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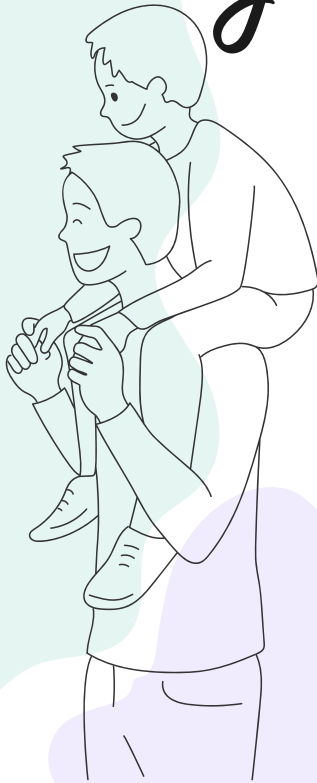
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Tips to avoid getting sprayed with gravel



Brian Lee

I once lived in Van-
couver and like most Van-
couverites, all I thought
about was how to escape the city next.

I travelled to Tofino and Ucluelet
a lot back when the locals there would
aggressively demonstrate when they
didn't appreciate tourist behaviour.

Early on, I camped with a bunch
of other VW pop-top, weekend war-
riors in what seemed to be a vacant
gravel lot just outside of town.

Of course, the locals arrived just
after the bar closed and vigorously
hacked donuts, spraying all of our
vehicles with gravel.

I got the message and never
camped there again.

Our locals are nothing like the
ruffians of Ucluelet, but they still
might glare when out-of-towners dis-
respect local etiquette.

Just this morning, a school day,
an employee at the elementary school
posted the following on social media:

"Anybody know whose truck and
boat trailer this is?

"They are parked in the SD46
School designated parking lot.

"They need to
move ASAP."

This person
probably didn't
know they were

taking up the entire teachers parking
area, but ignorance is no excuse.

It reminded me of a few other
faux pas for visitors to avoid.

GO FOR A WALK!

For those used to sidewalks,
please understand that taking a walk
here isn't a relaxing diversion.

It is a life and death struggle
pitting vehicles against a pedestrian's
constitutional right to stake their space
on the road.

Our shoulders are thin or non-
existent, so ignore the rules and walk
on whichever side allows you to get
safely off the road.

COME CAMPING!

Congratulations — you found an
idyllic, free spot on the edge of Gar-
den Bay Lake to camp for the night.

But, without proper sanitation
you're a hazard to our drinking water.

Expect rude wake-up honks and
rowdies stopping by for late night
swims.

HAVE A CAMPFIRE?

If there is a fire ban on and
you decide to break the law to show
your kids how to build a teepee out
of sticks, everyone around will take
notice and act.

Just don't.

HAVE A DOG?

Don't do what every other jerk
does — leave their poop in a plastic
bag on the side of the hiking trail.

GO FOR A SWIM AT THE T-DOCK!

But understand, when it's busy,
the Garden Bay T-dock belongs to the
kids, not your chairs and towels.

Getting there first and staking
out your sunny spot for the day only
works at Mexican resorts.

GO FOR A DRIVE!

But resist the urge to test your
Tesla on the local corners.

We're already plagued by locals
in 1996 Geo Metros with different
colour doors and bald tires trying to
break their personal best time driving
home from their dealer's house.

If you must, the best spot to
screech tires late at night will always
be near the "stealth" campers parked
feet from our drinking water sources.

Giv 'er.



EGMONT DAY: Saturday, June 1, all day

Egmont Community Club's Egmont Day runs Saturday, June 1. Starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Egmont government dock with the under-12 fishing derby. Events include a parade at 11 a.m., field games, dunk tank, BBQ lunch, free party ponies petting zoo and lots more. Bring the kids for a fun day on the Egmont Field.

SUNSHINE COAST COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA SPRING CONCERT: Sunday, June 2, 2:30 p.m.

For the first time in years, the Sunshine Coast Community Orchestra, with conductor José Cerón-Ortega, will perform a concert at the P. H. Community Hall as part of their spring concert series. Admission will be at the door (\$20 cash only) and children under 12 are free. Expect works by Beethoven, Shostakovich, Morricone and more.

19TH ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR BLUES FESTIVAL: Friday, June 7 to 9

The Pender Harbour Blues Festival roars back for 2022 with a stellar lineup of musicians eager to play live again. This year's festival kicks off June 7 at a variety of venues throughout Pender Harbour and Egmont. Acts include The Paperboys, referred to as the "Los Lobos of Canada," Paul Pigat, Joe Rotundo, Tom Lavin, Diana Braithwaite and Chris Whitely, Tim Hearsey and the Grand Koolios. To purchase tickets, visit www.penderharbourbluesfestival.com. (Tickets bought online can be picked up at the ticket centre at each venue prior to the start of each concert.)

P.H.S.S. GRADUATION CEREMONY: Wednesday, June 26, 1 p.m.

The graduating class of 2024 at Pender Harbour Secondary School will host an open graduation ceremony on June 26 at 1 p.m. in the gym of the Pender Harbour Secondary School. The school expects the gym to be at full capacity so please anticipate that this may affect the parking and allow for enough time to be seated in the gym by 12:50 p.m. Additional parking can be located next door at Christ the Redeemer Church.

SARAH WRAY HALL 10TH ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE: Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It's been 10 years since renovations were completed at Sarah Wray Hall. To celebrate, the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society is having an Open House on Sunday, June 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Peruse historic displays and scrap-books, check out this year's raffle canoe — the *Blue Heron*, visit the boatbuilding workshop, enjoy the BBQ, ask your history questions of society directors, and more. A fun Sunday outing for the whole family. Drop by Sarah Wray Hall at 4334 Irvines Landing Road, Garden Bay. Details at penderharbourheritage.ca.



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PHARA challenges 'Constitutional validity' of DRIPA

On May 13, the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association announced plans to challenge the "Constitutional validity" of B.C.'s Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act.

The BC government passed DRIPA into law in November 2019.

It provides that "government must take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of British Columbia are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples."

According to a May 13 PHARA statement, Section 7 of DRIPA empowers government to enter into agreements with "Indigenous governing bodies" to give them joint decision-making power, or to require their consent before an approval can be issued under provincial laws (such as dock tenures under the Land Act).

"After extensive deliberations and exclusion from government negotiations with the shishalh Nation, the Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association board has instructed its legal counsel, McMillan LLP, to file proceedings in B.C. Supreme Court."

PHARA will ask the court to rule that DRIPA is beyond the province's Constitutional power and that order in council No. 2022-0444 is invalid.

According to PHARA, that order in council directed two ministers to negotiate an agreement with the shishalh Nation to give it joint decision-making powers under the B.C. Land Act concerning dock tenures on the Sunshine Coast.

"We take this action only after serious reflection and with a deep sense of responsibility," said PHARA director and spokesperson Sean McAllister in the statement.

McAllister is a retired lawyer heading up PHARA's DRIPA file.

He told the *Harbour Spiel* that June 2024

PHARA has concluded that, "Even if we got a perfect dock management plan, even if we got everything we wanted, the problem that we face is that on our next renewal, unless this Section 7 agreement is not pursued, the shishalh will essentially have a veto or an equal say on whether we get our dock renewed."

But it's bigger than docks.

"Docks are the first step, and they've been quite clear if you read the publications from the government that this is just the first step," he said.

"I would suggest it will be used as a template for all government authorizations."

In early January, the provincial NDP government quietly announced plans to change the way land-use decisions are made in BC.

British Columbians had until March 31 to comment on "a legislative amendment to enable agreements with Indigenous governing bodies to share decision-making about public land use."

A Jan. 31 *Globe and Mail* story quoted Robin Junger, partner, Indigenous law and environment with McMillan LLP, and a former head of B.C.'s environmental assessment office:

"This is a radical change," said Junger.

"With these proposed amendments, they are moving to give actual rights of First Nations governance over non-First Nations parties.

"That's different than Indigenous self-government and, to my knowledge, it's the first time it has been contemplated anywhere in Canada."

After intense opposition erupted over the proposed amendment, Nathan Cullen, minister of water, land and resource stewardship, went into damage control.

"We need to take the time to

further engage with people and demonstrate the real benefits of shared decision-making in action," he said in a Feb. 21 statement.

"We want to get this right and move forward together.

"For that reason, our government has decided not to proceed with proposed amendments to the Land Act.

McAllister said he suspects that the NDP government has put everything on hold until, "after the election, if they are successful, all of this is just going to get rammed through."

To that end, PHARA will ask the court to make a ruling on the Constitutionality of DRIPA.

"I don't want to prejudge what our lawyers are going to do but my understanding is that it is going to be a judicial review essentially," said McAllister.

"So, you bring an application to the court supported by an affidavit that will simply say, 'Here are the documents that you need to look at.'

"And then there will be arguments, pro and con, on the issue.

"There may be other parties that want to join with us as co-litigants but right now it's simply PHARA."

McAllister can't predict the costs but said he foresees the challenge eventually going to the Supreme Court of Canada which could push legal fees into the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"We're looking for funding from the public, and we need funding from the public, because if we don't get it then we won't be able to take this thing all the way," he said

McAllister said they have received some assurances from industry that financial support for this challenge will be offered confidentially.

McAllister said anyone wishing to contribute to this litigation can contact PHARA at board@phara.ca.

Katherine Lake regional park may open late, but sooner than expected

Summer at Katherine Lake may be saved after all.

On May 9, the Sunshine Coast Regional District announced the closure of Katherine Lake Regional Park would be extended until at least early July due to a sinkhole.

The sinkhole appeared in February over a culvert that allowed the fish-bearing creek connecting Garden Bay Lake and Katherine Lake to run under the access road.

The road has been closed since that time while the SCRCD pursued appropriate permits to undertake a complete replacement of the culvert system and reinforcement of the road base.

From a May 9 SCRCD statement:

“Over the past two months, the SCRCD hired contractors to complete surveys, hydrological work and engineering design for the road repair. Reports provided by these experts are being prepared for submission to the relevant authorities.

The park’s popular camping season was set to open on the May long weekend while the operator of the Katherine Lake Campground contacted those with bookings directly to cancel campsite bookings through early July.

On May 16, the SCRCD reversed its decision and hired a local contractor to carry out a temporary repair



Brian Lee

A sinkhole that blocked access to Katherine Lake Park since Feb. 5 has recently been filled and the park is open for day use. The campground and washroom facilities remain closed until onsite staff are hired.

overseen by a biologist.

“Staff will continue the permitting process for a permanent fix to the road but will carry out that work in the fall.”

The SCRCD said it is working with the park operator to prepare the park and campground to open for public use as soon as possible but by press time (May 26), the park remains closed.

“We were expecting the park to be closed into July, so this is great news,” said Shelley Gagnon, SCRCD general manager of community services.

“We understand that everyone is keen to get back into the park, particularly with the long weekend ahead, but our staff and park operator need a few more days to get everything in place for reopening.”

In 1990, the Sunshine Coast Regional District purchased approximately 37 hectares of land which surrounds the scenic freshwater lake known as Katherine Lake.

Katherine Lake Park has sites for 19 recreational vehicles with RV hookups, 10 tent campsites and a swimming beach that is popular with both visitors and locals.

By May 26, according to Leonard Lee, SCRCD Area A director, the road was fixed.

“But the gate remains closed until the private contractor can hire some onsite/live-there staff, which he is attempting to do right now.

“When there is an onsite operator, the gate will be opened during the day, as well as the washrooms which remain closed until then.”



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Social media lit up with photos of a sensational northern lights display that could be seen across Canada on May 10. Here is what it looked like from Pender Harbour's north shore.

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Burning ban now in place throughout Sunshine Coast

Effective May 17, most open fires are now prohibited throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction.

This prohibition will be in place until Oct. 31 or until it is rescinded.

The ban includes Category 2 and Category 3 open fires throughout the Coastal Fire Centre's jurisdiction.

A Category 2 open fire is an open fire that:

- Burns material in a pile not exceeding two metres in height and three metres in width, or
- Burns stubble or grass over an area that does not exceed 0.2 hectares.

A Category 3 open fire is an open fire that burns:

- Material in one or more piles each exceeding two metres in height or three metres in width;
- Stubble or grass over an area exceeding 0.2 hectares.

Also prohibited are fireworks, sky lanterns, binary exploding targets, burn barrels and air curtain burners.

As of press time (May 26), this
June 2024

ban does not yet apply to campfires (half-metre high by a half-metre wide or smaller), or cooking stoves that use gas or briquettes.

If you have a campfire, you must ensure that you have at least eight litres of water or a hand tool with you

while the campfire is lit.

Before leaving, you must put it out so that it is cool to the touch.

To report a wildfire, unattended campfire, or open fire violation, call 1 (800) 663-5555 or *5555 on a cell phone.

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SCRD: Stage 1 water conservation regulations now in effect

Starting May 1, the Sunshine Coast Regional District has applied Stage 1 water conservation regulations to all SCRd water customers, including those in Area A.

Regulations define the types of watering and separate plants into three categories: lawns; trees, shrubs, and flowers; and food-producing plants.

WATERING LAWNS

Sprinklers, soaker hoses or micro spray can be used to water lawns according to the Stage 1 schedule:

- For even-numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed on Thursday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m., and
- For odd-numbered addresses, lawn sprinkling is allowed on Wednesday and Saturday from 7 a.m.

to 8 a.m.

WATERING TREES, SHRUBS, FLOWERS AND FOOD-PRODUCING PLANTS

Sprinklers, soaker hoses or micro spray can be used to water trees, shrubs, flowers and food-producing plants and trees according to the Stage 1 schedule:

- For even-numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and
- For odd-numbered addresses, sprinkling is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

During Stage 1 water conservation regulations, hand-held hoses with nozzles, hand-held containers, or

drip-irrigation can be used anytime for watering lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers or food-producing plants and trees.

Rain sensors are required on all irrigation systems to prevent watering in the rain.

OTHER USES OF WATER

Pressure washing driveways, windows or exterior building surfaces is permitted only during Stage 1.

For more information, contact the SCRd at (604) 885-6806 or infrastructure@scrd.ca.

Visit www.scrd.ca/water-regulations for further details.

Staff do not take bylaw complaints by phone.

Bylaw complaints can be submitted using the online form at www.scrd.ca/bylaw-complaint-form.

Thanks Ron!

With the deepest sadness, we say good-bye to our dear friend Ron Johnston.

Ron passed away on April 5 while he and his wife Marita were vacationing in Mazatlán.

Ron was the founder of the Pender Harbour Blues Society/Festival, owner/operator of the Garden Bay Pub, and a loyal, supportive loving friend to so many. He was also a loving husband to Marita, working side by side with her at the Pub for 32 years.

Ron brought the blues to Pender Harbour, along with an impressive list of amazing Canadian and international musicians. Ron was always encouraging and supportive to our local musicians, offering them a stage to hone their craft while celebrating their successes with them.

Everyone who met Ron loved him. He had a huge generous heart, quick wit and charismatic personality and he will be deeply missed by the many people whose lives he touched.

In memory of Ron, we are lovingly dedicating the upcoming 19th annual Pender Harbour Blues Festival in his honour.

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P. H. Community Club launches fundraising effort to reroof the hall

The Pender Harbour Community Hall needs a new roof.

According to the Pender Harbour Community Club Society, which has managed the community hall on behalf of the community since 1945, the building was last reroofed in 1993.

But this time is different.

A structural engineer hired by the PHCC has told the club that the hall's roof is compromised because it is sagging.

Alain Catteau, PHCC roof placement project manager, told the *Harbour Spiel* that though the sagging is clearly visible from below, the engineer has declared the building is safe but recommended the roof should be rebuilt.

The community hall's roof is made up of the main structure that was built in 1949 and a number of side buildings added since that time that include the bar and kitchen area and the community policing office.

Catteau said that the building's additions will require strengthening of the connections to the main building and new roofing material.

"For the main roof, the recommendation is to basically replace the old roof including the framing with new trusses because it will be less expensive than fixing the current structure," said Catteau.

"That means the ceiling will have to be replaced as well because the new ceiling will be connected to the trusses."

The project will also require new lighting in the ceiling.

The club is actively seeking funding for the "Pender Harbour Community Hall replacement project."

Catteau said they estimate it will cost over \$300,000 but the club is budgeting for \$400,000 as there could



Brian Lee

This recent photo of the P. H. Community Hall's roof shows the sagging that requires the roof structure, including trusses and ceiling, to be rebuilt.

be unknown costs that reveal themselves before the project begins next spring.

The society currently has \$60,000 saved for the project and are actively pursuing grants, government funding and donations from within the community.

Any leftover funding will be used to install solar panels on the roof during the construction process and Catteau said the society also plans to pursue grants related to solar power and energy efficiency.

The PHCC owns the land currently occupied by the hall as well as Triple B's Burgers, the Bargain Barn and the Madeira Park gardens.

For 75 years, the Pender Harbour Community Hall has been the centre of the community, providing a space for events like May Day celebrations, town halls, concerts, voting, fairs, Brownie meetings, community school activities, regional meetings and seniors' programs.

With a capacity of 200 people, the hall also provides rental space for private events and has hosted countless weddings and funerals.

The P. H. Community Hall roof replacement project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2025.

Tax deductible donations for the project can be sent by cheque payable to the Pender Harbour Community Improvement Foundation at Box 92, Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H0.

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For more information on the hall's history and project donation information, visit www.penderharbourcommunity.club.

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PODS may begin construction in fall

The construction phase of the Pender Ocean Discovery Station is about to begin.

Michael Jackson, executive director of the Loon Foundation, told the *Harbour Spiel* that it will have a construction manager hired to oversee the PODS project by early June.

In the next couple of months they will work with the construction manager to finalize details to create full construction blueprints which will enable them to apply for an SCRD building permit.

Jackson said he expects the building permit process to take a couple of months and by early fall they should be prepared to begin building.

At the same time, Jackson said there will be other hurdles to clear.

“There’s still some archeological work to do, then there’s various announcements to be made but we can’t say when exactly that will be.

Jackson also wouldn’t say what those announcements would be.

“It’s a whole load of things that rely on one another but don’t kick in until we get a building permit.”

When it comes to funding, Jackson said that while they don’t have all of the estimated \$30 million required for the complete build-out sitting in the bank, he’s confident they have enough to start.

“We certainly have enough to pay for the next year and beyond.”

Jackson said the full blueprints and building permit will identify final cost estimates which can then be used to pursue further funding.

“We’ve certainly got enough to cover the major construction of the building and then we still have to get money for the exhibits and for programming,” he said.

“In terms of actually building the



Brian Lee

The Loon Foundation recently completed a showroom and office space in the former Harbour Insurance office showcasing the latest plans and developments for the Pender Harbour Ocean Discovery Station project.

core building we’re very close.”

While the building is under construction, Jackson said his team will be pursuing funding and identifying what the final exhibits will be.

“We’re dealing with a couple of consultants to design the exhibition spaces and come up with a coherent storyline that brings it all together.”

Jackson describes the eventual exhibit presentation as having a central storyline with each exhibit like another chapter within that book that will help to develop the overall theme.

“What we’re moving towards is the importance of connections between different things and between communities and between different food webs,” said Jackson.

“All of these different connections that are so important.

“The big one is the connection between the viewer and nature.

“There’s lots of different ways to do it — there the high-tech stuff you

can use with holograms and interactive audio visual and even AI coming into it in a big way as well.”

Jackson said it is very likely that one exhibit will include a 360-degree theatre used to present various topics related to the central theme.

Other tools used in the exhibits will include interactive audio visual displays imitating a live aquarium in which the “fish” swim towards you when you approach.

“What you can do with the technology that is available is phenomenal,” said Jackson.

One thing is certain, Jackson said, PODS will also have a restaurant, “The Octopods Café.”

In the meantime, the Loon Foundation recently completed a new PODS showroom next to Earthfair Store in Madeira Park to showcase the details of the project as they are available and allow people to come in and ask questions.

Marisa Alps recognized for 30-year career in the BC book industry

The Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia recently recognized outstanding contributions to the province's publishing industry and one of them is former Harbour Publishing marketing maven Marisa Alps.

On May 8, Alps received the Gray Campbell Distinguished Service award at an industry reception to be held in Vancouver.

The Gray Campbell Distinguished Service award is named for the pioneering publisher and founder of Gray's Publishing.

The award is presented every other year by Books BC to an individual or individuals who have made a significant contribution to the book publishing industry in the province.

Alps is a 30-year veteran of the publishing industry with 28 years at Harbour Publishing, Nightwood Editions and Douglas & McIntyre.

She is now artistic director of the

Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts.

In a statement, the ABPBC said, "Her commitment to BC authors and their books is shown in the countless hours she has poured into supporting them, with just as many hours spent on advocacy and mentoring newcomers to the industry."

"It is estimated that Alps has trained over 100 interns and co-op students over the years, many who are still working in the industry."

The event on May 8 also honoured Medicine Wheel Publishing as the recipient of the 2024 Jim Douglas Publisher of the Year award.

Medicine Wheel Publishing produces "acclaimed, culturally authentic Indigenous books, resources, and tools tailored for moral and cultural education."

Founded in 1974, the Association of Book Publishers of British Columbia (Books BC) represents 26 BC-



ABPBC

Marisa Alps received the Gray Campbell Distinguished Service award on May 8.

owned companies.

Books BC supports the aspirations and activities of its membership through cultural, economic, and political initiatives and engages book-related communities in BC, Canada, and beyond.

New principal coming to PHSS

School District 46 recently announced that P. H. Secondary School principal Chris Lekakis will be leaving the school.

Lekakis has taken a position as leader of the Sunshine Coast Alternative School/SPIDER Secondary/Continuing Education program.

Lekakis replaces Carolyn Spence who will retire this year after 27 years in the district.

Taking Lekakis's place next year at PHSS will be Rae-dene Pednaud.

Pednaud is presently serving as principal at Davis Bay Elementary and is a former teacher at PHSS.

Current Madeira Park Elementary School principal Nicole Zilkie, will return for the 2024/2025 school year.

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Does South Pender Harbour have enough water?



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Area A director, SCRD*

If everyone follows restrictions, we should have enough water for inside use this summer, even with dry conditions until the end of October.

But residents on the South Pender water system still wonder how all of their substantial tax dollars were spent.

We seem to have access to enough water, but need to improve our infrastructure and change the way we use our available water to reduce treatment costs and avoid restrictions beyond Stage 1.

A few years ago, our projects prioritized water quality, infrastructure

upgrades, and water meters to encourage conservation and reveal leaks.

But then we required a multi-million-dollar treatment plant, and the 2022 drought revealed an urgent need for additional sources and volumes of water, not just for domestic use but firefighting and other emergency use.

Current projects include infrastructure for water sharing between North and South Pender systems, larger water mains, restoration or relocation of the Dogwood Reservoir, and restoration of the infrastructure to move water between Harris and McNeill Lakes.

We've identified a handful of residents using as much water as all other users combined, with leaks being the suspected problem.

But those heavy users have so far refused to fix the leaks or justify their

heavy usage and, if it continues, this summer the water to their properties can be shut off.

The future looks bright, but waiting for tomorrow is the hard part.

THE KATHERINE LAKE SINKHOLE SAGA

In early February, the sole road to the SCRD's 37-hectare Katherine Lake Park was closed after a large sinkhole materialized in the portion of the half-kilometre road spanning the fish-bearing Katherine Creek.

Old road construction methods and a corroded, aged-out culvert system created a perfect sinkhole storm, because they couldn't handle the heavy stream flows and surface accumulation caused by a series of heavy rainfalls.

By the end March, our environ-



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UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Special Committee
of the Whole**
June 3 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
June 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
June 13 at 1:00 p.m.

**Electoral Area Services
Committee**
June 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Committee of the Whole
June 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
June 27 at 1:00 p.m.

Agendas available at www.scrd.ca/agendas.

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mental, engineering, archeological, and road construction professionals estimated \$200,000 to fix the problem (today, we must meet provincial guidelines and best practices for instream works under the Water Stewardship Act).

This included a water flow analysis to ensure proper culvert sizing and a detailed design for temporary water diversions while culvert replacement and road repairs were undertaken.

The archeological and environmental assessment flagged the work as urgent, which allowed the SCR D to fast track the project with the expectation that it would take two to four days and could be completed by mid-April, in good time for the usual May long weekend park opening.

SCR D funding was approved from reserves, enabling the work to continue, and things were looking good by mid-April, with contractors engaged for complete remediation.

But, in early May, we learned that the job would take another six weeks to finish, meaning that the campground would be shut down until the beginning of July.

A flurry of informal discussions that included “almost retired” contractor Don White revealed that a bailey bridge was available, but installation would be complicated and expensive.

Don suggested using fill and a road plate as an interim solution, and assured us that the job wouldn’t allow sediment into Katherine Creek

Better yet, he had the materials on hand and was available to do the job the next day, allowing Katherine Lake Park to open for the summer.

Everyone involved went the extra distance to make this happen, recognizing that the park offers beach access, swimming and camping, and

that it’s a popular destination for locals and visitors.

Planning and permitting for the permanent remediation project continues, with the physical work scheduled after the normal September park closure.

Our sinkhole taught us how slow and expensive it is to meet regulations for a stream that’s part of a fish-bearing system, and we proved that, when hard-working, knowledgeable people share a common goal, the seemingly impossible soon becomes possible.

We still hope our sinkhole never reappears.

BRIDGES OVER TROUBLED WATERS

Most SCR D Parks bridges were built before the need for engineered designs and government regulations, which greatly reduced the cost but doomed them to early collapse.

Our 58-foot Vinebrook Bridge near Malaspina Substation will be replaced in 2025, with \$75,000 set aside to begin the project and significant, additional funding required.

Five bridges in Cliff Gilker and Chaster Parks will be replaced or upgraded for \$1,832,300.

Administrative requirements include authorization from the shíshálh or Skwxwú7mesh Nation, water stewardship branch, and Department of Fisheries and Oceans, with environ-

mental assessments before and during construction.

Most new installations, ideally aluminum or steel truss bridges, require a 75-year lifespan, conformity to pedestrian, cycling and multiuse guidelines, low-maintenance materials and resistance to vandalism.

CONTACT ME

The Lee Side helps explain local issues and gives me the opportunity to invite you to contact me about SCR D issues that matter to you.

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Another scam and another local victim

Editor,

Thank you so much for your articles on phishing and other such scams.

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That's how I was scammed when I went to file our society's annual report in the BC Registries website on April 22.

After I entered my credit card to pay the \$40 annual fee, it sent me to a junk website.

I thought that was strange and checked my bank account and the \$40

charge was pending, but everything looked fine.

The next day I saw "my bank" was calling me and when I answered, the pretend bank representative asked about a \$4,000 charge from Holt Renfrew on my credit card.

I freaked out and ended up giving him information that allowed him to lock me out of my bank account, open up a new account, transfer all my savings into the new account and order a new Visa card — all this while he still had me on the phone

I only realized it was a scam when I hung up and checked my email account and saw it had hundreds of

spam emails and more coming into my inbox every second.

I then called my bank and thankfully we caught it on time and I didn't lose any money.

What I lost was a ton of time, sweat and tears trying to straighten things out.

Do not trust the name you see on your phone to be real.

And now I will contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre as you suggested.

Thanks, Brian.

Annelise Sorg
Madeira Park

photojournal



Darcy Perry

May Daze, a tournament at the Pender Harbour Golf Club on May 19 raised \$3,600 for the club and attracted a number of colourful local characters. Seen here are Mike and Denisa Bathgate showing their commitment to the 'dress up' theme.

Ronald Craig Johnston

DECEMBER 9, 1947 — APRIL 5, 2024



Ron Johnston died at the age of 76 on April 5 in Mazatlan, Mexico.

Johnston managed Odeon theatres in Calgary at the beginning of his career.

Later, he worked at several ski areas in Alberta.

While on a ski vacation in Whistler, and “because of his passion for skiing,” he ended up staying and being part of the management team at Whistler.

Johnston went on to teach ski area management at Selkirk College in Nelson for two years.

In 1982, Johnson and his wife Marita bought the Garden Bay Hotel.

It consisted of a pub, restaurant, marina and a float plane operation.

They sold the business in 2014,

retiring to spend time at Halfmoon Bay and Mazatlan.

Before retirement, Johnston was very committed to his community, organizing and supporting many charitable events.

He supported and promoted the Pender Harbour Blues Festival and the Pender Harbour Jazz Festival.

He also promoted several musicians who performed at the pub.

Who can forget the Friday night meat draws?

Funds raised went to help support the Pender Harbour Health Centre and other local organizations.

At the pub, the couple hosted fishing derbies for the community.

The Garden Bay triathlon and the popular Rotary Club Art Auctions were also hosted at the pub.

Both of these events were well attended.

The “Show and Shine” car show was another well-attended event and Johnston continued to do the announcing for the show even after the pub was sold.

People always loved the music he played.

Johnston will be greatly missed by Marita, his friends in B.C. and also friends and family in Alberta and Ontario.

His family sends a special heartfelt thank you to all the doctors who took excellent care of him throughout the years.

A celebration of life will be held at a future date.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge as a longstanding effort to recognize and record the lives of those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the dates of birth and death and be submitted in a digital format. Submissions will be edited for length and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

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Sun, June 9, 2pm - P. H. Golf Club

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Fri, June 14, 6pm - Legion 112

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JUNE

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1. 1:19 PM +M, 6:41 PM -M
2. 2:30 PM +L, 8:05 PM -M
3. 8:46 AM -XL, 3:35 PM +XL
4. 10:18 AM -XL, 4:36 PM +XL
5. 11:03 AM -XL, 5:33 PM +XL
6. 11:39 AM -XL, 6:26 PM +XL
7. 12:12 PM -XL, 7:14 PM +XL
8. 12:46 PM -XL, 7:59 PM +XL
9. 6:07 AM +S, 1:22 PM -L
10. 6:54 AM +S, 2:01 PM -L
11. 7:46 AM +S, 2:42 PM -L
12. 3:26 PM -L
13. 4:01 PM -M
14. 12:21 PM +S, 5:00 PM -M
15. 1:18 PM +M, 6:19 PM -S
16. 6:51 AM -L, 2:28 PM +M
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20. 9:09 AM -XL, 5:54 PM +XL
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22. 11:16 AM -XL, 7:23 PM +XL
23. 12:02 PM -XL, 8:05 PM +XL
24. 12:47 PM -XL, 8:43 PM +XL
25. 6:53 AM +M, 1:33 PM -XL
26. 7:50 AM +S, 2:23 PM -XL
27. 9:05 AM +S, 3:16 PM -L
28. 10:41 AM +S, 4:15 PM -L
29. 11:59 AM +M, 5:24 PM -M
30. 6:53 AM -L, 1:17 PM +L

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BC's population (Jan. 2024), aged 15-plus.

85%

According to the last census, the percentage of the population that lives in urban areas of B.C.

2,790,727

Total B.C. employment in 2023.

80%

Of the above employed, the percentage of workers in BC with full-time employment.

9.1%

BC's highest unemployment rate (2020) in the last 10 years.

5.2%

BC's unemployment rate (Jan. 2024).

North Coast and Nechako

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24,150

Estimated job openings in BC for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses from 2023 to 2033.

\$89,681

The average annual earnings for registered nurses and registered psychiatric nurses.

234,792

The number of people employed in construction in BC in 2023.

\$38/hour

BC's 2023 average hourly earnings for men in construction. It is \$32/hr for women (13.2% of workforce).

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JUNE WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily high June temperature is 18.7 C and low is 12.4 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 15.6 C. The highest June temperature recorded is 29.9 C (June 1, 1978); the lowest is 5.6 C (June 1, 1966).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

June averages 10 days with rainfall and a 46.9 mm total. June has an average of 230.1 hours of bright sunshine. The highest daily rainfall recorded in June is 41.9 mm (June 10, 1972).

JUNE ASTROLOGY



GEMINI: MAY 21 – JUNE 21

Geminis are butterflies by nature, flitting from one attraction to the next. They're easily bored but have lively, stimulating minds and can be witty and charming.

This month your personal life will seem like a bouncing ball, on a slope, heading towards a cliff. Financially, you'll encounter a windfall. Romantically, not so much. Heed warnings about your health. Your winter lethargy has put you exactly where your doctor told you it would. Heart disease is imminent and your liver is rebelling sclerotically. Eat kale.



CANCER: JUNE 21 – JULY 22

Those born under the sign of the crab value security and enjoy the safety and comfort of familiar surroundings and activities. June presents a moment of peace

for the cancer's otherwise chaotic lifestyle. The new moon in Gemini presents a time for reflecting on your victories. The sun's presence in your sign until mid-July will allow you to focus on your relationship goals. Relax. Love comes when you don't squeeze the trigger too tight. You're beautiful and they know you're worth the effort. Lotto numbers: 2 8 18 26 32.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending May 18

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. **Lightning Strikes the Silence** by Iona Wishaw (TouchWood Editions)
2. **Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays** by Wade Davis (Greystone Books)
3. **Always On Call: Adventures in Nursing, Ranching, and Rural Living** Marion McKinnon Crook (Heritage House)
4. **Backpacking on Vancouver Island** by Taryn Eyton (Greystone Books)
5. **A Flock of Gulls, a Chorus of Frogs** Illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Lucky Budd (Harbour Publishing)
6. **Ocean Drive** by Sam Wiebe (Harbour Publishing)
7. **50 Keystone Flora Species of Coastal BC and the Pacific Northwest: A Pocket Guide** by Collin Varner (Heritage House)
8. **Points of Interest: In Search of the Places, People, and Stories of BC** edited by David Beers & andrea bennett (Greystone Books)
9. **Untold Tales of Old British Columbia** by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press)
10. **The Last Logging Show: A Forestry Family at the End of an Era** by Aaron Williams (Harbour Publishing)

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 1 ~ Kathy Brown, June Percival and Uriah Mees.

June 2 ~ Ivan Fisher.

June 3 ~ Ron Fearn and Jordan Krause.

June 4 ~ Lilah Donnahee and Dale Klassen.

June 5 ~ Joel Field and Autumn LaFrance.

June 6 ~ June Malaka.

June 7 ~ Irene Pratchett, Russell Silvey, Ron Cymbalist, Marlene Cymbalist and Marie Hill.

June 9 ~ Dennis Gaudet.

June 10 ~ Bram Christiaan, Darren Vickers, Rob Hoehn and Weylyn Silvey.

June 11 ~ Kathy MacGreggor.

June 12 ~ Ken Walters, Kim Cabral, John Griffith and Tai Logtenberg.

June 13 ~ Brooklyn Krause, Doug Silvey, Pat McQueen and Amber McKeeman.

June 14 ~ Rick Shymanski.

June 15 ~ Marie Malcolm, Kay Robinson, Hannah Stewart and John Schroeder.

June 16 ~ Sonny Reid, Rod Cummings, Paula Vickers, Britney Carswell and Derek Youngs.

June 17 ~ Peggy Blumenthal and Harry Luck.

June 19 ~ Darlene Yablonski, Luke Petraschuk and Leah Bernier.

June 20 ~ Tamara Mackie.

June 21 ~ Willa Schroeder and Terri Honeybourne.

June 22 ~ Pat Walsh.

June 23 ~ Dave McKeeman and Julia Massullo.

June 24 ~ Alex Phillips and Mike Gaudet.

June 25 ~ Aisha Chalk.

June 26 ~ Gerry Krantz, Tammy Holt and Brieanne Gilkes.

June 27 ~ Barrie Wilbee, Aleezah Charboneau, Kelsey Clay, Jack Donnahee and Neville Lincoln.

June 29 ~ Lorna Edwardson, Ambrose Mees and Mark Mills.

June 30 ~ Hanna Stoutenburg.



HARBOUR SPIEL

trivia

1. From Chinook jargon, what does the name “Skookumchuck” mean?

- ☐ a. Fast water
- ☐ b. Strong water
- ☐ c. Dangerous water
- ☐ d. Funny water

2. Who was the editor of the 1970s newspaper, *The Peninsula Voice*?

- ☐ a. Myrtle Winchester
- ☐ b. John Burnside
- ☐ c. Howard White
- ☐ d. Al Lloyd

3. Where is Kokomo Lake?

- ☐ a. Mainland, above Agamemnon Channel.
- ☐ b. Feeder lake above McNeill Lake
- ☐ c. Off forestry road past Klein Lake.
- ☐ d. On trail to Skookumchuck.

4. What was the first name of early 1980s Madeira Park Elementary School principal Mr. Wishlove?

- ☐ a. Bjorn
- ☐ b. Bill
- ☐ c. Verne
- ☐ d. Tim

5. What is the name of the 2,979 hectare park that sits above Pender Harbour and Sakinaw Lake?

- ☐ a. Caren Provincial Park
- ☐ b. Mt. Hallowell Provincial Park
- ☐ c. Lyons Lake Provincial Park
- ☐ d. Spipiyus Provincial Park

6. What is “Nelly’s Room?”

- ☐ a. Haunted storage area in P. H. Community Hall
- ☐ b. Haunted storage area in gymnasium of MPES
- ☐ c. Haunted storage area in loft of IGA
- ☐ d. Haunted storage area in John Henry’s store

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



Note a Seal of Approval or Seal of Disapproval.

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

A lifesaving Seal of Approval to **all those who attended to my medical emergency** on the side of Garden Bay Road.

Special thanks to **Josh, Lachlin** and **Mark** for their heroic efforts to work on me and quickly get the defibrillator to keep me alive.

Thanks also to the **local fire department, volunteers and local ambulance** for their prompt assistance.

As I heal up, I will be forever grateful to all of you for giving me a second chance at living.

Doug Sladey

Harbour Seals to **everyone who supported** the Pender Harbour April Tools Rotary BBQ.

A special thank you to our **Ma-deira Park IGA** and **manager Matt McDonald**, for their thoughtful contributions.

Also, PHSS students Kaya, Kiara, Luna and Sarah, for helping to make the day a resounding success.

Kathy Riches
Pender Harbour Rotary

A Harbour Seal of Disapproval to **those responsible for the horrible washout and pothole road repair on Hotel Lake Road** at Sinclair Road.

Is this our tax dollar hard at work?

Don Doerksen
Garden Bay

A tank full of Harbour Seals to **Patti Soos** and the **PH Community School team** for organizing the dunk tank "Dunkys," and another tank to **those brave Dunkys** for being such great sports, providing a fun, engaging sideshow.

What better way to celebrate BC's longest running May Day, than an old-fashioned dunk tank?

Lorraine Wareham
P. H. Rotary Club

Harbour Seals of Approval to **the anonymous donor** who sponsored a hot lunch at the high school.

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June 6 – Celebrate Seniors Week. Music with Joe Stanton from 11- 12pm with door prizes, activities and free lunch served at 12 noon.

June 13 – Putting at the Pender Harbour Golf Club. Starts at 11am followed by lunch at the clubhouse at noon. Cost is whatever you order for lunch (no charge for putting). Please sign up so reservations can be made ahead of time.

June 20 – Importance of foot care with Alene Barry, foot Care Nurse. Also included is information about our new dental care insurance.

June 27 - No Harbourside Friendship this day.

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Monday at 11:45am
- Beginner Total Body & Core:
Monday or Thursday at 1pm

pender harbour tides ~ june 2024

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:



June	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sat 01	15.6	15.8	15.1	13.7	11.9	9.9	8.2	7.2	6.9	7.4	8.4	9.7	10.8	11.4	11.4	10.9	10.0	9.0	8.4	8.3	9.0	10.3	12.0	13.8
Sun 02	15.1	15.8	15.5	14.4	12.5	10.2	8.0	6.2	5.3	5.2	6.0	7.5	9.2	10.8	12.0	12.4	12.2	11.5	10.6	9.9	9.7	10.3	11.5	13.0
Mon 03	14.5	15.4	15.7	15.0	13.3	10.9	8.3	6.0	4.3	3.5	3.8	5.0	6.9	9.1	11.2	12.8	13.6	13.5	12.8	11.9	11.1	10.9	11.3	12.4
Tue 04	13.7	14.8	15.5	15.3	14.1	11.9	9.3	6.5	4.1	2.6	2.2	2.8	4.5	6.8	9.4	11.8	13.7	14.6	14.5	13.8	12.9	12.0	11.7	12.1
Wed 05	13.0	14.1	14.9	15.3	14.7	13.0	10.5	7.6	4.9	2.7	1.5	1.4	2.5	4.5	7.2	10.1	12.7	14.5	15.4	15.3	14.5	13.4	12.5	12.2
Thu 06	12.5	13.2	14.1	14.8	14.8	13.8	11.7	9.1	6.2	3.6	1.8	0.9	1.2	2.7	5.0	8.0	11.0	13.5	15.3	15.9	15.6	14.7	13.6	12.7
Fri 07	12.3	12.6	13.3	14.0	14.4	14.1	12.7	10.6	7.9	5.2	2.9	1.3	0.9	1.5	3.3	5.9	8.9	11.9	14.3	15.8	16.1	15.7	14.7	13.5
Sat 08	12.6	12.3	12.5	13.1	13.7	13.9	13.3	11.8	9.5	7.0	4.5	2.6	1.4	1.3	2.3	4.3	7.0	10.0	12.8	14.9	16.0	16.1	15.4	14.4
Sun 09	13.2	12.4	12.1	12.3	12.8	13.2	13.3	12.5	10.9	8.8	6.4	4.3	2.7	1.9	2.1	3.4	5.5	8.2	11.0	13.5	15.2	16.0	15.8	15.1
Mon 10	14.0	12.9	12.0	11.8	12.0	12.4	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.2	8.3	6.2	4.4	3.2	2.8	3.2	4.7	6.8	9.4	11.9	14.0	15.4	15.8	15.5
Tue 11	14.6	13.5	12.4	11.6	11.3	11.5	11.8	12.1	12.0	11.2	9.8	8.1	6.4	5.0	4.1	3.9	4.6	6.1	8.2	10.5	12.7	14.5	15.4	15.5
Wed 12	15.0	14.0	12.8	11.7	11.0	10.7	10.9	11.2	11.4	11.4	10.8	9.7	8.3	6.9	5.8	5.2	5.2	6.0	7.6	9.5	11.6	13.4	14.7	15.3
Thu 13	15.1	14.3	13.2	12.0	10.8	10.1	9.9	10.1	10.4	10.8	10.9	10.6	9.9	8.8	7.8	6.9	6.5	6.7	7.6	9.0	10.8	12.5	13.9	14.8
Fri 14	14.9	14.5	13.5	12.2	10.8	9.7	9.0	8.8	9.1	9.7	10.3	10.7	10.7	10.3	9.6	8.8	8.2	8.0	8.2	9.1	10.4	11.8	13.2	14.2
Sat 15	14.7	14.5	13.6	12.3	10.8	9.4	8.3	7.7	7.7	8.2	9.1	10.0	10.7	11.1	11.0	10.6	10.0	9.5	9.3	9.6	10.3	11.4	12.7	13.7
Sun 16	14.3	14.4	13.8	12.5	10.9	9.2	7.8	6.7	6.4	6.7	7.5	8.6	9.9	11.0	11.7	11.9	11.7	11.2	10.7	10.5	10.7	11.3	12.2	13.2
Mon 17	13.9	14.2	13.9	12.8	11.2	9.3	7.5	6.1	5.3	5.2	5.8	7.0	8.6	10.2	11.6	12.5	12.9	12.7	12.2	11.7	11.4	11.5	12.0	12.7
Tue 18	13.5	13.9	13.9	13.1	11.6	9.6	7.6	5.8	4.5	4.0	4.3	5.4	7.0	8.9	10.8	12.4	13.5	13.8	13.5	12.9	12.3	11.9	12.0	12.4
Wed 19	13.1	13.6	13.8	13.4	12.1	10.2	8.1	5.9	4.2	3.2	3.0	3.8	5.2	7.3	9.6	11.7	13.4	14.4	14.5	14.1	13.3	12.6	12.2	12.2
Thu 20	12.7	13.2	13.6	13.6	12.7	11.0	8.8	6.5	4.5	2.9	2.2	2.4	3.6	5.5	7.9	10.5	12.7	14.3	15.1	15.0	14.3	13.4	12.6	12.3
Fri 21	12.4	12.8	13.4	13.6	13.2	11.9	10.0	7.6	5.2	3.3	1.9	1.5	2.1	3.7	6.0	8.8	11.5	13.7	15.1	15.6	15.2	14.3	13.3	12.5
Sat 22	12.2	12.4	12.9	13.4	13.5	12.8	11.2	9.0	6.6	4.2	2.3	1.3	1.2	2.2	4.2	6.8	9.7	12.5	14.6	15.7	15.8	15.2	14.2	13.1
Sun 23	12.3	12.1	12.4	13.0	13.4	13.4	12.4	10.6	8.3	5.8	3.5	1.8	1.0	1.2	2.6	4.9	7.8	10.8	13.4	15.3	16.1	15.8	15.0	13.8
Mon 24	12.7	12.0	11.9	12.3	12.9	13.3	13.1	12.0	10.1	7.8	5.3	3.2	1.8	1.2	1.7	3.4	5.9	8.9	11.8	14.3	15.8	16.2	15.7	14.6
Tue 25	13.3	12.2	11.5	11.4	11.9	12.5	12.9	12.8	11.7	9.9	7.6	5.3	3.4	2.2	1.9	2.8	4.6	7.3	10.2	13.0	15.1	16.2	16.1	15.4
Wed 26	14.1	12.6	11.4	10.7	10.8	11.2	11.9	12.4	12.3	11.4	9.8	7.8	5.8	4.1	3.2	3.2	4.3	6.3	8.9	11.6	14.0	15.7	16.3	15.9
Thu 27	14.8	13.3	11.7	10.3	9.7	9.7	10.3	11.0	11.6	11.7	11.2	10.0	8.3	6.7	5.4	4.7	4.9	6.1	8.1	10.6	13.0	14.9	16.1	16.2
Fri 28	15.4	14.0	12.2	10.4	9.0	8.3	8.4	9.0	9.9	10.8	11.2	11.1	10.4	9.2	8.0	7.0	6.6	7.0	8.2	10.0	12.1	14.1	15.5	16.2
Sat 29	15.9	14.7	12.9	10.9	8.9	7.4	6.7	6.9	7.6	8.8	10.0	10.9	11.3	11.0	10.4	9.5	8.9	8.6	9.0	10.1	11.6	13.4	14.9	15.8
Sun 30	16.0	15.3	13.7	11.6	9.3	7.2	5.8	5.1	5.4	6.3	7.7	9.2	10.6	11.6	11.9	11.7	11.2	10.7	10.4	10.7	11.5	12.8	14.2	15.2

P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Women's Connection has enjoyed a highly successful 2023/24 season highlighting a variety of interesting topics like local artists, community information, musical entertainment, and local personalities. To celebrate the end of this wonderful season, the next gathering will be lunch at the Backeddy Pub in Egmont on Tuesday, June 11 at 12 noon. Lunch will be à la carte with each person responsible for their own bill. As we need to let the Backeddy know the number expected, please RSVP to bob.lynn.macdonald@gmail.com.

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

Rob Haines has worked for 40 years in the aquaculture industry developing land-based growing systems. Rob has lived and raised his family on the Sunshine Coast with his wife Valerie since 1985. In 1993 they purchased the property where they built a house and live in it to this day. After several failed attempts, in 2014, Rob fenced a large area on the property for a garden and orchard. The fence was a game changer and led to many successful harvests. On June 24, the Pender Harbour Garden Club is pleased to be invited to tour Haines's garden. We will meet at his garden in Madeira Park at 1 p.m. It's free for members and \$5 for others. You must register for this event by emailing phgardenclub@gmail.com.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEEHOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, June 14 featuring Soleil Duo (Ken Johnson and Nancy Pincombe) and Gen Katagiri

Door opens at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

PENDER HARBOUR PADDLING SOCIETY

The local paddling club is looking for a 40-foot dock space in order to start paddling again in Pender Harbour. The dragon boat club disbanded when the Garden Bay Pub burned down and they were locked out of the dock area. The PHPS has three boats (all stored) but have been asked to remove our large dragon boat from outside the Legion. If there are any newcomers to Pender who would be interested to help get the club started up again or if anyone can spare a section of dock to help, it would really help our community. It would be a shame if we have to lose the boats when there are so many ex-paddlers wanting to paddle again. For more information please contact Jean at flairinpender@gmail.com or (604) 883-0660.



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Local health matters

Pender Harbour Health Centre transportation spotlight

In May, the Sunshine Coast Resource Centre's "Be the Change" project focused on access to transportation on the Sunshine Coast.

In April, you may have seen the Pender Harbour Health Centre featured in a "Be the Change" video on Facebook where we identified that transportation access is one of the main barriers for local residents to access adequate health care.

Further we also heard from many community members during our Community Needs Assessment community engagement in April that transportation and access to adequate transportation was an important need in the community.

Given the above we wanted to share some of the transportation supports that the health centre offers and let the community know that we are always advocating with community partners for better transportation options, and looking for funding and grants to provide better transportation supports.

At present, transportation support for community

members of the PHHC is provided by volunteer drivers through our Better at Home program and our PHHC volunteer driving program.

The Better at Home program offers support to seniors aged 60-plus between Halfmoon Bay and Egmont.

One of the programs offered by BAH is the transportation program where seniors can call and request transportation for both grocery shopping and medical needs from a BAH volunteer driver.

To access this service, please call BAH co-ordinator Haida at 604-212-2232 who can explain the program in more detail.

Haida ideally needs a week's no-

tice to schedule a driver to support the request.

The PHHC volunteer driving program offers transportation support to any patients connected to the PHHC.

This program is intended to get patients to appointments that support the social determinants of health, such as driving to medical appointments, visits to government agencies, and providing access to co-ordinated social programs.

To access this program please call PHHC social worker Neora at 604-883-2764 and she can help with access to this program.

The PHHC is always looking for more volunteers to support our programs.

Our volunteers drive their own vehicles (mileage reimbursed) and can also access the PHHC accessible bus (pictured). If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver, please reach out to Haida at Haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com or John at john.rathbone@penderharbourhealth.com for more information.



The Pender Harbour Health Centre's accessible minibus is used to transport community members.

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NEW TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM COMING TO PENDER HARBOUR

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is excited to announce that we were recently successful in a grant application to United Way for funding to support a new transportation program offered from the PHHC. This program will aim to connect seniors in Pender and the surrounding communities with Sechelt given the lack of transportation and transit options currently.

We are currently in the program development stage, and we are working with our partners at United Way and the Sunshine Coast Healthy Aging Community Collaborative to rollout this new program in the summer of 2024. We thank United Way for supporting the PHHC and the community with this new funding.

Please watch out for further announcements in the Harbour Spiel, PHHC website and our Facebook page in coming months.

We are excited to launch this new program!

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a legally non-binding resolution passed by the United Nations in 2007. It delineates and defines the individual and collective rights of Indigenous peoples, including their ownership rights to cultural and ceremonial expression, identity, language, employment, health, education and other issues.

UNDRIP was adopted into Canadian legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act on June 21, 2021. This legislation aims to advance the implementation of the UNDRIP as a key step in renewing the government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples. The purpose of this legislation is to affirm UNDRIP as an international human rights instrument that can help interpret and apply Canadian law. It also provides a framework to advance implementation of UNDRIP at the federal level. This legislation requires the Government of Canada, in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples, to take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of Canada are consistent with UNDRIP and to prepare and implement an action plan to achieve UNDRIP's objectives.

The BC government passed the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act into law in November 2019. DRIPA establishes UNDRIP as the province's framework for reconciliation.

*Continued from Harbour Spiel,
May 2024 issue*

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (CONT.)

ARTICLE 33

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine their own identity or membership in accordance with their customs and traditions.

This does not impair the right of Indigenous individuals to obtain citizenship of the states in which they live.

2. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine the structures and to select the membership of their institutions in accordance with their own procedures.

ARTICLE 34

Indigenous peoples have the right to promote, develop and maintain their institutional structures and

their distinctive customs, spirituality, traditions, procedures, practices and, in the cases where they exist, juridical systems or customs, in accordance with international human rights standards.

ARTICLE 35

Indigenous peoples have the right to determine the responsibilities of individuals to their communities.

ARTICLE 36

1. Indigenous peoples, in particular those divided by international borders, have the right to maintain

and develop contacts, relations and co-operation, including activities for spiritual, cultural, political, economic and social purposes, with their own members as well as other peoples across borders.

2. States, in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples, shall take effective measures to facilitate the exercise and ensure the implementation of this right.

ARTICLE 37

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the recognition, observance and enforcement of treaties, agree-



ments and other constructive arrangements concluded with states or their successors and to have states honour and respect such treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements.

2. Nothing in this declaration may be interpreted as diminishing or eliminating the rights of Indigenous peoples contained in treaties, agreements and other constructive arrangements.

ARTICLE 38

States in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples, shall take the appropriate measures, including legislative measures, to achieve the ends of this declaration.

ARTICLE 39

Indigenous peoples have the right to have access to financial and technical assistance from states and through international co-operation, for the enjoyment of the rights contained in this declaration.

ARTICLE 40

Indigenous peoples have the right to access to and prompt decision through just and fair procedures for the resolution of conflicts and disputes with states or other parties, as well as to effective remedies for all infringements of their individual and collective rights.

Such a decision shall give due consideration to the customs, traditions, rules and legal systems of the Indigenous peoples concerned and international human rights.

ARTICLE 41

The organs and specialized agencies of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations shall contribute to the full realization

of the provisions of this declaration through the mobilization, inter alia, of financial co-operation and technical assistance.

Ways and means of ensuring participation of Indigenous peoples on issues affecting them shall be established.

ARTICLE 42

The United Nations, its bodies, including the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and specialized agencies, including at the country level, and states shall promote respect for and full application of the provisions of this declaration and follow up the effectiveness of this declaration.

ARTICLE 43

The rights recognized herein constitute the minimum standards for the survival, dignity and well-being of the Indigenous peoples of the world.

ARTICLE 44

All the rights and freedoms recognized herein are equally guaranteed to male and female Indigenous individuals.

ARTICLE 45

Nothing in this declaration may be construed as diminishing or extinguishing the rights Indigenous peoples have now or may acquire in the future.

ARTICLE 46

1. Nothing in this declaration may be interpreted as implying for any state, people, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act contrary to the charter of the United Nations or construed as authorizing or encouraging any action which would dismember or impair, totally or in part, the territorial integrity or political unity of sovereign and independent states.

2. In the exercise of the rights enunciated in the present declaration, human rights and fundamental freedoms of all shall be respected.

The exercise of the rights set forth in this declaration shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law and in accordance with international human rights obligations.

Any such limitations shall be non-discriminatory and strictly necessary solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and for meeting the just and most compelling requirements of a democratic society.

3. The provisions set forth in this declaration shall be interpreted in accordance with the principles of justice, democracy, respect for human rights, equality, non-discrimination, good governance and good faith.

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community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.
For live music listings, see p. 15.

JUNE

Sat. June 1.....Egmont Day - Egmont, All day

Sat. June 1.....Sarah Wray Hall open to the public, Sarah Wray Hall, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sun. June 2.....S.C. Community Orchestra Spring Concert - P. H. Community Hall, 2:30 p.m.

Mon. June 3.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Mon. June 3.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. June 6.....P. H. Seniors Initiative Celebrates Seniors Week - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. June 7-9.....19th annual P. H. Blues Festival - various locations (3 days)

Tue. June 11.....P. H. Womens' Connection season-end luncheon - Backeddy Pub, 12 noon

Thu. June 13.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Thu. June 13.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. June 13.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (putting @ PHGC) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. June 14.....SoM Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 pm.

Sun. June 16.....Father's Day

Mon. June 17.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon

Thu. June 20.....SCRD electoral Area Services Committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. June 20.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (foot care) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Mon. June 24.....P. H. Garden Club (Rob Haines) - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

Wed. June 26.....PHSS graduation ceremony

Thu. June 27.....SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thu. June 27.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.

Sun. June 30.....Sarah Wray Hall 10th anniversary open house - Sarah Wray Hall, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. **b** 2. **c** 3. **a** 4. **c** 5. **d** 6. **b**



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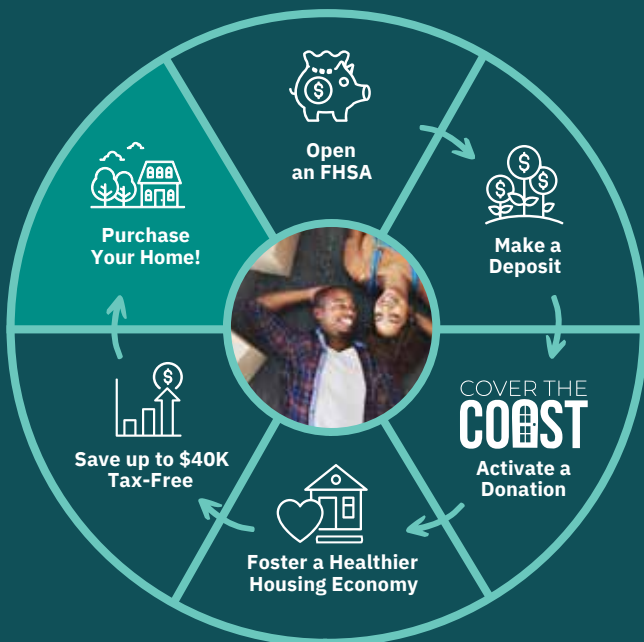
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