



JUNE 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Rock Your Body FB for Locale 6:30-8:30 pm	3 Transit Stn. 10-4 Texada Youth Group 4:45 pm	4	5	6 Author Reading Sr. Centre, 12:30 pm
7	8 EVAC. PREP WORKSHOP Legion, 6PM Register	9 Food Bank Call In 10-3 GBID Trustees GB Firehall, 4:30pm	10 Food Bank Pick Up 11-12 Ladies Circle Yurt, 6-7pm	11 TWIN Luncheon Legion, Noon	12 COMMUNITY LUNCH Sr. Ctr. @ Noon Legion General Mtg. Doors @ 5:30 pm	13 Transit Stn. 10-4
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21 FATHER'S DAY Raise the Rooms The Inn, 3 pm	22 qRD Community Check-In with Sandra McCormick Sr. Ctr., 7PM	23	24 Legion Potluck Doors— 5 pm Ladies Circle Yurt, 6-7pm Hunting on Texada Sr. Ctr., 6:30 pm	25 Community Bingo Sr. Ctr.—1 pm School's Out	26 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr. @ Noon Outdoor Silent Disco Shelter Point 6:30-8:00 pm	27 5Rhythms Workshop GB Hall, 10—4 Register Transit Stn. 10-4
28 TINHS AGM GB Ballpark 1:45 pm	29	30 Rock Your Body FB for Locale 6:30-8:30 pm	CANADA DAY! FAMILY CELEBRATION 1 PM TO DUSK SHELTER POINT			

TEXADA ISLAND



EXPRESS LINES

JUNE 2026

TEXADA ISLAND SUMMER EVENTS 2026

- JULY 1ST CANADA DAY CELEBRATION / SHELTER POINT**
- JULY 11TH & 12TH SAND CASTLE WEEKEND**
- JULY 15TH-18TH & 22-25TH TEXADA AEROSPACE CAMP**
- JULY 18TH & 19TH TEXADA BLUES & ROOTS FESTIVAL**
- JULY 25TH & 26TH TEXADA ANNUAL FLY-IN AND FLING**
- AUG 15TH TINSHS 2026 ROAD RALLY**

TEXADA ARTS CULTURE & TOURISM

Look inside for what's happening on
Canada Day
 at Shelter Point! It's back folks! Yay!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

THE GREEN ARMBAND PROJECT

THE GREEN ARMBAND PROJECT supports an islander's medical journey after having been taken to the hospital in Powell River by ambulance or EMS, and then discharged at anytime, without the means, to return to Texada Island.

Volunteer Drivers are part of that final journey by meeting the discharged person at Blubber Bay Ferry Terminal and by taking them home.

More Volunteer Drivers Are Needed.

How You Can Get Involved:



Register as a volunteer driver

CONTACT:

Pauline Fleming 604-414-9590
pdfleming1314@gmail.com
 Alan Maclsacc 604-578-8642
mac.alan@yahoo.ca



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.



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.

Texada Bus Route



NOW TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

To reserve a seat phone 604 - 483-2008 a day ahead 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

JUNE WORD SEARCH

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| COCONUT DAY | SELFIE DAY | FOOD TRUCK DAY |
| JUNETEENTH | EYEWEAR DAY | FATHERS DAY |
| LGBT PRIDE DAY | YOYO DAY | EGG DAY |
| GO FISHING DAY | REPEAT DAY | WIDOWS DAY |
| VCR DAY | UFO DAY | CHEESE DAY |
| COLOR TV DAY | BLOOD DONOR DAY | OLIVE DAY |
| MARTINI DAY | GIN DAY | SAFE DAY |

JUNE

Ongoing Island Activities

MONDAY	
TAI CHI FIRE DEPTS PRACTICE 3-BALL POOL	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM GB & VA FIRE HALLS @ 6:30 PM TEXADA INN @ 7PM
TUESDAY	
TAI CHI/BEGINNERS LEGION GAMES PICKLEBALL	GB BALL PARK @ 9:30 AM DOORS @ 3:30 TEXADA SCHOOL @ 6 PM
WEDNESDAY	
TAI CHI TEXADA MUSEUM SCRABBLE	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM BY TEXADA SCHOOL @ 10-NOON LEGION @ 1:30 PM
THURSDAY	
CHAIR YOGA PICKLEBALL FUN DARTS	LEGION @ 11 AM TEXADA SCHOOL @ 6 PM TEXADA INN @ 7 PM
FRIDAY	
KARAOKE	TEXADA INN @ 7 PM
SATURDAY	
TAI CHI PICKLEBALL FARMERS MARKET CIRCLE/LIGHT MEDITA'N MEAT DRAW	GB TENNIS COURT @ 9:30 AM TEXADA SCHOOL @ 10 AM GB BALLPARK @NOON YURT ON STURT @ 2 PM LEGION @ 3:30 PM
SUNDAY	
CHURCH SERVICES TRIVIA MEAT DRAW ALCOHOLICS ANON.	UNITED CHURCH @ 10:30 AM LEGION @ 3:30 PM UNITED CHURCH @ 7:30 PM

Texada to Powell River	Powell River to Texada
MAY 1—JUNE 24, 2026	
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am **DG Weds
11:50 pm	12:40 pm Mon-Fri
3:00 pm **DG Weds.	1:15 pm Sat & Sun
4:55 pm	3:55 pm
6:40 pm	5:50 pm
8:55 pm	7:30 pm
	9:45 pm
**DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings Only, Wednesday, No PASSENGERS PERMITTED	
EXTRA SUMMER SAILING STARTING JUNE 25 TO SEPT 7	
1:30 pm Mon—Fri	2:15 pm Mon—Fri



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

Saltery Bay to Earls Cove	Earls Cove to Saltery Bay
MAY 14—OCT 12, 2026	
5:35 am	6:30 am
7:25 am	8:20 am
9:25 am	10:35 am
11:45 am	12:55 pm
2:30 pm	3:40 pm
4:55 pm	6:00 pm
7:05 pm	8:05 pm
9:00 pm	10:00 pm
Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	
Horseshoe Bay to Langdale	
JUN 25—SEP 7 2026	
6:20 am	7:30 am
7:40 am NOT Sun	8:50 am NOT Sun
8:40 am	9:50 am
10:00 am	11:10 am
11:00 am	12:10 pm
12:15 pm	1:20 pm
1:15 pm	2:25 pm
2:35 pm	3:40 pm
3:35 pm	4:40 pm
4:50 pm NOT Sat.	6:05 pm NOT Sat.
5:55 pm	7:05 pm
7:10 pm SUN ONLY	9:25 pm
8:15 pm	11:30 pm
10:30 pm	

Langdale to Horseshoe Bay	Horseshoe Bay to Langdale
MAY 14—JUN 10, 2026	
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:50 am
11:00 am	12:10 pm
1:15 pm	2:25 pm
3:35 pm	3:45 pm NOT Sat.
4:55 pm NOT Sat.	4:45 pm
5:55 pm	6:05 pm NOT Sat.
7:15 pm NOT Sat.	7:05 pm
8:15 pm	9:25 pm
10:30 pm	11:30 pm
JUNE 11—JUN 24, 2026	
6:20 am	7:30 am
8:40 am	9:50 am
10:00 am SAT ONLY	11:10 am SAT ONLY
11:00 am	12:10 pm
12:15 pm SAT ONLY	1:20 pm SAT ONLY
1:15 pm	2:25 pm
2:35 pm NOT Sat.	3:40 pm NOT Sat.
3:35 pm	4:40 pm
4:50 pm NOT Sat.	6:05 pm NOT Sat.
5:55 pm	7:05 pm
8:15 pm	9:25 pm
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GILLIES BAY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Complete Burn Ban In Effect

Please be advised that there is a Total Burn Ban in effect within the Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Protection Districts on Texada Island.

We historically have imposed an open burning ban from May 15th until October 15th within the Gillies Bay Fire Protection District. This year BCWS put in place a Category 1, 2 and 3 burning prohibition that came into effect on May 7th. This ban was for the whole province including the entire Coastal Region with the exception of Haida Gwaii. The prohibition was later amended as of May 15th to allow category 1 burning (campfires less than half a metre) for some areas of the province where permitted by local jurisdictions.

As most everyone is aware, we have been experiencing ever increasing drought conditions throughout much of the province and Texada Island is no exception. In fact, Texada seems to have its own unique micro-climate and is often in a rain shadow during the summer months. Weather systems that drop rain on the east coast of Vancouver Island and on the mainland often seem to pass right over us without dropping any appreciable precipitation.

Due to these weather phenomena and the dryer than normal conditions, both the Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments have elected to keep the total ban in place within our respective jurisdictions.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us to keep our island and residents safe from this ever-increasing risk.


If you see a wildfire call *5555 on a cell phone or dial 1-800-663-5555.

Do not simply assume that someone else has already reported it. You can also call 911 to report any suspicious activity or unauthorized burning.

Thank you and have a safe summer.

David Beech
Gillies Bay Fire Chief



 **Texada Women's Island Network**
T.W.I.N. Luncheon

June Luncheon is Everyone's Birthday Party!

Thursday, June 11, 2026

at the Legion

Doors open at 11:30 a.m. - Lunch at noon
There Will Be No Guest Speaker



To reserve, please call Moe at
604-414-7312



no later than Thursday, June 4, 2026.

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

If you would like to take part in the gift
exchange, please bring a wrapped gift (\$15 limit)
with your name on it. If you bring a game to play,
please bring a prize.

ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THIS LUNCHEON.

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!!!**

There will be no meetings in July and August.



**New Principal at
Texada Elementary
for the 2026-2027
School Year!**

qathet School District would like to share
that Principal Alex Bella will be taking a
personal leave during the 2026-2027 school
year. Alex has provided thoughtful and
dedicated leadership at Texada Elementary
and will be greatly missed.

In light of this, we are pleased to announce
that Dr. Shannon Behan will be returning to
qathet School District following her two-year
term as President of the BC Principals' &
Vice-Principals' Association (BCPVPA).
During her time with the BCPVPA, Shannon
demonstrated outstanding leadership at the
provincial level, advocating for effective
school leadership, professional growth, and
the well-being of students and educators
across British Columbia.

Shannon will now be stepping into the role of
Principal at Texada Elementary. We are
excited to welcome her back to the district
and look forward to the positive impact she
will have at Texada Elementary and the
broader community!



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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 ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

"Making one person smile can change the world—maybe not the whole world, but their world."

Worship Services:

Sunday services begin at 10:30 a.m. with coffee and fellowship afterwards. Communion service, June 7, 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

Board Chair:

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

Website:

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.

Ten long trips around the sun since I last saw that smile, but only joy and thankfulness that on a tiny world in the vastness, for a couple of moments in the immensity of time, we were one.



Ladies
SPIRITUAL
CIRCLE
(Every 2ND Wednesday)
June 10th & 24th
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!

My Life in Applied Anthropology

Order of Canada recipient Michael Robinson will present his entertaining memoir about his community consultation work with Indigenous people to safeguard traditional resources

Saturday, June 6, 12:30pm

Texada Senior's Centre

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

HAPPY RETIREMENT

CAROL WYATT

After years of shaping young minds and being a cornerstone of the school community, the legendary Carol Wyatt is officially retiring from Texada Elementary. Her dedication to her students has left an incredible mark on the island, and her presence in the hallways will be deeply missed by students, staff, and families alike.

As she nears the end of her final month of teaching, keep an eye out for her during her commutes. If you see Ms. Wyatt on the ferry, please make sure to give her a classic Texada wave and a heartfelt thank you for her years of service to our kids.

Congratulations, Ms. Wyatt, on a well-deserved retirement!

Texada Elementary PAC

qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT
#202 - 4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC

JOIN THE QATHET REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION TEAM

Are you interested in working during the 2026 General Local Election on Texada Island?

We are looking for Election Officials to support polling stations on Texada Island.

Election Officials support polling stations during the election on October 17, 2026 and/or during Advanced Voting Days. Election Officials work from 7:30 AM until polls close, and until ballots are counted on General Voting Day. The qathet Regional District provides payment for work on voting days, a meal allowance, ferry costs as required, and training pay.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
Michelle Jones, Chief Election Officer
#202-4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC V9A 7R2
E: vote@qathet.ca P: 604-485-2260 | qathet.ca/election-2026



**TYG
YOUTH GROUP**

**WED JUN 3 &
JUN 17**

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!

Light and Shadow

5Rhythms Waves Workshop

With the energy of the Summer Solstice at our backs, combined with the Full Moon energy, this potent time is perfect for exploring the theme of Light and Shadow.

In this workshop, we'll gather in a safe and sacred container to explore the Shadow map of the 5Rhythms - the dance between what is illuminated and what remains unseen, within each of us and within the collective field.

The day will be a deep journey through a rich, embodied exploration of the polarities we hold within our bodies, hearts, minds and spirits. This is an invitation to embrace the potential of a deeply transformative experience - one that honours the powerful energy that emerges when both our light and our shadow are welcomed.

No prior experience needed. Come with curiosity, openness, and a desire to express yourself through authentic movement.

Saturday, June 27 from 10-4

*at the Texada Community Hall
Sliding scale \$75-\$125 e-transfer
to plotkin.julie@gmail.com*

<https://julieplotkin.com/classes-workshops/>

*Signing up gives you access to the
Outdoor Sunset Session with
silent disco headphones on
Friday, June 26 from 6:30-8 pm
at Shelter Point Park (weather permitting),
or attend as a drop in for \$20.*



THE ROSS RIVER FIRE

By Coyote

Well, here's a story about an event that I'm sure none of you would ever want to experience... and I'll tell you this, it's claimed many young lives...and looking back, I'm lucky to be here to tell it.

I was broke, sitting at a table with a bunch of buddies at the White Horse Inn, wondering where my next dollar was gonna come from when a voice behind me spoke up and said, "any of you boys want a job?" I raised my free hand, the other wrapped around a beer, "I do", I said as I turned around to see the uniform of the Yukon Fire Service, "come with me" he said.

Out in the truck bunched up with mostly indigenous locals I sat as we drove off to the airport for the flight out to the Ross River Base Camp and a near disaster experience I'll never forget.

The forest service base camp was spread out over a large flat area next to Ross River. It had a first aid station, chopper pad, a large tent cook shack and mess area and of course fire fighting equipment, a bulldozer, Bell 47 helicopters, waterpumps, miles of hose, axes, shovels and Wajax piss cans... as we called them. The fire itself was actually 50 miles north of us and spreading quickly.

The next day outfitted with Polanski grub hoes, shovels, pumps and portable piss cans we headed north to a forward spike camp to relieve an exhausted crew. We arrived, me and a half dozen indigenous locals and a fire service chief. We, minus the fire chief, were left there to construct a fire break, which is basically clearing a strip of land between the fire and us of any combustible debris and putting out any small fires with the portable water pumps. Luckily we were located near

a small five acre size pond where we could cool off and fill the pumps with water. There were at least a hundred other firefighters scattered in groups further out and spread along the wall of the approaching front.

Unless you've been there you would never know this was literally hell on earth. The fire had shifted with a change in wind and the foreboding sound of fire approaching was like a freight train coming at high speed. The sky was black and red with a choking smoke. Breathing was, to say the least, difficult. The fire was racing across the tops of trees not resting to consume the lower trunks and branches. It was like a standing box of matches set a fire. We witnessed moose, and a few small critters running out from the smouldering bush. As if it was a signal, I looked around as if doom itself was upon us. I was gasping for air and headed to the pond to submerge myself to escape the heat and potentially passing out when one of the indigenous locals grabbed my arm and pulled me away shaking his finger and pointing to a way out.

The locals knew from years of experience that sticking around meant certain death. The fire consumes all oxygen out of the air and asphyxiation is the major cause of fatalities.

The fire was finally brought under control, not by manpower but by nature's change of seasons. The rain, humidity and cooling temps in September played their part as did a number of First Nations communities working suppression through the Fall and Winter months.

We lost a few good souls during that fire and a few unfortunate accidents around choppers and trucks... but I managed to escape those fates to tell this tale, of the Ross River Fire of 75.

Cheers, Coyote



The Garden Club will be taking a summer break to tend to our gardens. We hope to get back to in-person meetings starting in October.

VEGETABLE CARE FOR OUR MARITIME CLIMATE

- Re-sow lettuce, spinach, arugula every two weeks to ensure a continuous, fresh harvest. Don't forget to "succession plant" radish and carrots.
- Plant out fruiting crops only when the ground is warm
- Water in the early morning to allow plants to hydrate before sun exposure to allow the leaves to dry off preventing fungal diseases. (Follow local watering restrictions)
- Avoid watering the leaves of tomatoes, cucumbers and squash
- Vegetables need about 1 inch/ 2.5 cm of water per week - water well so it soaks in
- Add compost regularly. A thin layer will feed the soil supporting better plant growth
- Mulch to retain moisture in the soil and suppress weeds. (Straw, shredded leaves, etc.)
- Have good drainage to prevent waterlogged roots.
- Watch for aphids, flea beetles (small holes in leaves), and caterpillars
- Remove infested leaves immediately and encourage beneficial insects like ladybugs.
- Use trellises for cucumbers and peas to maximize space and reduce

disease risks. An increased air circulation keeps plants healthier.

- Google vertical gardening to make the most of your space by growing your plants vertically.

A SHORT COMPANION PLANTING LIST FOR VEGETABLES: What Goes Together And What Doesn't.

- Zucchini like Nasturtiums
- Tomatoes like Asparagus, Celery, Carrot, Parsley and Marigold. Avoid planting with Corn, Fennel, and Potato
- Spinach like Celery, Cauliflower and Eggplant
- Pumpkin like Corn. Avoid planting with Potatoes
- Potatoes like Beans, Corn, Cabbage, Peas and Eggplant. Avoid planting with Sunflowers
- Peas like Beans, Carrots, Corn, Cucumber and Radish. Avoid planting with the Onion Family
- Lettuce like Carrots, Radishes, Strawberries. Avoid planting with Beans, Beetroot, and Parsley
- Cucumbers like Beans, Celery, Lettuce, Peas, and Radishes. Avoid planting with Cauliflower, Potato, and Basil

Here's hoping for a great season and harvest!

TEXADA HOME & GARDEN
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Pet Food, Feed & Hardware	Soil, Manure Plants, Fertilizer	Now Serving Island Farms Ice Cream
Home Decor ...and more!	Serving Pizza! Thursday to Sunday	



This month the **Policing and Public Safety Committee** is hosting two events.

Firstly, with summer just around the corner, we are facilitating a workshop with Jessie MacDonald, Evacuation Planning Assistant with the qathet Regional Emergency Preparedness Program.

This will be a Texada Island evacuation preparedness workshop. Learn about local evacuation planning, alerts and orders, household preparedness, evacuation routes, and practical steps residents can take to be better prepared for emergencies on Texada Island. **Mon Jun 8, 6pm at The Legion.**

Please register by emailing texadamatters@gmail.com or by c: 604-765-5218, to confirm your spot.

Our second meeting will cover hunting on Texada. Join us with the conservation officers, RCMP and other pertinent parties to discuss hunting on Texada, hunting regulations and how we can make hunting safer and more community

friendly. This is an open public meeting **Wed Jun 24, 6.30pm. Seniors Center**, Old School, GB.

As always, stay safe.

Becca
Chairperson, PPSC



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Royal Canadian Legion Branch 232

GENERAL MEETING

Friday, June 12th
Doors Open at 5:30,
Meeting Starts at 7 pm
Summer dress will be in effect.

BINGO

Friday, June 19th
Doors Open at 5:30 pm
Game Starts at 7 pm

POTLUCK DINNER

Wednesday, June 24th
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
Doors open at 3:30 pm

LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

The Legion has a scholarship
for Continuing Education.
Please contact
the Legion for details.

...lest we forget.



BOOKING THE LEGION

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

THANK YOU to Janet and
Doriana for arranging
a very fun and successful
Cribbage Tournament.
Fun was had by all.

Thank you to our wonderful
cook Shelly for all the great
food every week.

And thank you to Andy for
stepping up and cooking
when Shelly was away.



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Texada De-Tales

...The Birth of TAN *By Chuck Childress*

“ Did you hear about the Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting last Friday,” quarry superintendent Bob Cuthbertson asked, when I stopped by the Top Shop at Ideal Cement on a Monday morning in late August 1982.

I said I had not, and he went on to tell me that Genstar had made a presentation at the meeting to announce that they had a proposal for a 20-year contract to barge garbage from the lower mainland and dump it on their property on the east side of Blubber Bay.

Bob added that some at the meeting thought it was a good idea, because Genstar promised that as many as seven jobs would be created. For context, Canada was in a severe recession and Texada was suffering from high unemployment. Locally, Ideal Cement had recently laid off nearly half of the workforce, with no hope of employees being recalled.

Bob said “This garbage idea is nuts and we need to stop it.”

Later that morning, I stopped by Mike Zaikow’s real estate office in VanAnda and John Zaikow, Mike, and I discussed what could be done to stop it.

John had recently revived the Community Society that had collapsed following the closure of Texada Mines and we talked about using the Community Society banner. John said he would help, but not until the Terry Fox run that he was busy organizing was over. Mike offered the use of his office and office supplies and the upstairs meeting room.

Later that day out at Imperial Limestone, Joko Cawthorpe was making his Texada Transfer delivery. When I arrived, he and Imperial manager Ed Liebich were talking about the garbage issue and I joined in. Both were adamant that something had to be done to stop it, and said they were willing to help. I told them of my conversation with Mike and John Zaikow, and we agreed to work together and start by organizing a meeting for the day after the Terry Fox run.

Joko was well liked and respected and with his Texada Transfer business he talked to everyone. So over the next two weeks, we were able to recruit many Texadans to help.

On September 12, a meeting was held upstairs at Mike Zaikow’s office building where it was decided to form a new and separate organization, specifically to fight Genstar.

Volunteers signed up for different tasks. The executive board of Joko Cawthorpe, Chuck Childress, Ben Nicholas, Jim Brennan, Al Waters and John Zaikow was elected to get things moving.

During discussion on a name, Ed Liebich suggested Texada Action Now. Some thought it an odd name , but Ed was adamant.

He said ..”This is about all of Texada, we need to take Action, and we need to do it Now ...” Thus was born TAN.

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Thanks to Tom Brent of "Upper Gillies Bay" for his extensive research into the Pocahontas Forest Lookout. We can now reveal the facts!



It was not the first in Canada, nor even in BC. In 1913, eight lookouts were erected in BC; the first being BX Mountain (now known as Silver Star).

The first reference to Texada was in 1919 when BC Forest Service allotted \$20.85 for maintaining the Mount Pocahontas trail, which suggests that a fire patrol trail was in place by then.

An actual lookout cabin was built in 1927 (cost of \$785) to be replaced three years later with a new "D-6 design" cabin featuring an upper level cupola (photo). By 1960, the cabin had been replaced with a new version that had a wrap-around catwalk, but no cupola.

It is interesting to note that a second lookout was built on Mount Shepherd (named "South Texada") in 1936, but was abandoned in 1950 due to difficulty accessing the site.

Records show that Elmer Staaf was the first lookout man on Pocahontas (1928). George Cook became a regular attendant (1930 and 1935-1947), while Jim McKimmie was a seasonal forestry patrol man responsible for transporting goods to the cabin until age 75.

It was sometimes difficult to find people willing to take on the job in such an

isolated posting. Ron Jones, ex forest ranger, reports that it was a struggle to get supplies and equipment strapped to pack boards up the steep terrain. On several occasions the first message from Pocahontas was, "I quit. Come get me out!"

Some men were provided by social agencies in East Vancouver. Not suited to the job, one fellow left his post and was found asleep on a pool table in Van Anda!

Nowadays modern satellite communications have replaced the job that once belonged to special men who loved the isolation.

Even though all that remains of the lookout cabin now is its concrete anchors, it's still worth a trek up Pocahontas for the view and to imagine a life of isolation on top of the hill.

Tom would like to acknowledge the assistance of Jim Wright for his passion for Forest Lookout history.

PS: Does anybody know who George Cook was?

Peter Lock, Texada Island Heritage Society

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Texada Island Sandcastle Weekend

July 11 and 12, 2026

Sandcastle Weekend is fast approaching and this year we are trying something different!

All the activities will be held in the Gillies Bay ball park. Parade route will be the same, sand sculptures will, of course, take place on the beach.

Prize amounts have all increased! We have added a Kids Zone, along with our Family Zone. Also, we plan to have bingo, an open mike, karaoke and lots of other little touches are in the works to make your weekend special.

This will be the 41st year since Sandcastle was conceived! We hope to continue on with this very special fun, family tradition.

Your Sandcastle Coordinator, Dawn Hughes

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JUNE at a Glance!

Summer Reading Club registration opens in June! For information and full listings visit prpl.ca or email desk@prpl.ca.

KIDS, szagwyn@prpl.ca

PRISMA for Kids—Evergreen Theatre. Tuesday, June 23, 6:30 pm. An engaging concert for young audiences, with live narration by Sonia. Visit prismafestival.com for full details.

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*.

TEENS, edgar@prpl.ca

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

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

Photo Contest 2026: Local Wildlife Submission deadline is June 6. For prizes and competition rules visit prpl.ca. Submit your best photo showcasing something beautiful and distinctive of the local wildlife in this region.

NFB Pride Films—Huckleberry Room. Tuesday to Friday, June 23-26, from 10:00 am-1:00 pm & Saturday June 27 from 10a m to 5pm. PRPL is proud to partner with The NFB in Libraries to present films celebrating queer voices, histories and creativity. *Drop-in*.

Caregiver Support Group—At the library. Wednesday, June 10, 10:00 am -12:00 pm Confidential group for caregivers of individuals living with dementia. Registration required.

A History of Badass Women Skateboarders—Community Room. Wed., June 3, 7pm-8pm Natalie Porter presents her book honouring female and non-binary skateboarders. *Drop-in*.

təm kʷaθ nan – Namesake—Patricia Theatre. Saturday, June 20, 1:30-3pm. Doors open at 12:45 pm. A film following discussion around a possible name change for the city, with Q&A. Admission is free, first come basis. *Drop-in*.

Local Author Christopher Gordon—Community Room. Friday, June 19, 7pm-8pm. Gordon presents his book about his European motorcycle trip. *Drop-in*.



Thank you to those who attended the Powell River Community Foundation's Annual Charity Appreciation Event on May 23rd in PR. It was heartwarming to see so many groups dedicated to serving the residents of the qathet Regional District.

Reminder: AGM, June 28th, 2026 1:45 pm at the Gillies Bay Ballpark. Come on out and hear what has been happening this past year. Elections will be held.

Registration for the August 15th Road Rally begins at our AGM. This scavenger hunt on wheels will start & end at the **Gillies Bay Ballpark**, with teams consisting of a driver & navigator competing for prizes like *Best Name, Best Costume, Best Poker Hand* & more. Registration is **\$40 per team & includes** a pledge sheet to help raise additional funds (optional), two tickets for burger or hotdog & drink & prizes. If you have a TINSHS member on your team, get a \$5 discount! Registration will close August 8th, so the route can be adjusted to the number of teams. By email: pres@texadaseniorshousing.ca or call Cathy (604)486-6766

Not rallying? You can still take part! Join us for the **Finish Line Party** at the Gillies Bay Ballpark starting at **noon**. Enjoy BBQ burgers & hotdogs, games, bake sale, draw prizes, 50/50 draw, Show & Shine, accessibility display, test your knowledge in the Rally Quiz and more!

A big shout out of thanks to Texada Island Community Society for their generous donation towards prizes for this year's Road Rally!

If you would like to be a part of creating safe, affordable, accessible seniors housing on Texada, come on down and be a part of the team!

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 Call or text on July 7 – pick up July 8

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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.

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!

Thank you so very much for the generous financial donations from Tracey Jacquot and Judy Ferguson.

We are very grateful to everyone who

makes regular anonymous financial deposits at the First Credit Union and to everyone for all the anonymous cash and food 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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Time To Start Training!

Get your team together and start training for the Sandcastle Bed Races on **Saturday, July 11th!**

It's always a fun time, and you could win some cold, hard cash \$\$\$ as well!

There will be 3 different age classes this year. Children (under age 12), Youth (age 12-18), Adult/Mixed (age 19 and over). (Some categories may be combined if there are less than 3 teams in a category). Registration fee is \$5 per team for Children and Youth teams, and \$10 per team for Adult/Mixed teams.

IMPORTANT: A parent/guardian signature will be required on the race waiver if the competitor is under 19 years of age.

There will be a TEAM SPIRIT AWARD, so bring lots of enthusiasm (even costumes!).

Teams of 5 (1 riding and 4 pushing) will race a timed, set course with a hospital gurney that is provided. The person on the bed should bring their own helmet, or we can provide one.

Register beside the Gillies Bay Ballpark 11:30-12:30 pm (NO LATER) on race day. Races start at 1 pm sharp.

We are looking forward to another great time at the Bed Races this year!

Many thanks to our prize sponsor, TEXADA ARTS, CULTURE & TOURISM (TACT)!!



COMMUNITY MEETING HUNTING ON TEXADA

WED JUNE 24TH, 6:30 PM

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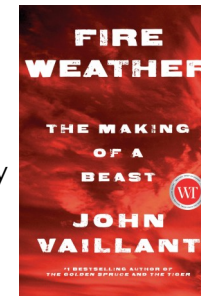


NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Please Note: The library will be closed on Wednesday, July 1st for Canada Day.

Michael Robinson is returning on Saturday, June 6, 12:30 pm at the Seniors Centre. "Order of Canada" recipient Michael Robinson will present his entertaining memoir about his community consultation work with indigenous people to safeguard traditional resources".

Early May was Emergency Preparedness Week, followed by the THSS presentation of "Preparing for Wildfire Smoke and Extreme Heat: a health perspective" on May 21st. There were also many postings on Facebook by **Prepared BC**. The library has many of their pamphlets available for distribution.



This month's highlighted books and materials are about wildfires and climate change. "Fire Weather: the making of a beast" by John Vaillant 363.3 VAL was a donation and recommendation by one of our patrons. It is an account of the May 2016 wildfire in Fort McMurray, AB.

"Firestorm: The Summer B.C. Burned" by Ross Freake, c2003 tells the story of a firestorm in photographs. 363.37 FRE

"This is Climate Change: a visual guide to the facts" by David Nelles and Christian Serrer, c2021. 363.73 NEL

"This Changes Everything" by Naomi Klein, c2015 is described as the new classic of environmental politics. 363.73 KLE.

Having a personal emergency plan and a "Grab and Go" bag is a start to being prepared in the event of a wildfire.

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
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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.

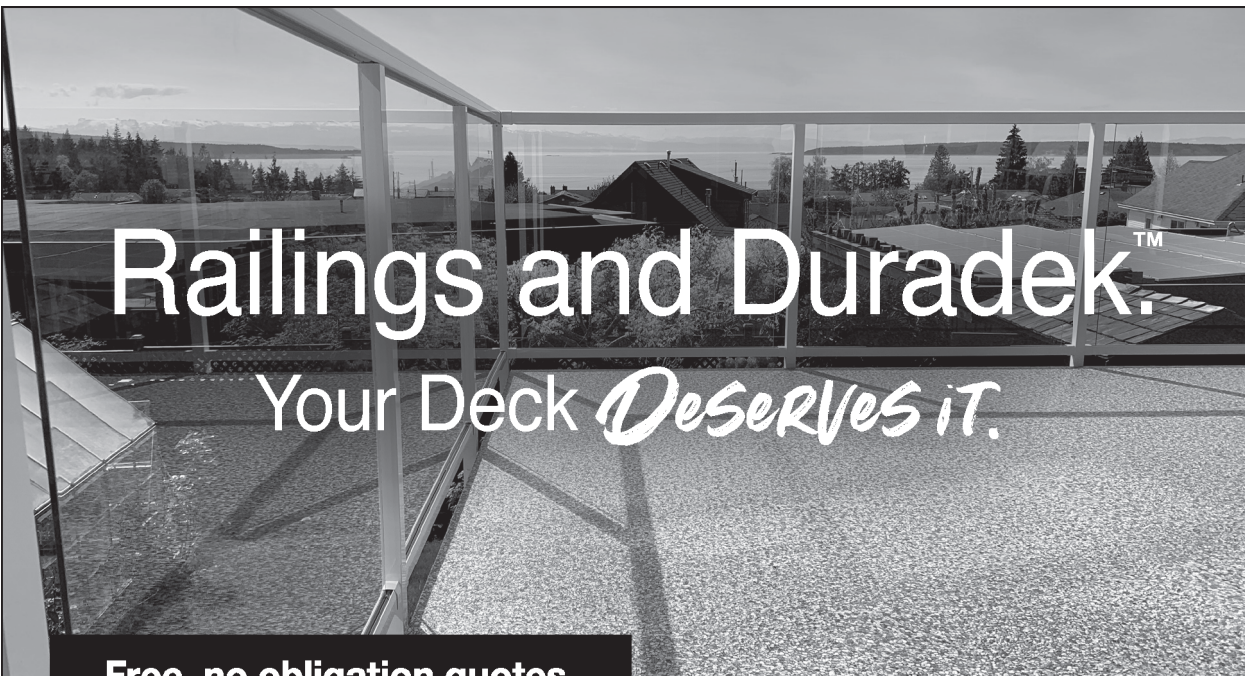
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Texada Women's Island Network SCHOLARSHIP

The Texada Women's Island Network is offering a \$500 scholarship to a returning female student. In your application, please tell us what and where you will be studying and what your future plans are. Your application must be in by August 31, 2026.

Please send your application to:

Linda Johnson
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BCMP-GRC

With the spring and summer maintenance seasons well underway, residents will notice an increase in road work, utility repairs, and landscaping crews along our local roadways.

The Texada RCMP wants to remind all drivers of the critical importance of slowing down and exercising caution when passing these active work zones.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our roads and our roadside workers safe.

Texada RCMP



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PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2025 Audited Financial Statements and the 2025 Statement of Financial Information will be presented at the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for 1:00 pm Tuesday, June 9, 2026 in the Regional District Board Room located at #201 - 4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC and virtually.

Copies of the financial statements will be available for inspection at the Regional District office during regular office hours and on the Regional District website at www.qathet.ca.

Linda Greenan, General Manager of Financial Administration – Chief Financial Officer

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, June 16, 2026



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

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Gillies Bay Improvement District Job Opportunity

Corporate Officer-Gillies Bay Improvement District

Part-time: 28 hours per week, negotiable
Salary: \$30 to \$45 per hour based on education and experience.

Position Overview:

The Corporate Officer plays a key role in managing the daily administration of the office, supervising staff, liaising with the Board of Trustees and various government organizations. The ideal candidate will have excellent problem-solving and leadership experience.

This Position Requires:

A minimum of 5 years of experience in an administrative function or management role, preferably in support of a finance or accounting field.

- Proficient in MS Office (Word, Excel).
- Effective time management and strong organizational skills, the ability to establish priorities with attention to detail, and work without direct supervision in a small office environment.
- A professional attitude illustrated through verbal and written communications skills coupled with demonstrated customer service skills.
- Must be able to work independently, have analytical and problem-solving skills, and superior interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written.
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How to Apply:

Interested candidates should submit a resume and a cover letter outlining their qualifications and interest in the position to admin@gillies-bay.ca by June 15, 2026. A complete job description is available upon request.



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Fire Danger and Total Burn Ban

A complete fire ban is now in effect due to increasing fire danger across the region. This includes backyard burning, burn barrels, and all open fires.

We extend our thanks to all the Texada Island volunteer firefighters for their continued work as conditions dry out. Please follow all restrictions and remain vigilant to help keep the community safe.

Water Meter Project – Progress and System Improvements

The water meter installation project continues to move forward. As of mid May, 178 meters have been installed, with 56 remaining across both Davis Ventures and VAID crews. Although the project is running slightly behind schedule, substantial completion is now expected in August.

The project is already producing benefits. Several leaks have been identified through meter data and field work, allowing repairs that reduce unnecessary water loss and improve system efficiency.

Public Information Meeting – Late June

A public meeting will be held near the end of June to present metered billing options, explain how the system will work, and answer questions from property owners. The confirmed date and details will be posted on the website as soon as they are finalized.

Water Use Rising – Please Be Prudent

Water use is increasing as we move into summer. Summer long weekends are

historically one of the highest demand periods of the year.

While consumption remains lower following leak repairs completed in early 2025, we ask everyone to be especially mindful of water use during peak weekends to help maintain system stability.

Call for Contractors

The District continues to seek qualified contractors for upcoming small scale infrastructure and maintenance work. This periodic call is part of our commitment to fairness and transparency, and is not a reflection on the performance of our current contractors, with whom we remain very satisfied. Interested contractors are encouraged to contact the office for details on current and future opportunities.

Contact Info

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It's that time of the year again!

Water Restrictions June 15 – September 15

In Gillies Bay, we are surrounded by water and enjoy a temperate climate marked by winters rich in rainfall. This abundance may cause us to forget that water is a valuable resource requiring responsible management.

As we enter the hot, dry season, we urge residents to remain diligent in their water conservation efforts. This is especially critical during the summer months when demand climbs, straining our water treatment capabilities. Please remember that when the siren sounds to shut water use off, so we have available **water essential for fire suppression**.

We are fortunate to have an abundant water supply from Cranby Lake, and our water license supports our historical usage – even during the summer months. However, summer water usage nearly doubles compared to the rest of the year and does double on events or holiday weekends. Treating this extra water usage with chlorine is very expensive and raises the design criteria for water treatment facilities and the cost of these new facilities. Please aid us in minimizing the design requirements by adhering to Water Restrictions.

Water Restriction Practices:

- **Even-numbered addresses:**
water on even days between:
5 am—9 am and 5 pm—9 pm

- **Odd-numbered addresses:**
water on odd days between:
5 – 9 am and 5 – 9 pm
- No lawn watering or sprinkler use on weekends and public holidays between July 1 and August 30.
- Micro-irrigation/drip irrigation is permitted at any time
- Hand watering is the most effective water conservation practice and permitted anytime
- No overnight sprinkling!
- Consider becoming comfortable with a brown lawn. Since we live in a drought-prone area, it should be the norm.

On a sad note, Juanita Walton has resigned as the GBID's corporate officer. Juanita threw herself completely into this challenging role and her departure leaves a large hole in the GBID. We thank her very much and wish her the absolute best in her future endeavors.

The GBID's Finance/Deputy Corporate Officer, Ken Becotte, will be covering the role of Corporate Officer while a replacement is found. Thank you, Ken!

If you have any concerns, questions, or suggestions, please let us know.

By Phone:

General Inquiries: 604-486-7757
Water Emergency: 604-208-3965
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By Email:

General Inquiries: admin@gillies-bay.ca
Accounts Payable: finance@gillies-bay.ca
Water Operator: operations@gillies-bay.ca

The next scheduled Board of Trustees is at the GBID Fire Hall on June 9th at 4:30pm.

Texada Island Community Society Educational Bursaries

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,
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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





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Another reminder for us, in addition to Gillies Bay Fire Department's Fire Chief David Beech's Fire Ban Notice.



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MEDIA RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, May 22, 2026

Crowther Road wildfire now held thanks to quick reporting and collaborative emergency response

Okeover, BC – The Crowther Road Wildfire is now under control thanks to quick reporting from members of the public, and a rapid response from Northside Volunteer Fire Department, Tla'amin Nation Fire Department, Powell River Fire Rescue, and BC Wildfire Service crews.

The fire was reported in the early hours on May 22, 2026 by members of the public, whose prompt action helped initiate a coordinated emergency response. Emergency responders arrived quickly on scene to contain the fire, with Powell River Fire Rescue mobilizing our Structure Protection Unit trailer to assist. BC Hydro is also on site, monitoring infrastructure and assisting where necessary.

"This incident is a reminder that we have entered wildfire season in the qathet region," said Ryan Thoms, General Manager of Emergency Services. "While this fire remains under investigation, we are urging the public to exercise extreme caution with ignitable materials and maintain good wildfire prevention practices while recreating outdoors. We encourage members of the public to refer to our website and utilize our FireSmart tips and request a free FireSmart property assessment."

This is an active fire, and the public is asked to avoid the Crowther Road area to ensure access for emergency and hydro vehicles. For up-to-date information, please visit the BC Wildfire Service Map, located at:
<https://wildfiresituation.nrs.gov.bc.ca/incidents?fireYear=2026&incidentNumber=V50401&source=map>



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

Please join me Monday, June 22 to hear the latest at the qRD and also to hear my plans for this fall's civic elections. The **qRD Community Check-in** takes place at 7pm at the Seniors Centre. Bring your comments, questions and ideas.

Improvement Districts (IDs) are expected by provincial health authorities to deliver clean, safe drinking water to their communities, yet that same provincial government denies them access to the funding necessary to do so.

That longstanding *Catch-22* problem got one small step closer to resolution recently with a motion the qRD brought to the regional Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities conference this spring. I initiated the motion and was the lead speaker.

The motion calls on Victoria to **modernize its 2006 policy statement** which encourages all IDs to transition to regional or municipal jurisdiction. That policy would mean the end of IDs in BC and the policy has been supported by both Liberal and NDP governments. The policy is aimed at starving IDs out of existence by denying them access to grant funding or lower-cost loans through the Municipal Finance Authority. Under the existing policy, IDs have great difficulty directly addressing regulatory compliance requirements or plan for asset sustainability. The motion to update this antiquated policy passed overwhelmingly.

When I was first elected to this role 12 years ago, IDs were considered "outside agencies" and a low priority for the regional board. After hammering away at that attitude

throughout this time, **the qRD's position has changed and it now promotes potable water for everyone** whether they live in IDs or not. In the last decade in office, I've taken four separate motions to the province-wide Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) conferences asking for IDs to be eligible for grant funding and all passed. But each time in response the province said "no" to UBCM's requests. Why? Because such a move would be contrary to this 20-year-old policy which denies grants to IDs, period.

The policy is the problem and this is the first time local governments have asked Victoria to modernize it. The motion goes to UBCM this fall. If passed, this increases the pressure on the province to enable IDs which work well, like our two on Texada, to offer sustainable quality water services. Everyone deserves clean, safe drinking water and residents of IDs are no different.

It's issues like this that make advocacy such an important and interesting aspect of the role of regional director. Going to conferences and making our case in a wider arena is part of this advocacy.

Sandy McCormick
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qRD COMMUNITY CHECK-IN

with Director Sandy McCormick

Monday, June 22, 7pm

Seniors Centre



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

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

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

THE RETREAT  **RYCROFT ART GALLERY**

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from 1:00 to 4:30 pm
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CANADA DAY SCHEDULE

Free! Cake! Games! Prizes!

Come one, come all, the Texada Dragon Boat Club is hosting a Canada Day Celebration at Shelter Point Park (Gillies Bay Hall, if rained out). Bring a chair, sunscreen hat and a food safe contribution to the invitational potluck. (All food must be prepared and stored in a food safe manner, look for the food safe post on our Facebook page)

Beverages and dishes, napkins, serving spoons, knives, spoons, or forks will not be provided.



1 - 3

CHILDREN'S GAMES

- Three-legged Race
- Wheelbarrow Race
- Sack Race
- Spoon n egg Race
- Face Painting

ADULT GAMES

- Cornhole Tournament
Register with Laurie before 1
- Bingo series of games, no supplies needed
Bring a chair
- Poker Tournament
*No money exchanged
Dealer calls.*



1 - 4

Vendors Row -Texada based businesses welcome to set up a table- please call Joyce at 604-208-8347 to register.



The Dragon Boat club will have a tent where you can sign up or register for a free demo paddle out of Shelter Point! preregister for Paddle Wars, (Spouses against spouses) (Quarries against quarries)



2 - 4

Music with the Foxgloves
Sing familiar tunes with them.



4:30

Chili Contest
Must preregister by June 15



5:00

Invitational Potluck contributions placed
Ask a Dragonboat club member
For invitation and food safe rules
Announcements
O Canada
Let's Eat! Clean up at 6:30



6:30-7:30

Paddling Demos



7:30 - Dusk

Band and Dance:
Wen Warn and the Texada Boyz



Interested in volunteering that day - Give Glenda a Call at 604-578-0740

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VENDORS at CANADA DAY!

The Texada Dragon Boat Club is happy to host a *Community Canada Day Celebration* at Shelter Point Park on **July 1, 2026**

We are cordially inviting you and your business to participate!

VENDOR'S ROW

Showcase your business and connect with the community!
All island businesses are encouraged to set up a booth to share what you're all about.

- Giveaways and selling welcome
- Free participation
- Celebrate community prosperity together



Register with **Joyce Hull**
604-208-8347

VENDOR INFORMATION

Set up: **12:30 PM**

Vendor's Row open: **1:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Bring your own tables, chairs & equipment

No electricity available

Generators are not permitted

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

Spend a few hours giving back to your community.



Contact **Glenda Nikirk**
604-578-0740

CANADA DAY CHILI CONTEST

So, you think your **CHILI** is the best? *Prove it!*

4:30 PM - July 1

Shelter Point Park
(Gillies Bay Hall if rained out)

PRIZES

- 1st Place - \$75
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

All entrants AND JUDGES must be registered with Joy A. at 604-223-3887 by June 15.

Register early as only six entrants may qualify.

You must supply a pot of chili that will be your donation, to the invitational Potluck being held at 5:15PM, that day.

Your chili must be prepared in a food safe manner, look for the Food Safe Article on our FACEBOOK Page

Register with **Joy A.**
604-223-3887
BY JUNE 15

