

# **Express Lines**

**Texada's Calendar of Events**

**January 2021**



## **THANKS, TEXADA!**

Huge Santa thanks to everyone who helped with the drive-by visit with Santa.

Thanks to:

- RCL Branch 232 for hosting and craft kits
- Texada Market for donating chocolate milk
- Mary Mary Café for goodie bag goodies
- Pacific Brake Factory for oranges and candy canes
- The Dawe Family for decorating
- Doriana Kiland and George Childress for baking cookies
- Van Anda Volunteer Fire Dept and Texada Rescue
- Cst. Swedberg
- Lafarge TQ for the delineator posts
- All of Santa's helper elves: Barb McCormack, George Childress, and Doriana Kiland





# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

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**Information – Nurses Hotline: 811**

### COVID changes:

- Visits strictly by appointment except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only. Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- Masks and hand sanitizer compulsory on entering the health centre.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

Please be patient with us. We have never been in this situation before either.

## Texada Breast Cancer Support



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Udith Teuner  
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# Thanks...

The Texada Women's Island Network would like to thank all those who bought tickets on our Annual Christmas Draw and announce that the winners were: Kathleen Scott who won the turkey certificate, tablecloth and table runner, Evelyn Seymour who won the ceramic reindeer and sleigh, and Diane Grayson who won the pottery tea set. Thank you all for your support.



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THANK YOU for all the anonymous donations of food that have been left in the pantries! If you see a cooler under the pantries, you may take or leave produce, including excess from our gardens.



# Your Local Government



## qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT

qathet Regional District holds regularly scheduled Board and Standing Committee meetings at #103 – 4675 Marine Ave, Powell River. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with Ministerial Order No. 0192, members of the public are invited to view meetings virtually via webcasts available at qathet.ca. Closed meetings are conducted by resolution in accordance with the *Community Charter*.

### Planning Committee

**4:00 pm**  
 January 12, 2021 \*  
 February 9, 2021  
 March 9, 2021  
 April 13, 2021  
 May 11, 2021  
 June 8, 2021  
 July 13, 2021  
 August 10, 2021  
 September 7, 2021  
 October 12, 2021  
 November 9, 2021  
 December 7, 2021

### Finance Committee

**4:00 pm**  
 January 20, 2021 \*  
 February 17, 2021  
 March 17, 2021  
 April 21, 2021  
 May 19, 2021  
 June 16, 2021  
 July 14, 2021  
 October 20, 2021  
 November 17, 2021  
 December 8, 2021

### Committee of the Whole

**4:00 pm**  
 January 14, 2021 \*  
 February 11, 2021  
 March 11, 2021  
 April 15, 2021  
 May 13, 2021  
 June 10, 2021  
 July 15, 2021  
 August 12, 2021  
 September 9, 2021  
 October 14, 2021  
 November 10, 2021  
 December 9, 2021

### Regional Board

**6:30 pm**  
 January 28, 2021  
 February 25, 2021  
 March 25, 2021  
 April 29, 2021  
 May 27, 2021  
 June 24, 2021  
 July 29, 2021  
 August 26, 2021  
 September 23, 2021  
 October 28, 2021  
 November 25, 2021 \*  
 December 16, 2021



## POWELL RIVER REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

### Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole

**3:45 pm**  
 January 14, 2021\*  
 March 11, 2021  
 April 21, 2021  
 September 9, 2021  
 November 10, 2021

\*Inaugural Meetings

Additional meetings may be scheduled for special purposes.

For more information, please contact  
 Michelle Jones, Manager of Administrative Services

### Regional Hospital District Board

**6:15 pm**  
 January 28, 2021  
 March 25, 2021  
 April 29, 2021  
 September 23, 2021  
 November 25, 2021 \*

## Notice of 2021 Budget Meetings

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the 2021-2025 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee and the Regional Hospital District 2021 budget at the Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole meetings between January 2021 and March 2021. Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at qathet.ca.

Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services

## IN LOVING MEMORY



### **Rudolph Charles Lipus July 1935 – March 2020**

*The connection with family and friends and the community togetherness spirit is what makes Texada special. It had been Rudy's home for over 60 years. Though he is now gone and his place on Oak Street sold, Texada will always hold a special place for the Lipus family.*

Rudolph (Rudy) was born to Anne and Karol (Charles) Lipus in Waldron Saskatchewan in July 1935.

As the eldest of 14 children and living on a farm, Rudy had many responsibilities. From looking after the animals to helping with his siblings, there was much to do. Between his responsibilities around the home, Rudy managed to carve out some time for fun. With a large family, playing baseball with his siblings was one obvious pastime.

Rudy lived in Melville until his 20s when he moved to his Aunt Mary's on Texada Island in the late 1950s. He was looking for employment in the booming mining industry and was soon employed with the Texada Island Mine. When the mine closed in 1977, he was hired at Blubber Bay Quarry and worked

as a heavy duty mechanic. In his final working years, he moved to a position less physically demanding.

In the early 1960s, Rudy caught the eye of a young lady, Janet, and on May 2, 1964 Rudolph Charles married Janette Maxine Copp.

For the first year of their marriage Rudy and Janet lived in Janet's parents' cabin at the "Oasis" located between Gillies Bay and Van Anda. Just after their first son, Charles, was born in 1965, they purchased property on Oak Street and built the house that he would live in for the rest of his life. After Charles was born, Rudy and Janet had another son, Rick, in 1967, and a daughter, Christine, in 1971.

Rudy's young family loved riding horses. During the summer months, people gathered at the Gravel Pit and, either as a spectator or as a horse-riding participant, enjoyed the activities of the Saddle Tramps. His was just one of the many families who looked forward to these events. Rudy continued to be an active member in the sporting community. He played baseball in the spring and summer months, toting his family to various tournaments locally and on Vancouver Island. In the fall and winter, he bowled as a member of the Texada Island Bowling League and in later years Texada Legion Darts replaced bowling and he took up golfing. It appeared that no matter what sport in which he partook, a trophy or ribbon adorned the shelf.

Rudy was also an avid card player. Whether it was teaching his kids cribbage or a family night of Russian Rummy, playing cards was prominent in his social circle. However, with the passing of Janet, his wife of 50 years, playing cards just wasn't the same but Rudy was still part of the gaming scene. He would often call the monthly Bingo game at the Gillies Bay Community Hall. He was also known to make an occasional appearance playing his accordion at the local talent shows.

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Even when his trips to the golf course with family and friends became less frequent, Dad liked to keep busy outside, cutting the grass, puttering in his workshop or tending to his fruit trees and garden. It was a lot of work for just one person and fortunately his gardening was a collaboration with his good friends and neighbours Ray and Marion. If you didn't see him outside you'd be sure to find him having a game of crib with Ray.

Rudy loved to be social and seemed to find a familiar face to talk to no matter where he was. He was caring and generous and, like many Texadans, would help out his fellow community members when they were in need. Rudy helped out at Better at Home for a brief period, driving clients to their appointments on the island or in Powell River.

At 84 years young, he led a full life. Either as a volunteer with the Gillies Bay Fire Department, a furnace repair man, a heavy duty mechanic or the "Go-to Guy" who taxied people around from the Texada Airport, he wore many hats. He was a valued member of the community and he kept giving, even days before he fell ill. He touched the lives of many and will remain forever in our hearts. In March

2020, Rudy died peacefully on the palliative unit at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver while listening to his beloved accordion music.

He is survived by his sons Charles (Raquel) and Rick, his daughter Christine (Aaron), his grandchildren: Crystal, Janine, Ariel, Kaylee, Aurora, Darwin and Parker; his great grandchildren Kayla, Cameron and Cassandra. Rudy was the oldest child of 14 and is survived by his siblings Elsie, Jane, Jack, Shirley, Evelyn, Joyce, Wayne, Darlene (Ed) and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Powell River Hospital for the care provided while Rudy awaited transfer to Vancouver. The family also acknowledges the dedication and care provided by the staff at Mount Saint Joseph's Hospital, St. Paul's ICU, and finally St. Paul's palliative unit.

The family would also like to thank the many family and friends who provided support for Rudy during his illness and to his family throughout these challenging times. The family is hoping for A Celebration of Life for Rudy at the Texada Island Legion. Perhaps in the summer of 2021 (likely mid-July). Firm details to be announced as the COVID pandemic settles down.

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The Van Anda Improvement District wishes everyone a better New Year in 2021.

Last year VAID reaped the benefits of a UBCM grant that allowed us to replace our old leaking wood stave water tank with a new 65,000-gallon steel tank and to purchase a new state-of-the-art water treatment plant. That grant represents a saving to the ratepayers of about \$850,000. We still have a few wrinkles to solve with the operations of the treatment plant and are getting a lot of advice from the supplier of the system and engineers. We are expecting to optimize the operations of the treatment plant soon. Meanwhile, the treatment plant continues to supply us with water having much higher quality that, for the first time in Van Anda, meets or exceeds the Vancouver Coastal Health requirements for safe drinking water with two methods of disinfection.

VAID's challenge in 2021 will be finding and repairing leaks in our aging distribution system, some of which was installed over 75 years ago. We always knew there were leaky pipes, and indeed all communities have them. However, with the new tank and water treatment system we were able to determine that actually half or more of the water we process is likely lost through leaks in the distribution system. Repairing leaks, replacing old pipes, and conserving water will reduce our cost of operations, ensure that water is available for fighting fires and is ecologically sustainable. You can help us with this ongoing maintenance program — please report any possible water leaks on

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**Water Operator 604-414-7634 or Office 604-486-7035**

Van Anda Improvement District continues to follow our Letters Patent and provide drinking water at cost to residents while planning for Capital Expenses going forward.

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~@thedeadauthor, 2015

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**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN  
MONITORING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Call for Applications**

The qathet Regional District (qRD) is seeking a new member with experience in the recovery of resources from solid waste to sit on the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (SWMPMAC). The Committee was formed to implement the Solid Waste Management Plan for Electoral Areas A, B, C, and D (the mainland, Savary Island and Texada Island). Copies of the Committee’s Terms of Reference are available on [qathet.ca/about/committees-and-commissions/](http://qathet.ca/about/committees-and-commissions/).

Committee members must be 18 years of age or older and be generally available to attend regular Committee meetings and meet the Terms of Reference criteria. Broad representation of the Regional District as a whole will be considered when selecting Committee Membership. qRD is looking for a varied membership.

Interested, eligible individuals should send a written application explaining why they want to sit on the Committee and what qualities and/or expertise they will bring to the Committee.

Applications may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail:

Address: Attn: Caroline Visser, Office Clerk Operational Services  
qathet Regional District 202 - 4675 Marine Avenue  
Powell River, BC V8A 2L2  
Phone: 604 487-1380  
Fax: 604 487-1380  
E-mail: [operations@qathet.ca](mailto:operations@qathet.ca)

**The deadline for applications is 4 pm, Friday, January 29, 2021.**

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## NEWS FROM TEXADA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Greetings! By the time you read this, we will have posted our Winter Concert to YouTube – I hope you all had a chance to watch. Our last month of the year was a bit busier than previous months. Division 1 had a virtual presentation from the scientists currently working with Texada’s painted turtle population, which was very interesting for them, and they also concluded a “Read-a-thon”, through which they earned \$250 for the Texada Food Bank. Division 2 had an afternoon of “Reindeer games” such as pin the tail on the polar bear, the stocking hop and an ornament and spoon race, and both divisions enjoyed a virtual symphony performance. We also spend a lot of time rehearsing and performing our bits for the concert. I have to say, it was a very different

sort of feel this year, preparing for a concert that was never going to be performed live. There is no replacement for the bright lights and formal feel of an evening concert in the gym. We missed our audience and will be inviting you all for a concert as soon as Dr. Bonnie says we can!

On behalf of the staff and students at Texada Elementary School, we wish you a safe, happy and healthy holiday, and all the best for 2021.

— Rhonda Gordon



## Thanks, Teachers, Bus Driver School Admin & Cleaning Staff

For helping our kids continue learning during the Coronavirus!

#Texada







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**“YOUR ISLAND HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM  
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**604-486-7711**

Hello, Texada,  
A warm, balmy, windy December was had.

- We will be open for a socially-distanced New Year’s Eve Dinner. Special Menu (see FaceBook); regular menu and to-go also available. Two seatings: 4 pm and 7 pm; reservations are strongly recommended.
- 2021 is here, let’s make this year the best we can. Let’s be caring, kind, helpful and pay it forward.
- Our January hours will reflect the quiet times. If you want us to stay later, please call. We can be here for everyone.
- The Texada Island Inn would like to thank all of you for your fantastic support and I would like to thank my wonderful staff. It wouldn’t happen without you all. A very, very happy and special new year 2021 to all.

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Thank you, Texada, for  
all your love and support,  
*Cymry, Evan, and Kaitlyn*

**Bar Hours**  
Friday - Saturday:  
noon - 8 pm  
Sunday - Thursday:  
3 pm - closing

**Restaurant  
Hours**  
Mon. - Sun.:  
9 am - 6 pm

Closed New Year’s Day

## Attention: Texada Food Bank Notification

**Beginning January 2021**, Texada Food Bank will **only** be offered on the **second Wednesday of the month**. We hope the change will avoid any families missing the day. Call on the second Tuesday between 10 am and 3 pm. Pick up on the second Wednesday between 12 and 12:30.

Call in January 12 – Pick up January 13  
 Call in February 9 – Pick up February 10  
 Call in March 9 – Pick up March 10  
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The Little Free Pantries are always available for anyone with food insecurities; located at the Food Bank porch and in front of 4758 Cedar St., Gillies Bay.

**Take what you need, leave what you can.**

## GARDEN CLUB

*Historically, January has been the coldest month of the year. This is the middle of our winter, with our gardens put to bed. Oh yes, there is always something to be done like; checking the winter stakes, ties, and supports to make sure they are still standing strong. Putting food and water out for the birds. Cleaning pots for spring planting. Inspecting the stored tubers to make sure our dahlias, begonias, and canna are not drying out or have rot. This list is getting too long, let's pause and enjoy this moment of garden sleep and enjoy Mary Leopkey's three Haiku poems that she has written for us. The Haiku poem has ancient Japanese origins. Cozy up with a nice cuppa and enjoy. Thank you Mary for sharing.*

*PS. I also asked Mary for a favourite recipe!*

**Mary Leopkey:** Greetings of the New Year. Observation of nature is one important aspect of haiku. Take note of the variety of yellow blossoms that will emerge this January.

winter aconite  
bulbs light up the garden  
snake sleeps deep below

A haiku in honour of the harvest moon, September 2020.

global moon rises  
shines a path across the sea  
my sunflowers nod

I wrote my first haiku sitting in our daughter Tara's garden sanctuary in Mexico one year ago.

tomatoes climb string  
yellow-green to orange-red  
scorched black red salsa

My favourite Mexican recipes:

### Salsa de Mocajeta

5 to 6 roma tomatoes  
3 garlic cloves  
half red onion  
3 jalapenos  
green pepper, red pepper

- Scorch whole vegetables on dry skillet, turning until black on all sides.
- Puree in blender or crush with mortar and pestle. Include charred scrapings from pan, chile seeds for heat and some water, plus salt and pepper.
- Garnish with chopped cilantro.
- Serve with nachos, quesadillas, huevos rancheros or as a dip for tortilla chips.

### Isai's Calabaza

Kids love this vegetable dish.

- 1 or 2 small zucchini, chopped (1 cm dice).
- Sauté in butter and olive oil, approximately 5 minutes.
- Add 1 cup or more frozen corn. Stir and heat through.
- Serve to squeals of delight! Muy rico.



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## RCMP

Despite a global pandemic and lack of special events, this past year kept us busy. Collectively we dealt with around 300 files in 2020 (296 at the time this was submitted). We had some community initiatives that we were hoping to push forward that unfortunately had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Our hope for 2021 is that we will be able to move forward with these ideas. We were not able to hold a "cram the cruiser" event for the Texada Island Food Bank, so we partnered with FreshCo to deliver a pallet of food to the food bank instead. Next month, we will be looking for community input on policing priorities for Texada, which will allow us to focus on local issues.

Back in October our phone lines went down after a wind storm and subsequent power outage. We appreciate everyone's patience and are pleased to report that our phones line are back up and running, and a reminder that the detachment phone is not

monitored 24/7 and outside of office hours calls will be redirected to the police call center. If it is not an emergency, please follow the prompts to leave a message. From all of us at Texada RCMP, we look forward to serving the residents and visitors of Texada Island in 2021!"

- Csts. Chris Snider & Jordan Swedberg



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## Director's Report

Happy New Year, everyone. Let's hope it's happier than the last one.

There's a saying in local government circles that getting anything done is like kicking a beanbag chair down a soccer field. You huff and puff, push, kick and pull, and the chair turns over once. Sometimes it takes a lot of determination to get to where you want to be.

There are some unfinished Texada projects at the RD that I'll be working on this year with the goal of getting them off the "to-do" list.

**Official Community Plan** — Staff continue to work on resolving issues with the Sechelt Nation so that the approval process can be completed. Progress is being made and board chair Patrick Brabazon and myself have offered to meet with them.

**Airport** — Scheduled air service to/from YGB has not been confirmed to date and I continue to dialogue with the Airport Advisory Committee and staff. The airline industry has been severely curtailed due to the pandemic.

**Northeast Bay** — The RD has asked the province to expand the existing UREP to include the water portion of the bay as well as the land. No response yet, but I'm continuing to lobby Victoria to make this happen.

**Mt. Davies** — Lasqueti Island (area E) hasn't resolved its emergency dispatch issues. Service from North Island 911 is still possible and that corporation considers our Mt. Davies as the best site for a transmission tower. This site is designated park land under our OCP and such towers should not be allowed. I'm continuing to work with the Lasqueti director to ensure another dispatch solution is found.

As well, some new initiatives on Texada are expected this year.

**Longhouse** — The indigenous-style gathering structure in Shelter Point Park is scheduled for construction, funded by the PR Community Forest.

**Connectivity Plan** — Driftwood Communications has been contracted to develop a high-speed internet Connectivity Plan for all areas of the region. They will be communicating with Texadans via on-line and paper surveys to obtain our input in developing this plan.

**Stay tuned on all of the above.**

Finally, good two-way communication with the public remains a priority for the current Board. To support this goal and relieve some workload from existing staff, a communications advisor will be hired by the RD this year.

*Sandy McCormick, area D director  
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### DONATIONS TO TEXADA CLINIC

If you or someone you know is making a donation to the Texada Clinic, please make the cheque out to **Texada Health Services Society** and mail to Box 84, Gillies Bay, V0N 1W0.

Thank you in advance.

### ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 232

The Legion is open!!!

We'll be open weekends — Saturdays at 3:30 – 7 pm and Sundays at 4 pm – 7 pm. Meat draws, considered events, have been cancelled until further notice.

Please watch the Texada Message Board on Facebook for updates to our hours, meat draws, etc.

We will reopen on January 9, after the holiday season.

We have a safety plan in place and look forward to seeing everyone again!

Stay safe everyone!

Lest we forget.



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**Texada Arts, Culture & Tourism Society**  
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**[www.texada.org](http://www.texada.org)**

The volunteer staff of the Texada AeroSpace Hangar is wishing everyone a very Happy and safe New Year!! There is hope for this year to retrace a more positive track for everyone!!

During the summer, the airport on Texada is usually buzzing with visiting planes; people are visiting the museum and gallery, browsing through books in the aviation library, bringing in donations and generally using YGB as a meeting place for flying friends. The pandemic sadly disrupted plans and activities for this year, but the dormant period is being used to upgrade and increase the organization's capability to serve youth and the flight oriented public safely and more completely.

We're looking forward to this year's events even though we have to remain compliant with the new states of vigilance and protocol. The AeroSpace Camp Hangar crew is planning the AirBuzz Mk II simulator (based on X-Plane program) to be COVID-proofed with screens between the student and the instructor, as well as installing a very efficient air extraction system to further isolate the two flight deck positions in the cockpit, to allow us to continue to provide non-certified simulator time in a very realistic cockpit. Installing Hand sanitizer stations and an efficient isolation-aware walking route through the gallery is being devised.

We are looking forward also to providing our Texada Annual Fly-in event and, if possible, at least a couple of barbecue or picnic type events for the flying public.

The AeroSpace Camp Hangar crew is recruiting more people to assist continuing in creating the exhibits, library, and museum programs at the AeroSpace Hangar. Also there is a need for instructors and admin. persons to help in student registration and helping youth with learning to rivet, use light hand tools, radios operating the wind tunnel, and for launching water rockets. There are a number of very talented people who have volunteered over the years but help is always welcome. Please call 604-223-2588 (Doby Dobrostanski) for details.

The advertisement features a background image of a rocky coastline with waves crashing against the shore. The text "High Speed Internet" is prominently displayed at the top in a serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is "Servicing Desolation Sound and surrounding areas". The "Twin Comm" logo, which includes a stylized circular graphic, is positioned on the left side. On the right side, contact information is provided: "For more information: www.twincomm.ca 1-866-446-6004".

# TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING

Meetings are cancelled until further notice. Watch the future Express Lines for future meeting dates.

We work with the RCMP to maintain a safe environment and to provide a forum for RCMP reports and inquiries about issues affecting residents.

It is important to report hunting infractions, thefts, and other infractions as the level of service provided by the RCMP and Conservation are based on statistics. If infractions are not reported, there can be no response and there are no statistics for which to increase service.

**Hunting Season: Bow only** either sex.  
Dec 16 - Jan 15. Bag limit 3 (max of 2 doe).

In the new year we will be conducting a survey asking if the Texada Community wants a committee to liaison between residents and the RCMP.

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# T I N S H S

Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society wishes everyone on Texada an optimistically Happy 2021!

Please mark your calendar: TINSHS will be holding a (refundable) recyclable bottle/can drive on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Gillies Bay Recycle Depot. All proceeds go to further the proposed new seniors' housing project. We appreciate our island's support!



# MUSEUM MUSINGS

## LOUIS B SEYMOUR AND HIS NEW FLAGPOLE

A colourful character from the turn of the century was Texada’s first Justice of the Peace, Louis B. Seymour. In a 1959 article, local historian Bruce McKelvie relates the brief Texada history of this sturdy, walrus-moustached Englishman.

Seymour was “very proud of his judicial office” and, as first editor of the January, 1900 *Coast Miner*, he filled the newspaper with pro-British Empire opinion.

The Boer War (1899-1902) was raging and Irish Fenians were rumoured to be planning a raid into Canada. Editor Seymour was concerned about the level of local patriotism. The most recent troubling incident occurred at the school when a public entertainment ended without the singing of the national anthem!!

“Being popular with the fair ones”, Mr. Seymour set about organizing a “patriotic ladies’ committee” to obtain a flagpole for the school. “The erection of a flagpole will atone” for the “serious breach of social etiquette,” he reported in the newspaper.

In the accompanying photo the new flagpole is seen in front of the “Honeymoon Cottage” directly above the Van Anda wharf. This log cabin was offered in 1898 as Texada’s first school by Harry and Olive Treat (Van Anda Copper and Gold Company) when they completed their new home (seen higher on the hill and still standing).

Mr. Seymour’s official peace keeping duties were called upon in the previous month (Christmas 1899) when a drunken fellow - a furnace man at the smelter - “in an effervescent mood” threw his wife out the window.



Seymour organized a 6-man “posse” of special constables to arrest the husband “in the name of Her Majesty the Queen” and lock him up in a vacant building until sober.

Having insured the security of the British Empire on Texada, Mr. Seymour moved to Victoria shortly after to become a member of the Legislative Press Gallery.

Thanks to Bruce McKelvie who, as a young lad working at the newspaper, witnessed these events.

*Peter Lock  
Texada Island Heritage Society*



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## TAG

Hello and a Happy New Year to all!

Vancouver Coastal Health and School District 47 have determined that their additional guidelines will allow the Texada Agriculture Group to use our HUB kitchen on evenings and weekends — whenever the school kids are not in the building.

We are looking forward to getting the gears in motion to promote self-sustenance in our community. Look for workshops and other educational forums being made available in 2021!

Gathering momentum for 2021!



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## CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has readily available funds for individuals on Texada Island needing additional financial support while obtaining treatment for their cancer. We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year per patient.

Forms can be picked up at either the Texada Island Health Center or my home in Van Anda. I can be reached at 604-486-7494. All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence.

— Barb Egglestone



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**FRIDAY: BEEF BURRITO**  
**SATURDAY: PORK RIBS**



# TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH NOTES



The Texada United Church wishes the Texada community a joyous and hope filled New Year.

*“Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.”*

— Søren Kierkegaard

Let us not forget the learnings of the past year: Be kind to yourself and be kind to others!

### Focus on Spirit!

A weekly reflection is posted on the church website. Links can be found on the church’s FaceBook page (sometimes there are extra posts there so check it out ) and Texada Message Board.

### Church Reopening

With the recent restrictions put on gatherings because of COVID, all church gatherings are suspended until we can do so safely. If there is anything that we can do for you’ please contact Rev. Gayle Chouinard.

Energy Healing Sessions... are suspended due to COVID-19.

### Prayer Group:

Please call Rikki Kooy, 604-243-8097 for prayers or information.

Weekly Services: 10:30 Sundays... are suspended until further notice.

Please note that your donations or tithes are more important than ever right now and can be mailed to Texada United Church, Box 23, Gillies Bay, BC V0N 1W0.

Minister’s Office Hours: Tuesday and Thursdays, at the church, 1-3 pm.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309 or trollhollow123@gmail.com

Board Chair: Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

Legion Chaplain: Karen May, 604-413-0994

Website: [www.texadaunited.ca](http://www.texadaunited.ca)

Facebook: Texada Island United Church

## AGM

The AGM for the Texada Island Heritage Society and the Texada Island Heritage Commission will be held on:

**Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10 am**  
at the Texada Museum in Van Anda.

Memberships are \$10 per immediate family or \$5 per person.

**Due to COVID-19, social distancing and masks will be required.**

## Gillies Bay Internet Society

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In the pub at the Texada Island Inn.  
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stuffies are welcome.

Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon  
and guest speaker at 1 pm  
Guest speaker: TBA

To reserve, please call Mo at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. If you have food allergies, please let Mo know when making your reservation.

Please come in your jammies.

If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will be entered into our draw for a free lunch, to be drawn in June.

Happy New Year, Everyone!



qathet  
REGIONAL DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF 2021  
BUDGET  
MEETINGS**

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the 2021-2025 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee and the Regional Hospital District 2021 budget at the Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole meetings between January 2021 and March 2021. Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at qathet.ca.

— Linda Greenan,  
Manager of Financial Services

# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings, Everyone.

Most of you will see this column just before the New Year. We wish you well. We know, too, that the pandemic isn't over yet, not by a long shot. The bright light in the distance, though, is the arrival of the vaccines. Get your arms ready!

There are two titles we have recently received from our suppliers and which are relevant to our current situation. One is Dr. Bonnie Henry's *Soap and Water and Common Sense : the definitive guide to viruses, bacteria, parasites, and disease* (616.9 HEN). I think most of us know Dr. Bonnie but, I think, most of us didn't know she is an author, too. Several patrons have expressed surprise when they saw the book on the shelf. The other title is David Waltner-Toews' *On Pandemics : deadly diseases from Bubonic Plague to Coronavirus* (614.43 WAL). The blurb says, "This engrossing book answers our questions about animal diseases that jump to humans — called zoonoses — including what attracts them to humans, why they have become more common in recent history, and how we can keep them at bay."

I expect most of you will probably have heard that great thriller author, John Le Carre, died this December 12<sup>th</sup>. When I heard that announcement, I checked my files to see how many of his titles we had on the shelves. I'm afraid I could find records of only three titles. I'll start accumulating a few more with each new order I place.

Stay well and stay safe through the holidays and the isolation. You can still come to the library, just wear a mask and use the hand sanitizer. See you soon.

The Texada Island Library is a volunteer-staffed community service located in the Gillies Bay Old School: phone 604-486-6728, during open hours.



### Library Open Hours:

Wednesday	noon to 2:00 pm
Friday	noon to 2:00 pm
Sunday	noon to 2:00 pm

For more information about the library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Anne Carney, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7117.

— Dick Turner

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## FOOD BANK DONATIONS

**Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, BC V0N 3K0.**

Non-perishable food donations may be put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay General Store, the Texada Market and the First Credit Union in Van Anda.

Thank you so much. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores (Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda) and the First Credit Union.

Please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590 if you have any questions regarding the Food Bank.

**2020 has been difficult for everyone but the Texada Food bank survived because of our amazing community including Powell River and even some individuals far away!! We can't THANK all of you enough, YOU ROCK is an understatement!**

**We wish everyone a very healthy and prosperous 2021.**

Our December was exceptionally filled with generous donations. Thank you goes to Pete Stiles Jr. and Hilary, Imperial Limestone Quarry, Sunshine Garden Center, Nelmes Excavating, Pat Bressey, Joy Garnet, Bob McGuire, Texada Garden Club, The Seymours, Gwen Davis, Maureen Edler, Stan Smith, W. Kucharshky, Fraser, Meghan, Calum and Locklann Clark, United Church Women, Jill Henry, and Lois Warner. Thank you for

all your financial donations. There have also been many anonymous financial donations mailed in and deposited at the First Credit Union, We are so grateful — thank you.

Big thanks goes to our RCMP Constables, Chris Snider and Jordan Swedberg; together they purchased and donated a skid of non-perishable food from Freshco. Thank you to Texada Transfer for delivering the skid of food.

We are always grateful to Jake and the Gillies Bay Store for their continued support with donations of cases of food and to everyone at the Texada Market for your help every month.

We are very grateful to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market and Credit Union.

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# BC FERRY SCHEDULE

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Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River				
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am	5:40 am*	6:35 am*	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am	7:30 am	8:25 am	8:40 am	9:45 am
9:20 am	10:10*/ 10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am	9:25 am	10:25 am	10:50 am	11:55 am
11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:20 am	12:25 pm	1:05 pm	2:10 pm
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30 pm	4:15 pm	3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	6 pm	7 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	7:55 pm	8:50 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm	9:45 pm	10:40 pm	8:55 pm	10:55 pm
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### Gillies Bay:

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Leave Powell River	Leave Comox
8:05 am	6:15 am
11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

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<b>JANUARY 2021</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> <b>New Years Day</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> TWIN Mtg:11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm  <i>Express Lines Deadline</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
<b>24</b>  <b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Texada Heritage AGM: 10 am, Museum	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>

**EVERY:**

**MONDAY:** Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am

**WEDNESDAY:** Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am  
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm

**SATURDAY:** Tai Chi, Community Hall, 9:30 am