JUNE 2025						
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1	2	3 Rock Your Body 6:30—8:30 Shelter Point	4 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TYGroup 4:45 pm	5	6 TICS Bingo Comm. Hall @ 7 pm	7
8 Mini-Kids Gym	9	10 Food Bank Call In 10-3 GBID Water Quality Mtg. GB Firehall-11am	11 Food Bank Call In 10-3 VAID Mtg. 1:30 pm Firehall GBID Finance Mtg. GB Firehall—4:30	12 TWIN Lunch @Pub, Noon	13 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr.@ Noon Legion General Meeting– 7pm	14 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm Van Anda Garage Sale TCOTR** Sr.Ctr –5 pm
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29	30	July 1 Canada Day Library Closed			**TCOTR-	Texada Church On The Rock**
ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES						

#### MONDAY:

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

#### TUESDAY:

Pickleball—GB Tennis Courts 9 am TAI CHI, BEGINNERS, GB BALLPARK, 9:30AM Sandpiper Playgroup, Old School, 10 am-1 pm Kids Sports Club, Texada School, 4:30-5:30 pm Legion Game Night—doors at 5 pm Dragon Boating-5:30 pm. Texada Isle. Boat Yard WEDNESDAY:

Tai Chi. GB Tennis Court @ 9:30 am Museum, 10-Noon Scrabble at the Legion, 1:30 pm

#### THURSDAY:

Pickleball—GB Tennis Courts 9 am Dragon Boating-5:30 pm. Texada Isle. Boat Yard Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm SATURDAY:

Tai Chi, Tennis Courts @ 9:30 am Meat Draw, Legion, 3:30 pm Karaoke—Texada Inn, 8 pm

#### SUNDAY:

Pickleball—GB Tennis Courts 9 am Church Services, United Church, 10:30 am Euchre– Legion, 1:30 pm Trivia Meat Draw, Legion 3:30 pm Alcoholics Anonymous, United Church, 6:30 pm



# **EXPRESS LINES**

**JUNE 2025** 

# **Texada Island Non-Profit Seniors Housing Society**

Well wishes to **Pam Kenny**, who has contributed so much of her time and organizational skills to TINSHS. Her passionate advocacy since our early days, back when we were still known as the Texada Aging Population Initiative (TAPI), has played a vital role in shaping who we are today. Pam has served as both Director and Vice President and will be very missed!

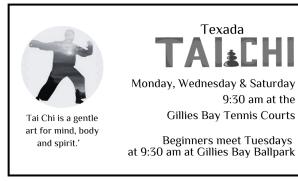
TINSHS would also like to welcome a new Director to our Board, **Barb Egglestone**, previously Texada Health Services Society president and active community volunteer.

**Powell River Community Foundation** 

(PRCF), long standing supporter of local charities and community volunteer work, has awarded TINSHS a generous grant of **\$11,252** towards the fence and vegetative barrier required by the Agricultural Land Commission as part of our conditional exclusion! We are arateful for arants and donations such as this that help us take tangible steps towards our goal of creating affordable seniors housing on Texada.

Texada

9:30 am at the



On May 31, TINSHS participated in the PRCF 25th Anniversary event in Powell River. Attendees enjoyed classic cars, pipe band, an accessibility challenge course and good food.

The event showcased Powell River and gathet Regional District charities and celebrated the many enriching benefits that they and other local volunteer organizations bring to our communities. Thank you to all who came out for the fun!

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

Texada island Non-profit Seniors Housing Charitable Registration # 705676682RR0001



# PICKLEBALL

The New Spring & Summer Schedule

Starts Tuesday, June 3rd!!

Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Sundays—9 am

At the Gillies Bay Tennis Court

All Skill Levels Welcome.



# 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

- 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.





**JUNE 2025** 

## TEXADA BREAST CANCER SUPPORT

We have changed to support only:

- 1. For financial support, we have merged with the Cancer Support Group. If you need financial aid, please apply to the Cancer Support Group.
- 2. Need to talk? For support call 604-414-3789 or 604-486-6744.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

# Texada Health Services Society

#### Donations

When donating, please make the cheque out to : Texada Health Services Society and mail to P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., VON 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.

If you want to drink; that's your business. If you want to stop; that's ours. Call Alcoholics Anonymous anytime. 604-414-9811, 604-486-7180, 604-414-5232 Sundays: 6:30 pm. at the United Church.

<b>UNTIL JUNE 18, 2025</b>				
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# **Recycling Station Hours**

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

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

# **Texada Seniors Council COMMUNITY LUNCH**

Friday, June 13 & Friday, June 27 Noon to 1 p.m. Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay Homemade Soup \* Sandwiches \* Dessert \* Tea \* Coffee \$10.00 per Person

# **Everyone Welcome!**



# **TEXADA ISLAND COMMUNITY SOCIETY**

June is here and summer has started.

It is looking like a great year. Let's get the garden in....

We have TICS Bingo scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025 at 7 pm in the Community Hall in Gillies Bay. Come on out and play, eat treats and visit with your neighbours!

There will be **no TICS General Meeting scheduled** until Monday, September 8th. 2025.



Supporting Texada Island Since 1930

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

# Thursday, June 12, 2025

at the Texada Island Inn Pub

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

There will be no quest speaker...this is our Everybody's Birthday Party.

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday, June 5, 2025. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you wish to be part of the gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$15 maximum) with your name on it.

If you bring a game to play, please bring a prize. If you can, please bring a nonperishable food item.

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 at this meetina.

> There will be no luncheons in July and August.



# **Texada Art, Culture** & Tourism Society (TACT)

# We Need Hou!

TACT is a non-profit organization which supports the arts and tourism on Texada Island. It is made up of many volunteers who over the years have made it a success.

TACT, along with organizations, such as TICS (Texada Island Community Society) and others, sponsors events, and facilities on Texada and make it a very special place. Each year we all need volunteers and perhaps you would consider joining an organization.

Without volunteers these events would not happen; we cannot get along without you. If you are new to the Island perhaps this is something that you would be interested in. We are always looking for new volunteers and new ideas to support. Volunteers are special and we appreciate everything you do!



# **TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH** SERVICES SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Texada Island Health Services is offering a scholarship of \$1000 to help out with costs for students wishing to further their education in a health related academic field, such as, a Nursing Program, Medical School, Dental Hygienist, etc.

A second scholarship of \$500 will be offered for non-academia in medical field college-based courses, such as, Home Care Worker, Dental Assistant, Lab Technician, etc.

Both of these scholarships are not just for recent graduates, but are also for anyone returning to school who is furthering their education.

To be eligible for either of these scholarships, the following is required:

- 1. Must be a resident of Texada for a minimum of one year, or resided up to one year if now in 2nd or 3rd year of course related to the health field.
- 2. Provide proof of enrollment from a recognized educational facility.
- 3. Provide a one page essay about yourself and your educational plans.

Please mail your submission by June 15, 2025 to: T.I.H.S., PO Box 249, Van Anda, VON 3K0



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#### The Christian faith, is really about death and resurrection. It's about how God continues to reach into the graves we dig for ourselves and pull us out, giving us new life, in ways both dramatic and small. Nadia Bolz-Weber. Pastrix

#### Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards.

Communion Service: June 1. Everyone is always welcome in our church and at our communion table.

#### Focus on Spirit:

Published weekly (except for the last week of the month) on the website. Links can be found on the 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.

#### Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:

604-414-7309, trollhollow123@gmail.com **Board Chair:** 

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

#### Website:

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http://texada-island

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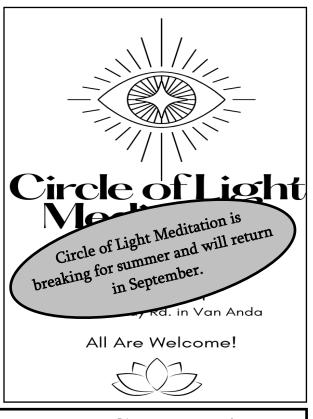


Services held every Second and Last Saturday of the month starting at 5:00pm At "The Old School" 5079 Gillies Bay Rd

Everyone is welcome

#### Church Mission:

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



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# More Coyote Tales. . . Low Rider

I was happily driving along on an elevated road nearing the snow covered Tombstone Mountains, Yukon. Muskea swamplands stretched out on either side of the scenic roadway. I was the lone occupant in a rental truck loaded with camp gear and supplies for the summer's exploration camp I was to build, when "bang", a loud noise echoed from under the hood of the truck.

There was nowhere to pull over on the two lane road. I was literally in the middle of nowhere. I jumped out, climbed up and popped the hood. Dang... the alternator bracket had snapped in half. I retrieved my tool box and disassembled the bracket and sat there contemplating what my next plan of action would be whilst staring off down the roadway thinking.

What the heck! No further than a 100 feet down the road did a large grizzly climb up out of the muskeg bush onto the road. It stopped... looked right... looked left... and then stared at me for a minute and continued leisurely across the road and down the other side disappearing into the bush. Holy moly, that was something strange.

Way off in the distance, I could see a car coming towards me. It was an older model low rider sedan that pulled up beside me. When the window rolled down, I could see five figures inside bristling with rifles. A deep voice came from the driver's side window, "you see any arizzlies around here?" I swallowed hard and said, "I ain't seen no grizzlies nowhere, but can you give me a ride to the nearest service station?" "Jump in" said the voice.

Off we rode with me jammed in the back between two burley indigenous locals,

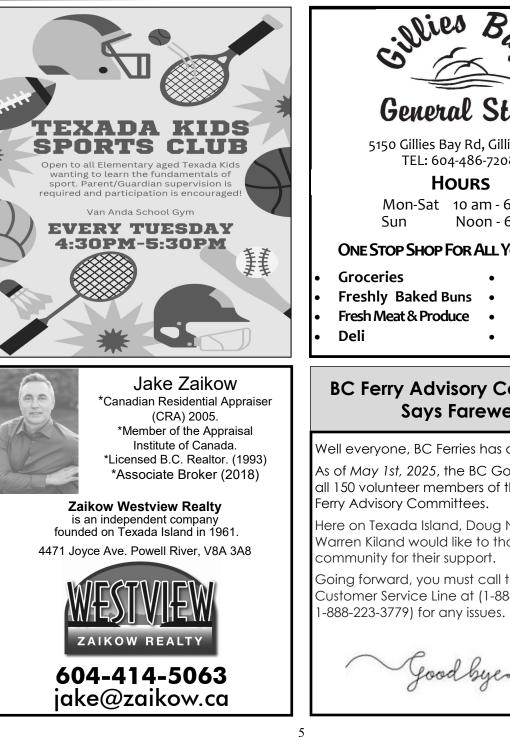
rifle barrels sticking out the windows, and me silently holding on to the broken alternator bracket.

We arrived at their village in front of a brand new service station. Everything was new, the paint, the pumps, the office, the shop and all the tools. Everything was sparkling clean even the welder and torch. "Where's the owner" I said. "He's out hunting, help yourself, there's no one around" came the voice. "Ok" I said and proceeded to weld the bracket into one piece. I don't think any of the tools or equipment had ever been used but there it was. Who was I to question.

I finally got a ride back to my truck and was on the road again in no time. Looking back I couldn't help thinking about the day's strange events, the grizzly, the service station, the sights and the saving grace of the low rider and locals I met. And so it is in the North, besides... I couldn't help thinking and twisting an old Robert Service poem, "and the strange events and tales told, in the land of the midnight sun."

Cheers, Covote





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# **BC Ferry Advisory Committee Says Farewell**

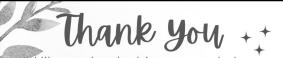
Well everyone, BC Ferries has done it again.

As of May 1st, 2025, the BC Government fired all 150 volunteer members of the thirty BC Ferry Advisory Committees.

Here on Texada Island, Doug Nikirk and Warren Kiland would like to thank the community for their support.

Going forward, you must call the BC Ferries Customer Service Line at (1-888-BC FERRY or 1-888-223-3779) for any issues.

Goodbyen



I'd like to give the biggest accolades and thanks to Kevin and Josh with the RCMP for their hard work and dedication to Texada! I believe they deserve recognition for going over and above and helping us Texadians, and they don't hear it enough!

Specifically, I want to express my biggest thanks and gratitude for the massive effort in finding my husband when he was missing during his medical emergency - as well as to all those who searched for him locally throughout Texada, Emergency Services and Search and Rescue. Thank you so much from myself and my family to everyone!

We are blessed to have access to these resources, and that there are such amazing people in such a caring and compassionate community on a phenomenal piece of paradise! Love to you all! Thank you!

Sincerely, Willoe Craggs

"The first blooms of spring always nake my heart sing."

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Texada Island Recreation Commission

# Meeting Notice Thursday June 19th, 5:00pm

Attend virtually or in person in the upstairs boardroom at the Van Anda Firehall

Please contact Joseph Scott for more information texanomic@gmail.com

#### Express Lines

# TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Our Garden Club meeting this month will be a members only, plus invited guest, PotLuck, where we will celebrate our good fortune for being on an amazing Island with so many different growing opportunities. The next in-person Garden Club meeting will be in October.

Until then, wishing you a wonderful growing season!

#### **ABOUT TOMATOES**

Today tomatoes are one of the most popular garden crops, but it wasn't always so. The ancestor of our modern tomato was a tiny scrambling vine native to the highlands of Peru. Archaeological evidence suggests they were harvested for their small green berries.

The tomato was domesticated by the

Aztecs and made its way to Europe with Columbus and Cortez at the dawn of the 16th century. Though grown as a staple crop in the Mediterranean for centuries, the British did not consider the tomato as a food until the 18th century.

Over time it has spread to gardens all around the world. Many cultures have grown tomatoes and those heirloom varieties have been passed down through generations. The easy breeding of tomatoes has led to the wealth of wonderful varieties, shapes, colours, sizes and flavours available today.

My husband and I had an interesting experience while visiting the Galapagos Islands a few years ago. One fellow in our



group was the retired curator of the Kew Gardens (London) and, while hiking, he was thrilled to discover one of the original tomato plants growing wild amongst the volcanic rock. It was, indeed, tiny with small flowers and pea-sized fruits. We marveled that this best of all garden crops had such humble beginnings.

My mother loved tomatoes and used to talk fondly of her girlhood memories of being with her dad in his garden

and tasting his fantastic tomatoes. Eighty years later, she joined me in my garden while I was harvesting tomatoes. Eating one, then another, she reveled in their marvelous flavours. She had come full circle.

So when I'm in my tomato patch I think of her.

Mary Lock

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Texada Museum Musings....Texada Action Now Historical Reflection

# MUSEUM MUSINGS texada forever - garbage never

"It's the biggest turnout I've seen. I guess all the island's here," said long-time Texada resident Joe Christensen.

**Express Lines** 

On November 9, 1982, hundreds of Texadans — from a 6-day-old newborn to 94year-old Bill Young — surrounded a bus carrying a Vancouver delegation as it inched toward the Texada Legion hall. Businesses had allowed their employees time off to attend the afternoon rally. Parents brought their children from school.

All were united in demonstrating opposition to the Genstar Company's plan to fill the former BC Cement quarry in Blubber Bay with one-quarter million tons of Vancouver's garbage yearly. Chants of "Texada Forever, Garbage Never" and "Keep Your Garbage" greeted Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) representatives as they approached the meeting area.

Genstar had proposed a quick-fix solution to Greater Vancouver's growing garbage problem - dump it on Texada. The GVRD reps were here to assess the situation. They got an earful.

Once news of Genstar's plan was revealed in September 1982, Texada citizens sprang into action. A public meeting resulted in the formation of the Texada Action Now (TAN) committee to fight the proposal. Support was readily garnered from all the local (and Powell River) organizations and businesses as well as from other BC regional governments.

Door-to-door canvassers spread out across Texada and Powell River collecting thousands of signatures on a petition. Media were contacted and the issue was kept in the provincial spotlight. Backing for the campaign was tremendous. "I've never seen such a show of support on an issue," said MLA Don Lockstead.

Thanks to the island's united citizenry and the skilful leadership by TAN, the GVRD finally voted down Genstar's proposal 40 to 27 (January 1983).

TAN spokesperson Chuck Childress commented: "We didn't hit anybody over the head, we didn't blow anything up. We used responsible citizenship and we maintained our credibility throughout."

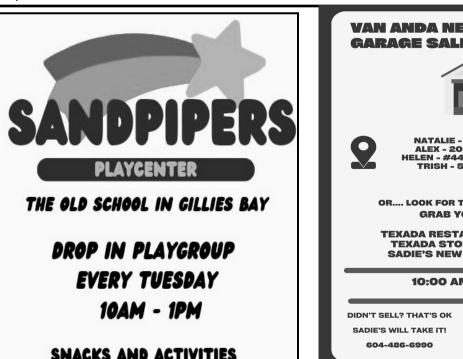
Islanders were not about to be bribed by the swimming pool and golf course offered by Genstar. As the Powell River News editorialized: "The island ... showed a spirit and unity of purpose that many communities would have trouble duplicating."

> — Peter Lock Texada Island Heritage Society



Welcoming committee greets visiting GVRD officials on Texada Island











Better at Home helps B.C.'s older adults live safely and

independently in their own homes

United Way helping seniors remain independent. by providing simple, non-

medical support services for people aged 65 and older. The province of B.C. funds the Better at Home program, managed by United Way Healthy Aging, and provided by inclusion powell river society. On Texada Island, we offer limited transportation to appointments. assistance with grocery shopping, friendly visiting 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.

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.





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# **Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232**

**TUESDAY'S GAMES NIGHT** Starts at 5 pm - Appies to Buy

## WEDNESDAY'S SCRABBLE

Starts at 1:30 pm Saturday and Sunday

**MEATDRAWS** Doors open at 3:30 pm

SUNDAYS EUCHRE Starts at 1:30 pm

# POTLUCK

Every last Wednesday Doors open at 5 pm, Dinner starts at 6 pm. Bring your favorite dish and utensils.



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vour hard work at the bar.

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**GENERAL MEETING** Friday June 13th

Doors at 5:30pm,

Meeting at 7pm

BINGO

Friday June 20th

Doors at 5:30 pm, Game at 7

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

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# TEXADA FOOD BANK 2025

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# Second Wednesday of the month ONLY

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PICK UP on the second Wednesday between 11am and 12pm

Call in June 10 – Pick up June 11 Call July 8—Pick up July 9

## (604) 483-1219

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

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!

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.



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# Texada Island Community Society Educational Bursaries

**JUNE 2025** 

TICS has **two** bursaries of **\$750** to assist with costs for students pursuing further education.

This is not just for recent graduates but for anyone returning to school for further education at the first year level.

We require the following:

- Must be a resident of Texada for at least one year.
- Must provide proof of enrolment from a recognized educational institute.
- Provide a short one page essay about yourself and educational plans.
- Cannot have used this bursary in the past.

Mail application to TICS, PO Box 233, Van Anda, VON 1WO.

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In-Person Meetings are hosted the 4th Tuesday of each month Where: Powell River, BC (please email for address information) Refreshments start at 6:30 PM | Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Ferry & Carpool: We adjourn early for the last ferry to Texada, and carpooling is available.

Online Support via Zoom When: 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM Link provided by text or email

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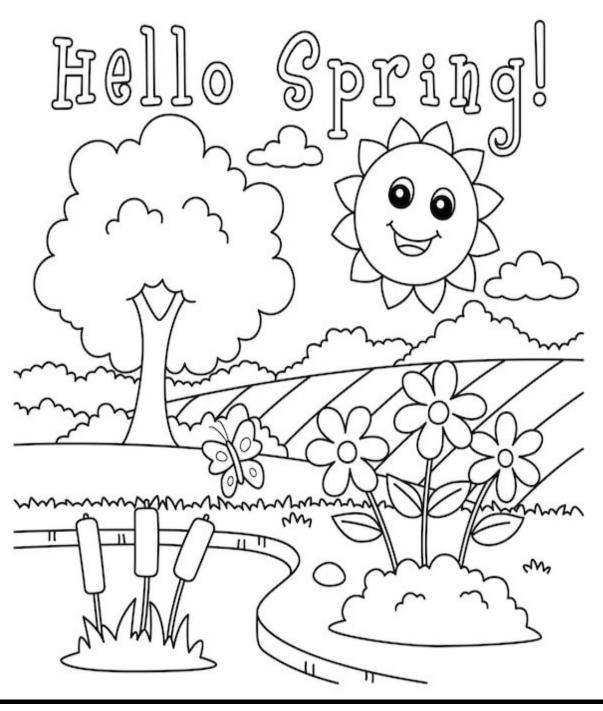






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# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D**

#### SAVING LOT 6 AS TEXADA KNOW'S IT

If you value keeping Lot 6 available for finding usable metal materials, read on. This continued use is again in jeopardy and you can help convince the qRD Board to maintain our existing salvaging/repurposing practice.

Lot 6 (aka the Metal Transfer Station) (aka "the mall") is included in proposed updates to the aRD Solid Waste Regulation and Tipping Fee Bylaw, which is primarily intended to govern the new Resource Recovery Centre (RRC). However, one proposed revision creates a substantial change in our long-standing use of Lot 6: "no person shall scavenge or salvage or remove material deposited at solid waste facilities unless approved by the supervisor or manager." This would reduce salvaging opportunities to the four days per month Lot 6 is open. This may make sense at the RRC, which is open on work days and will eventually have a "free store," but not here, and I'm pushing to have Lot 6 exempted from this provision.

Helping to convince the rest of the Board is where you come in. Tell directors how you feel about this proposed change. Please write a letter and send it in by June 5 for consideration at the **qRD Board meeting June 10**. Address it to Chair Clayton Brander and the qRD Board of Directors and send to administration@qathet.ca, with a copy to me. This bylaw change will be considered earlier at Committee of the Whole June 4, 1pm.

If you're reading this before then, you could ask to speak to the committee (virtually or in-person) as an unregistered (late) delegation. To do this, contact Michelle Jones, mjones@qathet.ca,

#### 604-485-2260.

For decades, the "mall" has been the source of replacement parts for everything from lawnmowers and bicycles to dishwashers and beach umbrellas. By repurposing usable materials, we:

- save trips to PR reducing our carbon footprint
- reduce waste
- save qRD costs for removing deposited goods
- find replacement parts which may no longer be available
- find parts quickly, reducing equipment down time, and much more

This issue is reminiscent of another staff initiative in 2020 to completely fence Lot 6, citing liability concerns. My arguments, bolstered by many community complaints, narrowly defeated that proposal, with directors accepting that some level of liability risk is acceptable, in balance with community values. Expressing your concerns to the Board about this current initiative will influence its outcome.

Sandy McCormick, Director, area D sandynleeti@gmail.com, 606-414-3525



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Saturday, April 26th, Texada NatureKids explored the Jungle Trail and the beginning of the Deep Woods Trail on Texada Island.

A big thank you to those who created these remarkable trails! We began with a round of introductions, a welcome song, and by sharing from our NatureWild library of spare magazines.

Along the trail, Texada NatureKids stopped to observe fresh signs of beaver activity. We also examined a beaver skull with its distinctive orangey teeth, colored and strengthened by iron. We took a break for some mint tea and a nibble of licorice fern root. Our "plant of the day" was devil's club — a shrub that grows up to 1.5 meters tall,



typically found in moist forests like the Jungle Trail.

During the safety talk, NatureKids were reminded to avoid touching the plant's brittle yellow spines, which easily break off and can irritate the skin. Traditionally, Haida peoples have used devil's



club rhizomes as medicine to treat ailments such as adult-onset diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis.

Throughout the hike, we discovered many natural wonders, including mushrooms, caterpillars, spiders, beautiful beetles, flying insects, and more! We also learned about the connection between black bears waking up in spring and seeking out skunk cabbage as an early food source.

After finding a lovely spot for lunch, we wrapped up the day's adventure. Many couldn't resist the call of the low tide and took the opportunity to explore the shores of Gillies Bay.

Thank you to everyone who came out to enjoy a spectacular explore!

# Next Event:

Save the date for our Pollination Celebration at the Texada Home and Garden Centre on Saturday, May 31st, 11-2 pm.

You may register for this event at: <u>texada@naturekids.bc.ca</u>

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### Powell River Public Library—June at a Glance!

#### Young Writers Group

powell river Theme: 'Skies" Deadline June 6. Visit prol.ca for detailed listings, or email info@prpl.ca

Photo Contest 2025.

#### ACCESSIBILITY, kwootten@prpl.ca

#### Silent Book Club

Meeting Room B. The fourth Wednesday of the month, 6:00-8:00 pm. An introvert's book club.

#### KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

PRISMA for Kids: No Strinas Attached Evergreen Theatre, Tuesday June 24, 6:30-8:00 pm Sonia reads The Bear and the Moon by Matthew Burgess and Catia Chien at this family-friendly classical music event. Visit prismafestival.com/ festival for full details!

#### **Preschool Storvtime**

Children's Reading Room, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am Library Storytime. Dropin.

#### MODS on Mondays

Rotary Makerspace. Mondays, 3:15-4:15. For neurodivergent kids aged 7+ & their families. Registration required.

#### Tinker Trunk

Makerspace, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm. When school is in session. Kids 8-12, choose-yourown-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.

#### TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

#### Minecraft Afternoons

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

#### Fantasy Adventure Club

Makerspace, Meeting Rooms A & B. Wednesdays, 4:00-5:30 pm. When school is in session. Youth 12+ play role-playing games. Drop-in.

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

#### ADULTS, mmerlino@prpl.ca

łagał hiyt łoxwom / Herring to Huckleberries Community Room, Saturday, June 14, 2:00-3:00 pm &a?amin elder ošil (Betty Wilson) and artist Prashant Miranda present this beautiful illustrated ?ay?ajuθəm and English book, drawn from ošil's childhood memoires. Drop-in.

#### Sea Otter Chiefs

Community Room. Saturday June 21, 2:00-3:00. Michael Robinson presents the lives of three leaders from the Nuu-chah-nulth, Tsimshian, and Haida nations (1780-1820). Drop-in.

#### Poetry Circle

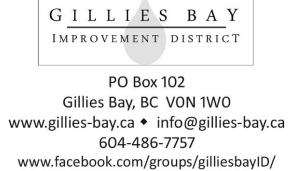
Community Room. Second & amp; Last Thursday of the Month. 4:30-6:00 pm With Amira Abouelalla, Drop-in,

#### Mahjong at the Library

Friends of the Library Lounge, Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00. Mahjong groups meet every week. Instruction is available and everyone is welcome. Drop-in.

#### Write On

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



## **GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Our Annual General Meeting on May 4th was interrupted by a bushfire. Six firefighters promptly departed to address the situation, with additional personnel arriving shortly after to assist. While the fire was swiftly brought under control and extinguished, this provided a firsthand observation of our firefighters efficiency and professionalism. Witnessing their coordinated efforts underscored the dedication and discipline inherent in their operations deepening our collective appreciation for their service.

Following the incident, the meeting proceeded with a constructive and focused discussion. Key outcomes included:

- Firefighters honorarium: A motion was passed to explore the feasibility of providing honoraria or compensation to our firefighters.
- Water source planning: Long term planning for sustainable water sources is required.



- Grant funding: Emphasis was placed on pursuing available grant funding.
- Tax rate projections: A proposal was made to publish a five year projection of tax rates to enhance ratepaver financial planning.

These discussions and decisions will auide future trustee deliberations. Trustees Keith Franklin and Carolanne White were acclaimed to another three year term. The informal yet constructive atmosphere fostered open dialogue and thoughtful critique, contributing to a productive session. We look forward to reporting on the progress of these initiatives at next year's meetina.



# VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Hello Texada! Here are some notes on recent events:

METER PILOT PROGRAM: We have received funding from the Province of BC to cover all costs of installing meters to all connections, including the components needed for automated data collection. An informational community meeting was held on May 22. We have made a new webpage to share information on the project and address any concerns -

Some background: The Provincial Government Budget 2024 committed to new measures to help mitigate and better respond to the impacts of climate emergencies. Priority infrastructure projects and proarams to decrease flood risks and strengthen drought resiliency were highlighted. This included \$50 million for a Water Meter Pilot Program to help fund metering projects in smaller communities throughout BC. Assistance on planning, purchasing, and implementation is being provided by KWL and Econics.

BURN BAN began May 15; includes burn barrels. New for 2025: campfires for cooking and heat are allowed if under 18" x 18" (45 cm) with hose or pail of water on hand. Our Fire Restrictions webpage has links to the updated Bylaw as well as Coastal Fire Bans and a map with Fire Danger Rating for BC vananda-id.ca/fire-restrictions/

WATER RESTRICTIONS: Changes made for 2025: Stage 1 began May 15 and Stage 2 begins on Jul 1.

Stage 1 restricts lawn watering to once per week. Stage 2 further restricts lawn watering to one hour a day once per week and washing of outside surfaces to specific situations. Drip irrigation is never restricted. Full

detail of restrictions with a chart can be seen at vananda-id.ca/water-restrictions/

**DRIP IRRIGATION PARTS:** VAID will provide parts at wholesale cost to setup a drip irrigation system. To encourage water conservation, rainwater storage tanks also available at wholesale cost.

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, June 11 at 1:30pm, upstairs at the Firehall.

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

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



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### **NEWS FROM THE TEXADA ISLAND LIBRARY**

Please Note: The library will be Texada Library closed for the July 1st Canada Dav holidav.

Welcome to our new library volunteer, Elizabeth Hazlette.

Thank you everyone concerned for the donations last month. Bob Timms donated his wife's - Maggie's - gardening books. Here are a few:

Yepson, R. (Ed.). (c1997). 1001 Old-Time Garden Tips. Emmaus, PA, USA: Rodale Press, Inc.

Hill, Lewis. (c1997). Pruning Made Easy. Pownal, PA, USA: Storey Publications.

Hynes, Erin. (c1995). Controlling Weeds. Emmaus, PA, USA: Rodale Press, Inc.

Nash, Helen. (c1996). Water Gardening in Containers: small ponds indoors & out. New York, NY, USA: Sterling Publications, Co.

Marston, Tea (Ed.). (C1993). Annuals. New York, NY, USA: Hearst Books.

Maggie (Margaret) Timms was not only an avid gardener, but a drummer, a singer, a choir leader, a ukulele player, a stainedalass creator, and an owner of a beloved pig. A reflection of some of those interests is sprinkled throughout the donations.



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

#### Library Open Hours:

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



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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 Healthapproved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

Anyone can join Texada Agriculture Group and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub



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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 by email at: ravenbaywoods@gmail.com.





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# TEXADA AVIATION MUSEUM

Texada Aviation Museum

It's fair weather **flying time** again!!! All kinds of planes are already visiting. Likewise, Texada Aviation Museum is abuzz with preparations for the summer activities on the airport and travel to other aviation festivals. TAM's new exhibits include

important art pieces by notable Canadian Artists. Paintings by Geoff Bennett and two

paintings by famous Canadian aviation artist Don Connolly of WW I bombers will be on display.

Already, three groups from regional flying clubs and a swap meet at the Museum have brought the flying community and residents together this year at TAM. Four invitations to bring the famous AirBuzz Mk II to these events have been received and plans to attend all are being made. The main purpose is to advertise the AeroSpace Camp, the Texada Aviation Museum and generally bring tourists to the Island.

More staff are needed to help out with displays, flying the Flight Simulator and tour guides for visitors. A library tech is also being sought. Please call Doby at **604 223 2588** for information.

# Heads Up!!!

Over 70 airplanes of all types are expected to attend **Texada's Annual Fly-in Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> of July.** The event actually starts with the "Fabulous Fly-In Fling" on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> of July. EVERYONE (Adults) is welcome at the Legion in Van Anda. Doors open at 3:30 PM. Food will be served after 4:30 pm. Dance at 7:00 pm. TAM Staff are speaking with Chuck Ross of the "Snowflakes" flying team to negotiate a performance at TAFI.

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Texada Aviation Museum

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