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Winter's moon in Earls Cove, Feb. 6.
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The winter also sets



Brian Lee

As the horror of recent blizzards faded into memory, it's possible that we've finally come out the other side of winter.

Winters here are mild and despite this last snow incident, their greatest challenge is usually darkness.

But this past winter was further dimmed by escalating political anxieties around the American trainwreck.

It's like an angry, racist toddler has been given the keys to the family car.

While no one can guess where he's headed right now, the arrival of March shines welcome proof that all winters do pass.

"You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming," wrote Pablo Neruda.

While conflict and unpredictability swarm the globe, as light returns to the day's fringes, we will find the world still intact, with a warm season and plenty of good news ahead.

Unless you're a Tesla owner, of course, in which case your personal brand has now morphed from "upwardly mobile, eco-conscious progressive" to "Nazi sympathizer."

On the Coast, spring brings such relief from winter's dull silence that we forget it's soon followed by its meaner, older sister, Summer.

Sure, the weather is better but summer requires us to share our space with visitors and is often marred by forest fire smoke and people exiting the wrong way in the IGA parking lot.

But there's a fleeting sweet spot — a few weeks in March and April, maybe sometimes even extending into early May — when we can enjoy relative solitude from the hordes already lining up at the Horseshoe Bay ferry

terminal.

The Beatles wrote "Here Comes The Sun," to celebrate this feeling of seasonal euphoria.

When you're working, it's easy to shrug off a rare window of perfect spring weather.

Each time I do, I'm reminded of the law that asserts rain is assured to coincide with a task completed.

So, don't make that mistake.

Call in sick.

Yes, it's a bit unprofessional but the way it's going, the King of America might soon force us all into refugee camps anyways.

Besides, since January 2022, all workers in BC (including part-time employees) are entitled to a minimum of five paid sick days per year under the BC Employment Standards Act.

If you tapped less than that last year, do better.

Or, just be honest — tell your boss that you aren't coming in because the weather's too nice.

What is she going to do?

Fire you?

Maybe you don't even need that stupid job.

Like no other time of the year, spring allows the ability to quit work without concern because everybody is hiring.

A dark secret rarely shared with newcomers is that our seasonal micro-economy forces many to take a pay cut during winter's doldrums.

March changes all that — there's plenty of work and employers are willing to cough up to keep you.

But, it's very fleeting.

In just a few short weekends, crowds of interlopers will take over the T-dock again, so bite off a bit of spring's magic for yourself.

And enjoy peace while it lasts.

PENDER HARBOUR CHOIR ROCK AND ROLL BINGO FUNDRAISER: Wednesday, March 5, 7p.m.

Support your choir, and have a blast. This Rock and Roll Bingo fundraiser hosted by the Pender Harbour Choir (the longest running choral group on the Sunshine Coast) promises a night of fun and games with prizes and cash to be won. It starts at 7 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion 112 in Madeira Park but get there early to make sure you get a table, and dinner.

P. H. COMMUNITY CLUB BINGO STARTS UP FOR THE SEASON: Thursday, March 6, doors 5:30 p.m.

For a more traditional bingo experience, a local institution and the Pender Harbour Community Club’s main fundraiser, bingo at the Pender Harbour Community Hall resumes for the season on Thursday, March 6. Dust off your dabbers because bingo runs each Thursday until it goes back into hibernation again next Christmas. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with early bird draws starting at 6:30 p.m.



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Sarah Hynd

Sarah Hynd took this photo of what looks to be a jet’s twisted condensation trail (or contrail) from Davis Bay Feb. 13. For those prone to thinking there may be something more sinister to this story, there have been no reports of missile strikes on Vancouver Island that week.

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Shíshálh Nation's foundation agreement with province renewed

On Jan. 29 the shíshálh Nation and the province announced completion of an addendum to their 2018 shíshálh Nation – British Columbia Foundation Agreement.

The foundation agreement, dated Aug. 16, 2024, is a 44-page document intended to be “a long-term phased agreement focused on government-to-government relations that recognize inherent rights and title” that renews every five years.

From the province's website:

“Through the agreement renewal, the province has committed to ongoing funding to support shíshálh Nation's work in a number of initiatives, including:

- \$47.58 million over five years for economic development;
- \$15 million to support the construction of a cultural centre;
- \$8.83 million over five years for agreement implementation and further negotiations under the agreement;
- \$2.77 million over five years for environmental and cultural restoration work;
- \$1.85 million to implement and further develop water infrastructure initiatives on shíshálh lands;
- \$1.6 million over five years for culture and language revitalization;
- Up to \$710,000 over four years towards a collaborative monitoring and enforcement program in the shíshálh swiya;
- \$500,000 to carry out environmental and ecological studies, and
- \$200,000 for infrastructure to support cultural initiatives.

In addition to funding, the renewal builds “a path for the next phase of the province and shíshálh Nation's shared commitments,” including:

- Identifying and transferring

provincial Crown lands to shíshálh Nation for both cultural (100 hectares) and economic use (500 hectares);

- Exploring shared and exclusive decision-making opportunities;
- Supporting shíshálh Nation's economic development, culture and language, and
- Integrating existing updates to the dock management plan to respond to concerns and balance interests.

“This includes working together in the coming months to identify six square kilometres of provincial Crown land for transfer to shíshálh Nation, with one square kilometre allocated for cultural use purposes and five square kilometres for economic development purposes.”

The document also reaffirms the province's pledge to pursue negotiations granting the shíshálh aboriginal title over their traditional territory.

From the “shíshálh Nation – British Columbia Foundation Agreement Renewal” fact sheet:

“Shíshálh Nation and the province have agreed to negotiate and attempt to reach an agreement that recognises shíshálh Nation's Aboriginal title within shíshálh swiya.

“This marks the beginning of a multi-year process that will involve detailed negotiations, in-depth consultation and approval from decision-making bodies like cabinet.

“At this time, negotiations have not begun.

“If an agreement is negotiated and approved, it would then be implemented through legislation in the legislature of British Columbia and by shíshálh Nation.”

In a written response to the foundation agreement renewal provided to the *Harbour Spiel*, Sean McAllister of the Pender Harbour and Area Resi-



Province of BC

Cover page for the 2024 foundation agreement renewal.

dents had this to say:

“The new agreement commits BC to negotiating recognition of shíshálh Aboriginal title within our area.

“Specific lands have not yet been set but private property is not excluded.

“This update agreement is also the next step in negotiating ‘exclusive’ shíshálh decision making authority, meaning shíshálh could govern the general public in some areas.”

McAllister said when the government recently recognized Aboriginal title on Haida Gwaii, they included provisions to supposedly protect private property.

“But legal experts are divided on its effect and we worry a First Nation might at minimum try to impose more taxes, control zoning, and maybe restrict whose properties can be sold to in future.”

PHARA, through their lawyers at McMillan LLP, has filed a case in BC Supreme Court asking the court to declare the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, the province's framework for implementing their reconciliation agenda, as being unconstitutional.

McAllister said that they expect it to be heard this year.

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SCRD appoints Tina Perreault as chief administrative officer

Senior employee Tina Perreault has been promoted to the Sunshine Coast Regional District’s top job.

“After an extensive search which attracted candidates both nationally and internationally,” on Feb. 4 the SCRD announced Perreault would assume the role of chief administrative officer.

Former CAO Dean McKinley resigned from his position last August. McKinley joined the SCRD as the CAO in January 2020.

Perreault has been with the SCRD’s finance division since 2008, working up through many roles to becoming the SCRD’s chief financial officer in 2011 and general manager of corporate services in 2016.

Perreault has been in the CAO position on an interim basis since May 2024.

“We had over 40 candidates for this highly sought-after position, and

after two rounds of interviews with candidates, Tina was the unanimous choice for the SCRD Board,” said Alton Toth, SCRD board chair, in a statement.

“As a long-time member of our community, Tina knows the challenges and opportunities that exist within our region and we are confident that under Tina’s leadership, the SCRD can continue to grow and thrive.”

“Having raised my family on the Coast and called this community home for nearly 20 years, I hold a deep connection to this place and the vital work being done every day to deliver essential services,” said Perreault.

“While we face significant challenges ahead, I am confident in the dedication and talent of the SCRD team.

“I am honoured to lead such a committed group and look forward



SCRD Incoming SCRD chief administrative officer Tina Perreault.

to the work we will accomplish together.”

Perreault has taken up the permanent SCRD CAO role effective immediately.

Local man dies in marine mishap

On Jan. 23 at approximately 10:30 a.m., the Sunshine Coast RCMP were notified of a missing person after a boat was found idling in the water near Egmont with no one on board.

The Joint Rescue Coordination Centre received the report and West Coast Marine units assisted with the investigation.

A short time later, a 68-year old local man was located in the water deceased.

There was nothing suspicious noted and the BC Coroner’s Service has taken over the file.

The man’s family was notified and his name will not be released by police.

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Snowy winter roads



*Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD*

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Snow removal is prioritized in order of an A-F classification unless the temperatures dives below -9°C.

Classes A and B (Highway 101) cannot have over six centimetres of snow, accumulation must be removed every two hours, and lanes must be bare within 36 hours.

Class C (Egmont, Garden Bay, Francis Peninsula, and Irvine's Landing Roads) cannot have over 10 cen-

timetres of snow, accumulation must be removed every six hours, and lanes must be bare within 48 hours.

Classes D and E (other roads) don't require removal of 15 centimetres or less of snow.

Capilano almost always exceeds these requirements and did it again during our latest storm which dumped over 30 centimetres of snow and blocked roads with downed trees and power lines.

Their extraordinary efforts cleared access for hydro trucks and ambulances, regardless of road class, outside their contract requirements, and with equipment from Squamish.

CAO SEARCH SUCCESSFUL

The journey to hire a new chief administrative officer started last September and concluded with a Feb.

4 announcement of the appointment of Tina Perreault as the CAO of the SCRD.

We expected it would cost up to \$60,000 to fill the position, but we fine-tuned that to \$25,000 and hired Tall Cedars Recruitment, a professional headhunting agency in North Saanich, to get it done.

They found us over 40 serious candidates.

We shortlisted that to seven, then three, and Tina was our unanimous choice after the final interviews.

THE BUDGET IS ADOPTED

After months of fine-tuning to determine the SCRD portion of your 2025 property tax notice, a final budget was approved Feb. 13.

These sections of our provincial property tax notices detail where the



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

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March 27 at 1:00 p.m.

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

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A: Prepare a "grab-&-go" bag!

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Items will vary based on individual needs, but could include personal I.D., medications, eyeglasses, cash, phone charger, toiletries, food, water, flashlight, pen, and paper.

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taxes are spent:

- Provincial service — school, provincial rural tax and police tax;
- Local services (Egmont/Pender Harbour) — bike, Pender Harbour library, fire, Sunshine Coast hospital, BC Assessment and municipal finance authority, and
- Parcel tax — Pender Harbour pool debt and land charges such as North Pender Harbour water.

The SCRD portion of our 2025 property tax shows our share of a \$4.38 million Area A tax levy for SCRD local services, a \$219,331 (5.27 per cent) increase for all property classes, plus increases of 6.05 per cent on residential properties in all services except fire and water, 6.74 per cent on properties within the North Pender water service, 7.03 per cent on properties within the South Pender water service and 8.33 per cent on properties within the Egmont fire and water service.

School tax, provincial rural tax, police tax, Pender Harbour fire tax, and Sunshine Coast hospital tax are administered by the province or fire improvement district.

HEALTH CENTRE CORRECTION

I apologize for an error about Pender Harbour Health Centre funding in last month's "Lee Side."

Pender Harbour Health Centre was granted an increase of \$8,243 (4.36 per cent), not the \$76,175 stated in last month's column.

Writing the column after a day of discussions, I searched for a mistake in the documentation but couldn't find one, so I asked staff to double-check.

A day or so later they told me that our "last minute" decision to defer the health centre's funding request hadn't yet made it to the financial

plan.

I scrambled to submit a correction, but it was too late, the *Harbour Spiel* had gone to the printer just a couple of hours before.

I apologize to our Health Centre representatives, noting that I understand the value of their services perhaps more than many because I was here when our hospital was moved to Sechelt, and I strongly believe we need to ensure our health centre continues to service our community.

CAPITAL BUDGET

The SCRD budgeted approximately \$138 million for capital and operational items, a 24.8 per cent increase in spending year over year.

Capital expenditures cover production or supply of goods and services for rental, administration, development, construction, maintenance, or repair of assets such as water treatment plants, water mains, buildings, and vehicles.

Our capital plan includes \$240,000 from property taxes (52.8 per cent reduction year over year) and \$67.9 million from debt proceeds, transfers, grants, and user fees.

Property taxes mostly fund stable expenses, reducing our need to subsidize capital, thus the 5.3 per cent tax increase with a 24.8 per cent budget increase.

With 74.9 per cent of our capi-

tal budget unspent for the past three years, we implemented initiatives to prioritize and fund priority projects and postpone or cancel the rest.

Operational expenditures include administration, wages and disposable items such as electricity and water treatment chemicals.

Our operations budget includes \$35.3M from property taxes and \$34.8M from parcel taxes, user fees, and grants.

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April Tools notches its 22nd year on April 26

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April 26 will mark 22 years for one of Pender Harbour's favourite events, the April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge.

Once again, builders will have one hour to design a boat that will meet this year's instructional "twist."

They will also be required to only use the materials they will have only just seen for the first time.

Teams will have three hours with hand tools and battery-powered drills to fashion their race boats.

Last year's challenge required teams to incorporate two trash cans into their designs which resulted in quite a number of swimmers.

While this year should be a bit drier, we think the twist will be both interesting and fun to do.

But the day is not just about the adults.

By race day, members of the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society will have already been to the Pender Harbour Secondary School to help the students build their own spiffy skiffs in the school shop using donated materials.

The teens will give the adults a needed break at the end of their construction period to enjoy the youth races which often include some purposely damp moments.

There are also fun times in store for the little kids.

They will hammer up and paint their mini-boats, have their faces painted and participate in other activities — all for free.

When the teen races are finished, the adults will hop into their boats and have a couple of preliminaries followed by the big finale.

With the addition of food ven-



Brian Lee

The pain is real for contestants in the annual April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge. Seen here is a team from last year having difficulty making it to the start line.

dors and cookie sales, it adds up to a good time and the spring highlight at the Madeira Park government wharf.

If you would like to enter your team of up to four, visit apriltools.ca for an entry form.

The fee is \$200 per team (or \$180 if received before April 1) but the prizes are worth it: \$700 for first, \$400 for second and \$250 for third.

Plus, the unique "Broken Paddle" and "Spiffy Skiffy" trophies are to be snagged by deserving teams.

The price covers all the building materials and team members will all get April Tools T-shirts.

Even if building a boat doesn't appeal to you, come down to the Madeira Park wharf from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on April 26 and enjoy the day.



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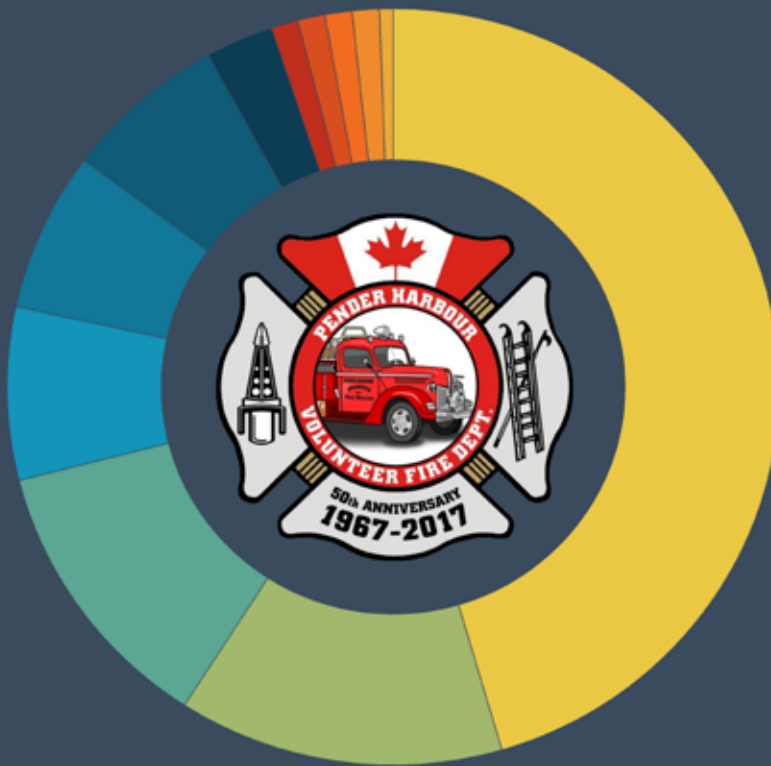
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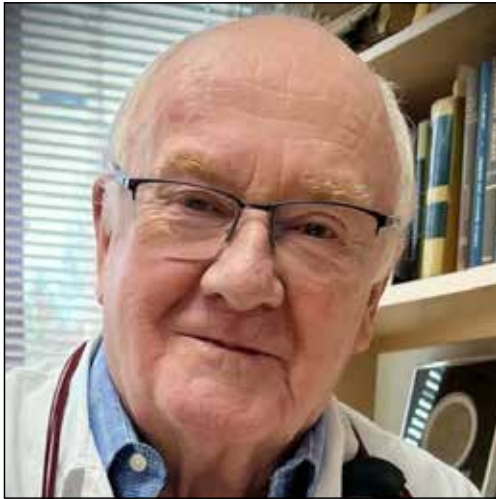
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Rick Smalley

FEBRUARY 18, 1947 — JANUARY 9, 2025



With profound sadness and love, the family of Rick Smalley announces his death.

During a spectacular sunset on Jan. 9, his wife Jan and her supporters shared the peaceful passing of her best friend and husband, at age 77.

Throughout Smalley's life he was known by many names: Redhead Ricky, Dad, Grandpa, Bro', Husband, Hubby, Partner, Uncle Rick, Doc, Doc Holiday, the Dog Whisperer, Dr. Rick, Rotary Dad, mentor and soulmate.

Smalley joins those who died before him, including his father, mother, younger brother, daughter Keri, cousins, grandparents, friends, those who were like family, many four-legged buddies and animals in nature.

He is remembered for his compassion, generosity, love, mentorship, fantastic (sometimes dark) humour, humility, veterinary skills, tenacity, courage, legacy and faith.

Included are his sister Marilyn and family, his daughter Keri's mom Shirley (Smalley's first wife) and her husband Bruce, stepson Kirk and grandchildren Danielle and Evan LeBlanc, brother-in-law Glenn Sernyk, spiritual friend/family Myra Ferguson, cousin Judy Clements and many relatives and friends.

Smalley's Mom, known as Lil'
March 2025

Mary, recalled the nightly ritual of toddler Ricky "tucking his nine stuffed animals into bed before squeezing into whatever room was let over."

Dreams of his veterinary medicine career started early in his life.

After two years in a pre-vet program at the University of Alberta and four more years at the University of Saskatchewan, he graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1972.

He accepted his first position in Burnaby and learned "Coastal life" which included deep water scuba diving around Egmont, boating and completing flight school at Pitt Meadows Airport.

After three years he returned to Edmonton to establish Westbook Veterinary Clinic.

There he embarked on adventures with new friends on motorcycles, horseback and boats via Port Moody, to anchorages in coastal BC.

His most memorable times were when his teenage daughter Keri moved to Edmonton to enjoy farm life (in the city) with Jan and staff.

They helped maintain the historic Keillor Farm, its horses and community-based programs, for Whitemud Equine Centre.

Smalley felt honoured to live a portion of his life in the old log home as steward to help keep the aging facility alive.

After growing his vet business to a three-person practice, he sold the hospital and tried retirement, moving to Pender Harbour in the mid-1990s.

Smalley truly missed his connection with animals and eventually accepted offers to work locums for vets going on holidays.

He was so thankful when Keri relocated to BC and completed undergrad and graduate work closer to Pender.

Always active in the community, he served on the board of the P. H. Health Centre for seven years and was presented with the Paul Harris Fellowship award for his service to Rotary International's Pender Harbour club.

He and Jan committed to mentoring young people through work experience programs and summer jobs, hosting Rotary Youth exchange students, counselling and driving youth for leadership and camp programs.

Being true to his tenacious nature and with a risky business plan to service his community, he developed Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital.

With incredible support from his staff, clients and work experience students, Smalley hoped the hospital would remain after he was gone.

And so, it was to be.

Smalley requested that a celebration of his life take place in the spring of 2025, to bring family, community and friends together, to celebrate the ongoing work of Madeira Park Veterinary Hospital and to recognize the dedicated staff and community-minded, caring people and their animals.

His family extends its heartfelt appreciation to the team of dedicated doctors, nurses, and staff at VCH, Cowrie Medical Clinic and Pender Harbour and District Health Centre for their care and compassion.

Being the humble and kind guy that he was, Smalley requested that if donations are made, they go to one's charity of choice, remembering that it takes the whole village, and a whole lot of non-profit groups and stewards, to keep the community spirit alive.

A celebration of Rick Smalley's life for memory sharing, storytelling and some fun will take place at the Pender Harbour Community Hall (wheelchair and guide dog accessible) on Saturday May 3 at 2 p.m.



HARBOUR SPIEL

trivia

1. Who is Pender Harbour and Egmont's School District 46 school board representative?

- ☐ a. Maria Hampvent
- ☐ b. Tracey McClelland
- ☐ c. Samantha Haines
- ☐ d. Jodee Young

2. Of these commercial fishing methods, which is not a preferred method to harvest salmon?

- ☐ a. Gillnetting
- ☐ b. Trawling
- ☐ c. Purse seining
- ☐ d. Trolling

3. What is at the top of Mt. Hallowell?

- ☐ a. Telus communications tower
- ☐ b. Covered picnic area
- ☐ c. Historic survey pin
- ☐ d. Forest fire lookout

4. What local tree is alternately named "Pacific madrone?"

- ☐ a. Western yew
- ☐ b. Pacific dogwood
- ☐ c. Red alder
- ☐ d. Arbutus

5. Where can you find Jack Crabb's five-foot carving of Portuguese Joe Gonsalves?

- ☐ a. Irvines Landing
- ☐ b. Madeira Park Gardens
- ☐ c. Madeira Park government wharf
- ☐ d. Painted Boat Resort

6. What is Egmont named after?

- ☐ a. British racehorse
- ☐ b. British warship
- ☐ c. British pudding
- ☐ d. British Admiral

Answers: p. 34

Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**

Gregory William Gray

FEBRUARY 18, 1956 — JANUARY 23, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that the family of Greg Gray shares the news of his sudden loss.

On Thursday, Jan. 23, his boat was found adrift and he was reported missing.

Shortly thereafter the Coast Guard found him in the inlet.

His family was “lucky to have him for 68 years but we always knew

he belonged to the ocean.”

Gray was born in Winnipeg to parents who served in World War II and was the youngest of three with two older brothers, Michael and Brian.

His family lived in multiple Canadian cities before settling in Vancouver in the early 1960s.

After high school, he moved north to Kitimat and worked at the Alcan aluminum smelter.

It was there he fell in love with boats.

He also met his first wife, Laurie, there and they moved to Jervis Inlet in 1985 and had their son Jarvis.

Later on, he met Annie and they started a family.

The couple farmed oysters and lived on a floathouse in Jervis Inlet before moving to Earls Cove so the kids could go to school.

Outside of his friends and family, boating was his life and how he made his living.

Jervis Inlet was his favourite location and his resting place.

Gray loved taking people out on the water and sharing the bounty of the sea — prawns, oyster, crabs and fish.

He will be remembered for his storytelling, his amazing memory, his barbecue skills and how he showed up for the people in his life.

Gray is survived by his four children, Jarvis, James, Charlotte and Amelia and his beloved boat of 30-plus years, the *Arctic Courier*.

Gray’s family would like to thank everyone in his life for their outpouring of love and support during this time.

In lieu of flowers, lend a helping hand to a neighbour or someone in the community to honour his memory.

A potluck celebration of life will be held at the Egmont Community Hall on Saturday, May 3 at 1 p.m.

Bring your happy memories to share.

photojournal



Finn Madsen

Heavy snow and wind are the likely culprits behind this tree on the roadside shore of Hotel Lake being uprooted last month.

March 2025

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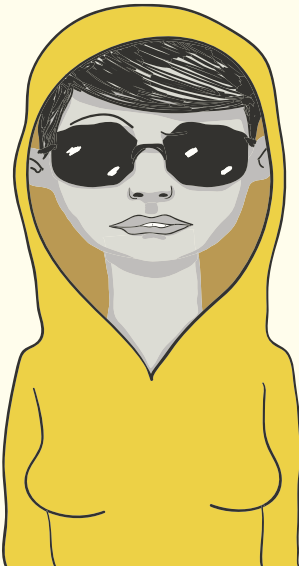
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March 6 – Presentation with Kelly Foley: "Help shape seniors' housing on the Sunshine Coast."

March 13 – Update on "Who Cares."

March 20 – Presentation: Primary Care Network pharmacist in Pender Harbour

March 27 – Free Lunch for all that attend and presentation on the "Greensleeves Advance Care Planning" with Sunshine Coast Hospice.

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & 26

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

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, March 3, 7, 10, 14, 24 & 28

At the Pender Harbour Community Hall 11am – 12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3. No classes on March 17 and 21.

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PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Job Opportunity

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Requirements

- Plan, develop and implement recreation programs offering a wide variety of activities for various age and interest groups in our community
- Lead programs as appropriate
- Respond to community requests for programs and make ongoing adjustments as needed
- In consultation with the Executive Director, recruit and orient qualified instructors/facilitators
- Maintain program statistics
- Collaborate with other community organizations and service providers (as possible) and make efforts to expand service delivery
- Take care of registration, fee collection and evaluation procedures
- Create a budget for each program/course (as needed) and ensure programs are running within budget

Responsibilities

- Experience in recreation program development and management
- RCMP Criminal Records Check required
- May be required to work some evenings and weekends to monitor program activities.

Submit resume with cover letter by email to
pendercommunity@gmail.com by Friday, March 14th

We thank all interested persons, however only those selected for an interview will be contacted.

The PHCS board and staff would like to thank all those who contributed to the **Spreading Kindness** fundraiser. Your donations help provide much needed supports to local families and youth all year round.

A big thank-you to Lyn Charlton for all the hard work she pours into this amazing community fundraiser.

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1,200

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The Sunshine Coast is home to a vibrant arts and culture sector, with more working artists per capita than much of the province and a host of signature events that draw visitors and participants from across the country.

The community is also getting more involved in initiatives to promote, understand and engage with shíshálh Nation culture.



The Sunshine Coast Festival of the Written Arts drew 8,251 attendees in 2019. The 2022 Festival, the first full scale event following the pandemic, had an attendance of 5,111 and the 2023 event saw 5,740 visitors.

!


\$43,400

The amount the SCRD distributed in grants for arts and culture through its Rural Area Grants-in-Aid program in 2023.

!

90

The number of Canadian authors the “Celebration of Authors, Books and Community” initiative brought into local schools since 2007.



Year	Venues	Studio Visits	Sales	Commissions
2019	185	49,600	\$460,500	\$120,000
2020*	98	11,800	\$180,000	\$25,000
2021*	160	37,000	\$528,000	\$80,000
2022	169	38,800	\$501,000	\$40,000
2023	188	46,000	\$465,000	\$25,000

*The 2020 and 2021 Art Crawls were held under pandemic restrictions.



Note your Harbour Seal of Approval or Harbour Seal of Disapproval. By email only:
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A grateful Harbour Seal of Approval to **Chelsea at the IGA** for her thoughtful assistance in helping me with a special no-contact order during our COVID quarantine.

Your attention and care made a hard week a lot easier.

Sydney More

A heartfelt Seal of Approval to **Alain Catteau** and **Kathie Tweedie**, as well as **an anonymous donor** for sponsoring a hot lunch at the high school.

Anne Pino
PHSS PAC

Chilly Harbour Seals of Approval those **brave and hardy workers of B.C. Hydro** who, under the most challenging circumstances, quickly brought our electricity back.

Good work.

Gary and Val Ridsdale

Grateful Seals of Approval to **Mike, the angel on the tractor** who happened along Francis Peninsula as I was struggling to clear our driveway.

He scooped away the snow so we could get to the hospital for a critical care appointment. His arrival was serendipitous.

Hans and Edda Matzen

A North Pole full of Seals of Approval to **all the people of Pender Harbour, Cindy and hubby** for the dinner and everything, also **Patti** for being my secretary, **Angela** for being the greatest photog and so wonderful with the kids, **Serendipity Preschool** and **MPES kids** (they are fantastic the kids are so special) and especially all **the girls who organized Winterfest** in the Harbour — what a crew!

You all are the best.

Santa (and Plumb Bob)

A large Harbour Seal of Approval to **Carol Pope, Kathy Riches, Bob McRae** and especially to **Dwayne Dobson** for clearing the snow of my elderly parents, John and Frankie King, driveway in Daniel Point and bringing food to them during the recent snow storm.

Sarah King

A Harbour Seal of Approval to **Bruce Hayter/Garden Bay Plumbing and Heating**, who followed up on a sump pump issue I was experiencing as a priority — especially during this cold weather and undesirable working conditions. Thank you, Bruce.

Kathy Riches

Our warmest Seals of Approval to our many **Daniel Point neighbours and friends** who answered our call for assistance during the snowstorm and extended power outage.

Pat and Hans Wenger

taxes

Volunteer income tax program: March 1 to April 30

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a.m. to 12 noon;

- Drop off (tax information) and pickup (the completed tax return) at the P. H. Community School (5012 Gonzales Rd.) Monday to Friday.

Note: The pickup is from the box outside and drop-off in the mail slot in the door.

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MARCH

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

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

1. 12:02 PM -L
2. 12:37 PM -L
3. **1:12 PM -XL**
4. **1:50 PM -XL**
5. **2:36 AM -XL**
6. 8:02 AM +M, **3:30 PM -XL**
7. 9:10 AM +S, **4:36 PM -XL**
8. 10:51 AM +S
9. 8:59 AM -S, 1:16 PM +S
10. 9:58 AM -M, 2:20 PM +S
11. 10:40 AM -M, 3:13 PM +M
12. 11:18 AM -L, 4:12 PM +M
13. 11:51 AM -L, 5:00 PM +L
14. 12:20 PM -L, 5:47 PM +L
15. 12:35 PM -L, 6:33 PM +L
16. 1:02 PM -L
17. **1:18 PM -XL**
18. **1:34 PM -XL**
19. **1:22 PM -XL**
20. 7:46 AM +M, **1:52 PM -XL**
21. 8:31 AM +S, **2:40 PM -XL**
22. 9:32 AM +S, 4:00 PM -L
23. 5:41 PM -L
24. 8:21 AM -M, 1:06 PM +S
25. 9:13 AM -M, 2:09 PM +M
26. 9:57 AM -M, 3:01 PM +L
27. 10:37 AM -L, 3:51 PM +L
28. 11:13 AM -L, **4:42 PM +XL**
29. 11:45 AM -L, **5:43 PM +XL**
30. **12:15 AM -XL, 6:37 PM +XL**
31. **12:46 PM -XL**

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CANADIAN HAPPINESS

No. 11

In 2023, Canada ranked 11th among Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development countries for life satisfaction.

51%

According to a 2023 StatsCan survey, about one in two Canadians had a high level of life satisfaction, scoring their satisfaction as 8 or higher on a 10-point satisfaction scale.

46%

Percentage of BC residents who reported high life satisfaction (compared to 61% of Quebec residents).

84%

The percentage among those who reported a high life satisfaction who also reported having a strong sense of meaning and purpose.

6/10

About 59% of rural Canadian residents reported high life satisfaction.

5/10

About 49% of urban Canadian residents reported high life satisfaction.

46-60%

As people age, they are more likely to report high life satisfaction, ranging from 46% of those aged 35 to 44 to 60% of those aged 65 and over.

8.09 to 6.71

The average life satisfaction in Canada declined from 8.09 out of 10 in 2018 to 6.71 in June 2020 (quarantine) making it the lowest level of life satisfaction observed in Canada over the 2003-to-2020 period.

~ StatsCan "Canadian Social Survey"

MARCH WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average March daily high is 9.2C, our average daily low 4.3C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 6.7C. The highest March temperature recorded is 15.6C (March 11, 1965); the lowest, -3.3C (March 3, 1976).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

March has an average of 127.7 hours of bright sunshine and 15 days with rainfall. The monthly total rainfall averages 78.6 mm; monthly total snowfall averages 1.5 cm. The highest March daily rainfall recorded is 44.7 mm (March 4, 1968). The highest March daily snowfall recorded is 8.9 cm (March 2, 1962).

MARCH ASTROLOGY

PISCES: FEB. 19 - MAR. 20



The finest of the signs, Pisceans have a boundless imagination and a natural aptitude for acting. They are sympathetic, highly tolerant and incurable romantics.

The start of the New Year will be a time for focusing on spiritual and psychological needs, and for self-reflection. The February 2025 New Moon in your decan will bring energy and enthusiasm. Don't let this encourage further mishaps. Reign yourself in during this time and ignore your gut instincts. BTW: "gut instinctus" is Latin for "really bad idea."

ARIES: MARCH 21 - APRIL 19



Aries is a male sign dominant in nature and is ruled by Mars. People born under this sign are very fast in executing tasks. They are highly disciplined and punctual.

This month, a mix of planetary influences will impact various aspects of your life. Your relationship will see renewed passion and intimacy. If single, your charisma will be close to an all-time high. Spending time at the bar will improve your chances of falling into the arms of a handsome stranger. Also, your drink will be spiked by that same stranger.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending Feb. 15.

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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|---|--|
| 1. Whitewater Cooks The Food We Love by Shelley and Conner Adams (Alicon Holdings) | 6. Untold Tales of Old British Columbia by Daniel Marshall (Ronsdale Press) |
| 2. The Animal People Choose a Leader by Richard Wagamese, illustrated by Bridget George (Douglas & McIntyre) | 7. Never Boring: The Up and Down History of the Vancouver Canucks by Ed Willes (Harbour Publishing) |
| 3. I am Connected by Kung Jaadee, illus. by Carla Joseph (Medicine Wheel Publishing) | 8. Searching for Serafim: The Life and Legacy of Serafim "Joe" Fortes by Ruby Smith Diaz (Arsenal Pulp Press) |
| 4. The Curve of Time: New, Expanded Edition by M. Wylie Blanchet (Harbour Publishing) | 9. The Hidden Life of Trees by Peter Wohlleben and Fred Bernard, illus. by Benjamin Flao (Greystone Books) |
| 5. Beneath the Surface of Things: New and Selected Essays by Wade Davis (Greystone Books) | 10. Backpacking on Vancouver Island by Taryn Eyton (Greystone Books) |

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- March 1 ~ **John Ellis** and **Linda Dunaway**.
 March 2 ~ **Sandra Bosch** and **Marcus Delaney**.
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 March 4 ~ **Glen Brydon** and **Brian Lee**.
 March 5 ~ **Mackenzie Stewart**, **Brigit Garrett**, **Sylvia Heiliger**, **Alicia McDonald** and **Valerie Reid**.
 March 6 ~ **Eden Logtenberg**, **Freda McDermott** and **Ron Minch**.
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 March 9 ~ **Bobbie Wendland**, **Eldor Dougan** and **Denise Cymbalist**.
 March 10 ~ **Wendy Hollis** and **Stuart McLean**.
 March 11 ~ **Gayle Adams**, **Tannis Campbell** and **Larry Mack**.
 March 12 ~ **Alicia Whittaker**, **Sunny Charboneau** and **Gord Wenman**.
 March 13 ~ **Ian McDonald** and **Paul McDonald**.
 March 14 ~ **Heather Smith**.
 March 15 ~ **Bev Higgins**, **Arlen Howitt**, **Carissa Gilkes** and **Justin McKimm**.
 March 16 ~ **Steve Hanna** and **Brad Zayshley**.
 March 17 ~ **Bill Bradshaw**, **Jim Weir**, **Michelle Cymbalist** and **Chris Cavielier**.
 March 18 ~ **Mike Reid**, **John Struthers**, **Taylor Metcalfe**, **Blair Landry**, **Janie Arduini** and **Michelle Bernier**.
 March 19 ~ **Megan Knock**.
 March 20 ~ **Larry Curtiss**, **Patrick White**, **Kim Smail** and **Tammy Collins**.
 March 21 ~ **Melissah Charboneau** and **David Massullo**.
 March 22 ~ **Jasmine Chandler**, **Dennis Cotter**, **Margaret Hartley**, **Ross Palmer** and **Dan Soper**.
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 March 24 ~ **Jane Reid** and **Heather Fearn**.
 March 25 ~ **Hailley Schroeder**, **Lexine Scoular** and **Shirley Norish**.
 March 26 ~ **Motoko Baum** and **Halle Bosch**.
 March 27 ~ **Maureen Lee**, **Donna Edwardson**, **Cole Edwardson**, **Doris White** and **Rick Wagner Jr**.
 March 28 ~ **Jill Bennett**, **Bill Charlton** and **Joka Roosen**.
 March 29 ~ **Melanie LeBlanc** and **Terry Jacks**.
 March 30 ~ **Del Deguire**.

pender harbour tides ~ march 2025

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:



March	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sat 01	4.7	6.4	8.9	11.6	14.0	15.4	15.7	14.8	13.0	10.8	8.7	7.2	6.8	7.5	9.0	11.0	12.8	14.0	14.1	13.2	11.4	9.2	7.2	5.8
Sun 02	5.5	6.4	8.3	10.7	13.2	15.0	15.8	15.4	13.9	11.6	9.1	7.0	5.7	5.6	6.6	8.4	10.6	12.6	13.9	14.1	13.3	11.8	9.9	8.2
Mon 03	7.3	7.3	8.4	10.3	12.5	14.4	15.6	15.7	14.6	12.6	10.1	7.5	5.6	4.6	4.7	5.9	7.9	10.2	12.2	13.6	14.0	13.4	12.2	10.7
Tue 04	9.5	8.9	9.2	10.3	12.0	13.7	15.1	15.7	15.2	13.7	11.4	8.8	6.4	4.6	3.8	4.2	5.4	7.4	9.6	11.7	13.2	13.8	13.5	12.7
Wed 05	11.7	10.8	10.5	10.8	11.8	13.2	14.4	15.2	15.3	14.4	12.6	10.3	7.8	5.7	4.1	3.5	3.9	5.1	6.9	9.0	11.1	12.7	13.6	13.6
Thu 06	13.2	12.6	12.0	11.8	12.1	12.8	13.7	14.4	14.8	14.5	13.5	11.7	9.6	7.4	5.4	4.1	3.6	3.9	4.9	6.5	8.4	10.3	12.1	13.3
Fri 07	13.9	13.8	13.4	12.9	12.7	12.7	13.1	13.6	14.0	14.1	13.8	12.7	11.0	9.1	7.2	5.5	4.3	3.8	4.0	4.9	6.3	8.1	10.1	11.9
Sat 08	13.3	14.1	14.3	14.0	13.5	13.0	12.7	12.8	13.0	13.3	13.4	13.2	12.3	10.8	9.1	7.3	5.7	4.5	3.9	4.0	4.7	5.9	7.5	9.3
Sun 09	11.1	12.7	13.9	14.6	14.7	14.3	13.7	12.9	12.3	12.1	12.2	12.6	12.9	12.9	12.3	11.0	9.4	7.6	6.0	4.7	4.1	4.1	5.0	6.6
Mon 10	8.7	10.8	12.8	14.2	14.9	14.8	14.2	13.3	12.2	11.5	11.2	11.4	12.0	12.5	12.7	12.4	11.3	9.7	7.9	6.1	4.8	4.2	4.3	5.4
Tue 11	7.2	9.3	11.6	13.5	14.7	15.1	14.6	13.7	12.4	11.2	10.4	10.3	10.8	11.6	12.4	12.8	12.6	11.5	9.8	7.9	6.2	4.9	4.4	4.8
Wed 12	6.1	8.1	10.4	12.6	14.2	15.0	14.9	14.0	12.6	11.1	9.9	9.4	9.6	10.5	11.6	12.5	13.0	12.7	11.6	9.9	7.9	6.2	5.1	4.9
Thu 13	5.6	7.2	9.4	11.6	13.5	14.7	14.9	14.3	12.9	11.2	9.7	8.7	8.6	9.2	10.4	11.7	12.8	13.2	12.8	11.6	9.8	7.9	6.4	5.6
Fri 14	5.7	6.8	8.6	10.8	12.8	14.3	14.8	14.4	13.2	11.4	9.6	8.3	7.7	7.9	9.0	10.5	12.0	13.1	13.4	12.8	11.5	9.8	8.0	6.8
Sat 15	6.4	6.8	8.2	10.1	12.1	13.7	14.6	14.4	13.4	11.7	9.8	8.1	7.0	6.9	7.6	9.1	10.8	12.4	13.4	13.6	12.9	11.5	9.9	8.4
Sun 16	7.5	7.4	8.2	9.7	11.5	13.1	14.2	14.4	13.6	12.1	10.1	8.2	6.7	6.1	6.4	7.6	9.3	11.2	12.8	13.6	13.6	12.9	11.5	10.1
Mon 17	8.9	8.4	8.6	9.6	11.1	12.6	13.7	14.1	13.7	12.4	10.5	8.5	6.8	5.7	5.6	6.3	7.8	9.7	11.6	13.0	13.8	13.6	12.9	11.7
Tue 18	10.5	9.6	9.4	9.9	10.9	12.1	13.2	13.8	13.6	12.7	11.0	9.1	7.2	5.8	5.1	5.4	6.4	8.1	10.0	11.8	13.2	13.7	13.6	12.9
Wed 19	11.9	11.0	10.4	10.4	10.9	11.8	12.7	13.4	13.4	12.8	11.5	9.7	7.9	6.3	5.2	4.9	5.5	6.7	8.4	10.2	11.9	13.1	13.6	13.5
Thu 20	12.9	12.2	11.5	11.2	11.3	11.7	12.4	13.0	13.2	12.8	11.8	10.4	8.7	7.0	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.8	8.5	10.2	11.8	13.0	13.5
Fri 21	13.4	13.1	12.5	12.0	11.8	11.9	12.2	12.6	12.9	12.7	12.0	10.9	9.5	7.9	6.6	5.5	5.0	5.0	5.7	6.8	8.4	10.0	11.5	12.7
Sat 22	13.4	13.5	13.3	12.9	12.5	12.2	12.1	12.3	12.5	12.6	12.2	11.4	10.2	8.9	7.5	6.3	5.4	5.0	5.0	5.6	6.7	8.2	9.8	11.4
Sun 23	12.7	13.5	13.8	13.6	13.2	12.7	12.3	12.1	12.1	12.2	12.2	11.9	11.2	10.1	8.8	7.4	6.2	5.3	4.8	4.8	5.4	6.6	8.2	9.9
Mon 24	11.6	13.0	13.9	14.1	13.9	13.3	12.6	11.9	11.6	11.6	11.8	12.0	12.0	11.7	10.8	9.4	7.9	6.4	5.3	4.6	4.5	5.2	6.5	8.4
Tue 25	10.4	12.2	13.6	14.4	14.4	13.8	12.9	11.9	11.1	10.8	10.9	11.3	11.9	12.3	12.2	11.4	10.0	8.3	6.6	5.2	4.4	4.3	5.2	6.8
Wed 26	8.9	11.1	13.0	14.3	14.7	14.3	13.3	12.0	10.7	9.9	9.7	10.1	11.0	12.0	12.7	12.8	12.1	10.6	8.7	6.8	5.2	4.4	4.5	5.6
Thu 27	7.5	9.8	12.1	13.9	14.9	14.8	13.8	12.3	10.6	9.1	8.4	8.5	9.4	10.7	12.2	13.2	13.4	12.7	11.2	9.2	7.1	5.5	4.8	5.1
Fri 28	6.5	8.7	11.1	13.3	14.7	15.1	14.4	12.8	10.7	8.7	7.3	6.8	7.3	8.7	10.6	12.4	13.7	14.1	13.4	11.8	9.7	7.6	6.2	5.7
Sat 29	6.3	7.9	10.2	12.5	14.4	15.2	14.9	13.5	11.3	8.8	6.7	5.4	5.3	6.2	8.1	10.5	12.7	14.2	14.6	13.9	12.3	10.3	8.4	7.1
Sun 30	6.9	7.8	9.5	11.7	13.8	15.1	15.3	14.3	12.2	9.6	6.9	4.8	3.8	4.0	5.5	7.8	10.5	12.9	14.5	15.0	14.3	12.9	11.0	9.3
Mon 31	8.3	8.3	9.4	11.1	13.1	14.6	15.4	14.9	13.3	10.8	7.9	5.3	3.4	2.7	3.3	5.1	7.6	10.5	13.0	14.6	15.1	14.6	13.3	11.7

P. H. HEALTH CENTRE AUXILIARY

An art auction fundraiser by Bargain Barn volunteers will take place March 9 at the Pender Harbour School of Music between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Entry by donation with all proceeds to benefit the Pender Harbour Health Centre. Wine and nibbles will be available for purchase. For more information, contact Lorna at (778) 888-6461 or at gunboatlorna@gmail.com.

PENDER HARBOUR GARDEN CLUB

The Pender Harbour Garden Club is thrilled to present our very own Sandy Matches of Kleindale, on Monday, March 31 at the P. H. School of Music in Madeira Park from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Proprietor of Handy Sandy Exterior Design, he has designed and installed gardens along the Sunshine Coast for over a decade. With a career mainly in graphic design, Sandy also worked in Vancouver for a landscape designer for three years, doing garden installations and renovations. Matches will be presenting “Beds & Between” and answering garden-related questions. Membership fees are \$20 for a year or \$5 drop-in.

P. H. MUSIC SOCIETY COFFEE HOUSE

The P. H. Music Society presents this month’s School of Music Coffee House on Friday, March 14. The musicians this month are Matt Richards and Spindrift Street (Garth Bowen, Randy Shepherd and Charlie Veaudry).

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.

PENDER HARBOUR WOMEN’S CONNECTION

The Pender Harbour Women’s Connection is planning an exciting change of format for their March 11 gathering which will delve into the practice of “primitive rug hooking.” Guest speaker Lory Reynolds has devoted years developing the skills of this fine art. She will give a history and demonstration before leading us through a hands-on workshop teaching the beautiful art of rug hooking.

On March 25 the Women’s Connection welcomes Harbour Gallery artists, Heather Field and June Malaka, who will present the history of how a local art group began and how it has grown into the Harbour Gallery of the Cultural Centre, Madeira Park. Following stories of the gallery’s history, there will be a tour of the gallery. March will be the final month of mosaic work so there will be a chance to witness the current projects.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and programs begin at 10 a.m. There’s a \$4 drop-in fee and refreshments will be provided.

March 2025

ORGANIZATIONS DIRECTORY

- Community Policing.....(604) 883-2026
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- FOKUS (10:30 a.m., Fridays @ PHHC).....(604) 740-1151
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- Harbour Artists(604) 883-2807
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- Health Centre Society(604) 883-2764
- Health Centre Auxiliary.....(604) 741-2646
- InStitches (last Thursday of month, 10 a.m.).....(604) 740-1151
- Lions Club, Egmont.....(604) 883-9463
- Lions Club, Pender Harbour (1st & 3rd Tues.).....(604) 883-1361
- Men’s Cancer Support Group.....(604) 883-2393
- P. H. Aquatic Centre Society.....(604) 885-6867
- P. H. and Area Residents Association.....(604) 883-9205
- P. H. Blues Society.....(604) 741-1186
- P. H. Choir (7 p.m., Tuesday).....(778) 227-8430
- P. H. Community Club.....(604) 883-9900
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- P. H. Garden Club.....(604) 883-9798
- P. H. Golf Club(604) 883-9541
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- P. H. Living Heritage Society.....(604) 883-0748
- P. H. Music Society (bookings)(604) 883-9749
- P. H. Paddling Society (dragon boating).....(604) 399-9596
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- P. H. Pipe Band.....(604) 883-0053
- P. H. Power & Sail Squadron(604) 883-2086
- P. H. Ramblers (hikers, every Tues. a.m.).....(604) 883-1191
- P. H. Volunteer Fire Dept (Wed. evening).....(604) 883-9011
- P. H. Reading Room (library)(604) 883-2983
- Rotary Club (noon Fri. RC Legion No.112)(604) 883-2843
- Royal Canadian Legion No. 112(604) 883-2235
- RCM SAR Coast Guard Auxiliary, Unit 61(778) 240-3151
- Ruby Lake Lagoon Society(604) 883-9201
- Skookumchuck Heritage Society.....(604) 883-9994
- S. C. Health Care Auxiliary (2nd Wed., 1:30 p.m.).....(604) 741-8413
- Seniors’ Housing Society(604) 883-2819
- Serendipity Child Care Centre.....(604) 883-2316
- Sunshine Coast Better At Home.....(604) 989-6171
- Sunshine Coast Women’s Outreach Services(604) 741-5246
- Wildlife Society (3rd Tues. PHSS)(604) 883-9853
- Women’s Connection (2nd & 4th Tue.).....(604) 883-0444



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Local health matters

PHHC: Bringing Partners to the Harbour

Over the past year the Pender Harbour Health Centre staff and leadership have been working purposefully to collaborate with our Sunshine Coast community partners to bring new resources, information and education to the Pender Harbour community. As your Community Health Centre we understand the importance of our role in bringing these partners to our patients and community locally here in Pender Harbour.

Already in 2025, we hosted the Sunshine Coast Community Response Network who provided a presentation on Excessive Clutter in January to 23 folks at the P. H. Community Hall.

Further, in February the PHHC hosted the Mobile Response Team from Vancouver who provided a facilitated workshop on grief and loss at the Health Centre for those working on the front-line of the toxic drug crisis in our community.

As we enter March, we would like to share with you some important events from our partners in conjunction with the Pender Harbour Health Centre that are coming to the community this month:

March 5:

BC Housing and the Homelessness Services Association of BC are holding the 2025 Homeless Count. Volunteers will be out in community (look for the yellow badges) and unhoused community members can also come to the PHHC on the day to complete a survey with Health Centre staff.

March 6:

Cover the Coast Alliance for Affordable Housing are holding an information session on seniors housing at the Harbourside Friendship gathering (10.30am – 12 noon) and at the PHHC (12.30pm – 2pm). At these events you can learn about seniors' housing initiatives, share your experiences and complete the new Seniors Housing Survey (www.coverthecoast.org/survey-2025/).

March 20:

At the Harbourside Friendship gathering at 10.30am in the Pender Harbour Community Hall, the Sunshine Coast Primary Care Network will be providing a community presentation on their community pharmacist role. The community pharmacist Eric and PHHC leadership will be there to present on the rollout of the community pharmacist and its integration into the team at the PHHC.

March 27:

Harbourside Friendships in partnership with Gibsons Seniors Society and United Way BC will be hosting our free monthly social meal. If you live in Pender Harbour or surrounding communities, we welcome you to come to this event, enjoy a free meal and engage with other community members.

The Pender Harbour Health Centre will continue to look at ways of bringing more of our partners to the community to offer their valuable programs and resources.

Check out the PHHC Facebook, website and the *Harbour Spiel* for updates on more events to come this year.



Pictured (l-r): Marlene Cymbalist, PHHC Community Engagement, April Struthers, CRN presenter and Haida Bolton, PHHC Better at Home Coordinator.



Marie Davidson photo collection

Irvines Landing Hotel and Store circa 1930

According to Marie Davidson (née Gooldrup), the exact date of when this photo was taken is unknown, as are the identities of the men posing on the dock. Davidson recalls that the float they are standing on was on the left side of the government wharf where the Union Steamships docked. Behind sits the Irvines Landing Hotel and Store.

John Dunlop's 1963 *Peninsula Times* column 'The Egmont Eye'

John Dunlop

John Dunlop wrote a regular column ("The Egmont Eye") in The Peninsula Times. John and Lily Dunlop purchased the Egmont Consumer Co-op Association store and renamed it Dunlop's Store (now Bathgate Resort and Marina) in 1954. The couple sold it to Jack and Bob Bathgate in June 1963.

"The longest way round is the shortest way home" — so goes the old proverb.

Each passing weekend demonstrates the inadequacy of the ferry system serving the Sunshine Coast between Horseshoe Bay and Langdale.

It is not uncommon for automobile traffic to be delayed four to six hours at either terminal, particularly so on holiday weekends.

The hourly summer service will certainly improve conditions but it is not the answer.

Weekend congestion will remain and angry, dissatisfied residents and visitors will increase.

Ask the owners of any resort on the peninsula what their clients have to say about the ferry system when they ultimately arrive at their destination, often at midnight or later, and after several hours in a car, in many cases with children.

Their remarks are far from complimentary and in many instances a telephone cancellation arrives in place of the expected guest.

With almost three quarters of a million population in the Lower Mainland area, and many of them seeking recreational space for their vacations, the Sunshine Coast is bound to get an increasing number of visitors.

Some will build summer homes while others will eventually seek retirement in our district.

The greater proportion, however,

will be those who wish to spend their vacations or part of their leisure time away from the maddening rush of the big city conditions.

The Sunshine Coast has everything to offer in the way of natural facilities for vacationers.

As more of the Lower Mainland's urban population becomes aware of this wonderful area, almost in their backyard, so will the facilities by which they reach the Sunshine Coast become more of a concern.

These facilities presently consist of two ferries in the summer months and one for the rest of the year.

No! Ferries across Howe Sound are not the answer to our transportation problems.

Possibly larger and faster vessels would help to alleviate the situation but they will not solve it.

We also need an overland route.

Capital expenditure and a year's operating costs of two suitable ferries would go a long way toward the construction of a Squamish to Port Mellon highway, a road link that must be built eventually.

Why not now?

The Honourable Mr. Gaglardi has already stated in public that construction of the Squamish-Port Mellon highway is included in his department's future planning.

He has stated that it definitely will be built but, like the good politician that he is, he did not say WHEN.

This column would suggest that NOW is the time for action.

Construction costs will certainly not be less in the foreseeable future.

Increasing automobile traffic to and from the Sunshine Coast, both local and tourist, has already demonstrated that the two ferries cannot cope with the repeating peak traffic periods.

A highway around Howe Sound would not be detrimental to the ferry service, it would complement it.

Hundreds of Lower Mainland motorists, who avoid the district due to the long and frustrating delays at the ferry terminals, would have the choice of an alternate route.

Tourists would enjoy the scenic 70- to 80-mile drive and almost anyone, facing a long delay, would prefer to take the long way around.

Completion of this highway would open up new recreational areas and the provincial treasury would benefit from taxes on property, business and increased gasoline consumption.


Government, which after all, represents the people, should also be concerned.

"The squeaking wheel gets the grease," so let's do a little squeaking.


A united effort on the part of all organizations, business establishments and individuals who are interested in a highway route around Howe Sound is our only hope of success.

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MARCH

- Sun. March 2.....Live music with Magic Carpet Ride - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Wed. March 5.....BC Housing and the Homelessness Services Association of BC 2025 Homeless Count
- Wed. March 5.....Pender Harbour Choir Rock and Roll Bingo fundraiser - Madeira Park Legion, 7 p.m.
- Thu. March 6.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Kelly Foley) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 6.....P. H. Community Club Bingo restarts - P. H. Community Hall, doors 5:30 p.m.
- Fri. March 7.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. March 9.....Bargain Barn art auction fundraiser - P. H. School of Music, 1 to 4 p.m.
- Sun. March 9.....Live music with Half Cut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 10....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Tue. March 11.....P. H. Women’s Connection (Lory Reynolds) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Wed. March 12...Registration opens P. H. Aquatic and Fitness Centre spring programs, PHAFC, 7 a.m.
- Thu. March 13.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 13.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (“Who Cares”) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 13.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. March 14.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. March 14.....School of Music Coffeehouse - P. H. School of Music, 7 p.m.
- Sun. March 16.....Live music with Spindrift Street - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Thu. March 20.....SCRD electoral services committee - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 20.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (Primary Care Network) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. March 21.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. March 23.....Live music with Steve Hinton Band - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 24....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church, 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon
- Tue. March 25.....P. H. Women’s Connection (Harbour Gallery artists) - P. H. School of Music, 10 a.m.
- Thu. March 27.....Harbourside Friendships drop-in (free lunch!) - P. H. Community Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 27.....SCRD committee of the whole - SCRD boardroom, 9:30 a.m.
- Thu. March 27.....SCRD regular board - SCRD boardroom, 1 p.m.
- Fri. March 28.....Live Music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. March 30.....P. H. Music Society presents Piano Heist (family show) - P. H. School of Music, 10:30 a.m.
- Sun. March 30.....P. H. Music Society presents Piano Heist (full performance) - P. H. School of Music, 2 p.m.
- Sun. March 30.....Live music with Blue Western - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. March 31.....Pender Harbour Garden Club presents Sandy Matches - P. H. School of Music, 1 p.m.

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