

Express Lines

Texada's Calendar of Events

April 2022

SPRING FLING

Hosted by the
Texada United Church Women

Saturday, April 30th

10 am - 2 pm

at Gillies Bay Community Hall

Lunch of soup and sandwich served.

Bake table and more.

Door "pick -a-prize" draw.

Sales tables can be rented for \$10.

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reserve yours.



ANNUAL TEXADA EASTER EGG HUNT

The Gillies Bay Volunteer
Fire Department will be hosting
this year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Sunday, April 17,

10 am until noon.

**In the fields behind the
Gillies Bay Fire Hall and
the library.**

The Easter Bunny has in-
formed us that he has some extra
special treats for the children of
Texada this year. We look forward
to seeing all of you there.



Congratulations



Congratulations!!

To Colleen Diamond,
the new manager at Mary Mary Café.

Join us at the café on Fri-
day April 1st, 1 pm - 3 pm for cof-
fee and goodies and help us wel-
come Colleen to her new position!



TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

Hours of operation

Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm

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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



Contact: Joan Martisca
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Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained
Peer Facilitators

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TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY AGM

DATE: Sunday, April 10, 2022

TIME: 1 pm

PLACE: Legion, Van Anda

MEMBERSHIP DUES: \$10

Please note our AGM will be held at the Legion and not the Senior's Centre.

Masks are not mandatory; we ask that you please be respectful to those of us who choose to continue to wear masks. We understand Vaccine Passports are scheduled to be discontinued on April 8, 2022, and therefore are not required at the door. If this changes, we will post it on Facebook.

Elections will be held at the meeting; we welcome new faces and are looking to fill spaces on our board, especially the Treasurer's position. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me at 604-223-7494 for more information.

The Texada Health Services Society is a supportive group who assists with purchases of equipment for the clinic or any improvements to the clinic for the benefit of the residents of Texada, helps pay for programs for the nurses when funding is not available through Vancouver Coastal Health, provide funds for those individuals dealing with cancer, and numerous other initiatives. Our society would not exist without the volunteers from our community who give generously of their time. We live in an extraordinary place where people care about people, so please consider joining our team.

— Barb Egglestone, President



BINGO

We are back in full swing!! Lotsa people, lotsa prizes, lotsa goodies, lotsa fun! What's keeping you away??

We'll be playing again on April 1st at the Community Hall. Doors will open at 6:30 pm, games will start at 7 pm sharp...ish!

See you there!

WHAT IS TICS?

The Texada Island Community Society is primarily concerned with encouraging the enhancement of youth and community, supporting the advancement of education assisting the needy.

We publish the *Express Lines* and the Texada Island Phone Book, run Bingos once a month with proceeds going to two \$750 bursaries, support the Food Bank, and help to coordinate a number of events including the recent Winter Market, a Spring Swap Meet, a Kick Off Your Spirit Breakfast in support of the food bank, and... when we are able... host a Volunteers Christmas Potluck.

Since the lockdown, we have made donations to the Texada Seniors' Council (\$2500), Aerospace Camp (\$1650), TACT Art Studio Tour (\$500), the purchase of Christmas Lights for the public Christmas Tree (\$100), Texada Agricultural Group (\$900), the Trail Sign Project (\$1600), "Thank You" to the Vaccine Clinic workers (\$544), Restorative Justice (\$1000), the LIFT Community Cupboards (\$1000), and the Butterflyway Project (\$360).

Thank you to everyone who comes out and supports us, and in turn, supports the rest of the community. Together we can get it done!

TICS BURSARY

Needing money for school? Planning to enroll this fall in a trades program? Health care? Childcare? University? TICS has two bursaries of \$750 each to help out with costs. This is not just for recent high school graduates but for anyone returning to school for further education in any post-secondary program. We only require three things:

- You must be a Texada resident
- You must provide proof of enrollment
- You must provide a short one page essay about yourself and your educational plans

Please apply to:

TICS
PO Box 233
Van Anda, BC
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Deadline for applications is May 31st, 2022.

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TEXADA SUMMER EVENTS INFORMATION SOCIAL

Saturday, April 16, 1-3 pm
Community Hall

Interested in attending and/or volunteering at this summer's events? Come on out to visit with your new and old neighbours, and learn about the events planned for the island this summer. These include Texada Artist Studio Tour, Texada Aerospace Camp, Texada Annual Fly-In, Texada Blues & Roots Music Festival, and Sandcastle Weekend. Run the Rock may also happen in a scaled-down version if a new race director steps forward.

There will be representatives present for each event to chat about event details and volunteer opportunities. Free coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. See you there! We're all looking forward to a great summer!!



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A memorial service and celebration of life will be held for Phyllis on April 23. The memorial service will be held at the United Church in Van Anda at 1 pm, followed by a celebration of life at the Legion at 2 pm.

Phyllis loved a good party, so join us at the Legion at 7 pm for live music and dancing in her honor.

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A black and white photograph of a forest floor. In the foreground, a large, charred log lies horizontally across the frame. The ground is covered in dry leaves, twigs, and small puddles. In the background, several tall, thin tree trunks stand vertically, creating a sense of depth. The lighting is natural, suggesting a sunny day with some shadows.

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TEXADA ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR

Calling all Texada Artists!!! If you are a stitcher, photographer, weaver, felter, painter, carver, sketcher, sculptor, quilter, potter, etc. (or even a gnome-home builder) this weekend event is for you to showcase your work!

We now seem to be emerging from the dampening effects of the COVID group-gathering restrictions. This season is perfect for your official artistic coming-out to reveal your pandemic productivity to an admiring public.

**Save the dates:
Saturday, July 23rd
and Sunday, July 24th**

You need do only ONE thing now but please do it right away... The ONE thing – register yourself by emailing the 2022 TAST co-ordinator [Larry Dawe] to say you want to participate:

email larrydawe2@gmail.com

OR

post Box 286, Gillies Bay

OR

drop off a note at 4456 Sanderson Rd.

Registration fee still only \$50.

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LITTLE FREE PANTRIES

Texada's own "little free pantries" are available to everyone on Texada with food insecurities. Please feel free to pick up or drop off some much needed food. Locations are at the Food Bank in Van Anda and in front of 4758 Cedar St. (between Oak and Ash) in Gillies Bay. Sponsored by the Community of Texada and the Texada Food Bank. "Take what you need; leave what you can."

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.



Fun Fact: The empty space at the top of a food container is called *ullage*.



Van Anda
Improvement District
Safe Water for Everybody

AGM
Saturday, April 9
at 10 am



Our Annual General Meeting will be at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch # 232 on Legion Rd. in Van Anda.

We have one 3-year trustee term available for election. After nominations, candidates will be requested to give a brief statement and elections will follow.

Discussion will include Parcel Assessment method and Residential Metering. Audited financial statements will be available to view prior to the AGM at the VAID office and on our website.

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**GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Sunday, April 24th at 1:30 pm
At the Texada Community Hall**

Public Health Orders will be followed
(This includes wearing masks and proof of vaccination)

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN
BECOMING A TRUSTEE?**

Annual General Meeting

Agenda

The AGM Agenda will include:

- 2021 Financial Statements - presented by Dwayne Dunn of *DMD Chartered Accountants*
- Minutes from the 2021 AGM
- Report from the Board Chair
- Report from the Water Officer
- Report from the Fire Chief
- Trustee elections

Elections:

There are two 3-year terms that are up for renewal. We will be electing **two** Trustees at the AGM.

Voter Eligibility:

- 1.** Voter must be a Canadian Citizen of eighteen years of age or older who owns land within the Improvement District *and* who has been a resident of BC for the previous six months; or
- 2.** A legal representative of an owner of land in the Improvement District who has died, become insolvent or insane (legal proof is required); or
- 3.** Be the authorized agent of a board or corporation that owns land in the Improvement District (legal proof is required).

If more than one person is registered on title as land-owner, each may vote. No person may have two votes unless they meet the criteria listed in #2 or #3.

We need you!

We are looking for people who want to make a positive impact in our community and who have skills in financial management and governance.

The Board of Trustees provides leadership, and strategic guidance for the Improvement District.

If you are wanting to contribute your time and skills to the stewardship of the community of Gillies Bay, please contact us.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be accepted until **April 19th, 2022 at 4 pm**. Contact admin@gillies-bay.ca or call 604-223-7757 for more information.

Nominations must be made on or before April 19th. We will not be accepting nominations from the floor at the AGM.

G I L L I E S B A Y
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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Selling real estate is a hands on process. Just ‘showing up’ is often half the battle. I credit 35 years of success to actively selling my listings. As I live on Texada, I am available to be on hand when my client’s homes are being viewed. I can point out the features of the home and sell the community and all it has to offer. This often results in a quicker sale for a higher price.

I moved to Texada two years ago from Vancouver and have moved my license to 460 Realty in Powell River to better serve my clients. My extensive contacts in the Lower Mainland help in my marketing of properties here. I’d be happy to meet with you and learn how I can help you manage one of your biggest assets.

Call me for a free evaluation, or just to discuss your unique situation and needs.

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TEXADA COMMUNITY POLICING

Next scheduled meeting:
5 pm Thursday, April 7

LOCATION CHANGE:
Texada Island Community Hall
in Gillies Bay

Our agenda for this meeting includes **current hunting regulations** and their effect on residents, with a **focus on bow hunting**. We are fortunate to have Conservation Officer Leyland Klassen as our guest for this meeting to answer questions and hear concerns.

We will also be discussing the **current status of Victim Services** on the island. Currently we have no on island volunteers. Do we reinvent or disburse the funds held?

Although we are no longer required to wear masks, please respect those who

choose to continue doing so. If you feel uncomfortable attending this meeting and have concerns you wish to voice, please call the number below.

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REPORT FROM THE CHAIR **Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID)**

Spring...good time for a refresh...so a bit of the past thru the present, and a look to the future:

The pilot treatment plant that tested several possible water treatment options for Gillies Bay is complete and the Board is currently in discussions with Vancouver Coastal Health, the RES'EAU research team that conducted the study, and equipment suppliers and engineers to come up with a plan to bring to the ratepayers later this year.

Late last year we applied to the Regional District for funding from the Federal Gas Tax Grant Fund to help finance our water treatment plant, storage tank, and included a proposal to extend a water main out Gillies Bay Road to Shelter Point Park. In 2017, Van Anda received monies (administered by the Regional District) from the Federal Gas Tax Fund that paid for almost 100% of the costs of their treatment plant and storage tank. We were expecting similar treatment given that it is the only Federal Government grant money available to small community water systems and we met all the Gas Tax Fund requirements. However, as of this date, the Regional District has not supported our application.

Shelter Point Park is a bit of a bizarre situation for the GBID. The park is fully within the GBID boundaries and as such we supply fire protection for the park. The Regional District "owns" the park but does not contribute any funding to GBID for fire protection. We have identified the park as one of the highest risk areas for possible wild or interface fire, and part of our proposal was to run an eight inch water main out to the park to provide fire protection and possibly water.

In addition, we would provide a walking/cycling path above the buried water main that would be separated from the vehicle roadway. To our surprise, the Regional District seems to have ignored our proposal and instead plans to use money from the Gas Tax fund to drill a well(s) to supplement their current shallow dug well surface water source. The Regional District Shelter Point water source and distribution infrastructure is totally inadequate for fire fighting and would be almost useless to the GBID Fire Department in case of fire. As I said...a bit bizarre.

On the bright side, we are moving forward. The next couple of years should see us building a new water treatment facility. In addition, we are planning to expand our service mainline out to Shelter Point to enable 60 or so properties to get off permanent boil water notices. It should make for interesting times.

We will be electing three trustees at our annual general meeting later this month. If you or someone you know is interested in serving the community, maybe getting involved in some fundraising or construction, why not come give it a shot?

— *Chuck Childress, Chair GBID*



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ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 232

Meat draws are back!

- On Saturday, doors open at 3:30 pm; first draw at 4:15 pm.
- On Sunday, there's trivia meat draw. You can buy tickets, but throughout the afternoon we will ask trivia questions. Be the first to answer correctly and win tickets as well. The doors open at 4 pm; first draw at 4:15 pm.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting: April 8 at 7 pm. There will be a guest speaker at the end of the meeting.

Bingo: April 15 at 7 pm.

Battle of the Atlantic Service: Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 am.

Please be advised that Volunteer Road is now closed at the Legion.

We still have COVID protocols in place and are following them as they change.

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

TEXADA WELCOMES THE WORLD



Texada residents were launched into a “whole new world” with the proliferation of “wireless” (radio) in the 1930s.

Remote coastal camps, canneries, and settlements welcomed the reprieve from isolation. It was now possible to hear a human voice or to listen to live concerts from far away (albeit through whistles and static!).

For eight years, Jim Spilsbury (of Savary Island) travelled the inner coast monthly selling and servicing radio telephones and receivers to remote locations.

When television reception (“like radio with pictures”) became available in the 1950s, south-facing Gillies Bay was in a good position to receive signals directly from KVOX (Bellingham), CBUT (Vancouver), CHEK (Victoria) and, sometimes, Seattle stations (KOMO, KING).

Residents gathered around small black and white screens to view wavering images while constantly adjusting the aerial to minimize the “snow” (interference).

In Van Anda, the first serious attempt at improving community TV reception was spurred on by the desire to watch the Ripple Rock explosion live on April 14, 1958. A public meeting was held which resulted in the formation of an association to offer \$200 bonds to finance the \$8,000 needed for equipment. “They sold like hotcakes.”

A tower site on Volunteer Hill above town was chosen and a team of eager supporters cleared the pole lines and strung coaxial cable to each subscriber’s house. Another Texada community success story!

Residents were able to choose their TV sets from Bob McKay’s sales show room above

Mary’s Cafe. RCA Victor floor models sold for \$300 to \$400.

In Gillies Bay in 1966, Texada Mines provided cable TV service from towers at the end of Sanderson Road to its bunkhouses and townsite families (\$5/month and \$3 for mine employees).

Upon closing in 1977, the mine turned the system over to the new Gillies Bay Community TV Association for one dollar. The TV tower site was purchased later for \$1,000.

The days of fuzzy TV test patterns accompanied by high-pitched humming are hard to imagine now as we take for granted today’s 24-hour multi-channel satellite TV networks. It’s interesting to look back at these milestones in Texada’s media history.

— Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society

Texada Market



- Fresh cut meat
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- Liquor agency store
- New items arriving weekly

Store Hours	Sun: Noon - 5 pm Mon - Sat: 10 am - 7 pm
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TEXADA FOOD HUB

The Hub is available to all – we are located inside Texada School. The Texada Food Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

All are welcome to join Texada Agriculture Group (TAG) and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products. For more information, please contact Tom Read, home phone 604-483-1471 or text 604-414-9998 or email ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.



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Fun Fact: The world's first "unwillingly independent" nation: Singapore, tossed out of Malaysia in 1965.

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FRIDAY: BEEF BURRITO
SATURDAY: PORK RIBS

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY



Greetings, everyone.

I am fascinated by the colour and design of book covers and jackets. Book covers combine my interests in colour, design, and information. I wanted to share some of that enthusiasm with you.

Even before you open a book, the cover reveals a wealth of information. It provides the publishers' promotional information, an author profile and photo, a story summary, reviews, awards, and design/illustration credits. The designs often include photographs from companies that provide stock images for a fee. There are many companies specializing in this service.

Libraries protect the jackets of hard covered books with clear plastic and paperbacks with lamination, because the covers provide important information for the reader and the cataloguer. Beneath the paper covers, the book is often plain with only a spine title.

I did a Google search and found lots of courses on YouTube about how to design your own book covers, templates to create covers, and sites on how to find a book cover designer.

In Victorian times, book covers were fabric or embossed leather in one colour with black or gold design and lettering. "Penny Dreadfuls" of the same era were printed on cheap wood pulp paper; usually the covers were in one colour with black lettering and illustrations. The name is derived from the story content of pirates, vampires, or highwaymen. Their target market was the working class.

In the 1920s, Penguin Books published books in their characteristic orange, cream, and black covers, often with a small black sketch-like illustration.

The covers of Agatha Christie books from 1920 -1976 were almost like the vintage "True Detective" magazines, very explicit. Gradually, her book covers included

her most famous hand written signature at the top of beautiful illustrations.

Next time you come into the library, check out the retro covers of Jacqueline Winspear, Agatha Christie, and Iona Whishaw. They have a feel of 1920s design, offering more information to the reader.

— Pam Kenny

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 pm
Friday	noon to 2 pm
Saturday	noon to 2 pm
Sunday	noon to 2 pm

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TEXADA ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Just before our 2020 AGM, the pandemic forced the suspension of all meetings and events. We have remained in a suspended state since then, doing the bare minimum needed to keep ourselves “official”. But things are opening up again and we would like to get ourselves going again as well.

One of the things we were going to address at the March 2020 AGM was a dire need for a new board. Joseph Scott is the de facto president as Cindy Babyn left the island and had resigned (though she continues to work with and for us from afar), Elayne Boloten continues as secretary, and Trevor Morrison has been carrying on as treasurer. The rest of the board had in fact resigned (for a variety of personal reasons) going into the March 2020 AGM.

We are too late for a March 2022 AGM (as set out in our bylaws), but we are looking at having a meeting in April to gauge response from members to return to a formal Chamber of Commerce as well as to find people interested in stepping up as board members. We’re asking for volunteers to populate a board of directors until we can hold an AGM according to our bylaws (in March 2023).

We are scheduling a meeting on Friday, April 29th. Members will be contacted with details. Anyone not already a member but interested in joining us can call Elayne at 604-486-7457 for more information.

Dues remain \$15 for an individual, \$15 for a couple (in the same residence), and \$35 for a business.

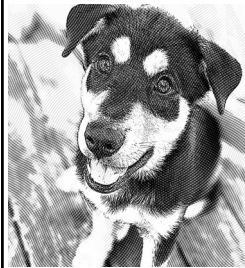
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TEXADA GARDEN CLUB

News Flash: The Garden Club will be meeting Wednesday, May 4th at the Community Hall. Meeting time will be 2 pm to 4 pm. COVID protocols, whatever that may look like, will be in place. New members are always welcome.

April showers bring May flowers but what about the bugs? In this month's edition of Garden Club Notes, Lori John talks about those mini-beasties.

There are good bugs and bad bugs.

The bad bugs are the leaf chewers, sap suckers, root feeders, borers, seed and fruit pests, and the gall makers that include mites.

Encouraging beneficial insects (the good bugs) in the garden helps with the insects that aren't so beneficial to plants. Mason bees, bumble bees, and some beetles and flies help with pollinating trees, fruits, and veggies. Good bugs are also important predators and parasites of pest insects. See anything that moves quickly like a lady bug, a lacewing, centipede, or black beetle, leave it alone. They are hunting down the slow moving insects that feed on our plants.

Most insects in our yards are good bugs or benign bugs. We have very few pest species that live here. To encourage good bugs, we need to feed them with nectar and pollen. Offering a good diversity of different sizes and colours of flowers throughout the year would be a great start.

Using pesticides and insecticides kills all insects resulting in the loss of beneficial insects and pollinators. It is best to target specific problems, and that takes some research. Google is your friend here. One site that I really like is "Linda A. Gilkeson, West Coast Gardening". This site has great pictures to help you identify the problem bug.

Two other local resources are our library (housed in the Seniors Center) and becoming a Garden Club member. Our members have a wide range of local knowledge and we are a group that welcomes all, especially novice gardeners.

Tip: To get rid of some pests, crumple up damp newspaper and leave it in the garden or container because when the sun comes around all sorts of bugs (the slugs, earwigs, and sow bugs) will naturally go to the damp newspaper. Then it is easy to collect the newspaper and deposit it into the compost pile where the paper will decompose and the bugs will be put to good use decomposing garden waste.

Kerstin Guillemaud, known for her wonderful teas, has contributed this month's recipe:

This is a **hummus** recipe that I used in the vegetarian tea sandwiches we served at the Garden Club Teas.

- 1 C chopped cooked carrots
- 1 can chickpeas
- 2 tsp lemon juice
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 tsp salt
- Pinch of cayenne pepper
- 1/4 C tahini

Process all ingredients, then stir in chopped parsley. Serve as dip or sandwich filling.

MARK THE DATE

The Texada Island Community Society will be holding a swap meet on Sunday, May 28. Tables are available — please call Ruth at 604-414-8682 to reserve yours.



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THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop celebrated its 48th anniversary on February 14th. Thank you to our wonderful workers who have kept us going through the pandemic: Shirley Williams, Diane Grayson, Margaret and Cheryl, Jeidre Segur (our loyal rag cutter), Sue and Linn who open on Sunday, and Sandy who opens on Thursday. Thanks also to Wade Chisholm who takes stuff to Powell River and our respectful customers who only bring their donations when we are open!

Our hours on Sunday and Thursday are from 11 am to 1 pm. Our prices are still \$1 for a grocery bag full and \$2 for a garbage bag full. If you have any questions, please call Linn at 604-486-7468.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

More about the budget:

Taxation pays for about three-quarters of the RD's operating budget with the balance coming from fees, charges, and tipping fees. The biggest change from 2021 is an increase in the regional Waste Management Service budget (\$400,000-plus) to pay for completion of the Resource Recovery Centre (RRC), shared by all taxpayers in the region.

Also impacting the budget are a 10 per cent hike in insurance costs and a Board decision (which I didn't support) to roll 2021 budget surpluses into reserves for asset management. I moved to reduce this to half of the surplus amounts, freeing the other half to offset taxes, but this was not supported.

Our taxes pay for both regional and local services which we receive. Regional services include parks, cemetery, animal shelter, emergency program, waste management, library, planning/development, paratransit, economic development, and social planning. Texada's local services are Texada Rescue, Health Centre, Airport, Recreation Commission, Heritage, and Marine/VA dock.

Because property assessments are up, tax rates for most services are down. The exception is the Marine/VA dock where a new \$25,000 is being put into the service's reserve to start paying back the \$204,900 repair/upgrade work done earlier this year.

Another source of revenue is **Community Works (CW) funds**. These are allocated to local governments by population and the qRD receives just over \$360,000 annually for eligible capital projects. Together with accumulated reserves, CW will finance 2022 projects including **deer fencing at our airport**, a greenhouse gas reduction strategy, asset condition assessments, and construction of the RRC. Additional funding will be required for the deer fencing (stay tuned).

While the qRD allocates CW funds by project, there are different ways to do it, includ-

ing allocation by electoral area. The Board supported a motion I put forward asking for a staff report about how qRD does the allocation and other available options. The recent application by GBID for CW funds for its water system upgrade was postponed until this report is received.

I believe we need a better way to allocate CW money so funding can be found to help improvement districts with water system upgrades.

*Sandy McCormick, area D director
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We are looking for new volunteers for the Van Anda Fire Department .

Our Fire Department is a diverse group and includes adults of all ages. Bring your willingness to learn new skills, enthusiasm, and dedication. Serve your community.

Interested in increasing your First Aid skills? Train to be a First Responder.

Are knots, spreaders and cutters your thing? We are a Rescue team.

How about trucks with air brakes, high pressure water hoses, and drafting water? Train to be a firefighter.

Would you like to support the team? Could you offer - documentation, tracking, nutrition, fitness aid or plans, gear or equipment maintenance, gear & uniform alterations? Training to enhance our skills?

Join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm.
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Table Rental: \$10 call Maureen (486-7590) or Freida (250-378-7823).
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Worship Services

Sundays 10:30 am.

Palm Sunday Service: April 10.

Good Friday Service: 1 pm on Friday, April 15.

Easter Sunday: April 17, 10:30 am.

Everyone is invited and welcome to come and be a part of our congregation.

Communion will be celebrated on April 24. Everyone is welcome at our communion table. We will be having fellowship and coffee after Sunday services.

Focus on Spirit!

The 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.

Prayer Group

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

Minister's Office Hours: Tuesday & Thursdays, at the church, 1:30—3:30 pm.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard, 604-414-7309
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- Although masks are no longer mandatory, and as of April 8 no proof of vaccination will be needed, let's all be respectful of other people's choices. All our sanitizing and safety protocols are in place. So let's do this with grace and a smile.
- Easter Dinner on Sunday: Glazed Ham and Scalloped Potatoes.
- We will be closed Easter Monday.
- Don't forget "We Make, You Take" pizzas are now available (large size only).
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Texada Island Food Bank

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.

If you have any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank, please call Pauline Fleming at 604-414-9590.

We are very grateful to everyone that makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food donations

that are dropped off at the Gillies Bay Store, Texada Market, and First Credit Union. Our only request is that all food donations be intact and not previously opened.

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TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK

April Luncheon

Thursday April 14, 2022

at the Texada Island Inn Pub.

Doors open at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 noon

There will be no guest speaker. This is our in-house silent auction and spring bonnet day.

To reserve please phone Linda at 604-486-7682 no later than Thursday, April 7, 2022. If you have food allergies, please let Linda know when you make your reservation.

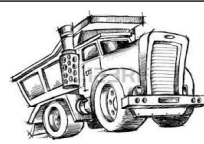
If you have something you would like to donate to the in-house silent auction, please phone Rikki at 604-318-9209 or Inge-Lore at 604-485-2350 to arrange to drop off your items or have them picked up well before the auction date. Please don't bring a lot of stuff at the last moment before the auction starts; it makes it difficult for those organizing this event.

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

It's spring bonnet day... please wear your best, most original hat. We all enjoy the fun and creativity of our members.

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

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The program is seeking bids for a yard work contractor for 2022. For more information, please phone the Better at Home Program Manager, Stacy Mogan, at 604-485-4008 or email her at smogan@inclusionpr.ca.

Better at Home is administered by Inclusion Powell River and BC United Way, with funding from the Province of BC. For more information, contact Tom Read (Texada volunteer coordinator) at 604-483-1471 or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.

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PHYLLIS SOLES

NOVEMBER 26, 1925 - MARCH 6, 2020

Phyllis Soles passed away peacefully at home on March 6, 2020 surrounded by her loving family.

Phyllis was born in Halifax, November 26, 1925. A true Maritimer, Phyllis and brothers Bill and Charles spent countless summers at Marion Bridge, Cape Breton Island, which held a special place in her heart.

During World War II, Phyllis met a Navy sailor, Colin Soles. They married and spent fifty-three years together, raising three boys, Ken, Ian, and Lorne.

Colin's job with BC Hydro took them to Prince George and Vancouver Island before settling in Van Anda. Texada Island was rough and tumble in the 1960s; Phyllis committed to only staying five years. Five years turned into fifty-four. She became involved in community life, becoming an ambulance attendant and First Aider.

Phyllis believed in volunteerism and even in her ninth decade was active with the Police Commission, Restorative Justice Committee, United Church Women, Chamber of Commerce, Kids Saving Earth Camps, and the Terry Fox Run, to mention a few. Her most cherished commitment was as Brown Owl for the Texada Brownies. For decades she led girls on the island and organized endless summer camps. During her Brownie days, she discovered her love of crafts, becoming designated as 'Crafty'. Family members cherish what she lovingly created.

Throughout her life, Phyllis treasured her relationship with brother Bill and sister-in-law Marge; forming an enduring bond with her nieces Layne, Sande, and nephew Scott.

Phyllis' home was a safe haven to her son's friends and she became a surrogate

Mom to many. In addition to welcoming young people to their table, Phyllis warmly received Colin's mother, Florence, into their home for twenty-three years.

Phyllis loved road trips; most notably camping across Canada as a 1967 centennial project. As retirees, Phyllis and Colin enjoyed winters in Arizona while traveling to events for their grandchildren, great-nieces and nephews. Phyllis's love of kinship and adventure continued after Colin passed away in 2001. Her 90th birthday was marked by a two-week family trip to Scotland where she danced at a Ceilidh.

Phyllis's later years found her walking her dog B.B., contributing to her community, and visiting with her extensive clan.

Phyllis was predeceased by her parents, brothers, and beloved husband Colin. She leaves to mourn her sons Ken (Karen), Ian (Katie), Lorne (Julie), and her grandchildren, Derek, Erin, and Natasha, nieces Layne (Ross), Sande (Mike), and nephew Scott (Maria), and their families, as well as her close friend, Linda. The family thanks Dr. Kevin Black for his compassionate care during Phyllis's final hours.

*See page 4 for details of the
Celebration of Life for Phyllis.*

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GLEN VERNON DOWNING
OCTOBER 1, 1936 – JANUARY 20, 2022

Glen Vernon Downing was born in Prevost, Alberta on October 1, 1936 to Vern and Olga Downing. He was the second son of five boys and three younger sisters. He grew up on a little farmstead just outside of Metiskow, Alberta. At 18 years of age, he moved to Texada Island in January of 1955 where he started working for his uncle Okie Nyvall, logging. He met his soon-to-be-wife, Dorothy Grayson, who was working at the post office at the time. He then quit logging and got hired on at the quarry in Blubber Bay in 1956. Soon after that, he proposed and they got married on October 21, 1956. The first child to come along was a little boy, Rod, on March 6, 1958, then a little girl, Phyllis, on March 26, 1959, and last but not least another little girl, Louise, on September 21, 1960. As the kids began to grow, we would all pack up in the

summer and head back to Alberta to visit his mom and dad and all his brothers and sisters.

Dad bought some land from our neighbor, Eddie Rapier, and built a house in Van Anda with help from his brothers-in-law. Then in 1973, he bought some land on Crescent Bay Road that later became the Downing Golf Course. He worked until retiring from the quarry in 1994, then started traveling to Yuma. They met many wonderful friends on their travels and had wonderful times with their newfound friends. They sold the golf course and bought a motor home and went all over BC and Alberta in the summer and would head to Yuma in the winter. They did this till 2012 when it became too expensive to head south. So they stuck to BC and Alberta, visiting friends and family until 2017. If you ever needed a hand with anything he would be there for family or friends. He was loved by all and will be dearly missed.



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— Barb Egglestone



JUNE ROY

JUNE 5, 1931—FEBRUARY 21, 2022

June lived a full life. Born in Winnipeg, she lived the happiest years of her life on Texada Island (1978-2006). June and her husband Norm were active members of the community. They loved fishing, dancing, volunteering, keeping an incredibly abundant garden, and entertaining friends. Norm and June raised three children: Catherine, Terry, and Don. Their granddaughters (Juniper, Tara, Lacy, Shavon) and extended family appreciated their always-warm welcome.

Just like flowers, which were among her greatest delights until her last day, June had an incredible zest for life. She survived caring for her husband through ALS and his too-soon death in 1998. She survived strokes and cancer. The COVID pandemic was hard

on so many of our elders, including June, as dementia sped up with the lack of social contact.

She lived in Powell River 2006-2019 and Victoria 2019-2022. June was visited in her last weeks every day by Catherine and friend Prairie Escallier, and listened to some of her loved ones by phone, although she couldn't speak much.

June created a sense of continuity, stability, and traditions for her family, and kinship with her friends. She was loyal and generous.

Celebration of life to be held Aug 18, 2022 on Texada. Email for details: juneroy-memorial@gmail.com

Donations to Texada Health Services Society in June's honour are welcomed:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/texada-health-services-society/>

SD47 O.R.C.A. OUTREACH
(On THE Road WITH Children's Activities)
STRONGSTART OUTREACH

The SD47 StrongStart Outreach program offers programming and is working on a new approach to providing outreach programming to families. We will still be **On the Road with Children's Activities**. We are excited to continue our program in a new way.

The SD47 ORCA Neighbourhood StrongStart will visit Texada School on Monday, April 4 from 11:30 am - 2 pm.

CARE CUPBOARDS

The CARE cupboard can be found on the front of **The Texada Food Bank building** in Van Anda.

The CARE (Compassionate Access to Resources for Everyone) cupboard is supported by LIFT Community Services qathet Regional District.

The bottom compartment is for books and magazines, please feel free to give and take. The top compartment is for hygiene kits, harm reduction kits, and Naloxone; take as needed.

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Call in April 12 – Pick up April 13
Call in May 10 – Pick up May 11
Call in June 7 – Pick up June 8
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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	2:30 pm	3:35 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	4:40 pm	5:40 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
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- E-mail to brakes@telus.net or texadalines@hotmail.com
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APRIL 2022						
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3 1st day of Ramadan	4 StrongStart: 11:30 am, School	5	6 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Dragonboat AGM: 7 pm, Mary Mary Café	7 Community Policing: 5 pm, Community Hall	8 Legion Mtg: 7 pm, Legion	9 VAID AGM: 10 am, Legion Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm
10 Health Services AGM: 1 pm, Legion	11 Legion Mtg: 7 pm	12	13 VAID Board Mtg: 1:30 pm	14 TWIN Mtg: 11:30 am, Texada Island Inn Pub	15 Legion Bingo: 7 pm Good Friday	16 Summer Event Social: 1 pm, Community Hall 1st day of Passover
17 Easter Egg Hunt: 10 am, GB Firehall Easter Sunday	18	19	20 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Express Lines Deadline	21	22 Earth Day	23 Transfer Station: 10 am - 4 pm Celebration of Life (Phyllis Soles): see page 4
24 GBID AGM: 1:30 pm, Community Hall	25	26	27	28	29 COC Mtg: 6:30 pm, Texada Island Inn	30 Spring Fling: 10 am, Community Hall

EVERY:

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

SUNDAY: Trivia Meat Draw, Legion, 4 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm

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

SATURDAY: Tai Chi, GB Tennis Courts, 9:30 am
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30