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The "fun" youth race at April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge often devolves into vicious sabotage. (Brian Lee photo)

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editorial

Finding Middlepoint ground



Brian Lee

This popped up on the Uncut the other day: "Is Middlepoint part

of Pender Harbour?"

The mere suggestion it might not be started a minor online scrap.

Anyone who's spent a fortnight here knows that Middlepoint is as Pender Harbour as Kleindale.

But how do we know the boundaries of our unofficial neighbourhoods?

Since there's no map of where Kleindale or Middlepoint start and end, it requires deep contemplation, and subjective intuition that comes in a dream after your 13th winter.

Here's what came to me.

Pender Harbour ends at the southern border of Middlepoint.

After that, you're in Secret Cove. Some consider it part of Pender Harbour but this has yet to be settled.

It's complicated by family ties and ancient feuds with Halfmoon Bay over which is better, a cove or a bay.

Though it isn't Pender Harbour, Secret Cove is still friendly territory.

But, if you take one step up the hill past Sans Souci Road, you're in the land of Orcs — Sechelt.

> So, where is the middle? And what is the point?

There are competing theories about the origin of Middlepoint.

Is it halfway between Madeira Park and Secret Cove or halfway between Earls Cove and Sechelt?

Others claim Middlepoint's contours provided mariners a way-

point signalling the midpoint between Welcome Pass and Francis Point.

Another theory describes Middlepoint as halfway between Langdale and Earls Cove — because at one time

the road north of Middlepoint was so rough, it took as long to drive to Earls Cove from there as it did south to Langdale.

I call it the 6.5-kilometres stretch of highway between Bryan Road and the north end of Mercer Road.

Or, the sign by the big pond that tells you that you're entering Pender Harbour, "unincorporated."

If we can agree on that, I'll boldly declare that Pender Harbour stretches north to Kleindale's modern border — the power lines extending from the Malaspina substation.

After that, you pass through Sakinaw and Ruby until you arrive at the Egmont crossroads.

Going past the Egmont turnoff puts you in Earls Cove while hanging a right instantly lands you in Egmont.

If I'm wrong, Egmont Sean will correct me at Egmont Day, but Egmont extends to lands east of the highway and includes East Egmont across the Chuck.

From there it extends south to the rapids and up to Klein Lake.

Irvines (never "Irvings") Landing includes the Sarah Wray Hall and everything down the hill to the ocean.

Newcomer Daniel Point may soon gain recognition as a distinct neighbourhood but at press time it was still a suburb of Irvines Landing.

Garden Bay runs east from the Sarah Wray Hall to Mt. Daniel.

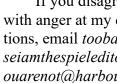
Then, you're back in Kleindale — all of the lowlands around Gunboat Bay to the top of Misery Mile.

After you've crested Misery Mile, you're in the Upper Sunshine

> Coast's centre of culture and commerce — Madeira Park.

If you disagree or rage with anger at my definitions, email toobadbecauseiamthespieleditorandyouarenot@harbourspiel.com.

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79th ANNUAL PENDER HARBOUR MAY DAY: Saturday, May 18, all day

It doesn't get any bigger than this (in our community) — and this year's theme is "carnival circus!" May Day kicks off with a five-kilometre fun run and a fishing derby (for kids 12 and under) at 8 a.m. From there it just gets more fun with two bouncy castles, face-painting, cotton candy, a BBQ and assorted food trucks, dunk tank, the P. H. Lions' famous pancake breakfast, live music, silent auction, petting zoo, pony rides, vendors galore, a kids' dance, adults' dance, a beer garden and the kickoff event — the May Day parade at 11 a.m.

It's time to get more community and family floats in the parade once again. Get your kids off their phones and create a crowd pleaser for prizes and bragging rights. Enter your float by May 15 and become part of history by taking part in the May Day parade.

All proceeds will benefit the Pender Harbour Community Club and Madeira Park Elementary Parent's advisory committee. As always, the core crew of tireless volunteers need help in putting on this massive event. If you can offer some time, email maydaymadeirapark@gmail.com to sign up.

23RD ANNUAL ATTACK OF DANGER BAY DOWNHILL LONGBOARDING RACE: Sunday, May 19, all day

Organizer Bricin Lyons says that there will only be three more years of the longest running downhill longboard race in North America and that he plans to hold the last, the 25th, in 2026.

So come out on the day after May Day to watch the world's best, including world champion and local charger Dane Hanna. Hanna has won the last three consecutive ATBs as well as dominating a bunch of international races. Chasing him will be a number of up-and-coming local racers who could surprise as well as a top international longboarding talent. Catch the shuttle bus from the Oak Tree Market. Starting at 8 a.m., it leaves every half hour to the race course on Beaver Island and back. And please, stay off the course when racers are coming down! For more information, visit coastlongboarding.ca.

LIVE MUSIC: Various locations

Starting this month, the *Harbour Spiel* has introduced a list of live music acts performing in Pender Harbour and Egmont in an effort to support the growing local live music scene. The pandemic and demise of the Garden Bay Pub, took its toll on musicians and the venues that host them. See p. 33 for a list of performing musicians this month in Pender Harbour and Egmont and go out and offer your support. Send live music events to *editor@harbourspiel.com*.



photojournal



Lorna Young

The Pender Harbour & District Health Centre Auxiliary recently handed over a \$30,000 cheque from Bargain Barn sales (Sept. 2023 to Feb. 2024) to the Pender Harbour Health Centre. Pictured (I-r): Diane Hopkinson, Pender Harbour Health Centre Society president, Nick Gaskin, executive director of the PHHC, Marilyn Duggan, Pender Harbour & District Health Centre Auxiliary treasurer/PHHC Society director and John Rathbone, PHHC finance and administration manager.

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Rotary sending local student off to Italy and welcomes another

The Rotary Club of Pender Harbour will soon send off their first student on a one-year exchange trip since before the pandemic.

Grade 10 student Noah Sieben leaves in August to spend his Grade 11 year studying in Italy.

Over the past 14 years, six students from Pender Harbour Secondary School have experienced a year-long exchange in Denmark, Spain, Brazil, Belgium and Mexico.

During that time, the club has sponsored students from Germany, Spain, Brazil, Russia and Taiwan to live in Pender Harbour for a year.

With Sieben's departure, the club, and the Pender Harbour community, will welcome 16-year old Emma Valli.

Valli lives in Zubiena, in northern Italy.

Zubiena is located about 50 kilometres northeast of Turin and has a population of about 1,200 people.

Turin was the host of the 2006 Olympic Games.

According to Rotary, she is an ardent speed skater and has attended meets in Germany.

Valli will attend PHSS for the 2024/2025 school year while living with host family Josh and Jodee Young.

In addition to the student exchange, the club recently sponsored six students from PHSS to attend the Rotary youth leadership awards.

RYLA is an "intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where you develop your

CORRECTION: On this page in April's issue of the *Harbour Spiel*, Pender Harbour bottom clean up volunteer Doug Le Patourel's name was spelled incorrectly. The editor apologizes for this error.



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Noah Sieben and his mother, Sherri Halliday. In August, Sieben will travel to Italy for a full year on a Rotary exchange that will see his desk at Pender Harbour Secondary School filled by Italian student Emma Valli.

skills as a leader while having fun and making connections."

PHSS students Jaime Landry, Lauryn Bychkowsky, Kayla Purnell, Kianna Loverock-Heppell, Noah Sieben and Beatrix Joseph attended the three-day leadership camp held at Elphinstone Secondary School in Gibsons this past March.

A Rotary spokesperson told the *Harbour Spiel* that these youth sponsorships represent a significant invest-

ment from the club.

The local Rotary club has earmarked over \$13,000 to help support the host families, a monthly student stipend, expenses for travel to RYLA and exchange student gatherings in Vancouver.

Rotary Exchange offers an opportunity for students age 15-19 year olds to live abroad for a year and more than 8,000 students have participated worldwide.

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Watch out for the Telus phone scam

At least four local people claim to have been victims of a recent phishing scam in which someone contacts them pretending to be a Telus representative offering a promotional deal.

Sunny Charboneau told the *Harbour Spiel* that in March, she received a call from someone with an Indian accent who claimed to be a Telus representative offering to cut her monthly TV and internet service charges in half in exchange for signing a two-year contract.

She said the caller had the first numbers of her VISA and she provided the last four to confirm her identity.

As a reward, Telus would be sending her an Apple iPad.

What looked to be official Telus emails arrived in her inbox confirming the details of the offer.

Instead of an iPad, she received an Apple iPhone 15 with an approximate value of \$1,200.

Later, she noticed that instead of being cheaper, her monthly bill was higher.

When she inquired with Telus, she was told they don't offer such a promotion.

She immediately cancelled her VISA.

The Telus fraud department then requested copies of those emails but Charboneau said they had mysteriously disappeared from her computer.

She was left confused and troubled by the experience and is still a

little unclear about what happened.

And she's not alone.

Charboneau said that she knows at least three other people in Madeira Park who have been victimized by the fraud.

Marlene Cymbalist told the *Harbour Spiel* that she too was taken in by the scam.

Cymbalist said she accepted a deal that would see her switch from Koodo to Telus for her cellphone services.

The caller promised her monthly charges would be reduced and she would receive a free iPad.

Instead, she received an iPhone.

"Once I picked it up, they said it had been shipped to me by mistake and if I could please mail it to the shipping label they provided.

"But, I would have to pay to ship it back to them," said Cymbalist.

"I then started to question everything."

When she took too long in returning the phone, the scammers sent a courier to pick up the package.

Cymbalist said she gave the courier the package because she "didn't want to deal with it anymore."

Later, she followed up with her account and found a charge for \$800.

The scammers had gained access to her Koodo account and had purchased an iPhone.

Because her Koodo account was linked to her credit card, they also at-

tempted to charge a further \$4,000 but Mastercard stopped that charge.

"They had another person listed on my Koodo account," she said.

"It took me a while before I could access the Koodo account as they had changed the passwords.

"If you have ever called Koodo you would know how frustrating it is to get through to them."

Cymbalist said she is still working on getting the \$800 charge reversed.

"The scammers continued to call me even after I sent the phone back," she said.

"They even accused me of not sending the correct phone back to them.

"I finally blocked them from my phone."

She thoughtfully printed one of the fraudulent emails with imitation Telus branding before, like Charboneau's, they mysteriously disappeared from her computer.

One anonymous poster to an online forum discussing the variants of the Telus scam had this to say:

"The way the scam works is they call you up, offer you a good plan with a free (included) phone.

"You provide your personal information (name, address, driver's licence, etc.) which they then use to submit an online order in your name, but for the wrong phone.

"When you get shipped the wrong phone (directly from Telus' warehouse), they reach out to you and say 'Oops, there's been an issue and we sent you the wrong phone by accident.'

"Here's a return label, and we'll send out the correct phone."

"You send them the phone, and then they're gone in the wind.

"You, however, just signed up for a two-year plan with Telus, at



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nowhere near what they promised you on the phone, with a \$2,000 device that you need to pay off.

"As far as Telus is concerned, you submitted an enrolment request and proved your identity and they shipped the phone you requested and you received it.

"And so it falls on you to clean up the mess."

Another online poster shared a similar story from October 2023:

"I got a call from Telus with an new phone offer to leave Rogers.

"I gave them my driver's licence number, thinking it was to open a Telus account.

"They asked me what colour phone I wanted.

"They then called Rogers on my behalf and upgraded my plan to include a new phone, but requested the wrong color.

"Rogers then orders me a new phone but in the wrong colour, which comes direct from the warehouse.

"The idea of the scam is that I then call the fake Telus representative to inform them that they sent me the wrong colour phone.

"As mentioned in another post, they then provide me a return label, but the phone never gets back to the warehouse.

"And I'm stuck with an upgraded phone plan and no phone."

After being contacted by the *Harbour Spiel*, Telus customer service followed up with Charboneau.

"We informed her that this was a phishing scam as Telus would never ask for a customer's banking information over the phone.

"To help ease her mind, we've offered to monitor her account during the next billing cycle to ensure there is no suspicious activity."

According to Telus, these types of phishing attacks are on the rise and May 2024

fraudsters are becoming more sophisticated in how they try to steal your personal or account information.

Phishing is a form of fraud in which thieves use fake emails, text messages and/or phone calls to trick users into sharing sensitive information and/or downloading harmful software.

Fraudsters make it seem like these fake messages and calls are from a safe and trusted source, like Telus, so the user will be less likely to question the message and any included attachments or instructions.

They are essentially "counterfeit" emails.

According to the website *cyber-talk.org*, which bills itself as "Cyber security news and insights for executives," an email sent with a special type of distribution management tool can disappear from an individual's inbox after a specified duration of time.

"Alternatively, the email may still be in the inbox and yet the spammer may have altered it."

In Cymbalist's case, the scammer's return address was a Gmail account with a "Telus" prefix.

Cybertalk explains that Gmail, from Google offers users the opportunity to "set a message expiration date" and to "revoke message access at any time."

In this way, it seems, the scammer was able to delete any evidence of their communication.

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM PHISHING

In an email, a Telus spokesperson didn't offer compensation but said the company is well aware of these schemes:

"Despite industry efforts, Canadians continue to experience phishing calls, a type of scam where thieves impersonate the government or busi-

nesses with large customer bases like telecoms or banks, and attempt to trick someone into sharing sensitive personal and financial information."

Telus advises:

- Never volunteer personal or sensitive information like banking or credit card account numbers, passwords, or your social insurance number;
- If in doubt, hang up the phone and call the business the caller claimed to be with directly to be absolutely certain you are speaking with a trusted customer service representative;
- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is;
- If you receive a suspicious email or text message, do not respond or click on any links or open attachments, and
- Look for obvious signs that an email is a fraud, such as the wrong brand colours, poor grammar, or a suspicious email sender or signature.

Telus and other reputable organizations (e.g. Canada Revenue Agency, financial institutions, etc.), will never ask you to provide personal, login or account information through unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls.

For more information about suspicious email from Telus, visit *telus*. *com/en/about/security/phishing-spam*.

To report a scam, Telus advises:

- If the caller tries to convince you that they are calling from Telus, report the call to the Telus fraud team at *fraud@telus.com* so the incident can be logged and investigated, and
- Phishing calls should be reported to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, which collects information and criminal intelligence on fraud.

To learn more about reporting fraud, visit the CAFC website at *antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca* or call 1-888-495-8501.

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Sunshine Coast RCMP warn of scammers asking for gift cards

The Sunshine Coast RCMP recently issued a statement warning Sunshine Coast residents about a rise in scams.

"The RCMP is continuing to receive reports from local residents being contacted by scammers claiming to be with their financial institution, Canada Revenue Agency, the police and/or a family member in trouble."

According to the RCMP, scammers tell the victim that their accounts have been compromised, they owe taxes or family needs help.

In order to settle the issue, the scammer requests the victim purchase a certain amount of gift cards.

Once the victim complies, they're asked for the 10-digit codes on the back of the cards, which the scammer can then use.

"The RCMP wants to remind residents that legitimate companies

will never ask you to settle a debt or pay a bill through the purchase of gift cards."

They suggest that if you are contacted by a person asking for money, simply hang up and report it to Sunshine Coast RCMP non-emergency line at (604) 885-2266.

In the release, RCMP listed a number of recent scams:

• In March, a local resident thought they were signing up with a trading company.

After providing their banking information, they lost over \$72,000 to the fraudulent company;

• A Halfmoon Bay resident received a call that they had won a \$25 million and a new car, but just needed to pay the taxes.

The resident sent a \$500 Visa gift card and also mailed a cheque for \$50,000 to the fraudsters;

- A Gibsons resident received a call from a male claiming to work for a Bitcoin trading company and was able to convince the victim to e-transfer \$3,000 and received nothing in return, and
- A Sechelt resident had received a letters and phone calls that they had won the "Canadian Sweepstakes draw" and had been mailing the fraudsters cheques thinking the money was for the IRA and CRA to cover taxes for the \$750,000 prize.

The victims have lost close to \$500,000.

The RCMP suggest that anytime money is involved, don't feel pressured to make quick decisions.

Consult a trusted family member, your bank or the police before you give anyone access to your accounts or send money.

To learn more about these and other common scams, and how to protect yourself, visit sites such as the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

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Brian Lee

Millennium Park in Madeira Park received a facelift just in time for the April Tools Wooden Boat Building Challenge. Millennium Park construction was originally funded with grants when it was built in 2000. Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour manager Robin Millar told the *Harbour Spiel* that the new yellow cedar walkways and railings cost approximately \$24,000 and were primarily funded through transient moorage at the wharf. Here, Jared Allen, one of three Harbour Authority of Pender Harbour employees working on the project, nears the end.



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How to perform CPR

with an AED

1

Assess the scene

- Quickly check the area for safety hazards.
- Call for help.

Is the area safe?



2

Check for a response and breathing

- Ask "Are you Okay?", then tap the shoulder.
- Open the airway with head-tilt chin lift.
- **Observe** for effective breathing for up to 10 seconds.



3

Ask for help & call 911

• Once you've determined that there is an emergency, get someone to **call 911** if you haven't already.



4

Start / continue CPR immediately

Place hands on the center of the chest
 Compress 5 to 6cm deep
 30 times at a rate of 100 to 120 compressions per minute.

 Pinch nose and make a tight seal over the mouth, breathe into casualty twice.



5



When an AED arrives, follow the voice prompts

- Open/turn on the device, follow the voice prompts, and place the pads as indicated by the pads' picture.
- Do not worry. The AED will NOT shock a person who does not need a shock.
- Continue to give CPR and follow voice prompts from the AED.



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Where are the AEDs and who maintains them?

A recent episode in which bystanders likely saved a local man's life in Kleindale because they were able to access an automated external defibrillator has highlighted the question of where AEDs are located in our community and who maintains them.

In Oct. 2019, the Sunshine Coast Community Forest donated \$35,000 to the Rotary Club of the Sunshine Coast to place 20 life-saving defibrillators throughout the Coast.

A number of local businesses and SCRD facilities already maintain the lifesaving devices on their premises but what if an emergency takes place when they're closed?

According to a Rotary article from 2019, the project to install AEDs in places accessible at any time of day came about when Sunshine Coast Rotary member Laurean Reid was hiking around Bowen Island.

She noticed that the Rotary Club of Bowen Island had installed automated external defibrillators at many trailheads and other locations around the community.

"I talked to the club and learned they had installed 19 of them, all outdoors," she said.

Reid and her husband were both moved by the story of how the idea to install outdoor AEDs on Bowen Island came to be.

A man collapsed with heart failure outside a pharmacy on Bowen Island.

He could not be saved because the AED that could have restarted his heart was inside the building that was closed at the time.

A recent emergency in Kleindale was helped not only by some trained bystanders but the availability of an AED installed at the mailboxes near Kleindale Supply.

According to St. John's Ambulance, sudden cardiac arrest claims up May 2024

to 40,000 Canadian lives annually.

"With 80 per cent occurring outside hospitals, the life-saving potential of an AED is clear.

"If utilized within the first minute of collapse, survival chances are near 90 per cent.

"Yet, less than 12 per cent of victims receive early AED assistance."

For every minute that passes without defibrillation, a person's chance of survival decreases by about 10 per cent.

The units need to be checked monthly and batteries replaced every three to five years.

After the Kleindale incident, Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's Lyn Charlton delved into the question of who is maintaining the AEDs but couldn't find an answer.

The SCRD told the *Harbour Spiel* that their staff maintain donated units installed in SCRD parks like Lions Field, Dan Bosch Park and Katherine Lake Regional Park.

It was unclear who looked after the others.

A spokesperson for the Ministry of Environment had this to say when asked if BC Parks staff maintained donated AEDs at Francis Point Park and Skookumchuck Narrows Park:

"AEDs are not a standard item that BC Parks normally installs or maintains in our parks.

"BC Parks is working with the Rotary Club to formalize the installation and develop a plan for the Rotary's maintenance obligations."

After further investigation, it turns out that like many local duties, the responsibility fell on a volunteer.

When the program rolled out in 2019, Cheryl Jensen was the local BC Emergency Health Service community paramedic.

She told the *Harbour Spiel* that she took on the responsibility of doing



Brian Lee

This AED is available on the sports field at the P. H. Lions Park.

regular maintenance checks on all of the donated units in the area.

Jensen left that position in 2021 but said she has been checking the units on her own time because, as a paramedic, she understands how effective they are in saving lives.

"If these AEDs save one life, I would say that it has been a successful project," said Jensen.

Jensen said she has been doing regular checks of AEDs at the Pender Harbour Golf Course, Kleindale crossroads, Francis Point Park, Katherine Lake, Skookumchuck Narrows Park and even SCRD properties at Lions Park field, Katherine Lake and Dan Bosch Park.

The community paramedic position is currently vacant but Jensen said when it is filled, they should be tasked with maintaining the units.

There is also an AED in the P. H. Community Hall (purchased by the P. H. Seniors Initiative) but not at the Egmont Community Hall.

Charlton contacted the S. C. Community Forest who donated the necessary funds to repair the Kleindale unit that was recently used.

That unit is again operational.

Garden Bay Firehall gets a lift

Sometime before the original lower floor of the Garden Bay Firehall was built at its Deller Road location in 1975, local kids swam there in a pond that pooled over a pocket of bedrock.

In the Pender Harbour fashion of the day, the pond was likely filled with whatever was at hand — including stumps and other organic material.

In 1982, an upper floor was added to the building and it has remained basically unchanged since.

That is until a few years ago when volunteer firefighters witnessed a pool ball roll across the floor and crash against the western wall.

It turns out that whatever the building was built on was sinking.

In just a few years, the Garden Bay Firehall is said to have sunk 7.5 inches on its front left corner.

In the photos on the next page, you can see the bricks pulling apart from each other as the building sinks.

So, the Pender Harbour Fire Protection Society drafted a plan to save the building that involved jacking the upper floor up four feet to demolish and rebuild the lower level.

Aside from the structural issue. there were a host of other hazards that the buildings architects couldn't have foreseen back in 1975.

The building doesn't meet Worksafe BC ventilation standards in the engine bays that aim to prevent volunteers from breathing truck exhaust.

In order to solve that, a side building will also be added where volunteers can don turnout gear without concerns about carbon monoxide poisoning.

Planning was completed last year but the project was only able to move ahead after a successful alternative approval process in February allowed the PHFPD to borrow up to \$950,000.

Properties within the Pender

Harbour Fire Protection District will contribute \$3.27 per 100,000 dollars of assessed value on an annual basis until the long-term debt is paid off, estimated at 15 years.

On the morning of April 4, Nickel Bros. jacked up the top portion of the hall so that the ground underneath can be excavated and filled with appropriate material.

After they were done, Nickel Bros. crews drove to Sechelt to install the first of 10 refurbished homes barged from Port Moody to the shishalh Nation's Selma Park subdivision.

Once the ground underneath is shored up, the lower floor will be built two feet taller than the previous double bay space that houses the PH-VFD's two fire trucks in Garden Bay.

It was already a tight squeeze and the extra ceiling height is hoped to accommodate any future changes in the size of fire trucks.

Overseeing the project is local contractor Ranlak Management Inc.

Throughout April, the building sat perched above the work site while contractors removed the lower portion and rebuilt it.

During the construction process, Garden Bay's fire trucks have been housed in bays at Garden Bay Marine's facility on Sinclair Bay Road.



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- 1. Prior to demolition, the sagging corner and separating bricks of the Garden Bay Firehall were easily visible from 30 feet away.
- 2. A set of four jacks lifted the building in stages as Nickel Bros. crews placed timbers like a giant game of Jenga to support it.
- 3. In an hour, the building was successfully lifted four feet higher from its former perch.
- 4. On April 9, crews started dismantling the lower floor with an excavator.
- 5. After the walls were removed, the problem corner was excavated and supported with structural material.
- 6. For weeks, workers overcame the uneasy feeling of working underneath the building suspended above them.

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Bridging the gaps



Leonard Lee Area A director, SCRD

Many of the 43 SCRD bridges are closed or in danger of being closed due to age and unprecedent-

ed storm damage.

Locally, these include the road into Katherine Lake Park, Vinebrook Bridge on the Suncoaster Trail, and others south of Pender.

Although SCRD recreation and cultural services consumes approximately 26% of our collected revenue, it's insufficient to maintain the infrastructure so, this year, only selected projects will be undertaken.

Problem bridges that have "reasonable detour routes" will likely remain closed beyond 2025, while two

in Area A are planned for reopening in the foreseeable future:

The Katherine Lake Park access road (sinkhole area) is on track for complete remediation, hopefully to be completed before May long weekend, when camping begins.

The expected replacement date for the 17.7-metre (58-foot) Vinebrook Bridge near the Malaspina substation is 2025.

Built by Suncoast Trails Society volunteers in 1997, it's been closed since 2022 because of structural deterioration.

FOOD WASTE KEEPS TRUCKING ON

It was expected that commercial generators such as restaurants and grocery stores would arrange hauling of their food waste to a compost processing facility, typically Salish Soils in Sechelt, which the SCRD encouraged by limiting the amount of food waste a customer could bring to the Pender Harbour Transfer Station.

Our food waste drop-off pilot program that started in November and was funded from a combination of eco-fee reserves and tipping fees, has been well received by users.

But usage is lower than predicted, resulting in a smaller than anticipated portion of the service being funded from tipping fees.

Today, eco-fee reserves are no longer available to subsidize tipping fees, which fund approximately 23% of the food-waste drop-off service.

That means the remaining 77% would be funded by a tax increase.

We're considering these steps to keep taxes down:

• Increase food-waste volumes

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Committee of the Whole May 9 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board May 9 at 1:00 p.m.

Electoral Area Services Committee

May 16 at 9:30 a.m.

Special Electoral Area Services Committee (Grant in Aid) May 16 at 1:30 p.m.

Committee of the Whole May 23 at 9:30 a.m.

Regular Board May 23 at 1:00 p.m.

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by including small commercial and institutional generators with the removal of the 45kg per visit weight limit;

- Use smaller bins and decrease hauling in the winter months to reduce expenses of large bin rentals, mandatory hauling and cleaning, and
- Adjust the number of smaller bins through the year to match usage.

Allowing commercial users to bring their food waste to the transfer station is expected to increase the weight by nearly 27,000 kilograms.

The tipping fee revenue assumes that the minimum charge for residential loads up to 30 kilograms will remain at \$5 per load, but the tipping fee for loads larger than 30 kilograms will increase to \$200 per tonne.

These strategies, scheduled for implementation in October, will avoid increased taxes, maximize the remaining space at Sechelt Landfill, enhance diversion and recycling programs, and reduce greenhouse gas.

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN

Affordability demands difficult decisions in setting the annual budget, so directors use the SCRD strategic plan to prioritize projects and make a financial plan, which determines the budget and thus your taxes.

Our top 2024 strategic plan priority challenges are:

- To solve water-shortage challenges caused by prolonged summer heat and droughts, and
- To solve the Sunshine Coast's garbage and recycling challenges.

These priorities involve multiple projects that eat up most of the funding and staff time, so a multitude of important projects that receive little funding are delayed for future consideration in upcoming years.

PUTTING CIVIL IN CIVICS

Multiple financial challenges face not only you and I as rural taxpayers but regional directors, who must decide what gets done and what must wait its turn.

Is pleading for understanding the best a director can do when taxpayers point out how disappointed they are?

We must remember:

- Incivility and divisiveness undermine our capacity to collaborate;
- We need each other to address community challenges;
- · Democracy depends on our ability to live and work together;
- Toxic culture erodes our sense of belonging, community, and wellbeing;
- Elected officials must foster social cohesion to help us thrive in these turbulent times;
- As cultural shapers, elected officials must ensure civic values and virtues are shared, and engage in meaningful dialogue to identify what

is true and in the common good, and

• Local government must have a vision, have a plan, inspire hope and protect people and projects.

As Socrates said.

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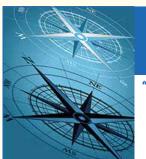
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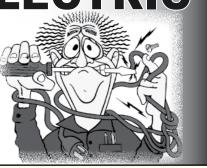
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This year, two garbage cans had to be built into each boat 'without cutting, crushing or otherwise deforming them.' There were early signs that one of the boats stood out in design and build.



Though the adults and their big boats get most of the attention, for many, April Tools is all about what's going on under the big tent.



Sometime winner and perennial challenger, the Gunboat Bay Challengers' boat looked a dangerous combination of sleek and stable.



In the youth race, 'Nacho Boat' (Grade 7 students Miles Garbauski, Emily Dobson and Kailen Papousek) had the driest and fastest boat on the day.

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A record number of boats didn't make it to the start line this year. Of 10 teams, five either sank or were too tippy.



Teams had to use garbage can lids as paddles. Here, 'All Thumbs' claws its way to victory in the first heat.



After being the only boat that made it to the start line in heat 2, the Garden Bay Fireflies cruised to easy victory here in the final.



Founder and organizer of April Tools, Jacquie Ordronneau holds the 'Spiffy Skiffy' trophy she made for nicest boat, won by the Beaver Island Bandits.



Winner of April Tools 2024 were, once again, the Garden Bay fire hall's Garden Bay Fireflies (I-r: Sawyer Cote, Kerry Rand, Ray Miron and Bruno Cote). Here the Fireflies are introduced by April Tools MC Randene Neill. Neill is a Garden Bay resident and former Global BC journalist currently seeking the nomination as NDP candidate for Powell River-Sunshine Coast to replace retiring MLA Nicholas Simons.

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- 2. 12:14 PM +S, 5:55 PM -L
- 3. 8:15 AM -M, 1:27 PM +M
- 4. 8:58 AM -L, 2:27 PM +L
- 5. 9:35 AM -L, 3:33 PM +L
- 6. 10:09 AM -XL, 4:30 PM +XL
- 7. 10:37 AM -XL, 5:26 PM +XL
- 8. 11:18 AM -XL, 6:20 PM +XL
- 9. 12:00 PM -XL, 7:12 PM +XL
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- 11. 6:18 AM +M, 1:31 PM -XL
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23%

Percentage of Canadian households have at least one cat.

8.5 million

The number of cats in Canadian households in 2022.

1.76

Average number of cats per Canadian household.

50%

The amount of time cats can spend each day grooming themselves.

\$2,542

The average cost of taking care of a pet cat in 2021.

\$1,000+

The average difference in cost for caring for a dog versus a cat in Canada in 2022.

Ragdoll

World's most popular breed of cat.

375

The number of BC pet stores in 2022.

70,000

The number of puppies and kittens born every day in the United States.

1/12

The fraction of U.S. kittens born each day that will find a "forever home."

530,000

The number of cats euthanized in shelters each year in the U.S.

59%

Percentage of Canadian cat owners who keep their cats indoors.

~ StatsCan, Statista, cats.com

MAY WEATHER

TEMPERATURE

Our average daily high temperature in May is 15.8 C and our average daily low is 9.6 C, giving us a daily mean temperature of 12.7 C for the month. Our record high temperature in May is 28.4 C (May 29, 1983) and our record low is 3.3 C (May 1, 1970).

PRECIPITATION

May has an average of 12 days with rainfall and an average total for the month of 61 mm. Our record daily rainfall in May is 28.7 mm (May 2, 1963) and our record daily snowfall in May is 1 cm (May 10, 1985).

MAY ASTROLOGY



TAURUS: APRIL 19 - MAY 20

Taureans are seekers of peace and stability. Although unambitious, they are happy to be the powerhouse behind the scenes. They are usually sensible and

blessed with a healthy dose of cynicism. This month, with the sun in your sign, take out the trash and start anew. Clear out any stale relationships that squander your earth energy. That includes you-know-who. The latter part of the month is a time you will experience deep emotions. Don't hide it — your friends are familiar with your cycle of lunacy and accept it.

GEMINI: MAY 21 - JUNE 21



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

month, plant your squash and pumpkin. Mars will over-stimulate your libido and this benefit will carry through the summer months. Do not limit yourself to one lover. Matters of finance are also bursting with promise. Money makes money — so don't sock it away during this time. Use it for purposeful growth and invest it in yourself and watch it grow.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending April 20, 2024

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.

- by Iona Whishaw (TouchWood Editions)
- 2. Always On Call: Adventures in Nursing, Ranching, and Rural Living Marion McKinnon Crook (Heritage House)
- 3. Backpacking on Vancouver Island by Taryn Eyton (Greystone Books)
- 4. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books)
- 5. **Unbroken** by Angela Sterritt (Greystone Books)

- 1. Lightning Strikes the Silence 6. A Flock of Gulls, a Chorus of Frogs Illustrated by Roy Henry Vickers, by Lucky Budd (Harbour Publishing)
 - 7. Ocean Drive by Sam Wiebe (Harbour Publishing)
 - 8. Crushed Wild Mint by Jess Housty (Nightwood Editions)
 - 9. The Wild Horses of the Chilcotin: Their History and Future by Wayne McCrory (Harbour Publishing)
 - 10. Points of Interest: In Search of the Places, People, and Stories of BC edited by David Beers & andrea bennett (Grevstone Books)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1 ~ Allison Scoular and Kim Struthers.
- May 3 ~ Victor Enns and Tyra Phillips.
- May 4 ~ Andrew Sutherland.
- May 5 ~ Barb Ellison, Rob Ellison, Baylee Higgins and Robyn Leech.
- May 6 ~ **Lori Pratt**.
- May 7 ~ Stephanie Warner, Tricia Fisher and Kristen White.
- May 8 ~ Linda Reid, Francis Belisle, Ryan Schroeder and Vicki Honeybourne.
- May 9 ~ Steve Devaney, Bruce Silvey, Rick Dougan, Leanna Mackie, Karen McKeeman, Jackson Taylor, Vanessa Stephens, Debbie Haven and Jim Greenlaw.
- May 11 ~ Deena Lowings, Shelley Wharton and Candace Sharp.
- May 12 ~ **TJ Campbell** and **Rob McMann**.
- May 13 ~ Mel Likes and Reynald Bernier.
- May 14 ~ Jan Smalley and Lhonna Dougan.
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- May 16 ~ Dave Sullivan.
- May 17 ~ Linda Curtiss, Jack Dennis, Dan Jinks, Helen Krantz, Roland Schmidt and Amy Curtiss.
- May 18 ~ Haida Bolton, Ron Collett, Wendy Haddock and Sharon Halford.
- May 19 ~ **Earl Stewart**.
- May 20 ~ Rylan English, twins Carrie & Stirling Fowler, Yasmeena Kennedy, Jacalyn Vincent and Brenna Young.
- May 21 ~ **Shannon Fowler.**
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☐ a. Black
☐ b. Polar
☐ c. Grizzly
☐ d. Panda
5. What is the maximum speed of the Malibu Rapids
at the entrance to Princess Louisa Inlet?
☐ a. @ 5 knots
☐ b. @ 9 knots
☐ c. @ 12 knots
☐ d. @16 knots
6. On what road does the Garden Bay Fire Hall sit?
☐ a. Hotel Lake
☐ b. Deller
☐ c. Sinclair Bay
☐ d. Lane

Answers: p. 34 Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: Townie Four-plus: **Local**

Pender Harbour Reading Centre changes name and boosts its hours

The Pender Harbour Reading Centre recently announced that the bustling book hub has expanded their hours and changed its name.

Beginning May 2, the "Pender Harbour Library" will be open from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays to accommodate more children and younger adults.

On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, the library will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Library is an entirely volunteer-run service and with these expanded hours, more volunteers are needed to maintain the opening times indefinitely.

Anyone interested in volunteering can email phrclibrary@gmail. com.

The library is located at 12953 Madeira Park Rd., in the cultural centre above the Madeira Park government dock, immediately beside the Pender Harbour School of Music.

The library is managed by the Pender Harbour Reading Centre Society who are currently working on implementing a number of other changes informed by a recent strategic planning process.

The library has been operating for over 50 years and funding is based upon an initial bequest donated in 1982, other bequests and small grants and donations.

Any resident of Area A can become a member of the library for free, allowing them to borrow up to six books at a time, for three weeks, with

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The Tyner Park trail 'storybook walk' recently received a new story. The children's book, Up the Creek is is a 'fun, contemporary fable that champions the importance of teamwork, co-operation and communication while also promoting the joys to be found in nature.' The last few pedestals of the walk showcase student drawings from Liz Haines' Grade 2 and 3 Madeira Park Elementary School class, of their interpretation of the book. Seen here taking the storybook walk are (I-r) Ginny Byrnes-McKnight, Lyn Charlton and Sarah Johnston.

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Seniors activities for May!

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

In the Pender Harbour Community Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. The cost will be \$10 per person.

May 2 - Alcvin Ramos to speak on his past trip to Japan

May 9 - Share your hobby?

May 16 - A visit with the Madeira Park Elementary Students

May 23 – Jeopardy Harbourside Friendship style

May 30 - Surprise

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 22 & 29

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall,1-3 pm. Cost \$3. (No Carpet Bowling on May 15 due to Kids May Day Dance.)

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, May 3, 6, 10, 13, 24, 27 & 31

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am –12pm with Carol Logtenberg. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3. (No Yoga May 17 & 20 due to May Day & holiday Monday.)

NEW! CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11–12pm Cost: \$3



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View summer programs starting May 8: www.scrd.ca/recreation

REGISTER STARTING AT 7AM:

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FITNESS CLASSES

MYPASS DROP-IN:

- Land Meets Water: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10am
- Mix It Up: Thursdays, 8:45am
- Aquafit: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am
- Gentle Waves Aquafit: Monday at 10am

REGISTERED PROGRAMS

- Iron Goddess: Women's Weight Training Monday at 11:45am
- Beginner Total Body & Core: Monday or Thursday at 1pm

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

Canoe Pass:



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P. H. WOMEN'S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women's Connection is pleased to have Leslie McDougall return as a speaker on May 14.

She performed an entertaining flute concert for our Celtic New Year celebration in January but this time she returns in her professional capacity as a legal coach.

Owner of Legal Coach Studio, McDougall became an approved service provider by the Law Society of BC on Feb 14.

She will explain how this new initiative will improve access to justice and be a more cost-effective approach for the self-represented person.

McDougall will clarify how a legal coach can help people draft their own simple will, probate a will through the courts, obtain an uncontested divorce or assist with an existing court action.

May 28 marks the final regular meeting of the Pender Harbour Wom-

en's Connection for spring 2024.

It promises to be a fun filled event with guest presenter, Eddy Edrick, well-known local vocalist and instrumentalist. Edrick was born in London, U.K., in 1949.

Other boys on his street may have wanted to be a football star but he had his sights set on music.

Come listen to this Madeira Park entertainer's story and enjoy his delightful music.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Drop-in fee of \$4 includes refreshments.

P. H. GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is very pleased to host Erin Wilson at the P. H. School of Music on May 27, with a talk titled, "FireSmart for your home and garden."

Wilson is a local FireSmart representative for the Sunshine Coast Regional District and a lieutenant in the Halfmoon Bay Fire Department.

As a deployed firefighter, she has

confronted the intensity and unpredictability of wildfires, fostering a deep understanding of their destructive potential.

Wilson's professional background in education and forestry enriches her approach to wildfire management.

"FireSmart for your home and garden" will cover the effective implementation of FireSmart landscaping best practices, emphasizing the utilization of the FireSmart plant guide.

The talk will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and there's a \$20 annual membership or \$5 drop-in fee.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE-HOUSE

The Pender Harbour Music Society presents this month's School of Music Coffee House on Friday, May 10 featuring Joan & Ted and Lori Carmichael

Doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m.

There is a suggested \$10 donation for entry at the door.

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Note a Seal of Approval or Seal of Disapproval. By email only: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

Harbour Seals of Approval to **the editor** for including the glowing and heartfelt obituaries for my long time and dearest friends Betty Silvey of Egmont and Peter Kenny of Scotland/Pender Harbour.

Wonderful memories were unleashed.

Jon Van Arsdell

A very appreciated Harbour Seal of Approval to **everyone who gave compassionately** to Hikers' ACL surgery — thank you.

She is on the slow mend. Another example of Pender Harbour love.

Lori Pickles and Hiker

A lifetime of Harbour Seals of Approval to Josh Young, Lachlin Rand and Mark Slack for their quick thinking in obtaining and using the defibrillator along with our dedicated local fire department and ambulance in saving the life of a local resident, all heroes, a heartfelt event.

Lyn and Bill Charlton





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Local health matters

Pender Harbour Better at Home celebrates first anniversary

Pender Harbour Better at Home, serving Halfmoon Bay to Egmont, celebrated their first anniversary in style on Feb. 27.

Fifty people, including program participants, volunteers, contractors, staff and entertainers gathered at the Pender Harbour Community Hall to hear live music, win gifts, and enjoy a lunch buffet while socializing with other members of their Better at Home "family."

Haida Bolton, the program coordinator, introduced her team, stating that it takes a village to raise a village, that every member of the "Better at Home Family" plays an important role in keeping our communities from Halfmoon Bay to Egmont strong, resilient and healthy.

"Whether you provide a needed service to a participant, or an abundance of heart-felt gratitude to a volunteer, all of you are a valuable part of our program," said Bolton as she spoke to the attendees.

"We all need each other to raise each other up."

Live music was enjoyed by HUGS (Harbour Ukelele Group of Singers and Strummers), including songs



Better at Home participants and volunteers gather to celebrate the first anniversary of the program.

that the audience could sing along with, plus William Leggott who awed the audience with his extensive Spanish guitar tunes.

Pender Harbour Better at Home is a program of the United Way, funded by the provincial government, and delivered by the Pender Harbour Health Care Society serving Halfmoon Bay to Egmont seniors over age 60 to help them live longer at home.

If you are a caring, friendly and helpful person, and wish to assist in

helping seniors live longer at home, please contact Haida to inquire about being on the Better at Home team of volunteers and contractors.

Haida can be reached at 604-212-2232 or Haida.bolton@penderharbourhealth.com.



Haida Bolton Program Co-ordinator, Better at Home



United Way helping seniors remain independent.

- Light housekeeping
- Transportation
- Grocery shopping

PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE BETTER AT HOME SERVICES

If you are a senior living between Halfmoon Bay and Egmont, with a low to mid income level, you could receive assistance and support from Better at Home contractors and volunteers in the following areas:

- Prescription pickup/delivery
- Social visits
- Light yard work

- Minor home repairs
- Window cleaning

Please contact Haida Bolton at 604-212-2232 to inquire about participating in the Better at Home program.

United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

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

UNDRIP was adopted into Canadian legislation with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act on June 21, 2021. This legislation aims to advance the implementation of the UNDRIP as a key step in renewing the government of Canada's relationship with Indigenous peoples. The purpose of this legislation is to affirm UNDRIP as an international human rights instrument that can help interpret and apply Canadian law. It also provides a framework to advance implementation of

UNDRIP at the federal level. This legislation requires the Government of Canada, in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous peoples, to take all measures necessary to ensure the laws of Canada are consistent with UNDRIP and to prepare and implement an action plan to achieve UNDRIP's objectives.

The BC government is currently working on the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA) which will be the BC government's legislative implementation of UNDRIP.

Part II (Continued from Harbour Spiel, March 2024 issue)

UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ARTICLE 25

Indigenous peoples have the right to maintain and strengthen their distinctive spiritual relationship with their traditionally owned or otherwise occupied and used lands, territories, waters and coastal seas and other resources and to uphold their responsibilities to future generations in this regard.

ARTICLE 26

- 1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned, occupied or otherwise used or acquired.
- 2. Indigenous peoples have the right to own, use, develop and control the lands, territories and resources that they possess by reason of traditional Page 32



ownership or other traditional occupation or use, as well as those which they have otherwise acquired.

3. States shall give legal recognition and protection to these lands, territories and resources.

Such recognition shall be conducted with due respect to the customs, traditions and land tenure systems of the Indigenous peoples concerned.

ARTICLE 27

States shall establish and implement, in conjunction with Indigenous peoples concerned, a fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent process, giving due recognition to Indigenous peoples' laws, traditions, customs and land tenure systems, to recognize and adjudicate the rights of Indigenous peoples pertaining to their

lands, territories and resources, including those which were traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used.

Indigenous peoples shall have the right to participate in this process.

ARTICLE 28

- 1. Indigenous peoples have the right to redress, by means that can include restitution or, when this is not possible, just, fair and equitable compensation, for the lands, territories and resources which they have traditionally owned or otherwise occupied or used, and which have been confiscated, taken, occupied, used or damaged without their free, prior and informed consent.
- 2. Unless otherwise freely agreed upon by the peoples concerned, compensation shall take the form of lands, territories and resources equal

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in quality, size and legal status or of monetary compensation or other appropriate redress.

ARTICLE 29

1. Indigenous peoples have the right to the conservation and protection of the environment and the productive capacity of their lands or territories and resources.

States shall establish and implement assistance programmes for indigenous peoples for such conservation and protection, without discrimination.

- 2. States shall take effective measures to ensure that no storage or disposal of hazardous materials shall take place in the lands or territories of Indigenous peoples without their free, prior and informed consent.
- 3. States shall also take effective measures to ensure, as needed, that programmes for monitoring, maintaining and restoring the health of Indigenous peoples, as developed and implemented by the peoples affected by such materials, are duly implemented.

ARTICLE 30

- 1. Military activities shall not take place in the lands or territories of indigenous peoples, unless justified by a relevant public interest or otherwise freely agreed with or requested by the indigenous peoples concerned.
- 2. States shall undertake effective consultations with the indigenous peoples concerned, through appropriate procedures and in particular through their representative institutions, prior to using their lands or territories for military activities.

ARTICLE 31

1. Indigenous peoples have the

right to maintain, control, protect and develop their cultural heritage, traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expressions, as well as the manifestations of their sciences, technologies and cultures, including human and genetic resources, seeds, medicines, knowledge of the properties of fauna and flora, oral traditions, literatures, designs, sports and traditional games and visual and performing arts.

They also have the right to maintain, control, protect and develop their intellectual property over such cultural heritage, traditional knowledge, and traditional cultural expressions.

2. In conjunction with indigenous peoples, States shall take effective measures to recognize and protect the exercise of these rights.

ARTICLE 32

- 1. Indigenous peoples have the right to determine and develop priorities and strategies for the development or use of their lands or territories and other resources.
- 2. States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned through their own representative institutions in order to obtain their free and informed consent prior to the approval of any project affecting their lands or territories and other resources, particularly in connection with the development, utilization or exploitation of mineral, water or other resources.
- 3. States shall provide effective mechanisms for just and fair redress for any such activities, and appropriate measures shall be taken to mitigate adverse environmental, economic, social, cultural or spiritual impact.

Continued next issue.



Email live music events to: music@harbourspiel.com

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

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Thu. May 2..........Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Alcvin Ramos) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m. Fri. May 3.....Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6 p.m. Sat. May 4.....Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m. Sat. May 4.....Eddy Edrik - Aquis es Mexico, 5:30 p.m. Mon. May 6......Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon Thu. May 9......SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m. Thu. May 9..........Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Share your hobby) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m. Thu. May 9......SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m. Fri. May 10.......P. H. Living Heritage Society AGM - via Zoom, 1 p.m. Fri. May 10.....Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m. Fri. May 10.....SoM Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 pm. Sat. May 11.....Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m. Sat. May 11.....Eddy Edrik - Aquis es Mexico, 5:30 p.m. Tue. May 14......P. H. Womens Connection gathering (Leslie McDougall) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m. Thu. May 16......SCRD electoral Area Services Committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m. Thu. May 16.......Harbourside Friendships drop-in (MPES strudents) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m. Fri. May 17.....Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m. Sat. May 18......79th annual May Day - Madeira Park, all day Sat. May 18......Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m. Sat. May 18......Eddy Edrik - Aquis es Mexico, 5:30 p.m. Sat. May 18......Brothers in Farms - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 8 p.m. Sun. May 19......23rd Attack of Danger Bay downhill longboard race - Beaver Island, all day Tues. May 21.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon Thu. May 23......SCRD committee of the whole meeting - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m. Thu. May 23...... Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Jeopardy) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m. Thu. May 23......SCRD regular board meeting - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m. Fri. May 24.....Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m. Sat. May 25......Joe Stanton - Backeddy Pub, 5 p.m. Sat. May 25......Eddy Edrik - Aquis es Mexico, 5:30 p.m. Sun. May 26......Steve Hinton Band - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m. Sun. May 26......P. H. Music Society presents Mimosa - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m. Mon. May 27.....P. H. Garden Club (Erin Wilson) - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m. Tue. May 28......P. H. Womens Conection gathering (Eddy Edrick) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m. Wed. May 29.....GRIPS AGM - GRIPS depot, 1 p.m.

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

Thu. May 30......Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Surprise!) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.

Fri. May 31......Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6 p.m.



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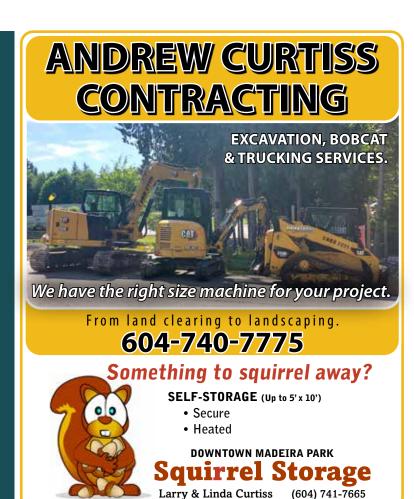
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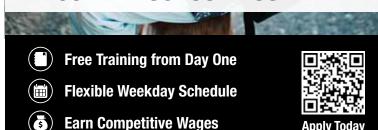
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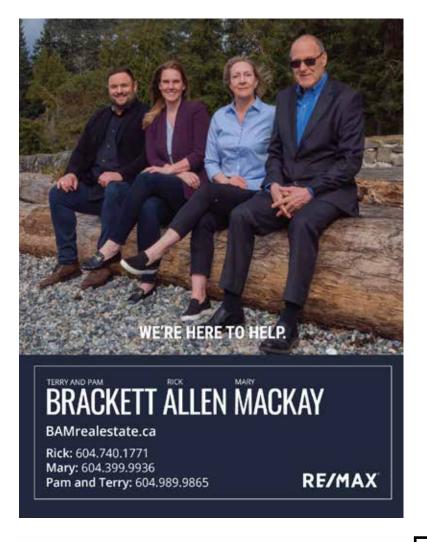




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