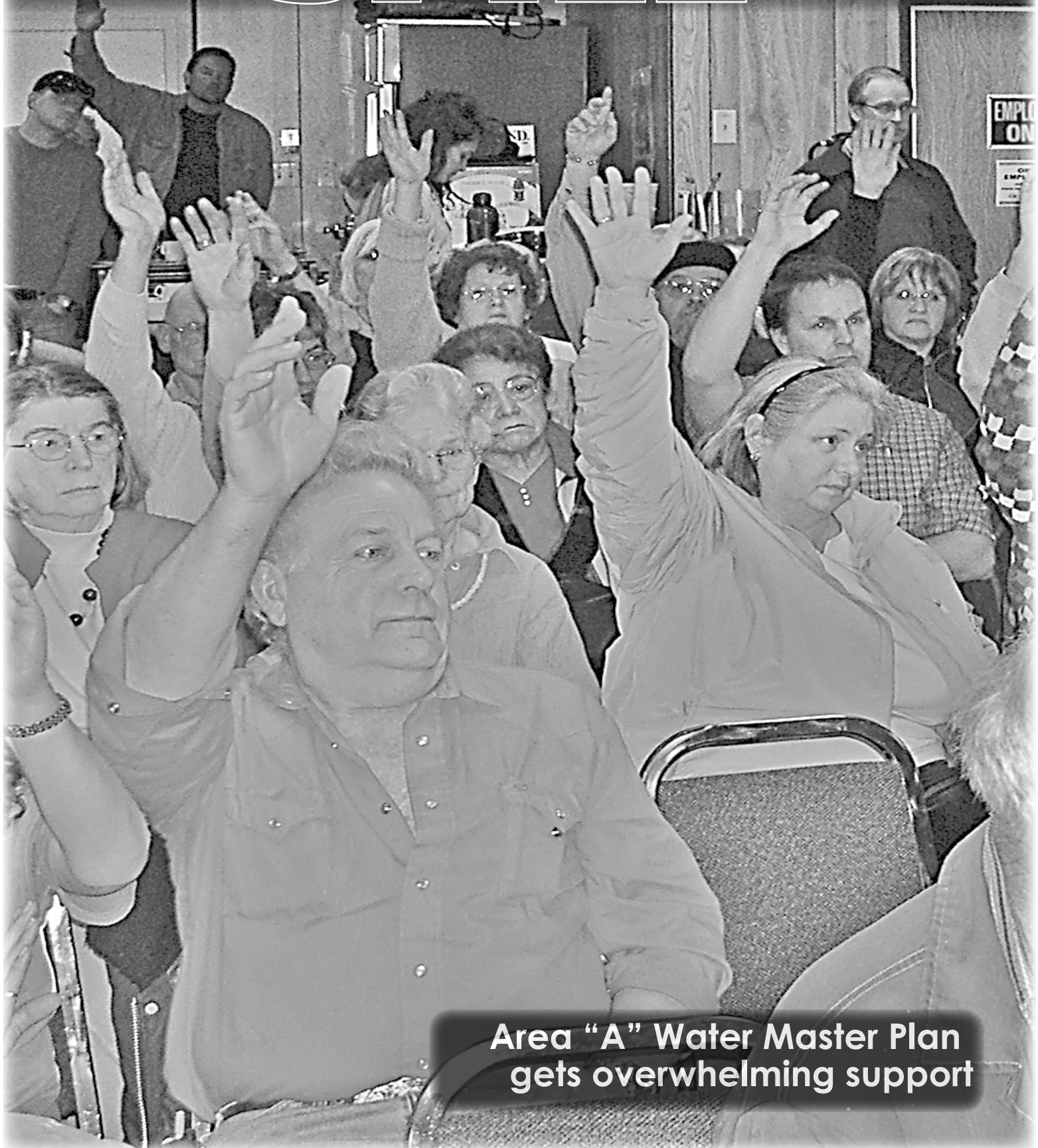


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EDITORIAL

Life in Egmont

By Brian Lee

In 1960, when my grandparents sold their house in Point Grey for \$16,000 and moved to Egmont, life was pretty much the same there as it was in Pender Harbour.

They had power and water but not much else and people relied on their neighbours for help when things went bad.

Nowadays, people in Pender Harbour take for granted such things as cable TV or high-speed internet and when we have chest pains, we expect the ambulance in minutes.

In Egmont, a windstorm often knocks out emergency communications, cutting the community off from the basic health services we all rely on.

I attended the AGM of the Egmont Community Club a few days ago and it's funny how different life is only 20 minutes away.

The residents don't just gather to discuss this year's May Day theme.

They discussed strategies on how best to cope with a natural disaster and went over developments for preparing the community hall as a refuge where people can warm up, get some cooked food and share information, knowing it's likely they'll be completely cut off from the outside world.

After one of the many storms of this past year, Egmont was without telephone service for eight days.

Cell phones rarely work past the "S" bends at Ruby Lake.

As one person at the meeting said, this is what you expect when you move to Egmont and you have to be prepared to take care of yourself.

That means having a generator, a chainsaw and a four-wheel drive.

Recently, an elderly woman took a bad fall during a storm when the phone lines were down and it identified the potential for an unnecessary tragedy.

During another outage this past winter, an ambulance was stationed outside the entrance to the Skookumchuck Trail 24 hours a day in case of such an emergency.

Or, recall our water problems from this past fall.

Egmont has been on a boil water advisory for 8 years.

Until recently, with the formation of the Egmont Volunteer Fire Department, if an Egmonster's house started to burn, he or she could only rely on their neighbours for help because they were outside the fire protection district.

Being outside of a fire protection district means that most home insurers won't grant protection, so when the house does burn, it's gone.

Egmont is as close to living off the grid as you can get and still be near paved roads and the town has always attracted independent people who appreciate and are equipped to cope with these challenges.

Living here does require people to prepare for emergencies and look out for each other and clearly it keeps the community close.

Maybe this is the biggest difference between life in Pender Harbour and Egmont and I'll probably get hate mail for even suggesting improvements should be considered.

Many Egmonsters wouldn't have it any other way and I'm not sure I blame them.

PENDER HARBOUR LIONS' PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND EASTER EGG HUNT

On Sun. April 8 from 9 a.m. until noon, the Pender Harbour Lions are hosting their famous pancake breakfast at the Lions' Hall followed by an Easter egg hunt.

COMMUNITY HALL COUNTRY DANCE

There will be a country dance featuring music by the Steel Toe Boots on Sat. April 28. Tickets are \$20 each or \$30/couple. Doors open at 8:30pm, 19+ years only. The dance is being put on by the Pender Harbour Community Club events committee. Tickets are available from Lori Fielding and various local businesses. Check out the band's website www.steeltoeboots.com.

TRIPLE PLAY IMPROV

Comedy troupe Triple Play Improv will be appearing Sat. April 21 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall at 8pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available at various location and at the door. All proceeds to M.P.E.S Playground Project.

KLEIN LAKE CLEAN-UP

Come out on Sun. April 15 at 11 a.m. to clean up the Klein Lake campground. The Egmont Community Club manages the campground and revenue from camp fees at Klein Lake help fund programs in the Egmont community. Meet at the caretaker's site #10 and bring rakes. Lunch provided.

GROUP MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

On April 15 there will be a guided introduction to some of the best trails in the Pender Harbour area you never knew existed. Bring a functioning bike and a helmet. The route will be a relaxed 15 km. Meet at the BC Hydro line/horse corral at the top of Menacher Rd. at 10 a.m., rain or shine.

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Area A Water Master Plan unveiled

On Feb. 27 more than 150 people packed into the Royal Canadian Legion to applaud the efforts of community members and local government for their efforts in creating the Area A Water Master Plan.

Presenting the culmination of 14 months of research and consultation were representatives from the SCRD, Ministry of Environment, Vancouver Coastal Health Authority, private consultants, Department of Fisheries, local water boards and the Sechelt Indian Band.

The WMP was first proposed to the SCRD by Area A representative John Rees in 2003.

Since then an Environmental Appeal ruling on Hotel Lake Water license transfers required the SCRD to

devise a water master plan to support the transfers, backed by the Ministry of Environment, for future water extraction from the area.

The main purpose of the report is to outline a framework outlining tasks and related schedules to meet the needs of at least eight community water systems and individual water licensees.

Immediately apparent are common issues such as demands on water supply due to projected growth, health related water quality concerns about arsenic concentrations, infrastructure improvement requirements, management capacity and corresponding liability, availability of grant funding and drinking-water source protection.

The WMP is a massive document

that spells out deficiencies in current community water supply systems and outlines possible measures that could correct them.

It also offers potential funding alternatives that must be pursued in order to achieve them.

The final draft of the WMP was repeatedly praised throughout the presentation for providing local government with a tool to apply for the funding needed to meet the needs of short and medium term improvements and for mapping out longer-term strategies for dealing with future needs.

Water treatment facilities and the infrastructure required to deliver it is extremely expensive and it seems clear that Area A residents would not be able to carry the cost of the many



A1 - Grant funding application to FCM's Water RFP
 A2 - Grant funding application to Canada-B.C. Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund
 A3 - Application for 14 M gal from Hotel Lake
 A4 - Application for 25 M gal annual extraction from Garden Bay lake
 A5 - Sakinaw Lake water license application
 A6 - Grant funding application to Provincial Infrastructure Planning Grants Program
 A7 - Grant funding application to University research programs (e.g. NSERC)

Q1 - GBWWD/HL UV treatment
 Q2 - Water treatment plant construction for SPHWD/NPHWSA
 Q3 - New treatment facility for Egmont water system
 Q4 - New UV disinfection system for Cove Cay system
 Q5 - New treatment facility for Pender Harbour Secondary School

S1 - Hotel Lake Hydrologic Study
 S2 - Mical Creek Hydrologic Study
 S3 - Garden Bay Water Balance Study
 S4 - Sakinaw Lake Hydrologic Study
 S5 - GBWWD/HL system integration study
 S6 - Water treatment plant feasibility study for NPHWSA
 S7 - Development of drinking water source protection program
 S8 - SPHWD/NPHWSA amalgamation feasibility study
 S9 - SPHWD Source to Tap Study
 S10 - SPHWD feasibility study for alternative supply options
 S11 - SPHWD feasibility study for new water treatment plant
 S12 - Preliminary feasibility studies for SCRD takeover of community systems

S13 - Final feasibility study and design work for Egmont system upgrades
 S14 - Final feasibility study of mains extension to service Jervis Inlet Rd.
 S15 - Final feasibility study of SCRD takeover of Dream Valley
 S16 - Final feasibility study of mains extension to service N & S Oyster Bay
 S17 - Feasibility study of options for improving water quality at Pender Harbour Secondary School
 S18 - Feasibility study of mains extension to service Middle Point area
 S19 - Feasibility study of new function to support long term source development research
 S20 - Sakinaw basin data collection and monitoring/modelling program
 S21 - Sakinaw basin adaptive management study
 S22 - Development of groundwater well inventory
 S23 - Aquifer mapping project

Appendix C of the Area A Water Master Plan offers a concise overview of the many challenges facing Area A water supply infrastructure and suggests a timeline to prioritize urgent needs.

required upgrades listed throughout the document.

"It's not a magic solution but it's a great blueprint, but to continue the blueprint from where we are at the moment to implementation, we need funding." John Rees said at the meeting, "The water treatment plant at Chapman Creek cost in the region of

\$7 million and we had grant funding of 50% of that. All of the areas outside of Area A are paying the balance of the \$3.5 million on a 10 year plan."

After a number of questions loosely related to local water issues and the plan itself, meeting chair Dr. Michael Jackson asked for a motion to gauge public support for the Wa-

ter Master Plan to which the crowd offered a nearly unanimous show of favour.

Detailed information can be obtained through the SCRD offices.

Mount Daniel rockslide

A recent rock slide on Mt. Daniel has some residents of the area concerned for their safety.

A large portion of the south slope of the mountain came down in the early hours of February 26 startling resident Sandra Aikenhead,

"There was a tremendous roar around 4:30 in the morning. It was like the largest plane you could imagine flying really low overhead and went on for about a minute."

The slide area stretches for about 100m and ends approximately 100m above homes along Daniel Road.

The Geotechnical Assessment portion of the Official Community Plan lists the area as a rockfall hazard area.

Other designated rockfall hazard areas include areas on the steep slopes of Pender Hill, Harbour Peak, above Highway 101 on east side of Ruby Lake and between Klein Lake and North Lake.

According to the Official Community Plan, "These areas are comprised of fractured bedrock slopes with high potential for slope instability and rockfall."

SCRD Emergency Program Coordinator Bill Elsner told the Spiel that he visited the location of the slide to determine if there was any imminent risk and notified the BC

Parks Branch when he found it was on Crown land and part of the Garden Bay Marine Park.

Ryan Elphick of BC Parks confirmed that they are in the process of sending a geotechnical engineer to assess the slide but were not able to confirm when that might be.

Aikenhead is curious to learn the results of the proposed geotechnical assessment but isn't concerned for her safety,

"We've been here for 34 years and we haven't seen anything like it before."



An ominous slash appeared on Mt. Daniel recently as the result of moderate sized rockslide.

Will we soon have more homes than people?

By Brian Lee

If you haven't been on an exploratory Sunday drive lately, you'll be amazed at the startling changes to the Pender Harbour landscape.

High-end, large-scale subdivision developments have been the norm rather than the exception lately.

They're providing a relief from a housing shortage but there's a perception that the changes taking place here are more influenced from afar than within and threaten the rural lifestyle many have grown accustomed to.

More importantly, can the infrastructure accommodate such massive growth and what restrictions, if any, are put on those groups pouring millions of dollars into the local soil?

Developers speak a different language than the rest of us and many are confused about who these people are and how our land resource is being managed.

Terms such as "Bare Land Strata" or "Fee Simple" are thrown around but how many of us really know how these terms apply to the developers needs?

I've taken seven large developments that are in various stages of permit approval to try to shed some light on the projects most often discussed over coffee at John Henry's.

The number of lots proposed for these seven developments alone is a staggering 250 new homes.

What's even more startling is the cost of many of single building lots, some listing for close to \$2 million.

DANIEL POINT COTTAGES

The fourth phase of developer Les Allen's Daniel Point development,

Daniel Point Cottages consists of 40 lots, each with an 800-square-foot home on a freehold half acre.

The parcels went on sale last year and sold out within three months for between \$199,000 and \$279,000 each.

Stonewater Homes, a construction company created for this project by Les Allen, is the builder.

Allen told the Harbour Spiel that he wishes he'd built houses or cottages on each plot of land from the start,

"People from outside of the area are afraid of buying a piece of land when they don't if they'll be able to build on it," he said,

"If you ask a local builder, he'll tell you to come back in three years

because that's when he's booked until and who knows what construction costs will be by that time so forget about getting a quote."

FARRINGTON COVE

The 20-acre Farrington Cove development sits between Duncan Cove and Irvine's Landing in Garden Bay and has been an eyesore for many years as the result of a failed develop-

ment in the 1980s that left it empty and unfinished.

Planners at the SCRD suggest that the lack of vegetation would probably not be allowable today but was the result of a rezoning amendment from years ago that allowed higher density.

The new developer, Rick Barbieri, owner of 1425 West Pender Holdings Ltd., has taken the 20 acre site and created 51 bare land strata lots, of which 22 are waterfront, ranging in price from \$175,000 to \$410,000.

According to the website, www.farringtoncove.com, 44 lots have already sold.

Zoning is also in place for a six-

plex townhome development that is almost completed.

The townhome development is built on the site of the former developer's condominium site that was torn down at the start of the current project.

The townhomes are 2400 square foot each on 3 levels and are listed between \$559,000 and \$659,000.

LILY LAKE VILLAGE

A bare land strata development, Lily Lake

BARE LAND STRATA

Essentially takes the lot density that the whole property would allow under current zoning and compresses it down to smaller and denser lot footprints to leave more non-sub dividable, open space around the development. This allows for more open space but building sites are more compact. In these cases, the developer must maintain road maintenance and septic systems. The Bare Land Strata act does not allow the SCRD to manage infrastructure unless the developer requests it although it still must be designed to SCRD standards and requirements.

FEE SIMPLE

Also called freehold, fee simple is the most common form of property ownership and basically represents absolute ownership for real property but is still limited by basic government powers like taxation.

Village sits between Lagoon Road and Lily Lake in Madeira Park.

The development has all of its rezoning permits complete and has occupants already moved in.

Developer Ryan Campbell originally bought two lots that were subdividable to a maximum of 16-20 half acre lots and applied for rezoning for 27 single family or duplex building lots.

Part of the terms of the rezoning agreement with the SCRD were to supply a fully-furnished building lot to Area A Seniors Housing for the Abbeyfield House project, a 10-suite assisted-living home for seniors on top of a 13.7% park dedication that provides a public access trail down to and along Lily Lake.

According to the realtor's website, 11 of the 27 lots have been sold.

PAINTED BOAT

Painted Boat is the name of the development currently being built where Lowe's Resort used to stand.

The preferred term for what used to be called a time share is now fractional ownership.

In this case, 31 "vacation villas" are sold with quarter shares in each.

The BC Assessment Authority has determined that fractional ownership is more commercial than residential and has taxed such developments much higher.

After some concern, it seems this is a non-issue for the Painted Boat Development as Project Manager, Ronaye Matthew, explains:

"The developer investigated with legal counsel and local BC Assessment Authorities to ensure management has been set up to support the

residential assessment for regional tax purposes for the fractional interest owners."

Painted Boat required rezoning to CD2 (Comprehensive Development Two) which allows for a variety of building uses though "no one person can occupy an accommodation unit for more than a total of 26 weeks in a calendar year."

This is the first development of its kind in the Pender Harbour area and may be the litmus test for similar developments in the future.

In lieu of 5% park dedication that would have been required if they were subdividing, the developers put up \$70,000 in cash.

This money will be directly applied to construction costs of the Lagoon Road Bicycle/Walking Path, a 1.5 metre-wide paved path that will run from Gonzales Road to Lily Lake Village and eventually may circumnavigate Lily Lake.

The septic system will be a community system for the entire development and the SCRD will take over its operation after one year, as is normally the case with similar developments.

David Rafael, senior planner with the SCRD, said: "Building permit applications have been received for the accommodation units. Discussions are ongoing with the SCRD's Infrastructure Services Department



Brian Lee photo

This view could be yours... for a mere \$1.2 million *plus* building costs.

regarding the details of the septic system."

There is planned commercial activity such as a spa and a restaurant but, according to the SCRD, no such permits have been applied for yet.

Matthew said that designs are in place and they are just waiting for DFO approval before they begin construction of the restaurant this May.

More information is available at www.paintedboat.com.

PENDER HARBOUR LANDING

Pender Harbour Landing sits above Irvine's Landing and is best accessed via Hotel Lake Road.

The development company, Pender Harbour Landing Ltd., is the partnership of Bob Fielding, Doug Sladey and Lorne Embree.

They have preliminary lot approval and the lots are listed for sale but technically don't exist yet because not all permits are in place.

The development will consist of 39 freehold properties on a parcel of

Developments (cont.)

land that theoretically could have accommodated close to 200.

The developers have opted to keep larger parcel sizes in favour of green space and a less cramped lot plan and have created a strict building scheme in order to ensure compatible architectural characteristics.

The lots vary in size and cost with lots available anywhere from \$175,000 to \$2 million.

The majority of the dedicated park land sits at the entrance to the development along Hotel Lake Road.

Pender Harbour Landing will have a community septic system and developer Bob Fielding says he expects that all approvals and permits will be in place by mid-April. After the system has been approved, the SCRD will take over ownership and management.

SAKINAW RIDGE

Sakinaw Ridge developer BGD Holdings of Langley consists of a number of partners that hold 155 hectares along Lee Bay Road to Sakinaw Lake and out to the ocean around to the Daniel Point Development.

They're currently involved in subdividing one-third of their land holdings for a total of 31 lots.

John Enevoldsen Engineering is

managing their application for a conventional, or fee simple, sub-division with lot sizes of 1.6 to 5.96 acres and are listed for sale for anywhere between \$275,000 and \$1.2 million.

According to Alan Stewart of Re/Max Realty, 10 out of the 31 lots have been sold.

The developers provided approximately \$68,000 plus land for park dedication to satisfy the requirements of the SCRD.

The park land is a 4.81 hectare site that is situated away from the current development toward Mixal Lake in an area that may be developed in the future.

Water supply is yet to be resolved but a possible solution is in the works with the SCRD applying to draw water from Sakinaw Lake.

The septic system should be a mixture of community and on-site but has not yet gained approval.

The developer is working with the SCRD to refine the design.

WHITTAKER'S AT PENDER HARBOUR

With a nod to the history of its namesake, Whittaker's at Pender Harbour is being developed by Rockwater

Properties, the same company that bought Lord Jim's Resort and operates it now as Rockwater Secret Cove Resort.

Situated directly between Pender Harbour Landing and Farrington Cove, Rockwater Properties bills Whittaker's as "a luxury, architect-designed ocean-front community" in an "undisturbed and natural setting."

Like Farrington, Whittaker's is a bare land strata development and has opted to increase the density of housing towards

the water's edge and leave the back end of the property in its natural state.

The development consists of 25 lots with custom designed homes that will cost between \$989,000 and \$1.75 million.

In lieu of land dedication for rezoning, Rockwater Properties gave 5% of the land's appraised value to the SCRD Parks Acquisition fund and will be applied to future park expenditures on the Sunshine Coast.

The SCRD has signed off on all permits for this development.

It is more than 50% sold.

PARK DEDICATION

When negotiating park dedication, the SCRD usually tries to get as much land as possible rather than an equivalent value of cash because of the obvious long-term benefits.

Planners will reject land that doesn't make sense and suggest more appropriate locations that align with the Official Community Plan or planned projects that are in the community interest.

A developer applying for a Bare Land Strata development usually provides a cash payment in lieu of park dedication because they aren't subdividing, just rezoning.

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The community hall is back!

After some months of being closed due to septic system upgrades, the Pender Harbour Community Hall has reopened its doors.

Stu Eggleton and Don Fraser have worked tirelessly to get the septic system operable but also fixed a number of other problems that were discovered at the same time.

The hall now has a dry basement thanks to perimeter drainage and a new concrete floor.

When the septic project was started, it was discovered that there were a couple of feet of water under the floor.

This should dramatically im-

prove the comfort levels for any winter events where people might have thought the air was a little damp!

More improvements are on the way and donations are always wel-

come to continue efforts.

Community Club president, Ted Lee says the floor will soon be refinished, just in time for a country dance on Saturday, April 28 featuring music by the Steel Toe Boots.

Tickets are \$20 each, or

\$30/couple.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. and you must be 19 years old or older.

Tickets are available from Lori Fielding and various local businesses.



After draining the "rat poo soup", the basement of the hall now has a fresh floor of dry concrete for extra storage.

Check out the band's website www.steeltoeboots.com.

This dance is being put on by the Pender Harbour Community Club events committee.

This enthusiastic group has been formed to breathe some new life into the local scene and is looking for ideas and help with a myriad of proposed events.

The Blues Festival will be hosting the May Day dance this year which ensures another sold-out event.

Get your tickets early or wait and buy them from the Harbour Spiel the day of with a 1000% mark-up.

Bingo is back again on Thursday nights.

Bingo has long been the primary fundraiser for the community club but attendance has fallen off in recent years.

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Health Centre fundraising campaign

*By The Pender Harbour Health Centre
Fundraising Committee*

The Pender Harbour & District Health Centre Society and the Health Centre Auxiliary are joining to co-sponsor an important event in our community.

"It's Ours" is an awareness and fundraising campaign.

- Awareness so that the residents of Area A learn about the uniqueness of our Health Centre, especially in this present day where quality health care is very important to us.

- Fundraising because they would like to encourage the whole community of Pender Harbour to help the society pay off the balance of its mortgage so they can move forward with new and innovative programs.

The Health Centre recently underwent a major expansion to provide for the future growth of our area.

From existing funds it paid for half of the approximately \$700,000 construction bill and is currently able to handle the monthly mortgage payments of \$7,300 towards the \$350,000 mortgage.

But while that debt is being

repaid other programs cannot be funded.

If the mortgage was paid that money could be used to pay for important services to our residents, such as a diabetes education program, women's wellness clinic, healthy heart program and many other needed community education projects.

The planning committee wants to involve the whole community in this awareness campaign.

They will be at all our community events with brochures and information.

If you're not a member of the Pender Harbour Health Care Society, this will be your chance to pay \$5 for your membership as well as give a donation.

It could be simple.

If all of our residents — and that includes our wonderful part-time residents who make this community come alive in the summertime — gave \$100 each, the debt would be paid..



An ambitious fundraising campaign kicks off April 28 to pay for the recent expansion.

Look for the campaign kick-off in front of the Bargain Barn Thrift Store on April 28 at 11 a.m.

The Bargain Barn is run entirely by local volunteers from the Health Centre Auxiliary who put in countless hours recycling merchandise and presenting it for resale.

The opening of the campaign is highlighted by the donation of \$25,000 from the auxiliary from their Bargain Barn operations last year.

You will see the "It's Ours" float at the May Day parade.

You will be invited to a lunch and Bargain Barn Fashion Show in the fall, and there will be a wind-up gala event in December.

You will hear about us on the radio and read about us in the press.

It's important to get the message out to our residents about how much we value our unique Health Centre.

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Triple Play Improv coming to community hall

Burnaby's Triple Play Improv is bringing its hilarious show to Pender Harbour.

The event will be raising money for a new playground for the Madeira Park Elementary School.

The show will be on Saturday, April 21 at 8 p.m. at the Pender Harbour Community Hall.

Tickets are \$20 and are available at the Sunshine Coast Credit Union, John Henry's, Talewind Books and at the door.

All proceeds will go to the Madeira Park Elementary School playground project.

Most of the current playground

equipment had to be removed as it no longer met safety requirements.

The Parents Advisory Committee created a subcommittee, the Playground Committee, to begin fundraising for a new playground structure.

Triple Play Improv is composed of three of the original members of the UBC Improv Team and Mock Improv.

After some time away from improv comedy, they have reunited to bring laughs to the suburbs of Vancouver.

They host regular shows in Burnaby at the Shadbolt Performing Arts Centre and are also available for private shows and workshops.

Triple Play Improv will be focusing its shows on the areas outside of Vancouver.

They are bringing the show to the people instead of making the people come to the show and are delighted with the response they have received so far.

Triple Play Improv's goal is to create an environment where the audience can come and have a good time.

Check out Triple Plays website at www.tripleplayimprov.com.

For more information, please call Michelle Silvey at (604) 883-9722

POLICE REPORT

JAN. 17. TO FEB. 20. TO MARCH 20. 2007

By P.H. Community Policing Volunteers

It would seem that our crime rate is down in Madeira Park.

We have three reports of a Rottweiler running loose on Warnock and Francis Peninsula. By now we would hope the owner has the animal contained.

The Community Policing Station is open Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

It is maintained by volunteers,

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Thursday, April 5, 2007

- 1:30 pm Infrastructure Services Committee

Thursday, April 12, 2007

- 1:30 pm Planning & Development Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

Thursday, April 19, 2007

- 1:30 pm Community Services Committee

Thursday, April 26, 2007

- 1:30 pm Corporate and Administrative Services Committee
- 7:30 pm Regular Board

Thursday, April 30, 2007

- 9:00 am Policing Committee
- 10:30 am Transportation Committee

AREA "A" DIRECTOR JOHN REES

Director Rees is available to meet with residents to discuss local issues related to the Sunshine Coast Regional District government. He can be reached at home at (604) 883-9033 or by e-mail, jarees@dccnet.com.

AREA A ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION

The next meeting of the Egmont/Pender Harbour Advisory Planning Commission is scheduled for:

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TRANSPORTATION AND POLICING ISSUES

Alternate Director Barrie Wilbee is now assisting Director Rees with Policing and Transportation issues and can be reached at (604) 883-2243.

TIPS FOR THE NEW SCRD TELEPHONE SYSTEM

The SCRD has recently installed a new telephone system that features an automated attendant. Our new telephone number 604-885-6800 provides access to all of our services. Please listen carefully to your options.

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Transit Department	885-6899

Please note that as with any new system, we are working thru minor glitches as they arise. Your patience as we implement this new technology is greatly appreciated!!



John Rees
SCRD Director, Area A

AREA A 2007 BUDGET (SCRD PORTION)

As promised last month here is a breakdown.

The overall SCRD budget for 2007 is \$11.2 million, an increase of 6.9% over 2006.

The Area A budget for 2007 is \$1.4 million, an increase of 7.5% over 2006.

REASONS FOR THE INCREASE

As I explained in last month's column, high assessment in this area is responsible for at least 2% of this increase.

Increases are as follows:

- Pender Harbour Clinic:

Due to additional operating costs as a result of the clinic expansion, we have increased that budget by \$15,000, or 1.1% of our Area A budget.

- Pender Harbour Pool:

We are now in the process of making payments to cover the costs of the repairs caused by mold in the walls.

The Area A portion was established as \$173,000, of which we have

repaid \$88,000 from the savings created while the pool was shut down.

The remaining \$85,000 has been borrowed from the SCRD at low interest and will be turned over to the school district upon completion of this budget process.

We will make five payments of approximately \$18,000 each to cover this debt and the first is included in this budget.

Other than this item, the pool budget is status quo and that portion of our increase is 1.4%.

- Pender Harbour Landfill:

This landfill, which normally runs at a loss, is included with the Sechelt Landfill, which normally operates at a profit, and recycling Coast wide under one function called Solid Waste.

This function ran up a large deficit in 2006, mostly due to lower than anticipated tipping fees from the Sechelt operation caused mainly by atrocious weather in November and December.

This deficit has to be accounted for in this budget and for our area is \$35,000.

The landfill portion of our increase is 2.5%.

- All other functions:

I have only talked about three functions but our area participates in 22 other separate services at the SCRD such as parks, bylaw control, planning, 911, emergency Planning etc.

Fortunately, all of these services balanced out, some up, some down, with a net result of no tax increase for this year.

Believe it or not, even general government (administration) was down!

SUMMARY

Area A increases:

Clinic 1.1% = \$15,000

Pool 1.4% = \$18,000

Landfill 2.5% = \$35,000

Assessment increases (Prov.):

2.0% = \$28,000

Area A will pay about \$100,000 above the 2006 level, almost all of which will stay right at home.

COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

I am very pleased to announce that, contained in the overall budget, there is an annual stipend of \$5,000 to help out with the training and equipment costs for this wonderful group of volunteers.

This allowance will not only help Unit 61 here in Pender Harbour but is available to the Halfmoon Bay and Gibsons units also.

There is also a modest increase for our Recreation Programs, operated by the Community School, for the Skookumchuk Heritage Museum and the budget also contains Info Centre and public washroom support as usual.

Keep in mind also that we have \$500,000 for our soccer field, \$40,000 for trails and \$70,000.00 for the Lagoon Road pathway, all in hand and waiting to spend.

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South Pender Harbour Waterworks District

South Pender Harbour Water District Annual General Meeting

The South Pender Harbour Waterworks District AGM will be held on Monday, April 30, 2007 at the Pender Harbour Community Hall at 7:00 pm.

There are two Trustee positions up for election. Nominations will not be accepted from the floor. Forms and requirements for nominations are available from the District office at 12828 Lagoon Road, Madeira Park during regular office hours. Regular office hours are 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday – Friday except statutory holidays. Nominations of qualified candidates will be received at the District Office until noon April 13, 2007.

Persons entitled to hold the position of Water Board Trustee must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. A Canadian Citizen.
2. Eighteen years of age or older.
3. An owner of land in the South Pender Harbour Waterworks Improvement District.
4. A resident of British Columbia for the last six consecutive months.

Persons nominating and seconding the nomination must also meet the above qualifications.

Source to Tap

The District's engineer is awaiting information from the SCRD to complete the 9th module of the Source to Tap which will address the merits of remaining independent or joining up with the SCRD. Once the information is provided by the SCRD, Draft #2 of the Source to Tap report will be completed.

Following the completion of Draft #2, a Source to Tap committee meeting will be held. At that time the committee will finalize the Risk Characterization (Module 7), establish the Risk Management Strategy (Module 8) and establish a communication plan for presenting the information to the public. Following the committee meeting, the report will be finalized and the communication plan implemented. Public presentations will be made and then a vote will be held.

The Source to Tap report to the ratepayers of SPHWD will be presented in a neutral, non-biased fashion. Regardless of the outcome of any vote, importance must be given to the delivery of water to your household. Water can no longer be taken for granted nor be undercharged.

If you have any questions, please call the SPHWD office at (604) 883-2511.

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PPA letter to Premier Campbell

[Letter sent to Premier Gordon Campbell, dated March 7, 2007]

Premier Campbell,

Pan Pacific Aggregates Ltd. is currently in the exploration and pre-application stage of developing a proposed limestone quarry (Sechelt Carbonate Project) on the Caren Range of the Sunshine Coast and we are defining the parameters of our required Environmental Assessment for both provincial and federal governments.

We refer to a letter to you from Eleanor Lenz on February 13, 2007 regarding the Sechelt Carbonate Project and made available to the public through www.sosc.com (Save Our Sunshine Coast).

Because this letter contains misinformation, and we expect this misinformation to initiate further correspondence to you from the public and our local representative, MLA Nicholas Simons, we would like to address the issues.

Ms. Lenz request that you, "consider expansion of Spipyus Provincial Park in the Caren Range to encompass the existing unique wetlands that form the Carlson Creek Watershed."

Ms. Lenz is misinformed; this area is not a unique wetland, it is an area of relict post-glacial features with limited habitat capacity.

The word "pristine" is frequently bandied about by Ms. Lenz and others opposed to our company's work on the Sunshine Coast, and this too is propagation of misinformation.

The area has been clearcut logged at least twice and mining activity has taken place on the Sechelt

Peninsula since the 1880s (Ms. Lenz wrote that the Sechelt Peninsula does not have a long history of mining).

Ms. Lenz states that we propose an open-pit mine in the area.

An open-pit mine generally refers to metal extraction, which produces waste relative to volume of material extracted, but we propose a limestone quarry which does not result in waste material from the entirely mechanical extraction process.

In wild speculation, Ms. Lenz adds that our project would, "surely destroy what is there now."

Ms. Lenz identifies the Carlson Lake Watershed as an alternative source for Sunshine Coast drinking water, but our scientific data collected since 2005 indicates that Carlson Lake is unsuitable for this purpose without construction of substantial dams and dykes.

Water-flows and topography of the area, along with the limited capacity of this shallow lake, do not support its use as a reservoir.

We would like to remind you of our proposal, at the Sunshine Coast Water Summit of March 2006, to develop a reservoir with 20 times the capacity of the Chapman Creek water system, the current primary source of Sunshine Coast drinking water.

We could complete this alternate water source in conjunction with our proposed quarry operations at no cost to the taxpayer.

There is much to be gained by working co-operatively with Pan Pacific Aggregates, especially in view of the recent, rapid development on the Sunshine Coast and the resulting concerns about a supply of potable water in the future.

We have extensive hydrological and hydrogeological data on this area, and our proposed quarry, in carbonate rocks, would be a natural, ideal storage area for clean water.

At this stage of our project, it would not be a problem to include an end-use water reservoir for the Sunshine Coast in our development plan, but this would require a joint initiative from the community and Pan Pacific Aggregates.

We thank you for your consideration of this matter, and invite you to meet with us for more information about the Sechelt Carbonate Project on your next visit to the Sunshine Coast.

At your convenience, please contact us at (604) 883-9000 to arrange a site visit and orientation. I remain,

Yours truly,
Myrtle Winchester
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4. **Giardia, Cryptosporidium** and other bacteria are effectively removed **only by filtration**.
 - ❖ No testing is done for these bacteria.
5. By the mid 2020's climate change is predicted to change the seasonal distribution of runoff.
 - ❖ Longer periods of drought in summer may require increased capacity of the dam.
 - ❖ *This cost has not been calculated.*
6. Dogwood reservoir is located below the hydraulic grade line.
 - ❖ Causing extended periods without circulation & resultant stagnant water.
7. SPHWD has only **one** qualified Operator.
 - ❖ Backup operators are not certified.
8. The system lacks:
 - ❖ Operation & Maintenance manuals.
 - ❖ Drawings of the system as built are almost non-existent.
 - ❖ Actual distribution locations in some areas.
 - ❖ Pipe material information throughout the system and cross connections.
9. SPHWD system leakage is **18.4 million gallons/year** (22% of usage).
 - ❖ Wasted water is enough to supply nearly 200 homes for a year.
 - ❖ A SPHWD proposal to conserve water by installing water meters will cost between \$500K & \$1 Million dollars.
 - ❖ This proposal will not save as much water as fixing the leakage problems.

***This information was taken from the draft "Source to Tap Study"
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A good fairy ferry story

Editor,

While travelling on the 8:20 a.m. ferry this morning, I received a phone call from my husband that the doctor's appointment I was heading to in Vancouver had been cancelled.

As we get older we seem to have more and more of these trips to make and I must admit that I have joined others in grousing about the long drive from Pender, ferry line-ups, parking on the boat and waiting to get off, etc.

But this morning, one kind act changed my outlook.

I found the Chief Steward's office and told her my tale of woe and asked if there was any way I could get back home on this ferry.

A quick phone call with the description of my truck to the deck hands and I was set.

Once some of the vehicles were off-loaded, I was directed to another parking spot heading the right way back home.

A big thank-you to the Chief Steward and her staff for making my day. It was much appreciated.

Sheila McCann
Madeira Park

Old photos needed

Editor,

Since the community hall is undergoing so many changes I was hoping that some of your readers might have old photos of the hall that we could put up as a collage in the hall once the upgrades are completed and the hall is rockin' again.

Please give me a call at 883-2151 or mail to Box 2, Madeira Park.

Ted Lee
President, P.H. Community Club

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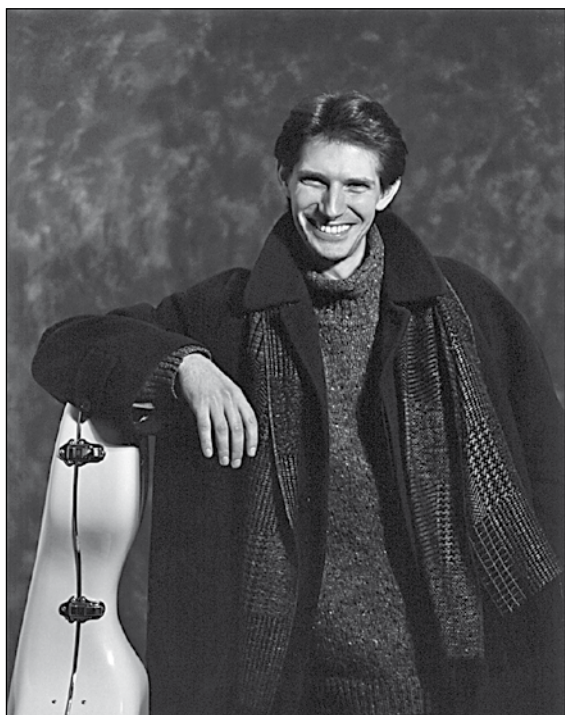
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Cellist Paul Marleyn and pianist Silvia Fraser perform



Cellist Paul Marleyn

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A cellist with a broad and eclectic repertoire that ranges from the Baroque period to the twentieth century, Anglo-Canadian cellist Paul Marleyn tours regularly in Canada and has given numerous performances in the United States, Europe and Asia.

He has played recitals at London's Wigmore Hall, Boston's Jordan Hall, Chicago's Cultural Centre, and Geneva's Victoria Saal, and is a frequent guest at summer festivals across Canada and around the world.

Since 2000, Paul has been President and Artistic Director

of Canada's annual Agassiz Summer Chamber Music Festival in Winnipeg.

Paul Marleyn was born in Reading, England.

After studying privately with Robert Norris in London, he worked with David Strange at the Royal Academy of Music, Laurence Lesser at the New England Conservatory and Aldo Parisot at Yale University.

Paul holds a Masters Degree and Artist Diploma, and in 1994 was elected Associate of the Royal Academy of Music.

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Marleyn (cont.)

including grants from the Fulbright Commission, the Canada Council, the Manitoba Arts Council and the Royal Society of Arts.

From 1993 to 1997, Mr. Marleyn was principal cellist of the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra, and from 1997 to 2004, he taught at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg.

In 2004, he became professor of cello at the University of Ottawa.

Accompanying Paul will be pianist Silvia Fraser.

Born in Vancouver, Ms. Fraser completed her Masters of Music at the Eastman School of Music and now holds the position of pianist and coach at Chatham's School of Music in Manchester.

She has been a pianist for the Banff Centre Cellofest, the Bowdoin Summer Music Festival, and the

Vancouver Cello Club, who granted her the first Colin Hampton Memorial Scholarship for her contribution to the cello community.

When Paul Marleyn took to the stage during the 1st annual Pender Harbour Chamber Music Festival in 2005, he immediately won our hearts – not only with his virtuosic performance but also with his easygoing manner and his fine sense of humour.

Help us to welcome him back to Pender Harbour by joining us at the Music Society's Performance Centre, April 22 at 2 p.m.

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by Judi Georgetti, RN

ATTENTION LADIES!

The Screening Mammography Program of BC is bringing their mobile unit to Pender Harbour at the end of June.

This is great news and comes after some nagging and coercion on the part of the community health nurses in Sechelt and your nurse manager.

They heard us when we said that the women of the Sunshine Coast were being shortchanged with regards to access to this invaluable health screen.

I do not have a firm date yet but I think the unit will be here for a day and a half and we will want pre-bookings.

So any of you who are due for a mammogram or those of you who have never made the effort to have one done – this is your chance.

We want to make sure that it is booked solidly so that they will see the need.

There will be door prizes and Anita Horovenko, a breast cancer survivor, is donating a quilted pillow for raffling to raise funds for our library to provide information on breast cancer.

This will be an “event” and for me means the start of our next public program which is a Well Women’s Clinic.

Once we have the mortgage paid off we can focus our attention on having that clinic set up and running.

So make sure all of your friends and family know about this and keep your eyes open for how to book an appointment.

PENDER HARBOUR WALKS FOR HEALTH

May 10 will be the second annual Pender Harbour Walks For Health.

Last year we had a modest turn out for the walk which was from the Health Centre to Millenium Park.

I think the walk will be the same route this year but I don’t have all of the information yet.

We will have info at the Health Centre soon.

Deb Cole of the Aquatic Centre is the point person for this event and it is done province wide to encourage activity and raise awareness of the importance of walking in the community.

We will have information on our website as soon as it is up and running.

It is a nice few hours with good company and refreshments will be offered upon completion of the walk.

You can walk, run, bike, jog, push, crawl or whatever it takes – I know I was crawling the last few yards last year but that only reinforces the fact that I need to exercise more.

Who doesn’t?

AUXILIARY GIFT SHOP

The Auxiliary Gift Shop is now closed and the space previously occupied by it will be transformed into a new waiting area.

We have a few volunteers who will be decorating the space and making it user-friendly.

Soon the courtyard will be planted and ready for use this summer.

It will be beautiful with contributions from a lot of people and groups.

The Garden Club has offered to put in a “Healing Garden” and Jim Rutherford has offered his expertise in

plants and flowers.

I am sure it will be fabulous.

HEALTH CENTRE FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Pender Harbour Health Centre fundraising campaign kicks off April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Bargain-Barn.

The new expansion of the health centre cost \$700,000, of which half is already paid for.

We need to pay down the remaining \$350,000 in order to be able to continue with many of the other programs that will suffer from managing this debt.

Please offer your support in any way you can.

PENDER HARBOUR WALKS FOR HEALTH



MAY 10
PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE

Pender Harbour Blues Festival Expands

Now into its fourth highly successful year and getting rave reviews, the Pender Harbour Blues Society has decided to expand its festival dates to two weekends this year.

Ever popular Blue VooDoo, a big party blues band, will kick off the two blues weekends at the Garden Bay Pub Friday & Saturday, May 11 and 12.

The May Day long weekend blues begins Friday, May 18 at the Garden Bay Pub with "Mr. Entertainer" Billy Dixon's Soul Train Express.

On Saturday, watch out for the blues festival float in the May Day parade!

The blues festival and the community club have come together to make it a very huge weekend for all.

The PA and many of the blues festival artists will entertain you on the school grounds, giving a peek at what to expect at their concerts.

This will include Sibel Thrasher, Nickel City Slim & Adam Nation,

Bear Bay Trio, Teresa Moase, with support Band Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters.

New bands strutting their stuff for the first time on stage is Five Lives, an all-girl band about to take Pender Harbour by storm.

Next up is 10 to One who will take to the stage to thrill you with originals and rock tunes.

Saturday night is the big event so put on your dancing shoes at the community hall with the Twisters, Canada's premiere jump blues band.

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The release of their third CD *Live at Harvest Fest* was met with much critical acclaim.

They're a fixture on the Canadian blues scene and have earned a reputation as one of the best blues bands in the country, receiving numerous accolades and awards over the years.



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Sibel Thrasher looks pleased as punch to be coming to Pender Harbour on the May long weekend for the Pender Harbour Blues Festival.

Saturday night sees Billy Dixon's Soul Train Express knockin' out toe-tapping tunes at the Garden Bay Pub with their brand of infectious soul music.

On Sunday at the Garden Bay Pub at 2 p.m. is the All-Star Jam featuring greats like Doc Fingers, Lindsay Mitchell, with Nickel City Slim, Adam Nation, Sibel Thrasher, Billy Dixon's Soul Train Express, Teresa Moase and support band Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters.

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Brian Lee photo

The appearance of long boarders on our local roads is always a sure sign of
spring. Sandy Charlton in training for the Attack of Danger Bay..

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Sustainable Everything

by Jim Rutherford

Low-maintenance and sustainable gardening go hand in hand.

Layering plant materials from tall to short is the answer.

This is to create an over story and an under story.

Picture your herbaceous border cascading towards you, not in the formal English garden way, but more relaxed to suit the Coast.

Your friends will be impressed and you'll have more time to relax rather than shrugging it out in your garden month after month.

For height, perhaps start with a lilac, Norway maple or a witch hazel.

If you want privacy year round, use an evergreen, rather than a deciduous tree.

You can insert one of these taller shrubs/trees at any time.

To add interest, make a long sweeping curve in the border and add

something like a curly willow, contort hazel or a cascading caragana to make a good focal point.

Now working forward to the lawn or patio something mid-height like rhodos, hydrangeas or azalea mollis will work nicely.

Mexican orange (choisga, sun dancer) prune easily, are deer proof and can take it quite dry.

For a hillside, as many of us have, this approach works just as well.

California lilac (ceanothus) is very drought tolerant and, if you have lots of space, need not be pruned.

But watch out, it can get pretty big.

The saying goes, "If you look after your soil, the plants will look after themselves."

Well, that's true only if you start with a superior deep soil base.

Around here, rocks can put a limit on that effort.

By layering your plants you can provide shade to the roots of adjacent plants from the hot sun and cheat on soil depth.

Nobody wants to be a water hog so the shade you provide will reduce the evaporation from the soil and transpiration from the foliage.

Finally the short stuff.

Coral bells (heuchera), day lilies,

coreopsis, or black-eyed Susans as perennials provide a lot of colour.

Just space the plants a little further apart if you plan to insert annuals.

Now is a good time to make a move on perennials but be sure to consider the whole year when you shop.

It's easy to be seduced with the beautiful perennials that are on display, but leave some space for summer and autumn ones that show up later on.

In amending soils for better plant growth, the easiest way is to top dress.

Raw cow manure will have weed seeds in it that will germinate.

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Never use raw chicken droppings, the concentration of urea will severely burn your plants and must be well composted.

For convenience, I often use pre-packaged steer manure which, in processing, has been sterilized to kill weed seeds and pathogens.

Mushroom manure is fine; however it just has some of the available nutrients used up naturally, but is sterile.

Jeanie at Kleindale Nursery has some choice early pansies and ranunculus to spot-plant for colour in your borders and containers.

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Pain and your pet

By Doretta Morland

One of the most frequent questions asked of a veterinary office is, "How would I know if my pet is in any discomfort or pain?"

While there is no blanket statement that will give a complete answer to this question, there are indicators to watch for which may help you to determine the presence of any pain your animal may be experiencing.

Many people believe that if their animal isn't whimpering or whining, they must not be suffering very much when, in fact, it may be quite the opposite.

Keep in mind their ancestry dictates "survival of the fittest" and therefore showing any sign of weakness, i.e. pain, in animal-speak could be viewed by them as asking for trouble.

Try to remember the last time you cried out when you were in pain.

Vocalizing is usually a sign of acute pain—think touching the hot stove.

Chronic pain seldom involves crying out.

Like us, most signs of pain in our pets are actually fairly subtle like loss of appetite or lethargy.

Really, anything from a minor change in behavior to yowling could be a sign that your pet is hurting.

Watch for any of the following symptoms:

- Limping

- Splinting (tensing when touched)
- Unexplained panting
- Hesitating to move a certain body part or to move at all
- Inexplicable aggression when approached, touched or moved
- Avoiding use of the litter box or unwilling to settle down to eliminate
- Crying or whining

Remember, animals don't always show pain in the way we think they should.

So, when in doubt call your veterinary office and they can help you decide if it's something that might need further investigation.



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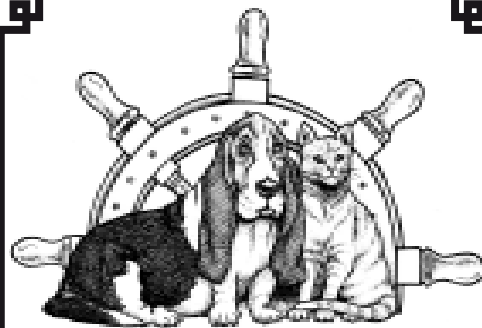
has been made aware of recent reports of suspected parvovirus outbreaks in the canine community of the lower mainland and BC Interior.

Two deaths have been reported over the last month, both suspected parvovirus victims.

The BCVMA highly recommends regular vaccinations to guard against parvovirus and other diseases.

Parvo presents with extreme vomiting and bloody, foul smelling diarrhea and can be fatal, particularly in the very young and elderly dogs.

To be fully protected, puppies should be vaccinated at 8, 12 and 16 weeks and annually thereafter.



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Pender rugby as strong as ever

By Dave Gibson

Senior rugby at Pender Harbour Secondary School is up and running.

Coach Mike Cyr's practices are every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:20 - 4:30 p.m.

Thirty students from Grades 8 to 12, boys and girls, have been training

hard for important upcoming games.

On Wednesday, March 7, PHSS hosted our third annual rugby clinic.

Forty students from PHSS and 25 from Chatelech rushed and mauled under the expert tutelage of Team Canada and international star Gareth Rees.

The clinic was put on by the B.C. Rugby Union.

Our community association once again sponsored the entire event, supplying T-shirts, sub buns, oranges and other snacks for the participants.

On Thursday, March 8, we travelled to Argyle Secondary in North Vancouver where the team played well.

On Thursday, March 15 we beat Chatelech 17-12 with tries scored by Kaare "the Bulldog" Jensen, Ross "the Flash" Antilla and Derek "the Animal" Duncan.

Converts were scored by Dominic "the Toe" Christian

On March 29 Chatelech comes here for a 3 p.m. kickoff.

In April, we travel to Kamloops for their annual "Rugbyfest."

We have been playing in this tournament for the past 20 years and always look forward to some excellent competition.

Rugby is alive and well on the Sunshine Coast and we continue to be the "Toast of the Coast."

Gum disease - More trouble than you think!

More people are becoming aware of the link between oral health and our general health but the mouth is often seen as being separate from the rest of the body.

People don't realize that decay of their teeth is an infection and that infection can directly affect their general health.

What happens in our mouth doesn't only remain there.

The links between oral health and general well-being are not all known yet.

One theory is that the bacteria that builds up in the space between teeth and gums can enter the bloodstream and settle elsewhere in the body, causing damage to other organs such as the heart.

The same type of bacteria found on the walls of the arteries is also found in the plaque on our teeth.

Plaque build-up on your teeth will make your gums bleed when you brush and floss and bleeding gums are an indication of infection.

The *Journal of the Canadian Dental Association* shows gum disease may be more prevalent among diabetic patients than non-diabetic people.

Diabetics are more likely than non-diabetics to suffer severe bone loss, tooth loss and infections from gum disease.

Despite its harmful effects, gum disease can be prevented and easily reversed if caught in the early stages by practising good oral health habits.

Brush at least twice a day and floss once a day and be sure to have a dental check-up at least once a year.

To learn more about your oral health and how it contributes to your total well-being, make an appointment for a cleaning and review of your dental health.

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Casey Obalek photo

Luke Hansen wondering how he can get out of this with the least amount of pain.

Mountain biking in Pender Harbour

By Brian Lee

A local group of mountain bikers have been developing single track trails (a narrow trail, generally wide enough for one rider at a time) in Pender Harbour for a few years now and have recognized the potential to increase the exposure for the Pender Harbour area through the mountain bike community.

The Pender Mountain Bike Club, originally called the Mud Sluts, has formed to promote mountain biking and trail building in our area.

It is unknown how many people mountain bike in Area A regularly but it's generally estimated to be quite small.

One limiting factor is the small number of trails available in our area.

Mountain bikers prefer single track trails that are not only more challenging than regular logging roads but are also more scenic and interesting.

According to an economic impact study sponsored by the Western Canada Mountain Bike Tourism Association, "The trail systems of the North Shore, Squamish and Whistler, are estimated to have collectively generated \$10.3 million in spending from riders that live outside of the host community over the period from June 4 to September 17, 2006."

The study shows that trails attract

visitors with disposable income with the majority being in the age 30-45 demographic.

Mountain biking offers one more reason for people who come to our area to stay another day.

Aside from the potential tourism benefits, mountain biking is fun and a social sport that doesn't need to cost a lot.

The PMBC is an informal group of local people who have recognized a need for such a club to introduce new members to the sport, as they were once introduced themselves.

Mountain biking is a sport that often requires a couple of guided trips for a newcomer to become familiar with the terrain and where to find the *fun* trails.

Many routes aren't marked or maintained by the SCRCD because of issues with liability so locations are often passed around by word of mouth.

The plan is to have a fun ride every month in a different trail system to encourage locals to come out and use what has the potential to become a mountain bike mecca.

The Pender Harbour area has an abundance of rolling terrain with scenic viewpoints around every corner and many will be surprised at the extensive network of trails that exist a short ride off the highway.

The club will meet for their first group ride on Sunday,



Tony Adamson photo

Pender mud bunny Kyla Paine wants to encourage women to come out and get dirty too.

April 15, 2007 at the BC Hydro line horse corral at the top of Menacher Rd.

For more information, call Jon Paine at (604) 883-2593

From there groups will be broken out according to ability and fitness level.

It is strongly urged that people unsure about their bikes mechanical condition get their bikes tuned up by a professional before and helmets are considered mandatory.

Brad Proctor at On the Edge Bikes in Sechelt will be happy to ensure your bike is in good working condition for a reasonable price.

Tell him you're a Mud Slut and get 15% off a tune-up for the month of April.



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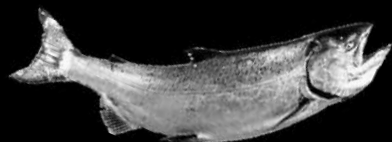
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At the session parents will receive many toys, learning aids, and written hand-outs, which are designed to support learning at each age and stage of development.

SPARK! (Supporting Parents About Readiness for Kindergarten) is being offered as a research project supported by School District No. 46 (Sunshine Coast) and is offered at no cost to parents.

Registration space is limited, and advance registration is required in order to guarantee materials for all participants. To register, please phone Theresa at (604)885-6787.



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The Auxiliary's Giftshop has been a mainstay of the Health Center and has been raising funds for many years. But we just don't have enough volunteers to continue supporting the shop.

**The Gift Shop at the
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Thanks to all those who have knitted, crocheted, sewed, made crafts and woodwork. During the beginning and the lean years your donations and volunteers helped immensely to keep our Health Center open and operating.

We are unhappy to see it go too, and to those who still love to knit and crochet and still wish to have an outlet for your handiwork, may we suggest the following alternative places where your help is needed.

Through Community Services in Sechelt, a division known as Bellies and Babies are most anxious to have infant to toddler sizes, knit wear, crib blankets, childrens' clothing...give Kim Oka a call at (604)885 -5881, L. 227, and see what she desperately needs. If you like to knit socks, toques, mitts and everyone in your circle has enough, the Lookout in Vancouver needs these items for the homeless. They help families in need and gladly accept donations at 528 Powell (604) 255-7026



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PENDER HARBOUR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Mon. April 23, 2007
7:30 p.m.
Garden Bay Fire Hall
Deller Road
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AGENDA

- 1) Presentation of Financial Statements • Year ending December 31, 2006
 - 2) Election: One Trustee position, three-year term
 - 3) Report –Fire Chief
- Adjournment

PUBLIC WELCOME

Barrie Wilbee, Chair

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 01 ~ May King.
 Apr. 02 ~ Marty Lowe, Walter Higgins, Elizabeth Buhlert and Desiree Leech.
 Apr. 03 - Sandi Whelan.
 Apr. 04 ~ Frank Roosen Jr., Doreen Lee and Mike Legge.
 Apr. 05 ~ Doug Silvey and Breanna Clay.
 Apr. 06 ~ Mike Bathgate and Ursula Dornbierer.
 Apr. 07 ~ Happy anniversary to Al & Bobbie Wendland.
 Apr. 08 ~ Andrea Clerx and Gloria Fritz.
 Apr. 10 ~ April Charlton.
 Apr. 11 ~ Joe Adams.
 Apr. 12 ~ Matthew Phillips and Tilley Dougan.
 Apr. 13 ~ Bonnie Rivers (Credit Union), Geoff Warner, Billy Petraschuk and Don Priest.
 Apr. 14 ~ Dan Leech, Molly Edwards and Ann Landry.

Apr. 15 ~ Teresa Sladey and Cathy Collins.
 Apr. 17 ~ Sheila McCann and Carly Campbell.
 Apr. 18 ~ Russ Foster, Howard White, David Brimacomb and Ron Calvert.
 Apr. 19 ~ John Field.
 Apr. 20 ~ Sue Kammerle and Katie Tenbroek.
 Apr. 22 ~ Dan Choquette and Lorrie Babcock.
 Apr. 23 ~ Kathy Morant, Sue Richardson, Heidi Vaughan and Jordan Kammerle.
 Apr. 24 ~ Len Silvey and Alex Dore.
 Apr. 25 ~ Samantha Stewart and Di-etta Edwardson.
 Apr. 26 ~ Teyjah Xaveress and Blake Campbell.
 Apr. 28 ~ Jeanette Penson.
 Apr. 29 ~ Ruth Langton.
 Apr. 30 ~ Kasey & Kelly Smith, Marie Reid, Hazel Higgins. "Prawntrap Patty" Jackson and Bill Sutherland.

APRIL WEATHER

TEMPERATURES, MERRY ISLAND

Our average daily high temperature in April is 11.8 C and our average daily low is 6.2 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 9 C.

The highest April temperature recorded is 20.7 C (April 27, 1972); the lowest is -1.1 C (April 3, 1975).

PRECIPITATION, MERRY ISLAND

April has an average of 190.8 hours of bright sunshine and 13 days with measurable rainfall. April averages a total monthly rainfall of 60.4 mm and a total monthly snowfall of 0.3 cm.

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#2: SIDD FINCH

In its April 1985 edition, Sports Illustrated published a story about a new rookie pitcher who planned to play for the Mets. His name was Sidd Finch and he could reportedly throw a baseball with startling, pinpoint accuracy at 168 mph (65 mph faster than anyone else has ever been able to throw a ball). Surprisingly, Sidd Finch had never even played the game before. Instead, he had mastered the "art of the pitch" in a Tibetan monastery under the guidance of the "great poet-saint Lama Milaraspa." Mets fans everywhere celebrated at their teams's amazing luck at having found such a gifted player, and Sports Illustrated was flooded with requests for more information. But in reality this legendary player only existed in the imagination of the writer of the article, George Plimpton.

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PENDER HARBOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AGM

Come out to the Garden Bay Firehall on Deller Road on Monday, April 23, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. for the PHVFD AGM. There will be an election of one trustee to a three year term and the Fire Chief will present his annual report.

GRIPS (GARBAGE RECYCLING IN PENDER) AGM

All interested parties should attend Monday, April 16, 2007 @ 7:30 p.m. at the P.H. School of Music. For more info. call (604) 740-6822.

PENDER HARBOUR POWER AND SAIL SQUADRON AGM

Will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 for the purpose of Receiving reports from officers and financial reports of the squadron, election of new officers for the upcoming year and considering business as it comes up before this meeting.

There will be a Marine Radio Course (VHF) offered in April. Please contact Eric Dodd for details (604) 883-0568.

SUNSHINE COAST GRAND MOTHERS AND GRAND OTHERS

We are supporting the Stephen Lewis Foundation, raising money to help ease the pain and suffering caused by HIV/AIDS in Africa with a focus on grandmothers and orphans. We will be placing a penny jar in the Madeira Park IGA. For more information please call (604) 886-9381.

EGMONT COMMUNITY CLUB KLEIN LAKE CLEAN UP

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Golfing etiquette is just common sense

By Jan Watson

Thanks to the weather everything is a little behind this year, however the "snowbirds" are returning and everybody is getting in the swing.

The course is in excellent shape, the gang of volunteers have been out there making improvements for you all to enjoy.

We all should be proud of this jewel, a delightful golf course set amongst the trees.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Golf should be a source of exercise and enjoyment, and basic etiquette lets everyone enjoy this great game.

Etiquette isn't complicated, it's mostly good old common sense.

- On the putting green, watch where everyone else's ball is, and don't step in their line to the hole.

This flattens the grass, which affects how the ball rolls, and thus a shot can be ruined.

- Don't stand immediately behind someone putting, and keep still.

This isn't the time to practice your putting stroke; it's distracting,

and concentration is a big part of the game.

- On the tee box, keep still and quiet.

When someone is trying to hit the ball, whispering is rude and distracting.



There is plenty of time for chatter when moving up the fairway between shots.

- Don't race ahead of others in your group.

This is dangerous, so for your own safety it is wise to stay behind the ball being hit.

- Always wait until you are certain that your ball won't reach the players in front of you.

Apart from being dangerous, it's very disturbing to hear a ball land close to you.

We can get frustrated when play is slow and are tempted to hit the ball before we are sure that it is safe to do so. Not a good idea, as a golf ball is a dangerous missile when hit hard. To quote an old phrase it's "better safe than sorry."

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Thursdays are Ladies Day
April 12- Ladies Scramble & Spring Meeting with Luncheon
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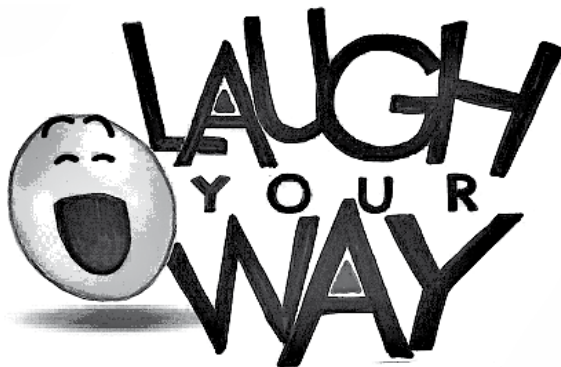
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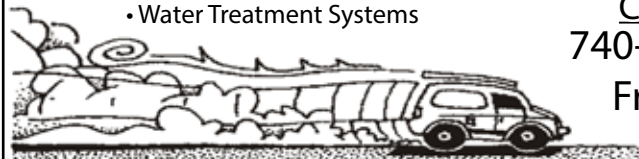
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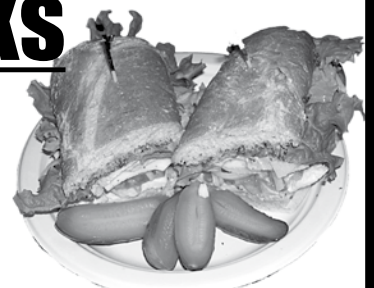
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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

North Pender Harbour
Water Service Area
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7 p.m. Tuesday April 17, 2007

A public information meeting is scheduled to be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday April 17, 2007 at Pender Harbour Resort, 4686 Sinclair Bay Road, Garden Bay.

Purpose of Meeting:

The purpose of this meeting is two-fold:

1. Presentation of the 2007 Budget and 10 Year Capital Water Works Plan for the NPHWSA.
2. To accept nominations for the North Pender Harbour Water Advisory Committee (NPHWAC).

Nominations for the NPHWAC can also be made in advance of the meeting by writing to:

Steve Lee, GM Infrastructure Services
Sunshine Coast Regional District
1975 Field Road,
Sechelt, BC
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Further information may be obtained by contacting Selina Statnyk, Infrastructure Department, at 604-885-6806, ext. 6139 or selina.statnyk@scrd.bc.ca.

Public Information Meeting

Proposed multi-user communication tower facility

April 4, 2007, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Egmont Community Hall

Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions and receive input on land use related concerns, proposed plans and health and safety.



Cascadia Tower proposes a 55 metre tower to improve wireless communications in the Earl's Cove, Egmont areas. The proposed site is located 1.3 km north of Egmont Rd. in the SE corner of District Lot 5341, a 33 acre unimproved parcel.

Cascadia Tower:
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

APRIL

Sun. April 1.....Larrie Cook and the Bluesmasters - Garden Bay Pub,
 Fri. April 6.....Jamie Dale and Surveillance - Garden Bay Pub
 Sat. April 7.....Jamie Dale and Surveillance - Garden Bay Pub
 Sat. April 7.....Big Easter Meat Draw - P.H. Legion
 Sun. April 8.....P.H. Lions' Pancake Breakfast - P.H. Lions' Hall, 9 a.m.
 Sun. April 8.....Joe Stanton - Garden Bay Pub
 Wed. April 11.....P.H. Power and Sail Squadron AGM - P.H. Legion
 Fri. April 13.....Breakfast With Colin Hansen - P.H. Golf Club, 8 a.m.
 Fri. April 13.....Reality Swim - P.H. Aquatic Centre, 8 p.m.
 Sun. April 15.....Gaetan and the French Connection - Garden Bay Pub
 Sun. April 15.....Klein Lake Clean Up - Klein Lake (site #10), 11 a.m.
 Sun. April 15.....Pender Mountain Bike Club Ride - top Menacher Rd., 10 a.m.
 Mon. April 16.....GRIPS AGM - P.H. School of Music, 7:30 p.m.
 Mon. April 16.....Splashin' Sneakers Pro-D Day Swim - P.H.A.C., 12 noon
 Tues. April 17.....P.H. Wildlife Society/Peter Robson(guest) - PHSS, 7:30 p.m.
 Fri. April 20.....Quiz Night(Serendipity Preschool) - P.H. Legion, 8 p.m.
 Sat. April 21.....Soup and Song - St. Andrew's Anglican Church, 5 p.m.
 Sat. April 21.....Triple Play Improv - P.H. Community Hall, 8 p.m.
 Sun. April 22.....Paul Marleyn - Music Society Performance Centre, 2 p.m.
 Sun. April 22.....Simon Paradis and Gut Bucket Thunder - Garden Bay Pub
 Mon. April 23.....P.H. Volunteer Fire Dept. AGM - G. Bay Firehall, 7:30 p.m.
 Wed. April 25.....Area "A" APC - P.H.S.S. (Rm. 107), 7 p.m.
 Sat. April 28.....April Tools Wooden Boat Challenge - Millenium Park
 Sat. April 28.....Steel Toe Boots - P.H. Community Hall, 8:30 p.m.
 Sat. April 28.....P.H.H.C. Fundrasing Campaign kick-off - Bargain Barn, 11 a.m.
 Mon. April 30.....P.H. Reading Centre AGM - P.H. Reading Centre, 10 a.m.
 Mon. April 30.....S. Pender Waterworks AGM - P.H. Community Hall, 7 p.m.

MAY

Fri. May 4Garden Bay Classic registration - Garden Bay Pub, 5-7 p.m.
 Fri. May 4.....Laugh Your Way - Christ the Redeemer Church, 7 p.m.
 Fri. May 4.....Ready, Set, Learn/SPARK session - M.P.E.S.
 Sat. May 5.....Garden Bay Classic Fishing Derby (2 days)

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