand name, built in vacuum and/or hot tub accessories, shelving, firewood on hand, riding lawn mower, water filters, garden sheds, building plans, etc. Note what items are excluded on the feature sheet to assist you in making plans for replacing. Then you will likely conclude that...

The most affordable home is rarely the lowest priced home!

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Women in Business 2021

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Meet the women and the stories behind some special Salt Spring and Cowichan Valley enterprises, as well as Driftwood Gulf Islands Media staff.

FEATURING THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES:

- Lady Minto Thrift Shop
- Country Grocer Pharmacy
- Wishes
- Seaside Restaurant
- Cardino Shoes
- Duncan Dirt and Speed
- Heritage Gifts & Awards
- NexGen Hearing
- Georgia Taylor
- Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery
- Harlan's
- Love My Kitchen



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Driftwood



From left, Driftwood editor Gail Sjuberg, office manager Johanna Walkner, production manager Lorraine Sullivan, account representative Bonnie Steeves, reporter Elizabeth Nolan and publisher Nancy Johnson.

Putting it all together

When it comes to creating an award-winning weekly newspaper and other media products, experience counts.

The Driftwood's six female employees have a combined 130 years of experience in the media business.

Driftwood Gulf Islands Media publisher Nancy Johnson has worked in the industry for 26 years and been responsible for 47 papers in seven provinces as a publisher of both individual and regional newspaper groups.

Editor Gail Sjuberg has been a Driftwood staffer for the past 31 years and the editor for 17 years. Elizabeth Nolan writes most of the Driftwood's articles. She started out as a freelance contributor and has been a full-time staff member for 11 years.

Lorraine Sullivan has been the

production manager since 2005 and before that worked in the production departments of the Driftwood and Monday Magazine in Victoria for a further 13 years.

Johanna Walkner is the Driftwood's office manager, joining the company in 2012. She has also worked as a financial advisor assistant, community builder and has co-owned a business on Salt Spring.

Account representative Bonnie Steeves sells advertising for all Driftwood products. She worked for The Now newspaper in Surrey for 17 years, sold both print and radio advertising in Kamloops for five years and has been with the Driftwood for the past year.

"It's the dream team!" says Nancy.

Wishes come true at Duncan gift shop

Wishes Gifts & Books owner Jacquie Braun started her business career at age 19 co-owning the Lake Cowichan Village Market (now Country Grocer) with her family for five years. She took some time off to start a family, and then started thinking about opening a store like the ones she always enjoyed shopping in. Destiny took over from there.

"One day on a drive through downtown Duncan we saw a huge For Lease sign in a window on Station Street, and a horseshoe embedded in the sidewalk under the For Lease sign. I took this as a sign, literally." Jacquie says. "Connections and suppliers quickly fell into place and we were excited and open in two months. It felt right."

Wishes is a metaphysical gift and book store offering treasures made locally and from around the world. The shop features beautiful crystals, sterling, gemstone jewellery, clothing, soy and



Jacquie Braun

beeswax candles, incense, sage and smudge, singing bowls, tarot, oracle, books, journals, greeting cards, art and inspirational gifts. So much to look at, and a little something for everyone. Stop by you'll be amazed!

Jacquie's advice for other women in business is to be authentic, sincere and accountable, to follow through and to trust your intuition. She loves the philosophy of the Four Agreements: Be Impeccable With Your Word. Always Do Your Best. Don't Make Assumptions. Don't Take Things Personally.

Additional advice is "Take the chance instead of wishing you had."



Improving people's hearing can change their lives

Selene Finlayson is the owner of both Salt Spring Island and Oak Bay NexGen Hearing Clinics.



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In 2012, Selene Finlayson, along with her father, opened the first NexGen Hearing clinic in Oak Bay. Selene witnessed the impact that improved hearing makes in people's lives. This inspired her to enter the profession, and she now has over 20 years of experience as a Registered Hearing Instrument Practitioner.

Selene has been serving the Salt Spring Island community since 2013. All your hearing health needs can be addressed without leaving the Island, including weekly visits from an Audiologist, hearing tests, a wide variety of hearing aid technology,

on-site financing, and support for WorkSafeBC, VAC, NIHB and Ministry clients.

Selene's advice to other business owners: seek out ways to surprise and delight your customers, listen – they will tell you what they need. Always endeavour to put time aside to connect with your staff, plan the day, and celebrate achievements.

When not treating patients, Selene is an active member of the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. She enjoys the special moments that she shares with her three children, their spouses, and three grandchildren.

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Footwear tradition expands under new ownership

A cornerstone of Duncan's historic shopping district, Cardino Shoes is expanding its reach under new owner Tierra Lynn.

Tierra and her husband purchased their first business together in 2019, and recently acquired Cardino from founder Jean Cardino. "We are very excited to carry on the amazing reputation Jean has built with Cardino Shoes and I love being surrounded by all the gorgeous footwear," Tierra says.

Tierra is well poised for entrepreneurial focus. She grew up in retail sales, went to college for business, and has experience everywhere from tourism and hospitality to marketing and communications. Expanding Cardino's offerings with a new pop-up location in Langford is one of her first ideas for reaching more people. The popular Duncan store is meanwhile the go-to location for style and comfort in shoes of all kinds.

"From Arcopedico to Yuko Imanishi, we almost have A-Z covered," laughs Tierra. "Our staff are well trained on the fit of all our shoes, so if you're looking for something for a slender foot to wide foot, high instep to bunions, we have something for every foot type."

Tierra is a huge advocate for building up other women. Her advice to peers is, "Surround yourself with people who



Tierra Lynn

inspire and challenge you. If you continue to be a life long learner and aspire to always be better, you will never become stagnant in personal or business growth."

Outside the shop, spending time with her family is Tierra's top priority. She could also spend endless amounts of time looking at home decor, architecture, plants, landscaping, and shopping for clothes: anything that is aesthetically pleasing to the eye.

Interior design requires creative fire

Alignment with beauty of balanced design

Georgia Taylor's interior design skills are backed by years of study at Toronto's Ontario College of Art and the Vancouver School of Art (now Emily Carr). Her education also includes a teaching degree and a graduate degree in Fine Arts from U.B.C.

Although her intention was to teach art and English at the secondary school level, interior design kept bringing many more exciting and innovative projects. "They were irresistible and called for imagination and research, culminating in creative results that were unique for individual clients, many of whom are still clients today," Georgia says.

An ideal clientele for Georgia would be one of shared excitement and creative growth with an eye to comfort and practicality. Aligned with the beauty of balanced design, this relationship culminates in the individual essence of each client as the end result of a project, rather than the designer's hallmark overshadowing the final result.

Many interior design clients and their



Georgia Taylor

projects segue into a lifetime relationship, with trust becoming the underlying glue as they grow, experience new possibilities and travel more. Clients are respected friends, and as such, there is no crossing the line with any discussion of a project in progress or after to outside interests.

Spare time seems to be rare, but interior design requires time-outs in order for the creative fire to remain lit and implemented. Georgia enjoys travelling to refresh and discover. She also supports community efforts such as Lady Minto Hospital Foundation, the Salt Spring Film Festival and more.

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Love My Kitchen keeps it fresh

Though small in scale, the shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient way.

Love My Kitchen has been bringing high-quality kitchen products to Salt Spring since 1991, when Linda Koroscil and Elsa Fraser decided to go into business.

Linda had spent several years cooking at the Vesuvius Inn, where she became famous for her Mexican cuisine, ribs and cheesecake. Her love for cooking led her to take the next logical step, opening a cookware store.

Love My Kitchen has proved to be just the place to keep things fresh, offering all the latest in kitchen gadgets. Visitors to the store will be impressed with the quality, durable, long-lasting products from Europe and Canada. Love My Kitchen is known for trying to source products from Canada and is proud to carry Meyer stainless cookware made in Paderno's factory on Prince Edward Island.

The shop carries a remarkable variety of items in an extremely efficient layout. Linda especially likes her many unusual kitchen tools, like the truffle slicer and of course her favourite the



Linda Koroscil

Mexican handblown glassware: "It's perfect for that must have margarita after work!"

"If you can't find it, all you need to do is ask, we know where it is!" Linda says. Special orders are also welcome.

Linda's favourite activities away from the shop include growing flowers and hosting dinner parties. Mexico and its cuisine remains a top love. She also contributes to a number of local organizations.



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Customized service at Duncan Dirt & Speed



Shae Fiddler-Siddals, Crystal Cabelguen, Sabrina Spenceley

Anyone who wants a vehicle that reflects their personal style or performance standards can find the solution at Duncan Dirt & Speed, where options are open for all on and off-roading needs.

Shop co-owner Crystal Cabelguen and her partner started the business after previously running a construction company in Alberta.

"We have both always modified all of our vehicles and thought why not make a career out of it," says Crystal, who likes to spend her spare time 4x4ing in her jeep and fishing with her dogs and boyfriend.

The shop currently offers a multitude of services such as general maintenance and repair; wheels, tires and accessories; and vehicle detailing such as ceramic

coatings, paint corrections, cut and polish. They are the sole location in the Cowichan Valley other than dealerships to offer hybrid battery service, supply and installation, and they are also the only shop in the valley specializing in lift kits.

"Customizing people's vehicles is something we really enjoy, getting to know our customers by helping them pick out the accessories they want and in the end seeing how happy they are with the results."

With a female apprentice on site as well as a female service advisor, Crystal notes the shop is very female friendly. "We want our female customers to feel comfortable coming into our shop knowing that they will be treated fairly and spoken to with respect," she says. "For the other local business women I would say no matter what kind of business you own, being a woman is an asset. We see unique solutions for all kinds of situations."



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Iconic chocolate shop with West Coast flair

Harlan's Fine Chocolates owner Trish Bielicki did her first work experience with Harlan himself when she was just 14. As the business owner for the past five years, she has found her true passion.

Trish feels it's an honour to continue the tradition that started in 1980 and became a true island landmark. "It's not very often you find yourself in a real chocolate shop. People come in to find the right gift or to treat themselves or someone they love. We try our best to meet those needs by offering handmade chocolate confectionery that celebrates our island lifestyle and environment."

The shop's entire line has been thought out to create products that celebrate the West Coast all throughout the year and feature environmentally friendly packaging. Harlan's also sells island-made Italian



Chocolatier crew: Jen, Helen and Trish, who make all the chocolate confections year round.

ice cream perfect for hot summer days.

"The best days to pop in are when my mom is making her fudge in the fudge kettle — it is divine," Trish says.

Trish recently found a new chocolate line with certified sustainable cocoa to work with and will be bringing in chocolates from different origins to offer tastings. A Chocolate of the Month Club is also in the works, and she is upgrading the shop's interior to emulate the West Coast inside.

"I am bursting with

excitement with all the things I am working on in the shop this year!" says Trish. "The talent abounds here on Salt Spring, with so much to choose, but we hope that if you feel you need a special gift or sweet treat, you think of Harlan's Fine Chocolates."

Trish notes she is still pretty new to the field, but she does have some advice for other women in business. "What I would have to say is, 'Don't sweat the small stuff!' It will pass. I liken it to a boat on the water. Ride the waves and remember to celebrate your wins!"



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Local crafting makes trophies and awards special

Becky James may be new to owning a business, but she has plenty of experience with the business of creating and engraving awards, giftware and corporate gear. That's because she worked at Heritage House Trophies and Awards for 15 years, starting on weekends and after school, before taking over for her in-laws this year.

Heritage House's all-female workforce prides themselves on client care — and they are expert designers and fabricators. The shop offers laser engraving, rotary engraving and corporate printing on materials ranging from wood to metal to acrylic and lamacoid, with a wide variety of sports trophies, giftware and corporate materials to offer. Their wood products deserve special notice, being produced in-house by the shop's own design team using reclaimed local wood.



Becky James

"We love being a part of the business community in the Cowichan Valley. We would love to welcome you to our store," says Becky. "We have products ranging in price and something for everyone on your list, for any occasion."

Becky enjoys spending time with her husband and 18-month son when not at work, as well as tending to her plants, exercising, doing upgrades to the 1910 they purchased last fall, and camping and exploring Vancouver Island.

Her advice to other women in business is "Celebrate all victories."



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Seaside tradition abides under new hands

Seaside Restaurant has been a locals' favourite for decades on Salt Spring, and its new owners are ensuring it stays that way.

"It is important for us to keep the essence, which is offering local and fresh seafood, ingredients and products such as local beverages. Visiting Seaside provides guests not only with an excellent eating experience, but also a friendly and warm environment," says Alejandra Dominguez Guerrero, Seaside's administrator and HR manager.

Alejandra acquired the restaurant in February 2020 together with her husband Jose, sister Claudia and brother-in-law Gerson.

"While my background is in adult education and HR, what drove me to the restaurant business was with no doubt my family!" she says. "Before purchasing



Alejandra Dominguez Guerrero

Seaside we already had busy lives so getting into the restaurant business seemed a bit daunting to me, until the right opportunity came by... This time we jumped on it, never imagining the pandemic was just around the corner and the challenges that was about to bring. Nevertheless, this has been one of the best decisions of my life and career. Today, I continue to learn in another industry, which allows me for constant growth, at the same time as being able to bring my strengths into our family business."

Fresh seafood including the emblematic fresh halibut and chips continues to headline Seaside's menu. They have also launched a gourmet stone-baked pizza line made with the highest quality ingredients. Equally appealing is the gorgeous sunset view that guests can enjoy dining in or from Seaside's patio, while take-out service is perfect for enjoying at nearby Vesuvius beach.



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Going the extra mile for you

Lynn Vanderwekken is the pharmacy manager at Country Grocer Pharmacy. Lynn says Country Grocer offers efficient filling of all prescription needs while customers do their grocery shopping, as well as advice and counselling on both prescription and over-the-counter medications and for minor ailments.

Blister packaging of medications and free delivery are among the pharmacy's services, as well as various kinds of vaccinations.

Lynn has worked as a pharmacist on Salt Spring for 27 years and knows a large proportion of her patients by name.

"My team and I offer friendly, knowledgeable advice and will go the extra mile for you! We have also welcomed many new clients who have found the transfer process thorough and convenient."

Lynn was a second-year science student at UBC and was thinking a degree in science might not lead her anywhere too productive. That changed when she spent a day with Pharmasave pharmacist Maureen Ramsey — almost 30 years ago now — and her eyes were opened to opportunities in the profession.



Lynn Vanderwekken

She advises other local business women to keep up the hard work and support each other, and her go-to productivity trick is "to build a capable team that you can collaborate with and delegate to with confidence."

Lynn is happily married with three young-adult children who were all born and raised on Salt Spring.

"I juggle a busy home and work life!" she says.

She also enjoys quilting, gardening and hiking with her two Labrador retrievers, Thunder and Buzzer.



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Meaningful choices

Cathy Valentine is the co-owner and cemetery manager of Salt Spring Island Natural Cemetery (SSINC), which is Canada's first public conservation green burial cemetery.

"A green burial is the lowest impact end-of-life choice," says Cathy. "After the air we've breathed, the food we've eaten, the life we've lived, it is a way to give back to the earth — to nourish the soil, feed the trees and help to protect forest land."

She notes that the cemetery is a very local project. "When you phone or email, it will be me answering, and when you walk in the forest, you may see my family and I walking there too."

SSINC offers burial for full bodies and cremated remains, scattering of cremated remains in the forest, memorial stones or cedar plaques, and a place for gatherings, whether they be religious ceremonies, story-telling around the fire or small parties.

Developing SSINC was an ideal fit for Cathy. She enjoys meeting people, contemplating life and death, and has experience with listening



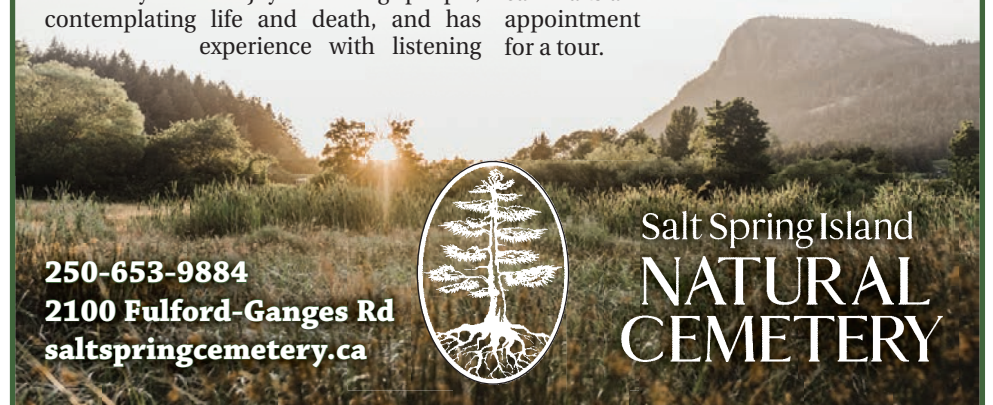
Cathy Valentine

and supporting people with difficult and meaningful passages of life. She also loves the forest and wanted to preserve the forested land for future generations.

Cathy's life and productivity is enhanced by spending time with family, practising yoga, walking in the woods and ensuring she gets enough sleep.

"When I work, I focus on one thing at a time," she adds.

Cathy invites people to visit the cemetery any day between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., or they can make an appointment for a tour.



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MLA Olsen: Canada's 'grotesque' past revealed

The following was spoken by *Saanich North and the Islands MLA Adam Olsen in the B.C. Legislature on May 31 in response to the Ministerial Statement on the burial site of 215 Indigenous children at Kamloops Residential School.*

I rise today to respond to this ministerial statement. Today my family and the entire B.C. Green caucus team stands with our relatives in the Interior. We wrap our arms around them in love. We share their tears, and we let them know that we're here for them.

Today I stand in this House to honour those who lost their lives in the residential school system. The words that I'm going to speak today aren't easy, and they are direct. Like many of my peers, my grandparents, my great aunties and uncles are survivors of Kuper Island Residential School. I know that they'd want me here today honouring the horrors that they lived through by demanding accountability for them.

The resounding story that I heard from Indigenous leaders this weekend is that this is the beginning. We know in our hearts this is the beginning. For the last several years, our Crown governments and society believes that it has been doing the work of reconciliation. After all, many of these stories have already been shared by residential school survivors through the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

What needs to be addressed here is our response. Specifically, the urgency and our reaction to what has been and what is being uncovered. It's not that we haven't done anything. We've started the work. But have we really moved as quickly as you would expect after hearing these horrors?

We know that if these children were not Indigenous but rather European, that we would not have been slow to act. I see on social media my friends and colleagues sharing graphics agreeing that all children matter. Yet deep down, we know that in our society it's just a fact: in Canada and British Columbia, some children matter less.



PHOTO BY DAVID CLARK

Results of an appeal for 215 pairs of shoes to be placed on the steps of the Salt Spring Public Library in response to revelations about the mass burial site at the former Kamloops Residential School.

We know underneath the shiny, happy facade of Canada and British Columbia, there lurks a grotesque and shameful past. For 30 years, my relatives have been sharing their experiences from these despicable institutions. For 30 years, those stories have been hushed. Our relatives have been told that Canadians and British Columbians don't want to hear their stories. They've been told to stop lying. They've been told to stop embellishing.

We must stop referring to what we know like we didn't know it.

There was a statement from this institution that noted the "unimaginable proportions" of this tragedy. This is an incredibly unfortunate characterization of the situation that we carry. For Indigenous People, this story is not shocking nor is it "unimaginable." This is the trauma our families have carried for generations.

When people ask me what our problem is, why don't we pick our-

selves up, they haven't wanted to hear the answer. As we continue to grapple with missing and murdered Indigenous women and children, hanging red dresses in recognition of our current reality, what was uncovered in Kamloops is the stark reminder that this story line is not new. It has been in the imagination — indeed, in the nightmares — of our relatives for the past 130 years. It is the terror that our ancestors have lived with.

The only reason to call it "unimaginable" would be because these institutions, these Crown governments, federal and provincial governments, and the people that populate these chambers in the past either haven't been listening to our stories, or they've cared less, because it is a reality in our country that some children have mattered less. These are both terrible considerations. There is nothing to imagine for those who have been paying attention. Our elders, our families, have been sharing the grim details of their experiences in residential schools for decades. That is the record of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. You don't have to imagine it. You just have to believe it and care enough to act with the urgency that you

would if it was your child that didn't return home from school. It's your kids going to school. Not coming home. Not being there when their parents are there to pick them up.

Duncan Campbell Scott, deputy superintendent of Indian Affairs from 1913 to 1932, is often associated with saying: "Kill the Indian, save the man." Joseph Trutch, whose name is on a plaque right outside that door, British Columbia's first Lieutenant-Governor following Confederation, is quoted as saying: "I think they are the ugliest and laziest creatures I ever saw, and we should as soon think of being afraid of our dogs as of them." As historian Robin Fisher wrote extensively in "Joseph Trutch and the Indian Land Policy" of Trutch's role in dispossessing Indigenous Peoples of their lands, he did it quite extensively.

Residential schools were a critical tool for the process of "killing the Indian," in Scott's words. Deliberately breaking up families by forcing children to residential schools was a tool to expedite the process of dispossessing Indigenous People of their lands and resources. RCMP, church officials and Indian agents would show up to Indigenous communities and forcibly remove children, taking them to these deplorable institutions.

There have always been stories in our families of our relatives that didn't come home, the children that died and were buried there with little or no notification to the families. Unfortunately, even as our society has evolved and is more receptive to hearing and acting on these awful stories, this provincial institution continues to be responsible for unacceptable outcomes for Indigenous People.

I wish I could say that Indigenous children are no longer forcibly removed from their communities. However, I can't. I wish I could say that Indigenous People were not dramatically overrepresented in fatalities at the hands of police, the criminal justice system, homelessness, suicide, addictions and drug poisoning, all statistics you don't want to ever be over-

represented in.

The accountability that I talked about earlier needs to be in this chamber as well as outside. Our provincial government must accept responsibility for the role that this Crown institution played in this reprehensible history. This is work that should be advanced by all parties in this chamber, work that could be done by the Select Standing Committee on Aboriginal Affairs. Let's find ways to engage Indigenous leaders as an assembly to inform our work, because what we're doing is not enough.

We cannot wait for the federal government to act. We must believe the survivors. We must stop referring to what we know like we didn't know it. We must stop pretending it was better than it was. We must stop acting like we came by this wealth through honest means, because we did not. This land and the resources this Crown government depends on came from the dispossession of Indigenous People. For decades, this provincial government has benefited from the lands and resources that were secured through residential schools and other disgraceful policies.

In honour of those children buried in unmarked graves, in honour of our families who had a child who never came home from school, we must make those resources immediately available for trauma and healing services — all resources needed to restore our languages immediately available, all resources needed to restore our houses of culture and governance immediately available. It's time for the representatives in this chamber to stop saying how we can't do this and start finding ways that we can do it.

I'm so grateful for the incredible public response to this tragedy facing our relatives in Kamloops and the Interior. I'm grateful for the demands from our family and friends and neighbours to ensure that all children matter. We can honour those calls by ensuring government responds as if it were our child that didn't come home from school. This is indeed a heavy burden, but it's one we can make all lighter if we carry it together.

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Wed. June 9	Thurs. June 10	Sat. June 12
<p>ONLINE</p> <p>Islands Trust Council. Second day of three-day quarterly meeting. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Live stream webinar link available at islandstrust.bc.ca.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Gulf Islands Board of Education Meeting. Public meeting at 1 p.m. See sd64.bc.ca for the link.</p> <p>Let's Grow Together! Victory Gardens for Climate Resilience. With citrus pioneer Jane Squier, permaculture expert Brandon Bauer, and backyard bounty maven Linda Gilkeson. 7 p.m. Sign up to attend this free by donation event at www.tinyurl.com/SSgrowsfood.</p>	<p>ONLINE</p> <p>Islands Trust Council. Final meeting day runs from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Live stream webinar link available at islandstrust.bc.ca.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Salt Spring Island Conservancy AGM. Annual general meeting at 7 p.m. RSVP to debra@saltspringconservancy.ca for access via Zoom or telephone.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Saturday Market in the Park. Saturday market runs with COVID-19 safety protocols in place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Salt Spring Cat Welfare Society Bottle Drive. Bring refundables to 127 Rainbow Rd. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p> <p>Triple Author Book Signing. Children's book authors Sarah Grindler, Kim Woolcock and Margriet Ruurs sign copies of their new books at Salt Spring Books at 1 p.m.</p>
	Fri. June 11	Sun. June 13
	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>StoryWalk. Self-guided family activity from SS Public Library through Moutat Park toward the Rainbow Road Pool. Runs Friday through Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.</p> <p>Ask Salt Spring. This week's guests are Jesse Brown and Darryl Martin from the Salt Spring Chamber of Commerce. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Outside (!) at the United Church Meadow, or the Portlock Park Pavilion if it's raining.</p> <p>VIA ZOOM</p> <p>Triple Book Launch. Children's book authors Sarah Grindler, Kim Woolcock and Margriet Ruurs share a Zoom presentation through the Salt Spring Public Library. 2 p.m.</p>	<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Laundromat Open House. Opening celebration for new facility. 162 Fulford-Ganges Rd. 2 to 4 p.m.</p>
		Tues. June 15
		<p>ACTIVITIES</p> <p>Salt Spring Seniors Services Society AGM. Annual General Meeting at Seniors Centre. 11 a.m.; or join via Zoom. (Call 250-537-4604 for the link.)</p> <p>Tuesday Farmers' Market. Weekly market of fresh produce and food/drink products at Centennial Park. 2 to 6 p.m. With COVID safety protocols in place.</p>

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EXHIBITIONS

- Salt Spring Gallery hosts Two Tides - Romantic, Plein Air and Abstract works by Nathalie St-Amant until June 16.
- The Salt Spring Photography Club presents Eclectic Visions, an online exhibition accessible at <https://ssphotog.ning.com/page/eclectic-visions> and open for viewing until Aug. 31.
- Pierre Mineau presents a Black & White Retrospective at the Salt Spring Public Library Program Room until June 28.

CHILDREN'S LIT

Author trio meets online and at store

Writers share process, experience and stories

On Friday, June 11, a unique event takes place on Salt Spring when three new children's books will be launched by three different local authors.

Sarah Grindler, Kim Woolcock and Margriet Ruurs have teamed up for two events.

The first will be hosted by the Salt Spring Public Library via a Zoom presentation at 2 p.m.

Sarah Grindler is a well-known local artist who both writes and illustrates her books. Forest Magic is her second book. It is a guidebook for young explorers to all things in the forest, from lichen and mosses to the creatures who live there. Grindler points out the magic of the interconnections between all living things. The book shows her excitement about nature and her respect for all living things both in words and in her gorgeous detailed art.

Design Like Nature, Biomimicry for a Healthy Planet is published by Orca Books and is Kim Woolcock's first book, co-authored with Megan Clendanan. This nonfiction title explores biomimicry, the science of copying nature, with examples of inventions inspired by the environment like super-efficient trains shaped like kingfisher

beaks and lamps powered by glowing bacteria. Woolcock is a scientist who loves to get kids excited by science. School Library Journal gave her book a starred review, stating that it is "an appealing resource sure to spark an interest in biomimicry, from casual readers to budding scientists. Recommended for all libraries."

Margriet Ruurs' latest title is Come Read With Me, illustrated by Christine Wei. Both text and art are a celebration of reading and sharing books at bedtime. The poetic text makes reference to many classics and popular fairytales and is an invitation to read and share books.

The three authors will discuss their planning, research and writing processes. The audience will find out how different it is to illustrate your own text from being an author with a different illustrator. The event is perfect for adults interested in the art of creating books for young readers, and fun for children interested in attending animated live readings from talented local authors. Pre-registration is required, so contact librarian Julia Wagner to receive the Zoom Link: jwagner@saltspringlibrary.com

On Saturday, June 12, Salt Spring Books will host all three of these local writers for a book signing at 1 p.m. All three new titles will be available as well as other titles.

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Leyla Rose Cobanli
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It is with deep sadness we announce the passing of Leyla Rose Cobanli. This beautiful soul will be forever in our hearts.

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*Don't be sad for what you lost.
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- DR. SEUSS

Obituaries

Coming Events



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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The Solar Eclipse on June 10 is the big news now. Although it is not 'total' as was the recent Lunar Eclipse, it is the bigger event, astrologically. The first basic reason is the fact that the Sun is involved, the star, and that it occurs during a New Moon, the cosmic, seminal event, the root cause. Both are impactful, relative to the subject experiencing it. Yet, you have to want to step back to truly see and understand it. This is where astrology is the master tool, once it is mastered.

The exact degree of the eclipse is 19 Gemini 47. Mercury at 20 Gemini 47 and retrograde reveals that it is closely and auspiciously aligned with the Sun and Moon, thus a significant feature of the seed event. Altogether, they are indirectly yet powerfully aligned with Aquarius, the sign of awakening and revolution. Uranus and Venus together are activating Libran themes, which will activate a strong impulse towards fairness and justice.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19)

The Solar Eclipse will have a direct impact on your perceptions and interpretations. They reveal a more penetrating perspective than usual and will also amplify the scope and quality of your relationships and friendship networks. Jupiter in Pisces could cause you to sleep through it all unless you are eager and willing to be awake and aware to see through illusions and deceptions.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)

The eclipse will have the effect of making you much busier. A multi-tasking scenario is likely as you happily enter a productive cycle. Yet, your focus will be strong as you drive to get to the bottom of things. Renovations of some kind are implied. As likely as outer activities are outer activities, the focus could also turn to personal growth and liberation from negative habits.

Gemini (May 21 - Jun 21)

Circumstances are pushing you to take new leads. Your energy levels should increase as you assert a resolve to understand. An expansive influence in your public and professional life is active yet remains in its early stages and encompasses an 18-month time period. Success will require both a larger vision of possibility and a disciplined resolve to see through and beyond habitual perspectives.

Cancer (Jun 22 - Jul 22)

Some measure of retreat or turning inward to meditate and contemplate more deeply upon what is true and what you have come to believe will be activated by this eclipse. The compelling fact is that just because you believe something it does not mean it is true. Courage and resolve is required to see truly and denying it won't help much either, at least not in any genuinely spiritual sense.

Leo (Jul 23 - Aug 23)

The strong Gemini factor will have the effect of activating your sense of individuality. You will be prompted to think for yourself. With Mars entering your sign, your resolve will be backed by an added measure of strength, courage and determination. Meanwhile, returns for past efforts have begun to roll in, for better or worse, and this trend will continue.

Virgo (Aug 24 - Sep 22)

Your career and public life in general is destined to get a boost thanks to this eclipse. Friends from the past could re-enter your life and bring with them a boost of confidence. Expansion on social and professional fronts is featured and includes creative activity backed by a practical focus. Some of this resolve will be directed towards facing inner doubts.

Libra (Sep 23 - Oct 22)

This eclipse will activate a mix of clear visions and feeling lost and confused. Like trekking through low-lying clouds, your vision may be clear one moment and then obscured the next. Consequently, your confidence levels could waver for a while. Tending to your overall state of health will contribute to achieving feelings of empowerment and equilibrium.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

A core feature of your destiny includes confronting the need to decide between higher and lower roads. It appears that you have arrived at such a juncture once again. It is said that those who go hard tend to have easier lives while those who go easy tend to have harder lives. How might this consideration apply to your current situation?

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

Changes on relationship fronts could rock your world over the coming days, weeks and months even, if this eclipse is destined to trigger powerful karmic points. You will know soon. Positively, there are indications that your confidence levels are currently rising. It remains that you are in a cycle that requires commitment and discipline to gain new knowledge.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Some cycles emphasize health more than others. As well, sometimes the focus is upon mental and emotional health more than upon physical. This is indicated now and you may be challenged with overcoming scattered, confused and even hysterical emotional states. Resolution may come more from quietude, retreat and meditation than talk therapy, yet deep, spiritual insight may also help.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 19)

The current, powerful Gemini factor stands to be a real boost for you. The retrograde feature does imply some complexities, yet leans towards sharpened focus. Getting clear regarding your aim will allow you to identify what you want and how to navigate towards it. Be willing to give more in terms of being resourceful and seeding your imagination with clear visions of desired outcomes.

Pisces (Feb 20 - Mar 20)

The Gemini Solar Eclipse will impact you at your very core. This could well include your home and living situation and your family. Complex emotions are indicated and will likely require clarity and focus in terms of your values, priorities and resolve to overcome them. See this as an opportunity to better know who you are and "to thine own self be true."

"When someone you love becomes a memory the memory becomes a treasure"



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday, June 10, 7:00 pm

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Windsor Plywood: Building Community

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supporter, sponsoring community events like the Sea Capers Build-a-Boat Contest and providing donations such as plexiglass for the library's COVID-19 safety plan and funds for the island's Search and Rescue group (see photo at right). As the Windsor team recovers from the June 1 fire at its main building, the community gives thanks for all they do and is behind them all the way!



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Salt Spring Search and Rescue says: "On the day before the fire, Windsor made a very generous donation to Salt Spring Search & Rescue. We recognize that this is real evidence of what a huge role Windsor plays in the Salt Spring community. Our SAR members are committed to helping Windsor recover from the disaster and will strive to make sure that their donation is put to the best use possible. Thank you Windsor Plywood!" From left in the photo are Windsor co-owner Mike Stefancsik, Windsor assistant manager Jessica Harkema, SAR president Conrad Bowden, Windsor staff member and SAR volunteer Adam Geddes, and SAR member Jane Lizotte.

A bit of history . . .



Windsor Plywood's original location off Park Drive.

Growth has been a constant theme for Windsor. In 1989, the company had 16 employees; 26 in 2007; and 55 at the time of the fire on June 1



PHOTO BY GAIL SJUBERG

IN THE FIRST OF THEIR TEMPORARY DIGS: From left, Adam Geddes, Forrest Ives, Jessica Harkema and Noella Fraser at the Beddis Road contractor sales site last Thursday.

Windsor Plywood: Part of Salt Spring Island since 1977

BY GAIL SJUBERG
DRIFTWOOD EDITOR

When a fire tore through the main building of the Windsor Plywood outlet on Rainbow Road in the early hours of June 1, one of Salt Spring's most important and enduring businesses was dealt a blow.

The first Windsor store was established by Randle Jones in North Vancouver in 1969. Eight years later the Salt Spring branch opened in a Park Drive location where Wolfgang Temmel's Ganges Automotive business and Island Point Distribution are now located.

Mouat's Trading Co. was also in the lumber business, but wanted to move sales away from its downtown location, explained former Mouat's general manager Tom Toynbee. It bought the 166 Rainbow Rd. property in the mid 1970s, commissioned Hank Schubart to design the building, and then sold half of the business and property to Cubbon Lumber from Victoria.

Toynbee said that the lingering effects of the early 1980s recession made it apparent there wasn't enough business to support two lumber yards and Cubbon was sold to Windsor in 1985.

Current co-owner Ken Marr started working at Windsor in 1984 and became its manager in 1989, while Mike Stefancsik joined the team in 1988 and became assistant manager in 1993.

David and Eva Moore owned the Salt Spring franchise from 1990 to 2000, when they sold it to Stefancsik, Marr and Gordon McEwan. In 2004, McEwan ceased involvement in day-to-day operations of the company but retained ownership of the property.

With the closing of the Slegg Lumber store at 804 Fulford-Ganges Rd. in December of 2019, Windsor became even more important to island contractors, tradesmen and homeowners.

Growth has been a constant theme for Windsor. In 1989, the company had 16 employees; 26 in 2007; and 55 at the time of the fire on June 1. Windsor added the yard for supply storage and contractor sales at 225 Beddis Rd. to its facilities in December of 2019.

Salt Spring's Windsor store has won a number of awards over the years, including Store of the Year multiple times in the Windsor chain of 60 stores in Canada and the U.S.



Messages from the community to the Windsor team:

- To the folks at Windsor Plywood: Your community stands behind you! So sorry for the losses you have suffered, we are praying you will soon be up and running again. -ELIZABETH AND DON VAN AKKER
- Although we've been gone from Salt Spring for four years, we will always be so grateful for the help and service from Windsor for the almost seven years spent living on the island. -CHUCK AND NICOLA PERSSON
- Stay true, rise again, you are the best! -RICHARD STEEL
- Thank you Windsor Plywood management team for your swift efforts to get back up and operating after this devastating fire. I am so grateful for Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue for their efforts and to all those who responded to help. -LAURA PATRICK, LOCAL TRUSTEE, ISLANDS TRUST
- You have been in our thoughts and we wish all the Windsor Plywood team all the best. We know you'll come back stronger. -SEASIDE RESTAURANT TEAM
- The Windsor Plywood staff are fabulous! They are always helpful and make shopping for lumber and carpentry needs a pleasure. Thank you for all you do for this community! -SHELDON HEPPNER

- You guys are the best. -KAREN NIELSEN
- All the best, guys. You're a critical part of the island infrastructure. Be well. Stay safe. -RICHARD WALKER
- Windsor has always been about the community. -SHIRLEY TAYLOR
- We all shop at Windsor and rely on their store! It is a huge part of our community. Without it we would have to go off island for a lot of things, so let's show them our support and gratitude. -ANDREA HOWELL
- It's not the end, it's a new beginning. Like a phoenix rising from the ashes . . . Going to be an amazing journey. -DREW WATSON
- Blessings to the Windsor family and the community in this time of crisis. -LLOYD ENGLISH
- So sad, and such a big chain reaction. I'm glad no one was hurt. -ANNE PARKINSON
- My heart goes out to the entire Windsor family. What a tragedy. You are always among the first to support our Salt Spring community. Now it is our turn to hold a space for you. -TINE ROSSING
- You have been so organized in the face of adversity and so professional in this time of chaos. Awesome. -CLARE NUYENS
- [Sending you] so much support because you do a lot for our community. Thinking of you. -GAIL TURNER

Temporary facilities set up as soon as possible

WINDSOR FIRE

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"The temporary store will be about the same size as our current one," he said.

Some operations have shifted to Windsor's Beddis Road lumber yard, but for account sales only.

Ensuring local contractors have the supplies they need in order to keep working is the priority, said Marr.

Unfortunately, 20 per cent of Windsor's 55 employees have been laid off as a result of the fire.

But Island Savings and Country Grocer immediately stepped up to offer help for those individuals. Island Savings donated \$10,000 worth of Country Grocer gift cards and Country Grocer added \$2,000 more.

"Our thoughts go out to everyone impacted by this tragic situation," said Dan Adair, manager of Island Savings' Salt Spring branch. "It's times like these when communities need to come together, and we hope that this small gesture can bring a little bit of light during these tough times."

The donation consisted of 50 gift cards valued at \$240 each. The cards will go directly to Windsor Plywood employees.

Marr said he and his staff have been overwhelmed by expressions of community support. So many fellow business owners, contractors and general customers have asked what they can do

to help. That's had an impact on the management team's desire to get up and running as soon as possible.

"A lot of it has to do with the attitude that the community has for us," said Marr. "It gets us pumped up and wanting to do it better for everybody. I think that's important for morale. So even though 'likes' on Facebook might not mean that much, it does. It really does."

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue was also grateful for assistance from the RCMP, BC Ambulance Service, BC Hydro, Emcon and North Salt Spring Waterworks, and acknowledged Windsor Plywood forklift operators for assisting the crews with overhaul and moving lumber around.

"We would also like to thank Embe Bakery, Thrifty Foods and Country Grocery for keeping our members fuelled and hydrated throughout the day," said Holmes.

Marr said he's heard people speculate about the cause of the fire, but stressed that should be left to the experts to determine. An investigator from the Office of the Fire Commissioner made an initial site visit last Wednesday.

"I think it's important for our leadership team to divert people's attention. There's no going forward if we're always looking in the rearview mirror. We only have so much energy and that energy needs to be moving forward."

For business hours at the two locations and how to get in contact with the various Windsor departments, see the company's ad below.



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Part of the Windsor Plywood building seen on the afternoon of June 1 as Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue crews continued to cool hot spots and do overhaul work along with Windsor staff.

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ISLAND LIFE



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CLEANEST SPOT IN TOWN: Salt Spring Laundromat staff, from left, Larry Woods, Shamana Ali and Elaine Hunt give a thumbs up to the new social enterprise that opened at 162 Fulford-Ganges Rd. on June 1. The facility operated by the Wagon Wheel Housing Society has eco-friendly washers and dryers of various sizes, a public shower and soap exchange products for purchase. An open house is set for this Sunday, June 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. (with COVID protocols in place).

YOUTH ACHIEVEMENTS

Junior crew members thrive

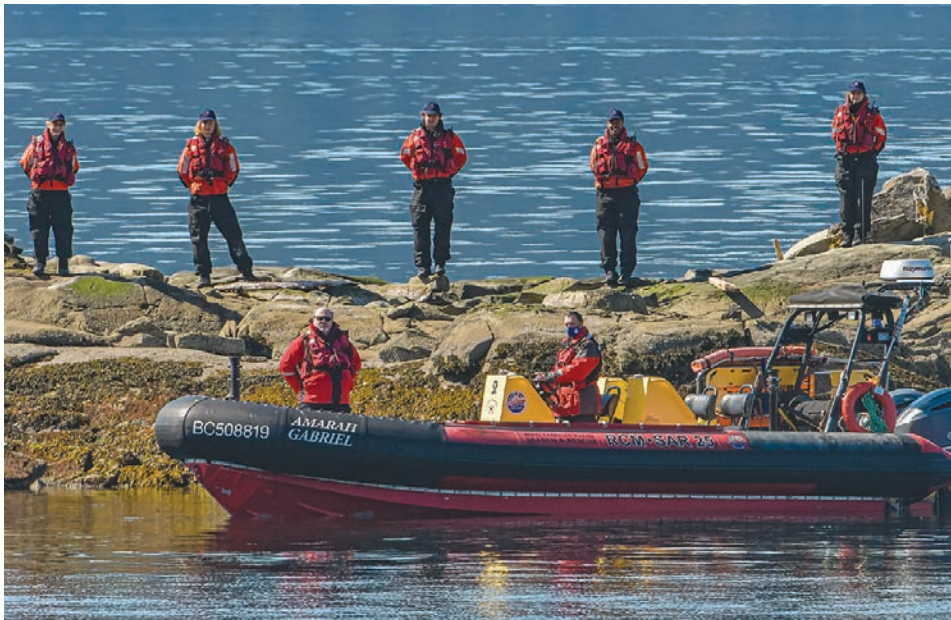


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New RCMSAR Station 25 junior crew members, standing from left, are Kaliya Hart-Weller, Thomas Schulze, Ben Shugar, Selamu Patterson and Aila Gessinger. In the boat are RCMSAR course instructors Mike Murphy (advanced crew member), left, and Paul FitzZaland (coxswain).

Work experience leads to RCMSAR qualifications

SUBMITTED BY SSI RCMSAR

On Friday, June 4, the 2020-21 Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue Station 25 Gulf Islands Secondary School work experience students completed the junior crew program.

The training was conducted by coxswain Paul FitzZaland and advanced crew member Mike Murphy. All of the training was in compliance with COVID-19 protocols as set out by the province, School District 64 and RCMSAR.

The five participating students in grades 10 and 11 celebrated their accomplishments with an outside pizza luncheon on the grounds of GISS. The new junior crew members received their certificates of course completion and the official RCMSAR 25 unit jacket.

Over the last seven months the students completed 30 hours of classroom instruction which culminated in them all earning their Pleasure Craft Operator Card and Restricted

Operator Certificate-Marine radio licence. Both certifications are requirements to be crew on a fast-response vessel.

The junior crew received approximately 20 hours of on-the-water training that covered boat handling, navigation (day/night) and search and rescue techniques. One of the many highlights during the course for the juniors was the evening training run around Galiano Island. In this training session, the juniors were able to experience first-hand what it was like to navigate using radar and the navigation light system that mariners use every day on the ocean.

"I would absolutely recommend this course to others, especially if they are interested in boating or search and rescue," said junior crew member Thomas Schulze.

Kaliya Hart-Weller said she found the experience to be "one of the coolest things I have ever done. It was filled with adventure, teamwork, new friendships and bravery."

The program was made possible through a grant from the Victoria Foundation and with the support of the Gulf Islands Marine Rescue Society.



**NORTH
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WATERWORKS
DISTRICT**

NSSWD WATERING RESTRICTIONS HAVE CHANGED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
NORTH SALT SPRING WATERWORKS DISTRICT
IS IN
**STAGE 3 WATERING RESTRICTIONS
AS OF JUNE 11, 2021**

Stage 3 Watering Restrictions:

SPRINKLING

- Even/odd numbered addresses can sprinkle on even/odd dates between 7pm and 7am up to a maximum of 1 hour per day.
- New lawns can be sprinkled during the hours stated above for 1 hour per day or outside those times with a special permit.

MICRO OR DRIP IRRIGATION OF TREES, SHRUBS & GARDENS

- Even/odd numbered addresses can water trees, shrubs, and gardens with micro or drip irrigation on even/odd dates before 10 am or after 5 pm up to a maximum of 3 hours per day.

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- Even/odd numbered addresses can hand water trees, shrubs, and gardens on even/odd dates between 7 pm and 7 am up to a maximum of 2 hours per day.

WASHING OF VEHICLES & BOATS

- Vehicles and boats can be washed anytime using a hose or pressure washer with a spring-loaded nozzle.

FILLING POOLS, HOT TUBS, FOUNTAINS, & GARDEN FEATURES

- May be topped up but not filled.

WATERING OF PUBLIC PARKS & PLAYING FIELDS

- May be watered only with a special permit.

For the more details,
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