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Brian Lee

Is our local government going goofy?

Next month, a SCRD landfill ban will force Area A residents to separate out yucky food waste and deliver it to the Pender Harbour Transfer Station themselves.

Already, folks aren't pleased.

Municipal staff work in terms of budgets and measurable goals and in this case, their diversion strategy aims to divert 65- to 69 per cent of waste from the Sechelt andfill.

That's laudable, just not practical.
Missing from waste composition studies and diversion programs are the not-so-hidden costs.

Did anyone consider the congestion created by sending Area A's 1,000-plus households to the Pender transfer station with a bucket every Saturday?

Or the hassle involved undertaking a weekly drive up that rough, dusty road to pay \$5 to deposit the same chicken bones that were previously, and efficiently, picked up by Harbour Disposal?

What percentage of compliance can they possibly expect?

If I believed in coincidences, I might think the plan was intended to manufacture low compliance in order to justify introducing the next step—clear garbage bags.

On top of that, the SCRD will pay \$51,000 annually for a contractor to collect and truck our organic waste to Sechelt once a week.

Is it acceptable to create a net loss in cost and environmental toll so that we might extend the life of the landfill a few more hours?

Throughout SCRD discussions about how best to annoy Area A residents, only oblique references to home

composting were made.

That's a shame.

A 2016 waste composition study found that 19 per cent of the waste by weight entering the P. H. Transfer Station was food scraps and kitchen waste — the largest single waste item.

It was only three per cent at the Sechelt Landfill.

While writing this, I found an SCRD rebate program offering \$100 to compost system purchasers.

Though it might be easier to earn a hundy collecting ditch cans than working through the requirements of the rebate program, it's the right idea.

Ironically, this program ended Sept. 1 — one month before the food waste ban takes effect.

That's OK — nobody knew about it anyway.

Everyone should compost, if only to make life easier.

It reduces much of the smell from household garbage and the weight of a typical bag by half.

Plus, there's always a handy supply of rich soil for gardening projects—composting has literally saved me dozens of trips to the garden store.

Composting does require some education to ensure it continues to shed its reputation for attracting pests.

If done right, it won't.

No meat, paper, oils or anything cooked — fresh vegetation only.

Just dig a hole, add some soil, mix in your potato peels and turn it over often — you'll be surprised how fast scraps disappear.

Now, with this awkward landfill ban, the adoption of a home compost makes more sense than ever and should take most Area A households much of the way towards compliance.

I wish the regional district had started with that.

THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION NO. 112 PRESENTS BLUE WESTERN: Saturday, Sept. 3, 7 p.m.

Strap on your boots and come out to the Legion this Saturday for Blue Western from 7 to 10 p.m. Blue Western is made up of local musicians Archie Maclean, Mike Evans, Warren Allan and Garth Bowen. As their name suggests, the band will play country classics by Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings, Dwight Yoakam and more. The kitchen will be open and there will be a minimum cover charge.

SCRD AND SD 46 ELECTION NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES: Friday, Sept. 9, 4 p.m.

The nomination period for the Sunshine Coast Regional district and School District 46 board elections closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9. Nomination packages are available at the SCRD's administration office at 1975 Field Road in Sechelt or the School District No. 46 board office at 494 South Fletcher Road in Gibsons. Electronic copies of the nomination package may be requested by emailing *elections@scrd.ca*.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS VAN DJANGO: Sunday, Sept. 25, 2 p.m.

On Sept. 25, Van Django returns to the Pender Harbour School of Music for the third concert in 2022/2023 P. H.M.S. concert series.

As their name might suggest to fans of Django Reinhardt, Van Django is well-rooted in the gypsy jazz of 1930s Paris. A standout act in the gypsy-jazz niche, Van Django entertains with a clever mix of contemporary standards, classical ditties, rock homages, and solid originals. Since the group's formation in 1998, they have toured extensively in Canada as well as in international forays to the U.S., Europe and China.

Their concerts, with driving rhythms and boundless creativity, are joyful events. Van Django are Cameron Wilson (violin), Budge Schachte (guitar), Finn Manniche (guitar and cello) and Brent Gabbels (bass).



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SCRD: Food waste and paper must now be separated from garbage

Garbage just got harder.

Starting next month, Sunshine Coast residents will be required to separate food waste, food-soiled paper and paper (printed paper and paper boxes) from their garbage.

While Area A residents can continue to bring unsoiled printed paper and paper boxes used for packaging to GRIPS recycling depot in Kleindale, food waste presents a bigger challenge.

Unlike most of the Sunshine Coast, Area A does not have curbside collection of food waste.

According to a July 28 SCRD staff report, this landfill disposal ban will apply to "food waste and food soiled paper from all sectors with a 5% volume-based threshold."

It will apply to all cooked and uncooked food from food preparation or uneaten plate scrapings, food-soiled paper packaging, paper napkins and paper towels.

After Oct. 1, Area A residents will be expected to separate these materials and deliver them either to a new drop-off area at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station or the Salish Soils composting facility in Sechelt.

Food waste, or separated food waste and municipal solid waste, weighing less 30 kilograms will be charged a \$5 minimum.

Food waste, or separated food waste and municipal solid waste, weighing over 30 kilograms will be charged \$150 per tonne.

Area A residents will be responsible for procuring their own food waste bins.

This new service is anticipated to yield an estimated range of 100- to 300-tonnes per year, with the staff report noting that it will take at least 12 months of operation before more



Brian Lee

At least your food waste won't try to change the radio station.

accurate estimates are possible.

Earlier this year, the SCRD board instructed staff to seek out a service provider for a food waste drop-off and processing program in Area A.

It was hoped that the successful bidder would process the materials locally and would be able to do it cheaper.

No proposals from within Area A were received.

Instead, Salish Environmental Group (Salish Soils) proposed to maintain an 18-foot food waste collection bin at the transfer station for drop-off service and deliver its contents weekly to Salish Soils in Sechelt for processing.

As the only candidate, SEG was awarded a two-year contract for a "food waste drop-off and processing pilot" for up to \$104,094.

P. H. Transfer Station staff will be responsible for screening inbound waste and administering tipping fees.



Eagle Harbour Yacht Club, based in West Vancouver, is seeking to hire a resident Club Superintendent. The Club Superintendent is responsible for the planning, management and maintenance of all club assets including docks, buildings, equipment and other assets. The job involves performing day-to-day repairs, maintenance and undertaking new projects with occasional assistance from members. The role also involves assisting with social events held at the club and overseeing the summer sailing school programs.

This is an onsite resident position and the successful candidate will be provided with a newly renovated 2 bedroom residence overlooking Eagle Harbour and the club facilities. The Club Superintendent should be a motivated and personable individual capable of completing the required work in a prompt and efficient manner with limited guidance. Competitive compensation is available for the right candidate. Candidate must have their own vehicle.

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Recent census release highlights families, income and military

Statistics Canada released another batch of 2021 census data on July 13 and Aug. 17.

The latest release shines a light on Canada's families and households, Canadian military experience, Canadians' incomes and the linguistic diversity and use of English and French in Canada.

FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS

According to the results, there were 955 families in Area A in 2021.

A census family is defined as a married couple (with or without children), a common-law couple (with or without children) or a one-parent family.

Of those 955 families, 745 consisted of two people, 130 had three, 60 families had four and only 20 families reported having five or more people.

The average Canadian family consisted of 2.9 people.

Of the 165 families in Area A with children in 2021, the average family had 1.5 of them.

At least 550 people in Area A lived alone in 2021.

INCOME

In 2020, the median after-tax income of households in Canada was \$73,000, a change of 9.8 per cent from \$66,500 in 2015.

In Area A, that figure drops to \$58,400, a change of 15.0 per cent from \$50,800 in 2015.

Area A's median after-tax income in 2020, for individuals aged 15 and over, was \$32,000.

On average, men reported making more — \$36,400 versus women whose median after-tax income was \$7,600 less at \$28,800.

Average total income in 2020 was \$47,000, with \$54,900 for men and \$38,600 for women.

In 2020, the percentage of people 15 years and older living in Area A with income from any COVID-19 government income support and benefits was 77.1 per cent.

For the rest of Canada, that number dropped to 68.4 per cent.

In 2020, the percentage of Area A residents with income from earning replacement benefits (payments received from COVID-19 emergency and recovery benefits and employment insurance benefits) was 22.9 per cent.

More than 31 per cent of Canadians received income from earning replacement benefits during that same period.

CANADIAN MILITARY EXPERIENCE

The 2021 census marks the first time Statistics Canada asked Canadians whether they were active CAF members (serving in the regular force or primary reserve force).

Census results reveal there were 97,625 Canadians serving in 2021.

25 Canadians serving in 2021.
Almost one in five were women.

The average age of those serving was 36.2, younger than the average Canadian worker who was 41.9 in 2021.

The census counted 461,240 veterans in Canada in 2021.

LINGUISTIC DIVERSITY

The census also revealed that local residents don't speak a lot of languages with 92.9 per cent (or 2,815) speaking only English.

Predictably, that number goes down in the rest of Canada where only 69 per cent of the population report being able to speak only English.

In 2021, 11.2 per cent of Canadians spoke only French while 12.7 per cent speak a language other than English or French in the home.

At least 6.6 per cent of Area A residents (200 people) speak English and French.

The next release will be Sept. 21 with a focus on First Nations, Métis and Inuit people and a portrait of Canadian housing.







Service will resume September 12.

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Brian Lee

The 52-metre (171-foot) sailing yacht *Tamsen* is seen moored at the JH Marina and Resort on Aug. 11. Launched in 2007, the *Tamsen* is owned by the Firestone (tires) family. The yacht has a steel hull and aluminum superstructure with a beam of almost 34 feet. She is powered by two 689HP Deutz diesel engines and cruises comfortably at 15 knots while under power. According to *marinetraffic.com*, by Aug. 26, she was moored in San Francisco.

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Whoops. July 27 at the Madeira Park boat launch.



| 1. In what year did a forest fire wreak havoc on the slopes above Ruby Lake? a. 1942 b. 1956 c. 1962 d. 1973 | 4. Where is the site of the watering hole formerly known as "Rigger's Roost?" a. Garden Bay Pub b. Grasshopper Pub c. Irvines Landing marina site d. Bargain Barn |
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| 2.What 1980s clothing store sat on the empty lot across from the Oak Tree Market in Madeira Park? a. Taffy's b. Juicy Lucy's c. Family Fashions d. Work and Play | 5. Who was the MLA for Powell River-Sunshine Coast prior to Nicholas Simons' win in 2005? a. Harold Long b. Gordon Wilson c. Adriane Carr d. Maureen Clayton |
| 3. Who is Sinclair Bay named after? a. An author b. A British Navy admiral c. A developer d. A Canadian female soccer player | 6. Popular alternative name for McNeill Lake? a. Harris b. Dunsmuir c. Menacher d. Haslam |

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: Local Two-plus: Newbie Less than two: Townie

Local man dies at Garden Bay Lake T-dock

On July 30 at approximately 4:30 p.m., a man's body was spotted floating in Garden Bay Lake near the popular swimming spot known as the T-dock.

In an email, RCMP spokesperson Const. Karen Whitby told the Harbour Spiel that a paddleboarder pulled the body to shore and called police.

The deceased is described as a 68-year-old local resident.

RCMP located his vehicle nearby and said that nothing suspicious was

noted upon first examination.

A coroner attended but it is still unknown if the man's death was caused by drowning or a medical incident.

The man's family was notified. Const. Whitby and another officer searched the area for personal items left behind on the shoreline.

"A few items were located that would be consistent with him enjoying a day by the lakeside," said Whitby.

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BC local election coming Oct. 15

On Oct. 15, the 2022 BC general local election will be held to determine who sits on the boards of the Sunshine Coast Regional District and School District 46.

Though nominations to enter the race for these positions are open until Sept. 9, at press time, only the incumbents for our area have indicated they will run.

Stepping up again for the position of SCRD director of Area A is Leonard Lee who has held the position since the last election in 2018.

Within the SCRD, voters in each electoral area choose one director to serve on the SCRD board.

The board is made up of a total of eight directors representing five SCRD electoral areas, the District of Sechelt, the Town of Gibsons and the Sechelt Indian Government District.

On the board of trustees for S.D. 46, Samantha Haines has been our trustee for electoral Area 1 (upper Sunshine Coast including Halfmoon Bay) for the past four years and she has confirmed that she will stand for the position again.

The board of education of School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) is

composed of seven trustees.

The nomination period for the election closes at 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 9.

Nomination packages are available at the SCRD's administration office at 1975 Field Road in Sechelt or the School District No. 46 board office at 494 South Fletcher Road in Gibsons.

Electronic copies of the nomination package may be requested by emailing elections@scrd.ca.

There will be advance voting opportunities on Oct. 5 and 12.

Voting place locations will be advertised in local newspapers once an election has been declared by the chief election officer.

For more information, visit letstalk.scrd.ca/elections.



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Organics are easy?



Leonard Lee Area A director, SCRD

ORGANICS ARE EASY?

On July 28, the SCRD board approved a staff recom-

mendation which included the implementation of a food waste drop-off program at the Pender Harbour Transfer Station with the tipping fees for these organics set the same as for solid waste.

Food waste includes fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta and bread, tea bags, coffee grounds, fish and shell-fish, meat, poultry, bones, dairy and soy products, food soiled paper, and cardboard.

Most of us mix food waste with solid waste, store it until we fill one or

more bags, take it to the transfer station, and throw it in a bin.

After Oct. 1, we are expected to separate food waste for disposal in a specified bin at the transfer station (food waste is charged at the same rate, so there's no need to weigh it separately).

If you use private garbage collection, it is anticipated you'll be asked to separate your organics because, if a load of solid waste exceeds five per cent organics, the tipping fee is doubled.

The Salish Environment Group will haul our organics to Salish Soils in Sechelt, where it will be composted.

There are multiple options for home composting, and the SCRD currently offers rebates up to \$100 for setting up a system.

YOUR ROLE IN SCRD BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

In Pender Harbour-Egmont, the SCRD governs and manages private land use, land alteration in riparian areas and coastal and open slopes, and SCRD parks.

Neighbors often resolve their issues through informal communication, but this isn't always effective and can lead to a formal bylaw complaint.

Bylaw enforcement officers will respond only to formal complaints.

From July 1 to mid-August, bylaw enforcement officers issued stop-work orders and fines including \$28,000 for unauthorized land alteration and tree cutting, \$250 for building infractions, and \$1,000 related to short term rentals.

The number of complaints currently outstrips our ability to respond,

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole September 8 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board September 8 at 2:00 p.m. Committee of the Whole September 22 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board September 22 at 2:00 p.m.

SCRD Board and Committee meetings are held in person and electronically on Zoom and video streamed live to YouTube. You can also watch the live-stream recording on the SCRD's YouTube channel.

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but with new strategies and staff available, a decrease is expected as violators realize the financial penalty outweighs the financial gain.

We ask you to be patient because many files are complex, involving Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, Vancouver Coastal Health, the Ministry of Forestry and Natural Resources, provincial Agriculture Land Commission, and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Some agencies, like the Agricultural Land Commission and DFO, can also issue fines.

To ensure a bylaw infraction is being addressed, contact the SCRD planning, building, or bylaw department, and file a bylaw complaint.

If you're developing property, the best way to avoid a stop-work order and fines is to call the SCRD before you dig, build, or demolish.

PROVINCIAL LAND-USE VIOLATIONS

The BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations manages Crown wildlands, provincial parks, streams, and lakes.

Although FLNRO conservation officers lack resources to police the vast area under their jurisdiction, an officer will assist you in resolving stand-alone violations.

ROAD/RIGHT-OF-WAY VIOLATIONS

The BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure manages Crown Land reserved for roads, and provincial rural road violations are regulated by the Motor Vehicle Act.

Violations, including illegal roadside camping and permanent structures on rights-of-way, should be reported to the MOTI area manager in

Sechelt.

Homeless encampments, common throughout BC, take time to resolve because they must involve police and environmental officers, and referrals to agencies that assist in housing solutions.

If you make a formal MOTI complaint and inform your SCRD director, it may be added to the quarterly SCRD/MOTI public meeting agenda, so status can be determined.

OUR CEMETERIES ARE GETTING FULL

The SCRD owns and manages three of five formal cemeteries within its boundaries, and our job is to protect their legacy and ensure cemetery services are available to future generations.

The Kleindale Cemetery on Menacher Road, never legally sanctioned and currently decommissioned, was closed for burials by the Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs in 1982.

The Seaview Cemetery in Roberts Creek is active.

The Mount Elphinstone Pioneer Cemetery in Gibsons is inactive but has partial reopening potential.

The Forest View Cemetery on Warnock Road, owned and managed by its board of trustees, is active, with some concern that it's reaching capacity, although no formal inventory has been presented.

The shishall Nation owns the shishall Nation cemetery in Sechelt for interment of band members.

Besides their function as a final resting spot, cemeteries have rich histories and are an important part of the cultural landscape, serving as park space for passive recreation, providing family histories and genealogy, and reflecting community memory.

Future SCRD priorities include further development of the Seaview and Mount Elphinstone cemeteries.

COME SING WITH US!

Pender Harbour Choir

Rehearsals for the fall season begin Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 7 to 8:30pm



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Dennis: 'My nose is beginning to twitch'

Editor

I am concerned by the decision of the P. H. Health Centre board at the AGM to amend the society bylaws to create two types of membership — voting and non voting.

Voting members will include the current board plus 12 voting members, who will be chosen from the applicants by the board.

So essentially, the board elects

itself, with support from the voting members, that they select?

My nose is beginning to twitch.

They say that the reasons are to have better control of the business of the society, and to have the ability to make decisions rapidly when needed, which is difficult to do with a large voting membership.

To me that does not make any sense because even if there were a

hundred voting members, a quorum of 10 per cent would be 10 voting members: the board, plus two.

However, if the topic were a contentious issue and the membership was advised of a meeting with a touch of a button on the computer, the motion could be defeated.

My opinion is that would make the board nervous.

Jack Dennis

Gaudet: Rethink health centre voting change

Editor

After reading Les Falk's explanation (*Harbour Spiel*, Aug. 2022) of why the board of the P. H. Health Centre found it necessary to change the bylaw to exclude 99 per cent of the voting population of Pender Harbour, I am no closer to understanding their reasoning than I was before I read this so-called explanation.

The board members 12-plus voting members of the community, chosen by the board, are deciding what is best for the most important facility in Pender Harbour?

Why now, what is coming down the pipe that is going to require a quick vote by 20 people?

Who decided this resolution was the best way to go without consulting

the community that owns the health centre?

To say the key mandate of the board is gender equality?

As a former board member for nine years, keeping a doctor and the doors open was the first priority.

Finding board members is hard enough in Pender where so many non-profit groups are all vying for the same people, to try and be gender neutral is just putting another obstacle in the way of finding a good board member.

Trust me, no one cares if there are six men and two women or vice versa as long as their main focus is the health centre.

Getting the community to come out to vote on important matter re-

garding the health centre was never a problem.

With COVID and Zoom, OK — maybe, but normally, no.

The community takes extreme pride in the health centre and I for one would like to continue to have a say in what is happening to it in the future and not as one of the chosen few who get to vote.

You may be pleasantly surprised by how interested the community as a whole is in the health centre and if you have a legitimate reason for changes to the centre then hold a public meeting and they will come.

Please rethink this resolution
— it is not in the best interest of the community.

Patti Gaudet

Halford: 'It's Ours'

Editor

In 2006, Doug Davis stood up at a P. H. Health Centre Auxiliary meeting and said that he wanted to raise \$100,000 for the health centre.

A few of us formed a committee and worked for a year raising funds.

Once we started, we decided to

try for \$375,000 to pay off the health centre's mortgage.

At the gala, we were \$40,000 short. A member of the community stepped up and donated that amount.

The little copper fish on the health centre wall represent all the people and businesses who donated \$250 or more to the campaign.

We want to pay our five dollars and be a member of the health centre.

Come on Pender Harbour lets keep the health centre a part of the community.

Remember, "It's Ours."

Sharon Halford

LETTERS Letters to the editor should be of local interest, exclusive to the *Harbour Spiel* and include your full name, address and daytime phone number for verification. Letters may be edited for length and clarity. *editor@harbourspiel.com*

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Applause for supportive seniors' housing in Pender Harbour

Editor:

Although it is only in its early stage of construction, we congratulate Pender Harbour Seniors Housing Society for the future supportive senior housing facility at Lily Lake Village.

As Pender Harbour is an aging community this facility is desperately needed.

Throughout BC there is more and more demand for supportive facilities for independent elderly seniors.

The requirements for this facility are defined in the SCRD Bylaw 337.74 and housing agreement.

We understand that the building will have two two-bedroom apartments (for caretakers and staff) and 12 one-bedroom apartments.

The facility will have a common kitchen, dining and lounge area and will be operated by the PHSHS.

The bylaw and housing agreement states that the following services

are to be provided:

- 24/7 supervision;
- Provide at least one meal, and
- Other support services.

We look forward to the completion of this building so that Pender Harbour will have its very own supportive seniors' housing facility.

Many thanks to Pender Harbour Senior Housing for getting this project on its way.

Elizabeth Wood & Alex Thomson

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Note your seal of approval or disapproval.

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

Harbour Seals of Approval to Lafarge Canada Inc. (and Jo-Ann in particular) whose recent staff golf tournament raised \$1,065 to support the food programs at our two schools.

Francine Clohosey

P. H. Community School Society

A herd of Seals of Approval for the volunteers who helped to finish the exterior of the boat building workshop next to Sarah Wray Hall.

Thanks to Peter Babik, Dave Davies, Bill Charlton, Sean McAllister, Len Lee, Hank Bargen, Carol Lumley and Jim McKnight, the building is in ship shape.

Ian Mackay P. H. Living Heritage Society

Harbour Seals of Approval to **David Jones** who performed a wonderful set at our Coffee House on Aug. 5 and then donated all of his earnings for the evening to Red Cross in aid of Ukraine.

Kathleen Barlow P. H. Music Society

Harbour Seals of Approval to **Jim Dougan** for building & donating a beautiful bench for Forest View Cemetery and **Curt Sample** for donating the log for the construction.

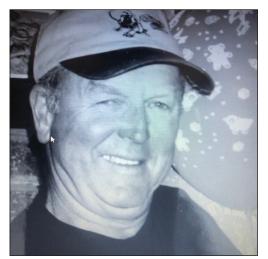
Brenda Scoular and the Forest View Cemetary committee

A show and shine Seal of Approval to P. H. Rotary, Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 and Coasters Car Club for a successful P. H. Show and Shine 2022 on Parker's field next door to the Legion.

Brent Parker







Lance Larson was born in Comox to Oliver and Ruby Larson in 1944.

He was raised mainly in logging camps on Vancouver Island with Courtenay as a home base.

Later on, his family moved to

Lance Robert Larson JULY 11, 1944 — JULY 11, 2022

Egmont where they ran logging camps in the Jervis Inlet area, mainly Osgoode Creek.

Larson made many lifelong friends in Egmont and he never stopped telling stories of working and hunting with his father and friends in Jervis Inlet.

He married Carolyn and together they had three children — Dwayne, Darren and Kyla.

After early years in Egmont, and a short time in Mackenzie, BC, they settled to raise their family on their farm in the Comox Valley where they enjoyed weekends skiing, camping and hunting.

Larson logged, drove truck, operated his backhoe and later worked for Chinook Forest Products until he retired.

In 1992, he met Dianne and they married in 1996, enjoying 30 years of love, laughter, friends and years of hunting, boating, fishing and camping.

Larson also helped raise two step children, Brad and Eric, who he loved as his own.

Later, he welcomed to his family daughter-in-law Sarah, son-in-law Matthias and daughter-in-law Amber who he enjoyed and loved.

Larson was also blessed with three grandsons — Ethan, Jacob and Adam, two stepgrandsons —Dawson and Ashton, plus Chester, whom he thought of as his own.

He is survived by his family above as well as his siblings, Lyn, Trudy, Fred, Lew, and Kristi.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge as a longstanding effort to recognize and record those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date 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.

organizations

Pender Rotary hopes to send a Grade 10 student away for a year

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour is looking for some brave young people to take part in their Rotary youth international exchange program.

A spokesperson for the club told the *Harbour Spiel* that they have been been trying to encourage a new outgoing candidate for 2023/24 but have not received any interest so far.

Prior to COVID, the Pender Harbour club has sent five students abroad to countries including Mexico, Denmark and Brazil.

In turn, they have hosted hosted six students from Germany, Brazil, Taiwan, Spain and Russia.

For the outgoing exchange next August, interested candidates would

need to be in Grade 10 this year.

The exchanges are a year in duration, and can be a life changing experience for the student candidate.

An example of a life changed by the program is Vanessa Lanteigne.

Lanteigne became the local club's first outgoing Rotary exchange student when she left Kleindale for Mexico in 2009.

Since then she has been awarded a fully funded Masters degree program at the Rotary International Peace Centre at Uppsala University in Sweden where she will soon undertake a two-year Fellowship in Peace program.

Rotary is urging any eligible



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Vanessa Lanteigne

Grade 10 student to contact them immediately as the deadline to submit applications is Oct. 15.

Interested candidates may contact Sarah Johnston at (604) 883-2843 or by email at *sarahjohnstondavies@gmail.com*.

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PHWS presents an exploration of ecosensitivities in the Salish Sea

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society will host a Zoom presentation, "Shifting Baselines and Eco-cultural Restoration in the Salish Sea" by Dr. Tara Martin on Sept. 20.

Via Zoom, Martin will draw on 20 years of research in the Salish Sea to illustrate how native ecosystems have changed since colonization by settler communities.

Cumulative and multiple threats over decades have altered plant communities and in turn, are leading to changes in songbird and bumblebee communities.

Ongoing and historic threats to ecosystems within the Salish Sea include loss of First Nations stewardship, conversion of land to agriculture and residential development, overbrowsing by hyper-abundant blacktailed deer, introduction of invasive plant species and climate changeinduced drought and disease.

The good news is restoration is possible and Dr. Martin will share some of the strategies that her team are helping to develop.

The PHWS invites you to join this presentation on Sept. 20 at 7 p.m.

You do not need to be a member to attend and all are welcome.

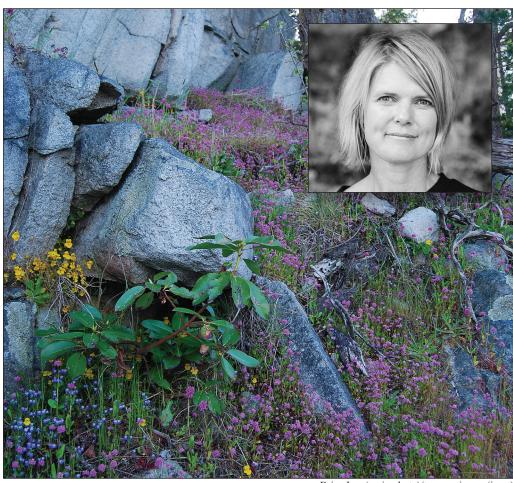
If you are interested please email info@penderharbourwildlife.com for a link to the Zoom meeting.

BIOGRAPHY

Martin is a professor in conservation decision science with the Department of Forest and Conservation Sciences at the University of British Columbia.

She is also the Liber Ero chair in conservation at UBC.

Martin is a pioneer in the field of conservation decision science — combining predictive ecological models



Brian Lee (main photo)/taramartin.org (inset)

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society is hosting Dr. Tara Martin via Zoom on Sept. 20. She will discuss the 'shifting baselines and eco-cultural restoration in the Salish Sea.'

with decision science to inform what actions to take, where to take them and when to achieve our conservation and natural resource management goals.

She leads a team of graduate students and research fellows seeking to understand, predict and ultimately inform decisions about the impact of global change on biodiversity and natural resources.

Martin was recently awarded the Nature Conservancy Professor in Practice award, Thomson Reuters Citation and Innovation award for her work in climate change decision making and a Wilburforce conservation fellowship.

For more on the topic, search

YouTube's "Shifting baselines & ecocultural restoration in the Salish Sea with Dr. Tara Martin, UBC."



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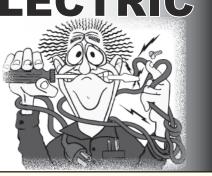
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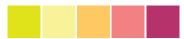
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What does it mean to be a school board trustee?

Samantha Haines

Samanatha Haines served the last four years as School District 46 trustee for area 1 (SCRD electoral areas A and B), and is confirmed to run again in the Oct. 15 election. Nominations for S.D. 46 trustee positions close Sept. 9 at 4 p.m.

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They make and set the strategic direction of the school board, hold the superintendent accountable and are representatives of the community.

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This close relationship was highlighted during the pandemic when school trustees had to make individual decisions based on their community and school needs.

School boards had to work within the boundaries of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to create the best possible plans for their schools to remain healthy.

Community representation means many things.

Connecting with the community means to be part of it, to be seen, heard and valued as a contributing member of it.

Supporting the community means to listen to the needs without prejudice.

Over the last term our district has faced many challenges, but our board's ability to shift our goals and be flexible when needed is what made the last four years so successful.

We expanded one of our elementary schools, provided new daycare spaces in Sechelt and West Sechelt, and will continue to create more in Madeira Park in the coming years.

I am proud to have been part of the legacy of School District 46.

It has shown me how to be part of something bigger than myself, and has taught me to lead with heart.

It is with this heart that, if reelected, I will continue to strive to be the best trustee I can be for our students, families and communities.

Pender Harbour choir returns the joy

Nancy Mackay

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- Sept. 27: Dale Duncan.
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SEPTEMBER ASTROLOGY

VIRGO: August 23 - September 22

Virgos value knowledge highly and their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance. Virgos have high standards for themselves, and their goal is

to be perfect in everything they do. Often shy, Virgos hide their sensitivity under a self-controlled surface and overt sexual delinquence. Virgos will be especially sensitive to light during the middle two weeks of September. If you have to go out, wear plenty of sunscreen and don't look up.



LIBRA: September 22 - October 23

Libras seek perfection and harmony and passionately believe in fairness and equality. You are diplomatic, charming, stylish, self-expressive, and spontaneous. Librans do not tolerate argument from anyone

who challenges their opinions and are impatient with criticism. Vladimir Putin is a Libra. This month, the presence of Jupiter in your sixth house while Saturn holds court in your fourth house is gong to wreak absolute havoc with your career. Consider your options during this time because your job is likely kaput. Lotto numbers: 6, 18, 19 & 27.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending August 20

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. Return to Solitude: More **Desolation Sound Adventures** with the Cougar Lady, Russell the Hermit, the Spaghetti Bandit and Others by Grant Lawrence (Harbour Publishing)
- 2. Mushrooms of British Columbia by Andy MacKinnon & Kem Luther (Royal BC Museum)
- 3. Let's Go Biking Vancouver Island by Colleen MacDonald (Let's Go Biking)
- 4. Be a Good Ancestor by Leona Prince & Gabrielle Prince (Orca Book Publishers)
- 5. Framed in Fire: A Lane Winslow Mystery by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions) J. Turner (Harbour Publishing)

- 6. The 500 Years of Indigenous **Resistance Comic Book:** Revised and Expanded by Gord Hill (Arsenal Pulp Press)
- 7. Ben the Sea Lion by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing)
- 8. Best Hikes and Nature Walks with Kids in and Around Southwestern BC by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
- 9. Cycling Vancouver Island by John Crouch (Rocky Mountain Books)
- 10. Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines by Luschiim Arvid Charlie & Nancy

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC



BACK TO SCHOOL

97%

Percentage of Canadian 15-year-olds attending school in 2015/2016.

24%

in college in 2015/2016.

36%

attending university in 2015/2016.

428,625

The number of elementary-secondary students enrolled in French immersion programs in 2015/2016.

8-9%

The percentage by which students who attended Canadian private high schools scored higher on standardized tests compared with students who attended public high schools.

35%

The proportion of Canadian private school students who had graduated from a university program by age 23.

21%

The proportion of Canadian public school students who had graduated Percentage of Canadian 19-year-olds from a university program by age 23.

\$365 million

The total value of third quarter sales Percentage of Canadian 21-year-olds of girls' clothing and accessories in Canada in 2017.

\$325 million

The total value of third quarter sales of boys' clothing and accessories in Canada in 2017.

~ StatsCan

SEPTEMBER WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (MERRY ISLAND)

Our average daily September high temperature is 17.6° C and our average daily low temperature this month is 12.1° C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 14.8° C. September averages 1.8 days with temperatures above 18.1° C. The highest September temperature recorded is 26.6° C (Sept. 3, 1988); the lowest September temperature recorded is 3.9° C (Sept. 27, 1972).

PRECIPITATION (MERRY ISLAND)

September averages 10 days with rainfall and a total of 63.1 mm for the month. September has an average of 212.4 hours of bright sunshine, and the highest daily rainfall recorded is 69.4 mm (Sept. 1, 1983).

VIEWING TIMES

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

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

- 1. 9:13 AM +L, 3:11 PM -M
- 2. 10:19 AM + L, 4:32 PM -S
- 3. 11:38 AM +L, 5:45 PM -S
- 4. 12:17 PM +L, 7:02 PM -S
- 5. 2:30 PM +XL
- 6. 7:07 AM -XL, 3:25 PM +XL
- 7. 8:25 AM -XL, 4:21 PM +XL
- 8. 9:31 AM -XL, 5:06 PM +XL
- 9. 10:28 AM -XL, 5:44 PM +XL
- 10. 11:22 AM -XL, 6:15 PM +XL
- 11. 12:15 PM -XL, 6:39 PM +XL
- 12. 12:52 PM -L. 6:59 PM +XL
- 13. 7:32 AM +L, 1:38 PM -L
- 14.8:28 AM +L, 2:28 PM M
- **15. 9:27 AM +XL,** 3:27 PM -M
- 16. 10:30 AM +XL, 4:21 PM -S
- 17. 11:36 AM +XL, 5:23 PM -S
- 18. 12:44 PM +XL
- 19. 1:54 PM +XL
- 20. 2:47 PM +XL
- 21. 8:19 AM -L, 3:38 PM +XL
- 22. 9:08 AM -L, 4:19 PM +XL
- 23. 9:50 AM -L, 4:53 PM +XL
- 24. 10:29 AM -L, 5:18 PM +XL
- 25. 11:11 AM -L, 5:39 PM +L
- 26. 11:57 AM -L, 5:51 PM +L
- 27. 12:37 PM -L, 6:09 PM +L
- 28. 1:26 PM -M
- 29. 8:09 AM +XL, 2:22 PM -M
- 30. 9:06 AM +XL, 3:26 PM -M

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Preventing accidental injuries to children

Compiled by Pender Harbour Health Centre nursing staff

According to Stats Can, accidents are the leading cause of death for people under the age of 34.

The concern for injury prevention from a family-community perspective is vital.

If you are lucky enough to have infants or toddlers in your life or coming for a visit, here are some key safety messages to keep life fun and safe.

FALLS

Falls are the most common cause of child injury:

- Never leave your baby on anything above floor level such as change table, bed, couch or countertop;
- Always use the crotch safety straps when your baby is in a stroller, car seat or carrier;
- Install sturdy, wall-mounted (not pressure) gates at top of stairs before baby starts to crawl. Gates at the bottom of the stairs are recommended pressure gates here are OK;
- Close doors and install window guards on windows above the first floor. Move furniture from windows;
- Once your baby can pull themself standing, move crib mattress to the lowest position;
- If your child is starting to climb, move him or her into a toddler bed away from windows;
- Constant supervision is required around any surface children can climb, and
- Ensure playground/backyard play equipment is safe with appropriate surfacing.

WATER

 Never use a bathtub ring and always be within arms reach when your September 2022



baby is in or near water, and

• Personal flotation devices should be worn while playing in or near water and on boats.

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY

• Babies are safest in a rear facing child seat until they reach nine kilograms (20 pounds) and/or their first birthday. Then they must stay in a forward-facing child safety seat until they weigh 18 kilograms (40 pounds).

Keep children in booster seats until they are nine years old or taller than 145 centimetres(four feet, nine inches);

• Correctly install the child safety seats by reading the manufacturer's instructions and the vehicle owner's manual;

For extra information check with public health and ICBC road safety offices:

• Children may dart into traffic so always hold your toddler's hand. Don't allow them to play around or behind vehicles, and

• Remember children cannot make safe judgments about crossing the street until nine years of age.

POISONING

- Store hazardous substances like medicine/vitamins, plants, alcohol, cosmetics and cleaners in locked cabinets, not just placed up high;
- Purses and bags left on the floor may contain medications or other poisonous items, and
- If poisoning is suspected call the Poison Control Centre: 1-800-567-8911.

CHOKING

- Keep objects that are small enough to fit through a cardboard toilet paper roll out of baby's reach, and
- Do not feed foods such as raw carrots, hot dogs, grapes, hard candies, peanuts or popcorn until after five years of age, as they can easily get stuck in a child's airway.

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www.scrd.ca/pender-harbour-aquatic-fitness-centre

This facility includes a 20 metre lap pool, hot tub, sauna, changerooms, fitness studio and weight room.

Drop-in for a swim, to use the weight room or to take a fitness class.

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

7:30am - 1pm

7:30am - 1pm

Closed

1pm - 4pm

5pm - 8:30pm

FALL SWIM LESSONS

Same lessons, same price, new names!

Starting Fall 2022, Sunshine Coast Regional District swim lesson programming will transition to the Lifesaving Society Swim for Life program.

Swim for Life is a well-recognized national program with a proven track record and leads seamlessly into the Lifesaving Society's lifesaving and lifeguard training programs.

If you are planning to register someone for swim lessons this fall, get familiar with the new names.



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Check out the upcoming drop-in and registered fitness classes that are coming this fall. Check website for dates and times.

DROP-IN CLASSES – Start Sept. 6 unless otherwise indicated below.

Visit the website and check the fitness DROP-IN Schedules

Morning Power Up (starts Sept. 12)

• Mondays: 9 am to 9:50 am

Land Meets Water

• Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10:30 am to 11:30 am

Mat Pilates (starts Sept. 13)

• Tuesdays: 6 pm to 7 pm

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• Wednesdays: 9 am to 10 am

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS FOR SENIORS:

WOODFIRE PIZZA: Monday, Sept. 12

At 11am at Kathy & Wayne Bergman's. Call Marlene at (604) 883-9900 to reserve a seat. Cost is \$12 per person.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – noon In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost will be \$10 per person

September 1 – Music by Joe Stanton

September 8 - Reminiscing

September 15 – Come join in a game of Scrabble

September 22 – Lets Share a Laugh - bring a joke or funny story

September 29 – Road trip to Powell River

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 & 28

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

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The world is sick: It's time to bring back tobacco



Moe Colton

What is the safest and simplest cure for anxiety?

It's not exercise, CBD or Xanax.

It's tobacco.

Indigenous North Americans first started cultivating the plant around 6,000 BC and it's been the most popular escape from the drudgery of life ever since.

That is until the last few decades, when health officials started campaigning against it.

Approximately half of Canadians smoked in 1965.

In 1991, it was about 30 per cent. By 2019, only 14 per cent of Canadians reported using a tobacco product in the past 30 days.

It's cultural genocide.

Did you know you can't even buy menthol cigarettes in Canada?

Or smoke in your car while parked on BC Ferries property?

Thanks Trudope.

It's time the crusade against tobacco stopped.

I recently started smoking again and it's been one of the best decisions I've ever made.

I didn't want to quit in the first place but my then future wife convinced me to do it 11 years ago.

Now she's gone after it turned out that I stayed off the smokes longer than she stayed off her off ex, Barry.

Because I'm a responsible journalist, let us review the health risks:

- According to the Canadian Cancer Society, cancer is the leading cause of death in Canada responsible for 28.2 per cent of all deaths;
- Lung cancer, for which smoking is the primary risk factor, is the



Smoking = peace.

leading cause of cancer death in both men and women, and

• Smoking increases the risk of up to 18 other types of cancers, including head and neck cancers, leukemia, cancers of the esophagus, bladder, pancreas, kidney, liver, stomach, colorectum, cervix, uterus, and ovaries.

So what?

The world needs cancer.

Can you even imagine how hard it would be to book a pickleball court in Vancouver without it?

Since the cancer mortality rate peaked in 1988, it has dropped 37 per cent in men and 22 per cent in women.

Thank smear campaigns aimed at wringing the joy out of smoking for

that.

Now, it's overpopulation that's killing us.

While we face down COVID, climate change and crazy Republicans, wouldn't it be nice to take it all in with a soothing hit of nicotine?

In a time when every crackpot homeopath is prescribing wolfsbane or swamp water enemas for anxiety, has anyone considered that this mental health issue barely existed 40-plus years ago?

When everyone smoked cigarettes?

It's time to start making ashtrays again.

Former tobacco enthusiasts:

Join me in reviving this ancient pleasure.

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For those looking to take up the leaf for the first time — and for those unfamiliar with nicotine's various forms of ingestion — let us dive into all that tobacco has to offer.

CIGARETTES

The classic.
Nothing beats a butt but it's become the iconic target of tobacco madness lobby groups everywhere.



Ignore their puritanical judgment — smokes are ripe for a comeback.

Their time-tested design, ease of use and healthy filter combine for a pleasant smoking experience and they're available everywhere.

These days, the average price for a pack in Canada runs about \$12.33.

As further evidence of discriminatory taxation policies, in 2016 the average price was only \$9.80.

Canada's top brand is John Player, preferred by five per cent of smokers.

Canada's top province is New Brunswick, where nobody likes a quitter and 17 per cent of the population (aged 15-plus) smoke.

Critics claim smokers are twice as likely to have erectile dysfunction as nonsmokers.



How do they know it wasn't her fault?

I dispute this statistic because, like I told her, *I think* it's because I drink too much.

MENTHOL

Menthol is a chemical compound extracted from peppermint or corn mint plants, or created synthetically.

It reduces the harshness of cigarette smoke due to its characteristic cooling effects.

It also suppresses the coughing

reflex, making inhaling smoke from cigarettes more tolerable for kids' tender lungs.

Menthol was first added to cigarettes in the 1920s and became widespread in the 1950s and 1960s.



My baby is cooler than your baby.

Now, you can't buy them.

Seven provinces had already banned menthols before Health Canada imposed a national ban covering the three remaining provinces in October 2017.

We must reverse that.

Modern children are anxious — and they need menthols.

In the U.S., where you can still buy them, a 2018 study found that almost half of 12- to 17-year-old U.S. cigarette smokers used menthol cigarettes compared to 29 per cent 65 years old or older.

In 2019 and in 2020, sales of menthol-flavoured cigarettes made up 37 per cent of all cigarette sales in the U.S. — the highest proportion since major tobacco companies were first required to report this data in 1967.

VAPING/E-CIGARETTES

Sure, vaping doesn't start forest fires and it might even be kinder on our lungs but nothing beats the taste of naturally combusted vegetation.

The Marlboro Man wouldn't vape.

If you must, options abound.

The best thing about e-cigarettes is that they come in every flavour imaginable and won't leave you with ass breath.

Research shows that mint and menthol e-cigarette use among high school users in the U.S. rose from 16 per cent in 2016 to 57.3 per cent in 2019.

But they're not just for kids.

By March 2020, menthol-fla-

vored e-cigarette sales had risen to an all-time high of 57.7 per cent market share.

If you're the type that likes watermelon flavoured beer and puts ice cubes in your wine, you owe it to yourself to give these a shot.

CIGARS

Yes.

My preferred device and a much healthier alternative to cigarettes.

We're a small group — only three per cent of Canadians smoke cigars regularily.

That might be because health official killjoys claim people who smoke cigars daily are up to four times more likely to develop lung cancer than people who do not smoke.

Cigarists do get slandered though

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Lee family

Irvines Landing School (Sarah Wray Hall)

An aerial shot taken of what is now the Sarah Wray Hall in Irvines Landing taken from Pender Hill. with Hotel Lake on the edge of the frame.

The photo was likely taken in the 1930s.

Excerpted from "77-year-old Irvine's Landing School gets facelift" (Harbour Spiel, May 2008):

The Irvine's Landing School building opened in 1931 on land donated by the owners of the Irvine's Landing Hotel, Joseph Gonsalves and his son in-law, Theodore Dames. It was referred to as the "new" school because kids were previously taught in a building behind the Irvine's Landing Hotel where the vacant restaurant sits now. * This first school later achieved historical significance as the home of Elizabeth Smart when she wrote her famous novel *By Grand Central Station I Sat Down and Wept*.

*Note: The Irvines Landing Restaurant building was demolished in May 2017.

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Bringing tobacco back (cont.)

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— Karens will scream that they're allergic to the smell and just about everyone over the age of 25 has had at least one unpleasant experience smoking one.

For those new to cigars, the key is not to inhale.

And buy as expensive cigars as you can afford.

You'll find Cuban cigars aren't just a marketing label — they really are better, and plenty more expensive.

So, consider it another smoking perk that you'll want to make a trip to Cuba every couple of years, preferably with friends who don't smoke, so that each of you can bring back two boxes (50 cigars) duty free.

The cost savings will literally pay for your trip.

According to one online source, a box of 25 Monte Cristo Special No. 2s costs \$275 Canadian in Cuba.

Here, the price runs up to \$750. PRO TIP: Only noobs light a cigar with a lighter.

Chemicals from matches and lighters mask mysterious flavours from the soil of the revolution and the hand sweat of the elder who rolled it.

Instead, the cigar sophisticate

uses a wooden match to light a sliver of cedar which then lights another sliver of cedar, which then lights a different sliver of cedar, which is then used to light the cigar.

PIPES

Like vinyl records, the original method of smoking tobacco is making its biggest comeback in 100 years.

During WWI the popularity of chewing and pipe tobacco declined as the demand for cigarettes grew.

After dropping further for many years, sales of pipe tobacco in Canada fell nearly 80 per cent between 2001 and 2016.

By comparison, Canadian cigarette sales fell about 32 per cent in the same period.

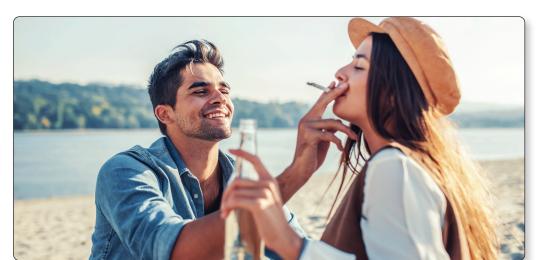
According to Statista, in 2020, the smoking tobacco market bottomed out in Canada at \$97 million.

Since then it has rebounded 18 per cent.

Thanks millenials.

Modern pipe smoking is a relaxing, ritualistic pastime in which tobacco smoke is only tasted, like a fine wine, and not inhaled.

Smoking a pipe is the opposite of



Life is better with tobacco.



Still not cool.

sneaking a fast cigarette during your work break.

So, carve yourself out a chunk of time to sit and enjoy it.

Like cigars, pipe smoking is not as addictive or as harmful as cigarettes, so pipe smokers live longer.

CHEWING TOBACCO

Chewing tobacco is the oily track pants of the tobacco world and the least popular form of consumption.

Chewing tobacco and snuff is placed between the cheek and gum.

The saliva that builds up in the mouth is either spit out or swallowed.

In 2019, the prevalence of chewing tobacco use was 0.4 per cent among Canadians aged 15 and up.

All 124,000 of them were single.

Your dentist will secretly judge you for it, but it's relatively discreet and not as highly discriminated against as it's combustible cousins.

As far as I know, you can chew tobacco anywhere.

Note: If you clot too large of a chunk between your lip and gums, you will look like a slack-jawed hill-billy.

Also, it is now considered impolite to point out this unnattractiveness to a chewer because, statistically, this lip disfiguration isn't likely to be caused by a wad of snuff.

It's probably mouth cancer.

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

SEPTEMBER

Thurs. Sept. 1.......Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. Sept. 2............P. H. Music School Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, doors 7 p.m., music 7:30 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 3......Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 presents Blue Western - RCL No. 112, 7 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 5.....Labour Day

Tues. Sept. 6.....First day of school

Tues. Sept. 6........Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 6.......Pender Harbour Choir first fall rehearsal - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 8......SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 8....... Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 8......SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 9.....SCRD and S. D. 46 election nomination period closes, 4 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 12......P. H. Seniors Housing healthy meal program resumes

Mon. Sept. 12......P. H Seniors Initiative "woodfire pizza" outing - at the Bergmans, 11 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 15......Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Mon. Sept. 19......Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tues. Sept. 20......P. H. Wildlife Society present Tara Martin - via Zoom, 7 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 22.....First day of autumn

Thurs. Sept. 22.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 22.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Thurs. Sept. 22.....SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 24.......Celebration of life for Doug Davis - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

Sun. Sept. 25......P. H. Music Society presents Van Django - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 29.....Harbourside Friendships - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers:

1. b

2. c

3. a

4. b

5. a

6. d



FERRY DEPARTURES

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Women belong in all places where decisions are being made. It shouldn't be that women are the exception.

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

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