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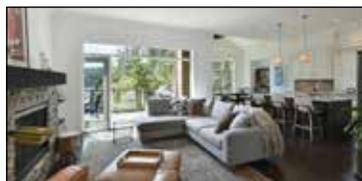
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This Pender Harbour rainbow seems to indicate the pot of gold sits in a home on Sinclair Bay Road or one of the derelict-ish boats anchored in Hospital Bay. (Evan Cunningham photo)

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## When 80 per cent is a fail

Brian Lee



This summer, parking in Madeira Park will be constrained by a number of large construction projects (see story, p. 5).

With that in mind, it's been decided that, starting June 1, access to Madeira Park village (between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.) will be restricted to only those with a parking reservation.

The online-only reservation costs \$8.50 and will be valid for two hours.

Vehicles without reservations may line up to fill no-shows (along the shoulder north of Madeira Park's highway entrance) but access isn't guaranteed.

Also, you will be forbidden to remain in your vehicle while parked.

April Fools — that's what *would* happen if BC Ferries ran Madeira Park too.

For those who are relatively new to the Coast, at one time you didn't need reservations to get on the ferry.

The time you left home for any particular sailing depended on a simple algorithm — how busy you expected it might be mathed with how badly you needed to make it.

If headed to a medical appointment or a flight, the prudent traveller arrived an hour and a half early.

Still, sailing waits were common and residents grumbled that BC Ferries should boost the number of sailings, but it worked under the circumstances, and it was fair.

Not anymore.

BC Ferries will increase reservation space on our Sunshine Coast-Horseshoe Bay route to an average of 80 per cent this month.

Thankfully, two-ferry service will run again from June 25 to Sept. 7.

But that's little relief to the woman who learns her grandkid is in Children's Hospital after snorting a

piece of Lego on Sept. 8.

Only BC Ferries could take a convenient service and make it even more convenient.

For visitors.

Anyone who lives on this side of the route understands that residents essentially accept a lower priority for boarding than visitors who have the good fortune of being able plan their trip and snap up the spaces weeks ahead of time.

Folks forced to make unscheduled medical appointments and supply runs are subordinated to those who rely on the ferries for recreation.

Reservations are a relief when you can get one but at 80 per cent, BC Ferries has continued to ignore the needs of residents who can't always predict when they will need to access the outside world.

They seem satisfied to watch us fight for the remaining scraps of dwindling deck space — even if it means melting our tires on the Langdale tarmac for half a day.

This removal of spontaneous access to the Lower Mainland is changing the culture of the Coast as we become more isolated from the city.

Most I know loathe the ferry experience so, naturally, they travel across less frequently.

If you search, “reducing service levels by making it onerous for people to use the service in the first place,” you'll find a word for it:

“Skimpflation” (sometimes referred to as “shitflation”) is a “degradation in the quality of services or goods, such as reduced staffing, longer wait times or diminished product features, which makes the offering less appealing and ultimately reduces customer demand.”

Note: This business model only works for quasi-Crown corporations, and government.

**DRIFTWOOD PLAYERS' A PAIR O' NORMS (two shows): Sat., April 11, 7:30 p.m. and Sun., April 12, 2 p.m.**

*A Pair o' Norms*, two one-act plays by Canadian sit-com legend Norm Foster, plays Pender Harbour Community Hall for two shows this month. The first, *My Narrator*, encourages you to imagine what would happen if that little voice inside your head — the one that tells you how to behave and what choices to make — suddenly took on a life of its own? For Lacy and Miles, love is what happens, and with hilarious results. Featuring Wanda Nowicki, Justin Huston, Kris Fleerackers and Kendall Green. Directed by Justin Huston.

In the second play, *The Death of Me*, John bargains with the Angel of Death for a second chance at life and quickly discovers that fixing the mistakes of your past is difficult, and that perhaps his destiny is not yet etched in stone. Featuring Gisele Perrault, Tim Anderson, Colin Weir and Angelika Wylie-Butler. Directed by Lynn MacDonald.

Tickets (\$25 and \$15 for youth) at [driftwoodplayers.ca/](http://driftwoodplayers.ca/) and Earthfair Store, Madeira Park.

**GRANT LAWRENCE AND FRIENDS – AN EVENING OF STORIES AND SONGS: Thursday, April 23, 7 p.m.**

Grant Lawrence brings his hit touring show to Pender Harbour for the first time. Join author, broadcaster and Sunshine Coast raconteur Lawrence for a very special evening of stories and songs at the Pender Harbour School of Music April 23. Lawrence will share stories from his bestselling books (*Adventures in Solitude* and *Return to Solitude*) as well as his upcoming new book *Whale Tale*. Between stories, songs will be performed by special musical guests Jeremy Fisher (Ottawa), Desiree Dawson (Vancouver) and Louise Burns (Vancouver Island). Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m. This is a show suitable for all ages and tickets (\$41.80) can be purchased from [grantlawrence.ca/events](http://grantlawrence.ca/events).

**APRIL TOOLS WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE: Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

For the 23rd year, the 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 when competitors will have four hours to build their race boat. A PHSS student race runs at 2 p.m. followed by the main event. Come out to the Madeira Park government wharf on April 25.

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## Summer construction projects to add to Madeira Park parking woes

Boaters and islanders will have an even harder time to find a spot to leave their vehicles and trailers this summer as at least two major construction projects promise to remove some of Madeira Park's parking.

The Pender Harbour Community Club will begin its roof replacement project on the community hall on June 1 and run through the summer.

Alain Catteau is managing the project for the PHCC and told the *Harbour Spiel* that an area around the hall that includes the Gonzales Road frontage will be fenced off for the duration of the project for safety reasons.

Catteau said parking near the community garden portion of the property will remain open.

Nicholas Weswick, School District 46 secretary-treasurer, told the *Harbour Spiel* that three separate projects are also soon to be underway on the Madeira Park Elementary School field.

"There's funding for the creation of a daycare, a stand-alone building, and the replacement of the community school portable building with some additional services like bathrooms," said Weswick.

"The third piece is a project underway to address the drainage at that site which involves replacing the culvert that has failed on a number of occasions on Paq Creek."

A new PVC culvert will replace the aging wooden one currently under the school field.

Weswick said there are some environmental constraints with regards to wildlife in Paq Creek that require construction to wait until early July.

"In addition to that piece, we are going to be raising the level of the school field because there's a tidal impact related to that," he said.



S.D. 46

The planned additions to the Madeira Park school field this summer. Note the added parking on the west end of the playground and buildings (yellow) on the north side.

This project was in the planning stages well before the Oct. 2025 release of the Sunshine Coast Regional District's "coastal flood mapping project" but Weswick said that report reinforced the need for this work.

Weswick said the added depth to the school field level will vary but, generally, they will add between 0.6 metres of depth up to one metre.

The design contains a sloped embankment to account for the elevation change around the property, so no retaining walls will be required.

Prior to raising the level of the field, all equipment will be removed including playground equipment, soft-ball backstops and the sports court.

Some of the equipment will be reinstalled but what will have to be replaced is still to be determined.

While the work on the creek won't happen until July, Weswick said there is potential to begin other portions of the projects such as the P. H. Community School building.

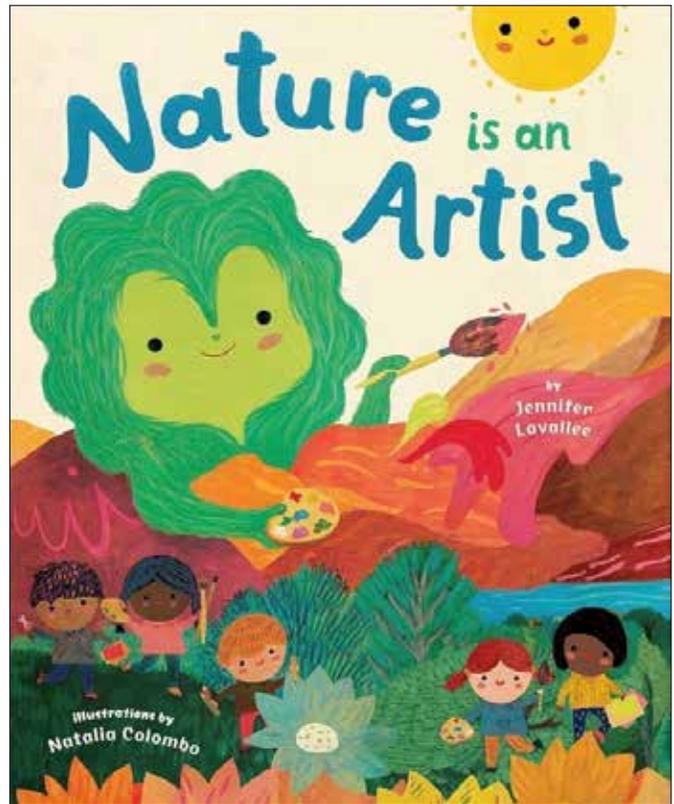
Weswick said they are still waiting on a "few permits to go forward," including a "development variance permit related to parking."

In the March 19 SCRDR electoral services committee agenda, a development variance permit application by S. D. 46 requested they be able to "reduce the combined off-street parking requirement and parking setback for the replacement of an existing community building and a new two-room childcare centre."

SCRDR staff recommended that variance be issued and it was scheduled to go before the SCRDR board for a final decision on March 26.

When it comes to parking availability, Weswick said he thinks "parking will be challenging this summer."

Weswick said that it's uncertain whether or not the staff parking lot will be available for public use for vehicles and boat trailers and also expects there will be parking impacts along the frontage of the school field.



Lyn Charlton photo

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour recently handed off the responsibility of maintaining the book display in Tyner Park's 'storybook walk.' Going forward, the Pender Harbour Community School has agreed to take on the responsibility of choosing and installing featured books. Seen here are (l-r): Rotarians Bill Charlton, Ian Grant, Malcolm McDougall, Cheyenne Howitt, executive director, P. H. Community School, and Rotarian Jane Blaiklock. The storybook walk was installed in Tyner Park, at the south end of Lily Lake, in September 2023. It features a series of 22 pedestals that showcase one children's book intended to pull you along the forest trail. The books are rotated on a regular basis and the latest book to be featured is author Jennifer Lavallee's *Nature is an Artist*.

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## Dock foam disposal pilot program launches

A pilot project launches this month to help dock owners on the Sunshine Coast safely dispose of deteriorating foam floats.

The Ocean Legacy Foundation and partner organizations will offer a series of "turn it in" events, where dock owners can bring old foam dock materials to designated collection sites for free recycling and disposal.

According to an OLF statement, recycling and disposal will take place in the Lower Mainland and "aims to provide a temporary, practical solution while long-term options are explored."

The OLF said more details will

be available by early April with the majority of collection events taking place throughout April.

To register, contact Jessica at [jessica@oceanlegacy.ca](mailto:jessica@oceanlegacy.ca).

Include your name and contact details (email and phone), dock location (GPS co-ordinates or map pin), whether you require remote pickup assistance, photo of your dock, the number and size of foam floats and your availability for drop-off (weekends or specific dates).

The Ocean Legacy Foundation is a Canadian based non-profit founded in 2013 with the goal to end ocean plastic waste.

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## New 'key biodiversity area' recognized in Pender Harbour

In March, the Sakinaw-Ruby-Garden Bay region was formally designated as a "key biodiversity area."

Known more specifically as BC320, the Sakinaw-Ruby-Garden Bay KBA covers approximately 70 square kilometres, from sea level to 1,200 metres elevation and includes Sakinaw Lake, Ruby Lake, Garden Bay lakes and their surrounding forests and wetlands.

Key biodiversity areas are nationally recognized sites identified through scientific criteria as being exceptionally important for Canada's most at-risk and unique species.

According to KBA Canada, a "coalition of organizations and individuals with an interest in identifying and using information about KBAs," KBAs do not create new regulations but provide science-based guidance to support conservation planning and stewardship.

BC320 meets national criteria because its lakes support the largest known Canadian population of the western painted turtle (Pacific Coast population) and hold critical spawning and rearing habitat, "a rare meromictic lake with two distinct layers of water that do not mix," that supports a unique and endangered population of sockeye salmon.

The area is also one of only a few Canadian locations for the endangered Oregon branded skipper butterfly (*Hesperia colorado oregonia*) found on Pender Hill.

According to the BC government's conservation date centre, this subspecies "prefers sparsely vegetated coastal sand ecosystems and scrub oak ecosystems, with large areas of exposed bare ground, dry well-drained soil and short turf grasses and bunchgrasses.

"Bunchgrasses are important for larvae, as the species constructs larval shelters using these types of grass species."

According to KBA Canada, KBA BC320 provides a strong scientific foundation for community stewardship.

"Although some areas overlap with parks and ecological reserves, many sensitive habitats remain unprotected."

The Sakinaw-Ruby-Garden Bay KBA is 16 per cent protected.

KBA Canada lists a host of threats the area faces, including:

- Housing and urban areas;
- Marine and freshwater aquaculture;
- Roads and railroads;
- Fishing and harvesting aquatic resources;
- Recreational activities;
- Fire and fire suppression;
- Dams and water management, and use;
- Invasive non-native species and diseases;
- Problematic native species and diseases;
- Habitat shifting and alteration, and
- Droughts, storms and flooding.



kbacanada.org

The recently designated 'Sakinaw-Ruby-Garden Bay key biodiversity area.'



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The endangered Oregon branded skipper butterfly (*Hesperia colorado oregonia*).

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## Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department honours their own

The Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department recognized members for their dedication at the annual Fireman's Appreciation Dinner held at the Royal Canadian Legion 112 on Feb. 21.

Monty Rolston was the guest of honour for serving the organization for the past 50 years and received a standing ovation from his fellow fire-fighters and guests.

Other recipients of recognition that evening are:

- Ron Cymbalist — 35-year pin and BC long service award;
- Jim Cameron — BC long service award (35 years);
- Bill Gilkes — 25-year pin and BC long service award;
- John Forward — fire service exemplary award (30 years);
- Barry Ashley — fire service exemplary award (20 years);
- Glenn Eaton — 15-year pin;
- Katie Edwardson — 10-year pin;



Christine Alexander

Monty Ralston (l), with Jim Cameron, PHVFD fire chief, received a standing ovation, a 50-year pin plus the fire service exemplary award and this custom clock for his 50 years of service to the Pender Harbour Fire Department.

- Sam Beaton — 10-year pin;
- Tony Botticelli — 10-year pin;
- Al Chorley — fourth-year pin;
- Michael Davison — second-year pin;
- Joel Payeur — first-year pin;
- Howard Zatwarnitski — first-year pin;
- Oliver Daly — first-year pin, and
- Christoph Heckermann — first-year pin.



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Ralston's standing ovation at the Royal Canadian Legion 112 on Feb. 21.



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# SCRD financial plan: It's a wrap



*Leonard Lee  
Area A director, SCRCD*

Our 2026 financial plan, the budget, has been finalized and individual 2026 property taxes can be estimated based on the assessed value of properties and the services we receive.

The SCRCD levies about 47 per cent of your property taxes, while the province of BC levies the rest.

Area A has the lowest SCRCD tax increase of all SCRCD areas, a \$285,904 (6.54 per cent) increase.

Note that the SCRCD does not fund the Pender Harbour Volunteer Fire Department as it is managed and funded by the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District.

As an example, property within

the Egmont Fire Protection District and assessed at \$1 million, would be taxed by the SCRCD at \$2,423, a \$161.96 (7.16 per cent) increase from 2025, while the same home in Area A, within the Pender Harbour Fire Protection District, would be taxed by the SCRCD at \$1,470.24, a \$82.36 (5.93 per cent) increase.

You can find the SCRCD financial plan by going to [www.scrd.ca/budget](http://www.scrd.ca/budget), selecting 2026-2030 financial plan, and scrolling down to Area A tax rates and user fees.

## THE UPS AND DOWNS OF YOUR 2025 TAXES

In an election year, directors typically slash spending to postpone increases, downloading them on future boards, but I reject that approach in favour of “business as usual” to

invest in our future.

General administration is down \$52,340 (-1.2 per cent) for legislative services, corporate governance, administrative services and support, wages, and expenses.

Area A feasibility study, down \$36,835 (0.84 per cent) for a study of potential new services including referendums.

Parks is up \$134,584 (3.08 per cent) for development and maintenance of approximately 30 SCRCD parks including management plans for Katherine Lake Park and Dan Bosch Park, 25 to 30 beach accesses and trails including Vinebrook Bridge construction and Kleindale bridge design and costing.

Solid waste management rose \$52,229 (1.19 per cent) for Sechelt landfill including vertical expansion



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## Board and Committee Meetings

<p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> April 9 at 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Regular Board</b> April 9 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Electoral Area Services Committee</b> April 16 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Committee of the Whole</b> April 30 at 9:30 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Regional Hospital District</b> April 30 at 1:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Regular Board</b> April 30 at 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>Our meetings are held in person in the SCRCD Boardroom, online via Zoom, and live-streamed to the SCRCD YouTube channel.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.scrd.ca/agendas" style="color: white;">www.scrd.ca/agendas</a>.</p>
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sion, Pender Harbour transfer station, Ocean plastics depot, waste reduction programs and recycling and composting programs.

Economic Development is up \$48,202 (1.1 per cent) for Area A projects including visitor information booth operation and maintenance, washrooms and signage.

Rural planning rose \$33,955 (1.1 per cent) for community plan, bylaw, and development processes.

P. H. Health Centre is up \$33,856 (0.77 percent) for operation, maintenance and capital reserves.

Egmont and District Fire Protection is up \$23,847 (0.55 per cent) for firefighting and public safety services in Egmont, Earls Cove, Ruby Lake and North Sakinaw Lake.

Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre is up \$10,395 (0.24 per cent) for operation and maintenance of the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre, including increased wages and benefits.

### BUILDING MORE AFFORDABLE BRIDGES

In recent years, many bridges on SCRD trails were closed because of asset failure or storm damage and, this year, we're proceeding with two big replacement projects:

- Vinebrook Bridge — construction, priced at \$518,240, is funded by a \$510,000 loan and \$8,240 from taxes, and

- Kleindale Bridge — design and cost estimates, priced at \$117,063, are funded through taxation, with construction being subject to future budget approval.

Until recently, an expensive steel or aluminum bridge was the requirement for a design emphasizing durability, environmental considerations,

and longevity, but that changed in February with a report and proposal titled “Cliff Gilker bridges and trail remediation (park recovery),” presented to our directors by Jessica Huntington, SCRD parks services manager.

Last year the board approved \$1,198,850 for the decommissioning (removal) of the Lower Waterfall bridge and Zigzag bridge, replacement of the Upper Waterfall bridge and Gorge bridge in Cliff Gilker Park, critical trail resiliency work and park signage.

Huntington’s proposal led to a recommendation that the SCRD enter into a partnership agreement with the Sunshine Coast Community Forests, which identifies one of their strategic goals as undertaking projects that offer lasting benefit to Sunshine Coast residents, including forest-based recreation, for the construction of the Upper Waterfall bridge and Gorge bridge, for a cost not to exceed \$48,000, excluding GST.

An SCCF partnership will reduce project costs through the use of their resources including onsite and donated local timber, project management expertise, volunteer labour, and other in-kind contributions, saving the SCRD \$578,930.

Under the agreement, the SCCF will rebuild the bridges using the U. S. Dept. Agriculture Forest Service bridge design.

## PENDER HARBOUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT



### 2026 Annual General Meeting

Tuesday • April 21 • 7:30pm

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- 2025 Audited Financial Statements
- Election of One Trustee
- Fire Chief’s Report 2025

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## Grant Lawrence (and friends) promises to bring fun to the Harbour

Don't miss "Grant Lawrence and Friends: An evening of stories and songs in Pender Harbour" when it arrives like a musical and literary circus on April 23.

The charismatic Lawrence brings his hit touring show to Pender Harbour this month for the first time.

The award-winning author, broadcaster and Sunshine Coast raconteur will host an evening of stories and songs at the Pender Harbour School of Music for one night only.

"Over the past few years, I've done shows in Gibsons and Sechelt but never in the Pender Harbour area.

"It's where Harbour Publishing is based, who I've worked with for over 15 years, so I've always wanted to do a show there," Grant Lawrence told the *Harbour Spiel*.

"And the Pender Harbour School of Music is a very beautiful venue, so we're really looking forward to bringing the show there."

Lawrence will share uproarious and true coastal stories from his bestselling books like *Adventures in Solitude* and *Return to Solitude* while offering the audience a peek at his upcoming book *Whale Tale*.

"Over the years I've written so many stories about the Sunshine Coast that it will be fun to share the stories where they actually happened," said Lawrence.

Between stories, songs will be performed by special musical guests Jeremy Fisher (Ottawa), Desiree Dawson (Vancouver) and Louise Burns (Vancouver Island).

"I always hand-pick the music for the best possible live experience," Lawrence said.

"These artists are all excellent songwriters and excellent performers, who I think the Sunshine Coast audience will love."

Lawrence is an award-winning writer, musician, broadcaster and live event host.

He is the author of four best-selling books for adults *Adventures in Solitude* (2010), *The Lonely End of the Rink* (2013), *Dirty Windshields* (2017), and his latest number 1 best-seller, *Return to Solitude* (2022).

*Bailey the Bat and the Tangled Moose*, his first children's picture book, was released in 2021.

Lawrence's second children's book, *Adventures in Desolation*



Antonia Allen

Grant Lawrence

*Sound*, a picture book version of *Adventures in Solitude*, was released in 2024.

Lawrence is the first author in the history of the BC Book Prizes to win the Bill Duthie booksellers choice award twice.

When he's not scribbling stories, he is also the host of the CBC Music Top 20, the lead singer of the internationally acclaimed garage band The Smugglers, a Canadian screen award winner, and a former columnist for the *WestEnder*, the *Vancouver Courier*, *Vancouver Is Awesome*, *North Shore News* and *Powell River Peak*.

Lawrence is married to musician Jill Barber and they live in Vancouver with their two children.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and showtime is 7 p.m.

This all-ages show will likely sell out so get your tickets (\$41.80) early from Lawrence's website: [grantlawrence.ca/events](http://grantlawrence.ca/events).



If you don't recognize Grant Lawrence from his days as the lead singer of the Smugglers, or from his frequent appearances on CBC Radio, then you might recognize him as the author of some of the most entertaining books to be published on Beaver Island (by Harbour Publishing and Douglas & McIntyre, of course).

## Victoria Ann Osler (née Gibson)

MARCH 7, 1948 — DECEMBER 26, 2025



Victoria Ann Osler (née Gibson) was born on March 7, 1948, in Vancouver and died peacefully on Dec. 26 at Sechelt Hospital surrounded by love.

Osler grew up in Pender Harbour during a special time in the community's history, when children commonly travelled to school by boat because the roads had not yet been built.

Those early years shaped her strong, independent spirit and her deep love for the coastal life.

She was one of five children and

is lovingly remembered by her brother Ed Gibson and sister Mary Gibson.

Osler was predeceased by her brothers George Gibson and Jack Gibson.

Osler married Ronald Fenn and became the devoted mother of three sons: Charles Fenn, Leonard Fenn, and Christopher Fenn.

In the early 1980s, she endured an unimaginable tragedy when a devastating house fire claimed the lives of her two younger sons, Leonard and Christopher.

Despite this profound loss, her strength and resilience carried her forward.

Later, Osler moved to Vancouver Island where she dedicated herself to caring for others as an extended care nurse.

She had a special calling for working with the elderly and hospice patients, offering compassion, dignity, and comfort in their most vulnerable moments.

During her years on the Island, she formed many cherished friend-

ships and embraced all the beauty and peace the island had to offer.

A gifted artist and green thumb, Osler found joy in creativity and growing things throughout her life.

She also had a lifelong love of horses and cared for many beloved pets over the years.

Her home was always filled with warmth, life and love.

In retirement, she returned to the Sunshine Coast to be closer to her family.

She is survived by her loving son Charles Fenn, his wife Deena Lowings, and her two grandsons, Brock Fenn and Mason Fenn.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Osler was a beautiful, strong and independent woman whose resilience, compassion and love will never be forgotten.

Her memory will live on in the hearts of those she touched.

There will be no service upon her wishes.

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

## Easter Pancake Breakfast

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## Hans Helmut Haas

SEPTEMBER 23, 1930 — FEBRUARY 22, 2026



Hans Helmut Haas and Christa Eva Haas died together peacefully at their home in Sechelt on Feb. 22, surrounded by the love of their family.

Both grew up during the war years, experiences that would shape their resilience and their lifelong appreciation for the peace, opportunity and natural beauty they later found in Canada.

Helmut was born in Offenbach, Germany in 1930.

He immigrated to Canada in 1953 and built a career as a skilled cabinetmaker.

A talented gymnast and coach, he made many lifelong friends through the sport.

A highlight was the 1962 World Championships in Prague, where he coached the Canadian men's team.

Christa was born in Breslau, Germany in 1936.

She trained as a bookkeeper after finishing school.

An adventurous spirit with a love of travel, she spent her time off exploring Europe and beyond.

In 1963, her travels took her to Canada to visit her brother, a good friend of Helmut's.

She fell in love with the country, and not long after, she fell in love with Helmut as well.

The couple were married in

## Christa Eva Haas (née Weichert)

MARCH 14, 1936 — FEBRUARY 22, 2026

September 1964 and began their life together on West 61st Street in Vancouver.

A year later, they made what they often called the best decision of their lives — they purchased a property with a small, one-room shack on Sakinaw Lake, accessible only by ferry and dirt road.

There, they built the cabin that would become the centrepiece of their family.

Helmut and Christa often said the cabin kept the family close, as it hosted many birthdays, weddings, anniversaries and holidays.

It remains their enduring legacy.

Hospitality, curiosity, and a shared sense of adventure defined their lives together, as did their openness and deep interest in the people around them.

Time spent in their company meant lively conversations, warm welcomes and never a dull moment.

They embraced the outdoors by camping, skiing and hiking all over BC.

Road trips were the preferred method of travel and they completed many journeys across Canada, Alaska, and the western United States.

After retiring, they moved to the Sunshine Coast and became members of the Sechelt Seniors Activity Centre.

Christa volunteered in many roles, most notably as bookkeeper for over 20 years and was honoured to be nominated for a lifetime membership.

In those golden years, they continued to travel, taking 19 cruises — some with the whole family.

The two spent most of their time at Sakinaw Lake, enjoying many sunny summer days with a constant rotation of visitors, friends and family,

including summer holiday babysitting stints with grandchildren.

They never let a gathering pass without expressing how lucky they felt to have such wonderful family and friends.

They were devoted parents and grandparents who put family first and instilled strong core values through their daily example of love, kindness, and partnership.

To those who knew them, they were role models for what a good life — and a good marriage — could look like.

Helmut and Christa are lovingly remembered by their daughters, Sonja Dickinson (John) and Petra Helfer (Adam), and by their grandchildren, Stefanie, Danica, Joshua, and Jakob, as well as many extended family and close friends.

They touched many lives deeply.

The family would like to thank their doctors, nurses, home support and Rami of Sechelt Pharmacy for the excellent care they provided over the last two years.

By request, no formal service will be held.

In lieu of flowers, please feel free to donate to a charity of your choice.

A private celebration of life took place with immediate family, one week before their passing, where fond memories were shared with much laughter.

Together in life for more than six decades, Helmut and Christa chose to leave this world as they lived in it: side by side.

“Heiterkeit und Frohsinn sind die Sonne unter der alles gedeiht.”

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# WHAT TO INCLUDE IN A 'GRAB AND GO' KIT

A grab-and-go bag is a small emergency kit that's easy to take with you, in case you need to leave right away. It's a good idea to make grab-and-go bags for your home, workplace and vehicle.

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## Include:

- Food (ready to eat) and water.
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- Copies of important documents, such as insurance papers and identification.
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- Local map with your family meeting place identified.



- Seasonal clothing and an emergency blanket.
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Voyent Alert is a multi-purpose communication service used to send alerts to residents, businesses, and visitors on the Sunshine Coast during events like earthquakes, fires or floods. Registration for the region-wide service is free and anonymous. For mobile app alerts, download and install the Voyent Alert app from the Apple or Google Play app stores. For email, text message or voice call alerts, register online at [voyent-alert.com/community/](http://voyent-alert.com/community/).

### **P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE**

It is already spring and time to listen to some toe-tapping good music by our local musicians. The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, April 10. Playing are Them Ordinary Things (Simon Paradis, Paul Dwyer, Kaia Neilson and Mark Lebbell). Their music draws from country, blues, funk, soul, rock and folk traditions.

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.

### **PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB**

The Pender Harbour Garden Club will be hosting a spring garden tour of a few local gardens. We will be meeting April 27 at 1 p.m. at the P. H. School of Music to receive a map, instructions and arrange carpooling. Cost is \$5/person for drop-in or free for PHGC members.

### **PENDER HARBOUR READING SOCIETY**

The Pender Harbour Library invites you to their annual general meeting on April 11 at 2 p.m. at the Pender Harbour School of Music. They will introduce their new user-friendly digital catalogue for easier browsing of the library collection.

### **PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION**

The Women's Connection will be hosting the fourth annual "community update" on April 14. The line up this year will be:

- Nick Gaskin, executive director of the Pender Harbour Health Centre;
- Lana Brant, interim executive director of the Loon Foundation, will discuss her vision for the Loon Foundation and PODS;
- Len Lee, Area Director A SCRCD, and
- Ron Seymour, representing the newly opened Pender Harbour senior apartment, Campbell House, will give us the latest on this much awaited community asset.

Each speaker will have 15 minutes and following a refreshment break, there will be a short question period. We extend an invitation to spouses and friends to attend.

On April 28, local quilter Val Haines will present. Haines has been quilting for over 30 years and co-owned a quilting store for 10 years here in Madeira Park. She's also a member of the Harbour Gallery artists co-op in Madeira Park as well as the Pender Harbour Piecemakers.

The P. H. Women's Connection meets at the P. H. School of Music. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Presentations begin at 10 a.m. and there is a \$4 drop-in fee.

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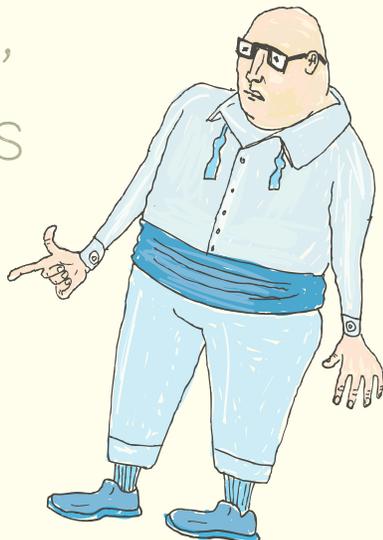
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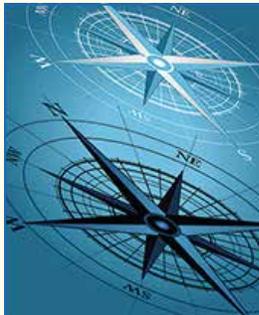
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## Celebrating three years of Pender Harbour Better at Home

The Pender Harbour Better at Home community celebrated its third anniversary on Feb. 26 by bringing together 60 volunteers, contractors, participants, staff and other community members at the community hall to sing with HUGS (Harbour Ukelele Group and Singers), enjoy a little Spanish guitar from William Leggott and savour a hot lunch.

Door prizes and team recognition activities topped off the day like icing on a cake.

Pender Harbour Better at Home provides non-medical services to community members over the age of 60 that help them live longer and independently in their own homes.

Better at Home is funded by the provincial government and managed by United Way.

Pender Harbour Better at Home delivers services to senior residents from Halfmoon Bay to Egmont.

The benefits to both our participants and volunteers are many.

One participant expressed, "Knowing that my food and meds will arrive, even if I am bedridden, has lifted a huge amount of stress from my life!"

Needless to say, less stress means a better life.

One volunteer, Alex, who has been volunteering with Better at Home since we began in 2023, had this to say:

"My involvement with Better at Home makes

me feel like I am more a part of the community.

"I am meeting people I never knew before, knowing people on a first name basis, and feeling more connected.

"The more involved I am, the more I support others, the better I feel about myself.

"Also, it allows me to gain perspective on my own issues and has allowed me to become better organized.

"One day I may need this help, so I am kind of paying it forward.

"My volunteer day with Better at Home participants is a highlight of my week."

When we volunteer, we create many opportunities to make new friends and add value to the lives of both ourselves and others.

Volunteering can help people navigate major life transitions such as death of a loved one or a change in career or retirement.

No matter what service a volunteer or contractor

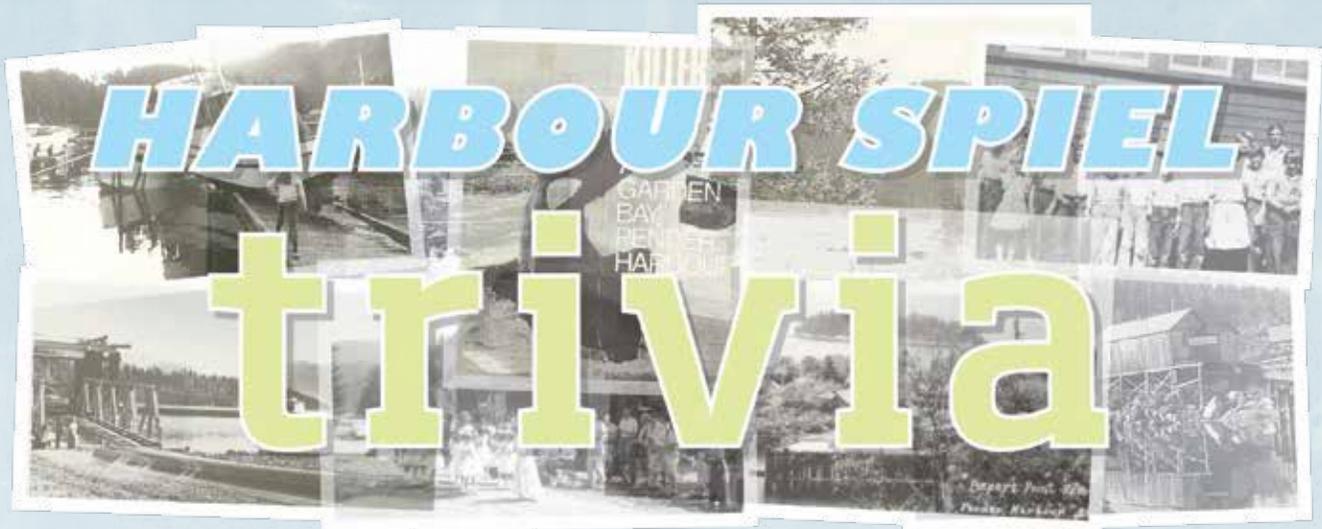
gives, they are also boosting social connection for the participant, an important experience that improves health for all.

Better at Home is currently inviting members of the community to apply to be a volunteer driver or provide friendly social visits.

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**If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with Better at Home, please contact Haida Bolton, Program Co-ordinator, at 604-212-2232 or at [haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com](mailto:haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com).**





**1. Approximately, how many students attend Madeira Park Elementary School?**

- a. 55
- b. 71
- c. 89
- d. 105

**2. What surname was once the namesake of John Henry's Store and Marina in Garden Bay?**

- a. Irvine
- b. Lloyd
- c. Fielding
- d. Thompson

**3. What is another name for salmon eggs?**

- a. roe
- b. seed
- c. milt
- d. kazunoko

**4. What is the name of the landmark restaurant in the heart of Roberts Creek?**

- a. Chakra's
- b. Melomania
- c. Groove
- d. Gumbot

**5. What local trail features a bridge crossing over Haslam Creek near McNeill Lake?**

- a. Copperhead
- b. Scary Hill Bypass
- c. Dry Feet
- d. Haslam Havoc

**6. What is a fid?**

- a. Scottish dance
- b. deep sea fish
- c. Newfie slang for tourist
- d. rope splicing tool

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

# River in peril: The fragility of the mighty Fraser River

*submitted*

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society is pleased to host Prof. Jeremy Venditti for a presentation titled, “River in peril: The fragility of the mighty Fraser River.”

Venditti is a professor of environmental science at Simon Fraser University.

He leads the river dynamics laboratory at SFU and his primary research interests lie in the dynamics of Earth’s largest large river systems, and in particular, the fluid and sediment dynamics of sand-bed, gravel-bed and bedrock rivers.

His work currently focuses on the dynamics of actively incising bedrock canyons, global sediment export from mountain ranges and the physics of flooding.

From 2021-2024, he led a team of researchers funded by the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation fund to examine impacts of the Big Bar Landslide on salmon migration, populations and genetic selection.

His ongoing work focuses on understanding flow dynamics in bedrock canyons, the distribution of hydraulic barriers to salmon migration in rivers and the risk posed by landslides and high flow events to salmon abundance

and diversity in the Fraser.

The Fraser River lies at the heart of B.C.

Its drainage basin is the size of Great Britain and its salmon migrations are key elements of Indigenous culture and BC’s commercial fishery.

The river is unassailably large, free-flowing without dams on the mainstem, and powerful.

We are reminded of the Fraser’s power each spring when the river threatens communities with flooding throughout the basin, including the most densely populated parts of BC.

Yet the mighty Fraser River is also fragile in ways we might not recognize.

There is a problem with sediment in the Fraser River — there is not enough to go around.

Land use and climate change have reduced the amount of sediment being delivered to the Fraser Delta and Canada’s supply chains require dredging to support port facilities.

That dredging removes much more sediment from the delta than is supplied from upstream.

This sediment deficit threatens infrastructure, the stability of the delta channels and the ecological integrity of the delta.

Threats to the Fraser River, like



Jeremy Venditti

Jeremy Venditti

the sediment deficit in the delta, beg for formation of a Fraser River observatory to monitor river health in the face of industrialization, urbanization, land use change and climate change.

Join the PHWS at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21 at Pender Harbour Secondary School for this fascinating presentation on the Fraser River.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and after the presentation enjoy coffee, treats, and conversation.



Ray Kostaschuk

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April 2026



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# IGNITE VOLUNTEERISM

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and enjoy a piece of cake and tea or coffee to help celebrate our volunteers.

National Volunteer Week is April 19 - 25.  
The theme this year is "Ignite Volunteerism!"



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## Seniors' activities for April:

### SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE COMMUNITY HALL

Saturday, April 18 – Health & Wellness Fair from 10-2pm

Sunday, April 19 – Presentation on Clutter from 2-4pm

Wednesday, April 22 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea from 2-4pm

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

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

April 2 – Bring your "Eggcellent" ideas for Egg Decorating.

April 9 – Discussion: "New connections through loss" w/ Sharon Halford & Caron Hawrychuk

April 16 – Armchair Travel to Hungary

April 23 – Free Lunch for all who attend Jeopardy Harbourside Friendships style.

April 30 – Lunch and Shopping in Powell River.

### CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15 & 29

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

### CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, April 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 & 27

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am –12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

### CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11–12pm. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Cost: \$3.

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**THURSDAYS 8:00-9:30 PM**  
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**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Tuesday JUNE 16, 5:00-5:30PM @PenderHarbourLibrary

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Minutes of Last AGM June 17, 2025
3. 2025 Annual Report
4. 2025 Financial Statement
5. Appointment of Accountant
6. Election of PHCSS Board of Directors & Appointment of Executives

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**BIKE CLUB**

THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL STARTING IN APRIL - GRADES 6 AND UP

Contact: virginia@pendercommunity.ca - details to be determined



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Applications for 2026 LIFE Financial Assistance care now available.  
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# pender harbour tides ~ april 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:



April	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Wed 01	7.5	9.1	11.1	13.0	14.5	15.0	14.5	13.1	11.2	9.0	7.3	6.3	6.3	7.2	8.8	10.7	12.4	13.5	13.6	12.8	11.4	9.8	8.3	7.6
Thu 02	7.7	8.7	10.4	12.2	13.8	14.7	14.6	13.5	11.6	9.4	7.3	5.8	5.3	5.8	7.2	9.2	11.3	13.0	13.9	13.9	13.1	11.7	10.1	8.9
Fri 03	8.4	8.8	9.9	11.5	13.1	14.2	14.5	13.8	12.1	10.0	7.7	5.8	4.8	4.7	5.7	7.5	9.7	11.9	13.5	14.3	14.1	13.2	11.9	10.5
Sat 04	9.6	9.3	9.9	11.0	12.4	13.5	14.1	13.8	12.5	10.6	8.3	6.2	4.8	4.2	4.6	6.0	8.1	10.4	12.5	14.0	14.5	14.2	13.3	12.1
Sun 05	10.9	10.2	10.2	10.8	11.8	12.9	13.6	13.6	12.8	11.2	9.1	7.0	5.2	4.2	4.1	4.9	6.5	8.7	11.0	12.9	14.2	14.5	14.2	13.3
Mon 06	12.2	11.3	10.8	11.0	11.5	12.3	13.0	13.3	12.9	11.7	9.9	7.9	6.1	4.7	4.1	4.3	5.4	7.1	9.2	11.3	13.1	14.1	14.4	14.0
Tue 07	13.2	12.4	11.7	11.4	11.5	12.0	12.5	12.9	12.8	12.0	10.6	8.9	7.1	5.6	4.6	4.3	4.8	5.9	7.6	9.6	11.5	13.0	13.9	14.1
Wed 08	13.8	13.2	12.5	11.9	11.7	11.8	12.1	12.4	12.5	12.1	11.1	9.8	8.3	6.8	5.6	4.9	4.7	5.3	6.4	7.9	9.7	11.4	12.8	13.7
Thu 09	13.9	13.7	13.2	12.6	12.1	11.8	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.0	11.4	10.5	9.3	8.0	6.8	5.8	5.2	5.2	5.7	6.7	8.2	9.8	11.4	12.8
Fri 10	13.6	13.9	13.7	13.2	12.6	12.1	11.6	11.5	11.6	11.7	11.6	11.2	10.4	9.3	8.1	7.0	6.1	5.6	5.5	6.0	7.0	8.5	10.1	11.7
Sat 11	13.0	13.8	14.0	13.7	13.1	12.4	11.6	11.1	10.9	11.0	11.2	11.4	11.4	10.9	9.9	8.7	7.5	6.5	5.8	5.7	6.2	7.3	8.8	10.5
Sun 12	12.1	13.4	14.0	14.0	13.5	12.6	11.6	10.7	10.1	10.1	10.4	10.9	11.4	11.6	11.3	10.5	9.3	7.9	6.8	6.0	5.9	6.5	7.7	9.4
Mon 13	11.2	12.8	13.9	14.2	13.9	12.9	11.7	10.4	9.4	8.9	9.1	9.8	10.7	11.6	12.0	11.9	11.1	9.8	8.4	7.1	6.3	6.2	7.0	8.4
Tue 14	10.3	12.1	13.6	14.3	14.2	13.3	11.9	10.2	8.7	7.8	7.6	8.2	9.4	10.8	12.0	12.7	12.6	11.8	10.4	8.8	7.5	6.7	6.8	7.8
Wed 15	9.4	11.3	13.1	14.2	14.5	13.8	12.3	10.3	8.4	6.9	6.1	6.4	7.5	9.2	11.1	12.7	13.5	13.4	12.5	11.0	9.3	8.0	7.4	7.7
Thu 16	8.9	10.6	12.4	13.9	14.6	14.2	12.9	10.8	8.4	6.3	4.9	4.6	5.3	7.0	9.3	11.6	13.4	14.3	14.2	13.2	11.6	10.0	8.7	8.3
Fri 17	8.7	10.0	11.8	13.4	14.5	14.6	13.6	11.6	9.0	6.5	4.4	3.3	3.3	4.6	6.8	9.5	12.1	14.1	15.0	14.8	13.7	12.2	10.6	9.5
Sat 18	9.3	9.9	11.3	12.9	14.2	14.7	14.2	12.6	10.1	7.3	4.7	2.8	2.0	2.5	4.2	6.8	9.8	12.5	14.6	15.5	15.2	14.2	12.7	11.3
Sun 19	10.4	10.3	11.0	12.3	13.7	14.6	14.6	13.5	11.4	8.7	5.8	3.4	1.8	1.4	2.2	4.2	7.0	10.0	12.8	14.8	15.7	15.4	14.4	13.1
Mon 20	11.8	11.1	11.2	11.9	13.0	14.1	14.6	14.2	12.7	10.4	7.6	4.9	2.7	1.4	1.3	2.4	4.5	7.3	10.3	12.9	14.8	15.6	15.4	14.5
Tue 21	13.4	12.3	11.7	11.8	12.5	13.3	14.1	14.3	13.5	11.9	9.6	7.0	4.5	2.7	1.7	1.8	2.9	5.0	7.6	10.4	12.9	14.6	15.4	15.2
Wed 22	14.5	13.5	12.6	12.1	12.1	12.6	13.2	13.7	13.6	12.8	11.2	9.1	6.8	4.8	3.2	2.4	2.6	3.7	5.6	7.9	10.5	12.7	14.4	15.2
Thu 23	15.1	14.5	13.6	12.7	12.1	11.9	12.2	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.2	10.8	9.1	7.2	5.4	4.1	3.5	3.6	4.6	6.3	8.4	10.7	12.8	14.3
Fri 24	15.1	15.0	14.5	13.6	12.6	11.8	11.4	11.4	11.7	12.0	12.1	11.8	10.8	9.5	7.9	6.4	5.2	4.6	4.7	5.5	7.0	9.0	11.1	13.0
Sat 25	14.4	15.1	15.0	14.3	13.3	12.1	11.0	10.4	10.2	10.5	11.0	11.4	11.5	11.1	10.1	8.9	7.5	6.4	5.7	5.7	6.5	7.9	9.8	11.7
Sun 26	13.5	14.7	15.1	14.8	13.9	12.5	11.0	9.8	9.0	8.9	9.4	10.2	11.0	11.5	11.5	10.9	9.8	8.6	7.5	6.8	6.7	7.4	8.8	10.6
Mon 27	12.5	14.0	14.9	15.1	14.4	13.0	11.3	9.6	8.3	7.6	7.7	8.4	9.6	10.8	11.7	12.1	11.7	10.8	9.6	8.5	7.8	7.7	8.4	9.8
Tue 28	11.5	13.2	14.5	15.0	14.7	13.5	11.7	9.7	7.9	6.7	6.3	6.7	7.9	9.5	11.0	12.2	12.8	12.5	11.7	10.4	9.3	8.6	8.6	9.4
Wed 29	10.8	12.4	13.8	14.7	14.7	13.8	12.1	10.0	7.9	6.2	5.3	5.3	6.2	7.8	9.8	11.6	13.0	13.5	13.2	12.3	11.1	10.0	9.4	9.5
Thu 30	10.3	11.7	13.1	14.1	14.5	14.0	12.5	10.5	8.2	6.1	4.7	4.3	4.8	6.2	8.3	10.5	12.4	13.8	14.2	13.7	12.8	11.5	10.5	10.0

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



**Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Disapproval.**

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

Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to **Doug Hardwick, Dan Jinks** and **Jim Pike** for their generous volunteer work in the installation of the new HVAC air handling equipment for the P. H. School of Music.

Sandy Matches  
Pender Harbour Music Society

A belly full of Harbour Seals of Approval to **Ace's Clubhouse** in Pender Harbour and **Coastal Crust** in Sechelt for their contribution to our hot lunch program.

Your support is so appreciated.

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Godkin family** and **Brightside Organics** for sponsoring the train at Winterfest.

We were able to put donations from the train towards field trips and hot lunch for the students.

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Madeira Park Rona** for donating painting supplies so we could paint the school basement. The space will be turned into a creative learning space for the kids.

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

A Harbour Seal of Approval to the **Royal Canadian Legion 112** for your generous donation towards our hot lunch program. Your continued support is so appreciated.

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval to all the parent volunteers at Madeira Park Elementary. It truly does take a village

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

A special Harbour Seals of Approval to **Ed Anderson (Mr. Zilkie)**.

You spent your Saturday painting ceilings to make a beautiful space for our kids. We appreciate you and welcome to the village.

Dallis Daly  
MPES PAC

Many above and beyond Harbour Seals of Approval to **Linda Pearson** and **her granddaughter, Katie**. My granddaughter is more than thrilled.

Cathy Gibson

photojournal



submitted

Martin Swan sold out the Sarah Wray Hall on Feb. 21 for a P. H. Living Heritage sponsored presentation about Swan's 2024 boat trip north to Kimsquit. Swan retraced his family's 1964 trip following the logbook of his late father Dr. Alan Swan.



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

1. 11:35 AM -L, 5:22 PM +L
2. 12:00 PM -L, 6:10 PM +XL
3. 12:19 PM -XL, 6:56 PM +XL
4. 12:22 PM -XL
5. 12:28 PM -XL
6. 12:33 PM -XL
7. 7:12 AM -M, 12:59 PM -XL
8. 7:53 AM +S, 1:48 PM -L
9. 3:18 PM -L
10. 4:48 PM -L
11. 7:32 AM -M, 5:52 PM -L
12. 8:24 AM -M, 1:39 PM +S
13. 9:07 AM -M, 2:32 PM +M
14. 9:44 AM -L, 3:21 PM +L
15. 10:16 AM -L, 4:10 PM +XL
16. 10:44 AM -L, 5:09 PM +XL
17. 11:11 AM -XL, 5:59 PM +XL
18. 11:14 AM -XL, 6:50 PM +XL
19. 11:46 AM -XL, 7:43 PM +XL
20. 12:34 PM -XL
21. 6:52 AM +M, 1:45 PM -XL
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24. 5:18 PM -L
25. 12:23 PM +S, 6:25 PM -L
26. 8:25 AM -L, 1:38 PM +M
27. 9:13 AM -L, 2:48 PM +M
28. 9:52 AM -L, 3:44 PM +L
29. 10:24 AM -L, 4:36 PM +L
30. 10:48 AM -L, 5:23 PM +XL

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## CANADIAN ECONOMY

### -0.6%

According to StatsCan (Feb. 27), Canadian GDP declined 0.6 per cent in the fourth quarter (Oct. to Dec.), falling short of expectations for flat growth from the Bank of Canada and most economists.

### 2.4%

Canada's GDP grew by 2.4 per cent in the previous (third) quarter.

### 1.7%

Overall for 2025, GDP rose 1.7 per cent, cooling from 2 per cent growth

in each of the previous two years and marking the slowest pace of annual growth since 2016, outside the COVID-19 pandemic.

### 1.8%

The Bank of Canada said in January that it expects growth to rebound to 1.8 per cent annualized in the first three months of 2026.

### -4.4%

Residential structure investment (building of apartments, condos and houses) fell by an annualized 4.4 per cent in the fourth quarter, a major factor in pulling the GDP down.

### 0.4%

Household spending rose 0.4 per cent in the fourth quarter, after declining 0.2 per cent in the third.

### 0.8%

Capital investment grew 0.8 per cent in the fourth quarter, driven by increased government investment in weapons systems.

~ Statistics Canada

## APRIL WEATHER

### TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average daily high temperature in April is 12.1 C and our average daily low is 6.5 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 9.3 C. The highest April temperature recorded is 20.7 C (April 27, 1972); the lowest is -1.1 C (April 3, 1975).

### PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

April has an average of 190.8 hours of bright sunshine and 13 days with measurable rainfall. April averages a total monthly rainfall of 66 mm and a total monthly snowfall of 0.3 cm. The highest April daily rainfall on record is 31.8 mm (April 27, 1962); the highest April daily snowfall on record is 5.1 cm (April 3, 1975).

## APRIL ASTROLOGY



### 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. On April 15, Venus enters Aries. Aside from the obvious overtones of bestiality, this will also encourage a more traditional romantic period that should last well into the summer. Mercury's influence ensures that a minor automobile accident will become a serious legal problem by the end of the month. Mercury's appearance often means it's time to "lawyer up."



### TAURUS: APRIL 19 - MAY 20

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. They are usually sensible and blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism. This will be the Taurean's year. Whether a student or employed, you will find peak success towards the middle of 2026. Unfortunately, finding your peak means that you will begin a slow agonizing decline throughout the rest of your life. Take the time to reflect on the poor decisions that got you there.

## BC BESTSELLERS

### For the week ending March 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. *We All Love*** by Julie Flett (Greystone Books)
- 3. *The Astronaut Children of Dunbar Street: A Memoir*** by Wiley Wei-Chiun Ho (Douglas & McIntyre)
- 4. *A Season for Spies*** by Iona Wishaw (Touchwood Editions)
- 5. *Seventy-Two Seasons: A Memoir about Noticing*** by M.A.C. Farrant (Ronsdale Press)
- 6. *The Trees Talk*** by Jennifer Scott, illus. by Carla Joseph (Medicine Wheel Publishing)
- 7. *Best of BC Road Trips: 20 Epic Adventures in BC & Beyond*** by Sam Burkhart (OP Media Group)
- 8. *The Cost of a Hostage: A Lane Winslow Mystery*** by Iona Wishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- 9. *The Hunger Code*** by Dr. Jason Fung (Greystone Books)
- 10. *Trading Fate: How a Little-known Company Stopped BC from Becoming an American State*** by Graeme Menzies (Heritage House Publishing)

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- April 2** ~ Elizabeth Buhlert and Desiree Leech.  
**April 3** ~ Jamison Warner and Sandi Whelan.  
**April 4** ~ Frank Roosen Jr., Mike Legge and Bev Thompson.  
**April 5** ~ Doug Silvey and Breanna Clay.  
**April 6** ~ Mike Bathgate and Ursula Dornbierer.  
**April 8** ~ Andrea Clerx and Gloria Fritz.  
**April 9** ~ Laurie Saunders.  
**April 10** ~ April Charlton.  
**April 11** ~ Mackenzie Sutherland.  
**April 12** ~ Matthew Phillips and Tilley Dougan.  
**April 13** ~ Bonnie Lindsay, Geoff Warner, Billy Petraschuk and Don Priest.  
**April 14** ~ Dan Leech and Ann Landry.  
**April 15** ~ Teresa Sladey and Cathy Collins.  
**April 17** ~ Sheila McCann and Carly Campbell.  
**April 18** ~ Russ Foster, Talon Mclean, Howard White, David Brimacomb, Kalen Zayshley and Ron Calvert.  
**April 19** ~ John Field.  
**April 20** ~ Katie Tenbroek.  
**April 23** ~ Kathy Morant, Sue Richardson, Heidi Vaughan and Jordan Kammerle.  
**April 24** ~ Len Silvey and Alex Dore.  
**April 25** ~ Zena Lanteigne, Samantha Stewart and Dietta Edwardson.  
**April 26** ~ Teyjah Xaveress and Blake Campbell.  
**April 28** ~ Jeanette Penson.  
**April 29** ~ Ruth Langton.  
**April 30** ~ Cathy Gudbranson, Kasey & Kelly Smith, Marie Reid, Hazel Higgins, "Prawntrap" Patty Jackson, Bill Sutherland, Jeff Wilbee and Ava Young.

## ***Cheapskate in Lotusland: The philosophy and practice of living well***

Brian Lee

It takes courage to be the main character in a book titled *Cheapskate in Lotusland: The Philosophy and Practice of Living Well on a Small Budget*, but Steve Burgess boldly launches in with a sometimes unflattering look inside the life of a self-proclaimed “tightwad.”

As he explains, a tightwad is a scientific term for “a person for whom the idea of spending money produces real psychological pain.”

Burgess learned of his affliction from a 2018 study that identified four types of consumers:

- Spendthrifts are those who show a consumption behaviour as if there were no tomorrow.

“They have the capacity to push costs out of their minds,” he writes;

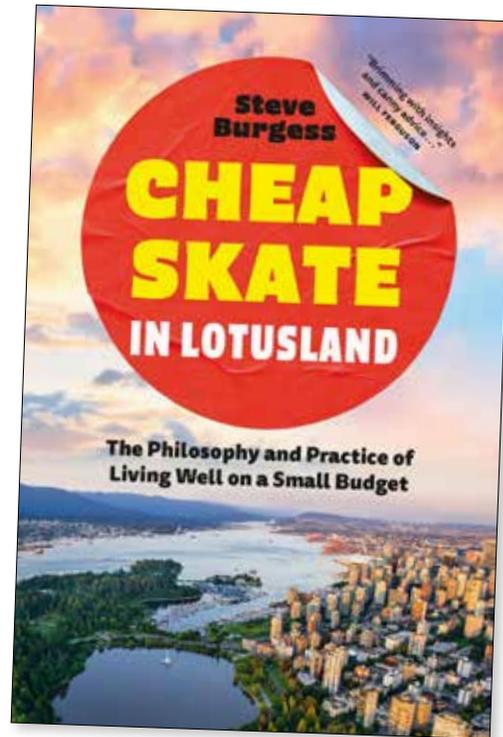
- Voluntary simplifiers are those who make the voluntary decision to reduce consumption and live with less, thereby reducing clutter and commitments, and

- Frugals are “on the prowl for savings.”

They are the bargain hunters and coupon clippers — focused consumers looking for a deal.

“Science, you have cracked me open like a discounted egg.

“I am not simply a frugal, a person who loves to find a bag of pock-marked tomatoes selling for a buck.



“I am a tightwad.”

Burgess goes on to defend his diagnosis by explaining that as a freelance writer, living in one of the most expensive cities in the world, his frugality is what allows him to survive on the meagre earnings his chosen profession provides.

Burgess lives in a West End apartment overlooking Lost Lagoon and blends his favourite shops and neighbours into a tasteful vichyssoise of spending, saving, losing and chasing money.

While the book delves into the psychologies of saving, including a revelation that its author is not above

reusing dental floss (but only his own), *Cheapskate in Lotusland* also leads the reader into the dark and mysterious world of the North American retail industry.

Especially groceries.

Burgess breaks down not only how the North American food industry has become increasingly monopolized but exposes the Jedi mind tricks Canadian grocery chains use to boost their sales.

Remember the old Wagon Wheels?

It turns out your goofy uncle was right — grocers do shrink portion sizes to maintain the illusion that the pricing has remained the same.

There’s even a name for it — “shrinkflation.”

And, how many of us know the difference between an expiry date and a best-before date?

Burgess does and explains how understanding that can save the average consumer big bucks.

Unless you’re a spendthrift, of



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## on a small budget

course, and then you don't care.

Burgess acknowledges his dedication to saving money isn't for everyone.

The habit may have even contributed to his bachelorhood.

One of his favourite dating strategies is using coupons to pay for the meal on a first date.

It allows him to gauge any shared values, and the potential for romance, by his date's reaction.

It's his version of "swinging for the fences."

Because of his budget, and perhaps because he doesn't get many second dates, he rarely dines out.

Throughout the book, Burgess's frugality is closely tied to his determination to reduce waste.

He points out that nowhere is waste more conspicuous than in the food industry.

"According to Second Harvest, 41 per cent of Canadian food production goes to waste — enough to provide three meals for 17 million people every day of the year," writes Burgess.

Much of this waste comes from the consumption stage — domestic, restaurant and cafeteria waste.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates eliminating food waste could save each American \$370 each year.

He outs those best-before dates that convince us to throw out perfectly good food as a main culprit.

A movement is afoot to phase them out but it faces strong headwinds — because we like them too much.

The same goes with children.

"It has been argued, from a purely environmental point of view, that every child is a mistake," he writes.

Burgess makes the easy case that the best way to reduce your carbon

footprint is not to be born at all.

After all, it's been estimated that your child will cost the planet 58.6 metric tons of carbon.

He partially credits having no dependents as being key to his own success at affording rent in Vancouver while saving enough to retire one day.

Children are expensive but so are pets and the author celebrates his profound attachment to Goose.

The "cat of his life" is now in kitty heaven but is immortalized eponymously as the title of a chapter on the pet care industry.

Pets smash budgets — one estimate for the lifetime cost of dog care in Canada is \$17,343 and it goes up from there depending on size and breed.

Burgess also tackles the "freeganism" movement, loyalty points programs, thrifting, car ownership, the Walmart effect and the psychology of cynicism and desire.

Along the way, he peppers his book with Beatles references and shares cooking tips for turning cheaper cuts of meat into dinner party worthy dishes.

If it sounds like a guide to living right, it isn't.

Burgess questions his thrifty lifestyle and the small joys it may have cost him along the way.

"What's my message?"

"Life is simpler when you don't have one?"

"Strict financial management, the kind I habitually practise, can be isolating.

"Anyone looking at my life would have to question whether I have taken frugality a few steps too far."

At the heart of *Cheapskate* is an aging man (though still working, Burgess has entered his retirement years) pondering his life decisions and being satisfied that his dedication to his "plan" worked out well for him.

He is grateful for the decision to quit drinking at the age of 24, his friends (especially ones who pick up the tab), his writing career and the community in which he lives.

*Cheapskate in Lotusland* is a humorous "like" letter to Vancouver that enlightens and entertains.

And, if applied, its frugal wisdom will easily save you the cost of the book (although its author would counsel you to save that \$27 by borrowing it from the library in the first place).

### **Cheapskate in Lotusland: The Philosophy and Practice of Living Well on a Small Budget**

Steve Burgess

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Steve Burgess is a writer and broadcaster whose honours include two Canadian National Magazine awards. Burgess is a contributing editor of *The Tyee* and an award-winning documentary director. He is also the author of *Reservations: The Pleasures and Perils of Travel* (2024) which was longlisted for the Leacock Medal. His stories have been featured in publications including *Reader's Digest*, *Maclean's* and *The Globe and Mail*. He lives in Vancouver.



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# community calendar

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to [editor@harbourspiel.com](mailto:editor@harbourspiel.com) by the 15th of the month.

## APRIL

- Thu. April 2.....Harbourside Friendships (egg decorating) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
Fri. April 3.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. April 4.....Live music with Peter Hill and Boyd Norman - Backeddy Pub, 5 - 8 p.m.  
**Sun. April 5.....Easter**  
Sun. April 5.....Lions Easter Pancake Breakfast - P. H. Lions Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Sun. April 5.....Live music with Matchbox Bluze - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.  
Tue. April 7.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.  
Thu. April 9.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRDR boardroom, 9:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 9.....Harbourside Friendships ("New connections through loss") - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 9..... SCRDR regular board meeting - SCRDR boardroom, 1 p.m.  
Thu. April 9.....Pender Connections (community legal advocate) - P. H. Health Centre, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Fri. April 10.....P. H. Community School CORE program starts (3 days)  
Fri. April 10.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.  
Fri. April 10.....P. H. School of Music Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.)  
Sat. April 11.....Pender Harbour Library annual general meeting - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.  
Sat. April 11.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.  
Sat. April 11.....Serendipity Fundraiser "Swing into Spring" - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. April 11.....Driftwood Players presents "A Pair o' Norms" - Pender Harbour Community Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Sun. April 12.....Live music with Blue Western - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.  
Sun. April 12.....Driftwood Players presents "A Pair o' Norms" - Pender Harbour Community Hall, 2 p.m.  
Tue. April 14.....P. H. Women's Connection (community update) - P. H. School of Music 112, 10 a.m.  
Thu. April 16.....Harbourside Friendships (armchair travel to Hungary) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 16.....SCRDR electoral area services committee - SCRDR boardroom, 1 p.m.  
Fri. April 17.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.  
Sat. April 18.....P. H. Community School Health and Wellness Expo - P. H. Community Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Sat. April 18.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.  
Sun. April 19.....P. H. Music Society concert series presents Janelle Nadeau - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.  
Sun. April 19.....P. H. Seniors Initiative presentation "clutter" - P. H. Community Hall, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Sun. April 19.....Live music with Joe Rotundo and the Rockets - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.  
Mon. April 20.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.  
Tue. April 21.....P. H. Wildlife Society presents Jeremy Venditti - P. H. Secondary School, 7 p.m.  
Tue. April 21.....P. H. Fire Protection District annual general meeting - Garden Bay Fire Hall, 7:30 p.m.  
Wed. April 22.....P. H. Seniors Initiative Volunteer Appreciation Tea - P. H. Community Hall, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Thu. April 23.....Harbourside Friendships (Jeopardy) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 23.....Pender Connections (Seniors Community Connector) - P. H. Health Centre, 1 - 3 p.m.  
Thu. April 23.....Karaoke Party hosted by DJ Karl - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m.  
Fri. April 24.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.  
Fri. April 24.....Grant Lawrence and Friends - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.  
Sat. April 25.....April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge - Madeira Park wharf, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sat. April 25.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5-8 p.m.  
Sat. April 25.....Line dancing party - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m.  
Sun. April 26.....Live music with Sofa Kings - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.  
Mon. April 27.....P. H. Garden Club Spring garden tour - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.  
Tue. April 28.....P. H. Women's Connection (Val Haines) - P. H. School of Music 112, 10 a.m.  
Thu. April 30.....SCRDR committee of the whole - SCRDR boardroom, 9:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 30.....Harbourside Friendships (Powell River trip) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.  
Thu. April 30.....SCRDR regular board - SCRDR boardroom, 1:30 p.m.  
Sat. May 2.....Transforming back pain w/ Maggie Reagh, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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~ Winston Churchill

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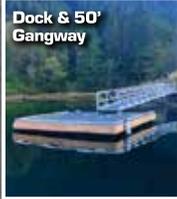
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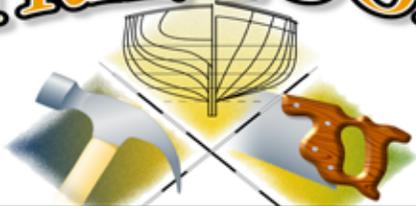
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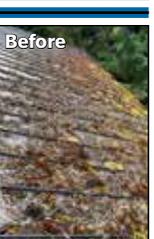
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