

MAY 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 <b>Dragon Boat AGM</b> GB Hall, 2-4	4	5 GBID-Water GB Firehall 11 am	6 <b>Trans Station</b> 10 - 4 pm <b>Youth Group</b> 4:45 pm	7 GBID-Finance GB Firehall 4:30pm	8 <b>COMMUNITY LUNCH</b> Sr. Ctr. @ Noon <b>Legion General Mtg—Doors,</b> 5:30pm	9 <b>Trans Station</b> 10 - 4 pm
10 <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 <b>TICS Mtg</b> Legion 10:30	12 <b>Food Bank</b> Call In 10-3 <b>GBID General</b> Firehall, 4:30 PM	13 <b>Food Bank</b> Pick Up 11-12 <b>Ladies Circle</b> Yurt, 6-7pm	14 <b>TWIN Lunch</b> Legion, Noon	15 <b>Burn Ban</b> <b>Legion Bingo</b> Doors at 5:30	16 <b>Author Reading</b> Library, Noon <b>TAM Swap Meet</b> 9:30 am
17 <b>Raise the Rooms</b> The Inn, 3 pm	18 <b>Victoria Day</b>  <b>Library Closed</b>	19 <b>Rock Your Body</b> Check FB for Place—6:30-8:30	20 <b>Trans Station</b> 10 - 4 pm <b>Youth Group</b> 4:45 pm <b>Garden Club-</b> 2pm <b>Express Lines</b>	21	22 <b>Community Lunch</b> Sr. Ctr. @ Noon	23 <b>Trans Station</b> 10 - 4 pm <b>Author Reading</b> Library, Noon <b>Mad Hatter Party</b> Home & Garden, 1-4
24 <b>Farmer's Market—Noon</b> <b>Legion Crib Tourney—</b> Regist. 11:00	25	26	27 <b>Legion Potluck</b> Doors— 5 pm <b>Ladies Circle</b> Yurt, 6-7pm	28 <b>Community Bingo</b> Sr. Ctr.—1 pm	29	30
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### ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

#### MONDAY:

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

#### TUESDAY:

TAI CHI FOR BEGINNERS, GB Ball Park @ 9:30AM  
SANDPIPER'S PLAYCENTRE, GB Old School 10-1  
Chair Yoga—Legion, 11:00 am  
Legion Games & Appies—Doors @ 3:30  
Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm

#### WEDNESDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Tennis Court @ 9:30 am  
Texada Museum, by Texada School @ 10-Noon  
Scrabble—Legion @ 1:30 pm

#### THURSDAY:

Pickleball—Texada School @ 6 pm  
Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

#### FRIDAY:

Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 7pm

#### SATURDAY:

TAI CHI , GB Tennis Court @ 9:30 am  
Pickleball—Texada School @ 10 am  
Circle of Light Meditation –Yurt @ 2 pm  
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 @ 7:30 pm



**TEXADA ISLAND**

# EXPRESS LINES

MAY 2026

## BLUBBER BAY TERMINAL CONSTRUCTION 2026-2027

*Sandy McCormick received the following notice from BC Ferries...*

BC Ferries' Blubber Bay Terminal Life Extension Project is required to extend the life of the existing marine infrastructure and support safe and reliable ferry service on Route 18.

Construction is planned during the off season, when travel demand is lowest, and is expected to last about four months, beginning in early October 2026 and completing late January 2027.

During construction, some temporary service adjustments may be required, including a berth closure of several days, and limited late-evening sailing cancellations. An alternate service plan is currently being developed to manage impacts and support continued access and travel for residents, commuters, and commercial users.

BC Ferries' Community Relations team will visit Texada Island and the Route 18 vessel this summer to share information about the project and gather feedback on proposed alternate service options. This feedback will help determine which days the berth closure

would occur. Also taken into consideration are the impacts of Dangerous Goods sailings, as well as the busy December–January holiday period.

BC Ferries will share updates as planning progresses, including implementing a dedicated project page website that is currently in development. They appreciate the community's patience and collaboration as they complete this work.

BC Ferries



Local Author  
**Christopher Gordon**

Christopher Gordon presents his new book *Travels with a Restless Recluse* about his motorcycle journey through Europe

Saturday, May 16, 12pm

Texada Senior's Centre

For more details contact Mark: mmerlino@prpl.ca or call 604-485-4796







# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

### Monday to Thursday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

### Friday

8:30 am to 12:00 pm

### PHONE NUMBER:

604-486-7525

If no reply, please leave a message.

### EMERGENCIES: 911

### Information

B.C. Health Hotline: 811

- Visits by appointment only.
- We are happy to support you in virtual visits.
- Lab tests by appointment only.
- Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.
- There is currently no provider in the clinic, so for all urgent concerns, please go to qathet General Hospital.

VCH is working hard to bring a permanent health-care provider to Texada Island Health Centre.

In the meantime, care will look a little different, please be kind to the staff as we transition.

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope." — Emily Brontë

## TEXADA ISLAND BREAST CANCER SUPPORT



### Need To Talk?

604-486-6744

604-414-3789

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: 7:30pm. at the United Church.

## TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY DONATIONS

Please make your donation 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.).

**The Cancer Support Group** now provides funds up to \$1,000 per person, per year for those individuals dealing with Cancer. Please contact Amber Brewer at 250-644-6024. Everything discussed is held in confidence.

## BC FERRIES

Always confirm times with BC Ferries at [www.bcferries.com](http://www.bcferries.com) or, 1-888-223-3779

Texada to Powell River	Powell River to Texada	Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay	Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
<b>APRIL 1—JUNE 24, 2026</b>		<b>APR 1—MAY 13, 2026</b>		<b>APR 1—MAY 13, 2026</b>	
6:00 am	6:50 am	5:35 am <i>(Except Sunday)</i>	6:30 am <i>(Except Sunday)</i>	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:45 am	8:35 am	7:25 am	8:20 am	8:40 am	9:50 am
9:25 am	10:15 am <b>**DG Weds</b>	9:25 am	10:35 am	11:00 am	12:10 pm
11:50 pm	12:40 pm <b>Mon-Fri</b>	11:45 am	12:55 am	1:15 pm	2:25 pm
3:00 pm <b>**DG Weds.</b>	1:15 pm <b>Sat &amp; Sun</b>	2:15 pm	3:25 pm	3:35 pm	4:45 pm
4:55 pm	3:55 pm	4:35 pm	5:40 pm	5:55 pm	6:10 pm
6:40 pm	5:50 pm	6:45 pm	7:45 pm	7:20 pm	8:25 pm
8:55 pm	7:30 pm	8:40 pm	9:40 pm	9:35 pm	11:30 pm
	9:45 pm	<b>**DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings Only, Wednesday, No PASSENGERS PERMITTED</b>			
Powell River To Comox	Comox To Powell River	Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay	Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
<b>MAY 14—OCT 12, 2026</b>		<b>MAY 14—OCT 12, 2026</b>		<b>MAY 14—JUN 10, 2026</b>	
7:55 am	6:00 am	5:35 am	6:30 am	6:20 am	7:30 am
12:00 pm	9:55 am	7:25 am	8:20 am	8:40 am	9:50 am
5:15 pm	3:15 pm	9:25 am	10:35 am	11:00 am	12:10 pm
8:45 pm	7:10 pm	11:45 am	12:55 pm	1:15 pm	2:25 pm
		2:30 pm	3:40 pm	3:35 pm	3:45 pm <b>NOT Sat.</b>
		4:55 pm	6:00 pm	4:55 pm <b>NOT Sat.</b>	4:45 pm
		7:05 pm	8:05 pm	5:55 pm	6:05 pm <b>NOT Sat.</b>
		9:00 pm	10:00 pm	7:15 pm <b>NOT Sat.</b>	7:05 pm
				8:15 pm	9:25 pm
				10:30 pm	11:30 pm

## Texada Bus Route

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

To reserve a seat phone 604-483-2008  
Wednesday before 3 pm

Departs at the Gillies Bay Store at 8:25 am  
and the Texada Market at 8:55 am.

Departs: Town Center Mall at 3:25 pm  
\$8 & \$2.25 for seniors (65+) per trip





# Classified Ads



## ACCOMMODATION

### Stay at Welcome Harvest Farm

Private Studio available for one night stay or more.  
604-486-7137 2001 Crescent Bay Rd.

## LAWN & GARDEN & HOME REPAIR

### Kel's Lawn, Yardwork, Handyman

604-578-0266

## WOODWORK

### Jorg's Custom Woodwork

40 years residential carpentry.  
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## SERVICES

### Meals, Groceries & Liquor Delivery

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604-414-7504

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## ART GALLERY

### The Retreat and Rycroft Art Gallery

Gallery viewing by appointment:  
texada@gmail.com / 604-486-7360

## Express Lines

is a Texada Island Community Society (TICS) Publication

Send announcements (max. 350 words) or ads to:

**E-mail:** ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com

**Phone:** 604-414-5619

### EXPRESS LINES SUBSCRIPTION

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## RECYCLING STATION HOURS



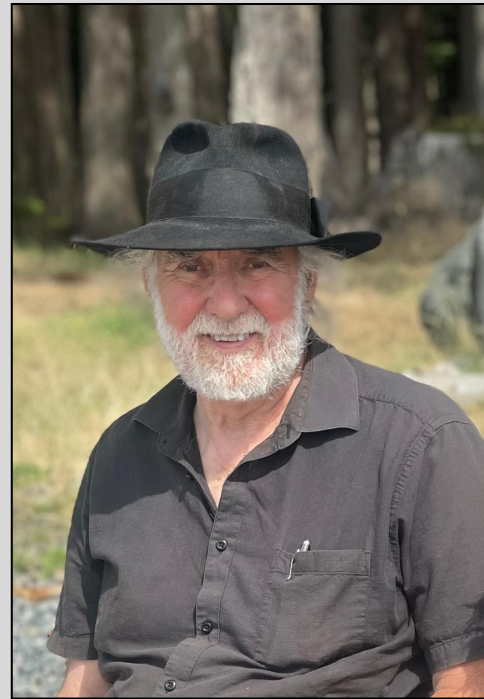
### Van Anda

Tuesday & Thursday  
9 am - 5 pm



### Gillies Bay

Wednesday, Friday, Saturday  
9 am - 5 pm



## JOHN ZAIKOW

Our family is heartbroken by the sudden loss of John, a dedicated and loving husband, father and grandfather. He was born in the Powell River General Hospital on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1949, to parents Mike and Maria Zaikow.

He and his sister Sonia had an adventurous childhood in Van Anda on Texada Island. He gained a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Regina, and was a lifelong learner, always willing to expand his knowledge through reading, courses and workshops. He became a licensed realtor in 1979 to join his dad, Mike, in the family business on Texada. For 47 years he enjoyed helping people find their homes, and was known for his authenticity and integrity.

John married his high school sweetheart, Betty, in 1972, the same year they bought their Texada homestead. They farmed, lived lightly on the land, raised their children and hosted events from simple barbeques to family weddings. John was happiest at his homestead, surrounded by nature and his beloved family. He was grateful to call

Texada Island and the qathet region home, and appreciated exploring the mountains, beaches and forests in every season.

John was committed to building community, as a Boy Scout leader and founding member of TAN. He spent many years as a board member of the Texada Parks Board, United Way, Sierra Club, Sunshine Music Festival and many other organizations.

He will be forever missed by his wife, Betty, son Jake (Angela), daughter Amanda (Dillon) and cherished grandchildren Sage, Amy, Reed, Nile and Lorenzo. He is also lovingly remembered by his sister, Sonia (Chuck), brother-in-law Bill (Jedre) and many close nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

We are so grateful to have had this intelligent, kind, witty, compassionate man in our lives. In honour of John, donations can be made to a community organization of your choice.

# May ChairYoga



- 🕒 Every Tuesday in May 11 am at the Legion in Van Anda
- 📄 Certified therapeutic instructor with options to sit or stand in every movement.
- 🕒 45 minutes movement, time for coffee & tea after



Bring a mat if you have one, otherwise we have a few extra.

Text or call Virginia to reserve your spot or to learn more.

📞 250-650-4324  
✉ jing.darcangelo@gmail.com

## BOB TIMMS

Saturday, May 2nd  
1:00 to 3:00 pm  
The Yurt on Sturt Bay Road

You are invited to pay your respects to Bob Timms on his passing.

He had many friends and shared many volunteer positions here on Texada Island so we expect a big turnout, car pool if you can, please.



*"Come with me into the woods. Where spring is advancing, as it does, no matter what, not being singular or particular, but one of the forever gifts, and certainly visible." – Mary Oliver*

# TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

*"The Holy Spirit does not come to decorate lives, but to transform them."*

### Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards. Communion service, May 3, 2026. 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 also open during these times for prayer and quiet meditation.

**Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:**  
604-414-7309, [trollhollow123@gmail.com](mailto:trollhollow123@gmail.com)

**Board Chair:**  
Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050


**Website:**  
[texada-island.unitedchurch.weebly.com](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.*




*Ladies*  
SPIRITUAL  
**CIRCLE**  
(Every 2<sup>ND</sup> Wednesday)  
May 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>  
6-7 pm  
AT THE YURT  
(1925 STURT BAY RD., VAN ANDA)  
BY DONATION TO THE YURT  
ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME



*Circle of Light Meditation*  
Each Saturday  
2-3 pm  
at The Yurt  
1925 Sturt Road  
Van Anda  
*All Are Welcome!*  
No meditation May 2<sup>nd</sup> due to a private event at the yurt.



## SPRING WORD SEARCH

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| APRIL     | GARDEN | SEEDS    |
| BLOOM     | KITE   | SPRING   |
| BUNNY     | MAY    | SUNSHINE |
| BUTTERFLY | NEST   | WARM     |
| FLOWERS   | RAIN   | WINDY    |



If you would like to volunteer without being on our Board, that is very welcome too

Website: [texadaseniorshousing.ca](http://texadaseniorshousing.ca)

Email: [info@texadaseniorshousing.ca](mailto:info@texadaseniorshousing.ca)

Phone: 604-486-6766

Facebook: Texada Island Non-profit Seniors Housing Charitable Registration # 705676682RR0001

**Thank you to Selkirk Mountain Forest Ltd** (our land donor) for committing to assisting with assessing and managing danger trees, and clearing our site!

The **meeting for volunteers for this year's Road Rally** will be held May 12th, 7 pm at 6895 Sienna Road. Call for directions and / or carpooling.

**May 23rd** we will again be joining the Powell River Community Foundation Annual Charity Appreciation Event from **noon to 4 pm at 5139 Manson Ave** (Evangelical Church parking lot).

Enjoy food, displays, meet the Charities and see the volunteers that work for you!

**Road Rally registration begins at our AGM.** Having a TINSHS member on your team gives a discount on your registration fee!

Come share your knowledge, skills and energy to help create something positive for our island! Consider becoming a Director on the TINSHS Board. We are a group of dedicated volunteers navigating the process of making affordable seniors housing on Texada a reality.

Contact us by May 31st, so we can answer your questions and prepare you for the **AGM, June 28th, 2026 1:45 pm at the Gillies Bay Ballpark.**

## WorkBC Centre

### On Texada and Looking for Work?

**Our Team is coming to you!**

**Where: Van Anda First Credit Union**

**When: 11AM-3:30PM**

**Upcoming Dates Include:**

- Tuesday, May 19, 2026
- Tuesday, June 16, 2026



**\*Dates are dependent on the 10:15 ferry from Powell River running as scheduled.**

Call us for more information:

604-485-7958



## AMRIZE

**BUILD YOUR AMBITION**

P.O. Box 160  
Van Anda, BC V0N 3K0  
Telephone: (604) 486-7627  
Fax: (604) 486-7280

**TEXADA ISLAND**

# FARMERS MARKET

BUY LOCAL BUY LOCAL

**IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR FOLKS!**

Our wonderful little market is set to start once again.

**SUNDAY, MAY 24TH**  
**GILLIES BAY BALL FIELD**  
**NOON TO 1:30 PM**

Questions about becoming a vendor? Please call Dawn Hughes - Your Market Coordinator at 604-413-0664.

*Author and Musician*  
**Pat Buckna**

Local memoir and songwriter Pat Buckna will read from his book *Only Children A Family Memoir* and will share a song or two

**Saturday, May 23, 12pm**

**At the Gilles Bay Seniors Centre**

For more details contact Mark: [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca) or call 604-485-4796

PRPL POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY



May marks the return of more cyclists, motorcyclists, and pedestrians. Please take an extra moment to check your blind spots and obey speed limits.

Your eyes and ears are our greatest asset. If you see suspicious activity or wish to report a non-emergency crime, please contact our administrative line. In the event of an emergency, **always dial 9-1-1.**

Texada RCMP

**Texada Women's Island Network**

## T.W.I.N. Luncheon

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**  
at the Legion

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at noon  
Guest Speaker - 1:00 pm

**Guest Speaker: Rhoda Reece-Stuart**  
**Topic: Flower Arranging**

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312  
no later than Thursday, May 7, 2026.

If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation.

**May is HAT MONTH!**  
Please wear your wildest hat!

If you can, please bring a non-perishable 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 this June. **Good Luck!!!**

Our annual scholarship information posters will be in the community soon.



## REPORTING OF INCIDENTS

Hello spring! Sunshine and longer days means more time outside. Just a reminder to be respectful of others when out on the trails

or on the ocean. Our outside spaces are precious and available to be enjoyed by everyone.

This month our meeting bought up some interesting points in regards to hunting on Texada. More to come on that topic in the following months, but one interesting point was made that I want to highlight now. Reporting of incidents. Quite often we see folks lamenting about hunters, petty crime,

minor theft and damage to property on Facebook, however these are not reported to our RCMP or the Conservation Officers. The consequences of this is that the numbers aren't recorded and our officers are unable to act on these reports. As it happens we've been unable to get the support or resources we need during hunting season for example, because the reported numbers don't match what we are experiencing.

So, if you experience or witness a seemingly minor event, that could maybe help get us resources, we ask that you please report it. Either through our RCMP non-emergency line 604-486-7717, the 24-hour RAPP hotline at 1-877-952-7277 or online at <https://forms.gov.bc.ca/environment/rapp/>

Stay Safe.



**TYG**  
**YOUTH GROUP**

**WED MAY 6**  
**& MAY 20**  
**4.45-6.30**

TEXADA YOUTH GROUP  
TEXADAYOUTH@GMAIL.COM

**COMMUNITY**   
**LUNCH** at the Seniors Centre

**SECOND & FOURTH FRIDAY**  
**OF EACH MONTH**  
**at Noon**

**\$10.00**



Freshly made  
**Soup & sandwich**  
**dessert,**  
**tea/coffee**

**Everyone is welcome!**

## THE PILATUS PORTER

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were not fit for human ears. I had to hold James back from tearing Bradley apart. Phew... it was hours before calm and measured dialogue became coherent.

The insurance company sent out a Sikorsky Sky Crane from Inuvik that was on route to Edmonton for scheduled maintenance. After lifting the Porter out from the still half frozen lake we had the task of wrapping the Porter's wings up with netting and tarps to keep it from gliding upward while being slung and airlifted out.

Bradley's cocky nature quickly disappeared when word of his behaviour spread throughout the northern camps and geological community. I don't think he ever lived it down.

Just goes to show, selfish behaviour and arrogance have no place in camp or

**"May, the month of sunshine, blooming flowers, and endless possibilities."**

- Unknown



community and very soon Bradley became a very lonely individual.

Karma has no menu, you get served what you deserve.

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# THE PILATUS PORTER

By Coyote

James Sterling owned a short take off and landing turboprop aircraft known as the Pilatus Porter. This Swiss built aircraft could takeoff and land on a very short runway or lake. It was a boon to exploration pioneers.

Most of you have heard of the, Ice Road Truckers, well the same dangers apply to aircraft. A lot of companies in the North moved equipment in on frozen lakes and rivers with

fixed wing aircraft on skis and so it was at our lake camp... until Bradley came and the weather changed.

We had a base camp at a small lake that we named "Porter Puddle" near the Yukon, NWT border. The Porter would land on skies to off load supplies and at every landing James Sterling would say it was his last until the thaw melt.

Bradley, our camp manager, was due to arrive any day. The weather was getting warmer and the ice was thinning and wet. The Porter was still flying in on skis but getting more and more risky. Bradley had offered a hefty bonus to Sterling if he would make one



last flight out to camp on skis so he could have bragging rights being the first, of the camp's summer crew, out to the lake.

The temptation was too much for Sterling to ignore and out he flew the next morning with Bradley, his maps, survey equipment and groceries. Sterling had radioed ahead and asked me what the lake ice was like. I said, "don't risk it, wait a week or two and come out on floats". Well, Bradley wasn't having it. He wanted to be at camp ahead of all the

others and thin ice wasn't gonna stop him as he pestered Sterling to fly.

Well... ego has a way to bite you in the butt and sure enough the Porter had landed and was coming into shore when its weight crashed through the ice... only its wings spread out on the

thin ice surface held it up from sinking further. Sterling and Bradley managed to get out through the doors and crawl and wade into shore. Frozen and chilled they made their way to the heated office tent to thaw out.

While Sterling was on the radio phone to the insurance company Bradley had grabbed an axe and the camp skiff and made his way out to the Porter. With no respect for Sterling or the Porter he proceeded to chop a hole in the roof to access and retrieve his gear.

There was hell to pay to say the least when James returned and saw from shore what Bradley had done to retrieve his gear. The words and threats ...continued next page

## Resource Recovery Centre Maintenance Closure

Transfer Station  
**CLOSED**  
June 16, 17, & 18



Accepting Bagged Household Garbage ONLY  
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#109-4675 Marine Avenue  
Powell River, B.C. V8A 2L2  
Call (604)485-1249  
Randene.Neill.MLA@leg.bc.ca

## Texada Island Dragon Boat Club Annual General Meeting

You're **INVITED!**

Sunday, May 3rd, 2026  
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Gillies Bay Hall



Whether a seasoned paddler, a curious newcomer, or just love being part of a great community, this is the perfect chance to get involved. We'll be sharing highlights from the past season, & chatting about exciting plans ahead! New members welcome! No experience needed! Just bring your love of water & fun! Expect good vibes, friendly faces & laughs. We can't wait to see you there!

Let's paddle forward together!

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Make a difference in your community

Join a team of volunteers to staff the Cooling Centre at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #232 in the event of a Heat Dome and Extreme Heat event.

For more information: Pam Kenny, Volunteer Coordinator

Phone Number: 604-414-4485

Email: pkenny26@gmail.com

3 Shifts  
2 Hours each

Open  
2-8 pm

# Texada Aviation Museum



Once again, as fair weather returns to the "Wet Coast", the aviation (and radio) world stirs in response!

As usual, Texada Aviation Museum staff are looking forward to welcoming tourists, visitors from the community, as well as private pilots and groups from the regional aero clubs and radio clubs.

Exciting new displays are being prepared, and new events are being planned.

Flight simulator flights by appointments, and group Birthday party flight simulator rental will be available: Please call 604 223 2588 or 604 486 7682 for appointments.

**Our new flight simulator "Sally" is an exciting addition to the list of offerings.**

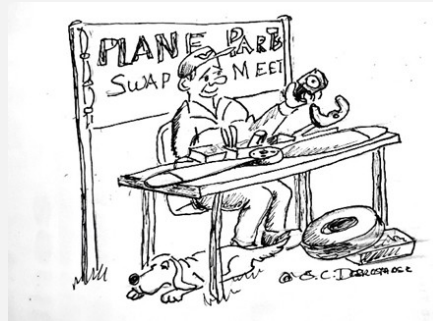
The TAM Library is open on weekends. If you want to visit on a weekday... call 604 223 2588 for an appointment.

Shirts, hats and souvenirs are available for kids and adults.



## TAM AVIATION & HAM Radio SWAP MEET FUNDRAISER

Saturday, MAY 16, 2026



Last year's Aviation Swap Meet was a huge success. Again, aviation memorabilia collectors and owners/pilots are welcome to bring aviation gear and books, art and electronics to swap and sell at the Museum.

**Local Ham Radio Operators** are welcome to bring equipment to swap!!

Volunteers to help out are welcome, also!

Food, coffee and drinks will be available. Our celebrated cooks will be serving up their incredible BBQ Burgers!!!

Indoor spots will be available in the Museum Hangar:

Fee for 8x8ft sales spots will be \$10.00  
Vendor set up will be open at 08:30 AM.  
Sales start at 09:30 AM  
Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
Sales end at 2:30 PM

**New** Texada Aviation Museum Bumper Stickers...\$10.00

Call/text 604 223 2588, or Email [dgart@telus.net](mailto:dgart@telus.net) for details.



Road Trip: The Garden Club meeting will be at **Texada Home & Garden** on Wednesday May 20th, at 2pm. We will be toured through the Center and treated to the how and why of this wonderful Texada Gem.

An answer to the question:

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- A researcher, a planner, a lawn mower manner.
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- A ground cover lover and old garden

glove.  
THAT'S WHAT MAKES A GARDENER!

Here is some health advice:  
"Gardening is medicine that does not need a prescription....and has no limit on dosage."

And finally some advice from a tree:  
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Note: these lovely quotes were found online and listed as anonymous.



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**KIDS**, [szagwyn@prpl.ca](mailto:szagwyn@prpl.ca)

### MODS on Mondays—Makerspace.

**Every other Monday, 3:15-4:45 pm.** For neurodivergent kids aged 7+ & their families. Registration required.

### Preschool Storytime—Children's Reading

**Room. Wednesday & Thursday, 10:30-11:00 am.** Library Storytime. *Drop-in.*

### Tinker Trunk—Makerspace.

**Tuesday & Thursday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session.** Kids 7-12, choose-your-own-tech-adventure. *Drop-in.*

### Prime Time—Community Room.

**Wed., 3:00-4:30 pm, when school is in session.** Primary grades K+ connect & play. *Drop-in.*

### Drawn Together—Huckleberry Room.

**Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session.** Kids aged 7-12. *Drop-in.*

**TEENS**, [edgar@prpl.ca](mailto:edgar@prpl.ca)

### Teen Takeover—Herring & Huckleberry Rooms.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session.** Nintendo & crafts. *Drop-in.*

### Fantasy Adventure Club—Herring &

**Huckleberry Rooms. Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 pm,**

### when school is in session.

Roleplaying games. *Drop-in.*

### Young Writers' Group

**Huckleberry Room. Friday, 3:30-4:30 pm, when school is in session.** For youth 10+. *Drop-in.*

**Minecraft Afternoons—Makerspace. Saturday, 2:00-3:00 pm** For youth 10+. *Drop-in.*

**ADULTS**, [mmerlino@prpl.ca](mailto:mmerlino@prpl.ca)

### Photo Contest 2026: Local Wildlife

**Submission deadline is June 6. For prizes and competition rules visit [prpl.ca](http://prpl.ca).** -Submit your best photo showcasing something beautiful and distinctive of the local wildlife in this region.

### The Non-Profit Murder Society Solves: The Tide

**at Midnight Community Room. Sat., May 2, 3:30-5pm.** Explore & solve an AI generated murder mystery set in 1967 Powell River. *Drop-in.*

### Food As Medicine - Dementia

**Community Room. Wednesday, May 13, 10 am - 12 pm.** Todd Caldecott looks at dementia through biomedical research holistic traditions. *Drop-in.*

### Caregiver Support Group—At the library.

**Wednesday, May 13, 10:00 am -12:00 pm** Confidential group for caregivers of individuals living with dementia. *Registration required.*

### SoulCollage®: Finding Solace in Symbols

**Workshop—Community Room, Saturday, May 9, 1:30-2:30 pm.** Heather Conn facilitates a workshop that helps us embrace the dark and light of our lives. *Registration required.*

### Our Ice Is Vanishing / Sikuvut Nunguliqtuq

**Community Room, Saturday, May 23, 2:00-3:00 pm.** Professor Shelley Wright presents her book examining the significance of the arctic. *Drop-in.*



## TAG Awarded Up To \$88,420!

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.

**Good news!** Texada Agriculture Group (TAG) was recently **awarded up to \$88,420** from the Local Food Infrastructure Fund – Small Scale Projects component, delivered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, to purchase new equipment for the Hub and to create a model "food forest" at Texada School. With help from many community volunteers we installed the food forest in March, and hopefully we'll be ready with the new Hub equipment, including much-expanded freeze-dryer capacity, by September. Look for more details in a future notice here in the Express Lines, including a schedule of workshops to guide community members in using the new equipment.

Anyone can join TAG and use the Hub. Life membership in TAG costs a one-time fee of \$10 for individuals or \$15 for a household with two adults. For a nominal usage fee, Hub members can use the kitchen for stocking up a personal household food supply and for making commercial food products (but not for catering).

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

For more information or to become a TAG member, please contact Tom Read by email at: [ravenbaywoods@gmail.com](mailto:ravenbaywoods@gmail.com) or leave a voice message at 604 483-1471.

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Pick up on the second Wednesday between 11 and 12

Call or text on May 12 – pick up May 13  
Call or text on June 9 – pick up June 10

**(604) 483-1219**

Texada Food Bank Financial Donations can be made by mail to PO Box 233, Van Anda, B.C. V0N 3K0 or E-Transfer to [ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com](mailto:ticsv0n3k0@gmail.com). Please include Texada Food Bank in the message of the e-transfer

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.

**Any questions regarding contributions to the Food Bank please call or text 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

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**TEXADA ISLAND MUSEUM**

**THE MARY MARY CAFE**

For many years when entering Van Anda one couldn't miss the prominent sign across from the ballpark :  
COLONEL CARSON'S  
NORTHERN FRIED CHICKEN.

Joe and Mary Carson owned the popular Mary's Cafe which drew all sorts of islanders together through the sixties. It was a step up from their first venture - the wood-framed EATS takeout just above the ball field (see photo).



The 2-storey concrete block building was constructed in the early sixties and has hosted a huge variety of businesses, shops and community events ever since.

When the cafe closed Mike Zaikow bought the building and moved his real estate / notary public /insurance business there, renting part of the ground floor to a hairdressing shop.

The PRCredit Union later bought the building and opened its first Texada Branch. TACT followed hosting many cultural events.

Over the years community groups were welcome to make use of the spacious area upstairs. For example, meetings (TAN, TICS, unions, Boat Club, Water Board,

etc), activities (Mine Rescue, First Aid courses, sewing lessons, Rock Island Players rehearsals, art shows, music performances, etc) and the list goes on.

Banquets were often held upstairs Food service was provided from the kitchen below via a dumb waiter (the elevator, not the person!).

Today after 60+ years the building has come full circle back to its cafe origins.

Many have wondered if the current name is in honour of the two Marys who worked there - Mary Carson and Mary Gussman. Owner George Childress says yes and no. It also honours the two Marys in her and husband Gerry's families. In any event, the prospect of naming it the "Mary, Mary, Mary, Mary Cafe" according to George would have been "a bit much."

No matter its name the building stands as a reminder of the many Texadans who, over the years, attended and helped to create events for all to enjoy in this historic setting.

Peter Lock  
Texada Island Heritage Society

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# NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

**Please Note:** The Library will be closed Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for the Victoria Day holiday.

Dawn has two interesting programs lined up for May. On Saturday, May 16, 12 pm, Gillies Bay Seniors Centre, Christopher Gordon presents his new book **Travels with a Reckless Recluse** about his motorcycle journey through Europe.

Pat Buckna, local memoir and songwriter will read from his book **Only Children: a family memoir** on Saturday, May 23, 12 pm at the Gillies Bay Seniors Centre. The library has a copy under **920 BUC**. He may even entertain you with a song or two.

This Month I am showcasing **Graphic Novels**. The simplest definition is storytelling through art and published in a book format. It can have different audiences and different genres.

**Ducks: Two Years in the Oil Sands** by Kate Beaton won Canada Reads 2023. This graphic memoir tells the story of Beaton's time working in Alberta's Oil Sands. It was the first graphic novel to win Canada Reads. It can be found under **338.27 BEA**. May's display will include adult, children and youth graphic novels.

**Hilda and the Bird Parade** by Luke Pearson is a children's graphic novel. The library has 4 in the series. They can be found under **j FIC PEA**.

**Donations:** The library does not accept stained, torn and mildew books, nor magazines or textbooks.

*Pam Kenny*

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

**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.



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# GOT INVASIVE PLANTS?

## MAY IS INVASIVE PLANT MONTH

Drop off invasive plants for free at the Resource Recovery Centre!

**MAY 1st - 30th**  
**Monday - Saturday, 8am - 5pm**  
**4924 Marine Avenue**



English Holly



Himalayan Blackberry



Scotch Broom



Morning Glory

**Drop-Off Guidelines**

- Keep invasive plants separate from other clean yard waste.
- Bag or tarp invasive plants to prevent accidental release during transport to site.

**AVOID CUTTING or TRANSPORTING KNOTWEED!**  
 It reproduces vegetatively through root and stem. Management options must be evaluated on a site-by-site basis to avoid further spread. Contact the qRD for more information.



**604-413-6861**  
**EnvironmentalServices@qathet.ca**



## Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

### BOOKING THE LEGION

Text or phone Fred at (604)414-4113.

### THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

who came out for our Veterans Dinner. A great time was had. Thank you to our guest speaker, Capt. Alsgard (Rcnr Ret.), Also, thanks goes to our cook Shelly and her helpers for a wonderful dinner.

**GENERAL MEETING**  
Friday, May 8th  
Doors Open at 5:30,  
Meeting Starts at 7 pm  
Summer dress will be in effect.

**BINGO**  
Friday, May 15th  
Doors Open at 5:30 pm  
Game Starts at 7 pm

**CRIBBAGE TOURNAMENT**  
Sunday, May 24th  
Registration starts at 11 am  
Games start at noon  
\$25 includes lunch  
To pre-register call Janet at 604-414-4396.

**POTLUCK DINNER**  
Wednesday, May 27th  
Doors at 5 pm, Dinner at 6 pm  
Bring your favorite dish & utensils

**EVERY TUESDAY IS GAMES NIGHT & APPIES**  
Doors Open at 3:30 pm

**WEDNESDAYS SCRABBLE**  
Doors Open at 1:30 pm

**MEATDRAWS**  
Saturdays and Sundays  
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Texada Branch #232.

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Door prizes

**Cribbage Tournament**

**CRIBBAGE**  
GRAB YOUR CARDS AND YOUR COUNTING SKILLS IT'S GAME TIME!

**May 24, 2026**      **Texada Legion, Van Anda**

\$25.00 includes Lunch – Winner gets half Reg fees

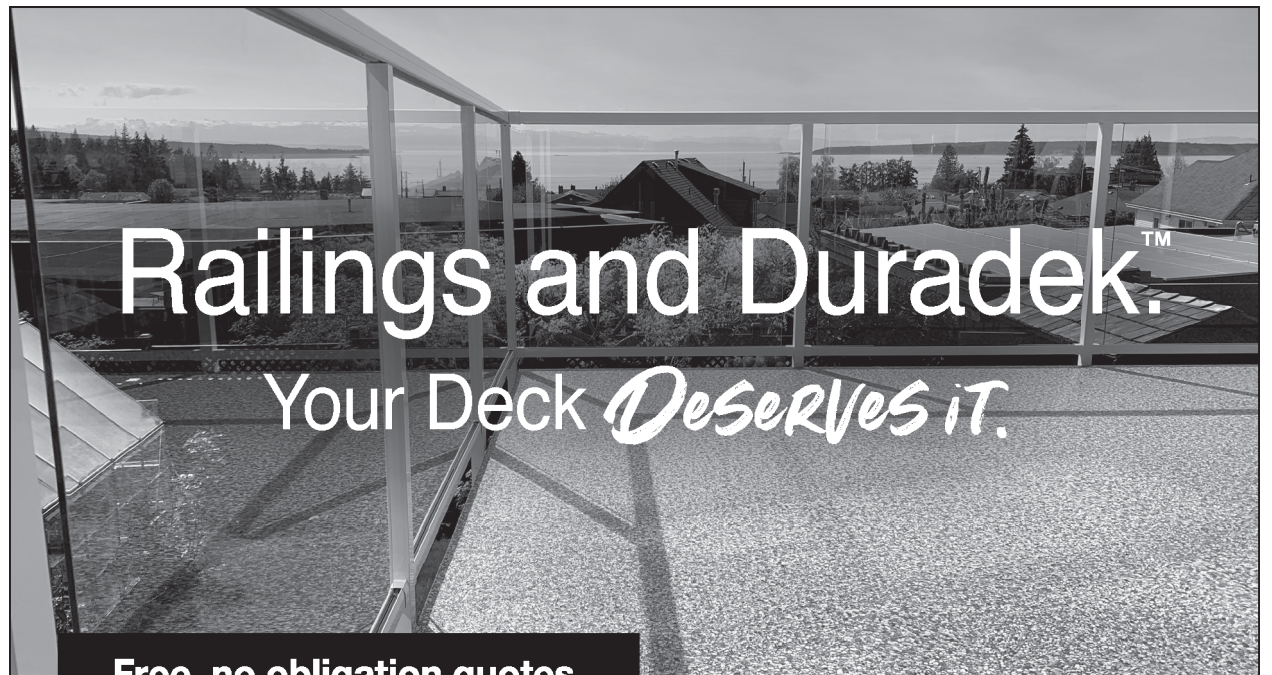
Registration at 11:00. First game at noon

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# GILLIES BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Spring is here and summer is just around the corner. At the Gillies Bay Fire Department, we are preparing for Wildfire season and making sure that we are doing everything possible to ensure that we can offer a rapid and effective response in the event of a forest or interface fire on the island.

On Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, our members participated in our annual S-100 wildfire firefighting upgrade course to bring everyone up to date with strategy, equipment and deployment of resources in the event of wildfire. We have several more practices this month that will be focused on interface structure protection, wildland initial response and how best to incorporate our new Kubota UTV into the initial response.

We need everyone's help to protect our island from wildfire. **May 15<sup>th</sup> is the beginning of our annual open burn ban that runs through to October 15<sup>th</sup>.**

This means no open burning of yard waste, debris or any other materials outdoors. This includes burn barrels. Campfires that are under 18" x 18" are allowed until such time as BC Wildfire implements a total burn ban for our area.



**You must have a water source readily on hand before you light your fire.**

Consider FireSmartering your property as discussed in the April Express Lines article. If you see unidentified smoke or what appears to be fire report it to **1-800-663-5555, or \*5555 from a cell phone.** Do this as soon as possible. Do not assume that someone else has probably called it in or that it is already known about. All calls are answered by BC Wildfire Service staff at the Provincial

Wildfire Reporting Centre and all information is helpful.

Please do your part to help keep our residents and their properties safe this coming season.

If you are interested in becoming a member of your local volunteer fire department please contact Fire Chief David Beech in Gillies Bay at 604-389-8884 or Fire Chief Mark Robert in Van Anda at 604-414-9662.

David Beech  
Gillies Bay Fire Chief

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**Texada Island  
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**Educational Bursaries**

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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 1W0.

**Deadline June 15, 2026.**



**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, 2026** to: T.I.H.S., PO Box 249, Van Anda, VON 3K0



**AGM 2026**

Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM on April 19. Twenty-five guests were in attendance to hear the chair, Keith Franklin, report on the state of our waterworks, the urgent need to replace our ancient lines to the tune of a kilometre per year, and possible options to fund this endeavour. Stay tuned for more information to be forthcoming. Fire Chief, Dave Beech, gave an overview of the past year, and reported on the recommendations from the Special Committee for the Recruitment, Retention, and Development of Firefighters. Both the Chair and Fire Chief's Reports are available on the GBID website. <https://gillies-bay.ca>

Keith thanked Roger Kimmerly for his past service as a Trustee and welcomed Brian Hanson and Rolly Thorpe to their three year terms as Trustees.

We warmly welcome Ken Becotte to the office as our new Finance Officer, who is very experienced in finance management and

*"The world's favorite season  
is the spring.  
All things seem possible in  
May." - Edwin Way Teale"*

local government. Ken replaced Heidi Sorichta, who decided to leave us to focus on her tax clients.

We said goodbye to Doug Nikirk, who got us started in 2025 with our waterline replacement program, among other important upgrades.

We are sad to see Heidi and Doug go and wish them well in whatever they get up to next.

**MAY MEETINGS**

**You are invited to our meetings at the Gillies Bay Fire Hall** where we talk about plans for the district.

May 5 at 11:00 am	Water Quality
May 7 at 4:30 pm	Finance & Governance
May 12 at 4:30 pm	Board of Trustee

**Contact Information:**

Fire & Medical Emergency	911
Fire Chief	604-414-5121
Water Emergency	604-208-3965
GBID Office	604-223-7757
Office Hours	Mon – Thurs. 9:00-12:00





Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting on April 18. While attendance was limited this year, we appreciate the continued interest and support shown by the community. There were no changes to the Board of Trustees this year, and we look forward to continuing our work together. The AGM minutes, annual reports, and financial statements are available on our website for anyone who would like more detail.

A reminder that the backyard burn ban begins May 15, the same date that Stage 1 water restrictions come into effect.

Stage 1 water restrictions mean:

- Odd-numbered houses may water on odd-numbered days
- Even-numbered houses may water on even-numbered days
- Lawn watering is allowed once per week
- Filling or adding water to a swimming pool, hot tub, garden pond, or decorative fountain is permitted only between noon and 4 p.m.

Please be aware that the long weekend at the beginning of June is typically the highest water-use period of the year. In some past years, system demand was so high that the water treatment plant had to be bypassed. While overall consumption remains lower following leak repairs completed in early 2025, we ask everyone to remain mindful of water use during these peak days.

The water meter project continues to move ahead. Approximately 60 percent of meter setters have now been installed, and installations are expected to be completed by the end of May. A public meeting in June or July will be held to present billing options and answer questions. More information will be posted on the website as it becomes available.

Finally, please remember that we want to hear from you. If you have questions, concerns, or suggestions, contact us. We value open communication and want to work together with the community to ensure everyone is informed and satisfied.

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## gathet REGIONAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

Our property assessments are down, the tax rate is up slightly and overall, the average Texada residential property owner will pay \$12 less tax than they did last year. Area D is the only part of the qRD where property assessments fell compared with last year. An average home is valued at \$418,579 today, down from \$428,419 a year ago. Not only did our residential property assessments go down, but we also have the distinction of having the lowest property values of anywhere in the region.

In some ways this is great value for Texadans because as well as low taxes, we have the most local services of any area. These are the Texada Health Centre, YGB Airport, Recreation Commission, Heritage Commission, VA Wharf and emergency road rescue. In addition to local services, we're also part of region-wide services, such as parks, waste management, animal shelter, emergency preparedness and cemeteries. Additionally, area D shares some services with other areas, including library, planning, rural paratransit (now serving Texada with the community bus on Tuesdays and Thursdays).

Overall, the 2026 qRD Financial Plan includes an operating budget of \$18.2 million and capital spending of \$5 million. Contributing to these numbers were reductions in waste management costs with the completion of the Resource Recovery Centre and the use of surpluses. Next year, a new policy is expected regarding how surpluses should be addressed in the qRD budgeting process to achieve the best balance between keeping taxes low and supporting reserves for infrastructure replacement (asset management).

On Texada, the residential property tax rate (per \$100,000 of assessed value) is \$212.75, up two dollars from 2025. As a rough guesstimate of the taxes you'll owe this year, multiply \$212.75 times the number of \$100,000s in your property assessment.

At the gathet Regional Hospital District, the news is equally palatable. The 2026 tax rate drops slightly from \$34.55 to \$34.26. Having the lowest residential property assessments already in the qRD, our hospital taxes for the average home will drop from \$148 to \$143.50.

Good news on the budget front.

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 Area D director  
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