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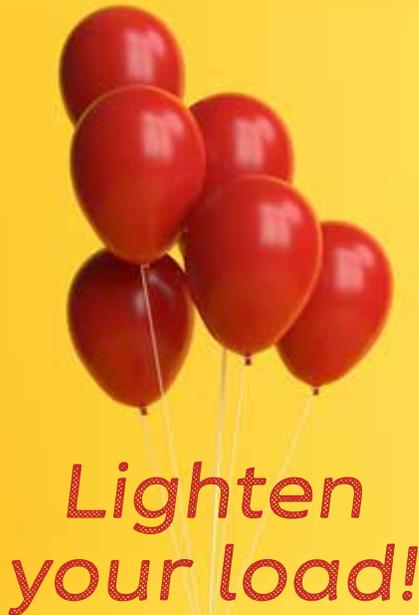
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Waugh Lake during one of our recent foggy days. (Brian Lee photo)

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Soft white underbelly



Brian Lee

A homelessness crisis is ravaging almost every community in the province and the solution seems simple — we need more affordable housing.

But is it our housing inventory that pushes people to live in the bush?

Like most social issues, it's more complicated than that.

I recently discovered “Soft White Underbelly,” a Youtube channel in which photographer Mark Laita interviews a variety of subjects near Skid Row in downtown Los Angeles.

Since 2016, Laita has posted 3,000 interviews on Youtube.

He asks few questions, preferring to let interviewees tell the grim, and gripping, stories of their past.

After a few interviews, you might be struck by how freely these people describe their worst moments as their lives spiral downward.

After a few more, you start to recognize patterns that led them there.

They are drug addicts, alcoholics, pimps, sex traffickers, drug dealers, gang members, sex trade workers, sex addicts and gamblers and their stories are unimaginable.

Downtown L.A. has very little in common with the Sunshine Coast but we share some familiar themes — methamphetamine, heroin, fentanyl and alcohol.

I can only assume the patterns that push people to the streets of L.A. are common here as well.

Many, if not most, of these stories begin with a broken home involving domestic and sexual abuse that was often intergenerational.

Many admit to lacking self-worth while seeking love that was absent during their childhood.

All are some form of drug addict. And all want out.

After recording 8,000 of these interviews, Laita was asked what might solve L.A.'s homelessness problem:

Everybody makes a big deal about how we need to fix homelessness.

But I don't believe the problem is homelessness at all because, if you peel back the layers, you've got drug addiction behind the homelessness.

But the problem isn't drugs because you peel back another layer and then it's mental illness behind that.

And then you can say, 'The problem is mental illness,' but what causes that?

You peel back another layer and you've got childhood trauma, broken families — all that stuff that people went through.

In Laita's experience, confronting these issues will take much more than building affordable housing.

He estimates that “to do rehab right” costs hundreds of thousands of dollars per person, per year.

Interviewees admit that rehab is often wasted because their coping mechanisms and experience aren't adapted to “normal” life.

Laita documents too many stories of children leaving home for the streets at the ages of 12 or 13 after enduring years of sexual abuse.

Naive and vulnerable, they are quickly snapped up by sex traffickers and addiction.

Most said they were compelled to tell their stories to warn others away from the life they endure.

It's nearly impossible for most of us to appreciate how addiction and mental health issues remove the choice of having a home or not.

He finds few saints but Laita's interviews succeed in stoking empathy for people we often dehumanize.

They also make it clear that if a solution is to be found, it will involve reversing cycles of abuse and addiction that start at home, many years before homelessness takes effect.

PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY CLUB BINGO: Thursday, March 5, doors at 5:30 p.m.

After a winter break, Bingo returns this Thursday (March 5) to the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Get there early (doors open at 5:30 p.m.) to get a seat and test your dabbers before the cash prizes begin. There are door prizes and snack and drinks available, so bring a friend (ages 19+) down and support the good work of the Pender Harbour Community Club. Pender Harbour Bingo runs from March to mid-December.

ST. PADDY'S DAY WITH THE SHAMROCKERS: Tuesday, March 17, 4 to 7 p.m.

If you're feeling green and don't know what to do on St. Patrick's Day, you do now. The Royal Canadian Legion 112 in Madeira Park promises an evening of fun with Irish pub dance band The Shamrockers. Wear green.

WORD PLAY AT THE PENDER HARBOUR LIBRARY: Saturday, March 28, 2 to 5 p.m.

Come out to the Pender Harbour Library (beside the Pender Harbour School of Music) for "Word Play" on Saturday, March 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. It's a drop-in event featuring word-based board games including Scrabble, Boggle and more. Bring your own board game (with a literacy theme) or enjoy the games provided. Free to attend.

PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS MORGAN TONEY: Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.

On March 29, the Pender Harbour Music Society presents "Mi'kmaltic Magic: Tradition Meets Innovation" with 2024 Juno-nominated Celtic fiddler and singer, Morgan Toney. Toney brings together the fiery fiddling of Cape Breton Island with the old songs of the Mi'kmaq. He calls this fusion Mi'laltic (Mi'kmaq plus Celtic). It's his way of celebrating his language and heritage. Toney and his touring partner, and fellow Cape Bretoner, Keith Mullins have collaborated to blend two worlds and cultures to give the world something unique. Together they represent the best of art — a way of understanding and acceptance. Tickets are \$30 at penderharbourmusic.ca.

Toney and Mullins will also perform their school program to MPES students on Monday, March 30.

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Harbour authority's Robin Millar wins achievement award

Robin Millar, harbour manager with the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour was recognized for his work recently by Small Craft Harbours at the Harbour Authority Association of BC's annual conference in Richmond.

On Feb. 5, Small Craft Harbours (an office within Fisheries and Oceans Canada) awarded Millar an "individual achievement regional distinction" award intended to "honour individuals who have shown extraordinary dedication to the ongoing success of their harbours or made significant contributions to the HA Program."

The HAPH manages Millenium Park and the harbour authority office and wharf in Madeira Park as well as federal docks in Secret Cove, Hospital Bay and Whiskey Slough.

"Robin consistently demonstrates strong leadership in harbour operations, community engagement and service to harbour users across four Small Craft Harbours facilities along the Sunshine Coast," said Bob Peever, HAPH president, in an email to the *Harbour Spiel*.

"He takes great pride in keeping each site well-maintained and is actively involved in the planning and design of harbour authority-funded projects, working closely with Small Craft Harbours to ensure projects are delivered effectively."

Millar was unable to attend the presentation because he was overseeing a harbour authority project on the Madeira Park government wharf pier.

According to Peever, new timber piles and footings, along with other structural upgrades, are currently undergoing installation in Madeira Park and should be ready for 2026 commercial fishing fleet activities.

The HAPH also has plans to invest \$200,000 later this year for the

purchase and installation of a new crane at the Madeira Park wharf.

The HAPH is a not-for-profit corporation registered under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act that was established to allow the Pender Harbour community to manage federal fishing harbours in the area.

The harbour authorities program was created in 1988 and has continued to grow since then. Harbour authorities currently operate and manage approximately 700 small craft harbours across Canada.

Millar is the only full time employee of the Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour which is overseen by a volunteer board consisting of Bob Peever, Bill Vangaalen, John Verver, Christine Alexander, Cheryl Patterson, Wilf Phillips, Neil Remmem, Len Lee, Chris Sherlock and Josh Young.



Christine Alexander

Robin Millar missed a Feb. 5 presentation ceremony at the Harbour Authority Association of BC annual conference because he was in Madeira Park preparing for the installation of replacement pilings (below).



Christine Alexander

Work replacing pilings and footings at the Madeira Park government wharf was well underway when this photo was taken Feb. 12.

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PHARA looks at sewage development feasibility in Madeira Park

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association is looking to the Sunshine Coast Regional District for “support in principle” to investigate the feasibility and development of a wastewater management and sewer system for Madeira Park village.

A letter included in the Feb. 19 agenda of the SCRDR’s electoral area services committee claimed the project “is vital for redevelopment and future growth of the community.”

“Growth in the Madeira Park commercial core has been stalled for years due to the lack of land available for new or expanded septic fields.

“Several existing systems are over-capacity or nearing end-of-life, limiting business development, community services, and future planning.”

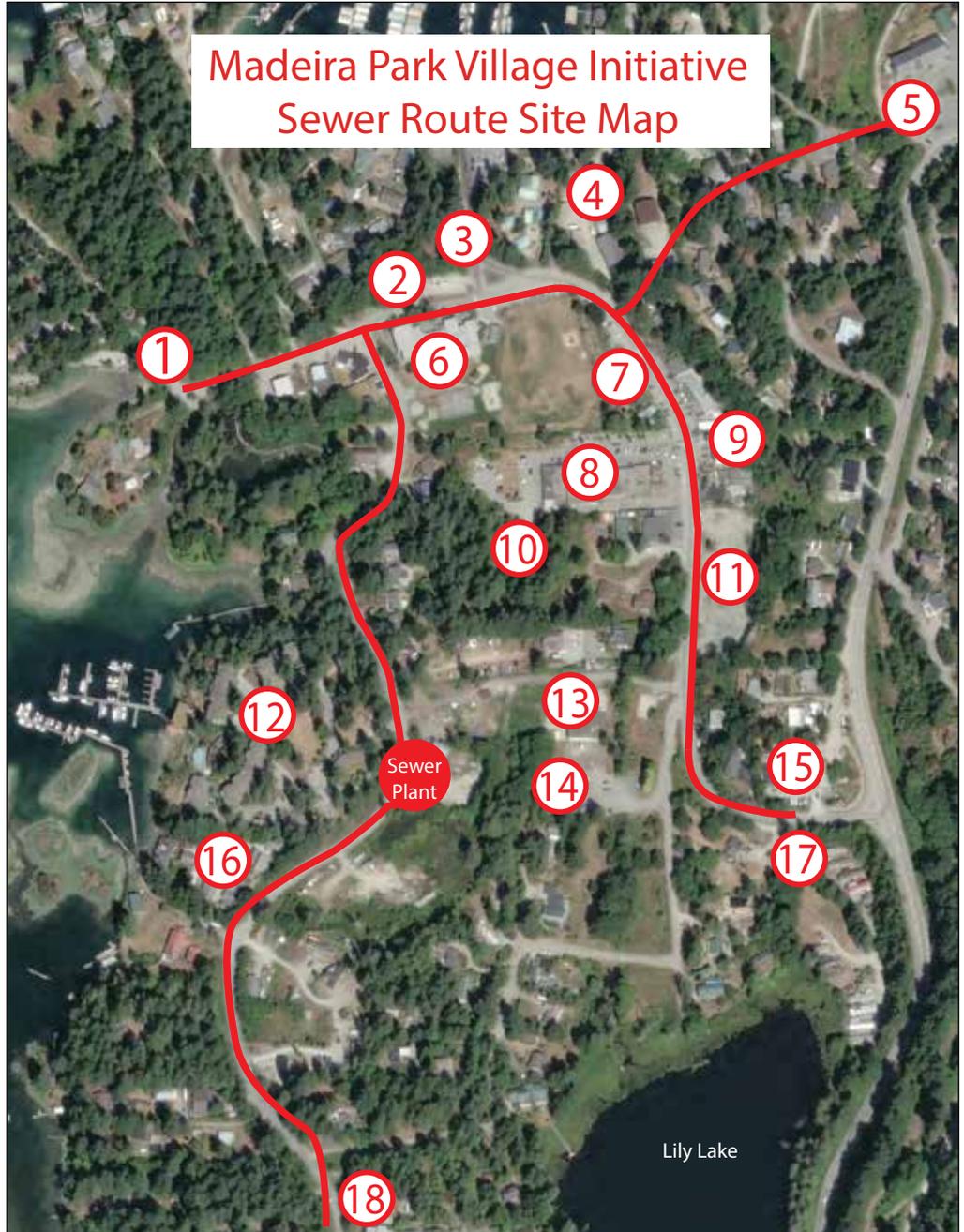
PHARA seeks support to access external funding for feasibility and engineering studies and recognition of the project as a “regional priority.”

PHARA estimates their initial request will require approximately 10 hours of SCRDR staff time to assist with grant-writing and technical scoping.

A document provided to the *Harbour Spiel* lists 18 “potential sewer heavy users” including most businesses and developable properties in Madeira Park.

Those properties include

- Coho Marina;
- Madeira Park Estates;
- Harbour Authority of P. H.;
- Madeira Marina;
- Pender Harbour Hotel;
- M. P. Elementary School;
- P. H. Community Hall etc.;
- IGA mall;
- Oak Tree Market;
- Madeira Park Vet building;
- H. Y. Louie vacant property;



P. H. and Area Residents Association

A preliminary map identifying the pathway for a potential sewer system for Madeira Park village.

- Fraser quarry development site;
 - Painted Boat Resort;
 - Former DFO office;
 - Pender Harbour Legion;
 - Harbour Spirit Centre;
 - Little Bay Resort;
 - Edgewater Trailer Park, and
 - Lily Lake Village.
- In an email, Peter Robson, PHA-

RA president, told the *Harbour Spiel* that they have also had discussions regarding potential funding sources with Randene Neill, MLA for Powell River – Sunshine Coast, and Patrick Weiler, MP for West Vancouver – Sunshine Coast – Sea to Sky Country.

“So far, everyone is in support in principle,” said Robson.

PENDER HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE

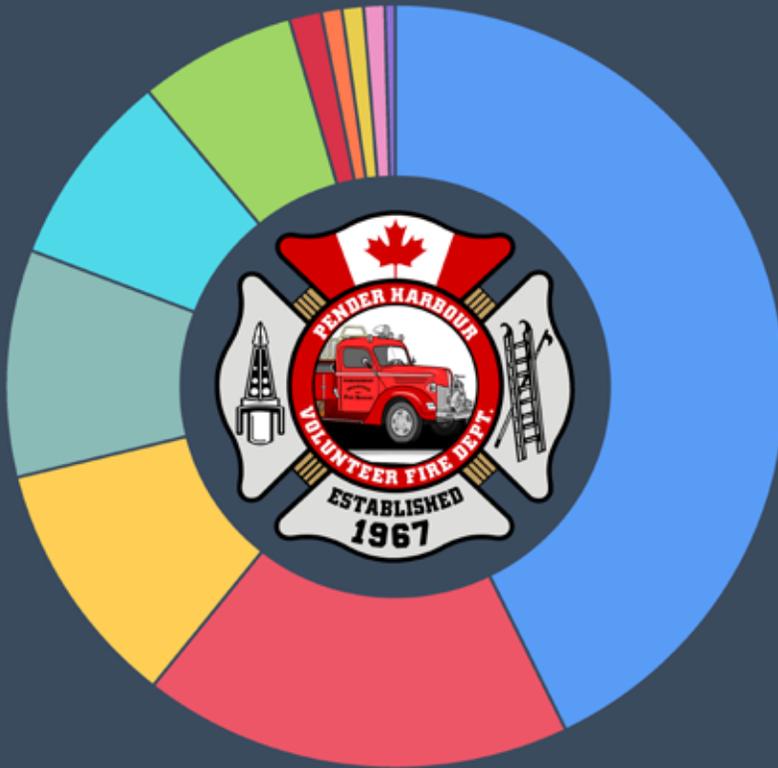
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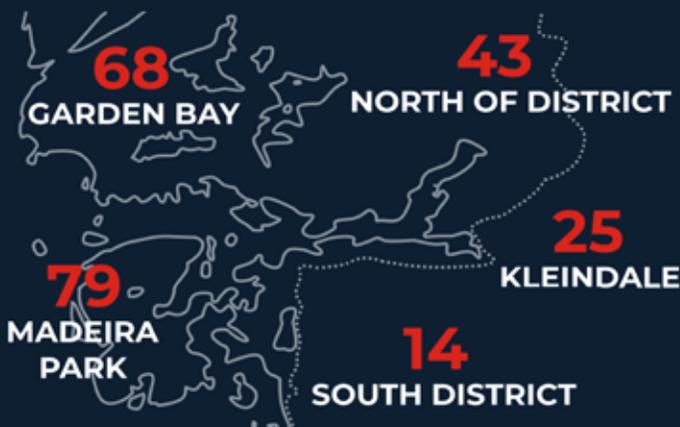
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CALLS BY TYPE

- 98 ● Medical
- 41 ● Mutual Aid
- 24 ● Vehicle Incident
- 22 ● Report of Smoke
- 19 ● False Alarm
- 15 ● Wires Down
- 3 ● Structure Fire
- 2 ● Wild Fire
- 2 ● Chimney Fire
- 2 ● Gas Spill
- 1 ● Smell of Gas

CALLS BY AREA



CALLS BY MONTH



SCRD suspends drywall collection in Pender



Brian Lee

The suspended drywall disposal area at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station.

Due to site safety concerns, the Sunshine Coast Regional District has suspended collection of drywall at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station.

In a Feb. 5 statement, the SCRCD announced that during a recent inspection serious issues were discovered with the concrete pad that the drywall bin sits on.

“As a result, it is not safe for our hauling contractor to service bins from the pad until it is rebuilt.”

A new pad is part of the Pender Harbour Transfer Station site updates project that is due to get underway this fall.

Until a new pad is in place or an alternative method of collection can be implemented, drywall collection will be available only at the Sechelt

Landfill.

Those wishing to dispose of drywall material are directed to www.scrd.ca/landfill for information about the site and www.scrd.ca/asbestos for details about what is accepted for drywall recycling.

The SRCD said updates on resumption of drywall collection will be provided when available.

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Thank you everyone for the happy memories.

Love, Dale

Lifeguards needed!



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

There's a crisis at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre, summed up perfectly by this email

I received:

"Our ONLY public exercise facility and pool is open only ONE evening per week."

We cut the facility's operating hours in August because we didn't have enough staff to keep it open as much as the community wants and arguably needs it, creating frustration for families, teens, and other groups who rely on it for safe, healthy, enjoyable physical activity in a social setting.

To safely operate the pool and increase opening hours to have the PHAFC accessible to the whole community, we need lifeguards and we can't find them.

We're considering increasing the opening hours in mid-March, but nowhere near August's schedules.

Some hours can be redistributed to evenings, which supports aquafit twice a week and is better for families and working people, but not for those who can attend the facility only during the day.

We have two positions available, preferably for adults because student lifeguards can work only evenings and weekends during the school year, but there's considerable demand for Monday to Friday, daytime use of the facility.

Like the mythical phoenix, the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre rose from ashes after the first Pender Harbour Secondary School, built in 1957, burned to the ground on Sept. 10, 1976.

That spring, the department of education approved plans to incorporate a swimming pool, one that could be used for firefighting, in the new building.

Young families led the charge of tremendous community support for the project and Shirley Vader and her committee helped achieve the opening of our pool in late 1979.

It was a collaboration between the SCRD and School District 46 costing about \$198,000, covered by Pender Harbour and Egmont taxpayers using only the value of their prop-



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Board and Committee Meetings

Committee of the Whole
March 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Our meetings are held in person in the SCRD Boardroom at 1975 Field Road, Sechelt, BC, online via Zoom, and live-streamed to the SCRD YouTube channel.

Electoral Area Services Committee
March 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole
March 26 at 9:30 a.m.

Links are available here:
www.scrd.ca/agendas.

Regular Board
March 26 at 1:00 p.m.

Share Your Input on Community Growth

We will be in your community asking questions and providing information about the Official Community Plan (OCP) Renewal Project: letstalk.scrd.ca/ocp-renewal

Join us in person for a "Coffee, Tea, and the OCP" workshop on **Wednesday, March 11** at the Pender Harbour Community Hall. This date will have two options for attendance: 6:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m., to provide flexibility for residents to attend at their own convenience.

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erty enhancements to calculate the tax.

SD 46 leases the land and building to the SCR D to operate the facility and pay for repairs, maintenance, replacements and improvements, plus half the common building component expenses.

In 2004, SD 46 replaced an entire, mould-riddled wall above the pool with Pender-Egmont taxpayers covering 65 per cent of the \$173,000 cost, but the venting system which caused the mould still needed an upgrade.

The SCR D borrowed \$856,140, our share of the \$1.5 million renovation, a federal grant covered the rest, and the work was completed in 2010.

PHAFC's then-manager, Deb Cole, said that pretty much only the original pool tank and hot tub tank remained, although they were refinished.

Renovations included the heating and ventilation system, change rooms, fitness rooms, disabled washroom, covered entrance, windows, reception area, sauna and pool deck.

We still pay around \$87,800 a year on that loan, which should be retired in 2029, when I expect we'll start saving for the next major upgrade.

In 2025, the PHAFC collected \$914,200, with 10 per cent from user fees, 83 per cent from taxation and seven per cent from interest on operating reserves.

Most of us are proud of the PHAFC and unconcerned paying about 11 per cent of our property taxes to keep it operating, but some question whether it's good value for our money, considering its limited hours.

Our pool has a long and storied history with lots of controversy, but it's always been strongly supported by residents, most notably when events

beyond our control reduced its availability or jeopardized its very existence.

The SCR D is dedicated to overcoming this current problem that has gone on far too long, and I'm confident that, if we work together to find a solution, we'll succeed, just as we've done in the past.

ELECTION APPROACHING

My four-year term as your regional director is up this year, triggering an Oct. 17 election, with advance voting opportunities on Oct. 7 and 14.

If no one runs, the SCR D will appoint an Area A SCR D director, with no requirement for that person to be a resident of our community, and their choice most likely won't be one you'll be happy with.

It's not too early to prepare if you want to run for the position, or discuss it with someone you feel would be a good representative for our growing community.

Nomination packages will be available in late July/early August, with nominations closing on Sept. 11.

I hope to see more interest in our municipal election this year because, frankly, Linda has a long list of chores for me to catch up on and she'd be thrilled if someone else took over my job (there's a saying about "happy wife, happy life").

This is a demanding job and it doesn't leave time for much else but, for me, it's been tremendously rewarding and a great honour to serve my fellow taxpayers, neighbours, friends, and family.

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To the paramedics who provided immediate care and stabilized me, to the firefighters who responded without hesitation, and to the medical staff who continued that care at the hospital — thank you. Each of you played a vital role in giving me another chance at life.

Beyond your medical expertise, what I will never forget is your compassion. In a time of fear and vulnerability, you treated me with dignity, reassurance, and kindness. That meant more than you may ever know — not only to me, but to my family as well.

You dedicate your lives to helping others, often without knowing the outcome of the calls you respond to. Please know that in my case, your efforts made all the difference. I am deeply grateful for your courage, commitment, and humanity.

And a thank you also to the special lady at the ferry terminal who assisted Joan in getting to Vancouver in a timely fashion, and for showing her compassion and kindness during a challenging time.

Our family is also deeply thankful for the strength and kindness of our close-knit community — our friends and neighbours whose support, concern, and encouragement have meant so much to us. Their care, along with yours, has helped carry us through this difficult time, and we will always be grateful.

With my sincerest thanks and appreciation,
Rod Campbell

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SUNDAY MARCH 8 STEVE HINTON BAND 2-5 PM

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LET'S TALK TRASH

The Sunshine Coast Regional District is updating its **Solid Waste Management Plan** — a roadmap for managing garbage, organics and recycling, including how expanding the Sechelt Landfill upward could provide up to 30 more years of capacity.

YOU ARE INVITED to share your input on what matters most when it comes to garbage, recycling, green waste and food waste services on the Sunshine Coast. **Join us at the following locations:**

Tuesday, March 17 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Pender Harbour Community Hall

Tuesday, March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Madeira Park IGA

Visit our dedicated engagement webpage at letstalk.scrd.ca/trash to:

- Share your feedback
- Learn more about the Solid Waste Management Plan process

The 23rd April Tools is on April 25

submitted

The advent of spring brings birds, flowers and April Tools to Pender Harbour.

The 23rd iteration of our local April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge will take place on April 25 beginning with the reveal of this year's materials list and just what the teams have to do with them.

This changes every year and remains a tightly held secret until 10 a.m. that day.

The builders have one hour to consider their options before embarking on a three-hour building spree using only their hand tools and battery-powered screw guns.

Inevitably the results are an amazing array of craft and many of them even float.

At that point the boat builders get a chance to rest and enjoy some lunch while the secondary school students who have built their boats in the school shop (with the help of Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society volunteers and free materials from Rona) take to the water for their trophy race.

They follow this up with a "fun race" that often involves sabotage and



Brian Lee

These two made it look easy at last year's competition.

a change into dry clothes after — but it's all in good fun

Once the teens are through, the adults get their boats in the water and race in two preliminary heats followed by the final.

It's worth the effort though, with first prize coming in at \$700, second at \$400 and third at \$25.

The little kids have all-day access to free materials to build and paint the boat of their dreams.

They can launch them in our little pool, then take them home to show off to their friends.

There will be also be food and sweet snacks available all day.

If you'd like to enter a team in this popular Sunshine Coast event, go to apriltools.ca and sign up.

The entry fee is \$200 for a team of up to four and includes materials and T-shirts for all.

Those entering before April 1 receive a discount with a reduced fee of \$180.

Mark the date and come to Millennium Park (the government wharf) in Madeira Park on April 25 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

taxes

Volunteer income tax program: March 1 to April 30

submitted

Offering free help with your income tax preparation, the "volunteer income tax program" runs from March 1 to April 30.

Volunteers are trained to assist with income tax preparation and it's a free service for eligible clients.

Three options are available:

- Walk-in tax clinics (first come, first serve) at the P. H. Community School (5012 Gonzales Rd.) on Mondays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the P. H. Health Centre (5066 Francis Peninsula Rd.) on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon;

- Drop off (tax information) and pickup (the completed tax return) at the P. H. Community School (5012

Gonzales Rd.) Monday to Friday.

Note: The pickup is from the box outside and drop-off in the mail slot in the door.

Or, the P. H. Health Centre reception desk (5066 Francis Peninsula Rd.) between Monday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

- By appointment – call Harry at (604) 741-5132.

King: An ode to America

Editor,

Today, the United States of America, possibly the most powerful country in the world, is slipping, slowly into becoming a third world country, and this is why.

So, let's compare the mid-1930s to today.

Germany, in the mid-1930s, had a certain dictator, who took over control with the help of his personal army of jack-booted Brown Shirts.

They hunted down Jews, Communists, Gypsies, handicapped persons and other undesirables, some were murdered and others were detained in concentration camps throughout Germany.

This dictator, then wished to have more land for his 1,000-year Reich, so he coveted Austria, Sudentenland, Saar, Czechoslovakia and Poland.

According to him, all were needed to protect Germany from Russian aggression.

Due to the weak European countries at that time, who went along with this dictator, he was allowed to proceed with this takeover of countries, except for Poland, which was taken at a later date.

Most countries didn't want a war, so they just kept letting things slide until it was too late to stop it escalating into a devastating world war.

Now, the U.S. has their own dictator, who with his private ICE army, made up of thuggish masked border control and Proud Boys, are hunting down so-called illegal immigrants, Democrats, drug gangs and other undesirables.

Some are murdered and others are detained in concentration camps before being forcefully deported.

This current dictator also wishes for more land to sustain his growing



Brian Lee graphic

population and security.

He has taken over Venezuela and now wants to annex Greenland, Canada, Cuba and Colombia.

Supposedly, all needed to protect the U.S. from Russian and Chinese aggression.

Again, we see countries rushing to meet him, offering gifts of gold for his ego, bending their knee, kissing his ring and arse and telling the world how great he is — all so their own country has only a 15 per cent tariff instead of a 70 per cent tariff.

This dictator cannot be trusted nor believed, as he changes his mind as often as his underpants.

This dictator calls himself a man of peace, yet to date he has bombed Venezuela, Iran, Syria, Nigeria and multiple so-called drug running boats in the Caribbean and Pacific while threatening other countries with annexation or invasion.

Even suing the Nobel Peace Prize authority because he was not

selected for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Maybe he will get the "Dictator of the Year" award instead of his fellow dictator in Russia.

It is true that history does repeat itself and that is what is going on at present.

When is the American electorate going to understand that the dictator they elected is making their once great country a laughing stock?

The whole world saw what happened five years ago when the baby dictator threw out his dummy and tried to cause a revolt, yet they voted him back into power a year ago.

Why? Just think about it.

The baby dictator grew up and his ego grew with him.

Is it only in the U.S. that a six-time bankrupt, convicted felon, bully boy, crotch-grabbing, egotistical, megalomaniac, could-be elected dictator?

John King
Garden Bay

Harbour Spiel

Local parents: Reduced hours at Pender pool are unacceptable

Editor,

We are a group of Pender Harbour residents and parents of school-aged children concerned about the reduced hours at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre.

We feel fortunate to live in a community with such beautiful outdoor spaces.

However, during the fall and winter months, indoor recreation becomes essential — especially for families.

For many of us, travelling to Sechart is not always realistic.

The pool and fitness centre here in the Harbour are vital to our chil-

dren’s physical health, mental well-being and water safety.

As taxpayers who contribute to this SCRCD facility, we value it deeply and want to see it accessible.

Swimming lessons are not just recreation — they are a life skill in a coastal community like ours.

We understand there may be budget or staffing challenges.

Still, we respectfully ask that restoring pool hours — even modestly — be prioritized or that creative solutions be explored.

A small increase would make a meaningful difference to many families.

Our intention is not criticism, but

collaboration.

We care about this community and hope there is room for dialogue and flexibility moving forward.

Dominique Rand
and Dallis Daly

photojournal



submitted

A cheque for \$10,000 was recently handed over to the Pender Harbour Health Centyre from funds raised from the Bargain Barn’s Christmas raffle ticket sales in October and November. From left to right, Nick Gaskin, PHHC executive director, Lesley Durrant, president, PHHC Auxiliary and Diane Hopkinson, president of the PHHC society board.



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Doors (Pender Harbour School of Music) open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

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The board of directors elections will take place and members in good standing can vote and can put their name forward as a nominee. Purchase or renew your membership online via etransfer ahead of the meeting at www.penderharbourheritage.ca/become-a-member.html.

Send any questions about your membership status or the open board positions to penderharbourheritage@gmail.com.

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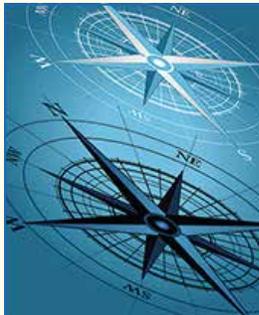
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PHYSICIAN ACCESS

The PHHC now has two part-time physicians working at Health Centre, Dr. Bazilli and Dr. Williams. To access these physicians, you need to be attached to them through the Health Connect Registry. From time to time, we may have locums working at the clinic who can see unattached patients, please watch for updates on our website and Facebook page to see when we have a locum scheduled and how you can book an appointment.

NURSING CLINIC

The PHHC offers various nursing services such as blood work, wound care, IV infusion and Holter monitors. These services are offered Monday to Friday and require a requisition from a prescribing physician or specialist. Those that reside in the catchment area of the PHHC can access these nursing services with a requisition from any physician. Please call reception for more information or to make an appointment.

SPECIALIZED CLINICS

The PHHC offers access to a nurse-led Chronic Disease Management clinic and a Dietitian clinic at the Health Centre. These clinics are free to access and are open to both attached and unattached patients of Pender Harbour. Please call reception to find out about the next clinic day and to make an appointment.

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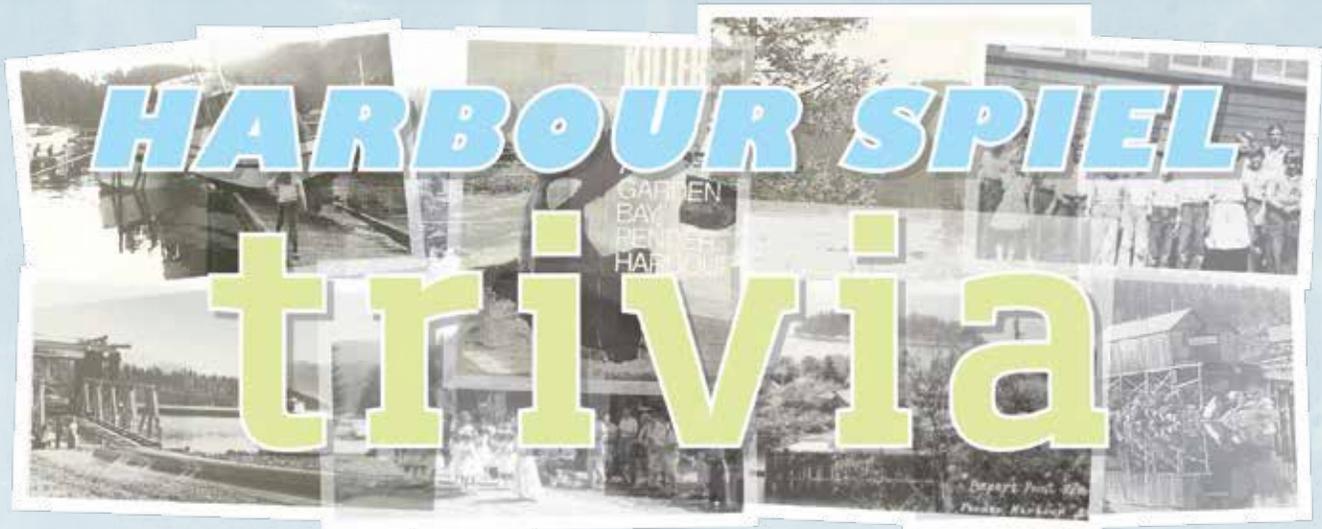
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1. Which species of deer do you find on the Sunshine Coast?

- a. White-tailed deer
- b. Black-tailed deer
- c. Red deer
- d. Mule deer

2. What is the name of the restaurant at the Pender Harbour Golf Course?

- a. Fairway Clubhouse Bar and Grill
- b. Chip-in Clubhouse Bar and Grill
- c. Sand Trap Clubhouse Bar and Grill
- d. Ace's Clubhouse Bar and Grill

3. Which of the following species of salmon has an abundance of spots on its tail?

- a. coho
- b. sockeye
- c. pink
- d. chum

4. Name of the Sechelt avenue that runs south-north from downtown to the Lighthouse Pub?

- a. Wharf Ave.
- b. Inlet Ave.
- c. Xenichen Ave.
- d. Trail Ave.

5. Who of the following is NOT a director of the Loon Foundation?

- a. Jude Palmer
- b. Michelle Johnston
- c. Robert Patrick
- d. Will Corse

6. Who is known for their work in radioactivity?

- a. Isaac Newton
- b. Albert Einstein
- c. Marie Curie
- d. Nikola Tesla

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Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

'No doctor, no school — no good,' old wives say of early Egmont

By Gladys McNutt

This article first appeared in the Coast News, Feb. 17, 1955.

Having assigned myself the task of looking up the early history of this Egmont area, I soon found myself in difficulties. Who was the first settler and what, pray, is a settler anyways? Could he be a squatter or did he have to have a pre-emption? How long would he have to stay? Must he have a wife and family? Did the family have to be all white?

The label "first" is getting pretty threadbare from constant removal.

"Yes," said Henry Silvey, now a great-grandfather,

"I didn't come here to live until the 1920s but my father had a house and large shed over there where Bill's house stands.

"He had a schooner. I was just a youngster then. I remember them catching the dogfish along shore here and rendering them for oil."

There may have been white men on the Coast from the time of the first Spanish ships. There were the men of the fur trading companies, of the Cariboo gold rush of the 1850s and always a constant stream of ship deserters.

White women were few and far between until the coming of the railway in 1885. Men frequently acquired native wives. Some of these families took up land but did a lot of moving about. They were probably less afraid of the Indians than the white families.

Captain Veddick said that when he went as part of a colony to Hermando Island, he was told,

"Watch out for the Indians — carry a gun at all times."

Independent trappers and prospectors gradually spread up the coast. They led the way and opened up the country for the white settlers to fol-

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low. These settlers came in increasing numbers with each depression, after the Boer War and before and after World War I. They hoped to "live off the country" as the saying went.

They found many of the best locations were already Indian reserves. Of what was left, they chose whatever came nearest to the ideal — a protected bay, sunny exposure, flat land and a running stream. Latecomers got poorer pickings. Many kept moving from place to place and never stayed put until the size of their families required them to do so. Then the wives and children were left permanently on shore while the men went off in their boats to earn the living.

The old wives I talked to did not, as a whole, think much of those days — no doctor, no school, uncertain income, miles from everywhere and loneliness.

"When I chopped the wood the sound went echoing up into the forest. I could not stand the silence. It oppressed me. I told him he had to move us out of there."

Or, "I had a terrible pain. It was so bad I decided I better go to Vancouver on the steamer. It did not come that day. It did not come the next day. When it did come, the pain was gone so I didn't go."

To the men, it was different. They look back with pleasant reminiscences and nostalgia. Back in Europe a family stayed put for generations. The man had but one trade. He was kept in a rut. He obeyed the boss and watched the clock. Hunting and game fishing were for the nobility.

Here, he had freedom. He went where he pleased — fishing, logging and hunting. He was a jack of all trades and his own master. He sought company at the fish dock, the steamer

dock, at a neighbor's float or tied to another boat.

The women made cracks, "Talk about us women being gossips," and jealously asked for the latest news.

He gambled all the time — where the fish were, how best to catch them, whether the handlogging show would be easy, how long it would take and the price of logs.

When the going got tough he would hire out to a job, but not for long. Said a fisherman, turned hired logger, "I think I will quit work and go fishing."

The implication was that he did not consider fishing to be work, because he liked to do it.

"Never hire a fisherman," they used to say.

"He will be gone when the first fish jumps."

Hand loggers were the same. We hired one once who could buck logs like nobody's business. His wife enjoyed the steady income. We would have kept him but two months was the limit. He got himself a claim.

The settlers multiply, the fish get less, the trees farther apart and harder to get. There are just a handful left who do not have to "go to work" most of the time. To these few, the coming of the road spelled "finis."

Listen to the words of my old Indian friend. She had been to Sechelt to stay with her daughter for the holiday festivities and had come to discuss it over a cup of tea.

"Midnight mass. White people come. Mass three times. White people first. Too many white people — like that (she puts her cupped hands together to form a pocket).

"Too many eggs in basket. Basket too full.

"Too many white people."

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HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

March 5 – Discussion plus maybe a visit and story reading with the elementary students.

March 12 – Presentation from the Sunshine Coast Community Action Team

March 19 – Presentation from Lana Brandt: All things PODS and the Loon Foundation

March 26 – Free Lunch for all who attend the presentation from the Loon Foundation's Jenn Blancard on the monitoring program and the importance of baseline data in marine ecosystems.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, March 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27 & 30

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pender harbour tides ~ march 2026

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



March	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sun 01	8.4	10.9	13.2	14.8	15.4	15.1	14.2	12.9	11.6	10.8	10.6	11.1	12.0	12.9	13.4	13.2	12.1	10.2	8.0	5.9	4.2	3.4	3.6	4.9
Mon 02	7.0	9.6	12.1	14.2	15.4	15.5	14.7	13.3	11.7	10.3	9.6	9.7	10.5	11.7	12.8	13.5	13.3	12.2	10.3	8.1	6.0	4.5	3.9	4.4
Tue 03	6.0	8.4	11.0	13.4	15.0	15.6	15.1	13.8	12.0	10.2	8.9	8.4	8.9	10.0	11.5	12.8	13.5	13.3	12.2	10.3	8.2	6.3	5.1	4.9
Wed 04	5.7	7.6	10.0	12.4	14.4	15.5	15.4	14.3	12.6	10.5	8.8	7.7	7.6	8.4	9.8	11.5	12.9	13.6	13.3	12.2	10.4	8.4	6.8	6.0
Thu 05	6.1	7.3	9.3	11.5	13.6	15.0	15.4	14.7	13.1	11.1	9.0	7.4	6.7	6.9	8.1	9.8	11.6	13.0	13.6	13.3	12.2	10.5	8.9	7.6
Fri 06	7.1	7.6	9.0	10.8	12.8	14.3	15.1	14.8	13.5	11.6	9.5	7.5	6.3	6.0	6.7	8.1	10.0	11.8	13.1	13.6	13.3	12.2	10.8	9.5
Sat 07	8.6	8.5	9.2	10.5	12.1	13.6	14.5	14.6	13.8	12.2	10.1	8.1	6.4	5.6	5.7	6.6	8.2	10.1	11.9	13.1	13.6	13.3	12.7	11.8
Sun 08	10.9	10.1	9.7	9.8	10.5	11.7	12.9	13.8	14.2	13.8	12.6	10.8	8.8	7.0	5.7	5.3	5.6	6.8	8.4	10.2	11.9	13.0	13.5	13.2
Mon 09	12.6	11.8	11.1	10.8	11.0	11.6	12.4	13.2	13.7	13.6	12.8	11.4	9.6	7.9	6.4	5.4	5.2	5.7	6.9	8.4	10.1	11.6	12.8	13.3
Tue 10	13.3	12.9	12.3	11.8	11.6	11.8	12.2	12.8	13.2	13.3	12.8	11.8	10.4	8.8	7.3	6.1	5.4	5.3	5.8	6.9	8.3	9.8	11.3	12.5
Wed 11	13.2	13.3	13.1	12.8	12.4	12.2	12.2	12.4	12.7	12.8	12.7	12.0	11.0	9.7	8.3	7.0	6.0	5.4	5.4	5.8	6.8	8.1	9.6	11.0
Thu 12	12.3	13.1	13.5	13.5	13.2	12.8	12.4	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.4	12.2	11.6	10.6	9.4	8.1	6.9	5.9	5.4	5.3	5.7	6.7	8.0	9.6
Fri 13	11.1	12.5	13.4	13.8	13.7	13.3	12.8	12.3	11.9	11.9	12.0	12.1	12.2	11.8	10.9	9.7	8.3	6.9	5.8	5.2	5.0	5.6	6.7	8.2
Sat 14	9.9	11.6	12.9	13.8	14.0	13.7	13.1	12.3	11.6	11.3	11.3	11.6	12.0	12.2	12.0	11.3	10.0	8.4	6.9	5.6	4.9	4.8	5.5	6.8
Sun 15	8.6	10.5	12.3	13.6	14.2	14.1	13.4	12.4	11.4	10.7	10.5	10.8	11.4	12.1	12.5	12.4	11.6	10.1	8.4	6.7	5.3	4.6	4.7	5.7
Mon 16	7.4	9.5	11.5	13.2	14.2	14.4	13.7	12.6	11.3	10.2	9.6	9.7	10.4	11.4	12.3	12.9	12.8	11.8	10.2	8.3	6.5	5.2	4.6	5.1
Tue 17	6.4	8.4	10.7	12.7	14.1	14.6	14.2	13.0	11.4	9.9	8.8	8.4	8.9	10.1	11.5	12.7	13.3	13.2	12.1	10.3	8.3	6.4	5.3	5.0
Wed 18	5.8	7.5	9.8	12.0	13.8	14.7	14.6	13.5	11.7	9.8	8.2	7.3	7.3	8.3	9.9	11.7	13.1	13.8	13.5	12.3	10.4	8.4	6.7	5.8
Thu 19	5.9	7.1	9.0	11.3	13.3	14.6	14.9	14.0	12.3	10.1	8.0	6.5	5.9	6.4	7.9	9.9	12.0	13.5	14.2	13.8	12.5	10.7	8.8	7.3
Fri 20	6.7	7.2	8.6	10.6	12.7	14.3	15.0	14.5	13.0	10.8	8.3	6.2	4.9	4.7	5.7	7.6	9.9	12.2	13.9	14.5	14.1	12.8	11.1	9.4
Sat 21	8.2	7.9	8.7	10.2	12.1	13.8	14.9	14.9	13.8	11.7	9.2	6.6	4.7	3.7	3.9	5.3	7.4	10.0	12.3	14.0	14.6	14.2	13.1	11.6
Sun 22	10.2	9.3	9.3	10.2	11.7	13.3	14.5	15.0	14.4	12.7	10.4	7.7	5.3	3.6	3.0	3.5	5.1	7.3	9.9	12.3	13.9	14.6	14.3	13.4
Mon 23	12.2	11.1	10.5	10.7	11.5	12.8	14.0	14.7	14.7	13.6	11.7	9.2	6.7	4.6	3.2	2.8	3.4	5.0	7.2	9.7	12.0	13.6	14.4	14.3
Tue 24	13.6	12.7	11.9	11.5	11.7	12.4	13.3	14.1	14.5	14.1	12.8	10.8	8.5	6.2	4.4	3.2	2.9	3.6	5.0	7.1	9.3	11.5	13.2	14.2
Wed 25	14.3	13.9	13.3	12.6	12.3	12.3	12.7	13.4	13.8	13.9	13.4	12.1	10.3	8.2	6.2	4.6	3.6	3.3	3.8	5.1	6.9	9.0	11.0	12.8
Thu 26	14.0	14.4	14.2	13.7	13.1	12.6	12.4	12.6	12.9	13.2	13.3	12.8	11.7	10.1	8.3	6.6	5.1	4.1	3.8	4.2	5.3	7.0	9.0	11.0
Fri 27	12.8	14.0	14.6	14.5	14.0	13.2	12.5	12.0	11.9	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.5	11.8	10.5	8.9	7.2	5.8	4.7	4.2	4.5	5.6	7.3	9.3
Sat 28	11.4	13.2	14.4	14.8	14.6	13.9	12.8	11.8	11.1	10.8	11.1	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.1	11.1	9.6	8.0	6.4	5.2	4.7	4.9	6.0	7.8
Sun 29	9.9	12.0	13.8	14.8	15.0	14.4	13.3	11.9	10.6	9.8	9.6	10.1	10.9	11.8	12.4	12.4	11.6	10.3	8.6	6.9	5.7	5.2	5.5	6.7
Mon 30	8.6	10.8	12.9	14.4	15.1	14.8	13.8	12.2	10.5	9.2	8.4	8.5	9.3	10.5	11.8	12.6	12.8	12.1	10.8	9.0	7.4	6.2	5.8	6.4
Tue 31	7.8	9.8	12.0	13.8	14.9	15.1	14.2	12.7	10.8	8.9	7.6	7.2	7.7	8.9	10.5	12.0	13.0	13.2	12.5	11.1	9.4	7.8	6.8	6.7

Robert Livingston (with data provided at www.tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide)



Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Disapproval.

By email only:

editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

Harbour Seals of Approval to **all community members who have supported our program** especially **Isla Mackay, Rochelle Blain from Elevate Aerial Yoga, Barb McAlister, Kyle Leech, Cindy Schroeder and Rob Stiglitz, Greg from Life's a Pitch roofing and the MPES PAC.**

Stephanie Van Dyk
PHSS PAC hot lunch program

Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to **Danny Swanson** for donating three loads of sand and a load of soil to the Madeira Park corner garden project. Also, thanks to **Scott at Double D Trucking** for facilitating the deal.

Ron Badley

A huge ambulance full of Harbour Seals to **Shaun and Mark from the Madeira Park ambulance**, for their most kind help to me last week, when taking me to hospital.

John King

A stretcher full of Harbour Seals to **the staff in the emergency department at Sechelt Hospital**, and specially to **RNs Troy, Michelle and Dr. Sarah.** They solved my problem quickly and professionally with much kindness and laughter.

John King

Sending 3,500 Harbour Seals of Approval to **our generous community** for supporting the Pender Harbour Library's recent email and telephone campaign for donations for purchasing new books.

Sylvia Showler
Pender Harbour Library



Marita Davie

On the morning of Feb. 5, while waiting for the schoolbus, one local mom caught this moody shot of her girls (Jessica, Grade 7 at PHSS and Charly, Grade 2 at MPES) on the Garden Bay lake T-dock.

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES MARCH



DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechart Inlet).

1. 9:52 AM -M, 2:26 PM +M
2. 10:34 AM -L, 3:27 PM +L
3. 11:13 AM -L, 4:21 PM +L
4. 11:47 AM -L, 5:14 PM +L
5. 12:21 PM -L
6. 12:39 PM -L
7. 1:01 PM -XL
8. 2:22 PM -XL
9. 2:38 PM -L
10. 8:24 AM +M, 2:56 PM -L
11. 9:11 AM +S, 3:53 PM -L
12. 5:25 PM -L
13. 12:51 PM +S, 6:44 PM -L
14. 9:07 AM -M, 1:55 PM +S
15. 9:51 AM -M, 2:46 PM +M
16. 10:30 AM -M, 3:33 PM +L
17. 11:07 AM -L, 4:19 PM +L
18. 11:40 AM -L, 5:07 PM +XL
19. 12:10 PM -L, 6:05 PM +XL
20. 12:37 PM -XL, 6:56 PM +XL
21. 1:04 PM -XL
22. 1:13 PM -XL
23. 1:52 PM -XL
24. 7:58 AM +M, 2:55 PM -XL
25. 8:54 AM +M, 4:12 PM -XL
26. 10:16 AM +S, 5:28 PM -L
27. 12:07 PM +S, 6:45 PM -L
28. 8:50 AM -M, 1:30 PM +S
29. 9:43 AM -M, 2:33 PM +M
30. 10:26 AM -L, 3:39 PM +L
31. 11:03 AM -L, 4:32 PM +L

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GREENLAND

56,699

Population of Greenland, the world's largest island that is not a continent.

19,900

Population of Greenland's capital, Nuuk.

80%

Percentage of the country that is covered by the ice cap and glaciers.

110 million

The number of Olympic size swimming pools worth of water the ice cap covering Greenland is losing each year (according to the Journal of Geophysical Research Letter).

75%

The average Greenlander has 75% Inuit ancestry and 25% European ancestry.

3,693 metres

Greenland's highest point, Gunnbjørn's Fjeld.

50,000

The number of speakers of Greenlandic, the only official language of Greenland (85 to 90% of the total population).

4,000 to 5,000

The first humans on Greenland arrived some 4,000-5,000 years ago from the North American continent via Canada, after the sea froze in the narrow strait at Thule in Northern Greenland.

1 sq. kilometre

The size of Greenland's only forest, situated in the Qinngua Valley on the country's southern tip.

~ Nordic Council, wikipedia, Denmark

MARCH WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average March daily high is 9.2C, our average daily low 4.3C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 6.7C. The highest March temperature recorded is 15.6C (March 11, 1965); the lowest, -3.3C (March 3, 1976).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

March has an average of 127.7 hours of bright sunshine and 15 days with rainfall. The monthly total rainfall averages 78.6 mm; monthly total snowfall averages 1.5 cm. The highest March daily rainfall recorded is 44.7 mm (March 4, 1968). The highest March daily snowfall recorded is 8.9 cm (March 2, 1962).

MARCH ASTROLOGY

PISCES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 20



The finest of the signs, Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics.

Self-reflection. You're doing it right. And you're right, you have nothing to worry about. The Sun, Mars, Mercury, Venus and Rahu are in your 12th house. Together. Right now. That would never happen to a Sagittarius, would it? This year vow to reconsider the Pisces habit of being so fair and keep a little for yourself. Lotto: 6 19 24 37 38

ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19



Aries is a male sign dominant in nature and is ruled by Mars. People born under this sign are very fast in executing tasks

and are disciplined and punctual. When Saturn landed in your sign and buddied up with Neptune on Feb. 20, it caused a disruption. Heed that song by Awolnation and "Run." There's an emotional torrent rolling your way — board up your windows and head to the Interior. Trust your lack of perceptiveness to protect you from insults hurled on March 18.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Feb. 14

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

1. **Unceded: Understanding British Columbia's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now** by George M. Abbott (UBC Press)
2. **A Season for Spies** by Iona Wishaw (Touchwood Editions)
3. **Inquisitive Raven** by Richard Wagamese, illustrated by Bridget George (published by Douglas & McIntyre)
4. **We All Love** by Julie Flett (Greystone Books)
5. **The Trees Talk** by Jennifer Scott, illustrated by Carla Joseph (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
6. **Cheapskate in Lotusland** by Steve Burgess (Douglas & McIntyre)
7. **A Sign of the Times: The Best of the Penthouse Marquee** by Benjamin Jackson, Aaron Chapman (Anvil Press)
8. **Best of BC Road Trips** by Sam Burkhart (OP Media Group)
9. **Coastal Connections: A History of BC Ferries and Passenger Ships** by Derek Hayes (Harbour Publishing)
10. **Swimming Holes and Beaches of SW BC** by Alex McKeen & George Harwood Smith (Greystone Books)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 ~ **John Ellis** and **Linda Dunaway**.
 March 2 ~ **Sandra Bosch**, **Marcus Delaney** and **Emma Valli**.
 March 3 ~ **Ernie Carswell**, **Lana Ross**, **Terry Bosner** and **Jim Reid**.
 March 4 ~ **Glen Brydon** and **Brian Lee**.
 March 5 ~ **Mackenzie Stewart**, **Brigit Garrett**, **Sylvia Heiliger**, **Alicia McDonald** and **Valerie Reid**.
 March 6 ~ **Eden Logtenberg**, **Freda McDermott** and **Ron Minch**.
 March 7 ~ **Mitch Higgins**, **Cassidy Craig-Watters** and **Bob McDonald**.
 March 8 ~ **Jeremy Morin**.
 March 9 ~ **Bobbie Wendland**, **Eldor Dougan** and **Denise Cymbalist**.
 March 10 ~ **Wendy Hollis** and **Stuart McLean**.
 March 11 ~ **Gayle Adams**, **Tannis Campbell** and **Larry Mack**.
 March 12 ~ **Alicia Whittaker**, **Sunny Charboneau** and **Gord Wenman**.
 March 13 ~ **Ian McDonald** and **Paul McDonald**.
 March 14 ~ **Heather Smith**.
 March 15 ~ **Bev Higgins**, **Arlen Howitt**, **Carissa Gilkes** and **Justin McKimm**.
 March 16 ~ **Steve Hanna** and **Brad Zayshley**.
 March 17 ~ **Bill Bradshaw**, **Jim Weir**, **Michelle Cymbalist** and **Chris Cavielier**.
 March 18 ~ **Mike Reid**, **John Struthers**, **Taylor Metcalfe**, **Blair Landry**, **Janie Arduini** and **Michelle Bernier**.
 March 19 ~ **Megan Knock**.
 March 20 ~ **Larry Curtiss**, **Patrick White**, **Kim Smail** and **Tammy Collins**.
 March 21 ~ **Melissah Charboneau** and **David Massullo**.
 March 22 ~ **Jasmine Chandler**, **Dennis Cotter**, **Margaret Hartley**, **Ross Palmer** and **Dan Soper**.
 March 23 ~ **Mary Ann Haase** and **Barb Cowan**.
 March 24 ~ **Jane Reid** and **Heather Fearn**.
 March 25 ~ **Hailley Schroeder**, **Lexine Scoular** and **Shirley Norish**.
 March 26 ~ **Motoko Baum** and **Halle Bosch**.
 March 27 ~ **Maureen Lee**, **Donna Edwardson**, **Cole Edwardson**, **Doris White** and **Rick Wagner Jr**.
 March 28 ~ **Jill Bennett**, **Bill Charlton** and **Joka Roosen**.
 March 29 ~ **Melanie LeBlanc** and **Terry Jacks**.
 March 30 ~ **Del Deguire**.

Harbour Spiel, March 2016: Barry Penner's report on the DMP report

This news story originally appeared in the March 2016 issue of the Harbour Spiel.

There will be “further environmental and archaeological studies related to Pender Harbour before finalizing the draft dock management plan.”

That is the most notable response from the province after former MLA Barry Penner's report on the controversial DMP was released to the public Feb. 12.

Between August and October 2015, Penner met with approximately 75 community members, SCR D representatives, three MLAs, the group known as the Pender Harbour Indian Band and Chief Calvin Craigan and Councillor Garry Feschuk of the shishálh Nation.

In his report submitted Nov. 8, 2015, Penner provides background to the 12-year “unofficial moratorium” and listed many of the common issues and concerns of those he interviewed before launching into his findings.

Penner found that there is a “significant deterioration in the relationship between the shishálh Nation and the non-Aboriginal community.”



MFLNRO

Barry Penner and the first page of his 2015 report on the dock management plan.

The report attributes much of that tension to the DMP but goes on to point out “the general public, at least in the area of Pender Harbour, is not fully aware of the degree to which the BC government has embarked on efforts to reconcile with First Nations; or why; or what this may mean to the non-Aboriginal community.”

Other findings confirm the importance of docks to the “local culture and economy” and that the absence of studies “showing a negative environmental or archeological impact from docks poses a serious impediment to building public understanding of, and support for, the DMP.”

“Everybody I've talked to, including the dock management plan working group, have said they think the Penner report is unbiased and fair to everybody,” said Leonard Lee, chair of the Pender Harbour dock management plan working group.

“And everyone seems to agree that if all of the recommendations were accepted, it would be a good way to go forward and start improving the atmosphere around what has happened.”

Penner listed 13 recommendations he believes, “will assist in reducing tensions and addressing the controversy related to the DMP for Pender Harbour.”

Recommendation No. 2:

The ministry, perhaps with support from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, should conduct an in-depth environmental study of the impact of docks in Pender Harbour, with a focus on but not limited to Zone 1 as defined in the DMP.

Such a study should, among other things, examine whether sewage from boats or onshore dwellings and commercial operations is having a negative impact. Ongoing monitor-

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ing of environmental conditions and habitat impacts should be undertaken, and an annual limit on new tenure applications should be considered depending on the outcome of studies/monitoring.

Lee agrees.

“Let’s have a study and see what damage the docks do but by putting zones in with absolute prohibition, they’re saying that multiple docks harm the environment.

“If that’s the case, that’s a problem province-wide, not just in Pender Harbour.”

A Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations information bulletin, “Pender Harbour Dock Management Plan next steps,” accompanied the release of Penner’s report and provides the province’s responses to his recommendations:

“The province will undertake an environmental study and use the study results to inform the need for ongoing monitoring and limiting the number of new dock applications each year.”

The province accepted Penner’s recommendation (No. 4) to undertake an archaeological inventory for the north shore of Pender Harbour “sufficient to satisfy the requirements for a ‘preliminary field reconnaissance.’”

Penner wrote that the province should make a summary of it, and another archeological inventory conducted in 2004 on the south side of Pender Harbour, publicly available.

His reasoning:

“While the rationale for keeping precise locations secret when it comes to archeological sites is understandable, it also contributes to public skepticism that such sites exist or that they are meaningful in a cultural and historic sense.”

The province was noncommittal

in its response:

“The release of archeological information will follow standard government practices to ensure the ongoing integrity of sites and compliance with B.C.’s Heritage Conservation Act.”

The response noted the shishálh Nation would also be consulted.

In order to further reduce opposition to the DMP, Penner recommended (No. 5) eliminating the absolute prohibition on new docks in Zone 1 and instead require “appropriate studies from qualified professionals” to demonstrate that proposed docks will be designed in such a way as to avoid significant adverse environmental or archaeological effects.

Once again, the province responded by indicating this recommendation will also be reviewed once the studies are completed.

Zone 1 dock owners may also be forced to post security to help defray costs associated with default or non-compliance with tenure agreements (No. 6).

Penner suggested the province needs to make the eventual DMP more clear.

To do so, he recommended (No. 10) the province reaffirm “that archeological surveys or studies required by the dock management plan can be conducted by either qualified profes-

sionals working for shishálh Nation or by other qualified professionals.

“Consideration should be given to informing property owners of how they can locate a qualified professional for this purpose.”

He also advised the MFLNRO (No. 13) should produce an easy to understand brochure to help explain the final DMP.

The province agreed to do so.

In the meantime, tenure holders will wait for the results of the studies to inform the DMP’s review.

In the MFLNRO information bulletin accompanying the report, the province indicated, “It is anticipated that these studies may take up to a year to complete.

“The ministry will also consider extending, right away, existing Pender Harbour dock tenures for up to two years, while the further environmental and archeological studies are undertaken.”

Lee said the DMP working group is in the process of drafting a letter to the province requesting “to be involved in the consultation in finalizing the DMP and in setting the parameters for the studies — both studies, the environmental and the archeological.”

Copies of Penner’s report and the province’s responses to it can be found at www.penderharbourdockplan.com.



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MARCH

- Sun. March 1.....Live music with Raspberry Jam - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
Thu. March 5.....Harbourside Friendships (Discussion) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. March 5.....Pender Harbour Bingo starts up for the season - P. H. Community Hall, doors at 5:30 p.m.
Fri. March 6.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. March 7.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.
Sun. March 8.....Daylight savings begins
Sun. March 8.....Live music with Steve Hinton Band - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
Mon. March 9.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.
Tue. March 10.....P. H. Womens' Connection (Charlotte Prudhomme) - P. H. School of Music 112, 10 a.m.
Wed. March 11.....SCRD presents "Coffee, tea and the OCP" - P. H. Community Hall, 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Thu. March 12.....Harbourside Friendships (S.C. Community Action Team) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. March 12.....Pender Connections (S. C. Community Action Team) - P. H. Health Centre, 1 - 3 p.m.
Fri. March 13.....P. H. Living Heritage Society annual general meeting - via Zoom, 1 p.m.
Fri. March 13.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Fri. March 13.....P. H. School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.)
Sat. March 14.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.
Sun. March 15.....Live music with Half Cut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
Tue. March 17.....SCRD presents "Let's Talk Trash" - P. H. Community Hall, 3 - 5 p.m.
Tue. March 17..... St. Paddy's Day w/ The Shamrockers - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 4 p.m.
Thu. March 19.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCR D boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
Thu. March 19.....Harbourside Friendships (Lana Brandt) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. March 19.....SCRD electoral area services committee - SCR D boardroom, 1 p.m.
Fri. March 20.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. March 21.....Live music with Charlie Veaudry - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.
Sat. March 21.....Karaoke Party hosted by DJ Karl - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m.
Sun. March 22.....Live music with Magic Carpet Ride - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
Mon. March 23.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.
Tue. March 24.....SCRD presents "Let's Talk Trash" - Madeira Park IGA, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Tue. March 24.....P. H. Womens' Connection (Rob Haines) - P. H. School of Music 112, 10 a.m.
Thu. March 26.....Harbourside Friendships (Jenn Blancard & free lunch) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
Thu. March 26.....Pender Connections (Seniors Community Connector) - P. H. Health Centre, 1 - 3 p.m.
Thu. March 26.....SCRD regular board - SCR D boardroom, 1 p.m.
Thu. March 26.....Rock and Roll Bingo - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m.
Fri. March 27.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
Sat. March 28.....Word Play at the Pender Harbour Library - P. H. Library, 2 - 5 p.m.
Sat. March 28.....Spring ham, turkey and pie auction - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 3 p.m.
Sat. March 28.....Live music with Rebecca and Jeremy - Backeddy Pub, 5 - 8 p.m.
Sun. March 29.....P. H. Music Society presents Morgan Toney - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
Sun. March 29.....Live music with Mad Cow - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
Mon. March 30.....P. H. Garden Club presents Tamara Litke - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

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