

MAY 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 TICS BINGO Comm. Hall @ 7 Doors @ 6:30 pm	3 RAISE THE ROOMS Live Auction Fundraiser Texada Inn—2pm VETERAN'S DINNER Legion—7pm
4 TINSHS AGM Sr.Ctr-1pm GBID AGM Firehall—2	5 TICS MTG. Legion-10:30	6 Rock Your Body Check FB for Place—6:30-8:30	7 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TYGroup 4:45 pm	8 TWIN Lunch @Pub, Noon	9 COMMUNITY LUNCH Sr. Ctr.@ Noon Legion General Mtg—7pm	10 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TCOTR** Sr.Ctr -5 pm
11 Mother's Day  Mini-Kids Gym	12  Grief Support Legion, 3-4	13 Food Bank Call In 10-3  GBID MTG 4:30 PM	14 Food Bank Pick Up 11-12 VAID Mtg. Firehall -1:30	15  Burn Ban (Unless other- wise advised.)	16  Legion Bingo Doors at 5:30 Game at 7 pm	17
18 Texada Inn Raise the Rooms—3 pm	19 Victoria Day  Library Closed	20 Rock Your Body Check FB for Place—6:30-8:30	21 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm TYGroup 4:45 pm Garden Club K&S—2 pm	22	23 Community Lunch Sr. Ctr.@ Noon Express Lines Deadline	24 Trans Station 10 - 4 pm
25 SWAP Meet Farmer's Market Mini-Kids Gym 10-am	26	27	28 Legion Potluck 6pm	29 Community Bingo Sr. Ctr.—1 pm	30	31 TCOTR** Sr.Ctr -5 pm
<div> <div>**TCOTR—Texada Church On The Rock**</div> </div>						
ONGOING WEEKLY ACTIVITIES						

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

**TUESDAY:**  
 TAI CHI, BEGINNERS, GB BALLPARK, 9:30AM  
 Sandpiper Playgroup, Old School, 10 am—1 pm  
 Kids Sports Club, 4:30—5:30 pm  
 Legion Game Night—doors at 5 pm  
 Dragon Boating—5:30 pm. Texada Isle. Boat Yard  
 Pickleball—School Gym, 6-7:30 pm

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 Tai Chi, GB Tennis Court @ 9:30 am  
 Museum: 10-Noon  
 Scrabble at the Legion, 1pm—4pm

**THURSDAY:**  
 Dragon Boating—5:30 pm. Texada Isle. Boat Yard  
 Pickleball—School Gym, 6-7:30 pm  
 Fun Darts, Texada Inn @ 7 pm

**FRIDAY:**  
 Karaoke—Texada Inn @ 7 pm

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

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

TEXADA ISLAND

MAY 2025

EXPRESS LINES

New Mental Health Initiative

**Texada Health Services Society** is starting a community initiative to support persons with mental health and substance use challenges.

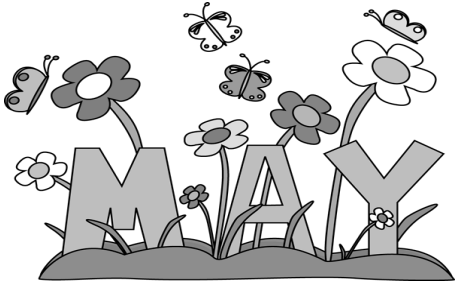
Our first step is to offer a foundational educational course designed for everyone, and ideal for public workplaces and community groups called **MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID**.

This course empowers people to recognize when someone may be experiencing mental health challenges and equips them with practical skills to provide initial support.

The course builds confidence to respond calmly and offer meaningful help during tough moments - all without needing to be a mental health expert.

What is involved:

Two hours of home reading, and two sessions (3.5 hours each) of live classroom practice via zoom around effective communication, crisis situations, and self care. More information on the internet can be found at [openingminds.org](https://openingminds.org); click on training, then Mental Health First Aid.



How to sign up:

Email Roger at [rogerkimmerly@gmail.com](mailto:rogerkimmerly@gmail.com) or phone (no text) 604 486 0009 and leave a message. We hope to gather up to 15 people and offer the course this Spring.

Opening Minds

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION OF CANADA

Texada Island Community Society

Swap Meef

SWAP DON'T SHOP

SUNDAY, MAY 25

10AM - 3 PM

Bring in all of your unwanted, GOOD STUFF. Don't Wait....

Call Doriana to book a table!

604-414-4893

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL



# TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH CENTRE

Hours of Operation

**Monday to Thursday**  
8:30 am to 11:45 am, 1:15 pm to 4 pm  
**Friday**  
8:30 am to 11:45 am

**Phone Number:**  
604-486-7525

*If no reply, please leave a message.*

**Emergencies:** 911

**Information**  
B.C. Health Hotline: 811

- Visits strictly by appointment, except for emergencies. We will try to deal with issues by phone as much as possible and give appointments when patients need to be seen in person.
- Lab tests by appointment only.
- Extended lab time: 8:30 am to 9:45 am.
- If you are ill and suspect you may have COVID, please come to the back door marked COVID and follow the posted instructions.
- TAP forms can be picked up after 1:15 pm.

Texada Health Services Society Donations

When donating, please make the cheque out to :

**Texada Health Services Society** and mail to **P.O. Box 249, Van Anda, B.C., V0N 3K0.**

Please indicate on your cheque, or attach a note, whether you wish your donation to go to either: **Cancer Support Group; Green Armband Fund;** or to the **General Fund** (to be used for equipment for clinic, etc.).

Currently, there is a greater need for funds for our Cancer Support Group and we would appreciate any funds that we receive to help our residents who are affected by Cancer. We are reviewing ways in which we can raise funds so we can increase the current \$500 per year per person. As you can appreciate \$500 does not cover much these days.

Texada Breast Cancer Support



Contact: Joan Martisca  
604-483-6438

Udith Teuner  
604-486-6744

Canadian Cancer Society-Trained  
Peer Facilitators

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CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

The Cancer Support Group has funds available for those on Texada who are needing additional financial support, while being treated for cancer.

We are here to help and can provide up to \$500 per year, per patient.

Forms can be picked up at the Texada Island Health Centre, or from **Amber Brewer** who lives in Van Anda, and can be reached at 1-250-644-6024 (toll free).

All inquiries are held in the strictest of confidence. *Barb Egglestone*

BC FERRIES

TEXADA ISLAND TO POWELL RIVER	
Leave Texada Island	Leave Powell River
6:00 am	6:50 am
7:45 am	8:35 am
9:25 am	10:15 am <b>**DG</b>
11:50 am	12:40 pm (Wednesdays ONLY)
	1:15 pm (Not on Wednesdays)
3:00 pm <b>**DG</b>	3:55 pm
4:55 pm	5:50 pm
6:40 pm	7:30 pm
8:55 pm	9:45 pm
<b>**DG—Dangerous Goods Sailings On WEDNESDAYS—No PASSENGERS</b>	

Powell River—Comox	Comox—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

**BC TRANSIT BUS—THURSDAYS**

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

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

**Departs:** Town Center Mall at 3:25 pm.

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



POWELL RIVER - SECHELT		GIBSON - VANCOUVER	
Leave Salfery Bay	Leave Earls Cove	Leave Langdale	Leave Horseshoe Bay
5:40 am	6:35 am	6:20 am	7:30 am
7:30 am	8:25 am	8:40 am	9:45 am
9:25 am	10:25 am	10:50 am	11:55 am
11:20 am	12:25 pm	1:05 pm	2:10 pm
3:50 pm	4:55 pm	3:15 pm	4:20 pm
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	5:25 pm	5:30 pm
7:55 pm	8:50 pm	6:40 pm	7:50 pm
9:45 pm	10:40 pm	8:55 pm	10:55 pm
MAY 15-OCT. 13, 2025		MAY 15-JUNE 18, 2025	
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9:25 am	10:35 am	11:00 am	12:10 am
11:45 am	12:55 pm	1:15 pm	4:45pm
2:30 pm	3:40 pm	3:35 pm	5:30 pm
4:55 pm	6:00 pm	5:55 pm	7:05 pm
7:05 pm	8:05 pm	8:15 pm	9:25 pm
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	10:30 pm	11:30 pm

“The earth  
laughs in  
flowers.”

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VICTORIA DAY WEEKEND EXTRA SAILINGS			
Leave Langdale		Leave Horseshoe Bay	
May 19	4:10 pm	May 16	10:25 pm
May 20	11:30 am	May 18	2:25 pm
		May 18	5:30 pm
		May 19	2:55 pm

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Phone: 604-414-5619

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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 WOMEN'S ISLAND NETWORK  
T.W.I.N.  
MAY LUNCHEON

Thursday, May 8, 2025  
at the Texada Island Inn Pub  
Doors Open at 11:30 a.m  
Lunch is at noon

Guest Speaker at 1 pm.  
Hannah May Vander Kamp, Poetry

To reserve, please call Moe at 604-414-7312 no later than Thursday, May 1, 2025. If you have food allergies, please let Moe know when you make your reservation. If you can, please bring a non-perishable food item.

We'd like to see everyone in the hat of their choice - *the crazier the better!?!*

Members not wearing their name tag will be fined a loonie. If you are wearing your name tag, you will be automatically entered into our draw for a free lunch, to be drawn in June.

Good Luck!

TYG  
YOUTH GROUP

WED MAY 7  
& MAY 21  
4.45-6.30

TEXADA YOUTH GROUP  
[TEXADAYOUTH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TEXADAYOUTH@GMAIL.COM)

TEXADA ISLAND  
FARMER'S MARKET

It's just about time  
for our first market!  
MAY 25, 2025

Gillies Bay Ballfield, Sunday, Noon - 1:30 pm  
(Every Sunday until further notice)

YOUR MARKET COORDINATOR,  
DAWN HUGHES, 604-413-0664

If you would like to be a vendor, please contact me. If you would like to sell baked goods, food or canning, check out this site for low/high risk foods:

[www.vch.ca/Documents/Guidelines-for-sale-of-foods-at-temporary-food-markets.pdf](http://www.vch.ca/Documents/Guidelines-for-sale-of-foods-at-temporary-food-markets.pdf).

Selling high risk foods needs to be approved by the Health Inspector first. Any questions you may have please don't hesitate to call.

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**TEXADA HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY  
ANNOUNCEMENT**

After being your President for over six years, I am now stepping down. I have enjoyed serving my community over those years, but it is now time for some new people to take hold of the reins.

So, please welcome your new **2025 Texada Health Services Society** team:

- President - Carolanne White
- Vice President - Alana Carbery
- Secretary - Alan MacIsaac
- Treasurer - Jenny Poirier
- Director - Sarah Bond
- Director - Amber Brewer
- Director - Cathy Brown
- Director - Roger Kimmerly
- Director - Dave Murphy
- Director—Virginia Mackie
- Director - Maureen Northrop

I know our community is in very good hands with the new team, and I look forward to seeing the new initiatives coming to fruition under their care.

Barb Egglestone, Past President  
Texada Health Services Society

**TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH  
SERVICES SOCIETY  
SCHOLARSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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

Please mail your submission by **June 15, 2025**  
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TEXADA ISLAND UNITED CHURCH

"Trees are poems that the earth writes upon the sky." — Khalil Gibran

Worship Services:

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

**Communion Service:** May 4. 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 on Texada Message Board and Texada United Church Facebook page.

Minister's Office Hours:

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

prayer and quiet meditation.

**Minister: Rev. Gayle Chouinard:**

604-414-7309, [trollhollow123@gmail.com](mailto:trollhollow123@gmail.com)

**Board Chair:**

Dale Rinehart, 604-486-0050

**Website:**

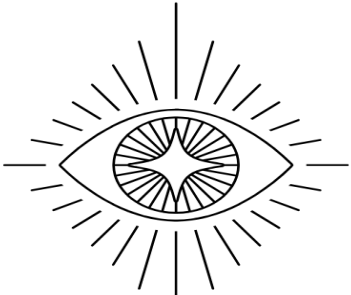
<http://texada-island-unitedchurch.weebly.com>

**Facebook Page:**

Texada Island United Church

**Church Mission:**


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



# Circle of Light Meditation

Saturday Afternoons  
2-3 pm  
at The Yurt  
on Sturt Bay Rd. in Van Anda

All Are Welcome!





## Texada Church On The Rock

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

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## TEXADA KIDS SPORTS CLUB

Open to all Elementary aged Texada Kids wanting to learn the fundamentals of sport. Parent/Guardian supervision is required and participation is encouraged!

Van Anda School Gym  
**EVERY TUESDAY 4:30PM-5:30PM**

## Texada Seniors Council COMMUNITY LUNCH

Friday, May 9 & Friday, May 23  
Noon to 1 p.m.  
Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay

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




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## Texada TAI CHI

Monday, Wednesday & Saturday  
9:30 am at the  
Gillies Bay Tennis Courts

Beginners meet Tuesdays at 9:30 am at Gillies Bay Ballpark

Tai Chi is a gentle art for mind, body and spirit.

TEXADA FOOD BANK 2025

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

**CALL ON** the Tuesday (day before pick up)  
between 10am and 3pm

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

Call in May 13 – Pick up May 14

Call in June 10 – Pick up June 11

**(604) 483-1219**

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

Non-perishable food donations may be put in  
the baskets at the Gillies Bay General store,  
the Texada Market and the First Credit Union  
in Van Anda.

Donation tins for cash are available at both  
stores—Gillies Bay Store and Texada Market in  
Van Anda and the Credit Union. Thank you so  
much.

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

**Texada Food Bank Thanks You!**

We are very grateful to everyone that make  
regular anonymous financial deposits at  
the First Credit Union and to everyone for  
all the anonymous cash and food  
donations that are dropped off at the  
Gillies Bay store, Texada  
Market and Credit  
Union. Our only request  
is that all food donations  
be intact and not  
previously opened.



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 recog-  
nized 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,  
V0N 1W0.

**Deadline June 15 2025.**



**qathet**  
**REGIONAL DISTRICT**

Members of the public are advised that the Texada Airport  
Advisory Committee (TAAC) will be holding a meeting May  
20, 2025 at 10:00 am. The meeting will take place at the  
Gillies Bay Community Hall. The agenda will be available at  
least two days prior to the meeting on the event calendar  
at [www.qathet.ca/events/](http://www.qathet.ca/events/). Contact Heather Gillespie,  
Technical Services Clerk, at [hgillespie@qathet.ca](mailto:hgillespie@qathet.ca) or phone  
604-485-2260, ext. 412 if you have questions.

**More Coyote Tales . . . White Out**

I always made a habit of packing an over-  
night safety pack along with my gear when-  
ever I'm out prospecting, or engaged in con-  
tract geology work. And I count my blessings  
that I did that one day and night North of 60.

The dawn of day back in '89 had me again  
in a chopper flying out to stake claims for a  
client. I had my pack sack, axe, hip chain  
and compass at the ready. I bailed out of  
the Bell 206 chopper at the start of the claim  
line ready to do the days staking.

The sky and snow was a palette of dark grays  
and icy blues, as I crunched along in the fro-  
zen snow with my bear claw snowshoes, tying  
orange flagging tape and blazing stunted  
spruce trees marking my claim line.

About halfway along my line of claims, it  
started snowing – light at first, but building  
heavier as the day wore on. I trekked along  
hoping the snow wouldn't get worse, but of  
course, it did. There comes a point where a  
decision is made to abandon the job and  
hunker down for self preservation, and in the  
North that decision comes pretty quick.

I found a stunted spruce tree with a well of  
snow around its base. I jumped down into the  
hollow of the tree's base and used my snow-  
shoe as a shovel to widen the space for more  
comfort and protection. I used the upper fro-  
zen crust of snow to build as a wind break.  
The wind and snow were howling now, a real  
white out, but in the well I was better protect-  
ed.

In my safety pack I carried a can of peach-  
es, a roll of toilet paper, a squirt bottle of  
stove oil, a box of wax coated matches, a  
roll of hay wire, tea and sugar cubes. I  
snapped off a pile of lower dead branches

off the tree and prepared to build a fire. It  
was difficult at first with my hands stiffening  
up and shaking from the cold, but with  
enough toilet paper and stove oil, I was able  
to get a small fire going. As I started thawing  
out, I opened the can of peaches and ate  
them using my knife. Afterwards, I filled the  
empty can with snow to use as a pot and  
hung it from a tree branch using some hay-  
wire. I added the tea and sugar to the pot  
and drank hot tea the rest of the evening,  
staying awake and keeping the fire going,  
best as I could to survive the night. It was  
cold.

Stiff, cold and chilled, the morning arrived—I  
had survived. The new snow and ice were  
shimmering white crystals, almost blinding in  
the new days sun. The storm had blown itself  
out. My fire had burned itself down to perma-  
frost and was still smouldering, as I climbed  
out of my hole onto a bed of fresh drifted  
snow—warming myself up with the new days  
sun.

It took some time to reorient myself in the  
blazing whiteness, as I continued on my  
claim line wearing sunglasses now. An hour or  
so later the chopper circled and landed to  
take me back to Mayo for a hot meal, rest  
and comfort. The chopper took off again  
pretty quick, as there were two more souls still  
out there. One of whom had frost bitten toes  
and was rushed off to Whitehorse, I found out  
later.

There's no messing around in the North and  
having a safety pack, rescue plan and being  
in shape are paramount when facing natures  
ill temper. I won't soon forget this 'overnight'  
and the "be prepared" lesson it taught me.

Cheers, Coyote

TEXADA ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club has a road trip planned for our May 21st meeting. On Wednesday at 2 p.m., we will be gathering at K&S Greens N Things, 5120 Leaper Rd. See you there.

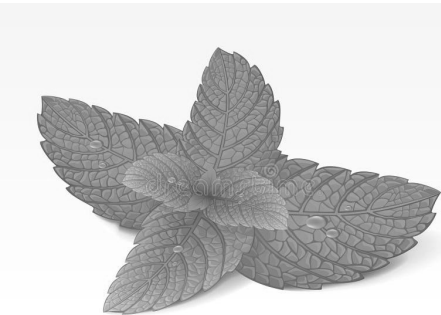
This month **Sandy McCormick** writes about her favorite plant in the garden.

To some, it's a common weed. To others, it's an obnoxious, invasive species that takes over everything and spreads like wildfire in places where it doesn't belong. Even the deer don't like it. I'm referring to my favorite plant in the garden: **mint**. Not the strong, spicy kind, but the sweet, flavorful variety from which copious pots of mint tea are made.

There are many things I love about growing mint. For one, it keeps on giving. It's perennial and produces succulent leaves from now until late fall. Cut a leafy top off and two more grow. Give it a shady spot and lots of neglect and watch its runners spread. Its demands are few. Fertilizers not required. Water when you remember, but not too often. Weeding isn't necessary as it takes over everything anyway.

Another thing I like is that it can be

harvested completely. Cut into sprigs, including the stems. Nothing is wasted. I thoroughly dry all mint sprigs for tea before using. The drying brings out the fullest flavor of the mint when steeped. Fresh mint I use with lamb, pesto, salads, pastas, potatoes and more. I appreciate that when mint dries, it lasts for many months at room temperature in a ziploc bag.



This season I'm planning to harvest frequently and hope to grow enough to last all year. It's so much tastier than store-bought tea and is as delicious chilled on a warm afternoon as hot tea is in winter.

There are many varieties of mint. Peppermint and spearmint are the most common, along with apple mint, chocolate mint and catmint (not as strong as catnip). Find the flavor you like the best. It adds fragrance to your garden and is also known to repel mosquitoes. Keep it in pots to contain its growth.

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*In Loving Memory*  
**Darlene Olive Bates**  
March 21, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we share the passing of our beloved Darlene Olive Bates. Darlene passed away peacefully at Royal Columbian Hospital on March 21, 2025.

Darlene spent her childhood in Winnipegosis Manitoba with her loving parents (Oscar and Elizabeth) and brother (Jack Paddock). Darlene loved to tell stories of the summers she spent with Jackie at their grandparents' house in Lauder Manitoba.

After a fun and exciting taste of independence in teachers' college, she spent a year teaching in northern Manitoba within a fly-in community, and then years closer to home in Fork River and Dauphin Manitoba. It was then that she met Fred Bates, married and moved westward to Calgary, Alberta to work at his side as bookkeeper for his crane company. Darlene loved that her mother travelled with her to Calgary. Shortly after that Jack married Elsie Tichon, and Darlene was happy the new couple chose to live in Calgary within a nearby community.

The gardens of Darlene's home were filled with many flower colours and varieties beautifully placed among a meticulous lawn. Her niece and nephews, on a

sleepover with Auntie and Grandma, sneakily plucking the snapdragon blossoms to make them 'roar', and voicing their awe at the two huge purple clematis plants climbing up the wall. Darlene's detailed journals frequently listed her outdoor efforts and all the important and even mundane daily events. Darlene was the 'cool' auntie for her nephews who loved her powerful green Dodge Charger with the 'peek-a-boo' pop-up headlights and all the kids loved sitting on the center console right beside her (Yup, no seat belts back then). She also had a soft spot for animals. She happily helped friends by taking in dogs needing re-homing, and even tamed a black squirrel named Susie.

After Fred Bate's passing, Darlene continued to co-own the crane company and lovingly look after her aging mother. Over time, Darlene found love again with Fred McElroy. In 1994, a few years after losing her mother in 1991, Darlene and Fred embarked on two new adventures, first traveling across North America hauling with Freightliner, and secondly on August 6th, 1994, celebrating their wedding in North Vancouver. In 1998, Darlene and Fred moved their home-base to North Vancouver, where Darlene often stayed behind to look after her beloved Aunt Olive and Uncle Ken.

In late 2004, Darlene and Fred were searching the coastal area for a perfect paradise to enjoy their retirement. In January 2005, they purchased their new home in Van Anda. Here Darlene began planting her Dahlias, roses and other favourite plants. She enjoyed touring around with Fred, exploring the island, watching the sunset above the waves and, of course,

*...Continued on next page*

**Texada Museum Musings....Texada Action Now**

In 1982 Texada faced a critical challenge when the Greater Vancouver Regional District proposed dumping city garbage on our island. With virtually 100% citizens' opposition to this plan a response group, **Texada Action Now (TAN)**, was quickly formed to fight back.

The interesting and exciting story of TAN's and Texada's success was told in the April 2016 issue of Express Lines (to be reprinted here next month by request).

TAN was established to be a voice for Texada. Its initial achievements encouraged the committee to continue as a watchdog for issues that affect the island. All Texadans are automatically members. There are no regular meetings. If something comes up "...we will deal with it quickly, get rid of it and go to sleep till the next issue arises," says Chuck Childress, one of the founders.

TAN has intervened in many concerns facing the island over the last 43 years. In most cases the community has "come out of the woodwork" to rise to the occasion. For TAN to take up a cause there has to be "overwhelming community support," says Chuck.

When the Ministry of Forests planned using herbicides to kill bracken ferns at Pocahontas Bay, TAN bid on the contract. Their "goofy idea" was simply manual clearing. The project inspired dozens of volunteers of all ages to turn out to slash the ferns.

In 1986 with TAN support Texada passed a referendum banning use of herbicides and pesticides on public lands - a first of its kind in BC!

In 2008 the proposed LNG terminal at Blubber Bay prompted TAN to fly in reporters for a media tour of Coho Point. TAN helped mobilize several environmental

groups and the project was cancelled.

In 1982 TAN lobbied the Regional District to set aside land to create the Marble Bay Bluff Park. It supported our high school when closure was threatened and lobbied BC Ferries for the triangular ferry route to Comox (cancelled during Covid). More recently in 2021 TAN demanded TELUS restore cell phone service to parts of the island.

Chuck says, "TAN is there for you." Its influence over the years has been an affirmation of Texada's independence and values in the face of continuing pressures from "the outside world."



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

**Where:** Powell River, BC (please email for address information).  
Refreshments start at 6:30 PM | Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

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**When:** 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM

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## Darlene Olive Bates...continued

satisfying her sweet tooth with an ice cream at Shelter Point. Shortly after that, Darlene was thrilled when Jack and Elsie retired to the island too. Soon the animals arrived. First the cats from her late aunt, and then the lovingly spoiled pups Tia and Harry. Darlene lost her beloved brother Jack in January of 2013, and along with Fred, she was a loving support for Elsie, her children and grandchildren. She was always there to tell a story, lend an ear or give a hug.

Darlene enjoyed laughing and chatting with other members at the Royal Canadian Legion, attending church services and supporting the Food Bank. You may have seen her enjoying a steak sandwich or beef dip at the hotel or breakfast at Mary Mary's.

Recent health issues slowed Darlene down, but she was always happy to see friends and family, take drives around the island and tend to her houseplants, including orchids and ferns. She spoiled her nieces and nephews, as well as their five children, and, of course, Elsie's pup Sam.

The family of Darlene wish to express their deep thanks to those at the Texada Island Health Centre, first responders, and the staffs at both Powell River General Hospital and the Royal Columbian Hospital. Our deepest thanks to the community for sharing their memories of Darlene and expressing their sincere condolences. As per Darlene's wishes, there will be no services. Darlene will be deeply missed and live on in our memories and hearts.



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Knud Rasmussen

January 27, 1941–March 31, 2025

Knud Rasmussen, 84, of Gillies Bay, BC, died peacefully at home on March 31, 2025.

Knud was born on the coldest night of the year in Lyngby, Denmark, on January 27, 1941, to Else and Henrik Rasmussen. At age 11, Knud started working as a delivery boy for a bakery, but he really wanted to be a farmer and at 14 he left school to apprentice as a dairyman. In 1959, he left Denmark to work on a farm in Canada, but on the crossing a fellow Dane (Martin Bode), convinced Knud to come north to Yellowknife instead. Upon his arrival, he worked at the Giant and Tundra gold mines where he participated on the Mine Rescue Team and First Aid. In 1969, Knud won the Caribou Carnival Strong Man Competition by carrying 1000 lbs of flour over 50 feet. In 1970, he started *Knud Rasmussen Drilling and Blasting Ltd.* through which he did most of the blasting work in downtown Yellowknife in the 70's and 80's (including a malfunctioning vault at the CIBC bank!) without a single insurance claim. He also collared the Robertson (Con) and Lupin mineshafts, drilled and blasted at many mine sites, prospected and mined his own small high-grade gold properties, and operated/built several rock quarries. Later, he joined the diamond rush, including putting in a winter road and blasting the first bulk sample at Snap Lake, which became Canada's 3rd diamond mine. In 2013, Knud was made an Honorary Member of the NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines. Knud was highly respected in the north and will be remembered for his integrity and hard work.

In 1963, Knud married Rita Daniels, the mother of his three eldest children, who predeceased him in 1971. In 1980, Knud married Roxanna Ralston, the mother of his two youngest children. After 45 years of working in the north, Knud retired to Texada Island with Roxanna. Knud loved flying his ultra-light airplanes out of the Texada Airport and was very interested in development of the airport, serving for many years on the airport advisory committee. He also volunteered for the Royal Canadian Legion, the Texada Aerospace Camp, and the Texada Health Centre.

Knud is lovingly remembered by his wife, Roxanna; five children: Blake, Melody, Joy, Kirsten, and Will; six grandchildren; and, three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents; his brother, Fritz; and, Rita. Knud felt he had lived a long and full life, and he was ready to leave on his own terms. The family is grateful for the excellent care provided to him by the health care team on Texada, which enabled him to live life fully until his passing.

A reception will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion at 1 pm on June 7. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to The Cancer Support Group on Texada Island.



Mother's Day Word Search

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Powell River Public Library—May at a Glance!

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

**KIDS,** szagwyn@prpl

**Preschool Storytime** - Children's Reading Room  
Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:30-11:00 am  
Library Storytime. Drop-in.

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

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

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

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

**TEENS,** edgar@prpl.ca

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

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

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

**ADULTS,** mmerlino@prpl.ca

**Spring Blossom Poetry SLAM**  
Community Room. Friday, May 2, 6:00-8:00 pm.  
Compete/join the open mic. Doors open at 5:40, come early to register. For full details contact edgar@prpl.ca.

**Dancing with Addiction**  
Community Room. Friday, May 16, 4:00-5:00 pm.  
Local author Nina Peers shares her memoir. Drop-in.

**Understanding Dementia**  
Community Room. Wednesday, May 21, 7:00-8:00 pm.  
An Alzheimer Society workshop. Registration required.

**Coping with Dementia – for Caregivers**  
Community Room. Wednesday, May 21, 7:00-8:00 pm.  
An Alzheimer Society workshop for caregivers. Registration required.

**Choosing to be Nomads in Retirement**  
Community Room. Wednesday, May 23, 3:00-4:00 pm.  
Author Margaret Herle presents her book about travelling in a renovated bus. Drop-in.

**Mixed Media Artist Candace Parker**  
Community Room. Friday, May 30, 7:00-8:00 pm.  
A local artist shares their art on display at the library. Drop-in.

**Surviving the Holocaust**  
Community Room. Saturday, May 31, 2:00-3:00 pm.  
Peter Uhlmann M.D. shares his family's story. Drop-in.

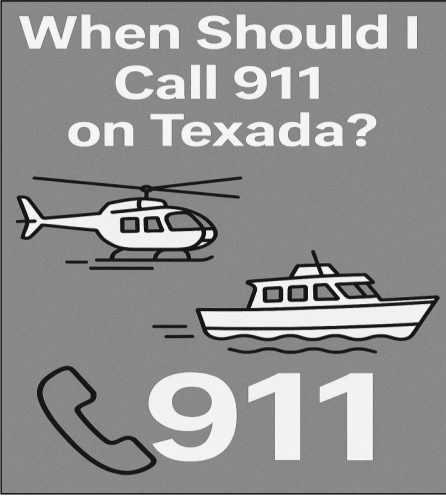
**Chess Drop-in**  
In the Library. Saturdays, 1:00-3:00 pm.  
Check out a new chess variant.

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

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



TEXADA ISLAND HEALTH SERVICES SOCIETY



Some Texada Island residents have expressed hesitation about calling 9-1-1 for an ambulance, especially late at night — concerned that, without ferry service, access to hospital care might be out of reach.

We want to reassure you: Emergency medical services are committed to providing emergency medical care, no matter the time or day.

If you need to be transported to a hospital, BCEHS has several options available — even after regular ferry hours. Depending on your condition, you may be transported by air ambulance or water taxi. While ferry callouts are no longer part of the emergency response system, Texada now benefits from a faster, more reliable marine transport service: Access Point Marine. This service can bring paramedics to the island and transport patients to Qathet General Hospital.

In many cases, the local ambulance crew hands over care to the paramedics

arriving by water taxi, allowing the ambulance to return to service quickly.

Here's something many residents may not know because of Texada's remote location, helicopters aren't limited to trauma cases. They can also be dispatched for serious medical conditions when time is critical.

Still unsure whether to call 9-1-1? You can always call 8-1-1 — a free, confidential health advice line where registered nurses can help you assess your symptoms and guide you on what to do next.

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The Hub is a Vancouver Coastal Health-approved community food preservation kitchen equipped with commercial equipment for flash-freezing, dehydrating, freeze-drying, baking, juicing, fermenting and canning all kinds of foods.

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

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

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NEWS FROM THE TEXADA ISLAND LIBRARY




The library will be closed on Monday, May 19th for the Victoria Day holiday.

The library is building on its existing Large Print and Audiobook collection. There are many benefits to Large Print, not just for seniors or anyone who is visually impaired. Large Print can be a reading motivator, a literacy and ESL tool; and an alternative to digital devices.

Being read a story is not just exclusive to children. Audiobooks give adults an opportunity to experience that lost childhood feeling of comfort. They are also great to make dull tasks more interesting, e.g. waiting in the ferry lineup or washing the dishes.

The following popular authors can be found in large print and audiobooks: David Baldacci, Jude Devereux, Jan Karon, and James Patterson to name a few.

Come in and check out the new additions. They are located on the back wall of the library near the back door.—Pam Kenny



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Tuesday	12 pm to 2 pm
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For more information about The Library, or about becoming a volunteer, please phone Charlotte Dawe, Library Coordinator, at 604-486-7440.



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DIRECTOR'S REPORT, Area D

The 2025 qRD Financial Plan has been approved and our property tax rate in area D is lower than first expected.

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATES

The residential property tax rate per \$100,000 in assessed value is \$211.01, a three per cent rise over the 2024 rate of \$204.89. Earlier drafts of the budget had higher tax rates, but some reductions in general admin costs brought costs down. In total, we will be paying \$1,233,395 in taxes across all categories of properties: residential, utilities, major and light industries, business/commercial, managed forest, recreation/non-profit and farms.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Property assessments are up this year. In total, properties on Texada are assessed at \$440,524,263, up from \$409,965,212 in 2024. The average home value is also up, to \$428,419 from \$401,876 last year. The owner of an average-priced home paid \$823.40 in property taxes in 2024, increasing to \$904.01 this year. You can guesstimate your residential property taxes by multiplying the tax rate (\$211.01) by the number of \$100,000s in your assessed value.

qRD's NEW RESOURCE RECOVERY CENTRE

A big driver of this year's \$17 million operating budget and \$6.8 million capital plan is the qRD's new Resource Recovery Centre. This isn't a surprise, and thankfully, construction and related capital costs are largely complete, so this will be less of an issue in coming years. Unfortunately, related debt-financing costs will be with us for several decades.

TEXADA ISLAND'S SERVICES FUNDING

Funding is in place for Texada's six RD services: the Health Centre, Airport, Recreation Commission, VA dock, road rescue and Heritage. On-island this year, the showers have been upgraded at Shelter Point Park, the tennis courts will be refinished and sub-floor structural work will take place at the Community Hall. The concession is expected to open later this month. Built into all budgets are a three per cent inflation factor and a 10-15 per cent increase in insurance costs.

If all of that isn't enough, there are also taxes from other agencies which appear on our tax bills. These include schools, police, BC Assessment Authority and the Regional Hospital District, where the residential property tax rate is down by 56 cents to \$34.60.

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GILLIES BAY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

The Gillies Bay Improvement District AGM is Sunday May 4 @ 2:00 P.M. at the Gillies Bay Fire Hall. The trustees annual report will include five priorities for the coming year. They are:

1. Continued safe and secure supply of water with superior attention to customer service and particular attention to leaks.

2. Beginning a capital replacement plan and planning for the longer-term future with respect to safety, sustainability, and thrift.

3. Continued planning for water treatment to comply with health standards;

including local materials, labour, and maintenance issues in the most cost effective way possible.

4. Maintain a modest, thrifty approach to taxes and fees, appropriate for a system with relatively few ratepayers.

5. Monitor the health of the watershed and water works including the effects of changing climate patterns.

If you have questions or comments, they would be welcome at the meeting.

The Trustees

GILLIES BAY & VAN ANDA FIRE DEPARTMENTS

This is a very important reminder to all of our residents that we are now moving into a dryer, warmer season and this comes with more risks to our grasslands and forests.

Already this week, we have had a significant brushfire that we attended to for several hours, and as is quite common, it re-ignited the next evening. It is surprising perhaps to some that as wet as the ground appears to be in many areas, we are still at risk for fires starting due to discarded cigarettes, barbeque coals, brush burning and accidental ignition from sparks or equipment. Please be diligent and do not hesitate to call if you have fire concerns.

A reminder—**May 15 to October 15**, there is a total ban on open burning for the island, including burning barrels. Dates may be changed due to fire conditions. Campfires are still allowed on Texada Island, unless the BC Wildfire Service determines otherwise and mandates a total, complete ban.

Thanks again to all of our residents and businesses for donating to our fund for the wildfire fighting Kubota. It has arrived at the Gillies Bay Fire Hall and we hope to have an official welcome open house to the community to come and view it after we finish outfitting it and preparing it for our wildland fire fighting needs.

Also of note, the **Van Anda Fire Department** has purchased a used heavy duty rescue truck which will also double as a wildland fire fighting vehicle with self contained water and pump.

The Gillies Bay and Van Anda Fire Departments wish to thank Texada Island Inn for offering coffee, pizza and sandwiches to our firefighters during a recent fire.



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**Cinco de Mayo May 5th Monday.** Drink Specials, MENU TBA.

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**Texada Island Non-Profit Senior Housing Society**

Thank you to everyone who came out for the Focus Group sessions with Kate Mancer and filled out a questionnaire. We are unlikely to have a draft report by the AGM, but we will post it to our website when it is complete.

Come help TINSHS celebrate **Powell River Community Foundation's First charity appreciation event** at 5131 Manson Avenue on May 31, 2025 from noon to 4pm. Powell River & qathet Regional District charities, their volunteers & the good work they do will be showcased, along with food, vintage car club, pipe band and wheelchair obstacle course.

Our **Annual General Meeting** is on Sunday, **May 4th** at 1:00 pm at the Seniors Hall, Old School, Gillies Bay. Everyone is welcome,

however, only members are allowed to vote. Memberships can be purchased at the AGM.

Individual Membership: \$10.00  
Family Membership: \$15.00

Anyone interested in serving on the TINSHS Board, please submit your name via email by May 2nd.

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

Website: [texadaseniorshousing.ca](http://texadaseniorshousing.ca)  
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**VAN ANDA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

**Hello Texada!** Here are some notes on recent events:

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** was held on Saturday April 26. Reports, financials, and draft minutes are available on the website and at the office.

**BURN BAN begins May 15** unless conditions cause the date to be brought forward. Usual annual dates for the burn ban are May 15 – Oct 15, burning barrels included. Campfires are ok at this point.

From the VAID "Fire Regulations Bylaw No. 184" on Open Air Fires: (shortened for readability) 23. A fire in the "open air" means a fire out-of-doors, not in an incinerator, and excludes campfires. A competent Person will supervise, keep under control, and ensure that any equipment necessary for fire control is available. Fire located at least 3 m (10 feet) from any grass, shrubbery, or wooden fence; and 6 m (20 feet) from any building. 24. Backyard Burning (Category 2). A Category 2 open fire is a pile up to 2 metres high and 3 metres wide or burns stubble or grass over an area less than 2,000 square metres (½ acre).

**VAID's Fire Restrictions website** page has links to the Bylaw as well as Coastal Fire Bans and a map with Fire Danger Rating for BC. [vananda-id.ca/fire-restrictions/](http://vananda-id.ca/fire-restrictions/)

**WATER RESTRICTIONS:** Stage One begins May 15 and Stage 2 on Jul 1.

Briefly, **Stage 1** restricts lawn watering to once per week, watering is done on odd or even dates based on house number, and filling of pools only allowed at specific times.

**Stage 2** further restricts lawn watering to

one hour a day once per week and washing of outside surfaces to specific situations.

If **Stage 3** is called, there is no lawn watering, pool filling, or washing of vehicles, boats, or outside surfaces.

Full detail of restrictions and a chart can be seen at [vananda-id.ca/water-restrictions/](http://vananda-id.ca/water-restrictions/)

**CONTACT INFO:** Please let us know your concerns! [contact@vananda-id.ca](mailto:contact@vananda-id.ca) – 604-486-7035.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14 at 1:30pm, upstairs at the Firehall.

**FIREFIGHTERS ALWAYS NEEDED!**  
Contact Fire Chief Mark Robert  
604-414-9662 or [firechief@vananda.ca](mailto:firechief@vananda.ca)

**WATER EMERGENCY:**  
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## PICKLEBALL



**Pickleball Club** (Dragon Boat)  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6—7:30 pm

**Saturday Pickleball Club 2.0**  
Saturday, 10 am—noon

Texada School Gym—\$2.00 drop-in Fee

**All skill levels are welcome!**

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**FIRST ON THE WATER PRACTICE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 8TH AT 5:30 PM**

**NEWCOMERS WELCOME!**



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REGIONAL DISTRICT

## EV Charger at Shelter Point

The Regional District (qRD) received grant funding for two electric vehicle charging stations – one at Shelter Point Park, and the other Klah Ah Men Lund Gazebo Regional Park.

Costs of about \$80,000 for both will be covered through the Charged for Change program, in partnership with Earth Day Canada, Aviva Canada, for the purchase, supply and installation of two dual-plug Flo CoRe+ MAX Level 2 Charging Stations.

The cost estimates include a single-pedestal Level 2 charging station with dual-plugs, a new hydro-pole if required, new overhead lighting and all signage and protective infrastructure for the charging station.

FLO's Level 2 chargers are compatible with major North American EV models (either directly or with a connector), and are accessible by downloading the [FLO App](#) or other ChargePoint roaming partner apps (EVgo, Ionity, Allego, Innogy, EVBox and others) or as a guest user by providing an email address and credit card number. The Flo EV charging station communicates wirelessly through a built-in cellular gateway, so no wired or fixed internet connection is required.

Revenue generated from the use of the EV charging station will cover electricity costs and, depending on usage, may also cover the annual fees for the service. Expenses over and above revenue will be paid from the Regional Parks Services budget. Surplus revenue generated from the EV charging station will be returned to the Regional Parks Operating budget.





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