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#### **EVERY MONTH**

#### MONDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls @ 6:30 pm

#### TUESDAY:

Sandpiper Playgroup, 10 am—1 pm

#### WEDNESDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am

Museum: 10-Noon

Scrabble & Games, Legion, 1:30—4 PM

#### THURSDAY:

Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

#### FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 7 pm

#### SATURDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am Circle of Light Meditation—United Church—2-3pm Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm

#### SUNDAY:

Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 3:30 pm Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm





**Texada Island's Monthly Events** 

November 2024

# Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society (TINSHS)

# **TINSHS Receives ALC Land Approval**

TINSHS is celebrating the Agricultural Land Commission exclusion announcement in their favour, and is finally in the position of being able to purchase an 8-acre parcel of

land at the junction of Gillies Bay Road and Airport Road!

A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has contributed to this much-needed seniors housing project: Stay tuned for a community party to celebrate this milestone (date TBA)! We can't wait to share this journey with all of you!

November brings celebrations and fond farewells. TINSHS bids farewell to Juanita Walton, our recording secretary and much more. We wish Juanita all the best in her new endeavour as the new GBID Administrator, replacing Theresa Beech. The ad for her position is separate from this column.

Thank you to all who attended the Estate

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT THE LEGION

Indoor service starts at 10 a.m. Outdoor starts -10:45 a.m. Followed by a light lunch.

LEST WE FORGET

Planning and Legacy Giving session on October 26th. It was a partnership between Texada Health Services Society (THSS) and Texada Island Non-profit Senior Housing So-

ciety (TINSHS). Thank you to Barb Egglestone for presenting. We hope that you had beneficial take 'aways' from the seminar.

Giving Tuesday Every Tuesday in November. Giving Tuesday was created in 2012 (2013 in Canada) as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do

good. The idea caught on, and has grown around the TEXADA ISLAND world, inspiring hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Make

someone smile, help a stranger, or give to those who need our help, every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give. Small businesses, corporations, individuals and families donate to charities committed to creating positive change.

We encourage Texadans to support locally with a lasting, thoughtful gift.

Website: texadaseniorshousing.ca Email: info@texadaseniorshousing.ca Phone us at: 604-486-6766

Non-profit Seniors

**Housing Society** 

Facebook: Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing

Charitable Registration # 705676682RR0001

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# TEXADA ISLAND **HEALTH CENTRE**

# **Hours of Operation** Monday to Thursday

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

8:30 am to 11:45 am

# **Phone Number:**

604-486-7525 If no reply, please leave a message.

Emergencies: 911

Information B.C. Health 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.
- 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.

# Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca 604-483-6438

> Udith Teuner 604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained Peer Facilitators

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# **CANCER SUPPORT GROUP**

The Cancer Support Group has funds available for those on Texada who are needing additional financial support, while being treated for cancer.

We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year, per patient.

Forms can be picked up at the Texada Island Health Centre, or from Amber Brewer who lives in Van Anda, and can be reached at 1-250-644-6024 (toll free).

All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence. Barb Egglestone

# Making Donations to the Texada Health Services Society

When donating, please make the cheque out to:

Texada Health Services Society and mail to P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0.

Please indicate on your cheque, or attach a note, whether you wish your donation to go to either: Cancer Support Group; Green Armband Fund; or to the General Fund (to be used for equipment for clinic, etc.).

Currently, there is a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and we would appreciate any funds that we receive to help our residents who are affected by Cancer. We are reviewing ways in which we can raise funds so we can increase the current \$500 per year per person. As you can appreciate \$500 does not cover much these days.

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11:25 am	12:15 pm	11:25 am	12:15 pm	
3 pm *	3:45 pm	3:30	4:15	
5:05 pm	6 pm	5:10 pm	6:40 pm	
6:50 pm	7:40 pm	7:25 pm	8:15 pm	
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11:20 am	12:25 pm	1:05 am	2:10 pm	
3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 am	2:40 pm**	
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	3:50 pm**	4:20 pm	
7:55 pm	8:50 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm	
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# **COMMUTER BUS THURSDAYS**

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#### LEST WE FORGET



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Date: November 21, 2024

Time: 10:00am – 2:00 pm – Presentations start at 10:00am and Support clinic to follow

Location: 2099 Legion Road, Van Anda

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For more information, Please contact: Warren Kiland - 604-414-5619

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# Texada Food Bank

Texada Food Bank is offered on the Second Wednesday of the month **ONLY**.

Call on the second Tuesday between 10am and 3pm.

Pick up on the second Wednesday

**Pick up** on the second Wednesday between 11 and 12.

Call in November 12 Pick up November 13 (604) 483-1219

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made at the First Credit Union or by mail to: PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. 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. Donation tins for cash are available at both stores- Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in Van Anda and the Credit Union. Thank you so much.

# Volunteers are needed for the Food Bank.

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

# **Texada Food Bank Thanks You!**

We are very thankful to everyone who 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 Credit Union. Our only request is that all food donations be intact and **not previously opened**.





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# **TEXADA POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Hope you all had a Safe and Happy Halloween and your candy haul was monstrous!

Now that November is upon us, we want to remind you that hunting season is in full swing. So, if you head out hiking be sure you wear bright clothing and consider hi-vis jackets for your dogs. To Hunters - please ensure you stick to the areas defined for hunting. Texada has many hidden residential gems that may have livestock.

Last month was our Policing Priorities meeting. Thanks to everyone that came out. We had an informative update on policing incidents over the last year from Cst Kevin Fuglewicz, which generated some great discussion. Sadly due to a ferry overload our conservation officer wasn't able to make the meeting but good points about hunting on the island were raised and noted for the committee to look into.

Road safety in relation to Blubber Bay was raised and we are actively seeking someone to join the committee who would like to be our point person for this topic.

We are also looking for additional volunteers to join the Committee. In collaboration with the RCMP we look at safety, prevention and education on Texada.



If you want to help make a difference please express your interest to texadamatters@gmail.com or 604-765-5218

Stay safe all!

# Texada Seniors Council **Community Lunch**

**Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay** Noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8 & Friday, Nov. 22 Homemade Soup \* Sandwiches \* Dessert \* Tea \* Coffee \$10.00 per Person

The lunch is open to all residents of Texada, not just seniors.

This a great time to socialize and meet people, especially any newcomers to the island. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Volunteers** needed for kitchen help. Please contact Joyce at: 778-318-3359,

For further information, please call Dale Rinehart, Seniors Council President, at: 604-486-0050.

To our ever-changing cavalcade of volunteers—Thank You!!

**COMMUNITY BINGO** at the Seniors' Centre Thursday November 28 at 1 p.m.

# TEXADA ISLAND WOMEN'S NETWORK T.W.I.N.'S NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 14, 2024 at the Texada Island Inn Pub

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m., Lunch is at Noon

# No Guest Speaker TWIN's In-House Silent Auction

If you have something to donate, please do so well ahead of the auction, so we can have everything set up early. If you need a donation picked up, please call Inge-Lore (604) 485-2350), Elke (604-414-0055) or Linda (604-486-7682) All monies raised go to our two main charities: The Green Armband Program and The Cancer Support Group.

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312, *no later than Thurs., Nov.7, 2024. If* you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

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# Worship Services:

Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterwards. Communion Nov. 3, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table.

# Bible Study:

We are continuing our Bible study looking at The Chosen, Season 2, episodes 4 during the month of November, Bible study takes place after the worship service, please bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided.

# Focus on Spirit:

Published weekly on website. Links on Texada Message Board and Texada United Church Facebook page.



#### Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

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# **MUSEUM MUSINGS**

## HALLOWE'EN IN OLD BLUBBER BAY

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Hallowe'en on Texada has been an occasion for fun and trickery through many years. Recently, Betty Zaikow (nee Kucharsky), who grew up in Blubber Bay, shared her Hallowe'en memories from the 1950/60's.

Life was more relaxed in the company town then. "We [children] were left to our own devices ...and lots of [unsupervised] fireworks," Betty said.

Kids were excited to wear their hand -made costumes going door-to-door amongst friends and neighbours. Pillow cases were filled with candy kisses but homemade treats were best. Caramel apples, fresh donuts, popcorn balls were favourites.

Some houses were to be avoided, however. Betty remembers Gibby Gibson who made kids stand on a chair and sing her two songs in trade for candy.

One Hallowe'en when she was around eleven, Betty and friends decided to trick-or-treat at the Chinese bunkhouse - a place normally out of bounds. It took courage to venture there in the dark, walking under the Pacific Lime conveyor belts "dripping with water and mud," the plant emitting an "eerie sound ... like some sort of beast."

After a timid "trick-or-treat" the door opened to the "smell of incense, smoke and cooking odours wafting over us." The kids were warmly welcomed and returned home with Chinese candies, ginger cookies, Chinese peanuts, strange coins with a square hole in them and - for the boys - firecrackers!

The Blubber Bay ball field hosted the community fireworks display which helped to keep older kids "out of trouble." In some cases it didn't work. Trickery reigned!

The PO/store's massive steps were moved across the road. Citizens awoke to discover their garbage cans (and anything not nailed

down) now lived on the other side of town (if they could find them!). Soaping windows, egging and toilet papering trees seem harmless in contrast to the actions of some teens.

One year they chopped almost through a roadside tree, only to wait and drop it across the road, as the distinctive sound of the intended

victim's car approached!

Despite some extreme behaviours in the past Texada's community spirit has ensured that Hallowe'en continues to be a magical time for children.

Thank-you, Betty, for your memories.
Peter Lock



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# Texada Island Community Society (TICS)

# **TICS President's Message**

The weather is changing fast into Fall and so is the schedule of things to do and participate in.

It starts off with TICS Bingo at 7pm on Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, in the Community Hall. Next is the Daylight-Saving Time Change (Fall Back and Hour) on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> and then the TICS General Meeting at 10:30am on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Legion.

On Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am, please take time to remember those who served and serve our country by attending the Texada Legion #232 Remembrance Day Service.

On November 21<sup>st</sup>, from 10am-2pm, in the Texada Legion, please attend a Presentation & Drop-in Clinic with Canada Revenue Agency & Service Canada, along with others. Please drop by for a coffee, tea and/or treats, which will be provided by TICS.

On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, TICS Winter Market Vendor tables are now Sold Out. It will run from 10am-6pm (only 1 day this year) at the Community Hall in Gillies Bay. Make sure you come out, support and buy those Christmas gifts from our local artists. Hope to see you there.

# **Functions in December:**

- Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> Spirit Breakfast at Mary Mary Café, 7am-11am
- Friday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> TICS Bingo at the Community Hall, 7pm-9:30pm
- Sunday, Dec 15 Santa Breakfast at the Legion, 10am–12:30pm

• Sunday, Dec 15 – Community Dinner at the Gillies Bay Hall, 6pm-10pm

Wishing you a fabulous month. Do not forget to get out and support the local community.

Warren





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# **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232**

# **NEXT GENERAL MEETING**

Friday, November 8 Doors Open 5:00 p.m. Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

# MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Indoor service starts at 10 a.m. Outdoor starts -10:45 a.m. Followed by a light lunch.

## BINGO

Friday, November 15 Doors open at 5:30—Game at 7:00

# **SCRABBLE BOARD & GAMES**

Wednesdays, 1:30—4:00 p.m. Everyone Welcome!

# **Grev Cup Party!**

November 17, Doors Open at 1 pm Kickoff at 3. Chili, chilidogs & hotdogs for sale, prizes and snacks.

#### POTLUCK

Wednesday, November 27th Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Bring your favorite dish & utensils Evervone Welcome!

#### MEAT DRAW

Saturday and Sunday Doors Open at 3:30



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we managed. We located an old tunnel

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Our camp was spartan to say the least, but

# Risking It All For The Lure of Gold (Part Two) ... The Bonanza

All seemed hopeless as we drifted out to sea clinging to our overturned boat shivering cold with darkness falling upon us.

"Look... there's a boat" Pat yelled. We could just make out a boat headed our way. There, on the bow, standing with his hands on his hips, barrel chested, cap turned sideways was Lorry Polanski, a true West Coast hand logger and his son Skip.

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"What the hell are you doing down there?" Lorry yelled. The two of us spread eagle on our overturned boat. Skip put a skif in the water and pulled us limp, soaked and chilled to the bone from the sea.

We recounted our story as we huddled stripped down covered with blankets and shivering next to the boat's oil stove. Skip had righted our boat and pulled what could float from the water, clothes, sleeping bags, fuel jugs and tent then towed us in to shore. After a week to recover from the ordeal cautiously Pat and I decided to head out again. The lure of gold and adventure was just too much and drew us out again.

With new supplies and renewed courage we boated out again passing two cougars swimming side by side as we neared our camp site. Was this an Oman or a sign of dangers to come? This time we made her. grade with much visible gold.

For over a month with hammers and prv bars we worked that vein and gathered precious quartz rock until we had just over a ton of material sacked up and piled high at

a chopper pad I had built In the next week we had abandoned our camp and hired a chopper to net

and sling out our cash of sacked gold quartz to our truck for processing. That ton of gold quartz material after crushing and sluicing yielded us 15 oz. of fine gold. Both Pat and I had jewelry

made, rings, bracelets, a necklace and chains made from the milled and smelted aold

Over the years I've given away most of my jewelry...the cost of living with old girlfriends and ex's I guess, but... at least the adventures and memories are still mine. I've been tempted to head out there again someday. that is... if I could find someone to partner with and grub stake me, and of course... an unsinkable boat.

Cheers, Covote



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# **TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB**

Do join us on Wednesday, November 20th, at the Gillies Bay Seniors Center starting at 2pm. Sarah Bacon from the Powell River Garden Club will be showing us how to prune! She is a retired teacher full of wit and knowledge. Non-members welcome. Membership for the year is \$10.

This month Carolyn Walton-Kay talks about the reason we keep gardening.

As fall rustles in, and the growing season grinds to a halt, my thoughts once again turn to my annual field of quashed Martha Stewart garden dreams.

Let's face it, I'm a crap gardener with big dreams. Each spring, I pore over garden magazines and some books, noting Latin plant names and their matching common moniker. Painstakingly, I write them down, under neat column headings, along with each of their sun and soil conditions. Dreams of healthy Dahlias, lilies, daisy-type flowers, English wild gardens - and more - dancing wildly and freely in the wind are conjured in my head.

But, these dreams remain conjured somehow, the almighty writing pad that is the pathway to my dreams gets lost along the way to Texada's Home & Garden.

So, I wing it. Soil, check. All the plants that look pretty, check. Any understanding of whether my rocky yard, minimal soil and its inconsistent sun opportunities will sustain plant life - no check.

But, I'm spirited with hopes, nary a lingering thought of reality – no buzzkill allowed

during moments of happy, folks. The bounty gets hoisted into the back of the car

and rides home with me!

They are planted, lovingly watered (maybe too much), peed and trampled on by a visiting dog (and chewed), and weeded (well, sometimes)

But, as the very, very, very long season progresses, other inspiring activities lead me away and the once vibrant pot (s) of promise fades away elsewhere.

And, like hope in general, some plants survive and flourish, some grow hesitantly and struggle, and some immediately die.

But, by next year, these will all be dim memories, and the magazines will once again be incessantly flipped and marked, the pad with neat columns will await instruction and the garden dreams of hope will start again, in anticipation of a new season. It's the hope that grabs.

... By A Crap Gardener who is about to join the Garden Club.

Growth, knowledge and hand-holding, reasons to join.



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# **TEXADA ACTION NOW (TAN)**

TAN will be holding its *Annual General Meeting (AGM)* on Sunday Nov 3 at 12 noon at the Seniors Centre (old School) in Gillies Bay.

All Texada residents are members of TAN and are invited to attend.

The meeting will deal with the usual AGM stuff, plus an open discussion of the history, and the future of TAN. TAN has history of fighting hard and successfully for this Island. It has always been there when really needed. Should it and can it continue? It is up to the members...which is all of us.

In addition, there will be an election to fill a number of executive positions at the AGM. We are looking for some new blood, so if you know of someone who would be interested in standing (including yourself), please contact Chuck Childress @ 604 486 7443 or tanchair2014@gmail.com. The workload is whatever you choose to make it.

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# GILLIES BAY & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPARTMENTS



# **Global Medic Donates Wildfire Fighting Equipment to Texada**

Have you been noticing smoke from backyard fires? Yep, the burning ban has now been lifted, but hopefully people will still exercise caution. Even with cooler conditions and rain we

are still responding to wildfire incidents. Please be careful out there, and if you smell smoke call 911 to report it. Both the recent fires we responded to were called in by concerned residents. Thanks folks!

We have placed an order for an Initial Attack UTV from Kubota. It will take some time to get it but at least it is underway.

The big news now is that the Texada Island Volunteer Firefighters Association was also successful in obtaining a

donation from Global Medic that can turn any pickup truck into a serious wildfire-fighting asset. We now have a skid that has a 1000-gallon water tank, with a pump and hose. The skid can be manually installed on a pickup.

It will be stored at the Van Anda Fire Hall so we can have off-road capacity at both Fire Halls, which will make for a more rapid response. Global Medic, whose slogan is that

they are "providing care to the world at a moment's notice" saw a need for improved wild-fire protection, and organized major donors to provide fire skids for free in vulnerable regions. We are very grateful that they included Texada Island in their program!

If you are interested in helping us to protect our Island why not consider volunteering? Van Anda has welcomed some

new members, but they still need more.

Contact VAFD Chief Mark Robert at 604 414 9662 for more information.





It's finally November.
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Event Date: Tuesday December 10, 2024, 6:30 PM

RSVP by Dec 1: powellrivertcf@gmail.com for the exact address in Westview, Powell River.

Bereaved parents, grandparents, and siblings are welcome. Supportive friends may also attend.

Feel free to bring a photo, memorabilia, or simply yourself. We love to get to know each other's children.

For more information contact: Ariel 604-218-6245 Zella 604-486-0464 (Texada)

Our Mission - To support parents on their grief journey following the death of a child.

Coffee, tea and cookies will be served following the ceremony.





# **Budget Meetings**

The gathet Regional District will meet to consider the proposed 2025 budgets and 2025-2029 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee meetings from December, 2024 through February, 2025.

The Regional Hospital District will meet to consider the proposed 2025 budget at the Regional Hospital District meetings between December, 2024 and March, 2025.

Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at gathet.ca.

For more information, please contact Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services at finance@gathet.ca or call 604-485-2260.





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# **GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

# **Budget and Tax Rates**

It is the time of year that the improvement district sets budgets and tax rates for 2025. These fall into four categories: (1) parcel taxes—all properties potentially serviced by the waterworks, (2) water toll—all properties that actually are connected and receive water. (3) fire levy—all properties within the GBVFD fire protection area; this tax is collected by the province and paid to the improvement district, (4) tax for streetlights.

Out of a total of 289 parcel taxpayers, 238 pay the parcel tax plus the water toll. So, 51 only pay the parcel tax. All of the parcel taxpayers pay for streetlights, plus two additional properties on Ballpark Road that only pay for street lighting.

The trustees must assess the cost of actually supplying water - the water toll, and also the cost of developing and maintaining the waterworks - the parcel tax. As well, trustees determine the budget for the GBVFD and this

cost is proportioned among properties in the fire protection district.

The board process uses a committee structure so that we can, in detail, assess all costs. The budget is built upon past years costs, plus known changes and projected costs for the next year. For example, insurance is a large cost that we already know is increased for 2025. Inflation needs to be factored into the process.

This year, both the water toll and the parcel tax are adjusted to include a capital replacement cost so that our aging infrastructure can be repaired or replaced on a multi-year schedule to ensure a sustainable system in the long term. The cost of street lighting is projected to remain the same as last year.

Next month, we will be in a position to publish the numbers for 2025.

Roger Kimmerly, Chair, GBID

# **TEXADA ISLAND RECREATION COMMISSION (TIRC)**

The next meeting of TIRC will be on December 12 @ 5:00 PM @ the Seniors Center (Old School) in Gillies Bay.

All are welcome to attend.

There are two open positions for membership in the commission, each for a two year term.

Presently, we have one applicant. Members are appointed by the qRD board, and the present commission recommends applicants to attempt to represent the island as a whole. This is a great way to influence recreation policy on Texada and only involves four meetings a year.

To put your name forward, or to get more information, contact Roger by email rogerkimmerly@gmail.com or by phone 604 486 0009.

Roger Kimmerly. Chair, TIRC

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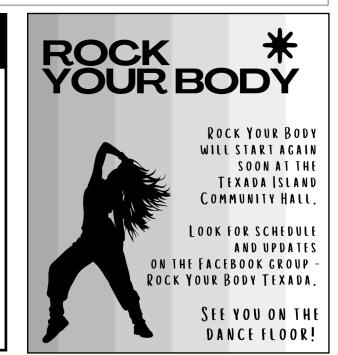
Fall note from Smiling Community Dental Hygiene:

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# **VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

**BURN BAN LIFTED:** The annual burn ban ended on Oct 15. It is still not permitted to burn any materials which create a noxious odour, such as plastics, rubber, garbage, or animal organic waste. We have heard your concerns and the Fire Regulation Bylaw is being changed so burning restrictions match those in Gillies Bay.

WATER RESTRICTIONS have ended. A reminder that hoses must be always equipped with a spring-loaded shutoff nozzle. Please continue to consider your water usage. Cold weather is coming so please be prepared by insulating exposed lines & fixtures.

WATER QUALITY ADVISORY: The Boil Water Notice was lifted Oct 6 after 2 consecutive samplings showed no Coliform or E. Coli bacteria. We have returned to a Water Quality Advisory which will likely be in effect until the media replacement in the Ion Exchange units is complete, which will allow the UV Treatment to be fully effective. More information on Notices and Advisories at vananda-id.ca/water-quality-notices/

**TEXT NOTIFICATION for WATER EMER-GENCIES:** We are setting a system for notification by text. There have been comments on social media that this is wanted, but very few people have provided us with their numbers. If you or anyone you know would like to be texted about water emergencies, please let us know.

# FIRE PROTECTION AREA EXPANSION:

We received about 20 Petitions to Amend Boundaries from property owners outside the

District so they can have Fire Department response if needed. Most owners have been notified how much their Rural Property Tax will increase (based on property value) and we need confirmation from them before continuing the process. Those that have confirmed need to sign the Temporary Fire Protection Agreement if they want Fire Department response before the Boundary Amendment is complete. This process takes several months so if you want to be covered in the meantime, please contact the office.

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**EVENING MEETINGS:** No one replied to our requests for interest in evening meetings, so meetings will continue to be held during the day.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Nov 13<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm

FIREFIGHTERS STILL NEEDED! No experience necessary. Training, gear, and 24-hr (NEW - now includes off-duty) accident insurance coverage provided. Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert 604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca

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**WATER EMERGENCY:** Water Operator Marianne Segers 1-604-315-1363



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# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D**

Like all other elected local government (LG) officials in BC. I attended the recent annual Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conference. Learning, lobbying and networking were on the agenda.

Many workshop sessions were held to share best practices. Particularly noteworthy was "water resilience in the face of drought" which highlighted LG solutions, including establishing reservoirs, ponds and storage tanks throughout the region.

BC's rural electoral area directors (like me) met separately to discuss mutual concerns. Topics included current provincial housing policy which prohibits rural areas (like Texada) without building regulations and permitting from eligibility for some significant grants.

Other issues included skyrocketing costshare "requests" from health authorities and challenges creating on-demand transit. During UBCM hundreds of resolutions were considered, typically calling on Victoria to take some action. qRD-sponsored resolutions asking for RD authority to grant permissive tax exemptions to non-profit societies for non-market housing and for increases in core funding for public libraries were approved.

Some resolutions asked for more options for creating rural housing and public transit, while others asked for increased health resources to address mental health, addiction and home care issues. Still others sought to bolster resilience to climate change.

In addition to sessions and resolutions. meetings were also scheduled with provincial ministries and agencies. The qRD asked questions but the answers were hurry-upand-wait.

## **HIGHLIGHTS:**

**MOTI** – The ask was for funding to remedy the many failed culverts under Texada's roads. After discussing Texada's Drainage Study, ministry staff agreed to communicate with our local highways officials about addressing the highest-priority deficiencies. While we may get some badly-needed repairs, this doesn't relieve MOTI of its responsibility for on-going inspection and maintenance of culverts throughout BC.

**ENVIRONMENT** – Recycle BC has stopped accepting industrial, commercial and institutional materials. The ask was for an affordable alternative to keep ICI waste out of the landfill.

**VANCOUVER/COASTAL HEALTH - Since** LGs are required to cost-share for local hospital capital improvements, the qRD asked that sufficient staffing levels be maintained so these improvements don't sit unused.

**BC FERRIES** – The ask was for improved schedules which support the on-time performance of fully-loaded vessels, sufficient staffing to reduce cancelled sailings, more meaningful engagement with FACs, LGs and ferry-dependent communities, and return of the triangle-run pilot project. BCF officials said they're collecting info about what needs to change and will develop recommendations addressing those concerns.

Stay tuned regarding all of the above. Sandy McCormick, area D director

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# **TEXADA AGRICULTURE GROUP & FOOD HUB**

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

Anyone can join Texada Agriculture Group 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 (but not for catering).

If you are already a TAG member and would like to schedule time at the Hub. please contact Breanne Percy by email at: breanne@why-health.com

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# **NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY**



Greetings Everyone,

"Lest We Forget" November 11th.

Texada Library

The volunteers extend a big thank you to Geraldine

McDonald and Perry Olsen for their very eclectic donation of books this month. Science lovers are in for a treat.

I am highlighting two wonderful novels which were donated this spring. The novels celebrate the "power of books and libraries to change people's lives" and "the beauty of intergenerational friendship." These quotes were taken from Fantastic Fiction reviews of the author's works.

Janet Skelien Charles is the author of The Paris Library and Miss Morgan's Book Brigade. The Paris Library is centred around WWII and Miss Morgan's Book Brigade takes place during WWI. The latter is based on the "extraordinary little-known history of the women who received the Croix de Guerre medal for courage under fire."

Although the novels are historical fiction, they are based on two real life librarians, Dorothy Reeder and Jessie Carson. To quote the author, "Dorothy Reeder dealt with the censorship and racism of the Nazis. Jessie Carson delivered books in a war zone

"The thinnest yellow light of November is more warming and exhilarating than any wine they tell of." Henry David Thoreau and later fought stagnant bureaucracy" to train women librarians. Jessie Carson initially went to France as a member of CARD (Comité Américain pour les Régions Dévastées) or the American Committee for Devastated France.

These two librarians represented change in their era, which is reflected in today's libraries. Lending libraries have moved with the times. They offer author readings, games, films, classes, computers, toys and tools to their communities. Some often have an "author in residence".

Pam Kenny

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

# **Library Open Hours:**

Tuesday to Wednesday Friday to Sunday noon to 2:00 pm Closed Monday & Thursday

For more information about The Library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone

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Douglas MacArthur

# **BINGO!**

# **TICS Bingo**

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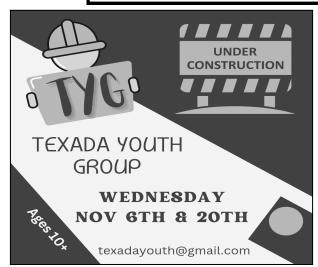
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