

JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm	2	3 TICS BINGO Comm. Hall @ 7 Doors Open at 6:30 pm	4
5	6 Grief Support Legion, 3-4 pm	7 Food Bank Call In 10-3 pm	8 Food Bank Pick Up 11.am-12 pm Youth Group 4:45 pm	9 TWIN Lunch @Pub, Noon	10 Community Lunch— Sr. Ctr @ Noon Legion General Mtg. Doors Open 5:30 pm	11 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TCOTR** Sr.Ctr -5 pm
12	13 TICS Mtg. Legion, 10:30 am	14 Rock Your Body Community Hall 5:30 pm	15 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm Garden Club Sr. Ctr. 2 pm VAID Mtg. 1:30 pm	16	17 Legion Bingo Doors Open 5:30 pm	18 Vision Board Workshop @ the Inn 11 am.
19 Raise the Rooms Texada Inn 2 pm	20 Grief Support Legion , 3-4 pm	21	22	23	24 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr @ Noon Express Lines Deadline	25 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TCOTR** Sr. Ctr. -5 pm
26	27	28 Rock Your Body Community Hall 5:30 pm	29 Youth Group 4:45 pm Legion Potluck Doors @ 5:30 pm	30 Community Bingo Sr Ctr, 1 pm	31	<u>Upcoming</u> Chinese New Year Dinner, Feb 1

EVERY MONTH

MONDAY:

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

TUESDAY:

Sandpiper Playgroup, Old School, 10 am—1 pm
Pickleball—School Gym, 6-8

WEDNESDAY:

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

THURSDAY:

Pickleball—School Gym, 6-8
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, Yurt on Sturt—2-3pm
Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm

SUNDAY:

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

TCOTR—Texada Church On The Rock

Express 2025 Lines



Texada Island's Monthly Events

January 2025

GILLIES BAY & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Minutes Are Precious

We hope you had a pleasant and safe holiday season. While you are making your New Year's Resolutions, we suggest to include ensuring your street address is clearly visible.

We have written before about the need to make sure we can find you in the dark. When you are in a situation where you have to call for help, we know every minute is going to seem like an eternity. If First Responders are driving up and down your street looking for house numbers, it might take several of those minutes to find the right house.

In larger communities, fire vehicles are equipped with on-board computers that can pin point your address (if you actually have a registered address, which is a whole other topic). We don't have that type of expensive technology on our trucks on Texada. We rely on paper maps and street addresses.

So we are asking, as part of your New Year's preparation, that you go out on to your street when it is dark, and look at your house number. Can you see it easily? Or is it, like many house numbers in our communities, not easy to see? Do you have dark numbers attached to a dark coloured fence post? Or numbers attached to your porch where there is no light? Is it oriented to the road? Is the address obscured by vegetation?

All of these are issues we have had to deal with recently. If you have trouble seeing your address number, imagine how challenging it

is for First Responders who are driving by in a truck, not knowing who they are going to assist.

Ideally your house numbers should be large, reflective, and near the road—not by your door. Some hardware stores stock the materials for these type of house numbers. Also, in Powell River, Impact Signs could make you a proper street address sign.

FIRE FIGHTERS ALWAYS NEEDED!

No experience necessary.

Training, gear, and 24-hour (now includes off-duty) accident insurance coverage provided.

Many practices and training events are held together with Gillies Bay as Texada's two Fire Departments continue to work together.

Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert
604-414-9662 or firechief@vananda.ca



GBID bids adieu to a couple of long-time, dedicated employees ... see page 15.



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

New Schedules as of January 2, 2025—March 31, 2025 (as of Dec. 26, 2024)

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER	
Monday to Sunday Note Wednesday Variation	
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am***
11:50 am	12:40 pm ONLY Wednesdays
	1:15 pm EXCEPT Wednesdays
3:00 pm***	3:55 pm
4:55 pm	5:50 pm
6:40 pm	7:30 pm
8:55 pm	9:45 pm
***WEDNESDAYS ONLY Dangerous Goods Sailings No PASSENGERS	

Recycling Station Hours	
Van Anda Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm	Gillies Bay Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

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.	
Depart Town Center Mall at 3:25 pm.	
Fare: \$8 and \$2.25 for seniors (65+) per trip	

POWELL RIVER - SECHLT		GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
Leave Saltery 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 pm	2:10 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm	8:55 pm	10:55 pm

Powell River	Comox
Leave	Leave
7:55 am	6:00 am
12:00 pm	9:55 am
5:15 pm	3:15 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm

Always call or visit **BC Ferries website** to confirm your sailing times.
1-888-223-3779, or www.bcferries.com

Recycling Stations Hours	
Van Anda: Tuesday & Thursday, 9 am - 5 pm	Gillies Bay: Wednesday, Friday & Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

"January is the perfect time to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the year ahead." - Oprah

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Notice to Riders



Effective January 2, 2025

Route 13 Texada Change

Trip times for Route 13 Texada Island will change to better align with BC Ferries updated January schedule.

NEW TIMES:

13 Texada to Shelter Point (Thurs only)

Hospital	Town Centre Mall	Westview	Blubber Bay	VanAnda	Gillies Bay	Shelter Point
-	6:20	6:50	7:30	7:40	*7:56	8:03
3:15	3:25	3:55	4:35	4:45	5:05	5:12

*Gillies Bay Loop by request only

13 Texada to Powell River (Thurs only)

Shelter Point	Gillies Bay	VanAnda	Blubber Bay	Westview	Town Centre Mall	Hospital
8:18	8:25	8:55	9:25	9:25	10:10	10:15
5:42	*5:48	6:10	6:40	7:20	7:25	7:30

*Gillies Bay Loop by request only

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**TEXADA WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK
T.W.I.N.
JANUARY LUNCHEON—2025**

Thursday, January 9
at the Texada Island Inn Pub
Doors Open at 11:30 a.m.
Lunch is at noon, guest speaker at 1 pm.

Guest Speaker:
Barb Egglestone, Estate Planning

To reserve, please call Moe at
604-414-7312, no later than January 2.
If you have food allergies, please let Moe
know when you make your reservation.
If you can, please bring a
non-perishable food item.

January is Jammie Month. Please wear your
jammies to lunch. Stuffies are welcome.

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
next June. **Good Luck!!!**

Christmas Raffle Winners

- 1. Food Hamper—Hillary Stiles
- 2. \$50 Hotel Gift Certificate—Pat Craggs
- 3. Basket of Preserves—Elsie Paddock

Thank you to all who sold and bought tick-
ets. The two charities we are supporting
this year are the Green Armband Program
and the Cancer Support group.



**Texada Seniors Council
Community Lunch**

**Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay
Friday, January 10, &
Friday, January 24
Noon to 1 p.m.**

**Homemade Soup * Sandwiches
* Dessert * Tea * Coffee
\$10.00 per Person**

Thank you to all who supports
this lunch throughout the year.

The Executive of the Texada Seniors' Coun-
cil sends a big **thank you** to Joyce Wiebe
and her cast of volunteers who make lunch
run smoothly, to Gayle Chouinard who han-
dles door registration and last, but not least,
to our kitchen magician, **George**, who con-
tinues to delight our taste buds!

COMMUNITY BINGO

Seniors Centre
January, 30th, at 1 p.m.
Everyone Welcome. Great Social Time.
Look forward to seeing you there!

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Create a vision board for the new year! This January, join us at Texada Island Inn for an inspiring session of creativity and community. Our New Year's Vision Board Workshop is the perfect opportunity to set your intentions and visualize your goals.

Date: January 18th

Time: 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Location: Texada Island Inn

Admission: Free (lunch costs not included)

A vision board is a powerful tool that allows you to manifest your dreams into reality. By assembling a collage of images, words, and affirmations, you create a visual representation of your aspirations for the coming year.

What to bring:

- Magazines/printouts: bring along any magazines or printouts that resonate with your aspirations—be it career, personal growth, travel, or inspiration.
- Scissors and glue: you'll need scissors for cutting and glue (or tape) to secure your dreams onto your vision board.
- Base paper: use a thick paper or board as the base for your creations.

Follow us on our Facebook group Creative Together - Texada Island for updates!

See you there!
Ingrid



Texada Dragon Boat Club
presents
A Chef Andy

CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER

SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 2025
at the Texada Inn

4:30 & 6:00 Seatings
RSVP Only - No Tickets at the Door

\$35 per person
Tickets Sold at
Texada Home & Garden
& The Texada Inn

Silent Auction, Red Envelopes & Fun
Purchase a red envelope(s) for a chance to win good luck, blessings or fortune.

For more information,
call Zella Knutson at 604-486-0464
or email: texadadragonboat@gmail.com

2025 Is The Year of the Snake

The Snake ranks sixth in the zodiac and **represents wisdom, patience and mystery**. It is attributed with qualities such as cunning, introspection and an innate ability to overcome adversity. The energy of the Snake is also related to transformation, as **this animal sheds its skin to renew itself, a powerful symbol of personal and spiritual evolution.**



Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a safe a happy Holiday season.

Please welcome our new Executive director Judy Ferguson to our returning Executive.

...lest we forget.

Booking the Legion

Anyone wishing to book the Legion for an event must text or phone Fred at **(604)414-4113.**

Scrabble

Wednesdays
1:30 pm-4:30 pm
All Are Welcome!

2025 Community Donations:

Sea Cadets	\$500
Air Cadets	\$500
Army Cadets	\$500
PAC	\$1000
Scholarship	\$500
Texada Play Center	\$500
Texada Volunteer Fire Fighter Assoc.	\$500
Texada Health Services	\$1500
TINSHS	\$1500

NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Friday, January 10
Doors Open 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Starts at 7:00 p.m.

POTLUCK

Last Wednesday of the month,
January 29
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Bring your favourite dish and utensils.

BINGO

Friday, January 17th
Doors open at 5:30
Game at 7:00

MEAT DRAWS

Saturday & Sunday
Doors Open at 3:30 pm.



Texada Island Community Society

Happy New Year to you all. I hope this coming year is a good year for everybody.

Just to follow up on the end of the year report. We had some great successes, starting in November with the Community Craft Fair, continuing on in December with the Spirit Breakfast and finishing with the Community Dinner.

TICS Bingo is on Friday, January 3rd at the Community Hall.

The next TICS General Meeting will be on January 13th in the Legion at 10:30am.

Come on out and join TICS and have some fun with your neighbors.



GILLIES BAY
IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

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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 next season, so we can review this in our planning.

Thank You!

Sonia Furstrand, Community Program Manager



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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

— Philippians 4:4-7, New International Version

Worship Services:

Sundays services begin at 10:30 a.m., with fellowship and coffee afterwards. Communion Jan. 5, 2025. Everyone is always welcome at our table. The last Sunday of the month, Jan. 26, 2025. will be a Hymn Sing Service.

Focus on Spirit:

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

Minister's Office Hours:

Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-3:30 pm. The church is open during these times for prayer and meditation.

Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com

Board Chair:

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

Website:

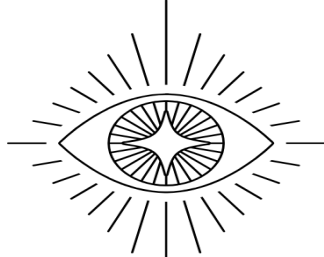
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Facebook Page:


Texada Island United Church

Texada Island United 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 Anda
 All Are Welcome!




Texada Church On The Rock
 Services held every Second and Last Saturday of the month starting at 5:00pm
 At "The Old School"
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 Everyone is welcome



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Gillies Bay Improvement District

Job Opportunity

**Operations Manager
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Position Overview:

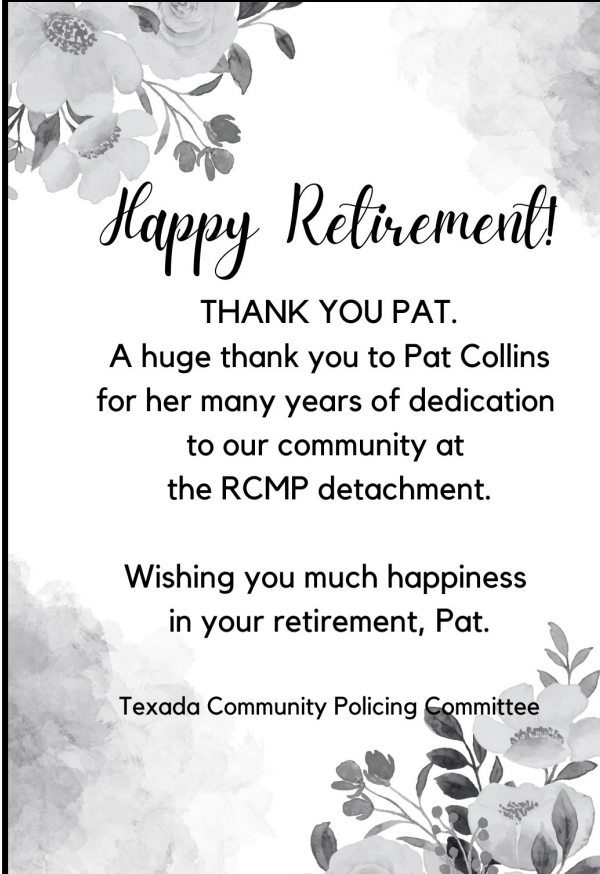
The Operations Manager will play a key role in managing the daily operations of our water system, ensuring the efficient delivery of clean, potable water to our customers. This position requires a hands-on leader with a strong understanding of water system operations, maintenance, and regulatory compliance. The ideal candidate will have excellent problem-solving skills, leadership experience, and a commitment to safety and quality.

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- Ability to communicate and liaise effectively with public officials, ratepayers, local committees and interest groups.
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- Proficiency with Water Operations software, such as SCADA and meter reading software.
- Excellent report writing skills

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a cover letter outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to admin@gillies-bay.ca by **January 15, 2025.**

A complete job description is available upon request.



Happy Retirement!

THANK YOU PAT.
 A huge thank you to Pat Collins for her many years of dedication to our community at the RCMP detachment.

Wishing you much happiness in your retirement, Pat.

Texada Community Policing Committee

BINGO & Scrabble

TICS Bingo

Friday, Jan. 3rd, Community Hall—7 pm

Legion Bingo

Friday, January 17th,
 Doors Open at 5:30 pm, Game—7 pm

Community Bingo

Senior Center, Jan. 30th—1 pm

Scrabble

Wednesdays at the Legion.
 1:30-4:00. Everyone Welcome.

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Texada Winter Pickleball

Pickleball

Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 pm to 8 pm

at the Texada School Gym

\$2 Drop-in Fee
(Equipment available for try outs)

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TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM MUSINGS

More Fun Texada History Facts...

DID YOU KNOW ...large black kettles seen by settler John Edwards on the beach at Blubber Bay in 1890 were what remained of a once-thriving whaling industry. These “try pots” were placed over a fire to render whale blubber into oil. In the 1800’s whaling was a significant industry on the BC coast until the introduction of steam-powered boats and explosive harpoon heads wiped out most of the Salish Sea populations.

...logging on Texada helped finance the luxurious lifestyle of a German prince and his teenage bride. Prince Johannes von Thurn n Taxis bought

Texada Logging in 1965 and purchased many other Texada properties as well. Known as “Johnny TNT” the Prince (52) married the 19-year old Gloria Maria (nicknamed “the Punk Princess”) and together they lived the international jet-set lifestyle.

When Johnny died in 1990 Gloria was surprised to find a mountain of accumulated debt. She was forced to sell off most of their world-wide properties (including Texada parcels), her jewels, art and 24 of their cars.

...a world class hotel once graced the hilltop at Sturt Bay. “One of the finest stopping places on the coast,” the Marble Bay Hotel became a social hub hosting Saturday night dances and community celebrations. When the local mines closed in 1919

the hotel was abandoned and left to its fate (“recycling”).

...Texada has had the honour to host “royalty” - a princess and an empress! The elegant CPR wooden steamship, Princess Beatrice (built in 1903), now rests in peace in Mouat Bay. She’s buried under rock and rubble as foundation for the breakwater that logger Charlie Klein built in the 1930’s. The other royal presence was the “beating heart” of the CP ocean liner Empress of Japan - her 600-lb brass bell which once rang out from the tower at Blubber Bay school. Unfortunately the bell was sent to the Vancouver Maritime Museum where it now rests in silence.



Marble Bay Hotel on opening day January 1898

Happy New Year from the volunteers at the Texada Island Heritage Society. We hope to see you here in 2025!

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TEXADA POLICING AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Happy New Year Texada!

Hope you all had a joyous holiday season. Sitting here writing this before Christmas, I can only predict that as we move into 2025 it is cold, dark and damp! Some things to think about in this season:

- Check in on neighbors to ensure they are warm enough. Especially if the weather does turn particularly cold.
- Driving and walking in inclement weather. Stay alert and visible. Never assume the other person sees you!
- Slips and falls can be a big issue early in the year. Keep pathways clear from debris and watch out for wet floors inside.
- Carbon monoxide poisoning. Fuel-burning equipment, such as heaters and generators, can emit carbon monoxide, a potentially deadly gas. If used indoors or in confined spaces, ensure adequate ventilation and monitor CO levels.

Our committee, in collaboration with the local RCMP, looks at safety, education, crime and accident prevention on Texada. If you want to help make a difference, or have concerns, please contact me at texadamatters@gmail.com or 604-765-5218.

Stay safe all!

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Texada Food Bank 2025

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

Call on the Tuesday (day before pickup) between 10 am and 3 pm.

Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11am and 12 pm.

Call in-January 7 **Pick up**-January 8

Call in-February 11 **Pick up**-February 12

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

Texada Food Bank Thanks You!

Thank you to Santa (Bob McGuire) and his helper (Linda) who did a fundraiser at the Texada Pub, which raised \$500 for the Food Bank. Big thanks to Cymry and the community who gave to this fundraiser. Thank you so very much for the generous financial donations from Dean MacDonald and 460 Realty, Nelmes Excavating, The Foxgloves, Shirley McCune, Carolyn Walton-Kay and Lori John, Thank you to The Kiwanis Club of Powell River.

Big Thank you to TICS for putting on the Spirit Breakfast and to the team of volunteers, Colleen Diamond, George Childress, Gerry Childress, Carolyn Walton-Kay,

Joyce Hull, Terry Hollo, Doriana Kiland, and Jane Waterman. Again, a big Thank You to the community for supporting the Spirit Breakfast. Also, thank you so much to Shelly Selbie for donating the turkey for the Legion Bingo. Almost \$200 was raised for the Food Bank.

Thank you to all who made anonymous donations of food and financial support. We are very grateful to everyone that make 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.

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and we hope everyone has a Healthy, Happy, Prosperous 2025.

What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year. VERN MCLELLAN


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More Coyote Tales—Whitewater

The turbo Beaver float plane sat idle beside the dock in Gold River. I had hired the plane and pilot to fly me up the West Coast of B.C. to a remote area to stake a claim on a favourable geological setting to prospect the following Spring. The water was calm the skies were blue, claim tags, axe, pack sack and hard hat equipped, I was ready to go.



The young pilot said, "there might be a little rough weather up ahead", as we took off, "but nothing really to worry about"... and down the Inlet we soared and into the wild blue we flew.

Within a half an hour a turbulent wind had picked up and I tightened my seat belt snug. I was wearing headphones, along with the pilot, when a crackling message came through that a boat was in distress in some white water around Esperanza. I nodded to the pilot that I understood as he circled around to get lower and search further up along the coast. The wind had picked up violently now as we flew lower in our search. I was holding on to the extended strap of my seatbelt like a bull rider at a rodeo as my head was bouncing off the cockpit roof and side window of the plane's cabin.

Just as the pilot circled once more, the plane started to shake violently. I could see the wings flapping up and down like a bird in flight and the float pontoons moving in and out so rapidly I was wondering if the plane was going to blow apart. The ocean waves had blown flat and were now long white streaks and foam. The young pilot's face was white as snow as he turned to me and said, "we've got to put her down".

Where the hell was he gonna do that, I thought, as I looked out the window at the white water crashing on the towering rock pinnacles scattered about. If he puts this plane down in that... we're done for.

Lower and lower we flew as the pilot searched for a place to ditch that would be the least catastrophic. "Oh hell!" the young pilot screamed into the mic, as he reached down

and pulled on the pontoon's rudder cable that had come loose. It was the downed rudders that caught the wind and nearly tore us apart.

The pilot was so shaken that he turned into Tahsis Inlet to tie up at the wharf and overnight while the wind blew itself out.

"Thank goodness you're a seasoned prospector and used to these kinda things" he said. I just shook my head up and down. I could hardly walk the dock, my knees so weak and shaking with cold sweat down my back as I said, "yup... just a little breeze, another day at the office".

Cheers, Coyote

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TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Do join us on Wednesday, January 15th, at the Gillies Bay Seniors Center starting at 2pm. Sarah Bacon from Powell River will be showing us how to prune. We missed her in November because of bad weather and the ferry not running! Sarah is a retired teacher full of wit and knowledge. Non Members welcome.

Rolly Thorpe, a long time Garden Club member, recounts how inspiration can strike no matter where you are.

Building Bridges:

Not too long ago, the BC Museum in Victoria hosted a display highlighting the work of Leonardo da Vinci. In the museum gift shop, there was a small kit of wood dowels that could be assembled into a bridge structure. This "emergency bridge" was designed by da Vinci around 1487, in Milan. The design is such that when weight is applied to it, it gets stronger.

I bought and assembled the bridge model and decided it would be fun to build a bigger bridge, following the design. I purchased "pointy posts" from the lumber yard (6' long by 3-1/2" diameter posts). I cut off the points and used the posts to build the bridge structure.

da Vinci's design used local trees and lash the members together. I used pressure-treated posts and bolted them together, to make a more permanent structure. I then added decking, and a railing on one side. For the railing, I cut two live cedar branches and peeled them. I bent the

branches around the trunk of a large fir tree, using a block and tackle, to give them a bow shape to match the arch of the bridge. The finished bridge is 12' long by 4' wide, supported by concrete blocks to keep the posts above the dirt.

A friend noted that the bridge was a folly that "starts from nowhere, goes over nothing and ends nowhere." To remedy this, I dug out the dirt under the bridge and placed rocks to form a dry riverbed. I also built a path leading to the bridge and continuing on to a playhouse. It now had a purpose! The path goes to a bridge, over a dry river and provides access to a playhouse!



I think the bridge is a nice addition to the garden and compliments the fish pond beside it. Shouldn't everyone have a bridge?!

Rolly Thorpe

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Texada Island Non-Profit Senior Housing Society

Happy New Year Everyone!

Our Board is looking forward to possibilities that the new year will bring to our project of building seniors housing on Texada.

The Board welcomes Ken Becotte as our new Administrative and Social Media Coordinator. Ken brings a wealth of experience of nonprofits with him. Welcome to the team.

We had a number of great applicants with their own unique experience. We thank them for their interest.

A big thank you to Terry Lynn Andres, Texada Garden Centre for their total donation to TINSHS of \$873.35 from their fundraiser on December 9th. We are humbled by your generosity.

Be sure to check out our Website and Facebook to stay informed.

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- Margaret Mead

DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

Happy New Year!

Starting with a clean slate is what new years are about and that's certainly the case where grants-in-aid (GIAs) from the qRD are concerned. Every year grants are available to island groups and organizations for the betterment of the community. These funds can be for specific projects, events or capital improvements.

There are two "intakes" for applications for grants with firm deadlines of March 31 for the first round and Aug. 31 for the second. There's always more money available at the start of the year, so if your community group could use some financial assistance, get your application in early.

Last year, five Texada organizations received GIAs: TACT (\$12,000), TINSHS (\$25,000), Sandcastle (\$3,000), Texada Health Services Society (\$2,286 toward the cancer support program) and the Royal Canadian Legion, Texada Branch (\$3,289 for exterior lighting).

Additionally, we contributed along with other areas of the qRD, to regional groups and events including PRISMA, Tourism PR, qathet Festival of the Performing Arts, qathet Arts Council and the Four Tides Hospice Society.

There are two streams of grants-in-aid: general, paid for by all residents of the qRD including the city, and area, for projects or events which benefit only one area, paid for by the taxpayers of that area.

Previous social planning and economic development funding streams have been rolled into GIAs to make applying easier.

In the 2024 budget, area D had \$28,456 in our area GIA account, while there was \$96,000 in general GIA funding available. That total represents what taxpayers previously contributed to GIAs, social planning and economic development together. Area D's account had 27 cents left at the end of 2024, while there is \$19.80 left in the general GIA account. The 2025 budget is not yet set, but I expect it will be fairly similar to last year.

The point of these grants is to support the community with funding which could otherwise be unattainable. Typically, GIAs cover 25 per cent of the cost of a project, event or capital improvement. These funds help to make things happen, so if your group needs money, please apply. Call or email the qRD to receive the application form, administration@qathet.ca, or 604-485-2260.

Sandy McCormick
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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 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: rav-enbaywoods@gmail.com.



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

Family Literacy Week Storytime with the Immigrant Welcome Centre—Drop-in Children's Reading Room. Thursday, January 30, 10:30-11:00 am. Sonia & newcomers to Canada present stories in English.

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

After School Prime Time—Drop in - Community Room, Wednesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Grades K+ connect & play.

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

FAMILY LITERACY WEEK AT PRPL-Jan. 26-Feb. 2

Books for Babies—Pick up at the Service Desk Welcome a new baby in 2024? Come to PRPL & pick up free books!

Print-a-Baby—Drop-in—Meeting Rooms A & B. Thursday, January 28, 10:30-11:30 am. Print hands & feet with non-toxic ink.

Family Board Game Jam—Drop-in Community Room. Saturday, January 25, 10:00 am -12:00 pm. Try board games. Coffee & snacks!

Next Reads Rocket—Online - prpl.ca Complete a questionnaire & get recommendation for readers 9+. Contact edgar@prpl.ca.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

Minecraft Afternoons—Drop-in—Makerspace. Saturdays, 2:00-3:00 pm. Starting January 11. Youth aged 10+. Explore a range of things-Minecraft.

Fantasy Adventure Club—Drop-in—Makerspace, Meeting Rooms A & B. Wednesdays, 4:30-6:00 pm. When School is in session. Youth 12+ play role-playing games.

Teen Writers Group—Drop-in- Meeting Room A. Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Writers 13+. Learn techniques, explore the secrets of professional writers.

Young Writers Group—Drop-in- Meeting Room B. Fridays, 3:30-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Ages 10+. Talk writing, make new friends.

Own the Shelves—Teen Room. Date tbd! High school students have input into library programming & more!

First Dibs—Teens review books for volunteer credit. Registration required. Email edgar@prpl.ca.

ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

Local Author Aurian Duncan—Drop-in- Community Room. Saturday, January 11, 2:00-3:00 pm. A novelist presents their fantasy series.

Standing on High Ground—Drop-in—Community Room. Saturday, January 18, 2:00-3:00 pm. Bob Hackett and Romilly Cavanaugh discuss climate.

Poetry Circle—Drop-in—Community Room. Second and Last Thursday of the Month. 4:30-6:00 pm. With Amira Abouelalla.

Tech Savvy – Google Docs—Drop-in—Community Room. Friday, January 24, 3:00-4:00 pm. Google Workspace.

Silent Book Club—Friends of the Library Lounge. The fourth Thursday of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm. An introvert's book club. Email kwootten@prpl.ca.

Reading For Life—Community Room. Wednesday, January 29, 11:00-12:30 am Tech & services to keep you reading. Drop-in. Email kwootten@prpl.ca.

Write On—Via Zoom. Fridays 2:00 pm. Writing group. Registration required. Email edgar@prpl.ca.



VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

WINTER CONDITIONS: Please ensure your water lines and outside faucets are insulated. A faucet left running to avoid freezing may not seem to use much water but 25 faucets barely on (filling a cup in 10 seconds) for 2 weeks costs us \$1,385!

ANNUAL INVOICES for Water Tolls and Parcel Taxes are being mailed (and emailed if previously requested) early January. Please let us know if you would like yours to be emailed or have changed your mailing address. Due date for payment is March 10, after which penalties are applied. Payment plans are available – see your invoice for details or contact us for more information or assistance in setting up a plan. To learn more about how Tolls & Taxes are calculated, visit our webpage vananda-id.ca/water-rates/

EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBER: A slip is included with your invoice for your emergency contact info. Please return this to us so we can contact you when needed. When we don't have your phone number, we can't let you know what's happening in emergencies.

LEAK DETECTION CONTRACTOR: Due to the massive loss of treated water from leaks in the infrastructure, we have contracted a leak detection specialist, who will be here Jan 6-9. They will set up acoustic devices around town to collect information that will then be analyzed to pinpoint leak locations. Unless we can cut down on water loss before summer, the treatment plant may need to be bypassed to keep water flowing in the pipes and in the storage tank for fire protection.

WATER QUALITY ADVISORY: The Water Quality Advisory continues. This will likely stay in effect until the media replacement in the ion exchange units is complete, which will allow the UV Treatment to be fully effective. The media

(Purolite) has a limited lifespan and high cost, and due to media deterioration and fouling, the ion exchangers are offline. Replacement of the media has been contracted to Aaron Service and is scheduled for late December 2024; however, the ion exchangers may possibly not be put back online until enough leaks are found and repaired as there are limits to the rate at which the ion exchangers can treat the water.

CHLORINE LEVELS: Unexpected changes in chlorine levels were caused by the faulty chlorine analyzer. This is being replaced early 2025. The entire chlorination system is outdated and will be all new as part of the Water Treatment Plant upgrades scheduled for completion summer 2025. This upgrade includes addition of a sand filter, which will lower treatment costs by saving on filter cartridges, salt used in the ion exchanger, and wear and tear on the ion exchanger media.

TEXT NOTIFICATION for WATER EMERGENCIES: If you (or anyone you know) would like to be texted about water emergencies, please let us know.

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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 Jan 15th 1:30pm. **2025 MEETING DATES:** Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12, Apr 16, May 14, June 11, July 16, Aug 13, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 12, Dec 17, AGM April 19

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

GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Happy New Year; and may 2025 be safe and prosperous.

Gillies Bay Improvement District (GBID) is starting the year with an (almost) complete staff turnover. Juanita Walton is ably taking over from Theresa Beech as Corporate Officer. Mike Corcoran will be the new fire chief March 1; after the long service and dedicated work of Fire Chief Rob McWilliam. Heidi Sorichta is our new book keeper.

This changeover has enabled a shuffling of dedicated work hours and responsibilities to allow us to hire a part-time Project Manager, which enables us to carry out the much needed capital replacement and improvement work that is necessary and has been neglected for many years. Hiring is expected this January.

Theresa has been Corporate Officer through the trying times of the 2019 trustee resignations, the water meter debates, and covid pandemic; she has ably kept the ship afloat, the doors open, and all systems functioning. More than that: her dedication to service to the full community, not just the trustees, has been a cornerstone to her public service. She graduates to a well deserved retirement and will be respected and thanked by the community, I am sure, in her new life. Juanita Walton has a unique blend of organizational expertise, technical proficiency, leadership skills, and sensitivity to client satisfaction as well as responsible service.

After 20 years, Rob McWilliam leaves the GBFD in superb shape, due in no small measure to his dedicated leadership of a fine group of volunteers. Morale is high. Our

community is safer! Thank you! I am sure the GBVFD will want to express their own gratitude when retirement comes in February. Michael Corcoran, a 31 year fire fighting veteran, and Captain, with the North Vancouver City Fire Department, and a host of other emergency measure competencies will ably follow in Rob's footsteps.

Roger Kimmerly,
Chair, GBID

Texada Island

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NEWS FROM THE TEXADA ISLAND LIBRARY

Happy New Year Everyone!

This month I am showcasing four science books from a generous donation received in November 2024. Something for our science enthusiasts!

“What Remains to Be Discovered” by John Maddox, c1998. 500 MAD
Subject Headings: Discoveries in science, Science—forecasting and Technological forecasting.

“Science Set Free: 10 paths to new discovery” by Rupert Sheldrake, c2013. 501 SHE.
Subject Headings: Cosmology – physics and Science and technology.

“The Bone Museum: travels in the lost worlds of dinosaurs and birds” by Wayne Grady, c2000. 567.9 GRA
Subject Headings: Dinosaurs—China, Dinosaurs—Alberta, Dinosaurs—Patagonia (Argentina and Chile), Birds—Evolution.

“The Universe Within: from quantum to cosmos” by Neil Turok, c2012. 523.1 TUR
Subject headings: Cosmology, Discoveries in science and Research – Social aspects.

Pam Kenny



"So please, oh please, we beg, we pray,
Go throw your TV set away,
And in its place you can install,
A lovely bookshelf on the wall."

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl (1964)

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 Hours:

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Wednesday	12 pm to 2pm
Thursday	10 am to 12 pm
Friday	12 pm to 2 pm
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2025 qathet Regional District Meeting Schedule



qathet Regional District holds regularly scheduled Board and Standing Committee meetings at #201 – 4675 Marine Ave, Powell River. Members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings, virtually or in person. Closed meetings are conducted by resolution in accordance with the *Community Charter*.

Finance Committee	Committee of the Whole	Planning Committee	Regional Board
1:00 pm	1:00 pm	4:00 pm	4:00 pm
January 7, 2025	January 29, 2025	January 28, 2025	January 7 & 29, 2025
February 11, 2025	February 26, 2025	February 25, 2025	February 11 & 26, 2025
March 11, 2025	March 26, 2025	March 25, 2025	March 11 & 26, 2025
April 8, 2025	April 30, 2025	April 30, 2025	April 8 & 29, 2025
May 13, 2025	May 28, 2025	May 27, 2025	May 13 & 28, 2025
June 10, 2025	June 25, 2025	June 24, 2025	June 10 & 25, 2025
July 8, 2025	July 9, 2025	July, 2025 – No Meeting	July 8 & 9, 2025
August, 2025 – No Meeting	August 27, 2025	August 26, 2025	August 27, 2025
September 9, 2025	September 11, 2025	September 10, 2025	September 9 & 11, 2025
October 7, 2025	October 22, 2025	October 21, 2025	October 7 & 22, 2025
November 12, 2025	November 26, 2025	November 25, 2025	<u>November 12, 2025 Inaugural</u>
December 9, 2025	December 11, 2025	December 10, 2025	November 26, 2025
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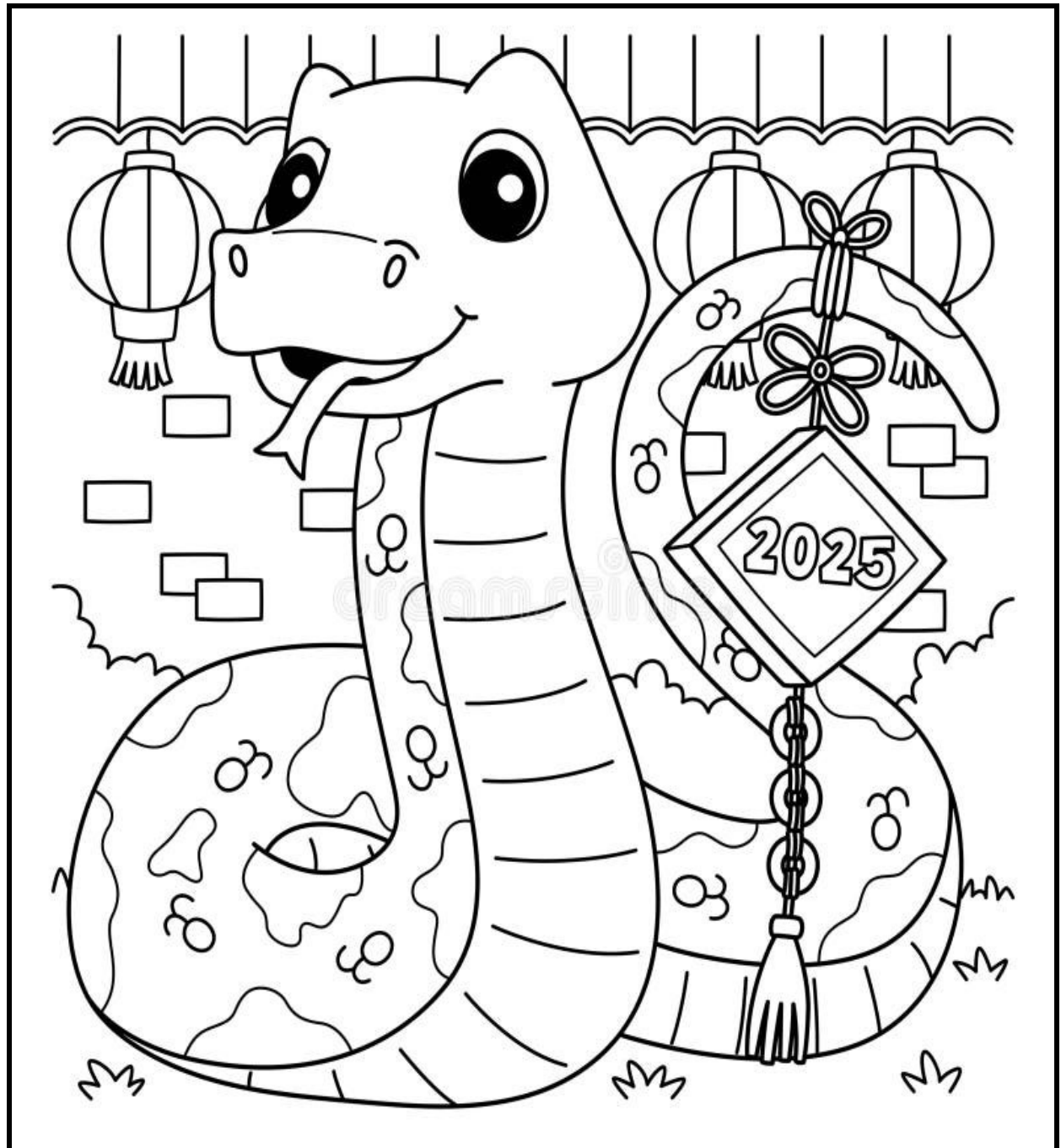
The qathet Regional Hospital District holds regularly scheduled Board and Committee meetings, in person and virtually, at #201 – 4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC, in January, March, April, June, August, October, and December only as follows:

Regional Hospital District Board
3:00 pm
<u>January 28, 2025 Inaugural</u>
March 25, 2025
April 29, 2025
June 24, 2025
August 26, 2025
October 21, 2025
December 2, 2025

The public may attend meetings in person, or electronically via Zoom. For more information on how to participate, please visit qathet.ca/meetings, or contact Michelle Jones, Corporate Officer at administration@qathet.ca or call 604-485-2260.

Additional meetings may be scheduled. Notices of any schedule changes will be made available as soon as possible and updated in the qathet.ca events calendar. Notices of Special Meetings are issued separately from the regular meeting schedule. Please check our website and the Public Notice Board located at 202-4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC for any scheduling updates.

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Budget Meetings

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the proposed 2025 budget and 2025-2029 Financial Plan at the Finance Committee meetings from January through February, 2025.

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

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

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

As the year comes to a close, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who contributes to making our region a wonderful place to live.

Best wishes for a bright, and happy new year!

From all of us at the qathet Regional District!

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