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Brian Lee

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Seeking escape in the city



Brian Lee

Last month, I took a little vacation to Vancouver.

No matter how much we enjoy it here, we all need to get off the Coast once in awhile to gain some

the Coast once in awhile to gain some perspective and like many, my trips have been few since COVID.

Also, I needed a distraction.

While pampered First World insensibilities were comparing Canada's prime minister to Hitler or Stalin, Vladimir Putin added his name to the list of history's genuine despots.

The invasion of Ukraine was a gut shot, but it was Putin's subsequent nuclear threats to countries that took issue with it that really shook me.

We've already failed miserably at facing down the existential threat of climate change and then in an instant, that effort was pushed aside by the prospect of nuclear annihilation.

In Europe, at least, I thought we were past this kind of brutality.

It's given me a better understanding of why millions of Canadians were moved to volunteer to fight overseas in the past.

So, while considering what an aging scribe with back issues and a distaste for taking orders might have to offer the International Brigade, I landed in downtown Vancouver.

As we exited the Vancouver Art Gallery — \$50 poorer but with a renewed indifference to Yoko Ono's art — we were swept up in a cavalcade of people waving blue and yellow flags.

Many spoke something I took to be Ukrainian.

We followed and joined thousands of others listening to amplified voices wail passionately across the Vancouver Art Gallery Plaza.

A supportive chorus of honks came from passing cars as banners waved and dozens of Vancouver police looked on.

Many who spoke sobbed openly, some unintelligibly, but their message was clear — the Ukrainian people need help.

The thin March sun couldn't lift a sense of unease that the world's relative order had shifted.

Since the invasion I've uncomfortably considered my own western bias.

This time on WarTV, the fleeing refugees wear jeans and document their horrors on Instagram.

Had I been as affected when 800,000 Rwandans were hacked to death in 1993?

Or by the U.S.'s history of "collateral damage" when freeing up oil in the Middle East?

Unsure how to rank atrocities, I decided this kind of rearview introspection could wait.

As one older woman cried in Ukrainian, her sobs echoing off the swanky hotels nearby, I would challenge anyone not to be moved.

In our helplessness, we watched in solidarity for awhile and then, not sure what else to do, we plodded off to find a bar.



PENDER HARBOUR MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE CLUB: Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.

The Pender Harbour School of Music's monthly "Coffee House" returns after a pandemic hiatus on April 8. As always, the Coffee House runs in Madeira Park's Pender Harbour School of Music. Two performers will split the show — Simon Paradis and Bits of String Band will kick it off followed by pianist and vocalist Patricia Burnett. The doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 7:30 p.m. The ktichen is not yet available so guests are urged to bring their own coffee this time.

PENDER HARBOUR LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, April 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Come out and celebrate Easter with family and friends at the annual LaFarge-sponsored pancake breakfast at the Pender Harbour Lions Park in Kleindale. Breakfast will be served until 1 p.m. and will include pancakes, eggs, sausages and bacon with coffee, tea and juice. There will also be gluten-free options. The Lions will have indoor and outdoor dining with plenty of Easter candy bags to be handed out.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN'S CONNECTION: Tuesday, April 26, 10 a.m.

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection starts up again on Tuesday, April 26 after a long two-year hiatus. The PHWC's first feature speaker will be Steve Clifford of Halfmoon Honey who will talk about his 40-year career as a commercial beekeeper. At the P. H. School of Music — doors open at 9:45 a.m. and the presentation begins at 10 a.m.

19TH (MOSTLY) ANNUAL APRIL TOOLS WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE: Sat. April 30, 10 a.m.

The unofficial end to winter returns on April 30 to Millennium Park (Madeira Park government wharf). Teams learn their "twist" and see their materials at 10 a.m. Boat-building begins at 11 a.m. and stops abruptly at 2 p.m. High school races run at 2 p.m. with the adult races following right after. There will be wet people, food, things to do for the kids, heritage displays and everyone you know. A fun time not to be missed.



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Young Northern Pacific fin whale carcass found on Beaver Island

In what is a rare occurrence in the Strait of Georgia, the carcass of a Northern Pacific fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*) recently appeared on the beach in a shallow bay within the Francis Point Ecological Reserve.

A resident who lives nearby told the *Harbour Spiel* that it appeared in mid-March.

Fin whales grow to a maximum length of 22 metres and live up to 100 years but a Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada biologist identified this mammal as a young male, approximately 13 metres (42 feet) in length, and under two years of age.

Males become sexually mature at six to 10 years of age.

Northern Pacific fin whales are a threatened species under Canada's Species at Risk Act and, according to the BC Cetaceans Sighting Network, they are the most commonly struck whale worldwide.

A necropsy was conducted under the supervision of veterinary pathologist Dr. Stephen Raverty and DFO's fisheries management marine mammal rescue team on March 20.

A DFO spokesperson told the *Harbour Spiel* that necropsy and tissue analysis results are expected over the next month to help determine the cause of death.

The whale's appearance is unusual because the species is rarely found in southern BC's inside waters.

In BC, they are more often encountered in offshore waters, Hec-



Brian Lee

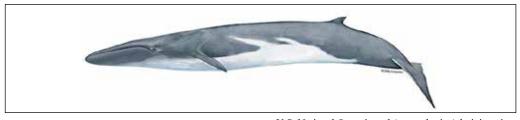
The remains of this Northern Pacific fin whale was found in the Francis Point Ecological Reserve in mid-March. Photo taken March 20 (with mild odour present).

ate Strait and Queen Charlotte Sound where they feed primarily on small invertebrates, schooling fish and squid.

The total historical North Pacific population was estimated to be 42,000 to 45,000 before the start of whaling.

The current population is thought to be approximately half that number.

According to DFO, following the necropsy, they have been working with the shishalh Nation to determine care of the remains of the animal.



U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

The Northern Pacific fin whale is the second longest species of cetacean on Earth.





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Local artist Motoko Baum stands beside two of her paintings that were on display at the Sechelt Hospital in March. The paintings entitled 'Hope for Peace 1' and 'Hope for Peace 2' sold immediately with 100 per cent of the proceeds going to humanitarian aid in Ukraine. 'My intention is to invite and encourage more people to support Ukraine's humanitarian crisis through my art, Baum told the *Harbour Spiel*. 'And it might possibly inspire other local artists and businesses to do the same with their own art or services.' To that end, Baum said she is now accepting orders for commissions with a goal of raising \$10,000 for Ukrainian aid. 'It is urgent and crucial for us to unite and show our support to Ukrainian people as this is not just Ukrainian people's problem,' said Baum. 'I believe this is a matter to all of us who live in peace-loving democratic countries.'

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Sunshine Coast RCMP are asking the public and retailers to be aware that there have been several reports of counterfeit \$50 bills being used to obtain services and/or retail products in Sechelt.

On March 10, 11 and 12, at three separate retailers, the counterfeit bills were discovered.

For information on how to check for US counterfeit money:

https://www.uscurrency.gov/sites/default/files/downloadable-materials/files/en/quick-glance-reference-card-en-508.pdf

For information on how to check for Canadian counterfeit money,

visit https://www.bankofcanada.ca/banknotes/counterfeit-prevention/

ONLINE CRIME REPORTING SYSTEM REMINDER

The "online crime reporting system" is available for incidents on the Sunshine Coast where you have lost, had stolen, or sustained property or vehicle damage that costs less than \$5,000 to replace or repair.

The OCR system is also appropriate for driving complaints that are not in progress.

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Madeira Park's Bargain Barn has earned over \$1.3 million during its 46 years in operation, most of it going to help fund the Pender Harbour Health Centre. Here, Ileana McBain, Bargain Barn president (middle), presents the latest cheque for \$20,000, flanked by two PHHC nurses, Roslyn Mundy (I) and Jennifer Hunsche (r). April 2022



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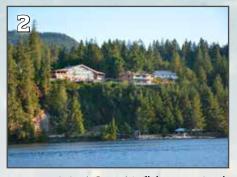
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Where is it?



- ☐ a. Hospital Bay wharf
- □ b. Madeira Park wharf
- ☐ c. Canoe Pass
- ☐ d. Whiskey Slough wharf



- ☐ a. West Coast Wilderness Lodge
- □ b. Painted Boat Resort
- □ c. Rockwater Resort
- ☐ d. Pender Harbour Resort



- ☐ a. Francis Point
- ☐ b. Daniel Point
- □ c. Egmont Point
- d. Cape Cockburn



- ☐ a. Gerrans Bay
- □ b. Ballet Bay
- ☐ c. Secret Cove
- ☐ d. Malibu Rapids



- □ a. Mixal Lake
- ☐ b. Ruby Lake
- □ c. Hotel Lake
- ☐ d. Sakinaw Lake



- □ a. Oyster Bay
- □ b. Bargain Harbour
- □ c. Secret Cove
- ☐ d. Green Bay

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local** Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: Townie

Pender Health Centre looking for help to fund renovation

The Pender Harbour Health Centre is launching a \$1.1 million fundraising campaign to fund a number of required upgrades to the facility.

Susann Richter, PHHC chief operating officer, told the *Harbour Spiel* that that despite renovations and additions over the years, a comprehensive heating and ventilation system was never installed.

The building is currently heated with a combination of heat exchange systems and forced air.

"For example, in my office, I have a unit that goes out through the wall that is really old and it's either on heating or cooling — pulling air from the outside, heating it and then pushing it into the room," said Richter.

According to their website, the P. H. Health Centre receives over 18,000 patient visits a year across all of the medical services that are provided.

"Because of COVID, ventilation is really important and the building here has been renovated, I think, twice in the past," said Richter.

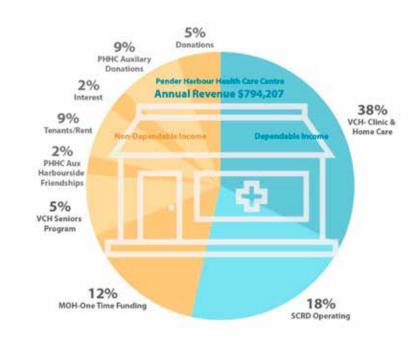
"We have three different heating systems and we have a lot of rooms here that don't have any ventilation."

Richter said that about half of the fundraising goal will pay for the HVAC system to be installed throughout the entire building.

The remainder will be spent replacing the 45-year-old building's aging carpet with vinyl plank flooring and renovations to the physician's wing to improve accessibility and to provide more general purpose usage.

"We did receive a federal grant for accessible washrooms (\$100,000) and we also have received a grant for flooring from the SCRD (\$37,726)," she said.

Richter said they are launching a campaign to raise funds from within



P. H. Health Centre

Though it varies from year to year, this chart shows the variety of 'non-dependable' (orange) and 'dependable' (blue) revenue sources that go into funding the Pender Harbour Health Centre's annual budget. An example of non-dependable funding is a two year drop in donations from the P. H. Healthcare Auxiliary's Bargain Barn experienced as a result of COVID restrictions and reduced operations.

the community that will include a direct mailout, social media and various activities for community engagement.

"All through COVID, our staff stayed onsite and worked whereas a lot of other offices were closed and that tends to be the case in a community health centre like this — you stay open for service," said Richter.

"So, we feel it's really important for the health and safety of our staff and the comfort level of our patients."

To donate to the effort, and to see the progress of the fundraiser and its list of donors, visit www.penderharbourhealth.com/fundraising/.



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PENDER HARBOUR, APRIL 30, 2022!

It's the 19th (mostly) annual



WOODEN BOAT CHALLENGE

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- Seafarer Millennium Park, Saturday, April 30, 2022.
 New construction "twist" and materials revealed at 10:00 am.
- Construction between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.
- Youth race starts at 2:00 pm, adult race follows at about 2:45 pm.
- Concessions, mini boat building, face painting, and more free crafts for kids.

Try paddling or rowing a CLASSIC WOODEN BOAT in the Harbour for FREE!

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The Pender Harbour April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge is a project of the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society



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April Tools Wooden Boat challenge returns April 30

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With the lifting of restrictions on outdoor activities, the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society has emerged from the darkness of winter and realized that spring is coming.

So it must be April Tools time.

The PHLHS has dusted off their prototype from the cancelled 2020 event and will be ready to present this family-oriented outdoor activity on Saturday, April 30.

In 2019, April Tools featured castaways stranded on the isle of Madeira Park left to find their way off using only the materials they found "washed up" on the beach.

Their sole helper was their volleyball friend Wilson.

The marooned teams constructed an astonishing variety of boats and most did an amazing job of getting around the government wharf.

This year features a new challenge, but the details won't be revealed until 10 a.m. on April 30.

Then, teams will have one hour to formulate their plans, then three hours to execute them using only hand tools and battery-powered screw guns.

They will rest for an hour as the high schoolers race, then it will be flat out racing for the adults.

There will be free boatbuilding and other activities for the kids, and lots of good food.



Brian Lee

A close battle from 2019 — the last running of April Tools Wooden Boat Competition.

They make no promises about the weather, but in 19 years the event has managed well through all kinds.

The place is Millennium Park (government wharf) in Madeira Park.

High school races start at 2 p.m. with the adult races following right after.

Due to the increased cost of materials, the entry fee for a team of up to four is \$200, but if you sign up by April 1 it will only cost you \$180.

Go to *apriltools.ca*, copy an entry form and mail it with your fee to April Tools, Box 65, Madeira Park, BC, V0N 2H0.

Cheques should be made out to

PHLHS/April Tools.

Don't forget that there are significant prizes to be won — first is \$700, second is \$400 and third is \$250.

The day is a ton of fun from competitors and spectators so don't miss it.



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Many thanks to all those who have supported our program.

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The high cost of safe, reliable water



Leonard Lee Area A director, SCRD

Increasing drought frequency and duration, population growth, and increasing infrastruc-

ture costs have conspired to make it everyone's business to assure a safe, reliable water supply.

Our 2022 budget references multiple projects like resolving the current Chapman summer deficit, improving fire protection, maintaining reliable delivery infrastructure, providing disaster mitigation and recovery, and ensuring our future requirements are met.

Property owners in any of the three Area A water services pay an

SCRD utility bill for yearly operations (user fees) and a property-tax line item for capital expenses (parcel fee).

Typical property owners will see a 9.6 to 10.6 per cent increase, as follows.

NORTH PENDER WATER SERVICE

Revenues of \$1.66 million include taxes and user fees (\$701,000), reserves (\$157,000), and a one-time community gas tax grant (\$759,000).

Expenses of \$1.66 million include administration (\$61,000), wages and benefits (\$259,000), operating expenses (\$263,000), debt servicing (\$42,000), and capital expenditures (\$1.04 million).

A community gas tax grant covers the 86 per cent increase.

Projects include:

- \$850,000 for a Panorama Drive water-main upgrade and fire protection improvement;
- \$125,000 for the Garden Bay pump house backup generator;
- \$57,000 for water treatment improvements;
- \$108,000 for long-term supply and distribution feasibility studies.
- \$14,000 for share of staff increase (engineering coordinator and three crew members), and
- \$11,000 for share of metering and rate-structure software development.

SOUTH PENDER WATER SERVICE

Revenues of \$2.56 million include taxes and user fees (\$1.22 mil-

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Infrastructure Services
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April 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board
April 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Planning and Development Committee

April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

Community Services Committee

April 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Corporate and Administrative Services Committee

April 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board

April 28 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.

For more information, please visit www.scrd.ca/agendas.



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lion), reserves (\$506,000), long-term debt (\$80,000), government transfers (\$41,000), investment income (\$14,000), and grants (\$707,000) including a one-time community gas tax grant (\$540,000).

Expenses of \$2.56 million include administration (\$101,000), wages and benefits (\$434,000), operating expenses (\$501,000), debt servicing (\$149,000), and capital expenditures (\$1.38 million).

A community gas tax grant covers the 64 per cent increase.

Projects include:

- \$108,000 for Dogwood Dr. reservoir engineering and construction;
- \$663,000 for McNeil Lake Dam safety upgrades;
- \$56,000 for water treatment improvements;
- \$600,000 for water-main upgrades and improved fire protection for section of Francis Peninsula Road, and Pope-Rondeview Roads;
 - \$80,000 for replacement truck;
- \$133,000 for long-term supply and distribution feasibility studies;
- \$28,000 for share of staff increase (engineering co-ordinator and three crew members), and
- \$21,000 for the share of metering and rate-structure software development.

REGIONAL WATER SERVICE (EGMONT, EARL'S COVE, ETC.)

Revenues of \$34.87 million include taxes and user fees (\$10.17 million), reserves (\$7.34 million), long-term debt (\$16.65 million), government transfers (\$40,000), investment income (\$71,000), developer contributions (\$545,000), and other revenue (\$66,000).

Expenses of \$34.87 million include administration (\$981,000), wages and benefits (\$3.82 million), operating expenses (\$3.58 million), debt servicing (\$586,000), transfer to reserves (\$577,000), and capital expenditures (\$25.34 million).

Projects include:

- \$250,000 for Cove Cay pump station rebuild and road improvement;
- \$728,000 for eight replacement trucks and two new vehicles;
- \$10.19 million for new water source development including Chapman and Gray Creek upgrades;
- \$4.2 million for Chapman system, dam, and treatment plant, and Edwards dam upgrades;
- \$485,000 for Chapman system infrastructure upgrades.
- \$7.25 million for Sechelt and shíshálh Nation water meters;
- \$350,000 for Eastbourne well development;

- \$53,000 for regional water service bylaw and confined space documentation updates;
- \$883,000 for long-term supply and distribution feasibility studies;
- \$236,000 for share of staff increase (engineering co-ordinator and three crew members);
- \$172,000 for share of metering and rate-structure software development, and
- \$48,000 for public consultation and communication.



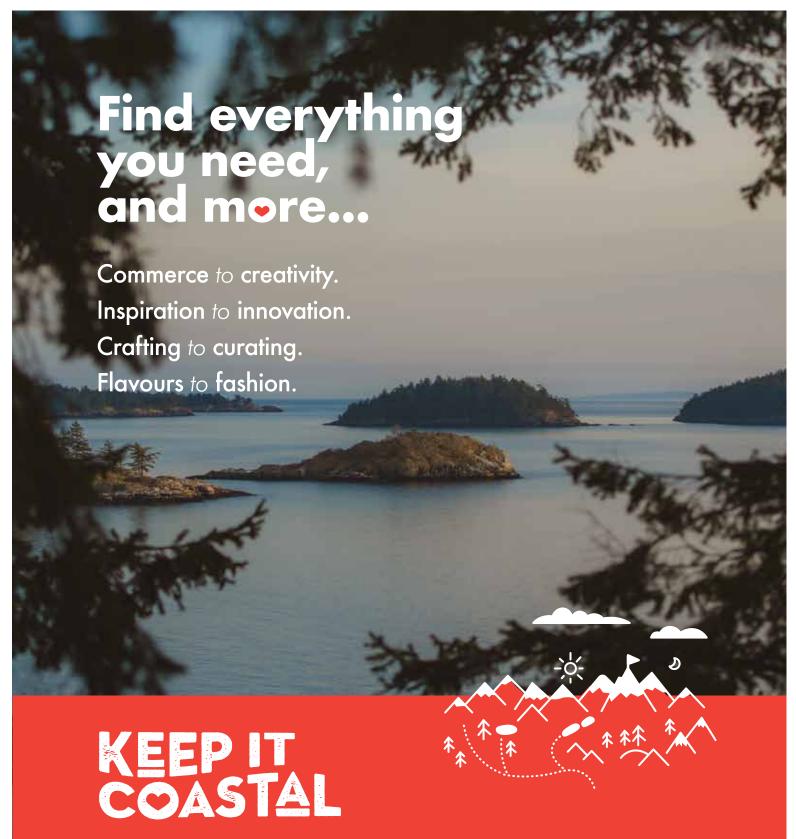


once again hosting their annual Easter Pancake Breakfast! Sunday ♥ April 17 ♥ 9am to 1pm Serving pancakes, eggs, sausages and bacon

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Logging Egmont like it's 1955 again

Editor.

My first introduction to logging came as a small child in Howe Sound.

We had returned to our cabin in spring 1951 to find huge skid marks down past our place to the beach.

Hoof prints. Horse loggers.

They ruined my mom's linoleum when they forced their way into the kitchen and walked through the house in their caulk boots.

It was a little scary for a child but no real harm done.

The caulk boot marks were etched in my mind though.

Around 1954, a neighbour down in the Sound said he was going to run a general store in Egmont.

When the road came in around 1956, our family visited Johnny and Lily Dunlop at the Egmont General Store which became Bathgates.

It was a very long drive then from Hopkins Landing.

I remember lots of logging.

Trucks were coming into the industry and so were gas chainsaws.

There were roads everywhere.

The hills were bare from lake to mountain top. Those were the days.

Full bore. Give 'er.

I became a logger myself for a while in Port Hardy in the 1960s while working through school.

It was one of the best jobs I ever had — I loved it.

So, I thought I was in a time warp the other day when the North Lake Residents Association meeting was talking about an oil spill on the new logging road next to the lake.

A new logging road to North Lake — was it the 1950s again?

The machinery had changed.

Big trees were going down to the count of ten, then crash.

The loggers made incredible progress but it was almost unlivable here some days.

April 2022



Ron Fearn

A skidder being unloaded on Egmont Road on March 10.

Like a 747 taking off on the hill all day, starting at daybreak.

Feller buncher.

But today, with climate change and knowledge about CO2 release, we still do clear cuts?

We build logging roads that just wash out in the intense atmospheric rivers. Smart?

Maybe people are just trying to get through the day in their little COVID-proof bubble world, and I guess that I am too.

They don't even see it?

Seasoned loggers have told me logging Klein Lake is crazy.

Running loaded trucks with cars on the Klein Road hill? Nuts.

They have left it way too late and will likely not have their wood out until fall sometime; but the trees are down so no stopping them now.

It's the 1950s again.

Full speed ahead, the virus guaranteeing lack of due process.

The logging around here is a bit of a crime scene right now.

It is supposed to slow down for summer but a big rock drill is coming in next for the new road.

They have been asked to baffle the sound.

This is ridiculous and it's not politically correct to question.

We are heavy industrial now and until the new road is torn up, and planted, I'm afraid it will stay that way.

Two five-year plans were just done in eight months.

Old timers will weep.

Ron Fearn North Lake, Egmont



Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association update

Peter Robson Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association president

The Pender Harbour and Area Residents Association is a volunteer organization which "exists to support the vitality of the communities of Pender Harbour and Egmont areas as excellent places to live, work and play for residents and visitors."

The association provides a structure that allows residents to identify issues of broad community concern and have them effectively addressed.

The following is a concise rundown of current PHARA projects and activities.

PENDER HARBOUR DOCK **MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Representatives have continued to press for clarification of wording in parts of this 2018 plan (originally developed by the province, in consultation with the shíshálh Nation without consultation with the dock owners themselves), which resulted in some minor changes to terminology.

However, a number of suggested amendments to the plan were dismissed.

We continue to press for an effective consultation process, including having a seat for the SCRD on the various bodies that continue to work on the DMP, and to include consultation with PHARA.

DERELICT BOATS

With the help of volunteer labour and with minimal financial outlay, members of PHARA have removed five derelict boats from the Harbour in the past year.

We have also been in contact with the Dead Boat Society, who seem to have a working relationship with

Transport Canada and are advising them of boats found to be derelict.

Transport Canada then have the means to flag these boats and ultimately remove them for disposal.

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN

This was revised in 2018 and submitted to the SCRD, but before it can be implemented, the SCRD must revise our current bylaw 237.

Nothing has happened in this regard, and it seems our revision is low on their priority list.

Given that Area A is still operating under regulations written in 1990, we feel the revisions should be given priority, and we continue to lobby the SCRD to that effect.

ROADSIDE AND BACKWOODS TRASH BASHES

These are organized by the Pender Harbour Hikers, and we help spread the word and encourage our members to volunteer for these.

The last Trash Bash took place in October of last year, when we collected 1,465 kilograms of trash, 670 kilograms of scrap metal, and 180 refundable bottles or cans.

Most notably, our volunteers also retrieved several abandoned trailers that were filled with garbage.

The SCRD waived the dump fees for whatever was collected, and we were helped by the generous support of Rotary, the S. C. Credit Union, the IGA, and Rona.



Brian Lee

COMMUNITY GARDENS IN MADEIRA PARK

Over the years, Don Fraser has selflessly developed and maintained the gardens that have provided yearround beauty in our village.



It is time now for the community to step up and help maintain these. To this end, we will be applying to the SCRD for a grant in aid to help with capital costs, but we are seeking permanent funding through an endowment or donation to fund the labour required to maintain the gardens.

PARKS AND TRAILS

With the support of the P. H. and District Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Pender Harbour, we presented a proposal to the SCRD, asking that they allocate funds in their 2022 budget to assist Area A in the planning and development of several proposed projects that would enhance our tourism attractions and offer yearround appeal.

The projects:

- Adequate wayfinding signage to Francis Point Provincial Park, Martin Cove, Mt. Daniel hiking trail, Baker Beach and Garden Bay Marine Park;
- Expansion and completion of a trail around Katherine Lake;
- Expansion of the parking area at Dan Bosch Park, and
- Construction of a safe pedestrian walkway between the pumphouse on Garden Bay Lake and John

Henry's Resort.

These projects would be eligible for gas tax funding or support from other funding agencies, with assistance from community volunteers.

DAYLIGHTING LILY LAKE'S CREEK

Once again, Don Fraser has put considerable thought and effort into this idea to reroute Paq Creek.

Currently, it runs under the school yard and is covered by soil and boards, which will not hold up indefinitely.

This would be a major project requiring significant funding.

Suggestions and ideas would be appreciated.

ARCHITECTURAL PLAN FOR MADEIRA PARK

Significant funding is available for an overall plan to beautify the village, requiring submission of a detailed 10-year plan.

Again, suggestions would be appreciated, particularly if someone knows of a retired planner or an architectural/community planning school looking for an interesting project.

INCORPORATION

PHARA is considering requesting a new provincially funded incorporation study to look at the implications of incorporation.

PHARA would remain neutral, acting only as facilitator in presenting the study to the community.

FOOD SECURITY

Area A has a number of ALR parcels currently underused for food production.

We would like to find a way to support food production on these

properties, to provide some measure of local food security.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As with many of the volunteer groups in this area, the PHARA board consists of individuals who volunteer for other groups as well.

As we "age out," we are finding it difficult to recruit new people willing to help out.

Several of the projects outlined here need enthusiastic people to run with them — perhaps someone reading this would like to help out?

PHARA MEMBERSHIP

PHARA is funded solely by membership dues, and we recently adopted a new dues structure:

- One year individual membership is \$10;
 - Three-year membership is \$20;
- Five-year membership is \$40, and

• Lifetime membership is \$100. If you belonged to PHARA at one time but think your membership may have lapsed, email *membership@phara.ca*, and we'll be glad to check

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Brian Lee

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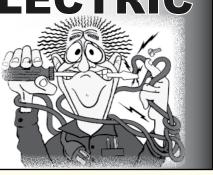


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Stanley James Nicol JUNE 25, 1941 — JANUARY 9, 2022



After several years of health issues, Stan Nicol died on Jan. 9 at Totem Lodge.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years Gloria, his sons Earl and Jay, stepdaughter Andrea and six grand-children, Bob, David, Nicole, Jamie, CJ and Jean Luc.

He was predeceased by his son Chris.

Nicol was born in Edmonton Alberta in 1941.

His family moved to North Vancouver and he attended Northern High School.

He enjoyed skiing and was a volunteer with the Grouse Mountain ski patrol.

In 1984, Nicol and his family moved to Langley and later to Mission.

He became a notary public in 1971 and president of the Society of Notaries Public of BC in 1983, deputy secretary in 1986 and secretary from 1986 to 2001.

He was also an executive officer of the Notary Foundation of British Columbia.

He was a member of the Real Estate Institute of BC for 35 years.

He was also an insurance agent for 20 years.

In 2004, Nicol became registrar for the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

He had a number of community involvements in Mission.

In 2011, Nicol and his wife Gloria moved to Pender Harbour to enjoy the beauty and a quiet life.

There will be no service at this time but a tree will be planted in his memory.

His family would like to thank the staff of the Totem Lodge for their compassionate care.

If friends so desire, they can make a donation to an animal or wildlife shelter.



seals



Note your seal of approval or disapproval. By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A pandemic boat load of **Seals of Disapproval**, and otter poo, to the **overbearing**, **intimidating**, **rude stranger in the IGA on Saturday morning**, **Feb. 26**.

When asked by the staff to don a mask, loudly and rudely exclaimed that he "had an exemption," thereby belittling the rest of us who had masked up and were enjoying safely seeing friends and neighbours while we did our shopping.

Margaret Skelley

A sad Harbour Seal of Disapproval to the unneighbourly dog walkers on Sinclair Bay Road and Hotel Lake Road who do not pick up their dog's poop or who discard their little green bag of poop in someone's parking or roadside.

Reni Ducich

A truck load of Harbour
Seals to **Don and Allen** for helping me move all of my firewood.
I trust you enjoyed your reward!
Jules Mackenzie

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William (Bill) Kenneth Cochet JUNE 9, 1945 — FEBRUARY 19, 2022



Bill Cochet died Feb. 19 in Sechelt surrounded by his wife and girls.

He was 76 years old.

Cochet is survived by his wife Mary, who he was happily married to for over 53 years and his children, Michelle (Gary), Cherie (Dave) and Jason (Stephanie).

He had nine grandchildren — Britney, Tyson, Genai, Tres-Jessie, Tyler, Karissa, Brennan and Callum, and two great-grandchildren, Maleke and Valerie.

Cochet was born on June 9, 1945 in Oliver, B.C to parents Frank and Peggy Cochet (predeceased).

He spent his early years on the homestead there with his siblings Margaret, Lorne (Darlene) and Davena (Klause).

In 1968, he packed up his new bride Mary and left Oliver to start their life together.

Cochet apprenticed with Finning Tractor between 1968 and 1972 and continued his career as a heavy-duty mechanic with them for over 33 years.

He was the resident Finning mechanic on the Sunshine Coast from 1980 until his retirement in 2001.

Cars — hotrods — were his passion and those that shared in this lifestyle were his greatest friends.

Attending car club rallies, poker runs and dances afforded Bill and Mary amazing travel adventures throughout Canada and United States.

They were charter members of the Coasters Cars Club.

Cochet's "babies" included a 1923 Model T Bucket, 1931 Model A Roadster pickup and a 1964 Chevelle Super Sport.

He was a gifted mechanic and welder who was eager to help locals and friends on their projects.

Cochet's family would like to extend sincere thanks to the staff at Sechelt Hospital and Totem Lodge long term care centre, as well as the staff at the Pender Harbour Health Clinic, namely Dr. Colin Sutton, Jennifer Hunsche and Rosalyn Mundy.

Thank you to Elisabeth Calacal with Nurse Next Door for her exceptional in-home care.

A celebration of Cochet's life will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022 at the Madeira Park Legion Hall starting at noon.

In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the P. H. and District Health Centre in Cochet's name.

Although a man of few words, he was steadfast in his devotion to his dear family and friends.

Bill Cochet was a strong, proud man and loved by many.

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.



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- April 23 ~ Kathy Morant, Sue Richardson, Heidi Vaughan and Jordan Kammerle.
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APRIL ASTROLOGY



ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

The sign of the ram gives Arians loyalty, generosity, high energy and courage. They love adventure and often fiercely defend the underdog. With a new moon

happening in your 12th house last month, the spring is a positive time for you. You haven't even noticed that life has turned to shit. Luckily, your hyper-positive attitude shields you from reality based judgements. As the saying goes, "No brain, no pain," — an axiom that is never truer than when describing an Aries.

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. April is Taurean's month — so drink it up. Confidence will be at at an annual high for weeks which will open doors all around you. This is especially crew in your professional life. If you are tired of the status quo, now is the time to change it. Aim high — you know you'll achieve it.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending March 19, 2022.

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.

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- 3. Whitewater Cooks Together Again by Shelley Adams (Alicon 8. Destination Hikes: In and Holdings)
- 4. Richard Wagamese Selected & McIntyre)
- 5. Luschiim's Plants: Traditional Indigenous Foods, Materials and Medicines by Luschiim Arvid Charlie & Nancy J. Turner (Harbour Publishing)

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- Around Southwestern BC by Stephen Hui (Greystone Books)
- by Richard Wagamese (Douglas 9. The 500 Years of Indigenous **Resistance Comic Book:** Revised and Expanded by Gord Hill (Arsenal Pulp Press)
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~ Association of Book Publishers of BC



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44,134,693

Ukraine's population in 2020.

69.6%

Percentage of urban dwellers in Ukraine in 2020.

Aug. 24, 1991

The date Ukraine declared independence from the U.S.S.R.

77.8%

Percentage of Ukraine's population that are ethnic Ukrainians (2001).

17.3%

Percentage of Ukraine's population that are Russian (2001), the country's largest minority.

49.1%

Percentage of Ukraine's population that was "working-age" in 2020.

\$5.92 billion (U.S.)

Ukraine's military expenditure in 2020.

\$61.7 billion (U.S.)

Russian military expenditure in 2020.

3.67 million

Refugees fleeing Ukraine since Feb. 24, 2022

925

Verified civilian deaths in Ukraine invasion (Feb. 24 - March 24).

75

Children dead among 925 civilian casualties (Feb. 24 - March 24).

~ Statista, Brittanica.com, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Global Edge, Council on Foreign Relations

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).



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7. 7:44 AM +S, 1:40 PM -L

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9. 4:44 PM -L

10. 6:03 PM -L

11. 8:26 AM -M, 1:32 PM +S

12. 9:07 AM -M, 2:25 PM +M

13. 9:45 AM -L, 3:12 PM +M

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Don't let the bedbugs bite

Excerpted from Health Canada website

Bedbugs are small, wingless insects that feed on the blood of people and animals while they sleep.

They are easily moved from room to room on infested objects.

Bedbugs cannot easily climb metal or polished surfaces and cannot fly or jump.

Adult bedbugs can be as long as 10 millimetres.

They have an oval, broad, flat body and a short, broad head.

Adult bedbugs are brown but darken to a blood red colour after feeding.

Bedbug eggs are white, about one millimetre long, and are almost impossible to see on most surfaces.

The eggs have a sticky coating and are laid in cracks and crevices, behind woodwork and other hidden locations.

Bedbugs come out at night to feed, attracted by the carbon dioxide we exhale.

They will feed on both people and pets.

Bedbug bites may not be noticed right away because bedbugs typically feed at night when people are asleep.

Bedbugs prefer locations where they can hide easily and feed regularly, like sleeping areas.

Their flattened bodies allow bedbugs to hide in extremely small locations: under wallpaper, behind picture frames, in electrical outlets, inside box springs, in mattress pads and in night tables.

PREVENTION

First, be careful about what you bring into your house or buy.

Check every item you bring into your home for the first time, including



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used books, new furniture, and garage sale or antique store furniture.

Be very cautious with secondhand or refurbished items.

New mattresses are often delivered in the same truck that carries away old mattresses, so be careful to check your new mattress before it enters your home.

Insist that your new mattress be

sealed before it is delivered.

Check items before you put them in your vehicle and check your vehicle after helping a friend move.

When you return from a trip, follow the tips described on the Public Health Agency of Canada website.

For more information, visit: www.healthlinkbc.ca/healthfiles/hfile95.stm



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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.

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How not to kill black bears

Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance

Black bears are inherently timid, highly intelligent and more tolerant of us than we are of them.

Spring sees the emergence of local bears from their winter dens — adult males leave first while their mothers and cubs usually exit in April.

They can be somewhat lethargic and appear thin and a bit scruffy at this time.

Natural foods can be scarce so when human food sources are available, bears may be lured into populated neighbourhoods seeking high calorie rewards.

It is illegal under the British Columbia Wildlife Act to either intentionally or unintentionally feed bears or other wildlife.

Bears that continue to access human food may be deemed a safety risk by the Conservation Officer Service.

Unfortunately, relocation is rarely an effective measure when managing bears that have become accustomed to non-natural food sources.

The needless death of the bear can be the end result of what is often referred to as "human-bear conflict," even though the bear is just doing what they do naturally which is foraging for food.

Garbage, bird feeders and fruit trees are the major attractants.

Bears have an incredible sense of smell enabling them to detect odours up to a mile away.

It is important to keep garbage secured by only placing it at the curb the morning of pick-up.

If you don't have an enclosed carport, place a Pine-Sol soaked rag in your garbage can to function as a repellent.

Do not use bird feeders during



Brian Lee

A naughty Beaver Island garbage bear (April 2019).

bear season (March to December).

Use intermittent plate feeding instead or attract birds with plants and sand baths.

Pick fruit just prior to ripening and collect any windfall within oneto two days.

If you have small livestock, secure within electric fencing.

Refrain from using outdoor fridges or freezers.

Keep all car doors and windows locked and interior of the vehicle free of any food, food containers, wrappers and scented products.

Do not leave any pet food or dishes outside.

Hike in pairs or a group and make some noise to let our bears know you are approaching.

Bear bells don't identify you as human; instead call out "Hey bear," or clap your hands loudly.

If you do encounter a bear, it may stand on its hind legs to better assess the situation.

Take a deep breath, stay calm, put your arms out to your side (this helps identify you as human), speak in a calm yet firm voice,

Slowly back away and give the bear space.

The Sunshine Coast Bear Alliance was established in 2019 with a mission to end human-bear conflict on the Sunshine Coast and to "replace fear with knowledge."

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NALOXONE (NARCAN) TRAINING BY COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC Wednesday, April 6, 1pm-2:30pm, free, Harbour Learning Centre

Instructions on recognizing an overdose, what to do, hands-on naloxone training. Takehome kits available at the end of the course. Only 7 spaces available so book now!

CULTURAL STORYTELLING WITH COYOTE

Wednesday, April 20, 9am-12pm, \$25

Engaging and gifted storyteller Terry Aleck is sharing his story. From the Nlha7kapmx territory (Lytton), "Coyote" is a ceremonial pipe carrier, hand drum teacher and singer, family violence and addiction counselor, and co-chair of SD46's Aboriginal Education Committee.

ADVANCED CARE PLANNING: GREEN SLEEVE — YOUR HEALTHCARE PASSPORT Wednesday, April 27, 1pm-2:30pm, free, Harbour Learning Centre

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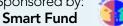
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Shopping and lunch, call to reserve your seat. Travel w/ volunteer drivers and their cars.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION AFTERNOON: April 20, 2 – 4pm

All volunteers are invited to drop in and see all the displays recognizing the volunteers in our community and enjoy a piece of cake and refreshment.

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 12pm

No lunch will be served at this time. We do encourage all to bring your own packed lunch to enjoy as a group following the program.

April 7: Travel video to some surprise destination?

April 14: Music with Patricia Burnett

April 21: Kym Harris how to become Dementia Friendly

April 28: Presentation of a collection Short Videos

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, April 6, 13 & 27

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, April 1, 4, 8, 11, 15, 18, 22, 25 & 29

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MAHJONG: All Thursdays, 12:30 – 2:30pm, w/ Alison Speirs.

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COVID-19 INFORMATION

Provincial Health Orders to provide proof of vaccination are in place until April 8. Read more about this before you visit: www.scrd.ca/recreation-restart

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P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection is back. They start up again on Tuesday, April 26 after a long two year hiatus.

The PHWC's first feature speaker will be Steve Clifford of Halfmoon Honey who will talk about his 40-year career as a commercial beekeeper and provide tips for honeybee hobbyists in our area. Clifford is also the president of the Sunshine Coast Beekeepers Association and, along with the club from Powell River, has brought in 100 units — a total of 140,000 bees — at the cost of \$25,000 from New Zealand. The bees are to be distributed along the Coast in an attempt to restore our bee population here.

So, if you have thought of having a beehive in your garden, interested to learn more about bees or simply love honey, it will be an interesting and educational meeting.

At this time the Women's Connection will be accepting donations instead of the usual fees and will be following all the current BC COVID protocols.

The Women's Connection is a great way to meet other women. Meetings take place at the P. H. School of Music — doors open at 9:45 a.m. with Clifford's presentation beginning at 10 a.m.

P. H. LIVING HERITAGE SOCIETY AGM

The Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society's annual general meeting will take place on May 13 at 1 p.m. at Sarah Wray Hall (4334 Irvines Landing Rd.).

Drop in for updates on the society's 2021 activities, as well as a preview of what's in store for 2022. Find out more details at *penderharbourheritage.ca*.

PENDER HARBOUR GOLF CLUB SOCIETY

The Pender Harbour Golf Club Society is hosting a "giant yard sale" fundraiser on Sunday, April 24. This community yard sale intends to raise funds for ongoing course projects and necessary repairs following damage to the course from winter storms.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m at the golf course.

Participants are invited to

- Donate new or gently used items to the club to be sold at one of our volunteer-staffed tables (donations will be accepted Saturday, April 16 and Sunday, April 17 at the club from 12 noon to 3p.m.);
 - Purchase a table and sell your own items, or
- Come out to shop and enjoy the day's activities. Registration for tables opens March 1 — call (604) 883 9541.

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Tips from the SCRD's Good Neighbour Guidelines, No. 2



The Sunshine Coast Regional District's "Good Neighbour Guidelines" provide thoughtful recommendations and a summary of SCRD bylaws governing neighbourhood issues intended to protect and enhance the peaceful enjoyment of our community.

If you have any questions or require more information regarding specific bylaws, visit www.scrd.ca/bylaws, or call the SCRD at (604) 885-6800. While informal communication with neighbours is the best way of addressing many neighbourhood concerns, in situations where this is not a viable option, contact the SCRD to make an inquiry, or to file a complaint for investigation.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMITS

DECKS

A building permit is required for a deck that is more than 0.6 metres (2 feet) above the ground or if the deck is attached to a building or supports a roof structure.

A deck requiring a building permit must meet the setbacks for the structure it is attached to, as outlined in the SCRD's zoning bylaws.

Consider your neighbours when designing a new deck.

Think about how your deck will impact a neighbour's privacy, or if it will cast a shadow on your neighbour's vegetable garden or flower bed.

FENCES

In most cases a permit is not required for a fence.

Fences should not exceed two metres (6.5 feet) in height.

Fences have the potential to significantly impact neighbouring properties with decisions over location, height, material, etc.

A good neighbour considers the potential impact and talks to neighbours before constructing a new fence.

Fences must be located entirely on your property.

If you are considering a new fence, you must confirm the location of the property lines first.

Legal plans can be obtained for a fee from the Land Title and Survey Authority of British Columbia.



Brian Lee

The SCRD's *Good Neighbour Guidelines* suggests we consider how new construction can impact our neighbours. Pictured is a recently built home on West Beaver Island.

RETAINING WALLS

A building permit is required for all retaining walls greater than 1.2 metres (4 feet) in height.

Retaining walls cannot encroach onto any right-of-way or easement.

If a retaining wall exists on your property, you are responsible for its maintenance and repair.

The higher the retaining wall, the further it must be set and stepped back from lot lines.



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

APRIL

Sat. April 2Trunk sale - Royal Canadian Legion no. 112, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.	
Sat. April 2Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.	
Sun. April 3P. H. Music Society presents The Fretless - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.	
Mon. April 4Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 11 a.m. to 12:3	30 p.m.
Tues. April 5P. H. Seniors' Initiative road trip - Powell River, 7:30 a.m.	•
Wed. April 6Naloxone training - Harbour Learning Centre, 1 p.m.	
Fri. April 8P. H. Music School Coffee House - P. H. School of Music, doors 7 p.m., music	: 7:30 p.m.
Sat. April 9Easter ham/turkey draw and basket raffle - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 3	3 p.m.
Sat. April 9Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.	·
Wed. April 13Green Recycling in Pender Society AGM - GRIPS Depot, 2 p.m.	
Thurs. April 14SCRD infrastructure services committee meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.i	m.
Thurs. April 14SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.	
Sat. April 16Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.	
Sun. April 17Easter	
Sun. April 17P. H. Lions' Pancake Breakfast - P. H. Lions Park, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Sun. April 17-23Volunteer Appreciation Week	
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Wed. April 20Cultural storytelling with Terry Aleck - Harbour Learning Centre, 9 a.m. to not	on
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Thurs. April 21SCRD planning and development committee meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:	:30 a.m.
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Fri. April 22Earth Day	
Fri. April 22Royal Canadian Legion 112 presents Clanna Morna - Madeira Park Legion, 6	p.m.
Sat. April 23Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.	
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Tues. April 26P. H. Women's Connection presents Steve Clifford - P. H. School of Music, 10	a.m.
Wed. April 27Advanced Care Planning - Harbour Learning Centre, 1 p.m.	
Thurs. April 28SCRD corporate and administrative services meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:3	30 a.m.
Thurs. April 28SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 2 p.m.	
Thurs. April 28Investing 101- Harbour Learning Centre, 6 p.m.	
Sat. April 3019th annual April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge - Madeira Park Government	t wharf, all day

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

Sat. April 30.....Live music with Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m.



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