

APRIL 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm	3	4 TICS BINGO Comm. Hall @ 7 Doors @ 6:30 pm	5
6	7 Grief Support Legion, 3-4	8 Food Bank Call In 10-3 Rock Your Body The Hall—5:30	9 GBID Sale 10-2 Food Bank Pick Up 11-12 TYGroup 4:45 pm	10 TWIN Lunch @Pub, Noon TINSHS Sr.Ctr—1:30 pm	11 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr.@ Noon TINSHS Legion—1:30pm Legion Mtg—7	12 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TCOTR** Sr.Ctr -5 pm
13 Mini-Kids Gym 10-am	14	15 GBID MTG 4:30 PM	16 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm VAID Mtg. Firehall - 1:30 Garden Club Sr. Ctr. 2 pm	17	18 Legion Bingo 7 pm	19 Aviation Swap Meet Airport—9:30 to 2:30 pm 
20 Easter	21 Grief Support Legion, 3-4	22 Rock Your Body The Hall—5:30	23 Computer Workshop Sr. Ctr.—1 pm TYGroup 4:45 pm	24 Community Bingo Sr. Ctr.—1 pm	25 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr.@ Noon Legion Bingo Starts 7pm Express Lines Deadline	26 VAID AGM Legion—9:30 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm Nature KIDS Event Jungle Trail—11am TCOTR** Sr.Ctr -5 pm Trivia Night For Pottery Legion—6:30 pm
27 Mini-Kids Gym 10-am Raise the Rooms—3 pm	28	29	30 Legion Potluck 6pm		**TCOTR—Texada Church On The Rock**	

ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

MONDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am
Fire Dept Practice GB & VA Fire Halls @ 6:30 pm
3-Ball Pool—Texada Inn @ 7pm

TUESDAY:

Sandpiper Playgroup, Old School, 10 am—1 pm
Kids SPORTS CLUB, 4:30—5:30 PM
Pickleball—School Gym, 6-7:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am
Museum: 10-Noon
Scrabble & Games, Legion, 1:30—4:00 pm

THURSDAY:

Pickleball—School Gym, 6-7:30 pm
Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 7 pm

SATURDAY:

Tai Chi, GB Community Hall @ 9:30 am
Pickleball 2.0, School Gym, 10-Noon
Circe of Light Meditation, Yurt on Sturt—2-3pm
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm

SUNDAY:

Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am
Euchre—Legion, 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm
Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 3:30 pm
Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm



Texada Island's Monthly Events

April 2025

Texada Resident Receives Coronation Medal



OUTSTANDING LEADERS: Taking part in the recent King Charles III Coronation Medal ceremony were [from left] Jane Waterman, North Island-Powell River MP Rachel Blaney, Doreen Point and Kenneth Stewart. Also recognized was Elsie Paul, who was unable to attend the ceremony. (Photo Paul Galinski, The Peak)

Texada Island's very own **Jane Waterman** was one of four qathet region residents who were honoured with a King Charles III Coronation Medal during a special ceremony at Tla'amin Nation's Salish Centre on March 8. Powell River MP Rachel Blaney presided over the ceremony.

Jane Waterman has worked tirelessly to provide restorative justice services to the qathet region since 2004.

She was an integral player in starting the Texada Island Restorative Justice Program and has been volunteering for 20 years as a case-worker, coordinator and board chair. Her

colleagues see Waterman as an unbelievable advocate for community building and justice, who leads from behind with strength, perseverance and humility.

Waterman has advocated for restorative justice services stating that: "If the youth are willing to take responsibility for their actions, restorative justice is a very good avenue to take. Restorative justice can reduce costs, and, in the end, promotes public safety by providing healing, reparation and reintegration into the community."

The benefits to those affected in her community have been realized given her steadfast dedication to this cause.

Twenty-two recipients in Blaney's riding received one of the 30,000 medals given out to Canadians who have made a significant contribution to Canada, or to a particular province, territory, region or community of Canada, or have made an outstanding achievement abroad that brings credit to Canada.

(Compiled from Paul Galinski, The Peak)

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others."
- DeAnn Hollis.



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.

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



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*

BC FERRIES

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER

Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am **DG
11:50 am	12:40 pm (<i>Wednesdays ONLY</i>)
	1:15 pm (<i>Not on Wednesdays</i>)
3:00 pm **DG	3:55 pm
4:55 pm	5:50 pm
6:40 pm	7:30 pm
8:55 pm	9:45 pm

****DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings**
No PASSENGERS—WEDNESDAYS ONLY

BC TRANSIT BUS—THURSDAYS

To reserve a seat:

Phone Wednesday before 3 pm
604-483-2008

Departs: Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am,
Van Anda Market at 8:55 am.

Departs: Town Center Mall at 3:25 pm.

Fare: \$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+) per trip

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT

Leave Saltery Bay	Leave Earls Cove
5:40 am	6:35 am
7:30 am	8:25 am
9:25 am	10:25 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm

GIBSON - VANCOUVER

Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:45 am
10:50 am	11:55 am
1:05 pm	2:10 pm
3:15 pm	4:20 pm
5:25 pm	5:30 pm
6:40 pm	7:50 pm
8:55 pm	10:55 pm

Extra Sailings in April

Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
Thur Apr. 17 3:50 pm	Thur April 17 2:40 pm
Fri, Apr. 18 10:10 am	Fri, Apr. 18 9:05 am
Sun. Apr. 20 3:50 pm	Sun. Apr. 20 2:40 pm
Mon, Apr. 21 7:40 pm	Mon, Apr. 21 6:30 pm

***Hoppy
Easter!***



PICKLEBALL



Pickleball Club (*Dragon Boat*)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6—7:30 pm

Saturday Pickleball Club 2.0

Saturday, 10 am—noon

Texada School Gym—\$2.00 drop-in Fee

All skill levels are welcome!

Bring your own paddle—a few are available.

Powell River—Comox

7:55 am
12:00 pm
5:15 pm
8:45 pm

Comox—Powell River

6:00 am
9:55 am
3:15 pm
7:10 pm

**Always confirm your sailing times by checking with BC
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Deadline: The 20th of the month prior to publi-
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Van Anda, V0N 3K0

E-mail: ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com

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Recycling Station Hours



Van Anda: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm

Gillies Bay: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Our plans are progressing
and we need your input!

Please come to one of two upcoming
Focus Group events:

Thursday April 10 at 1:30 PM

Gillies Bay Seniors Hall

or

Friday April 11 at 1:30 PM

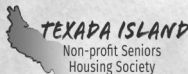
Van Anda Legion

Join Kate Mancer, an expert in seniors' housing and
healthcare, for a friendly and informative discussion
about the proposed seniors' housing project. This is a
great chance to share ideas, ask questions, and learn
more. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.
Everyone is welcome!

Key topics to discuss:

- ◆ How many units do we need?
- ◆ What kinds of unit and design features are essential?
- ◆ How can affordability concerns be addressed?

For more information please call 604-486-6766 or
email info@texadaseniorshousing.ca



Hello spring!

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Mon, Tues, Wed.....8 am—3 pm.

Thur, Fri, Sat, Sun.....8 am—7 pm.

Computer Basics Workshop

April 23rd, 2025
at the Seniors Center
1 pm to 4 pm

By **Mariann Borteleki**

250-616-8762

Do you have a computer or cell phone?
Do you have questions about it that you can't
find answers to? Or do you want to learn some
basic skills to keep them running smoothly?

Please join me on April 23 and I will help you
with your computer questions
from the topics listed below.

You are welcome to bring your cell phones
and laptops with you.

- * Troubleshooting * Initial Computer Setup
- * PC Performance Improvements
- * Software Installation * PC Cleanup
- * Software Updates System-Wide
- * Password Management * Software Upgrades
- * Online Services

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mborteleki@gmail.com

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PC Cleanup	Password Management
Virus Removals	Initial Computer Setup
Troubleshooting	Software Updates
PC Backup/Remote Backup....and much more!	

Texada Island Community Society

Swap Meet



SUNDAY, MAY 25

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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

The Bible is not a script for a funeral service, but it is the record of God always bringing life where we expected to find death. Everywhere it is the story of resurrection. Eugene H. Peterson

Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards. Communion service: April 6. Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table. Palm/Passion

Sunday Service: April 13th, Easter is April 20.

Bible Study:

We are watching Season 3 of The Chosen with study handouts after the worship service. Bible Study ends April 13th. Please bring a lunch, coffee and tea provided.

Focus on Spirit:

Published weekly (except for the last week of the month) on the website. Links on Texada Message Board and Texada United Church Facebook page.

Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm. The church is open during these times for prayer and quiet meditation. **N.B.** No office hours on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com

Board Chair:

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

Website:

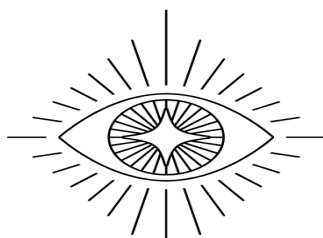
<http://texada-island-unitedchurch.weebly.com>

Facebook Page:

Texada Island United Church

Church Mission

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



Circle of Light Meditation

Saturday Afternoons

2-3 pm

at The Yurt
on Sturt Bay Rd. in Van Ande

All Are Welcome!



Texada Church On The Rock

Services held every Second
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TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK T.W.I.N. APRIL LUNCHEON

SILENT AUCTION MONTH

Thursday, April 10, 2025
at the Texada Island Inn Pub

Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.—Lunch is at noon

There will no guest speaker because of the silent auction. This auction is for members only. All monies raised will 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 Thursday, April 3, 2025. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

If you have something to donate to the auction. please do it early so we can organize properly. If you have something you need picked up for the auction, please contact Inge-Lore (604-485-2350), Elke (604-414-5005) or Linda (604-486-7682).

Members not wearing their 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 in June.

Good Luck!



Tai Chi is a gentle
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and spirit.

Texada
TAI CHI

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday
9:30 am at the
Gillies Bay Community Hall

Beginners meet Tuesdays
at 9:30 am at the Senior Centre

Texada Seniors Council

COMMUNITY LUNCH

Friday, April 11 & Friday, April 25th

Noon to 1 p.m.

Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay

Homemade Soup * Sandwiches * Dessert
* Tea * Coffee

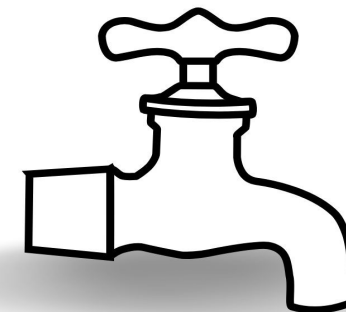
\$10.00 per Person

Everyone Welcome!

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

APRIL 9

10:00 am - 2:00 pm



INVENTORY CLEAR-OUT SALE

plumbing supplies, equipment & tools

2605 PATON ROAD

(Beside the Gillies Bay Thrift Store)

www.gillies-bay.ca

TEXADA FOOD BANK 2025

Texada Food Bank is offered on the
Second Wednesday of the month ONLY
Call on the Tuesday (day before pick up)
between 10am and 3pm
Pick up on the second Wednesday
between 11 and 12

Call in April 8 – Pick up April 9

Call in May 13 – Pick up May 14

(604) 483-1219

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

Non-perishable food donations may be
put in the baskets at the Gillies Bay Gen-
eral store, the Texada Market and the First
Credit Union in Van And. Donation tins for
cash are available at both stores- Gillies
Bay Store and Texada Market in Van And
and the Credit Union. Thank you so much.

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

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

We are very grateful to everyone who makes
regular anonymous financial deposits at
the First Credit Union, and to everyone for
all the anonymous cash and food dona-
tions 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.



TEXADA SENIORS COUNCIL
COMMUNITY BINGO

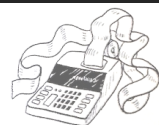
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More Coyote Tales. . . Happy Endings

I had a blasting ticket back in '92 and on this particular occasion, while working in Yukon's North Rackla Range, I was to blast out and prepare a large flat area as a diamond drilling pad. I had a few university students with me to help muck out the pad and to learn the basic techniques of blasting.

The holes were loaded with explosives and the fuse was lit. We all huddled down behind a big rock waiting for the blast that never came.

Now that's one of the scariest things a blaster has to face—returning to the cap and fuse. With the students still under cover, I crept steadily closer, acutely aware of the dangers. As I approached the fuse, I could see smoke swirling above the explosives. My heart almost stopped as I hit the dirt and covered my head waiting for the inevitable blast... it never came.

After an eternal 15 minutes I had the courage to come out and investigate, only to discover that the smoke was actually a cloud of mosquitos dancing in the air.

I eventually reset the fuse of the controlled blast and afterwards set my young crew of students to work shoveling out the drill pad.

The next day, to take a stress related break, I left my crew of students to finish up levelling out the blasted drill site, while I took the day to prospect.

My traverse took me across a ravine where I could look back at the young students while they were cleaning out the drill pad. As I glanced over I could see them jumping up and down, shouting and waving their arms and shovels. Geez, look at them I thought,

acting like juveniles pretending to be working... I waved back at them and continued my traverse up and over the hill prospecting.

At the end of the day the chopper had picked me up and returned me back to camp. Just as the chopper landed the students ran up to me and shouted, "you're safe, thank God!"

"What the heck are you talking about," I said.

"Didn't you see the grizzly following you up and over the hill?" they said.

Lucky I didn't stop for lunch, I thought... and maybe the students weren't as juvenile as I first thought.

I just shrugged it off with bravado and said, "sure I saw him, the idea is to remain calm and not to panic." But, my heart was in my throat just thinking about it.

It was surely a happy ending on both accounts.

Cheers, Coyote



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TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY (TICS)

Welcome to April, Texada!

It is looking like things are blooming and if the rain would stop, it would be great.

The month starts off on April 4th with our TICS Bingo at 7pm in the Community Hall. Come on out and have some fun!

Remember there is no scheduled TICS General Meeting in April.

If you are looking for a table at the TICS **Swap Meet**, call Doriana at 604-414-4893 to book a table.



Are you trying to navigate life after losing a child. You need not walk alone.

The Powell River Compassionate Friends of Powell River

In-Person Meetings - the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Where: Powell River, BC (please email or call for more information).

Carpooling is available from Texada.

Online Support via Zoom Link provided by text or email

powellrivertcf@gmail.com

Texada Island - Zella Knutson: 604-486-0464

Powell River - Ariel Turcotte: 604-218-6245

<https://tcfcanada.net>

We are parents helping parents.

TEXADA AVIATION MUSEUM



AVIATION SWAP MEET

APRIL 19

AT THE AVIATION MUSEUM

Aviators are welcome to bring aviation gear and books, art and electronics to swap and sell at the Museum

VENDORS

Indoor spots will be available in the Museum hangar. Fee for 8x8 ft. sales sports—\$10.

Vendor Set Up at 08:30 AM.

Sales Start at 09:30 AM.

Lunch: 11:30—1:30 PM

Sales End at 2:30 PM

Angie & Barb serving their incredible BBQ Burgers!
(More Volunteers Needed)

Once again, as fair weather returns to the 'Wet Coast', the aviation world stirs in response!

Texada Aviation Museum staff is looking forward to welcoming visitors from the community, as well as private pilots and groups from the regional aeroclubs. New displays are being prepared and a few new events are being planned. Flight simulator flights can be booked by appointments.

Flights and group birthday party flight simulator rentals are also available.

Call 604-223-2588 or 604-486-7682 to book.

The Library is open on weekends.



qathet Regional District 2025 Youth Summer Positions

The qathet Regional District is accepting applications from youth ages 15 to 30 for three summer positions.

Shelter Point Regional Park:

Work term May 8 – September 1

Haywire Bay Regional Park:

Work term May 8 – September 1

Powell River Cemetery:

Work term May 12 – August 29

Wage rate is \$21.38 per hour. Positions are covered by a union contract under CUPE Local 798. Work schedule: 7 hours per day, 5 days per week, with 2 consecutive days off. Park employees must work weekends and holidays.

Park and Cemetery applicants must be physically strong, familiar with basic maintenance tools and equipment, capable of physical work in an outdoor setting, and be good with the public. Applicants must also have their own transportation to and from work.

Deliver a cover letter and resume to:
qathet Regional District
Attn: Patrick Devereaux,
Manager of Operational Services
#202-4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC V8A2L2
Fax: 604 485-2216
E-mail: employment@qathet.ca

Deadline for applications:
4:00 pm · Thursday, April 17, 2025.

For more information on these positions, contact Patrick Devereaux at 604 485-2260 or by email: employment@qathet.ca.

qathet Regional
Emergency
Preparedness

**GET READY
STAY READY**

Are you ready for the TEST?

*A public test of the
Community Notification
System will be conducted on*
MAY 8, 2025, at 2pm

**If you haven't registered yet,
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TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Please join us for our Garden Club meeting at the Gillies Bay Senior Center on Wednesday April 16th at 2pm. Peter Lock presents "Adding a 'flavour of Japan' to your Garden." Do come. You do not have to be a member to attend. **This month Morna Rockingham shares sage advice on seaweed.**

The extent of beach-cast seaweed and other matter called wrack is affected by oceanic currents, winds, tides and surf. Above the high tide line, black nori, bladderwrack, sea lettuce, various kelps such as sugar kelp and bull kelp fronds wash up on our beaches, mostly during the stormy season from November to March.

Besides its use as a fertilizer, Amanda Swinimer's book "The Science and Spirit of Seaweed" is an excellent resource for the diverse culinary and health benefits of seaweed!

November is the best month to harvest seaweed for your garden as herring spawn on seaweed during February, March, and April and must be left undisturbed, as well as the sand and gravel beneath the seaweed. When harvesting, please take small amounts from various locations on the beach and leave some seaweed, there are diverse groups of organisms that still live and feed on it.

As a slow-release fertilizer, seaweed en-

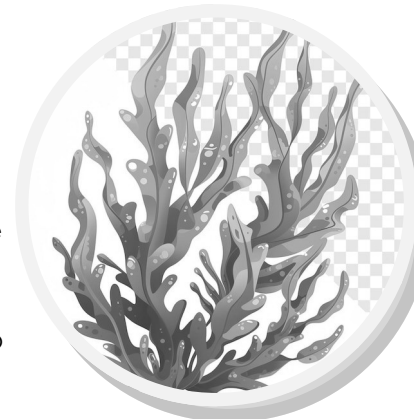
hances soil structure as it is rich in trace minerals and hormones, keeps soil moist and cool at ground level during hot dry weather, improves aeration, repels slugs and other pests. It is excellent for roses, veggie beds,

flower pots, and around the drip line of trees. Within 36 hours of collecting, heap seaweed directly onto the surface about 2-3 inches thick (some say 4 -6 inches) and let it rot down into the soil. No need to wash off the salt.

It may also be added to your regular compost or brewed into seaweed "tea" by adding water to a bucket of seaweed and letting it sit in the sun, covered for a few days. The

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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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BINGO

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Thank you, Texada!

Thing One and Thing Two whispered into the community and it responded with a shout. Within three hours on a Saturday in March, one of the most secretive fundraisers ever, raised \$9,000 to help one of Texada's own. You are all amazing!



BINGO

TICS Bingo

Friday, April 4, Community Hall—7 pm

Legion Bingo

Friday, April 18th

Doors Open at 5:30 pm, Game—7 pm

Community Bingo

Senior Center, Thursday, April 24—1 pm

ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Spring is here, which means there should be no more freezing temperatures creating icy roads. Still, motorists be mindful of the posted speed limits, as we have observed an up-tick of speeders as of late.

As most of you know, Patricia Collins has re-tired. She will be missed and we wish her all the best!

That being said, if you come to RCMP Detachment and do not see a police vehicle in the parking lot, chances are no one is there. However, we do encourage you to contact the office if you wish to report an issue.

Don't forget the Texada Kids Sports Club is every Monday evening and the Youth Group drop-in will still be taking place. Watch the Texada Facebook page for dates.



Buckle up and drive safe!
Josh and Kevin

Thank You

Texada Island Community Society
would like to thank

Alexandra Bell

the Principal of Texada Island School

and School District 47

for finding a permanent home at the school
for TIC's Express Line's printer.

We are full of gratitude!

Texada Museum....History Below the Tide

Visitors to many beaches along Texada's west shores can't miss the semi-circular ridges of rocks that slowly reveal themselves at low tide. Most recognize these as the remains of First Nations' fish weirs designed to corral salmon into the rock ponds where they can be more easily speared as they approach spawning creeks.



They are the most obvious evidence of historical First Nations enterprise on Texada.

In some places, though, similar rock enclosures serve a different purpose. These encircle flatter, mainly sandy/gravelly areas on the lower edge of the beaches and are, in fact, gardens for cultivating clams. Although they have been in use for millennia, these "clam gardens" were only "discovered" by the established scientific community within the last 30 years!

Rocks were cleared from patches of flat, sandy beach areas and were stacked parallel to the shore. This increased the usable area for clam production and helped prevent wave erosion.

Over time the gardens, with careful tending, became full of "biogenetic sand" (pieces of clamshell amid rich decomposition). The people created an ideal habitat for butter clams, originally the main harvest.

Clams were dug by women and children using a metre-long ironwood or yew stick and collected in woven cedar baskets worn on their backs. Clams were steamed over hot campfire rocks in a fern-lined pit covered with a mat.

The cooked clams were then dried and smoked beside the fire and threaded onto sticks (from the ocean spray bush). Smoked clams lasted a long time and were a valuable source of winter nutrition as well as a convenient food for travel and trade.

At Shelter Point the extensive buried remnants of ancient fires and discarded shells (middens) are modern day evidence of the historical importance of First Nations mariculture on Texada.

Peter Lock
Texada Island Heritage Society



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GILLIES BAY
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Annual General Meeting

Sunday May 4, 2025

2:00 PM

Gillies Bay Firehall

AGENDA:

- Recognition of past GBID Trustees and Staff
- 2024 Financial Statements - presented by Dwayne Dunn of DMD Chartered Accountants
- 2024 AGM Minutes
- Board of Trustees Report
- Fire Chief Report
- Trustee Elections

ELECTIONS:

- Two 3-year terms are up for renewal
- Two trustees at the AGM will be elected
- Nominations will be accepted until April 18, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- Contact admin@gillies-bay.ca or call 604-223-7757
- Nominations will not be accepted from the floor

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3. Be the authorized agent of a board or corporation that owns land in the Improvement District. (Legal proof is required)
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Texada Annual Fly-in



July 27, 2025
IT TAKES A VILLAGE!
(actually, an island)

It is often the adage that “it takes a village” to do this or that...and so it is for that wonderful summertime celebration of flight at the Texada Airport. The first of these iconic gatherings of “eagles” occurred in 1990 on the Rock. Then, for over a decade there was a hiatus in the activity, until in 2007, with the support of the formation flying demonstration team called the Fraser Blues, the flying festival “took off” again.

The celebrations have since continued annually, with a few inconvenient breaks due to weather, and the recent pandemic. Texada’s Airport, with a 3000 ft, asphalt runway, makes it an ideal place to hold such events. Visiting pilots and residents alike are drawn to the Island’s aviation experience. The gathering of different airplanes and the great shows by the Fraser Blues has given the event an addictive potpourri of aviation sights and sounds.

There is a lot of gracious volunteering at the event... administrative and organizational duties, logistics and food services, these are the most usual. Then there is aircraft marshalling, safety, entertainment, and specialty supporting roles, such as traffic control and selling water and souvenirs to raise the funds for the event.

This event is the biggest little fly-in on the Sunshine Coast. **We are looking to put together a good team to help make this another great Fly-in in 2025.** Please call Doby at 604 223 2588 to volunteer, we have lots of room for putting your talents to work!!! (It takes an island.)



A big thank you to everyone who joined Texada NatureKids on Sunday, March 16th, at Emily Lake!

We were guided by Stephanie Weinstein and Robyn Lakes from the Invasive Species Council of BC, who helped us learn about the unique features of Emily Lake and the important habitats it provides for species at risk, such as stickleback species pairs and the Western painted turtle.

Texada NatureKids had the opportunity to identify locally present invasive species—plants that are introduced and spread easily, replacing important native habitats. These included English ivy, holly, Himalayan blackberry, yellow archangel, and periwinkle. We also stopped to admire Amanda Panda Martinson’s beautiful artwork and newly placed signage about the endangered stickleback species pairs. At the dock, the group conducted a visual survey of the plants, looking for invasive species and observing the dominant plant species in the area.

Next, Texada NatureKids took on the role of scientists by participating in the Living Lakes Canada survey. (If you’re interested in getting involved, please email texada@naturekidsbc.ca for more information.) The group learned how to measure key indicators of lake health, including

water pH, turbidity, and temperature. We are incredibly grateful for the participation of all the families and for the opportunity to learn and connect as a community. A special thanks to Stephanie and Robyn for their efforts in protecting the unique natural areas of Tex-



ada! We wrapped up our adventure with a stickleback song to express our gratitude and were gifted a fun stickleback game to try out.

Next Texada Naturekids Event: Saturday, April 26th, 11 am - Explore along the Jungle Trail. Meet at the Sandpipers parking lot. Register via email

at: texada@naturekidsbc.ca. Remember to sign up or renew your NatureKids annual membership, which includes a subscription to the seasonal *NatureWild* magazine and access to members-only events. Free family memberships are available online at <https://naturekidsbc.ca/join-us/memberships-slidingscale/>. See you soon!

Lisa Levez-Bordeleau, TNK CoLeader
 Carolanne White, TNK CoLeader



Wood Smoke Reduction Program 2025

WOOD STOVE CHANGEOUT REBATE OPTIONS:



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WOOD STOVE REBATE

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\$1,500 - \$3,000* rebates available to install a heat pump.

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The Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program provides rebates to residents who remove non-EPA certified wood-burning appliances and replace them with new, low-emission heating options.

Please contact us to find out more information about program requirements. Call 604.485.2260, email environmentalservices@qathet.ca, or visit qathet.ca/community-wood-smoke-exchange-program to learn more.

Additional rebates can be applied for through betterhomesbc.ca and bchydro.com.



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Annual Veterans Dinner

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025

- 3:30 pm - Regular Saturday Meat Draw.
- 6:00 pm - Doors open for Veterans Dinner.
- 7:00 pm - Seated for Dinner.

The Veterans Dinner will be:

- Chicken Fettuccine
- Caesar Salad
- Garlic Bread

The dinner is an official Legion function only open to Legion Members and / or veterans, and their guests.

There will be no charge for veterans and a spouse, or one guest (in place of a spouse), whether they are Legion members or not. The cost for non-veterans is \$20.00. Minors are not permitted. Legion members are asked to be in uniform if possible.

To make reservations for the Dinner, please call the Legion at:

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Leave your name and the number of guests. The cut-off for dinner reservations will be Saturday, April 19th, or when 60 reservations have been made.

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Texada Mini-Kids

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April 13

April 27



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Application No. 112391, Tracking Number 440784

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE

Application for a Permit under the provisions of the Environmental Management Act


We, Zyrox Mining Company Ltd., PO Box 2078 Station Terminal, Vancouver, BC, V6B3S3, are seeking provincial authorization pursuant to the Environmental Management Act for current effluent discharges from the Yew/Bolivar Mine and Mill sites. The source(s) of seasonal discharge are seepage from the Bolivar Mill tailings storage facility, seepage from the North Pit Pond, and discharge from the lined South Pit Pond.

The sites upon which the facilities are located where the discharges occur are the Yew Mine and Bolivar Mill. The Yew Mine (PID# 015-794-717, DL 530, LAP NO.8 FRACTON MC) is located 500 m south of the Blubber Bay / Gillies Bay Road intersection and is within the Van Anda watershed downstream of the community water supply (Priest Lake Watershed). The Bolivar Mill (PID# 015-794-890, District Lot 17) is located within the Texada Island District, 200 meters from the Blubber Bay Road and Crescent Bay Road intersection.

The maximum rate of effluent discharged from Yew Mine’s South Pit Pond is 470 cubic meters per day when discharging seasonally while the other seepage is continuous. Occasionally lime application is the treatment applied to the North Pit Pond and once suspended solids are settled and the effluent meets discharge limits, the effluent will be discharged from the lined South Pit Pond to ground. Seepage from the historic tailings storage facility at the Bolivar Mill is considered as a discharge. Groundwater and surface water monitoring will continue to be conducted to confirm the water quality downgradient of the Yew Mine and Bolivar Mill.

Any person who may be adversely affected by the current discharge and wishes to provide relevant information may, within 30 days after the last date of posting, publishing, service or display, send written comments to the applicant, with a copy to the Director, Environmental Protection at ENV.MiningAuthorizations@gov.bc.ca. The identity of any respondents and the contents of anything submitted in relation to this application will become part of the public record.

Dated this 19th day of March, 2025.



Contact person: Robert Papalia

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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. When school is in session. Kids 8-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. Drop-in.

AFTER SCHOOL PRIME TIME

Community Room, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Primary grades K+ connect & play. Drop-in.

DRAWN TOGETHER

Room A, Thursdays, 3:45-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Kids draw at the library. Drop-in.

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MINECRAFT AFTERNOONS

Makerspace. Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Aged 10+ explore Minecraft. Drop-in.

FANTASY ADVENTURE CLUB

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DIRECTOR’S REPORT, Area D

With all that’s going on at national and international levels, the work of the regional district hardly seems significant. But even amid uncertainty, local governments carry on delivering services and the qRD is no different.

2025 BUDGET

This month there are a number of things to report. Most importantly, the **2025 budget** was still being worked on at press time, so full details will appear here next month. Tentatively, our residential property tax rate (per \$100,000 of assessed value) is expected to rise from \$204.89 last year to \$217.66 in 2025. Directors have asked for some changes, so hopefully this number can come down a bit before final approval.

POCOHONTAS BAY AND MOUNT POCOHONTAS NAME CHANGE

Recently the qRD received notice from the BC Geographical Names Office that two **place names** on Texada have changed. Pochontas Bay, which is Tla’Amin Nation territory, is now “lexwamen,” pronounced leh-xw-ah-men and Mount Pochontas is now “seteqwan,” pronounced sheh-teh-qwan. The changes were requested by Tla’Amin Nation.

MLA RANDENE NEILL

Earlier this year the qRD met with our **new MLA, Randene Neill**, to advocate for some issues of concern. These included badly-needed provincial support for improvement districts and their water systems and recycling options for industrial, commercial and institutional waste. She indicated a particular interest in resolving the decades-long ID water system conundrum. Stay tuned.

BUILDING ASSESSMENTS

At the recommendation of our Recreation

Commission, the qRD had building assessments done of both the **Community Hall** and the **Old School** to determine how the costs of repairing and maintaining the old buildings compared with new construction. The results were very similar. Over a 30-year-period the cost of keeping the two buildings was estimated at \$3.8 million, while it would be \$3.6 million for a new combined facility with less space. No brainer. The old buildings stay and grant funding will be sought for needed repairs.

COMMUNITY WOOD SMOKE REDUCTION PROGRAM

Finally, with grant funding from Victoria and the BC Lung Foundation, the qRD will continue to offer the **Community Wood Smoke Reduction Program**. This incentive program provides rebates of up to \$1,500 on a first-come basis for homeowners to replace old, smoky wood stoves with less-polluting alternatives, including cleaner wood-burning appliances, pellet stoves and heat pumps. Contact the qRD for more info.

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A huge thank you this month to Judy Stanford, an anonymous donor, and Billie Johnson for their pristine donations. They are much appreciated.

Bibliotherapy: In 1916, an American minister, Samuel Crothers, combined the Greek words for book and healing to coin the term 'bibliotherapy'; the process in which the facilitated reading of literature is used to promote understanding, healing, and growth.

I have been reading my way through a series by Ellery Adams called "A Secret, Book, and Scone Society." The main character Nora Pennington runs a bookshop called "Miracle Books". Nora has a particular talent for choosing books for her customers to help them with a particular problem or problems. The process is called "bibliotherapy."

Ms. Adams bibliotherapy list from "The Book of Candlelight" is:

- Books for Communicating with a Teen
- Books for Teens with a Minority Viewpoint
- Books for Young Widows
- Books for the Nature Lover

The term is becoming very popular recently on Facebook. Books and libraries are under attack.

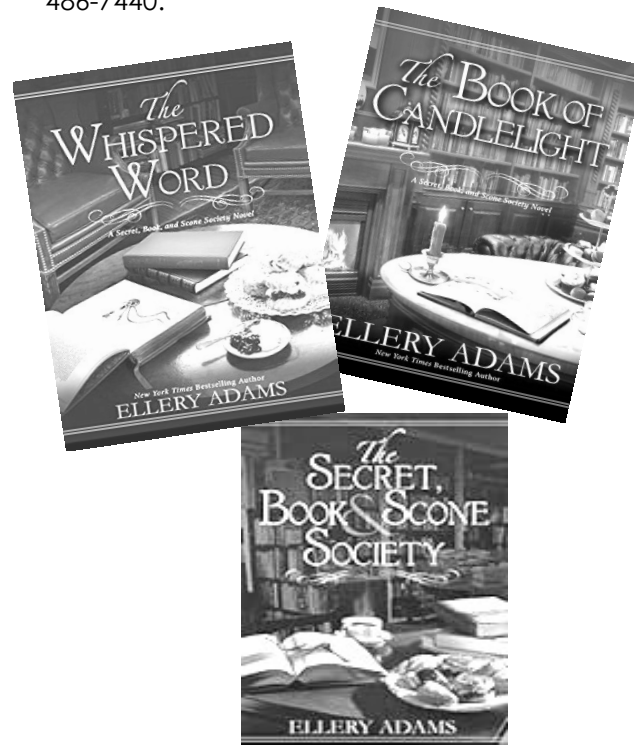
Books are being censored. Booklovers, authors, librarians, bookstores, and libraries are fighting back on social media. If this topic, series, or author interest you, please add them to our suggestion list.

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:

Monday	2 pm to 4 pm
Tuesday	12 pm to 2 pm
Wednesday	12 pm to 2pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
Friday	12 pm to 2 pm
Saturday	12 pm to 2 pm
Sunday	12 pm to 2 pm

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



VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on Saturday April 26, 9.30 at the Legion in Van Anda. Reports and draft financials will be available on the website and at the office the week before. If you believe changes are needed, come to the AGM! This year, there will be either one or two Trustee positions for election. Do you or anyone you know want to be part of managing these important resources?

LEAK REPAIR SUCCESS! Recent repairs completed on Sturt Bay Rd and Smelter Rd, along with the 3 leaking hydrants temporarily shut off, have decreased water usage by more than half!!! These locations were identified by Velocity Water Service's leak detection in early January and were not where we expected. The resulting savings on water treatment expendables such as filters, salt, hydro, and chlorine will pay for the service in a short time. We will have more accurate volumes to share after the next monthly analysis of the data logged at the plant.

WATER OPERATOR TRUCK: VAID has purchased a pickup truck for water operator use. Thanks to the generosity of community members, the purchase cost was covered. Analysis of expenses show that expenditure will be less than the mileage amount currently being paid to employees. Additionally, regularly used tools, fittings, and supplies can be stocked in the truck for improved work efficiency.

TEXT NOTIFICATION: System is now live. If you want to be texted about important water issues, provide us with your mobile number and we'll add you to the list.

CONTACT INFO: Please let us know your concerns! contact@vananda-id.ca – 604-486-7035.

NEXT MEETING: The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Apr 16 at 1:30pm, upstairs at the Firehall.

FIREFIIGHTERS ALWAYS NEEDED!
Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert
604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca

WATER EMERGENCY:
Water Operator Marianne Segers
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Better At Home

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.

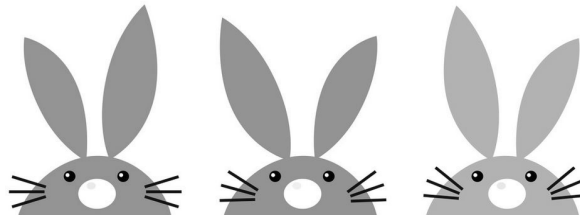
We are actively recruiting volunteers for various roles, contact us today!

Visit our website for the online application: <https://inclusionpr.ca/pages/volunteer> or call 604-485-4008 ext. 102, Belinda Shelton, Community Program Assistant Manager.

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

Contact us if you're interested in Light Housekeeping services, or basic Lawn Care for 2025. Thank You!

Sonia Furstrand, Community Program Manager



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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Call for Applications

The qathet Regional District is seeking two volunteer members to sit on the Agricultural Advisory Committee for a two-year term. The mandate of the Committee is to provide advice to the Regional Board on matters relating to agriculture in the qathet region.

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

Interested, eligible individuals should submit a letter of application explaining their expertise, experience, and how they will contribute to the Committee.

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

Address: qathet Regional District
Attn: Laura Roddan, General Manager of Planning Services
202-4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC, V8A 2L2
Fax: 604-485-2216
Email: planning@qathet.ca

The deadline for applications is 4:00pm on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact the Planning Department at 604-485-2260 or planning@qathet.ca.