




OCTOBER 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm	3	4 TICS BINGO Comm. Hall 7 p.m.	5
6	7 TICS Gen. Mtg. Legion 10:30 a.m.	8 Food Bank Call In	9 Food Bank Pick Up Youth Group Texada School 4:45-6:30pm	10 TWIN Lunch Texada Inn Pub Noon	11 Legion Gen Mtg. Doors-5:00 Mtg. 7:00 Community Lunch Noon Sr. Ctr	12 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm W.I.R. @Library 1:30 pm Texada Church On The Rock
13	14 THANKS GIVING	15	16 Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm TAA Mtg., 10 am VAID, 1:30pm Garden Club , 2 pm	17 Community Policing Mtg. Legion 6:30 pm	18 Legion Bingo Doors -5:30 Starts 7:00	19 VOTE DAY Adult Aerospace Airport, 9:30-3:30
20 Raise the Roof Jam @ Pub, 4 pm	21 Grief Support @ Legion, 3pm <i>Express Lines Deadline</i>	22	23 Legion Potluck Doors Open 5 pm Dinner 6 pm Youth Group Texada School 4:45-6:30p	24 	25 Community Lunch Noon Sr. Ctr	26 TINSHS Estate Planning Legion, 10 am Texada Church On The Rock 5pm, Sr. Ctr. Halloween Dance GB Hall, 6 pm Halloween Party @ Pub Live Band Trans Station: 10 - 4 pm
27	28 	29	30 Heritage Society AGM—10 a.m. @ Museum Legion Potluck 6 pm	31 Halloween Community Bingo Sr. Ctr. 1 p.m.	Upcoming: TICS Winter Market—Nov. 30 TAN AGM- Nov 3, Noon, Sr. Ctr. United Church Bake Sale - Dec. 6	

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
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

October 2024



R.C.M.P.



School is back in full swing. We ask that you be mindful of the school bus which will be loading and off-loading children.

Note: The school bus has cameras.

If you are caught passing the school bus while it is picking up or dropping off children, you will receive a ticket from the RCMP.

Don't forget the **Texada Kids Sports Club** is every Monday evening. The Youth Group drop-in will be taking place on every second Wednesday from 4:45-6:30 PM at the Texada School, but watch the Texada Facebook page for dates and details.

NOTE: A small wallet has been turned into the office. If you can identify, it can be returned to its owner.

Buckle up and drive safe!

Josh, Kevin and Pat



TEXADA ISLAND VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS

RAISED \$52,400!

THANKS COMMUNITY

....SEE PAGE 3



Texada Island Heritage Society's Annual General Meeting

*Followed by the
Texada Island
Heritage Commission*

*Will be Held at the
Texada Island Museum
In Van Anda
Wednesday,
October 30, 2024
10:00 a.m.*



Happy Thanksgiving!

VOTING TIME, FOLKS

BRITISH COLUMBIA ELECTION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2024

8 A.M. TO 8 P.M.

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GREG REID	INDEPENDENT



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

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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.

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.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



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604-483-6438

Udith Teuner
604-486-6744

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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*

BC FERRIES

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER			
Monday to Friday		Saturday & Sunday	
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River	Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6 am	6:50 am	6 am	6:50 am
7:50 am	8:35 am	7:50 am	8:35 am
9:20 am	10:10*/10:20 am	9:20 am	10:20 am
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
8:35 pm	9:20 pm	9 pm	9:45 pm
<i>*Dangerous Cargo Wednesdays Only—no passengers</i>			

POWELL RIVER—COMOX	
Leave	Leave
8:05 am	6:15 am
11:50 am	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:25 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

COMMUTER BUS THURSDAYS
To reserve a seat:
Phone Wednesday before 3 pm
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Departs: Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am, and Van Anda Market at about 8:50 am.
Departs: North entrance of Town Ctr. Mall at 3 pm.
Fare: \$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+).
(each way)

POWELL RIVER - SECHELT		GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
Leave Salsbery Bay	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
5:35 am*	6:30 am*	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:25 am	8:20 am	8:40 am	9:50 am
9:25 am	10:35 am	11:00 am	12:10 am
11:45 am	12:55 pm	1:15 am	2:25 pm
2:30 pm	3:40 pm	3:35 am	4:45 pm
4:55 pm	6:00 pm	5:55 pm	5:30 pm
7:05 pm	8:05 pm	8:15 pm	7:05 pm
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	9:25 pm
<i>*Daily except Sunday</i>			

Always call or visit the website to confirm your sailing times.

OCTOBER 15 SCHEDULE CHANGE POWELL RIVER-SECHELT & GIBSON-VANCOUVER			
POWELL RIVER - SECHELT		GIBSON - VANCOUVER <i>(**XMAS ONLY)</i>	
Leave Salsbery Bay	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
5:40 am*	6:35 am*	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:30 am	8:25 am	8:40 am	9:45 am
9:25 am	10:25 am	10:50 am	11:55 am
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
9:45 pm	10:40 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
<i>*Daily except Sunday</i>		8:55 pm	10:55 pm

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Texada Island Volunteer Firefighters Association Thanks the Community!

Wow! When we identified a need for an off-road vehicle that could get to difficult to access sites on the Island for wildfire purposes, or for First Responders to deal with accidents, the Association took on the challenge to raise the money for an Initial Attack Vehicle.

We thought it might take several years to raise the necessary money, but Texada residents really came through!

Between our sponsorship drive, and the Annual Firefighters Community BBQ we raised enough money to purchase a Kutoba UTV, and a Fire/EMS skid for the unit. We will be proceeding with purchase this fall, and once it is done we'll invite everyone to a grand unveiling. After all, we all had a part in making it happen.

It wouldn't have happened without the incredible support we received. For the BBQ we had 39 members of the public, plus Firefighters from both Departments that helped out.

We don't have the space to name everyone in this article, but we are developing an honour roll that will recognize everyone. In addition, we had some extremely generous donors that need to be recognized.

Thanks to those who gave \$2500 dollars: Texada Contracting; Lafarge, Selkirk Mountain Forest, the Kermani family and Dan and Rhoda Stuart!

We also had two families that donated \$2000: Harry and Lori Vick; and Jim and Phyllis Mason.

We had companies and individuals that donated \$1500 or more: Zyrox Mining, Rycroft

Construction; Marg and Shaun Sullivan; and the Cairns family.

We had \$1000 dollars, or more, donations from: Save-On Foods; Valley Building Supplies; Texada Market; TexGuard Forestry Products; and Texada Golf Course.

We had many that donated \$500 or more: Bruce Thurston; the Johnson/Kerr family; Modern Windows; First Credit Union; Texada RV Park; Villani Law Offices; Shoppers Drug Mart; Arcosa; Powell River Town Centre; Gary and Rosalind McLeod; Hilary and Pete Stiles; Ron and Joanne Riddell; and Imperial Quarries.

The following donated \$250 or more: Wen Warn and the Texada Boys; Margaret and Arron

Rairie; Brian and Robbie Redman; Cadam Construction; Massulo Motors; Bill Kucharsky and Jeidre Segur; and Margaret Brent.

We also had several generous people that made substantial donations, but who didn't want any recognition. We really want to say thank you to them as well.

With these donations, and the many other contributions that came in, we raised over **\$52,400!**

We are still finalizing all our costs, but safe to say "mission accomplished".

THANK YOU EVERYONE for all your help.



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 between 11 and 12.

**Call in October 8,
Pick up October 9
(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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Saturday, October 26, 2024

6 p.m. to Midnight

Tickets for sale at:

Mary Mary's
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*Partial Proceeds to be Donated to the
Texada Breast Cancer Support Group*

**Texada Seniors Council
Community Lunch**

Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay

Noon to 1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 11 & Friday, Oct. 25

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 will start on, Oct 31, at the Seniors' Centre at 1PM



Texada Tai Chi

Monday, Wednesday
& Saturday
at the

Gillies Bay Community Hall
at 9:30 a.m.



TEXADA ISLAND WOMEN'S NETWORK OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 10, 2024 at the Texada Island Inn Pub

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

Guest Speaker at 1 p.m.

Guest Speakers:

Dave & Brenda Rairie

Topic:

Texada Museum

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312, no later than Oct. 3, 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.

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

Good Luck!!!

PLEASE come in your favourite Halloween costume.

TEXADA ACTION NOW (TAN) AGM

TAN will be holding its Annual General Meeting 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 membership... 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.

Chuck Childress- Chair - TAN



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We the people must build a political life rooted in the commonwealth of compassion and creativity still found among us, becoming a civic community sufficiently united to know our own will and hold those who govern accountable to it. Parker J. Palmer, Healing the heart of Democracy

Worship Services:

Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship & coffee afterwards. Communion October 6, 2024. Everyone is always welcome at our table.

Bible Study:

We will be showing episodes of "The Chosen, Season 2" starting Oct. 6 following the worship service, please bring your lunch, coffee and tea provided.

Focus on Spirit:

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

Texada Island United Church Mission...

To foster the spiritual development of all members of our community as revealed in the Bible.

Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com

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MUSEUM MUSINGS

More Fun Texada Historical Facts!

Texada's Woodland Cemetery has been a "resting place" for over 130 years. The first occupants were deceased Chinese workers whose bones were ultimately exhumed and returned home by Vancouver's Chinese Benevolent Society.

The random distribution of gravestones, stumps and picket fences was improved in 1958 by a volunteer work party. The most famous resident is Charlie Anderson ("the lucky Swede"). He became widely-known for striking it rich in the Klondike gold rush (1898) but dying penniless as a prospector on Texada in 1939.

In November, 1982, hundreds turned out in Van Anda to greet and picket a bus transporting a delegation from the Greater Vancouver Regional District.

Texadans were protesting Genstar's plan to dump Vancouver's garbage in abandoned Blubber Bay quarries. Islanders had sprung into action in previous weeks, signing petitions and garnering support from all local governments, businesses and other BC regional districts. Fortunately Texada's unity of purpose shone through and the councillors voted the project down.

Van Anda's Turtle Lake is officially known as Emily Lake, named for Texada's first school teacher, 20-year old Emily Raper. In 1898 Miss Emily taught at the Texada's "Honeymoon Cottage" at the head of the government wharf. It was the log-built home of newly-weds Harry and Olive Treat. Emily married John Lawson, editor of the Coast Miner newspaper, and the couple departed by Union Steamship

for their own honeymoon.

Dismantling Texada's infamous **3-storey Pochontas Bay Whiskey Still** provided lumber for Haddon Burditt to build his impressive 2-storey farmhouse in 1928. The house still stands at the highway's tight S-bend curve and reminds us of Texada's rich and varied history.

A SPECIAL NOTE:

Further information regarding last month's article on the Sunday Farmer's Market: The efforts of **Brian Walker and Dave Opko** should be acknowledged. They were responsible for clearing the alders to prepare the site of the current market buildings.

Peter Lock, Texada Island Heritage Society



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Booking the Legion

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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, October 11
Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

BINGO

Friday, October 18
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Game starts at 7:00 p.m.

SCRABBLE BOARD & GAMES RETURNS!

Wednesdays
1:30—4:00 p.m.

Everyone Welcome!

POTLUCK

Wednesday, October 30
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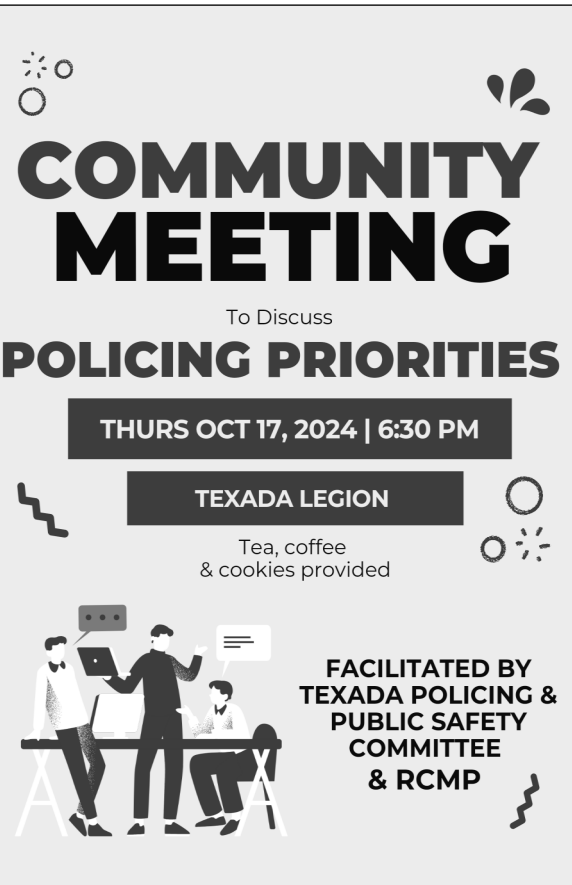
TEXADA POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Fall is upon us, and therefore, so are the darker and wetter nights. Please be cautious when on the road here or in town.

Drivers, keep a look out for pedestrians and deer that might be more difficult to see in low light. Pedestrians, take caution, wear bright or reflective clothing, and remember you might not be as noticeable when out walking as you were in the summer. **Stay safe!**

Community notice - our Policing Priorities Community Meeting is coming up. Please see the notice in this month's Express Lines and community notice boards for details.

We're looking forward to hearing from you, your concerns and ideas for the coming period on Texada.



COMMUNITY MEETING

To Discuss

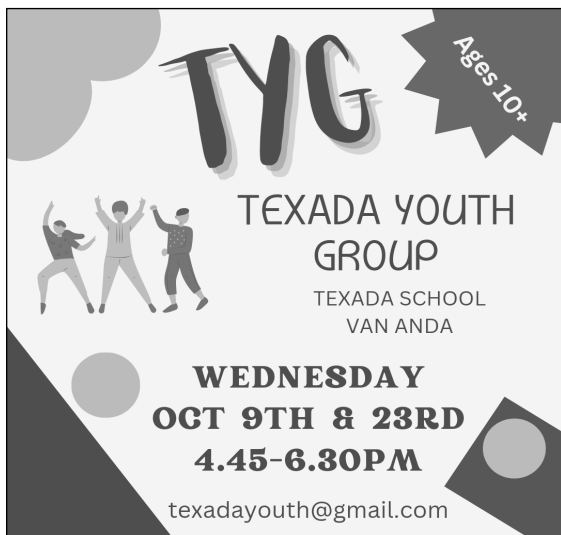
POLICING PRIORITIES

THURS OCT 17, 2024 | 6:30 PM

TEXADA LEGION

Tea, coffee & cookies provided

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TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club Notes

We are meeting in person once again! Please join us at the Gillies Bay Seniors Center, Wednesday October 16th at 2pm. Rolly Thorpe will demo how to build an easy Mason bee house. A single mason bee can pollinate as many flowers as 100 honeybees!

Membership fee collection will also take place - \$10 for the year. This money goes to a donation to the GB Seniors Center and honorariums for interesting guest speakers. With your membership card you can get a 10% discount at many garden stores on plants including our very own Texada Home and Garden Centre.

This month, Brian Seymour, shares his tried and true plant list with us.

We had an enjoyable time at the July Garden Club Tour where there was interest in some of our unusual plants, so here are details of a few. I'll skip over ones that are high maintenance and focus on deer-resistant ones that can be planted outdoors year-round, though some might be hard to find.

Chitalpa tashkentensis: This medium sized deciduous tree has stunning trumpet-shaped lavender flowers. Ours blooms in August, but we first saw one flowering in October in Coquitlam.

Grevillea: We have two types—'Canberra Gem' and 'Victoriae', evergreen shrubs from Australia. Canberra Gem shows off bright pink, spider-like flowers, while Victoriae's blooms are more subtle.

Callistemon (Bottlebrush): There are many varieties of this Australian evergreen shrub.

We have several of the Alpine variety that produce lots of yellow flowers. We grew these from seeds bought at the Sydney Botanical Gardens.

Romneya poppy: A perennial from California, this plant has large white petals that look like crepe paper, with a bright yellow centre. It's often called the "fried egg plant" and can spread out to form big clumps.

Phormium (New Zealand Flax): This plant has striking, sword-like leaves in various colors—green, red, pink, and yellow. They grow tall, arching flower stalks in the summer. Their frost tolerance can vary, but they rarely die off completely.

Fremontodendron californicum (California Flannel Bush): This small tree has bright yellow flowers. The leaves are soft to the touch due to a layer of fine hairs, but the hairs can be irritating to the skin.

Tigridia (Tiger Flower): An exotic plant from Mexico with spectacular multicolored blooms that resemble a tiger's patterns. Each flower only lasts a day, but they're worth it.

Silk Tree (Albizia julibrissin) a spectacular deciduous tree, covered in blooms during August. There are several in Gillies Bay. The flowers are pink and fragrant, with a pom-pom appearance. We planted ours in about 1990.

Here are a few more that deserve a mention: **Myrtle Tea Tree, Olearia, Agapanthus,** and **Bupleurum fruticosum.**



Risking It All For The Lure of Gold ... Sink or Swim (Part one)

The spring of '86 found me and my partner Pat preparing for a prospecting adventure on the rugged, wet and desolate West Coast of British Columbia. She had shown a keen interest in learning the art of panning: how to identify and sample rock mineralization and of course, finding gold.

For that yellow metal and the adventure to come, we had set our pact and our partnership straight.

I had prospected and staked a very rich gold vein the year before that looked very promising for a high grading operation. Assays from vein chip samples went as high as 24 ounces per ton gold...visible gold was aplenty.

We were keen and excited for the riches that lie ahead.

The claim area had had some early prospecting and development work done in the 30's, but WW II stopped further work due to a shortage of manpower, and those early prospectors had not returned from Europe.

We would need a boat, camp gear, prospecting equipment, grub and clothing. So we planned our timing, accumulated supplies and secured a boat... the time had arrived and we were now ready.

Nearly a day was spend travelling to our launch point, all loaded with expectations, gear and grub. Our small boat was tarped and piled high, as we set out from shore. With me at the tiller, I figured we had enough time to travel out and around to make landing and camp before nightfall.



With a breeze coming in from the west and a chop on the water, we made our way out into the open ocean, leaving the rugged coast behind.

We hadn't noticed, but the rough chopping sea had slowly been spilling over the bow and into the boat, as we navigated around the rugged coast.

Pat had noticed and shouted, "we're sinking," she yelled, as I looked down into the boat at the water filling my gum boots. Pat freaked. Instead of bailing, she jumped to the gunwale and sprung herself overboard. Her jumping automatically flipped the boat over.

In slow motion I saw the sky, our gear, then water, as I grabbed my life vest and held it tight to my chest, my other hand still at the tiller, engine running as the boat flipped over and down our gear went... me included.

The two of us lay spread eagle, exhausted and cold on the overturned boat as it drifted further out to sea. My wool mackinaw heavy and soaked.

Even if we made landfall we had no matches, I had no boots, soaking wet as hypothermia becoming more a reality as we drifted further out into the darkening skies and ocean.

Teeth chattering, bodies shivering, night approaching... our future looking bleak and desperate. ... *to be continued.*

Next issue...Part Two... the Bonanza.

Cheers,
Coyote



Thank you!



Many thanks to all the organizers, volunteers, and sponsors that have made this summer such a vibrant one on Texada Island.

The Leopkey family and our many visitors from abroad and across Canada always enjoy the fun filled creative challenge that sandcastle weekend provides.

Adult AeroSpace Camp



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Halloween was confusing. All my life my parents said, 'Never take candy from strangers.' And then they dressed me up and said, 'Go beg for it.' " Rita Rudner



Texada Island GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For the bereaved and for those close to the grieving, no matter at what stage, participants have the opportunity to share their stories and are supported in their healing journey.

Every third Monday, at the Legion, the support group is held in a safe, non-judgmental environment where you can meet others who have also experienced a loss.

Children are welcome.

Starting November, the group will be meeting twice a month- every first and third Monday.

**OCTOBER
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at the Legion, 3:00 to 4:00

WRITER IN RESIDENCE 2024 Robin
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Powerful Memories

Acclaimed author Robin Stevenson will discuss how to draw on childhood memories to create vivid scenes and add emotional intensity to your writing.



Saturday, October 12, 1:30 pm,
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For more information, contact Mark:
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VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

LEAK REPAIRS: More repairs have been completed and still more leaks are popping up. Please continue to report leaks – thank you to those who have done so – we need your help!

WATER RESTRICTIONS now at **STAGE 2:** This change from Stage 3 decreases restrictions so you can now wash vehicles, boats, and outside surfaces. Limited lawn watering and pool filling is also allowed. Stage 2 will end Oct 15. More detail at vananda-id.ca/water-conservation-bylaw-restrictions/

We have listened to resident's requests and simplified the Water Conservation Bylaw. The new one will be in effect for 2025. Thanks for your input and thanks to all who are reducing their water usage.

BOIL WATER NOTICE: Another Boil Water Notice was called Sep 7 after two samples from Van Anda (not the same location as last time) showed very low levels of Coliform bacteria.

Vancouver Coastal Health requires two consecutive sets of samples that pass the off-site VCH testing before we can lift the Boil Water Notice. This is why the Notice stays in effect for at least two weeks even if the problem has been resolved.

Once the Notice is lifted, we will return to a Water Quality Advisory until the media replacement in the Ion Exchange units is complete. More information on Notices

and Advisories at vananda-id.ca/water-quality-notices/

TEXT NOTIFICATION for WATER EMERGENCIES: We are setting a system for notification by text, to quickly inform the public on water outages and water quality issues. If you or anyone you know would like to be texted about water emergencies, please let us know. We have had only one reply so far!

EVENING MEETING? Please let us know if you would attend an evening meeting or information session.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Oct 16th 1:30pm

FIREFIGHTERS STILL NEEDED! No experience necessary. Training, gear, and accident insurance coverage provided. Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert 604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca

CONTACT INFO: Please let us know your concerns! contact@vananda-id.ca – 604-486-735

SUBSCRIBE: Be notified by email for outages and other events at vananda-id.ca/subscribe/

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



Powell River Public Library—October at a Glance!

Afterschool programs run when school is in session. For more details go to prpl.ca or email wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024, wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024 Getting From Idea to Draft
Community Room. Saturday October 5, 2 pm
Learn new writing techniques.

WIR 2024 Powerful Memories
Community Room. Tuesday October 15, 4 pm
Use childhood memories to deepen your writing.

WIR 2024 WIR on Texada
Texada Library. Saturday October 12, 1:30 pm
Robin offers a writing workshop on Texada.

WIR 2024 Dead Ends and Murky Middles
Community Room. Saturday October 19, 2 pm
Get unstuck and gain writing confidence!

WIR 2024 Writing Support & Manuscript Review
Rotary Makerspace. Thursdays 1:00-3:00 pm & Saturdays 11:00-1:00 pm. Ends Oct 24.
Meet one-on-one with the WIR. For more information contact wir@prpl.ca

WIR 2024 Writers' Café
Community Room. Fridays, 3 pm until October 25.
A weekly drop-in writing session with Robin.

WIR 2024 Finale: Community Voices Open Mic!
Community Room. Saturday, October 26, 2 pm
Join Robin for her final event as WIR.

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

Pro-D Day Paper Bag Monster Mashup
Community Room, Friday October 25, 10 am
Use recyclables to turn a paper bag into a wacky mask!

Preschool Storytime—Children's Reading Room. Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am. Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

Tinker Trunk—Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Kids 8-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

Prime Time—Community Room, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm.

Primary grades K+ connect & play. *Drop-in.*

Drawn Together—Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm. Kids draw at the library. *Drop-in.*

TEENS edgar@prpl.ca

Young Writers Group—Meeting Room B. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm. Ages 10+. *Drop-in.*

Fantasy Adventure Club
Meeting Rooms A & B, 4:00-5:30
Afterschool roleplaying adventure for youth 12+.

First Dibs
Review books for volunteer credit. *Registration required.*

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

A Story of Thriving Empowerment
Community Room. Thursday October 3, 2 pm
Heather Conn presents her memoir.

Katherena Vermette: Real Ones
Online. Tuesday October 15, 6:30 pm
BC Libraries present an online talk via crowdcast.

Community Archaeology
Community Room. Friday October 18, 7 pm
Archaeologists from SFU discuss the xwε?εtay/Lasqueti Archaeology Project.

Poetry Circle
Community Room. The last Thursday of the month, 4:30 pm. Starting Oct 31.
With Amira Abouelalla.

Write On
Via Zoom. Fridays 2 pm.
Writing group. *Registration required.* Contact edgar@prpl.ca.



Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society (TINSHS)

Stories of Impact:

TINSHS has begun a new campaign to increase our online exposure, which will help us be more visible, connect with our community and fundraise more effectively. Follow us on Facebook or LinkedIn for updates.

We would like to write a series of articles about Texada seniors that would be published on these online sites. These **Stories of Impact** will lend a face to the joys and challenges seniors face living on our remote island, and would go a long way toward bringing awareness to affordable seniors housing.

If you would like to be a part of this series, please email Juanita at jawalton98@gmail.com or call Juanita at 250-883-1056.

Estate Planning & Legacy Giving:

Do you want to make a positive, local impact? Please join TINSHS and the Texada Health Services Society at the Texada Royal Canadian Legion from 10 am to Noon on October 26, 2024 for a look at Estate Planning and Legacy Giving.

Feel good supporting your community with a lasting, thoughtful gift.

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GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Preventative Maintenance/Capital Replacement Plan

Most folks service their car or truck brakes before they fail, or get new tires before their vehicle has a blow-out.

This preventive maintenance is just like a capital replacement plan. In July, we had a pipe break on Sanderson Road and could not completely turn off the water, due to the age and partial dysfunction of the shut-off valves. This was a wake up call.

Gillies Bay has 72 valves in its system, almost all of them past their expected functional life.

The Board has been working on funding a capital replacement plan for years; there was an engineering study done in 2012. This year we (a) Set up a specific fund, (b) Allocated funds to it, (c) Plan to allocate funds annual-

ly, and (d) Specifically, authorized the replacement of up to 12 valves in 2025.

It is a beginning. We are balancing a conservative approach to funding (read: increasing taxes, specifically the parcel tax) and the necessity to maintain a safe functioning system of water delivery.

The spillway at the Cranby Lake dam has been repaired under the same program, at a fairly minimal cost.

The boil water advisory remains at the time of this writing, but tests show improvement with the cooler weather and we expect relief soon.

Roger Kimmerly
GBID, Board Chair



TEXADA ISLAND RECREATION COMMISSION (TIRC)

Newcomers to our fair island may not recognize TIRC; it is a longstanding commission that is part of the Regional District (qRD), and established by by-law.

We act as an advisory body to the board regarding the needs and use of public recreational facilities, programs and services; including capital acquisition, by-laws and policies for the operation and regulation of assets, work in cooperation with other community organizations, and hear and consider representations from individuals.

We also distribute some funds to community recreational groups.

TIRC advertises for, and reviews applica-

tions for membership; then recommends candidates for appointment by the board. We endeavour to achieve a broad representation of the Texada Island Community at large.

There are presently two vacancies for appointment to a two year term. Past practice has been to hold four meetings a year. It is a great way to influence recreation policies and activities and to get to know other interested folks - with a minimal time commitment.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Roger at 604-486-0009, or rogerkimmerly@gmail.com

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

This month British Columbians go to the polls to elect our next provincial government. With Nicholas Simons' retirement, we know we'll have a new MLA in our PR/Sunshine Coast riding, so please get out to vote Saturday, Oct.19. Voting cards, distributed by mail, identify the location of your polling place.

In BC, regional district boards do double-duty. Directors elected to regional districts throughout the province are automatically also elected to local regional hospital district boards. These boards were created by the province to act as a local funding mechanism for sharing hospital facility and equipment costs not covered by Victoria. Can you spell d-o-w-n-l-o-a-d-i-n-g?


Each year the qathet Regional Hospital District (qRHD) Board collects taxes, in addition to property taxes, from electoral areas, PR City and Tla'Amin Nation, which also has a director on the qRHD Board. As part of its 2024 Financial Plan, qRHD taxes per \$100,000 of assessed residential property value were \$15.16, up from \$14.34 last year. The operating budget is \$6 million, which includes funding pharmacy upgrades, electrical improvements, replacement of radiology fluoroscopy equipment and a new roof at qathet General Hospital. But there's more.

What to spend the money on is decided through "cost share requests", which Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) makes annually to the qRHD. These "requests" are hard-to-turn-down semi-demands, cost-split 60 per cent to VCH/40 per cent qRHD. However, in recent years these requests exceeded available funds resulting in the qRHD borrowing the money and incurring added debt financing charges.

On-going debt costs are not sustainable, so this year the qRHD chose a more pro-active approach. Now, built into the budget is an additional \$20 per \$100,000 of assessed residential property value throughout the qRD to establish a reserve for future cost-share "requests." This should stave off the need for future borrowing and further debt servicing charges.

RHDs do not operate or deliver health care services which are the responsibility of provincial health authorities. In addition to contributing toward hospital needs, the qRHD owns Willingdon Creek Village Complex Care Facility and the Arbutus Street building leased to Miklat Recovery House Society.

Sandy McCormick, director, area D
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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Greetings Everyone.

Thank you to Jenny Duker and to our anonymous donors for their donation of books.



The Library is honoured to host "Powerful Memories" by PRPL Writer in Residence 2024" Robin Stevenson on Saturday, October 12, 1:30 pm at the Texada Library.

Robin will discuss "how to draw on childhood memories to create vivid scenes and add emotional intensity to your writing".

In keeping with the theme, I am showcasing the following books in our collection: "The Art of Memoir" by Mary Karr, c2015. 809 KAR, "Writing the Memoir" by Judith Barrington, c2002, 2nd ed. 808 BAR, "The Joy of Writing" by Pierre Berton, c2003. 808 BER, "Slices: a memoir anthology" edited by Sandra Tonn. 971.1 SLI, (A Compilation of stories by students of Sandra's Memoir Classes), "Only Children: a family memoir" by Pat Buckna, c2019. 920 BUC. (A local writer and musician)

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.

For more information about The Library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7440.

LIBRARY HOURS:

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HELP US FIND YOU!

Now that fall is here, we want to raise an issue that we have written about before.

With longer nights it gets more problematic to find street addresses in the dark. That is, if there even is a street address on your property. Even some of the very creative designs that people have built to identify their property don't help much if they aren't reflective.



When you call for help, we know that you want it right now! We want to get there as quickly as possible, but we may be wasting time looking for your driveway.

Fire Departments that are called by Dispatch get the street address and nearest cross street. In some areas that can be a long way from your home. Some people try to send someone out to road to flag down the emergency vehicle, but that only works if you have enough help at the scene to send someone out to the road. Don't count on that.

Hardware stores sell large reflective metal address signs. Please consider installing one. If you don't want to do that, at least ensure your address is unobstructed by bushes, and that it is pointed in a direction where it can be seen by emergency vehicles, as they are approaching your driveway.

Also, ensure that the address is accurate. There are still some old address numbers out there. Remember we can't help you if we can't find you.

On a different topic...

Van Anda has been dealing with a boundary expansion. If you were previously notified that you are in the proposed area, please contact Sandra at the Van Anda Improvement District Office. There is some new information that you need to know.

Circle of Light Meditation
 Each Saturday, 2:00-3:00 pm
 at Texada United Church.
All Welcome!



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BETTER AT HOME

Thank you for voting us a "Go-to" business for the 2024 Upper Coast People's Choice awards!



Better at Home helps B.C.'s older adults live safely and independently in their own homes by providing simple, non-medical support services for people aged 65 and older. The province of B.C. funds the Better at Home program, managed by United Way Healthy Aging, and provided by inclusion powell river society.

On Texada Island, we offer limited transportation to appointments, assistance with grocery shopping, and basic lawn care.

Let us know if you'd be interested in Light Housekeeping so we can estimate demand for this service. Some services have a sliding-scale fee based on household income.

For information on costs, eligibility or to complete the required intake appointment, please call 604-485-4008 ext.101 or email betterathome@inclusionpr.ca.

We rely on volunteers! A variety of roles are available, including spots on the Better at Home Advisory Committee.

If you are interested in volunteering, visit our website for the online application: <https://inclusionpr.ca/pages/volunteer> or call 604-485-4008 ext. 102 for Belinda Shelton, Community Program Assistant Manager.

We are moving early October to the ARC at 7055 Alberni Street, Powell River.

Thank You!
Sonia Furstrand,
Community Program Manager



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TEXADA AGRICULTURE GROUP & FOOD HUB

The Texada Food Hub is available to all and is located inside Texada School.

The 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.

Anyone can 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 (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

For more information, or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom Read, home phone 604-483-1471, or email: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.



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Texada Island Community Society (TICS)

TICS next **Bingo** is on Friday, October 4 at Gillies Bay Community Hall at 7 p.m. Mark your calendars!

The word is that the **Neighbours Prizes** are just one of the fabulous reasons to come. Fun and laughter happen, too!

TICS Winter Market is gearing up for another exciting time for you all. This year all that excitement will be condensed into one fabulous day, on **Saturday, November 30th.** Vendors—please contact Doriana at dquilter1@gmail.com to reserve your table.

Please join me in welcoming Express Line's new co-editor, Carolyn Walton-Kay.

Carolyn and her husband Maurice have been residents of Gillies Bay since the spring of 2007. She brings with her a background in generating several non-profit newsletters, an old English degree, and a to-be-dusted-off 1998 Journalism diploma.

She had spent some time working for a couple of weekly newspapers in the far north, until she realized being a journalist/reporter wasn't her schtick—but she loves design and layout and is computer literate.

Excited for the opportunity to work with the community, Carolyn is ready to help present their event and article as best she can. She is equally thrilled to have this opportunity to tweak her memory bank, as well as your submissions in the months ahead.

Warren Kiland remains as main editor, and to whom your submissions will be sent. Jane Waterman is still the treasurer and

the almighty sender of invoices, and Carolyn will generate the Express Lines.

And, yes, she has already raised her hand and has solemnly sworn to never make an error on the iconic calendar again (fingers crossed) —and, yes, she hung her head in horror last month.

Please use ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com for all submissions. Thank you.

TIC President,
Warren Kiland



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Lots Of **New Arts & Crafts**, Come Check It Out. Shop Local Buy Beautiful. We Do Have One Room. Please Call For Info. Karaoke Every Friday, Fun Darts Every Thursday. Free Pool Mondays 25% Off All Draft Beer Sundays.

HALLOWEEN PARTY October 26th Saturday 8PM With FRENZY (Live Music).
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Karaoke is every Friday, 7pm and the Bar is Now Open Tuesdays & Wednesdays 3pm to closing.
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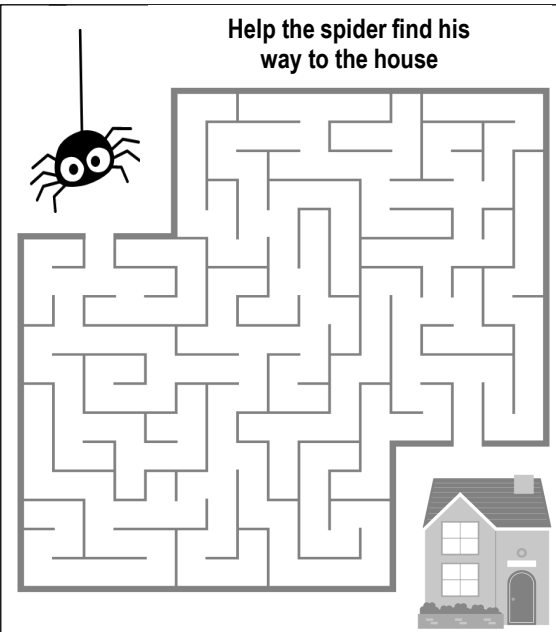
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Raise The Rooms JAM is Sunday, October 20th at 4pm. Please join us for an amazing day of musical talent.—all are welcome to sing and play. **OPTIONS to support us** are: Buy A Tile For The Wall, Donate To The Credit Union R.T.R., account, or, we will need product, such as, dry wall, paint, etc.. We Can Do This!..... Please Call For Room Availability.



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

The qathet Regional District (qRD) is seeking new members to sit on the Solid Waste Management Plan Monitoring Advisory Committee (SWMPMAC). The Committee was formed to advise the qRD Board and staff on the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Plan. Copies of the Committee's Terms of Reference are available on the qathet Regional District website about (www.qathet.ca/about/) under "Committees & 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.

The qRD is looking for members with the following attributes:

- One person with experience in the recovery of resources from solid waste
- One person with experience in public education relating to solid waste management
- One private sector representative with experience in the recycling business
- One private sector representative with experience in the collection and management of solid waste
- One member of a local environmental group with interests in solid waste

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: Heather Gillespie, Technical Services Clerk
qathet Regional District
202 - 4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC V8A 2L2

Phone: 604 485-2260
Fax: 604 485-2216
E-mail: hgillespie@qathet.ca

The deadline for applications is 4 pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2024.



**qathet
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TEXADA AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Call for Applications

qathet Regional District is seeking Volunteer members to sit on the Texada Airport Advisory Committee for a three-year term. 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.

Copies of the Committee's Terms of Reference are available on the qathet Regional District website (qathet.ca/about/committees-and-commissions/). Committee members must be 18 years of age or older and be generally available to attend regular on-island Committee meetings and meet the Terms of Reference criteria.

The deadline for applications is 4 pm, Tuesday, October 15, 2024.

Applications may be submitted by mail or e-mail:

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The meeting will take place at the Gillies Bay Community Hall. The agenda will be available at least two days prior to the meeting on the event calendar at qathet.ca/events/.

Contact Heather Gillespie, Technical Services Clerk, at hgillespie@qathet.ca or phone 604-485-2260, ext. 412 if you have questions.





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