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Moving from Visioning to Community Planning

Hey Outer Islanders!
Join the conversation **this Saturday (August 3)** to answer THE BIG QUESTION!

"To what extent do we want to build facilities that will attract those who do not live on the outer islands to our area?"

Yes, this is for all outer islanders, as it will impact everyone on some level. Don't miss hearing from your neighbours and voicing your opinions.

The first dialogue on March 3rd was a visioning of what Surge Narrows could be. This 2nd dialogue will focus on **the big question**. Our answer will focus the direction for the Surge Narrows Fore-shore Lease and Upland property. What do you think?

Saturday, August 3rd
11:30am – 4:00pm
-Bunkhouse
-Free Lunch and refreshments
-Supervised play zones for kids/grandkids

See you there!

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Why Attending this Saturday August 3rd Community Planning Meeting is Important

(or: are you aware of some of the demand outside parties are placing on our area?)

For this Saturday's meeting, the information on development happening in our area with or without our permission was provided to the facilitators for their information. Jorgina Little (Jorge) asked it be published in the Surge Currents.

Development currently happening I am aware of:
Logging: David Graham of Evans Bay Logging will soon have a plan in place for woodlot 046 Read Island. Significant logging may be in our future. David Graham is currently logging his Read Island Woodlot 2062; he controls over 60% of the land on Read Island. SNFA (Surge Narrows Forest Advisory) is working with his forester to mitigate the impact, especially with respect to residents and sensitive ecosystems.

Lee Pond owns Hjorth Bay DL 282 and we understand via the grapevine he plans to log in the near future. He also recently purchased the "Raven Lumber" parcels near Surge Narrows. SNCA has written to him and politely invited him to meet; he has not responded.

BC Marine Trails, funded by BC Tourism, has chosen to publish our access sites and camping spots on their website and maps, and to date does not seem to be open to the suggestions or requests of our community, especially with respect to Hoskyn Channel landing. A paid consultant of BC Marine Trails, John Kimantis, has recently published a book detailing our unique sites and features, currently for sale in Mountain Equipment Co-op.

Pacific Yellow Fin provides high end motorcycle tours on Read Island. Their barge/landing craft arrives at the Surge Narrows dock to offload the motorcycles, on a separate boat bring 7-10 guests on every tour. I believe they come on Wednesdays; however, others closer to the dock would have a better idea if they arrive more often. I believe their website is www.pacificyellowfin.com/ship-equipment, the photo on the bottom right shows the landing craft and bike unloading. It's very interesting to look at this website.

Some of the whale watching zodiac tours out of Heriot Bay now use the Surge Narrows Dock as a pee stop on their tours. On this past Saturday, I saw a boat offloading close to 20 guests to make use of the little sea view outhouse. Many of the tourists were smoking. I understand this boat driver makes Surge Narrows outhouse a scheduled stop on his tours.

Donna at the Post Office mentioned 6 tourist flights came to the Surge dock this past Monday. Mike Rockwell sent photos of the crowd of yacht-visitors enjoying gratis moorage at the Evans Bay dock during the Canada Day weekend.

Please understand, the above is not to alarm you, but instead let you know what is going on. My concern is the above is happening "to us", with little or no input, and with no economic benefit to any residents. I am sharing this on the basis "Information is power". Please let your voice be heard in the important Community Planning session this Saturday.

Additional note: you may see notices in the Discovery Islander or Birds Eye of the Integrated Sustainability Plan survey and a link to it. On August 1st Jim Abram specifically asked we do not distribute the survey to you until it is made more relevant to the outer islands and is easier to access and complete. Know that your voice will be heard at the Community Planning event, you are also welcome and encouraged to complete the survey. We will advise when the survey is a "go".

Ginny V.
In support of the Community Planning group

Current Events and Notices

Medical Clinic August

Dr. Steve will be attending the clinic on August 7th and NP Pat will be attending August 21.
On the 21st NP Pat will be doing a talk on the 21st on knees, hips and arthritis pain at the dock.

Mark these Dates on your Calendar

Date	*What's on*
Saturday August 3	**11:30 AM** – catered complimentary lunch, followed by **Community Planning discussion** at the Bunkhouse
Wednesday August 21	**1 PM** – NP Pat Peterson discusses **Hips, Knees & Joints** – at Surge Narrows dock
Friday September 13	**10 AM – Surge Narrows Community Association (SNCA) AGM, discussion with Jim Abram**, catered complimentary lunch at the Bunkhouse
Monday October 21	**Federal Election** – vote at the Bunkhouse
Fall 2019, dates TBA	*2 day Wilderness 1st aid training. Note this will require pre-registration and payment of a deposit in advance.*
	We have our fingers crossed that Annie Moss of Discovery Organics will find a way to join us for an hour or two to discuss food security and other food topics of interest.
	We are not planning a flu-shot day this year, rather late October-early November, we will set aside an hour of NP Pat's visit for flu shots and children's vaccinations.

A Walk in the "Park" (Lot 302) with some of the kids

Welcome Koda!

Kate, Albert, & the new island kid—a baby boy. Koda Sylvan Keller was born early in the morning of July 3rd. He was 7 lbs. 3 oz. Everybody is doing fine.

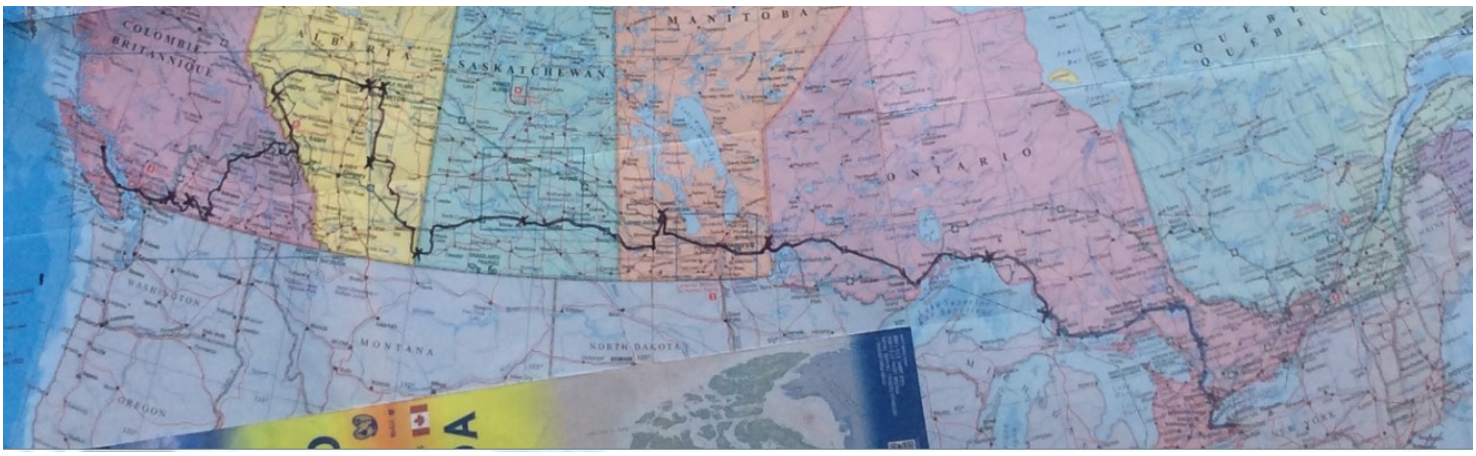
Letter to the Editor

I am writing to say thank you to all who make up our community. I have been somewhat under the weather for a while and only recently back, active and frequenting the Wednesday dock-day. And I am really glad to be here. This is a great community. From the Seaweed Cafe to the new grocery-delivery service, from cleaning up the old Surge store site to the new home support and God-knows-how much behind the scenes other efforts, such as Ginny getting end of the road signage. I was delighted to see it all coming together with so much constructive work and natural socializing. I really missed it.

Sometimes you don't know what you've got 'til it's almost gone. I know what we have here and it's special.

But an extra special thanks to those who have done what I've recently experienced first-hand. The Wednesday social is thriving thanks to the women (Judith, Char, Kathy, Lise, Eva, Megan) and the men who helped make that happen (Merlin, Ralph, Steve, Scott, Doug G., Jim and gang). The visioning for the public site is underway and well attended (Sheila and Mike). But I know that there has been so much more. Basically, to thank everyone properly, I'd have to list most of the community.....that's why a public thank you in the Current is in order. Everyone does something. And it shows. It shows up beautifully. Thank you. **John Robilliard**

On the Road with Jasmine Harvey —Part I



So far, we have travelled around 6500 km in 34 days, drove from mountains to prairies, from ocean to lakes and whales to moose. We went from Alberta to Ontario in July. This article will start in Alberta on July 1st Canada day.

Edmonton was always a big city, but when everyone is in the same place it makes it look a lot bigger. This has the legislative building of Alberta. This is the only time the government lets people in, so it is pretty special! There is

a red carpet up the stairs, and everything is polished marble it feels fit for a king. The fireworks were spectacular!

July 4th Alberta, Elk Island national park. To those who are interested we went geocaching and are now having a geocaching coin being sent home to us. There were a lot of bison (Buffalo) and pelicans. There were some nice biking trails, so we went biking, canoeing was really fun too, with lots of baby waterfowl on the lake.

July 5th, the Royal Tyrrell museum. This museum is all about dinosaurs! There is a lot of good history in there. We got to learn how they fossil cast Dino bones. It was cool, but it is not exactly meant for Natalie, because she was a bit bored by it. On our way to Cypress hills we did a scenic drive through the Badlands and visited Dinosaur National Park briefly, we will have to come back for that part some time.

July 7th, Cypress Hills Saskatchewan. We went for a few walks and did a scenic drive on a bumpy logging road. When we arrived in Moose Jaw at 11:00 there were so many mosquitoes it was crazy, we didn't stay long in that campsite!

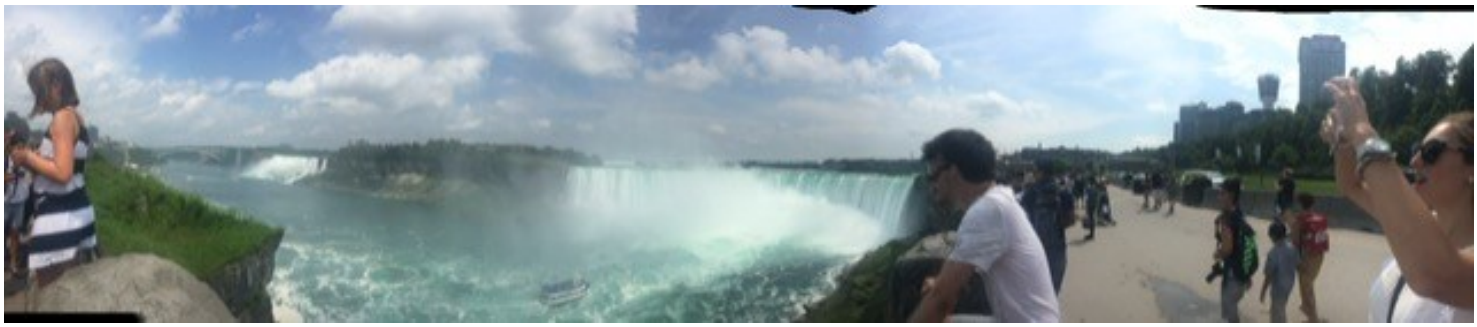
July 9th, Manitoba Riding Mountain National park. We went biking on some nice trails and played mini golf. We also went swimming in a nice lake at evening which is cool. We went on a guided dark walk which was cold raining and wet.

July 10th, Manitoba White Shell Provincial Park. We went for a hike, on the trail there were a lot of wild blueberries and frogs. Mosquito population was high.

July 13-14, Kakabeka Falls, Ontario which is close to Thunder Bay. The falls were really beautiful, we had a nice swim uphill from the falls, where Natalie got a leech which freaked her out.

From there we followed the road down to Sault Saint Marie, stopping at various sights, following Superior Lake down. We stopped at an amethyst mine, where we learned about how amethysts are harvested and were able to pick through their cast offs. At Sault Saint Marie we dropped of my dad, who unfortunately had to go back to work, so now it was just the four of us. We were on our way to Huntsville, but decided it was too long of a drive in one go, so we stopped close to Massey where there was a provincial park called The "Chutes" where we just swam all evening and the next morning. There was a river at the bottom that looped around a crescent so we could float a ways down the river and then walk back to the beginning and start all over again. The most fun part was the mudslide, where we slid down the muddy bank into the river. In Huntsville we stayed at Rebecca Lake, where we had a wonderful visit with the family of Donna. It was a great stay, lots of fishing, we caught some bass and took the boat out to this great rope swing. The lake was super warm for swimming. Then:

July 23-26, Ontario wonderland!
The Yukon Striker! I can now say I have gone to the CN tower, went to Canada's Wonderland and ridden the tallest fastest, longest dive coaster in the world! I have to admit, it was a bit scary at first, but then we had a great ride and went a few more times. It was worth the waiting in line.



From the 27-29 we were at Niagara Falls and went for the boat ride and behind the Falls. The falls are so spectacular, but the town is very strange, like a theme park, we were happy to get out of there and go on the really busy highway through Toronto to Wolfe Island where we are now, visiting with Josh' parents and enjoying a slower pace. They have a beautiful property, similar to Quadra Island, but with a free ferry and on a lake.

At the end of July our 6th week is complete and a whole 2 months and a half to go. It took us six weeks to get here and we're not even on the East Coast yet! Do you think we can make it?

Jasmine

Rainforest Corn!

We've had a lot of rain this July, contrary to our worries. Though there has been little rain since January 1, this month made up some of the deficit, just when needed. The corn is as high as an elephant's eye, as the saying goes. It remains to be seen how many kernels are on the cobs! I never knew we could grow corn here. KB

The Last Snot Rag - Blow Hard, Go Easy

Our beloved mother Mary Anne Moss died peacefully on Sunday July 14th, surrounded by her family. She had been admitted to Royal Columbian Hospital in New Westminster, with a clot in the femoral artery of her leg. She was in good spirits & not in pain, then after a few days she slipped suddenly into unconsciousness. Her son John was playing guitar & singing her a song as she breathed her last. For all her dear friends in the Discovery Islands, the family will be honoring her life with a memorial & will invite you in this newsletter.

For those of you who knew her well, there's little we can tell you that you don't already know about Mary Anne Moss. She was quite powerfully herself & perfectly capable of creating her own impression. For those who didn't know her, what she would most likely want you to understand is that for her, Read Island was one of the most beautiful places on earth & she held her stewardship as a sacred responsibility. She considered everyone on Read a part of her clan, to be appreciated, supported, fed, sung to & with, educated, perhaps even occasionally lectured, but above all, loved & accepted.
Ma did have plenty of opinions & she shared them freely. She sure could tell you "what you oughta do" & often did, but she wouldn't tell you who you oughta be.

Ma grew up in Paso Robles, a small town in the western foothills of central California about 20 minutes from the coast. Her childhood was idyllic, the family spent as much time barefoot & outdoors as possible. Our Granny studied Physical Education & was a nature enthusiast, so for the entire family, camping, hiking, gardening, fishing, hunting, dancing, swimming, were regular activities. Ma & her sisters trained in synchronized swimming with world champion coach Kay Vilen. Musical talent ran in the Schwandt family & their home resounded daily with song. Grandpa Erich & his kids all sang & harmonized together beautifully, played instruments & performed.

Ma attended the University of Mexico in Mexico City, traveling the country as she studied Anthropology & Archaeology. Jack Moss followed her there & they lived & studied in Mexico together. In 1955, they married & soon after, settled back in California.

The Moss home was an eclectic hub, welcoming a constant flow of friends & extended family. It was an interesting place to grow up. Mary Anne offered a steady stream of hot coffee & good food. Stimulating conversations & original ideas flowed just as freely. Jack's collages & original art from friends covered the walls. There was a printing press in the back room & a bandsaw & a drafting table in the living room. It was here that political actions were planned, protest signs were painted, epic parties were designed & films screened for the launch of San Luis Obispo's first independent film society. Atascadero is located about halfway between San Francisco & Los Angeles, so it was a favorite stop for travelers from both cities. The late 50's & 1960's brought a massive cultural shift & our home was a safe place to explore new ideas. It was a kind of salon, in the most bohemian sense of the word & a staging ground for change in that small staid backwater little town.

While raising her five kids, Mary Anne also lent her time to many worthy causes. In addition to being an outspoken anti-war & environmental activist & organizer, she was a consistent presence at her kids' school, volunteering often & keeping the library open when the school budget ran low. She composed political and protest music, sheltered abused women, interviewed farm workers for Cesar Chavez & did draft counseling during the Vietnam War. Highly musical and a gifted lyricist, Mary Anne gave her children the gift of music. Her talent produced a regular stream of songs and even a few jingles for local businesses. She also collaborated with her musicologist brother Eric to compose and arrange songs for the Kingston Trio and Dave Guard's Whiskyhill Singers.

It was 1972 when us Mosses moved from California with the Gilmore family. We doubled Read's population - from 13 to 26. It was a big change, but we welcomed it. An experienced outdoorswoman, Ma taught us kids how to thrive & embrace the rustic charm of life on Read. Even when she felt "stuck in the bush with 100 pounds of soybeans & was wishing she had a beer & a hamburger," as the song goes, she brought her sense of fun & ingenuity to every challenge. Yes, there were tough challenges for Ma, but she weathered them with all the grace she could summon. After some time away, she was happy to get back to Read & settle into her best life - her life on the island.

Ma was generous with her creative ideas on how to enhance the community & happily shared whatever resources she had to make the island a better place, especially for the youngest islanders. She often spoke with glowing pride about the exceptional competence & healthy resilience of the Read Island's children. Those who knew her then will remember that Ma was an enthusiastic supporter of Surge Narrows Outdoor Trips (S.N.O.T.,) taking island kids on epic adventures, like the Waddington Glacier ski trips & Pirate Days boat trips with John Polk. She was well known for her love of laughter, fun & silly wordplay, ergo the title "Snot Rag" for the local newsletter.
Ma continued to compose music and in 1974, with Ian Hay, she wrote Stomptown Follies, a lighthearted musical production based on island life.

Ma was also a fierce advocate for protecting Read Island's natural beauty & resources. A lifelong activist, she devoted her time & energy to many environmental causes. She would test the Rosen Lake water & on one occasion was elated to hear that the samples were so pure that the lab technician was confused. He asked if she had mistakenly gotten the sample from a river. Ma was deeply proud of Read Islanders for standing together & initiating, then realizing the salmon stream conservation project. That achievement resonated with her values of respect for nature & making the world a better place.
She was happiest of all to know that these values continue to live on in future generations of her family & the families of all of her beloved Read Island kids.

Link to "Fans of Mary Anne" group on FB - https://www.facebook.com/groups/2566819590003422/

Many thanks to everyone who has already posted. Please feel free to post photos & memories of Mary Anne.

In Lieu of flowers, donations in Mary Anne's name can be made to:
Surge Narrows Community Association: SNCA
Surge Narrows, BC
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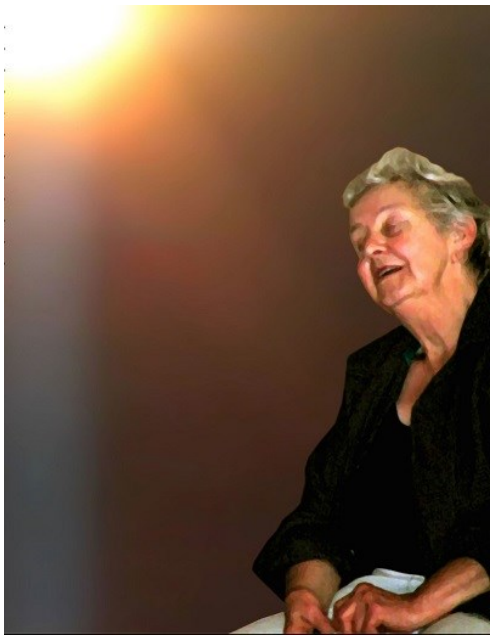

Painting by Jim Dyck

The Dramatic Return of Discovery Island Humpback Whales

By Ralph Keller

When Captain George Vancouver first visited the Discovery Islands in 1792, he had this to say about the marine life around his ship:

"Numberless whales enjoying the season, were playing about the ship in every direction."

While Vancouver didn't identify the kind of whale he was observing, they were most likely Humpbacks. Along with the Humpbacks, he would have observed Biggs Orcas or as they were once called, Transient Orcas. There may have been smaller numbers of other whale species present as well.

Humpback whales are about 60 ft (20 M) long or about the size of a school bus. An adult can weigh 60 tons and are considered a medium to large sized whale. They are prolific breachers, meaning they can launch themselves almost fully out of the water at any time. Boaters need to be vigilant--give those whales lots of space!

In the time before electricity and the discovery of fossil fuel, whale oil filled an important niche for western civilisation. While all parts of whales were used for various products, the most sought after was its blubber, which was "rendered" to supply oil for lamp lights, and later to supply fine machine oil to lubricate the machinery of the industrial revolution.

When people of European descent first arrived on the BC coast, the extraordinary numbers of whales inhabiting the protected waters of the inner south coast didn't go unnoticed. It might be accurate to say that BC's first industry wasn't logging but whaling.

In the mid 1800's the concept of sustainable resource management wasn't in any one's vocabulary. Whether trees, whales, salmon or land, it was a no holds barred race to take as much as anyone could get. So, in the spirit of the day in 1869, a whaler by the name of James Dawson arrived in the Discovery Islands and the commercial whale hunt was on. In that same year, in order to facilitate the fledging whaling industry, Governor James Douglas established the Discovery Islands first "town" on Cortes Island called, Whaletown and it was to this location that the whales were towed and processed.

While no official Whaling records have been found, estimates suggest about 300 whales were taken from the Discovery Islands (and Desolation Sound) between 1869 and 1870. In two short years, the entire sub-population of Humpback whales was literally hunted to extinction--an extinction that would last for 150 years. After killing off all the whales in the Discovery Islands, Dawson moved his rendering plant to Whaling Station Bay on Hornby Island. In less than four years after they began whaling in the northern Salish Sea, the company went bankrupt for lack of whales.

In the Pacific Northwest, that section of ocean bordered by Northern California, stretching to South East Alaska, and halfway across the Pacific Ocean to Hawaii, pre whaling estimates put the Humpback population at about 18-20,000. By the time Humpbacks were finally protected in the mid 1960's, there were fewer than 1200 left and Vancouver Island's last whaling station at Coal Harbour closed, probably forever.

According to the DFO, Humpback populations off coastal BC are up around 3,000 individuals with somewhere between 100-200 frequenting the waters between the Discovery Islands and Cape Caution. In 2018 Discovery Island Humpback populations came in at about 50-60 but most observers agree that numbers are higher in 2019. Still, this pales in comparison to those of pre-contact times. Should the Humpback population recover to historic highs, expect three to four times as many whales here.

Why are the whales returning? Most researchers believe that Humpback numbers have increased sufficiently making it inevitable the whales would re-discover their old feeding grounds. Although Humpbacks feed on a variety of things from krill to small fish, they are most likely feeding on herring while they are here--about 2 tons every day. It's worth noting that if the local herring fishery isn't catching its quota, odds are good the Humpbacks aren't getting theirs either which might ultimately limit the recovery.

Humpback whales use several "tools" to help them herd, corral, and disorient prey, including bubbles, sounds, the seafloor, and even pectoral fins. One specific feeding method, called "bubble net feeding," involves using curtains of air bubbles to herd prey. Once the fish are corralled and pushed toward the surface, the whales lunge upward through the bubble net with open mouths engulfing their prey. Different groups of Humpback whales use other bubble structures in similar ways, though, there appears to be regional "specializations" in bubble-feeding behavior among populations.

The Humpbacks of the Discovery Islands arrive from their winter calving grounds in Mexico by late May. While they are away, they fast nearly the entire time. They travel all the way from Baja to the Discovery Islands to feed. The cold, oxygen and nutrient rich waters of the Pacific Northwest produce the small fishes and krill they need to sustain themselves for the entire year. By the onset of autumn like many Canadians, they begin their southward journey to Mexico once again.

On the East Coast of Vancouver Island, First Nations did not normally hunt whales. Whales were culturally important, but the only known petroglyph on Cortes Island is a nine-foot-long carving of a whale pecked on a huge granite boulder. Whaling seems to have been much more important to West Coast First Nations, like the Nuu Chah Nulth.

New Signage at Hoskyn Channel Landing (also called end of the road dock, Quadra Island)

Most of our guests are most welcome and know exactly how to handle themselves in any situation.

However, some guests are still learning, so at the request of the Surge Narrows Community, signage was installed in July.
You will understand our intention was to be professional, polite and concise, as we hope these signs will actually be read! However, this did mean we couldn't say everything. For instance, for the sign on the dock, there wasn't space to indicate that boats moored in the spots nearest the shore if their stern is facing shore, are welcomed and encouraged to lift their propellers out of the water. Please understand, and know your feedback is welcome. *Ginny (for SNCA)*

Base of the cement ribbons

At the top of the ramp

Top of the hill to lower parking lot

Lower parking lot

Regional Director's Report - July 29, 2019

I am not sure how or why this happens to me on each of the days that I am supposed to write my Discovery Islander report. The sun is out and the day is warm and beautiful. And here I sit at my keyboard trying to relay the latest issues of interest! This issue has a few important ones and some of it I cannot even begin to go into in detail due to the complexity. But I will do my best.

Public Hearings

I'll start with an easy one. We have three public Hearings coming up in the next month or so for private docks in various areas. Two are straight-forward and one is somewhat problematic. One is on East Thurlow, one in Deepwater Bay and the last one is in Open Bay. This one has caused some extra work on my part to respond to concerns of neighbours and will be considered on a different date from the other two. When we know the dates, I will post them and they will be advertised by the SRD.

Surge Narrows water lease

I received some very good news early this morning from the Ministry of Forests and Lands that they are about to issue the lease we have been trying to get for more than a year for the SRD dock at Surge Narrows on Read Island. This is adjacent to the existing dock and will be a welcome addition.

It should also be noted that our purchase and subdivision for the upland 6.5 acres of land has finally been approved. It is done! It belongs to the SRD for community benefit. I am very pleased about this as it has been an extremely tedious exercise in bureaucratic dealings and patience! Many people have worked on it, including our dedicated planning and corporate staff and I thank each of them. Thanks to the community for all of the work they have put into the cleanup of the debris on the site, which was required by the Ministry. It was all volunteer work and done expertly! So now we move into development stage as soon as we receive our final paperwork!. One more success story full of collaboration and cooperation.

Cell phone coverage decline

I have received ***many*** calls and emails from islanders about a decline in service on their cell phones. I am suffering the same decline to the point of rarely being able to talk on my phone in my home at the south end! I called the Vancouver Island Area manager for Telus and have had numerous conversations with him and he even tested conversations between himself and me using various combinations of phones. He then directed staff to complete an assessment electronically of our system on Quadra and the west side of Read Isl. Finding nothing he dispatched two techs to do testing with me (on my phone) on the island in various locations. They determined that we were right and that the coverage was getting worse than before. So his latest step is to dispatch a tech team to climb the tower and try to find the root of the problem. That will happen next week.

I am pleased to have developed a good relationship with this manager and that he is willing to take our concerns as being real and serious. He is actually acting on them in a timely manner. I hope they find the cause and fix it! I don't want this to turn out to be just another "X-Files" situation and be treated as such!

Gowlland Harbour Views development

Ok, I have finished with all of the easier topics to write about and now must take on a couple of the larger files. I have no intention of repeating all of the background info about this proposal. If you need that, please read previous issues of the Discovery Islander. That is where the most inclusive information is contained.. As you have heard, the proposal is continuing to go through the process. It will be a long one, I am sure. What I really want to address are some of the very distressing nonsense rumours that have been surfacing about my involvement and preferences on this file.

It has come to my attention that some actually believe that I am in favour of the proposed water system for this development so that the rest of the developments in the Cove can be serviced. If you thought about it for more than a split second, you would see that is totally absurd. It could not supply the other developments. There is no guarantee that it

will even service the proposed development. I have never said it had anything to do with the rest of the Cove nor even alluded to it. Island Health deals with water systems. They have the jurisdiction. Even if they approved the proposed one, no one could afford to bring that water elsewhere.

I have opposed having a water system for Q. Cove over this past year due to the enormous cost of construction and outrageous cost to any land owner / user of the system. I only went along with applying for a grant to find out if it was feasible and what it would cost to satisfy the demands of Island Health. I don't need, nor do the users, another huge annual operating cost for another "system". The part that bothers me the most is the the fact that the rumour has even started and that anyone would believe that I would do that.

Rumour number two: That I supported giving the developer additional lots for the installation of the water system! This is not only untrue, it is insulting. The only amenity that the developer was offered by staff, as far as I know, was three extra small lots as part of the normal density bonus process that is in our OCP and bylaws, so that they would join the sewer rather than use individual septic fields throughout the development. This was far more environmentally responsible and would allow the entire sewer system to run at a higher efficiency and reduce the annual operating cost to all users of the system. The rumour that the developer was offered cheaper rates on the sewer hookups is absolutely untrue. Everyone pays the same rate and that is that! No deals.

It seems that whenever a development is proposed on this island, there is an assumption by some that there is skullduggery going on with the SRD and the Director is at the lead of it. Everything about this proposal has been done according to the rules. Even though we have an existing OCP, it is meant to be a living document, meaning that it is open to application to change it. The SRD has an obligation through legislation to accept applications. That, in no way, means that the change will be acceptable. But the SRD has a process to follow and the SRD follows it as do I. I was very pleased to see people write Letters to the Editor (Island Forum) in the last DI. It means you are paying attention and that is great!. However, comments like "It appears that the SRD, that ought to be guarding the OCP, is guiding developers to submit proposals that would benefit the SRD financially…" are utter uninformed nonsense. I don't mean to offend, but the comment it is so wrong it needs refuting. Same with the "commercial component". There was never a suggestion to put in what is proposed on Goose Bay. Only a few campsites on the Gowlland Harbour side. No marina, clubhouse or cabins. That is the developer, not the SRD.

So in closing on the this topic, I would hope that if you have questions or comments, you would first get the facts from me or the SRD before casting stones. It is hurtful to accuse people of what you suppose the situation to be without really knowing. Especially when, as your Director, I am doing my best to maintain Quadra's character and keep us viable at the same time. Submit your comments, come to the meetings and the Public Hearing, but please be civil.

Connected Coast Initiative

As you have all heard by now, Gulf Island Cable and a few others have been bought out by Telus. My appreciation goes out to George Barnes and Peter Booth for all of their hard work keeping the system working all this time. I have been working with George for more than a year and more recently with Peter, on getting last mile funding through grants through the SRD. Our staff have done exceptional work in guiding them through the incredible maze that is "government"!.

While we were somewhat surprised by this move we were not unaware of the possibility. It does not impact our Connected Coast Initiative at all. We are still moving along rather rapidly and have continuing meetings with government and industry planned in the near future. We have a commitment from Government to connect rural areas and they are helping us do that. And we will do that. Better service at higher speeds and lower costs is what we are aiming for with the project. So stay tuned.

Ferry Advisory Committee woes (FAC)
I saved the best for last just to see if you were still awake ;-)

We have been having continual back and forth emails and calls with BC Ferries regarding the unilateral, dictatorial approach they are taking with the FAC. At some point the two employees that are in charge of the process decided to

‘enforce” the limit of two terms on the committee before a person steps down. This has never been an issue before now and is still not an issue on almost all of the other FAC’s in the province. But suddenly it is here.

Some of the reps from both Quadra and Cortes know exactly why but I am not going to go into that in this forum. So a couple of Quadra reps are being asked to step down and most importantly, our Chair is being asked to relinquish the Chair and step down at the same time in spite of repeated letters from members from both islands to BCFS, right up to the CEO mark Collins, asking that he remain. Our Chair is Paul Ryan and he has done an excellent job of turning our committee from confrontational to collaborative with BCFS. This is volunteer work, folks! Volunteers should not be treated like this.

The story is not over. We are being told that the members will be appointed by the BCFS members, and that BCFS will conduct an election of the Chair in confidence, with nominations going to them and votes going to them. No openness nor democracy involved. Most of us are fighting them tooth and nail and will continue until they come to their senses.

This committee has done an incredible job of looking after the needs of the travelling public: Cortes, Quadra and "all of the rest". Yet due to a complaint from one new member, we are now fighting for our rights to choose our representatives and our Chair. I am sure that this short piece will spawn some questions and debate, and so be it. Like I said this is not over.

Bute / Toba Inlets IPP application
Please see my last comprehensive report on this outrageous proposal and get on with writing those letters!

Feel free to contact me between the hours of ***8:30 am and 4:30 pm***, Monday through Friday (**please, not on weekends or holidays, folks!**) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at ***jimabram@xplornet.ca*** or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0… You can read occasional updates on issues that i will post on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/JimAbram, **but *please do not use this medium as a way to communicate regarding SRD business*.** If it is important, my cell is 250-830-8005… Lots of choices.

Please do not use my residential phone number for SRD calls. **All business calls should be on 285-3355. Many thanks!**
Emails and phone messages received over the weekend or on holidays will (hopefully!) be returned promptly on the next regular work day.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Abram Director, Discovery Islands-Mainland inlets, Area C, SRD

Second Okisollo Fish Farm Protest

Text paraphrased from www.mycampbellrivernow.com

Locals Kai Sutherland and friends

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society hosted a flotilla event on Saturday morning.

They were joined by Sea Shepherd international chair Pamela Anderson, Laichwiltach hereditary chief George Quocksister Jr., and Green Party MP Paul Manly.

"We will be peacefully cruising up Seymour Narrows and entering Okisollo Channel and visiting a couple of fish farms namely, a few that are owned by Cermaq and another farm owned by Grieg Seafood," Sea Shepherd's Director of Ships and Campaigns Captain Lockhart "Locky" MacLean said.

"We're encouraging other vessels to join. Private citizens, tour operators, and people that own businesses here in Campbell River are all invited to join. What we'll do is cruise up slowly towards these farms and then have a little bit of an event and turn around and come back."

MacLean adds it's a good way to help raise awareness about the negative effects of fish farms on wild salmon stocks. He says based on the research Sea Shepherd has done, as well as working with field experts, they have found a marked correlation between declining wild salmon numbers and fish farms.
He says juvenile fish, on their way towards open sea, get attracted to the feed from fish farms, enter the mesh and don't come back out.

"The problem for these baby fish is that a lot of them don't come back out. They're getting covered in lice, we know for a fact that just a few sea lice are enough to kill a juvenile salmon. We also know that chemicals and feed are affecting these fish."

"What we're advocating is for these farms to be removed from the ocean. The science is clear, the facts are clear, it's been well-documented. Since the arrival of these farms, there's been a marked decline in wild salmon populations and the facts speak for themselves."

August

Beazley

Turns		Maximum		renverse		maximum	
Day	Time	Time	Knots	jour	heure	heure	noeuds
1		0101	+6.9	16		0146	+6.3
	0358	0659	−8.2		**0444**	0740	−6.9
TH	**1007**	1325	+11.1	FR	**1040**	1405	+9.2
JE	**1659**	2006	−7.4	VE	**1728**	2035	−6.8
	2306				**2333**		
2		0149	+7.4	17		0220	+6.6
	0450	0748	−8.4		**0520**	0815	−6.9
FR	**1054**	1410	+11.3	SA	**1113**	1435	+9.0
VE	**1742**	2050	−7.7	SA	**1758**	2103	−6.6
	2351						
3		0239	+7.8	18	**0005**	0255	+6.8
	0541	0839	−8.2		**0555**	0851	−6.7
SA	**1141**	1456	+11.1	SU	**1146**	1505	+8.7
SA	**1825**	2133	−7.8	DI	**1827**	2131	−6.5
4	**0037**	0329	+8.1	19	**0038**	0330	+6.9
	0633	0931	−7.7		**0633**	0931	−6.4
SU	**1229**	1542	+10.4	MO	**1222**	1537	+8.2
DI	**1908**	2218	−7.6	LU	**1857**	2200	−6.5
5	**0124**	0422	+8.1	20	**0111**	0407	+6.9
	0729	1027	−7.2		**0713**	1011	−5.9
MO	**1320**	1632	+9.3	TU	**1301**	1612	+7.4
LU	**1953**	2306	−7.3	MA	**1929**	2231	−6.4
6	**0214**	0521	+8.2	21	**0147**	0447	+6.9
	0831	1128	−6.6		**0759**	1058	−5.5
TU	**1417**	1727	+7.9	WE	**1345**	1651	+6.4
MA	**2041**	2357	−6.8	ME	**2004**	2307	−6.2
7	**0307**	0624	+8.2	22	**0226**	0531	+7.0
	0941	1235	−6.0		**0852**	1152	−5.0
WE	**1522**	1833	+6.5	TH	**1437**	1739	+5.3
ME	**2134**			JE	**2045**	2350	−6.0
8		0054	−6.3	23	**0312**	0622	+7.1
	0403	0731	+8.0		**0955**	1255	−4.7
TH	**1057**	1351	−5.5	FR	**1539**	1845	+4.4
JE	**1639**	1944	+5.3	VE	**2134**		
	2232						
9		0157	−5.9	24		0043	−5.6
	0503	0834	+7.9		**0404**	0722	+7.2
FR	**1210**	1506	−5.2	SA	**1107**	1411	−4.7
VE	**1803**	2055	+4.6	SA	**1656**	1953	+4.0
	2337				**2231**		
10		0304	−5.8	25		0147	−5.4
	0603	0944	+8.2		**0502**	0829	+7.5
SA	**1317**	1622	−5.6	SU	**1220**	1513	−4.9
SA	**1918**	2201	+4.4	DI	**1819**	2105	+4.3
					2338		
11	**0045**	0407	−5.8	26		0258	−5.7
	0703	1047	+8.6		**0603**	0936	+8.2
SU	**1413**	1725	−6.3	MO	**1326**	1624	−5.4
DI	**2019**	2258	+4.6	LU	**1931**	2207	+5.0
12	**0147**	0502	−6.0	27	**0049**	0358	−6.4
	0757	1140	+9.0		**0706**	1038	+9.0
MO	**1502**	1817	−6.8	TU	**1421**	1724	−6.0
LU	**2107**	2344	+5.0	MA	**2027**	2305	+5.9
13	**0241**	0549	−6.1	28	**0157**	0502	−7.2
	0846	1225	+9.3		**0806**	1133	+9.9
TU	**1544**	1859	−7.1	WE	**1509**	1815	−6.6
MA	**2148**			ME	**2116**	2357	+6.8
14		0033	+5.4	29	**0256**	0556	−7.8
	0326	0629	−6.3		**0901**	1222	+10.5
WE	**0928**	1302	+9.4	TH	**1553**	1901	−7.3
ME	**1622**	1935	−7.2	JE	**2159**		
	2225						
15		0111	+5.9	30		0046	+7.7
	0407	0705	−6.7		**0349**	0647	−8.3
TH	**1005**	1335	+9.3	FR	**0951**	1307	+11.0
JE	**1656**	2006	−7.1	VE	**1634**	1942	−7.8
	2259				**2243**		
				31		0133	+8.4
					0439	0736	−8.5
				SA	**1038**	1351	+11.1
				SA	**1715**	2022	−8.0
					2325		

Hole in the Wall

Turns		Maximum		renverse		maximum	
Day	Time	Time	Knots	jour	heure	heure	noeuds
1		0107	+7.0	16		0153	+6.5
	0403	0704	−8.5		**0450**	0746	−7.2
TH	**1017**	1329	+11.4	FR	**1050**	1410	+9.1
JE	**1702**	2008	−7.4	VE	**1732**	2040	−6.7
	2318				**2346**		
2		0155	+7.7	17		0227	+6.8
	0456	0752	−8.7		**0526**	0821	−7.2
FR	**1104**	1414	+11.7	SA	**1124**	1440	+9.1
VE	**1745**	2050	−7.7	SA	**1802**	2107	−6.8
3	**0003**	0244	+8.1	18	**0018**	0302	+7.0
	0547	0842	−8.5		**0601**	0857	−7.0
SA	**1151**	1500	+11.5	SU	**1158**	1511	+8.8
SA	**1828**	2134	−7.9	DI	**1831**	2135	−6.8
4	**0048**	0335	+8.4	19	**0051**	0337	+7.1
	0639	0935	−8.1		**0639**	0936	−6.6
SU	**1240**	1548	+10.7	MO	**1234**	1543	+8.2
DI	**1912**	2219	−7.9	LU	**1901**	2204	−6.9
5	**0136**	0428	+8.4	20	**0124**	0414	+7.1
	0735	1032	−7.4		**0719**	1017	−6.2
MO	**1332**	1639	+9.4	TU	**1315**	1619	+7.4
LU	**1957**	2308	−7.6	MA	**1934**	2236	−6.8
6	**0226**	0524	+8.3	21	**0201**	0454	+7.1
	0836	1140	−6.8		**0804**	1105	−5.7
TU	**1430**	1735	+7.9	WE	**1401**	1700	+6.3
MA	**2045**			ME	**2009**	2313	−6.7
7		0000	−7.1	22	**0242**	0539	+7.2
	0320	0624	+8.2		**0856**	1200	−5.4
WE	**0944**	1248	−6.3	TH	**1455**	1750	+5.1
ME	**1538**	1839	+6.4	JE	**2050**	2358	−6.4
	2136						
8		0059	−6.5	23	**0328**	0631	+7.3
	0417	0730	+7.9		**0957**	1303	−5.2
TH	**1059**	1357	−5.9	FR	**1600**	1854	+4.1
JE	**1658**	1954	+5.2	VE	**2138**		
	2234						
9		0203	−6.0	24		0052	−6.1
	0517	0840	+7.8		**0420**	0730	+7.4
FR	**1212**	1521	−5.7	SA	**1107**	1414	−5.2
VE	**1824**	2104	+4.4	SA	**1719**	2006	+3.7
	2338				**2235**		
10		0310	−5.9	25		0156	−5.8
	0617	0950	+8.1		**0518**	0836	+7.7
SA	**1318**	1631	−6.0	SU	**1219**	1523	−5.5
SA	**1939**	2207	+4.3	DI	**1843**	2124	+4.0
					2340		
11	**0046**	0413	−6.0	26		0303	−6.1
	0716	1052	+8.5		**0619**	0942	+8.3
SU	**1416**	1734	−6.6	MO	**1325**	1632	−5.9
DI	**2037**	2301	+4.5	LU	**1951**	2215	+4.8
12	**0149**	0508	−6.1	27	**0051**	0402	−6.8
	0810	1145	+8.8		**0720**	1043	+9.2
MO	**1505**	1826	−7.1	TU	**1422**	1729	−6.3
LU	**2124**	2358	+4.9	MA	**2044**	2313	+5.8
13	**0244**	0555	−6.4	28	**0200**	0509	−7.5
	0858	1230	+9.1		**0818**	1137	+10.1
TU	**1547**	1907	−7.3	WE	**1511**	1819	−6.8
MA	**2204**			ME	**2130**		
14		0040	+5.5	29		0003	+6.9
	0331	0635	−6.7		**0301**	0602	−8.2
WE	**0939**	1307	+9.1	TH	**0912**	1225	+10.8
ME	**1625**	1942	−7.2	JE	**1556**	1903	−7.3
	2240				**2213**		
15		0118	+6.0	30		0051	+7.9
	0412	0711	−7.0		**0355**	0652	−8.6
TH	**1016**	1340	+9.1	FR	**1001**	1311	+11.3
JE	**1659**	2012	−7.0	VE	**1638**	1944	−7.8
	2314				**2255**		
				31		0138	+8.8
					0445	0740	−8.8
				SA	**1049**	1354	+11.4
				SA	**1718**	2023	−8.2
					2337		

Campbell River

Day	Time	Metres	Feet	jour	heure	mètres	pieds
1	0329	**4.2**	13.8	16	0423	**3.7**	12.1
	1104	**0.5**	1.6		1138	**1.2**	3.9
TH	1803	**4.1**	13.5	FR	1820	**4.0**	13.1
JE	2227	**3.2**	10.5	VE			
2	0424	**4.2**	13.8	17	0012	**3.0**	9.8
	1143	**0.5**	1.6		0502	**3.7**	12.1
FR	1842	**4.2**	13.8	SA	1152	**1.3**	4.3
VE	2332	**3.0**	9.8	SA	1851	**4.0**	13.1
3	0520	**4.0**	13.1	18	0001	**2.9**	9.5
	1222	**0.8**	2.6		0543	**3.6**	11.8
SA	1922	**4.3**	14.1	SU	1215	**1.5**	4.9
SA				DI	1922	**4.0**	13.1
4	0135	**2.8**	9.2	19	0100	**2.7**	8.9
	0619	**3.8**	12.5		0628	**3.5**	11.5
SU	1301	**1.1**	3.6	MO	1241	**1.8**	5.9
DI	2001	**4.3**	14.1	LU	1950	**4.0**	13.1
5	0315	**2.5**	8.2	20	0156	**2.5**	8.2
	0726	**3.5**	11.5		0720	**3.4**	11.2
MO	1342	**1.5**	4.9	TU	1308	**2.1**	6.9
LU	2041	**4.3**	14.1	MA	2013	**3.9**	12.8
6	0415	**2.1**	6.9	21	0247	**2.3**	7.5
	0848	**3.3**	10.8		0825	**3.3**	10.8
TU	1426	**2.0**	6.6	WE	1336	**2.4**	7.9
MA	2121	**4.3**	14.1	ME	2032	**3.9**	12.8
7	0515	**1.8**	5.9	22	0338	**2.1**	6.9
	1025	**3.2**	10.5		0955	**3.2**	10.5
WE	1517	**2.5**	8.2	TH	1409	**2.8**	9.2
ME	2202	**4.2**	13.8	JE	2055	**3.9**	12.8
8	0613	**1.6**	5.2	23	0432	**1.9**	6.2
	1208	**3.3**	10.8		1134	**3.3**	10.8
TH	1621	**3.0**	9.8	FR	1459	**3.1**	10.2
JE	2246	**4.1**	13.5	VE	2126	**3.9**	12.8
9	0708	**1.3**	4.3	24	0532	**1.7**	5.6
	1343	**3.5**	11.5		1255	**3.5**	11.5
FR	1739	**3.3**	10.8	SA	1644	**3.3**	10.8
VE	2333	**3.9**	12.8	SA	2208	**3.8**	12.5
10	0801	**1.2**	3.9	25	0636	**1.4**	4.6
	1452	**3.7**	12.1		1358	**3.7**	12.1
SA	1954	**3.4**	11.2	SU	1811	**3.4**	11.2
SA				DI	2303	**3.8**	12.5
11	0026	**3.8**	12.5	26	0734	**1.2**	3.9
	0850	**1.1**	3.6		1448	**3.8**	12.5
SU	1540	**3.9**	12.8	MO	1908	**3.4**	11.2
DI	2147	**3.4**	11.2	LU			
12	0122	**3.8**	12.5	27	0017	**3.8**	12.5
	0936	**1.0**	3.3		0827	**1.0**	3.3
MO	1616	**3.9**	12.8	TU	1530	**4.0**	13.1
LU	2138	**3.4**	11.2	MA	1953	**3.3**	10.8
13	0214	**3.8**	12.5	28	0132	**3.9**	12.8
	1017	**1.0**	3.3		0915	**0.8**	2.6
TU	1647	**4.0**	13.1	WE	1609	**4.0**	13.1
MA	2212	**3.4**	11.2	ME	2038	**3.2**	10.5
14	0301	**3.8**	12.5	29	0236	**4.0**	13.1
	1054	**1.0**	3.3		0959	**0.7**	2.3
WE	1718	**4.0**	13.1	TH	1646	**4.1**	13.5
ME	2258	**3.3**	10.8	JE	2125	**3.0**	9.8
15	0344	**3.8**	12.5	30	0333	**4.1**	13.5
	1122	**1.1**	3.6		1038	**0.8**	2.6
TH	1748	**4.0**	13.1	FR	1721	**4.2**	13.8
JE	2335	**3.2**	10.5	VE	2219	**2.8**	9.2
				31	0427	**4.1**	13.5
					1114	**1.0**	3.3
				SA	1757	**4.3**	14.1
				SA	2324	**2.5**	8.2

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