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One sailing short

A sailing got left off the *Queen of Cumberland's* printed schedule in BC Ferries new fall/winter/spring booklet. Mayne Islanders will be relieved to know that the 4:10pm sailing from Swartz Bay to Village Bay will occur as usual every Friday this season. ☺

BC Ferries orders another ship from Germany

BC Ferries has commissioned the building of a new vessel to replace the 40-year-old *Queen of Prince Rupert* operating in northern BC. Following a rigorous competitive bidding process, the company has selected Flensburger Schiffbau-Gesellschaft (FSG) of Germany to build the new northern vessel. The contract, with a total value of \$133 million, was approved by BC Ferries' Board of Directors.

The new ferry will operate between Port Hardy and Prince Rupert on the

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Passport required for international ferry crossings in 2008

On August 11, the US Homeland Security Office announced they are including international ferry route crossings, such as the Victoria-Seattle crossing, under the rules that require citizens to have a passport to enter the US. Citizens of the US, Canada, Mexico, and Bermuda must present a passport as of January 2008. This date has been delayed from the original January 2007

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Photo: Trevor Erikson

Boaters in James Bay, Prevost Island are silhouetted by the sun setting over Salt Spring Island.

US court to hear Canadian views on endangered Orcas

The US Federal Court ruled on August 18 that it will grant Canadian environmental groups the right to intervene in a lawsuit brought by industry groups. The industry groups are challenging the American government's decision to protect the Southern Resident Orcas as an endangered species. Sierra Legal, Western Canada Wilderness Committee and Georgia Strait Alliance will join with American counterparts to defend protection of the Southern Resident Orcas—from a uniquely Canadian perspective.

'The Southern Resident Orcas are a transboundary species. Their survival depends on critical habitat on both sides of the Canada-US border. Without strong legal protection from both countries, we will condemn these whales to extinction,' said Sierra Legal staff lawyer Lara Tessaro.

Listed as an endangered species under the *Canadian Species at Risk Act* (SARA), the Southern Resident Orcas are at grave risk of extinction throughout the range of their habitat, which stretches from Puget Sound in the south, to Georgia Strait in the north. These orcas face numerous environmental threats, including the loss of

salmon prey, toxic contamination, vessel traffic and noise pollution.

'Industry efforts to strip the Southern Residents of endangered species status in the US would undermine Canadian efforts to recover these very same whales,' said Gwen Barlee, Wilderness Committee's policy director. 'We encourage Canada and the United States to advance their efforts to protect the Southern Residents, by designating critical habitat and implementing recovery strategies.'

'These orcas are cherished by Americans and Canadians alike,' said Christianne Wilhelmson, program coordinator for the Georgia Strait Alliance. 'Yet due to marine pollution, these whales are one of the most toxically contaminated marine mammals in the world. Industry, governments and conservation groups on both sides of the border should be working together to prevent pollution and to protect the orcas.'

Meanwhile, the Canadian government is finalizing a Recovery Strategy for the Southern Resident Orcas.

The Canadian environmental groups filed their written brief with the US Federal Court on August 31. ☺

Trust Council to meet next on Denman Island

The Islands Trust Council will hold its next quarterly meeting on Denman Island, September 14 and 15. The meeting will be open to the public, with the exception of the portion from 8:30-9:15am on September 15.

Members of the public are invited to participate in a Town Hall Session, a regular forum to promote informal dialogue between islanders and trustees, starting at 1:30pm, Thursday, September 14.

Trust Council sessions on Thursday, September 14 will include an update from the governance task force, delegation presentations and the town hall session, as well as:

- Planning for Sustainability session—Neil Dawe of the Qualicum Institute will make a presentation entitled 'Sustainability: the possibilities are endless.'

- Planning session—trustees and staff will review work programs, following presentations on development permits and on the Protected Areas Network, a project that identifies an ecologically viable network of sensitive and important ecosystems in the Trust Area.

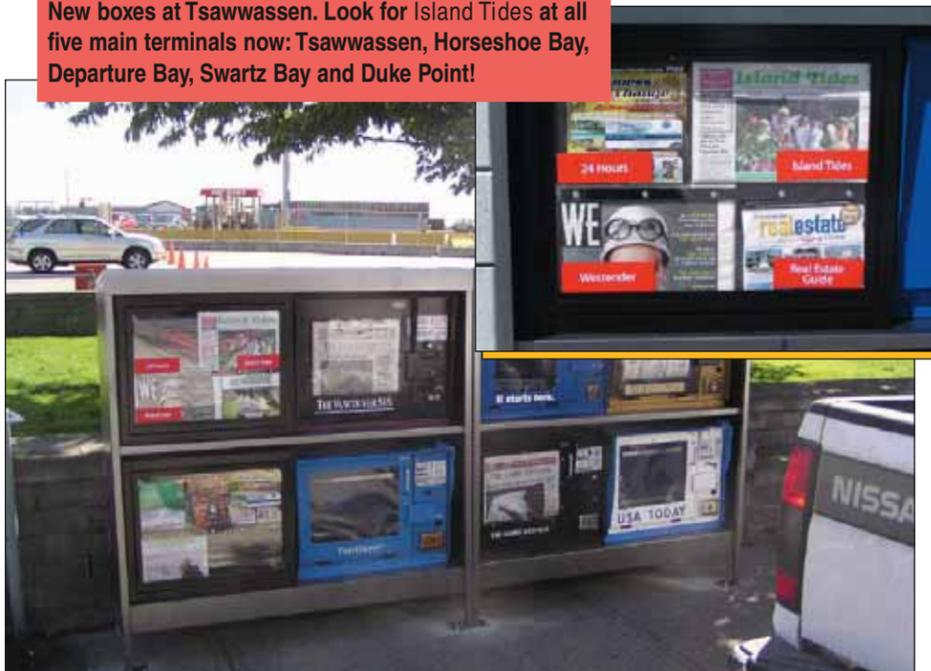
- Agricultural Land Commission presentation—staff from the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) will make a presentation on the legislative authority of the ALC, land use planning approvals involving local government review, and a review of some case files in the Islands Trust Area that required ALC approval.

Trust Council sessions on Friday, September 15 will include:

- 'Staying Out of Trouble' refresher—a follow-up to Trust

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New boxes at Tsawwassen. Look for *Island Tides* at all five main terminals now: Tsawwassen, Horseshoe Bay, Departure Bay, Swartz Bay and Duke Point!



Island Tides is on the move!

Readers picking up their *Island Tides* newspapers at main ferry terminals are going to notice some changes. Instead of in our free standing yellow boxes, *Island Tides* will be available in BC Ferries boxes alongside the *Vancouver Sun* and the other dailies. The box locations are different and may take a bit of finding (see photo on left).

Our old yellow boxes have notices on the doors telling you of the new locations. At the Tsawwassen terminal these will be: outside the foot passenger terminal; south side of the central washroom block; close to the control tower washrooms; alongside Lane 20 (south side of Gulf Islands and Duke Point lanes); and in two boxes alongside Lane 45 (far side of the Swartz Bay-bound lanes).

The exciting news is that under the new arrangement with National Distribution Alliance and BC Ferries, *Island Tides* will add Horseshoe Bay and Duke Point to our free box locations! *Island Tides* will be available to more regular and visitor travellers. Sunshine Coast, Bowen Island, and Up-Island folks will be able to access the paper easily.

Island Tides is still free and, now that we are out-sourcing the main terminal distribution, we will have more time to collect and publish the regional news from this magical coast.

Our faithful yellow boxes will not be going out to pasture. They will soon be located in towns, resorts and island terminals along the eastern side of Vancouver Island to Nanaimo and beyond.



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Education finance biased against small districts, says report

Patrick Brown

An analysis of the way school districts are funded by the provincial government has concluded that the formula used to calculate grants is biased against smaller and rural districts. The report, prepared by Pender Islander Russ Searle, goes into considerable detail on the public education Funding Allocation System (FAS), pointing out discrepancies in the calculations used.

Searle was a school trustee for Gulf Islands School District #64 for nine years, and a director of the BC Public Schools Employers' Association (BCPSEA) for four years. The BCPSEA is responsible for negotiating salaries of unionized school district employees, including teachers. (Searle emphasizes, however, that the report is his own, and not that of the association.)

Searle's report strongly criticizes the BC government's funding of public schools (kindergarten to grade 12) as chronically inadequate, lopsided, and displaying a complete lack of long-term fiscal planning. The FAS, he says, is a mystery to School District and Ministry of Education officials alike, but the Province is the source of 95% of school district funding. Searle estimates the cumulative shortfall in grants to school districts as at least \$166 million over the last five years. He points out, however, that inequalities in education funding date from well before the present government.

Funding on a Per Capita Basis

Searle aims first at an understanding of the FAS. He explains that there are two major types of funding, the Basic Allocation and the Supplements, each separately budgeted by the provincial government. The large urban districts receive most of their funding (82%) through the Basic Allocation (in 2005/6, \$5,573 per pupil) while smaller and rural districts obtain a smaller proportion of their funding (55%) from the Basic Allocation, and rely more heavily on the Supplements. Province-wide, 80% of education funding is granted through the Basic Allocation; the remainder is distributed via the Supplements.

But since the overall budget for the Basic Allocation has increased by 17% in the last five years, but the budget for Supplements has increased by only 4.3%, funding has become skewed even more in favour of the larger districts.

The Supplements are apparently intended to compensate for additional costs incurred by the smaller and rural districts. However, Searle also notes that since the allocation of the Supplements is often calculated for an individual school district as a proportion of the previous year's Basic Allocation, the distribution of Supplements is also skewed towards the larger districts.

Further, the budgeting system is inherently incremental; next year's budget depends to some extent (and sometimes specifically) on this year's budget. This means that small inequalities are perpetuated and often multiplied; the effects are cumulative and differences can become quite large over a few years.

The result of all this, says Searle, is that, over the past five years, smaller and rural districts have been financially squeezed and have had to cut back programs or move to a four-day week (SD #64, Gulf Islands, is one of these); and year after year, programs and activities, once lost, can never be regained.

Funding For An Equitable Standard

Searle seeks 'equity' in school district funding. Ideally, he says, this should be accomplished by setting a province-wide standard

for educational services, and funding for that standard in each school district. In practice, however, he doubts that this could be accomplished in the near future; the government is likely to stick to per-pupil funding.

Both the 1992 Education Funding Review Panel and the 2003 Task Force on Rural Education recognized that this per capita funding formula is not equitable, because larger urban boards had access to economies of scale not available to smaller rural boards, and rural areas often have costs related to special geographical or enrollment factors. But according to Searle, recommendations to correct such inequalities have not been implemented by any government.

The Supplements

The various Supplements are clearly intended to compensate for some of these inequalities and differences, but for the most part, they appear to be 'Band-aid' solutions, inadequate and often poorly conceived.

The costs of classroom teaching are not, of course, the same from district to district; teacher salaries vary from place to place; experienced teachers get paid more, and are often concentrated in the urban areas, where there is money to pay them. So there is a Salary Differential Supplement, to compensate for differences between the average teacher salary in each district. For SD #64 in 2005/6, it was \$248,496 compared to a Final Operating Grant of \$14,116,913, or 1.76% of the total.

There is a grant for Unique Student Needs (Special Needs Students, etc); for SD #64 in 2005/6 it was \$1,088,021, or 7.71%. This percentage does not vary greatly between school districts.

Then there are a series of grants for what are called Unique Geographic Factors. These are calculated by a variety of methods that often owe more to arcane theory than to reality. For SD #64 in 2005/6 they are:

- Low Enrollment Factor: \$1,043,872 or 7.39%
- Small Community Supplement: \$1,180,104 or 8.36%
- Rural Factor Supplement (remoteness); Gulf Islands are based on 678km (!) from Vancouver: \$202,199 or 1.43%
- Climate Factor Supplement, based on days when temperature varies from 18°C: \$11,542 or 0.08%
- Sparseness Index Supplement, based on how geographically scattered each school district is: \$137,228 or 0.97%
- Enrollment & Capacity Supplement: zero (only affects eight districts out of sixty)
- Transportation & Housing Supplement (frozen at 2000 level since 2002): \$1,064,309 or 7.54%

There is also a grant to cushion the cost of enrollment decline (SD#64: \$59,982 or 0.42% in 2005/6) and another to cushion the cost of 'Significant Cumulative Enrollment Decline,' which doesn't apply to SD#64. Finally, a grant to pay for the updating of school district accounting systems, which is calculated at \$61.47 per student, yielding \$97,376 or 0.69% to SD#64.

The Process

The basic process is designed to reconcile the needs and costs of the school districts with the amount of money that the provincial government is prepared to make available from the provincial budget. The school districts are required to submit, to the Ministry of Education, estimated budgets, with estimated September enrollments, in June, amend them in February depending on how

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Fluorescent light bulbs: cheaper and recyclable

You may already use compact fluorescent lights (CFLs) in your home. If you do, you probably have already discovered the benefits of CFLs in action. But, did you know that you can take your old CFLs for recycling at a Lower Mainland or Vancouver Island retailer near you and get a discount on your next CFL purchase?

The Lamp Recycler (the company that recycles the bulbs) uses a small vacuum chamber constantly rinsed with water. The end of the lamp is broken open, the mercury and phosphorus is drawn out, and cold water keeps the mercury in a liquid state. The glass

is crushed, the aluminum end-caps are separated, and these items are sent for recycling (the end caps are sent to local smelters and the glass used for light-reflecting highway paint). The mercury and phosphorus are placed in sealed drums and sent for separation, recycling and neutralization.

Here are some of Vancouver Island's participating stores. Nanaimo: Canadian Tire, 6900 North Island Highway and Green Store, Port Place Mall. Victoria: Capital Iron, 1900 Store Street. Sidney: Capital Iron, 9768 5th Street.

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Council's orientation last December, CAO Linda Adams will review some of the procedural and legal topics of most interest



You are invited to attend an information meeting on the building approval process on the Southern Gulf Islands.

Representatives from both the CRD Building Inspection office and Islands Trust will be in attendance. We have also invited representatives from the Vancouver Island Health Authority and the Homeowner Protection office.

Mayne Island and Pender Island residents are welcome to attend any session.

- Galiano Island Friday, September 29, 2006
Time: 9:30 - 11:30
Location: Lions Hall
(light refreshments will be provided)
- Saturna Island Friday, September 29, 2006
Time: 1:20 - 3:20
Location: Old Community Hall
(light refreshments will be provided)

Please call the CRD Building Inspection office prior to September 15, 2006 if you would like to have a specific topic addressed or if you require additional information: 1-866-475-1581. This would be of interest to any homeowner or contractor planning to build or renovate on the Southern Gulf Islands.

to trustees in the first part of their term.

- Business meeting—consideration of recommendations for: coordination between the governance task force and financial planning committee; a model development permit area bylaw to implement the riparian area regulations; and the Strategic Plan for Council.

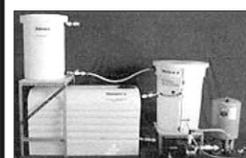
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The swallows have flown off somewhere. The dusk and dawn twilights aren't filled with nighthawks and their calls anymore. Small brown bats still fly in the open bedroom windows, do a few laps and zoom out.

In a few months, we year-rounders—the brown bats and I—will go into hibernation! The bats will miss the insect meals and I will miss the light and warmth!

I have lived outside so much this year—like my childhood. I contrast the semi-arid desert of my childhood to the richness of our green landscape and its endless biodiversity. It is very easy to see that plants and animals accompanying my life voyage on this island are not faring well with the dryness. Areas around the farm that I never water and that have always seemed to 'self water' are drooping. The green carpet of the spring-fed parts of the Island are easy to see this year; contrasting vividly with the dried golds. The deer are launching commando attacks on the garden and orchard fences and the pileated woodpeckers and red shafted flickers are around every day probing the sugar and ripeness levels of the big King apples.

Rec Centre 1st Anniversary Celebration

Many people attended the Rec Centre's celebration dance honouring its first full year. Coincidentally, and to the guests' benefit, the Rec Center Society had just finished a \$20,000 up-grade of the acoustics in the gym. Sound quality has been a problem and this effort seems to have solved the problem.

Al Stonehouse, aka Mr Music, who so generously donates his much appreciated skill keeping the dance floor full and rolling with vibrant music, was delighted. He proclaims the Rec Center to have 'the best acoustics for a gym in North America!'

Water Restrictions In Effect

'Water Restrictions' is a new term on Saturna Island. 'No use of community water system water outside of your house.' That's pretty clear!

Several people I know are showering with their favourite outside plant pots and hanging baskets, and bucketing bath water. It is hard to watch the results of drought on your garden. I am hoping large parts of the gardens will survive till fall rain. For the store's hanging baskets, we brought a large vat of water from the farm that trickles out of a watering wand.

The AGM of the Lyall Harbour /Boot Cove Water system was very well attended at the Community Hall, August 19! Agreement about how to deal with the lack of water in the system is not yet accomplished but the urgency of the situation has most people keen on getting a sustainable solution in place.

I imagine many rural communities are facing the same situation this summer, water systems that have never failed are now, due to climate and increased human demand, at the brink of failure.

Eco Day Camp

Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning held an August 21-25, day-camp at Winter Cove. The kids were out exploring in the intertidal zones, the forest and at East Point Lighthouse. The teachers mixed play, drama, and art into all this nature-based learning. The camp started out with nine children and each day brought more kids. The two instructors, Michael Dunn from Mayne Island and Jessica Willows from Pender Island, were delighted by the response from kids and parents. Youth mentor, Ben Dunsmuir, was

a great asset. The incredible ecological diversity of our Islands gives us a natural teaching lab of the highest calibre.

Baseball Season

The Saturna Oystercatchers have played baseball all summer at our Winter Cove field and around the Islands with Pender and Mayne. It is so fun to sit on the grassy bank in the late afternoon and watch the game, the players and the audience. The players are focused, the kids of all ages are hungry and a line-up forms at the hamburger stand. Lots of visiting gets done.

The games are exciting and the players are good. It takes a lot of grit to go up, face the opposing team and the audience, and sweat through pitches and hopefully make a mighty smack on the ball, run like crazy and get to base. I love it when the women members come up to the plate and the infield moves in—then misses the play—because the ball is blasted along a baseline or over their heads!

The hamburgers are great and the audience is happy, the field is quiet except for happy chatter and the sounds of balls, bats, and lively players. Baseball continues into the fall. Rick Jones is a good source of information about games and places.

Short-Term Vacation Rental

Short-term vacation rental has received a lot of discussion in the community. As always, Saturna gets a heads-up from other Gulf Islands where more aggressive tourism shows the wear-and-tear on the community long before it becomes a problem on Saturna.

In our Official Community Plan and Land Use Bylaw, Saturna does not allow homes in residential zones to be rented for short-term stays. The Island Trust bylaw enforcement officer had asked the trustees for guidance because he has to enforce these bylaws.

On August 9, the Island Trustees and Trust staff held a session about residential short-term vacation rental on Saturna. The Advisory Planning Commission and the Local Trust Committee have since discussed the issue.

So, yes we do have some people renting out their residences in a low-key, small-scale manner. And yes, we are fortunate to live within the Island Trust area that gives us much support to blunt market forces and protect our unique cultural amenities and our Island's geophysical amenities and plants and animals. The community is looking for a way to keep the scale at a level that supports Saturna community and the environment.

We will deal with keeping our community values and goals intact and our Official Community Plan accurately reflective of our needs and not compromise bylaw enforcement. Trustees are welcoming commentary on this subject, written or by phone.

Generally, more people are coming to land use planning meetings and this means that more people are becoming familiar with the complexities of zoning. The community is gaining informed people who understand the mandate of the Islands Trust and the tenets of our OCP.

Community Club Meeting

Saturna Community Club's next meeting is September 18 at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome to discuss items of importance to the community. We need to add two more representatives to our BC Ferry Committee, please consider if this could be a responsibility you would like to take on.

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Inside Passage route. Following BC Ferries' specifications, the 150 metre vessel will accommodate 130 vehicles and 600 passengers.

FSG is the shipyard that is also constructing the three Super C-class vessels. The northern vessel will be in service in the spring of 2009.

In addition to this new northern vessel, BC Ferries is continuing to negotiate an agreement to acquire a vessel to replace the *Queen of the North* which sank after colliding with an island earlier this year.

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deadline.

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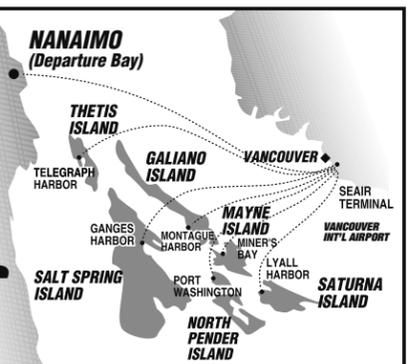
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Editorial: Respecting the Rules

Time was when the Islands, like most of rural BC, did not have much in the way of rules. (The Islands still don't, compared to more heavily populated places.) Sometimes this led to perpetual feuds, sometimes to someone taking a long row to another Island or the Mainland. But Islanders needed to co-operate to survive, so most disputes were settled by supertime.

In due course, local government came to the Islands; first regional districts, then the Islands Trust. We still have both. Most of the original land-use bylaws were simply written to describe what was already there, so there seemed little need for enforcement. Rules regarding the shape, size, use and location of new construction were enforced by the building inspectors of regional districts—if you did not comply, you could not occupy the building.

Population has increased. The Islands Trust has been largely, but not completely, effective in protecting the Islands from inappropriate and irresponsible development. Disputes are often between individual property owners and their communities.

A few years ago, a newcomer, frustrated by some restrictions on her planned new house, asked: 'Don't the laws of Canada apply here?' The answer is—of course, yes. And in addition each Island has a few unique laws of its own. These are also laws of Canada.

For a long time the Trust had only one enforcement officer for thirteen major Islands and all the little ones! Enforcement—officers, lawyers and the courts—cost money that the Trust didn't have.

But as the Islands have their share of marvelous eccentrics, they also have their share of those who find Islands Trust bylaws inconvenient to their objectives. Some are newcomers; others have been here for many years.

Now that Island properties are no longer cheap, and many are worth millions, potential financial gain may be significant. Landowners have the money to fight prosecutions, even if the Trust does not.

The Trust, as a result, is very cautious about taking disputes to court, whether they are challenges to bylaws or prosecutions for infractions. Knowing this, some individuals deliberately ignore bylaws. And Local Trust Committees may be inclined to delay prosecutions so as not to overburden the Trust's enforcement staff—or to avoid political harassment or legal chill.

All of this encourages some people to treat the Trust, and its bylaws, with contempt. The result can only be more land-use infractions, such as short-term vacation rentals, or industrial or commercial operations on land not appropriately zoned. Such individuals display their contempt not only for the Trust, but also for their neighbours and other Islanders.

One of the unwritten rules of development on the Islands used to be: 'Just do what you want, and ask permission afterwards' (if they catch you). This is no longer acceptable, if it ever was. Deliberate infractions that remain unprosecuted lead, inevitably, to further deliberate infractions.

It is time that the Trust enforced its bylaws. Islanders, newcomers and old-timers alike, should expect nothing less. Fairness and due process are part of the law. Trustees must not have the power to delay specific enforcement actions, or to declare moratoria on enforcement. If enforcement is to be selective, the criteria for this should be spelled out in OCPs and LUBs.

It's clearly time to separate justice from politics, on the Islands as anywhere else. The Trust will need a little courage to accomplish this, but it would be more respected if it did. And it would allow trustees to perform their duties without pressure.

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Early Retirees

Dear Editor:
The following letter was recently
discovered within the archive

collection of the Tibeaud/Edghill family. Although nearly thirty years have passed, it is my hope that someone within your community may remember Olive or her sister Elsie and would be willing to share their memories of her and her family with surviving Australian descendants. Current residents of North Pender Island may find the following interesting:

RR1, Port Washington, North Pender Island, June 15, 1977

Dear Mrs Marshallsea:

How nice to receive your letter of June 7, 1977. In 1910 our father, Joseph Irwin Thompson, married Lucy Vickers in Saskatchewan. They had two children, myself and my sister Elsie (Mrs Kenneth Parsons).

Five years ago, when we retired, my sister, brother-in-law, mother and myself moved to where we live on North Pender Island. Mother died here in 1974 at the ripe age of 102.

We have 6-3/4 acres, half of it heavily timbered and the other half full meadow. We built our house, which is very modern. It is heated by an oil furnace but we also have a Franklin stove which we use in the winter evenings, as we have so much available wood. Most of the trees on our property are over 100 feet high. We have a drilled well and so have plenty of water. We have an average-sized vegetable garden and we put the excess vegetables into our deep freezer for winter use. We usually go once every two weeks by ferry to Victoria to do our grocery shopping. We do have a small

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store on our island but, naturally, the prices are higher. There are about 400 people on North Pender.

Sincerely, Olive Thompson

I would love to hear from any persons that may have known this family, the property or who simply would like to comment on the above (windywilson@aol.com).

Catherine Wilson, NSW, Australia

A Trustee Speaks Out

Dear Editor:

At a North Pender Local Trust Committee meeting held on June 29, the LTC heard a delegation on the OCP review. As an adjunct to his presentation on Development Permit Areas, Mr Randy Lynch quoted from the *Islands Trust Policy Manual* and endeavored to raise serious questions about my conduct as trustee. He accused me of being in violation of Sections 1.2 (impaired judgment), 1.3 (conduct detracting from image integrity or responsibilities) and 1.4, (impartiality and equality of service). Mr. Lynch framed these very serious charges around a community meeting I attended on May 24. He seemed to infer that there was something inappropriate, unethical or sinister about my attendance there.

Since taking on this trusteeship in December I have been asked to and attended many meetings. A quick perusal of my calendar showed me that, to date the total number of meetings is around 87. A majority of those meetings were completely discretionary, at the request of one or more community members. In fact one of the meetings was with Mr. Lynch himself. Meeting with people from our community and listening to their stories and concerns is a very meaningful and often challenging part of my job. Moreover I consider it an integral part of my duties.

Part of my motivation to seek this trusteeship was due to having seen how community affairs were conducted in the past and having a desire to set a new standard of more open, more approachable and more accountable governance on North Pender. It seemed to me that in the past, divisiveness, acrimony and cynicism had turned off a lot of people from participating in the process. Meetings were often poorly attended and decisions sometimes appeared to have been made well before the meeting started. I made a commitment to myself to work with my fellow trustees to try to change that. To encourage new voices and work to bring some who had disengaged back to the table.

As trustee I have two basic goals: to avoid poorly planned growth and to leave behind a stronger healthier community. I encourage debate and a diversity of views, in fact it makes this job infinitely more meaningful.

The project to bring in a revised OCP for North Pender has challenged all of us in some respect, to look ahead, to plan for and envision a better future for this Island and this community.

Now more than ever, people need to be sitting around tables sharing ideas and information and discussing issues. To that end, my fellow Trustee Gary Steeves and I would like to extend an open invitation to the community. Set a date and time, call up your neighbours, put on some coffee and either one of us would be pleased to join you. We can discuss DPAs (if that's on your mind), answer questions and most importantly, listen to concerns.

I have willingly given up a lot to be trustee, but having to endure this kind of treatment is where I must draw the line. No one is entitled to unjustly impugn my reputation or impeach my integrity. I will not leave such charges unanswered.

Ken Hancock, North Pender Islands Trustee

That Trail Land Again

Dear Editor:

Under the headline that 'Galiano trail proposal will not proceed,' your issue of August 10 published a statement from the Galiano Parks and Recreation Commission, along with a correction from CRD Director Susan DeGryp that the commission did not decline the offer of land.

The Galiano Parks Commission did decline the offer of 3 acres of land that had been arranged by the provincial government, which was 75% of the land gift on the table. Without the key corridor behind the works yard, there would be no point in our donating the other 1 acre for a trailhead disconnected from the trails higher on Mount Galiano.

While the Commission indicated that it was concerned about costs to the taxpayer, the provincial government had already absorbed a substantial cost to the taxpayer when it recently sold the highways' works yard (after comprehensive environmental cleanup) to the highways maintenance contractor, with the forested half of the property reserved for the new park as had been requested by the CRD.

Bowie and Anna Keefer, Galiano Island

Galiano Forest Review

Dear Editor:

In regard to 'Documents galore in Galiano's review,' (*Island Tides*, August 24, 2006) the statement that 'Three documents have now emerged from the Phase I meetings' is wrong. Only one document emerged from the review: the report generated by the facilitator as directed by those present at the meeting. The statement that the facilitator announced he was going to generate a report is wrong. The facilitator suggested that he write the report and asked permission of those at the meeting to do so. He got it.

I disagree with the statement that at the July 20 meeting, 'the trustees, while allowing no further community discussion, introduced new ideas for the governance of Phase II.' For that discussion, the Local Trust Committee took three meetings to ensure that there was maximum opportunity for public input. The Trustees' input to staff was designed to provide the community with as many tools as might be needed for a successful completion of Phase Two.

Once Phase I was finished, public participation in generating such a process came to an end. The Local Trust Committee then had the responsibility of receiving the results of the process and to provide direction to staff for generating the request for proposal for potential facilitators for Phase II and mechanisms for ensuring that it is truly an open, public review with full transparency. The discretion for using suggested tools lies with those who attend the Phase II meetings.

The Local Trust Committee retains the right to intervene if necessary, as it did during Phase I when the deadline was extended. Intervention would be for the purpose of assisting the process, not for interfering in it.

The new document referred to as the 'People's Report' was not, as the article states, received by the Local Trust

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May defended policy resolutions passed earlier in the morning, on NAFTA and Afghanistan, in which she deftly challenged the Harper government. On NAFTA, the Green Party is calling for the cancellation of the trade agreement with the US, and to start negotiations for a more fair and enforceable trade pact. As May said, Harper has essentially capitulated to the US with the

Softwood Lumber deal, despite several NAFTA trade rulings in favour of Canada. The message Harper has sent to the US, is if they push hard enough, the rules of NAFTA can be broken, making the current agreement redundant anyway. The Green Party is calling for a new trade agreement that ensures we can protect our energy security, or water resources, for example.

Electing Elizabeth May, former director of the Sierra Club of Canada and member of the Order of Canada, as Green Party leader was only one of many highlights of the convention. Several guest speakers were able to inspire Greens to action: Joe Trippi, national campaign manager

for Howard Dean, Monica Frassoni, co-president of the European Greens and MEP, and Mike Feinstein, Green mayor of Santa Monica in California.

Trippi talked about how we are entering a new age of politics, driven by new technology. He described how traditional media, and television in particular, has eroded the concept of democracy, choice, and participation. Politics has become transactional (your vote for a tax cut), defeating the essence of democracy which is supposed to build community—based on participation and engagement. The Howard Dean campaign demonstrated that traditional media can be by-passed by new technology, such as the internet, to encourage participation and build community that can bring about change for the greater good. Trippi said that we will move from transactional to transformational politics, and the Green Party is well placed to lead this change due to its grassroots tradition, along with a global, long term perspective that is attractive to tech-savvy youth.

In fact, the many young members at the Convention were the most inspiring for me and many others. Young speakers for the new Youth Caucus spoke eloquently about how they are the first global generation, connected and globally aware. They are Generation Green, fully aware of the planet they are inheriting, and the immense issues they will have to face; global issues that will affect us all locally, such as climate change, the end of fossil fuels, global poverty, disease, intense and growing environmental stress, over-population, and growing conflict and war over resources and ideology. Yet young members displayed the energy and hope that will be needed to overcome these immense challenges. Our youth will be the agents of change and community building that we need for the 21st Century, and I am proud that the Green Party is in a position to help be that vehicle to help youth, Generation Green, become engaged.

Andrew Lewis was Saanich Gulf Islands Green party candidate in the 2004 and 2006 federal elections. For more information visit www.andrewlewis.ca.

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The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3366, *Hartland Landfill Tipping Fee and Regulation Bylaw No. 5, 2003, Amendment Bylaw No. 4, 2006*, at its meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in the Board Room at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7.

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Questions regarding Bylaw No. 3366 may be directed to Mr. John Craveiro, CRD Environmental Services, 360-3164. Residents of the Gulf Islands and Port Renfrew may call toll free 1-800-663-4425, local 3164.

DATED this 18th day of August, 2006
 Carmen Thiel
 Corporate Secretary

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many students actually enrolled, and then are told (by the Ministry) in March how much money they will be granted for a school year that actually started the September before. They are not allowed to run a deficit.

Searle strongly criticizes this process for the lack of any consultation or negotiation. MLA's don't have any contact with school trustees. School districts, he says, have no idea what the Province's financial situation will be next year, and the Province has no idea what the school districts may actually need. The Ministry appears to be caught in the middle, between the budget cycles of the school districts and the provincial government.

There is, says Searle, no long range planning. He cites an additional \$150 million which the Province unexpectedly added to the education grants immediately before the 2005 election, and the \$250 million pay raise which the

government awarded to the teachers in 2002, while granting the school districts only \$50 million to pay for it.

A Solution

Searle proposes, as a solution, that certain fixed costs, such as heating, transportation, and maintenance, should be reimbursed by the Province at actual cost. The remainder of costs, he suggests, should be reimbursed on what he calls a 'rolling ratio' basis. He suggests grants which would depend on a ratio of per-student funding in each district to per-student costs in the largest district (currently Vancouver). This ratio would be calculated as a ten-year average and adjusted annually. He cautions, however, that initiating this system now would run the risk of further perpetuating current inequalities, and therefore determining a 'common level of service' would be a prerequisite to its implementation.

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Committee before the meeting. We are likely not in a position to receive it at all. Phase I for the community to create a process for the review being completed, the public cannot receive and consider it in an Islands Trust sponsored public debate. There was certainly no open, general meeting of the public in which it was approved.

With respect to my saying that Phase I had 'gone colossally wrong' and that it had 'appalled the daylight out of me,' I said that the decision-making had gone wrong. I had commented that, for most decisions, while there had been plenty of opportunity to speak for a proposal, there was little opportunity to speak against it, and the votes were only for a 'yes' and not for 'nays.' This meant that there was no clear method of determining if a consensus had been reached. I had commented that there was a strong possibility of a 'false consensus' being generated, and that this was an appalling situation that we should not repeat in Phase II.

The abrupt close-down I spoke of occurred because the facilitator was not available for further meetings.

In consideration of three current court cases concerning Forest lands, the Local Trust Committee authorized a Review as it has every right to do. A two-phase process was generated. The purpose of Phase I was to provide the public with an opportunity to consider approving a facilitated review in Phase II and

generate a process for the Review itself.

Roy Smith, Local Trustee, Galiano Island *Ed's Note: The above letter has been edited for clarity, accuracy and civility. The unedited version was circulated on Galiano Island.*

Not Adequate Public Input

Dear Editor: Trustee Roy Smith has circulated an open letter on Galiano to 'set the record straight' about the forest policy review process on Galiano. It is filled with confusions and disingenuousness. I want to correct two important points: one about the number of documents and the other about the extent of public input.

Trustee Smith says that only one document emerged, despite there also being the 'Process and Implementation Document' by Brodie Porter on the agenda at two meetings, and an alternative proposal, the 'People's Report' that was submitted to the trustees and criticized by Smith. Maybe Smith has a technical notion of 'emerged.' Is this why he counts documents differently from others and even refused to discuss the mention of three documents by many speakers, including myself, at the LTC meeting of 16 August?

The first document to 'emerge' was the facilitator's Draft #3, which was the concluding report at the end of the abruptly terminated community process.

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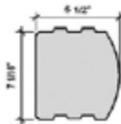

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The second document to emerge was the 'Process and Implementation Document' that was created following the July 20 meeting, at the direction of Trustees Smith and Sharp. This document added many pages to the facilitator's document, including LTC interventions and an special APC. It incensed people, and was rightly abandoned. (But it isn't clear, to me, that Smith might not want to refer back to it or even resurrect it, despite his not recognizing it as a document!)

The third document, (aka the 'People's Report') is an alternative Phase I report that attempts to reorganize and clarify the facilitator's Draft #3 to a final working document. This is the one that exercises Smith most. Although it was much discussed at the last LTC meeting, Smith doesn't want it to 'emerge'—despite the many criticisms of it in his letter which indicate it has indeed been 'received.'

Trustee Smith makes some strong claims about this third document. He says it was 'generated by two community members.' He is oblivious to the fact that there are a large number of people, including myself, who were directly involved in its generation and who support it. Contrary to what Smith asserts, a very large number of people had read it and were at the Aug 16 meeting.

At that meeting, I said that the third document 'preserves the community process without adding anything,' (unlike the document that Smith directed Porter to create on July 20) and that it 'is clearly superior.' I consider it the best of the three documents.

Smith pointedly says that 'there was certainly no open, general meeting of the public in which [the 'People's Report'] was approved.' On that he is certainly right, and no one has contended otherwise, but that is true of the other two documents as well. No document about the community process has yet achieved authorization by the community.

Three documents have emerged, one from the facilitator without community approval, a second that caused a community outcry and was then abandoned, and a third generated by community members in the spirit of Draft #3, reorganized and clarifying the ideas generated by the community in Phase I. It appears that Smith wants to trash the third. Why? Shouldn't the community decide which document should guide their community review? That is how Phase II should begin.

Independent of how Trustee Smith counts documents, it is completely disingenuous of him to say that 'we [the trustees] allowed extensive public input through a total of three Local Trust Committee meetings before forwarding the process to Staff...' First of all, it is hardly magnanimous of the LTC to allow input from the public about their community process, which the trustees were supposed to distance themselves from in the first place. Still, it is not clear whether Smith thinks they were giving 'direction,' 'retaining rights,' or 'providing tools' to the public for the community process. That is mostly confusion.

The important point is that there was only one meeting at which the public was 'allowed' some input, but in no way extensive, and that was at the LTC meeting of August 16. This, in any case, was demanded by the public at the meeting of August 2, when the second 'process and implementation' document was on the agenda (with no provision for community input).

Presumably, the third LTC meeting that Smith is referring to is the meeting of July 20 where Smith, especially, tried to mangle the community Draft #3 with numerous substantive changes and then allowed the public a very short time to ask questions, with explicit prohibition of community input. There weren't three meetings with input, there wasn't 'extensive public input' and there would have been no input if the public had not demanded it.

The community review should move forward with the process framework which is found in all three documents, but with the clearest focus in the alternative proposal. The process framework is itself the implementation of the public community review. Roy Smith should stop intervening and let the community move forward with its work.

Bob Ware, Galiano Island

Bylaw Infractions Running Phase II?

Dear Editor:

As you may be aware, Trustee Smith has circulated 'open letters.' In one he accuses *Island Tides*, in its reporting of the August 2 and 16 LTC meetings, of, amongst other sins, 'spin[ning] information about a document to make it look like the public supports it.' Having attended the meetings in question it is my opinion that the reporter skillfully and accurately laid out the bones of the proceedings as they took place.

Much of Mr Smith's rant sinks itself in his own contradictions. There are three issues which I want be clarified. First, I am confused as to the origin of the title 'The People's Report.' It was referred to at the meeting in that way. The document, generated in the period just prior to the August 16 meeting, is nothing of the sort. It is simply a reformatting of Draft 3 of Phase I of the Review. Presented by the facilitator, Draft 3 used a chronological format; this version has been formatted by subject and corrects errors acknowledged by the facilitator.

Mr Smith denies that the document was 'received' by the LTC before the meeting. To avoid word games, skip the word 'received.' Someone handed it to him and he took it. Now he expresses doubts that the document can be considered in an Islands Trust sponsored debate. Can he veto a document without charges of interference? But he has pledged not to interfere...except when he thinks it is necessary...in which case he reserves the right to intervene...but only to ensure the best chance of the Review succeeding...according to his evaluation.

Second, Mr. Smith quarrels with the statement, 'The trustees, while allowing no further community discussion, introduced new ideas for governance of Phase II.' On July 20, Draft 3 of Phase I was formally 'received' by the trustees and the meeting was advised that comments would not be allowed from the floor.

Smith put forward several ideas, the most contentious being the appointment of an APC which would have, as part of its mandate, the capacity to act as an arbiter in circumstances where it was perceived (presumably by the trustees) that the community could not come to consensus. This is certainly a new idea. Draft 3 confirms that such a group has never been considered during Phase I.

At the LTC meeting of August 2, Planner Porter's version of Draft 3 was submitted. Discussion was strongly discouraged. Indeed, had Chair Gisele Rudischer not insisted that there was clear need for the public to be heard, the community would have been carrying on into Phase II based on an amalgam of a Request for Proposal and a Request for Funding supplemented by a barely recognizable Draft 3, bloated from 7 to 15 pages.

At the August 16 meeting, a generous slot on the agenda was reserved for public input (thanks to Chair Rudischer). Wisely, Planner Porter voluntarily withdrew his document before the public part of the meeting began.

And finally, I was disgusted by Mr Smith's statement that the Forest Policy Review had been initiated 'in consideration of three court cases concerning Forest Lands.' Apparently these same court cases are shaping the timeline for the Review. In the recent *Active Page* magazine, Smith says '...my reasons for setting a reasonable timeline for events: first that there are court cases outstanding that require due diligence...'

Does Mr Smith wish us to understand that the community of Galiano has been coerced into revising their Forest Policies to serve the legal convenience of those who have chosen to defy the present bylaws? I'm sure he'll have some explanation...or denial...or something, before the public shortly. That will straighten it all out.

Helena Chambers, Galiano Island

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Baby heron comes home ~ Trysh Ashby-Rolls

David Manning's garden, lush with fruit and vegetables, surrounded by wild grasses and forest, has a sign on the gate stating he is a Habitat Steward for Species at Risk. His Pender Island property, close to a beach, makes a perfect nesting area for Great Blue Herons and even an osprey. The osprey keeps marauding eagles away from its territory, yet allows heron neighbours.

In late June, a pair of Blue Herons hatched four eggs in a tree-top nest behind Manning's home. A month later he noticed one of the nestlings had either fallen or been pushed from the nest. He promptly called the Wildlife Centre on Salt Spring Island who advised him to bring the young bird over as quickly as possible. He rushed to the last ferry, and found a 'trustworthy person' who promised to take the baby to the refuge. At the centre, the new arrival was dubbed 382—the three hundred and eighty-second admission this year.

At first 382 was dehydrated and stressed but uninjured. It had to be tube-fed with high-protein formula. Shortly afterward, it started eating fish-mash pushed down its throat. 'Within a couple of days it ate on its own so we left it alone as much as possible,' said Katie Rasmussen, a summer intern at the Wildlife Centre. 'Soon it began flapping its wings and it wasn't long before it could be put in the flying pen.' She said the bird loved flying up to a perch nearly 4 metres high.

On August 22, the young heron came home. Rasmussen set the cage down on the ground under its tree-top nest. She had to urge the young bird out by tipping the container. The



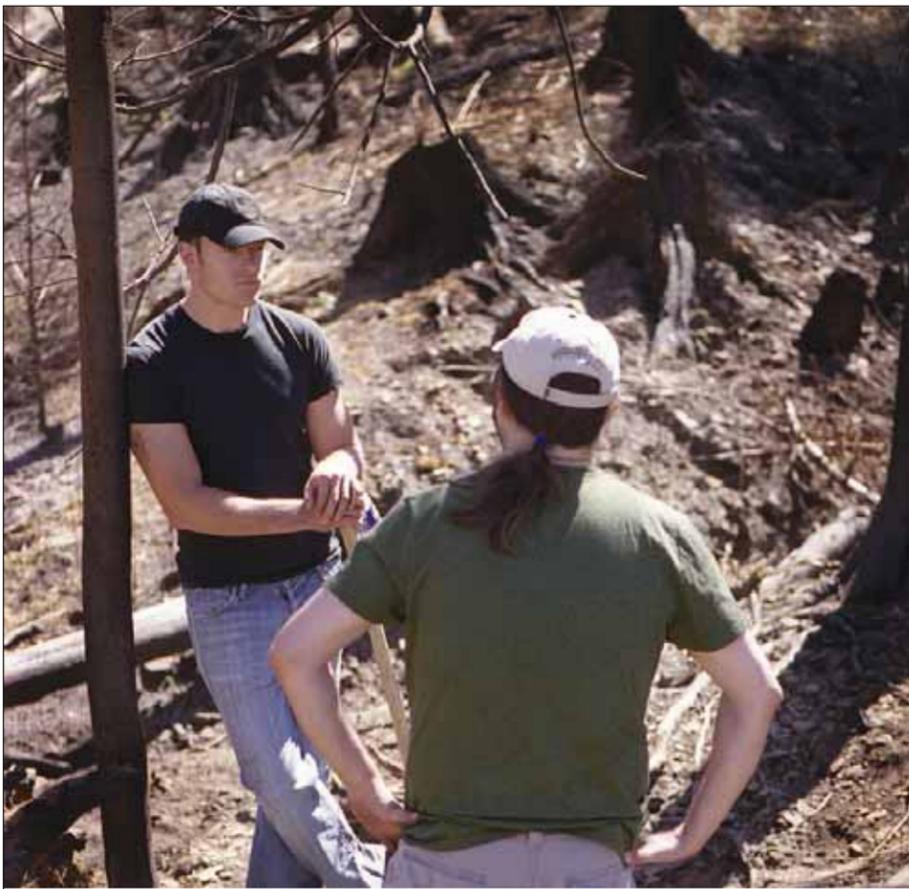
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minute it walked out it began squawking. Its siblings looked down from their nest, returning the greeting. 'They only usually make a noise like that when the parents bring food,' said Manning. 'As soon as the parent flies away the young shut up.'

Manning, who has observed nestlings squawking and poking each other with their bills 'from excitement or testing their wings or from sibling rivalry,' said that in the early days they tried to knock each other aside when food arrived.

He thinks that's how 382 got knocked out of the nest, which he says is 'not that big.' He knows of other nests where baby herons have been trampled in the nest, or fallen out and been eaten. This one was lucky.

382 hung around for almost two days before it presumably rejoined its brothers and sisters. None of the birds have been spotted since. ☺



Actor Tahmoh Penikett and Director Mark Leiren-Young, in Galiano's Heritage Forest wildfire site, at the last weekend of shooting for the movie *The Green Chain*.

Galiano's wildfire site chosen for film's final shoot

Galiano Island was host to the movie crew of *The Green Chain* on August 27 and 28, as Vancouver's multi-talented journalist, scriptwriter & performer Mark Leiren-Young wrapped the principal photography on his directorial debut.

The Green Chain is an ode to trees and a critical look into the endlessly contentious BC logging industry, says Leiren-Young.

The final segment was shot in Galiano's community forest, a former MB logging show, ravaged by a fire that started on July 23. The 61-hectare fire site is part of Galiano's heritage forest. The heritage forest is held in trust by the Galiano Club, who were wondering how to pay for the fire-watch required to ensure the fire stays out, when they were approached by the producers of *The Green Chain* who wanted to use the site for their final shooting day. The location fee paid will help pay the patrol costs

on what is still technically an 'active' fire site.

Leiren-Young comments, 'It was an amazing ending to a wild ride. On a movie that's all about trees and the people who love them, it was perfect that we were able to help people who are fighting to protect a forested island.'

Actor Tahmoh Penikett (*Battlestar Galactica*, *Cold Squad*), playing a forest firefighter, was the last actor to film his solo segment in this unique feature film.

Penikett joined an ensemble of Canadian actors in *The Green Chain*. The film is set to conclude post-production by the end of 2006. More information is available at www.leiren-young.ca.

Publicity, promotions and grassroots outreach will be conducted online through Vancouver-based www.HelloCoolWorld.com, a network where viewers can take some direct action. ☺

Pender yard waste collection pilot project

During the week of September 25, residents in Magic Lake Estates on North Pender Island will have the opportunity to participate in a pilot project to collect difficult-to-compost types of yard waste from their homes.

Two types of materials will be collected. A chipper truck will collect woody debris such as branches and shrubs. A second truck will pick up invasive plants like blackberry vines and morning glory for disposal at Hartland landfill in Saanich. Excess wood chips will be available to all Pender Island residents on a first come,

first-served basis.

The project was initiated by the newly formed Southern Gulf Islands Clean Air Initiative, chaired by CRD Director Susan DeGryp. 'We all share the air,' says DeGryp. 'Let's get through this season without burning.' CRD has also sponsored the Outer Islands' distribution of a BC Lung Association leaflet about air quality.

For more information, contact CRD Director Susan DeGryp at 250-629-6298 or directorsgi@crd.bc.ca. ☺



NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BYLAW NO. 3210 - AMENDMENT TO ANIMAL REGULATION AND IMPOUNDING BYLAW

The Board of the Capital Regional District gives notice that it intends to adopt Bylaw No. 3210, *Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986, Amendment Bylaw No. 5, 2006*, at its meeting of Wednesday, September 13, 2006, in the Board Room at 625 Fisgard Street, Victoria, BC, V8W 1R7.

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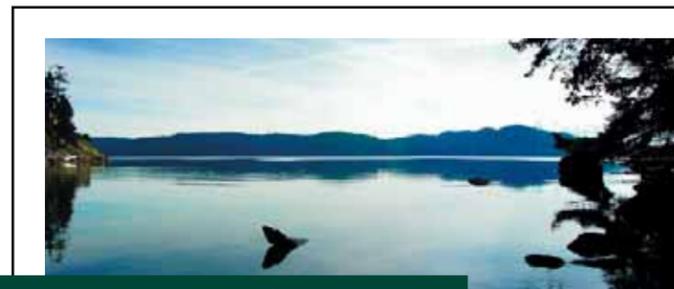
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