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Pharmacy Manager

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# **Black Bear**

This cub came for a visit with his Mom (*ursus americanus*), and to eat a few walnuts and let me take a few pictures. This time of year, they are feeding more to fatten up for winter. Though not a true hibernator, during winter sleep the bear's kidneys shut down completely. The bear recycles its urine when in hibernation. Science has not yet learned how they do this.

Black Bears are not true hibernators. They will sometimes wake up and wander away from their den. On a cold day in February, up behind Duck Lake, I came upon a fresh pile of bear poop. Nearby there was bark torn off and fresh claw marks on an old Fir tree.

The Black Bear is my Totem. ~ Rod Innes

If you talk to the animals, they will talk with you, and you will know each other. If you do not talk to them, you will not know them, and what you do not know, you will fear, and what one fears, one destroys. ~ Chief Dan George

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Elio Cossarin at the Cranberry
Cemetery.

Photo by Pieta Woolley





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### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

# Inspired by vacuum passion

first came across Bishop Lister, 9, when I saw him pushing a vacuum cleaner down Joyce Avenue several months ago.

"What kind of a vacuum do you have?" he asked me within minutes of meeting. I'd never been asked that question before. "A Miracle Mate," I replied. "It belonged to my mother."

"That's a good machine," said Bishop, before showing me his storage shed containing close to 60 vacuums that he's either fixed or is working on. I was blown away.

You don't meet young entrepreneurs every day. Westview Elementary Principal Jamie Burt says Bishop comes to the office sometimes and they watch YouTube videos about vacuum repairs. People call Bishop and ask him questions about their broken vacuums and he's been able to diagnose the problem without even seeing the machine.

Bishop's passion for vacuum is inspiring - it makes me want to learn more about everything. And I learned a lot from this issue of Powell River Living!

Did you know that black bears' kidneys shut down completely and that they recycle their urine while in hibernation? I didn't. I learned this interesting bit of bear trivia from Rod Innes while reading his story on Page 4 of this month's PRL.

I've learned there was a lot I didn't know about the candidates running for school board, regional district, Mayor and city council. I feel like I now have a sense of who they are and what they hope to achieve if elected.

Powell River Living's editor Pieta Woolley is part of a team organizing Memento Mori (Remember Death) a series of contemplative events to honour the dead and get you thinking about your own mortality (see ad on Page 34).

But before that, Pieta's story about Elio Cossarin and respecting the dead reveals that cemeteries are viewed differently in Italy than in Canada and how our own cemetery in Cranberry is being transformed.

When night photographer Jesse Derkatch visited Powell River Living and spoke to associate publisher Sean Percy (also a photography buff) about his art, Sean's eyes lit up. He could appreciate Jesse's art and the work involved in painting with light. Some of Jesse's amazing images can be found on Pages 32 and 33.

On Monday, October 8, families all across the country will be sitting down to a Thanksgiving dinner and reflecting on what they have to be thankful for. "A Feast with a Purpose," on Pages 34 and 35, has faith leaders weigh in on Thanksgiving. I have much to be thankful for: family, friends, good health, and being able to live, love and work in the best community in the world!

What are you thankful for?



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BC THANKSGIVING PROOF DRIVE



In support of Fire Prevention Week, RONA encourages all Powell River households to develop a plan together and practice it. A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole, or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home. Fire Prevention Week is also a great time to test your smoke alarm.

During October, purchase any smoke alarm or fire extinguisher and get your name entered to win a plug-in Carbon Monoxide alarm valued at \$62.98.





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and all our independent volunteers

# Five ways the Cranberry Cemetery is reinventing itself for the 21st century

The Cranberry Cemetery, which is owned and managed by qathet Regional District, is 4.3 hectares at the foot of Valentine Mountain, designed for burying people. However, here on the West Coast, the dead are much more likely to get cremated than in the rest of North America, at over 80 percent. Here in Powell River, the number is even higher – over 90 percent. Plus, the cemetery is profoundly underused – just 30 percent of locals who die have their remains interred in Cranberry.

In 2010, qathet commissioned a report from Lees+Associates, to propose some modernizing solutions to the cemetery. Many of them have been adopted. Here are five projects the cemetery has recently completed that keep it a relevant and vital place to honour the dead.

#### 1. GREEN BURIAL GARDEN

This new area accepts bodies in shrouds – no casket needed. It borders an existing grove of second-growth forest, and has been very popular. In fact, one family recently bought 22 plots.

#### 2. COLUMBARIA

These large stone pots for storing cremated remains were built into the garden behind the Mausoleum. As many more people choose cremation now than when the cemetery was first conceived, this is one of the many ways ashes are kept respectfully at the cemetery. Some are in the Mausoleum, others are interred into the ground. A scattering garden was part of the Lees+Associates plan for the green burial area, but it has not been built yet.

#### 3. TRIBUTE BENCHES

As in other parts of Powell River, you can sponsor a bench and have a plaque installed in it, honouring loved ones.

# 4. EXCELLENCE IN MAINTENANCE

The qathet Regional District initiated the sunken headstone rehabilitation program in May of 2018. The project was to raise and level headstones and grave sites that were sinking due to time, weather and the natural soil compaction.

The sites are done one at a time; each individual head stone is raised independently, that way no mix ups occur. The turf is cut away from each headstone, the headstones are then raised, the curbing inspected, any damaged curbing is repaired or replaced. The headstones are then levelled and backed filled with sand. The surrounding ground is levelled with fresh soil and grass-seeded.

The project is funded by the Regional District though the 'care fund'. The care fund is financed by the sale of plots in the cemetery; a portion of every plot sale goes into the care fund. This fund is used for future maintenance of the cemetery grounds.

The current project is valued at \$60,000, and it should be concluded late in 2018. So far 1,100 headstones and grave sites have been rehabbed, and by the project's conclusion up to 2,000 grave sites will be addressed.

The vast majority of the sites under this project are from internments of the 1940's to 1970's

The grass is growing back quite fast now that the weather has turned cooler and wetter, sections completed over the summer will be in top shape within a week or two.

- Patrick Devereaux, qRD operations manager

#### **5. SOLEMN EVENTS**

Remembrance Day (November 11) and the Workers Memorial (April 28) both feature special ceremonies in the cemetery to remember and reflect. This year, the cemetery will also be home to an All Saints Day event with music and candle-lighting (November 4) to help the community honour loved ones who have died, and contemplate our own mortality.





cemeteries advocate Elio Cossarin stands with one of the mill workers' graves he helped restore in the 1990s. Left, qathet Regional District workers have lifted 1,100 headstones at Cranberry Cemetery this year; they've been sinking. Right, the exterior of the Mausoleum in Cranberry Cemetery; Elio was a founder. Far right: the workers memorial represents all those who have lost their lives on the job in Powell River. Soon, there will also be a veterans' memorial. Far right: stained glass at the chapel inside the Mausoleum. *photos by Pieta Woolley* 





# Respected

BY PIETA WOOLLEY | pieta@prliving.ca

As a young man labouring in the mill, Elio Cossarin once had a casual conversation with his work buddies about — what else — death.

"Well, you can throw me in a ditch when I'm dead," he recalls one of them saying.

Elio thought, "I hope they don't throw me in a ditch!"

Since immigrating to Canada from small-town Italy in 1950, Elio, 85, has been shocked by how nonchalantly we treat our dead. In the Old Country, he said, cemeteries are a big deal. His mother used to take him and his brother walking to the next town to visit her deceased parents regularly. At that graveyard, he said, other folks consistently visited their relatives. Even now, when he goes back, he visits the cemetery to pay his respects – but also to catch up on news.

"It's hard to believe how many people I find in that cemetery," said Elio, referring to those both above and below the ground. "So we [the living] stand around and kibitz a bit. 'Who else have you got here?'"

It's a scene.

At the Cranberry Cemetery, he reports, many people come on Sundays;

some come every day. But he has always been distressed that the widespread care for the deceased he witnessed in his hometown is missing in Canada. Even his wife – a born Canadian – doesn't want a fuss when she's gone.

It's one way he has not adopted West Coast culture. Instead, Elio has spent the past several decades provoking small changes at the Cranberry Cemetery. Respecting the dead – even if they're not *his* dead – is his passion project.

I interviewed Elio in the Cemetery in mid-September. As we spoke, deer wandered the perimeter. Next to a humming backhoe, two qathet Regional District workers hunched over a section of flat gravestones, working on a project to lift them; they're sinking slowly into the muddy ground, thanks to the run-off from Valentine Mountain. A handful of people, over Tuesday morning, wandered through to visit graves.

The Cranberry Cemetery is owned and managed by qathet Regional District. It is 4.3 hectares; the oldest graves are from 1924, closest to Cranberry street.

While Elio is concerned with human relationships to the dead, the Cemetery's administrators are concerned about its own relevance. That's why, back in 2010, the qRD commissioned a Cemeteries Development Plan, and has acted on it since then (see the "5 ways" sidebar).

More than 90 per cent of locals choose to be cremated – one of the highest percentages in the country. And, fewer than 30 percent of locals who die choose to be interned or buried in the Cranberry Cemetery. Where is everyone's ashes going?

Of course, Powell River is not alone in this. Cemeteries all over the West Coast of North America are reinventing themselves as innovative, contemplative public spaces, even as, for many of us, our rituals and beliefs about death and the dead have shifted over the past 50 years.

As the Cemetery transforms, Elio has maintained his commitment to seeing that Powell River's dead are respected.

Elio has buried an uncle, aunt, cousinin-law and a cousin's stillborn baby in the cemetery. Over the decades, he has lobbied the Regional District to mow more often, plant trees, plant flower beds, and more.

He is thrilled with how carefully the grounds are kept now, and how beautifully the gardens and workers' and veterans' memorials have emerged.

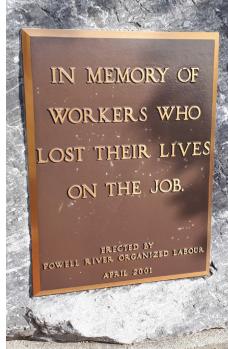
Beyond beautification, though, respecting the dead, to Elio, is personal – it's part of an ongoing relationship between this community and its formerly living inhabitants.

The first time Elio nudged in was back in the 1990s. After attending a funeral, he wandered through the cemetery and found the graves of the three young men who were killed falling from the mill's old chimney in 1931. The lead names and dates had either fallen out or been removed from the headstones. They looked shabby and uncared-for - which irked Elio. So he lobbied MacMillan Bloedel management to replace them with brass plaques; volunteers attached them to the headstones.

They're still perfect – and the project netted the three men some media coverage, decades after their deaths.

In 1982, Elio bought in to the new Mausoleum as a 'founder.' So he knows exactly where he'll spend eternity. The building is in the centre of the cemetery, and houses the remains of several dozen people behind personalized stone plaques. A chapel with a stained glass window sits opposite to glassed-in shelves for ashes and personal effects. Rings, crosses, a wood plaque that says "Up the Lake," and photos of the deceased adorn these shelves.

Elio's most recent exploit is a headstone for his former boss. Back in the 1950s, when Elio was still a young man,





Ted (Edwin) Pestridge retired from the mill and was given a watch. When he died year later, the watch was sent to his family back in England, as he had no relatives here.

In 1995, the mill office received a letter from his sister, asking for the whereabouts of Ted's remains. Two years later, thanks to an administrator that remembered Elio had worked under Ted, Elio saw the letter.

He visited the Cemetery, and found Ted's grave: plot #124. He sent a letter back to England.

Soon after, Ted's sister passed away.

But Ted's unmarked grave stuck in Elio's memory as unfinished business.

Years later, on a trip to Hawaii, Elio read a story about a cemetery for convicts in New Westminster. Many of the graves were unmarked, and some locals had initiated a grave-marker project. That City Hall has just finished a project to restore and create 47 gravestones for the documented bodies in the once-forgotten cemetery.

It got Elio thinking. He called up Stubberfield's owner Pat Gisle, who agreed to pay for Ted's marker. Elio paid for the installation. This spring, it was placed at plot #124, Cranberry Cemetery.

On November 4, Elio will be at the Cemetery for the inaugural Memento Mori event (see ad on Page 34), a project of the Powell River Hospice Society, The Art Centre, *Powell River Living* and many individuals in the arts, health and faith communities who want to honour the deceased loved ones.

He'll lead you on a tour of the Mausoleum, where he will eventually rest.

"The elders say don't forget the dead," he said. "Even if you had difficulty in your own family you respect them. You respect the dead."

To Elio, that respect starts at the cemetery.



**LIVE IN PEACE:** Now that his old boss has a headstone (above), Elio Cossarin is satisfied Ted Pestridge has been respected. Top right: Ted, centre, was one of the first to retire from the mill, in 1953. Right, Giuseppe Morello was one of three young Italian men killed falling from an old chimney in 1931. Elio helped get plagues made. *Photos by Pieta Woolley* 







# Election Section

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# What's your selection?

On October 20, Powell River goes to the polls to choose a new School Board, Mayor, City Council, and gathet Regional District Board.

Last election, vote turnout was the pits. Just 40 percent of Powell River City dwellers voted for Mayor and Council in 2014. Ugh. Surely we can do better.

But shame is no way to get out the vote. How about inspiration?

The 34 people who have courageously put their

names forward this time around are your friends and neighbours; they bring a wealth of knowledge and skills. Some are incumbents - they served last term - but most are not

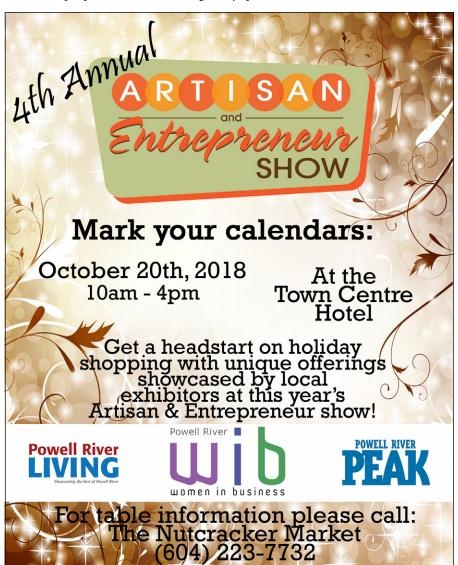
The diversity of candidates is encouraging. One third are women, several are indigenous, and there's a wide range of professional backgrounds - administrative, trades, health and education-related, small business owners, and more. Age diversity: not as much, sadly. Next time!

For more details about who can vote, how to vote, and other information, see the qathet Regional District ad on Page 12, and the City of Powell River ad on Page 17.



#### I IS FOR INCUMBENT

If you see a yellow I next to a candidate, that means they're an incumbent - they served last term and are hoping to be re-elected into the same position as before.





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# School Board

#### **RUSSELL BREWER**

Resource Manager with the Province of BC, Ministry of Forests

City of Powell River Councillor since 2011.



What are your connections to Powell River schools? I have two children that recently graduated from SD47 and SD93. I was a Parent Advisory Committee president and treasurer for a number of years.

Why you want to be on School Board: I want to continue being involved and contributing to Powell River in a positive, meaningful way.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: Improvement of academic achievement and transition to trades training and post-secondary institutions, incorporation of indigenous reconciliation initiatives, expansion of international education program initiatives.

**One thing the previous School Board did well:** Trades training and outdoor education.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Increased opportunities for public engagement and awareness of School District and Board activities and initiatives.

#### **DALE LAWSON**

#### **Executive Director for United Way**

I am not a politician. My agenda is to do good work, give back to the community, and make good things happen.



What are your connections to Powell River schools? I grew up in Powell River and went to school here, as did my children. I've dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to supporting students through a range of small and large tasks. Learn more about me at DaleLawsonForTrustee.weebly.com

Why you want to be on School Board: To perform with diligence

as part of a team to help ensure all 2207 students in our district have opportunities to reach their maximum potential.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: Teacher contracts will require support, change in government and what that means locally, appropriately funded classroom supports.

**One thing the previous School Board did well:** The strategic plan and development of measurement tools is fantastic.

One thing you would have done differently: Increase stake-holder involvement at meetings

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## **School Board all-candidates meeting for Students**

10– 11:15 am Max Cameron (Note: the one for the public was held on Sept. 29)

#### **TROY MARSHALL**

#### **Construction & Retired Teacher/Adminstrator**

No political background.



What are your connections to Powell River schools? Was a teacher and school district administrator in Powell River School District. Our twins went through the Powell River Schools and graduated here in 2015

Why you want to be on School Board: I believe that I have the qualities and experience necessary to provide well informed and

thoughtful opinions and decisions at the School Board level.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: Holding Provincial Government to funding promises and ensuring we can continue to support staff and students.

One thing the previous School Board did well: Provide a quality education with diverse opportunities for students in Powell River

**One thing you would have done differently:** Pressure Provincial Government for adequate and additional funding.

#### **AARON REID**



## Self-Employed Bookkeeper at Banking On It Bookkeeping

I am an incumbent with 10 years of service to the people of the Powell River region.



What are your connections to Powell River schools? I attended schools in our District and graduated from Max Cameron in the class of 1994. Currently, I have child attending Brooks and a child attending Westview Elementary

Why you want to be on School Board: I enjoy my role and be-

lieve I still have plenty to contribute at the table. I also believe in continuity. Powell River has three trustees who have decided not to run again to pursue other things. I would like to continue on to provide leadership and background to the new trustees as they learn their new role.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: Poverty, employee bargaining, reconciliation.

**One thing the previous School Board did well:** Trustees have not always agreed but we have always listened to each other's thoughts, concerns and expertise.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Have working sessions devoted entirely to touching base with our strategic plan more often.

#### Five Trustees

- Eight candidates
- Two incumbents
- Approx 2,500 students

#### **DOUG SKINNER**



#### **Retired School Administrator**

Presently School District 47 Chairperson



What are your connections to Powell River schools? Retired School Administrator (JP Dallos, Oceanview & Brooks); long time coach; both my children graduated here in Powell River.

Why you want to be on School Board: I want to stay connected to the Powell River Schools. I believe I have much to offer due to my work experience in Education

(K-12) and my extensive background in coaching (ages 7-18).

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: 1. Continue to work hard on Graduation rates. 2. New Curriculum Implementation (K-12). 3. Child poverty.

*One thing the previous School Board did well:* Allowed our very innovative and competent District Administration to do their job. They do it very well.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Found more effective ways to increase graduation rates for our students. We want to be above the provincial average.

#### **PAULA STEWART**

#### **Tla'amin Nation Housing Manager**

First time nominee.



What are your connections to Powell River schools? Born and raised in Powell River and went K-12 in the local schools.

Why you want to be on School Board: To help empower the students and parents to create the school environment and programs that are important to them. Learn how budgets are set and make sure school groups are not

missing out on accessing programs and services that relate to them

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022: Funding programs and services, diversity among student needs, new Cannabis laws.

**One thing the previous School Board did well:** Supporting Outdoor Learning Classrooms activities.

One thing you would have done differently: I can't judge from my current standpoint...open to suggestions once elected!

#### **JACK (MUKSAMMA) TIMOTHY**

#### **Master Carver Northwest Coast Salish Art**

Served on Tla'amin Council late 80's and on the Powell River School Board early 90's. Hereditary Lineage of Sliammon.



What are your connections to Powell River Schools? My children came through the schools here. They graduated and went on to University. Now they are a medical doctor, a lawyer, and a city planner.

Why you want to be on School Board? I choose to run for the Powell River School Board because I feel I can make a difference. To

address the neglected and give hope for a better future for all students.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022. Addressing funding cuts. Teachers wages. Students' reading and comprehension ability.

One thing the previous School Board did well / One thing you would have done differently: I have been away from Powell River for 12 years. I cannot judge or comment on what was done well and what can be changed without experiencing these issues but can only apply what I have to offer which I feel is positive and beneficial for all students.

#### PETER TAYLOR

#### **Retired Music Teacher**

This is my first time running for a school board position. I have however, served as a director on local, provincial

and national organizations.



What is your connection to Powell River schools? I retired in 2008 after teaching music for 35 years. I began my career in North Vancouver with the last 16 years of teaching in Powell River. My teaching experiences included elementary, high school and many years at the post secondary level.

Why you want to be on the School Board? I am familiar with the education system and feel I can be helpful in supporting our teachers, students, parents and community.

The three biggest issues Powell River public schools will face 2018 – 2022 Continuing to find creative ways to finance programs. Implementation of the new K – 12 curriculum. Child poverty.

**One thing the previous School Board did well:** Offering trades programs and keeping a positive liaison with VIU

**One thing you would have done differently:** Employ librarians and music specialists at all elementaries.



#### Experienced

3 terms (10 years) on Board of Education Local small business owner and employer

#### Dependable

Haven't missed a meeting in 10 years

#### Committed

I have two children in the school system and bring the voice of parents with children in school to the table.

Approved by Aaron Reid | aaronreid999@gmail.com







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## qathet Regional District Director One to be elected for each Electoral Area

#### Electoral Area A

Patrick Brabazon, 7401 Sturt Road Mark Johnston, 3879 Highway 101 Denise Smith, 4824 Salish Drive

#### Electoral Area B

Mark A. Gisborne, 3734 Padgett Road Janet May, 8349 Alta Vista Road Alan Rebane, 7812 Valley Road

#### Electoral Area C

Clay Brander, 10125 Douglas Bay Road Robert Higgin, 10150 Douglas Bay Road Connie Keiver, 9630 Nassichuk Road

The following candidate has been elected by acclamation

#### Electoral Area D

Sandy McCormick, 6499 Mouat Bay Road, Gilles Bay

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

is hereby given that an election by voting is necessary to elect persons to the following offices for a four year term commencing November 2018:

Director for each of Electoral Areas A, B and C of the gathet Regional District

School Trustees for School District 47 (5 positions)

## School Trustee Five (5) to be elected

Russell Brewer, 6919 Hammond Street
Dale Lawson, 6917 Drake Street
Troy Garner Marshall, 4307 Ontario Avenue
Aaron Reid, 7085 Tahsis Street
Doug Skinner, 8197 Centennial Drive
Paula Stewart, 4580 Golden Avenue
Peter Taylor, 7193 Westminster Street
Jack Timothy, 5185 Beach Road

**ASSENT VOTING** 

# Recreation Referendum

The following question will be submitted to the electorate in Electoral Areas A (excluding Savary Island), B, and C:

"Are you in favour of the qathet Regional District adopting Bylaw No. 530 to establish with Electoral Areas A, B and C a service for the purpose of providing financial assistance to the City of Powell River for providing regional recreational services and to authorize a maximum annual taxation of \$178,500 or \$0.153249/\$1,000 of net taxable value of land and improvements, whichever is greater?"

Chief Election Officer: Matt O'Halloran Deputy Chief Election Officer: Michelle Jones

Phone: 604-485-2260 vote@powellriverrd.bc.ca

# NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING



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qathet.ca

# Voting Day October 20 8am to 8pm

## Vote Here

#### Electoral Area A

Northside Comm Rec Centre, 9656 Larson Road Northside Fire Dept, 8540 Plummer Creek Road

#### Electoral Area B

Therapeutic Riding Club House, 4356 Myrtle Avenue

#### Electoral Area C

Lang Bay Hall, 2341 Zilinsky Road

#### Electoral Area D

Texada Seniors' Centre, Old Gillies Bay School, 2622 Gillies Bay Road, Gilles Bay

Texada Elementary School, 106 Waterman Avenue, Van Anda

#### Tla'amin Nation

The Salish Centre, 4885 Highway 101

Note: Voting at Electoral Area D and Tla'amin Nation locations will be for School Trustees only.

#### Alternate voting procedures

#### **ADVANCE VOTING**

Wednesday, October 10, 2018 from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following locations:

#### Electoral Areas A, B, C, and Tla'amin Nation

qathet Regional District – Board Chambers 103-4675 Marine Avenue

#### Electoral Area D

Texada Seniors' Centre Old Gillies Bay School, 2622 Gillies Bay Road Note: All qualified electors may vote at an advance voting opportunity.

#### REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:

Contact the Administrative Services Department at 604-485-2260, or by downloading the form at the 2018 Election webpage at www.qathet. ca. Once your application is approved the ballot package will be issued to you at the qRD office.

Voters are responsible for returning the completed package to the qathet Regional District. Your ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than 8pm on October 20, 2018. It is your responsibility to deliver or post the mail ballot in sufficient time for delivery to the qathet Regional District, at 202-4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC. V8A 2L2.

#### **ELECTOR REGISTRATION**

There is no need to pre-register to vote. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day
- Canadian citizen
- Resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration
- Resident of OR registered owner of real property in the voting jurisdiction for at least 30 days immediately preceding the day of registration, and
- Not otherwise disqualified by the Local Government Act or any other enactment from voting in an election or otherwise disqualified by law.

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Non-resident property electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, written consent from the majority of the property owners.

# PATRICK BRABAZON Retired [supposedly]

Director, Electoral Area A. Chair qRD.



Why you want to be a qathet Director: Working to resolve ongoing issues.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 – 2022: Rural development issues, recycling/garbage, more Provincial downloading of costs.

One thing the previous RD board did well: Creation of Lets Talk Trash Team and planning for a Recycle & Resource Centre on

old incinerator site.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Found some way to overcome the reluctance of some directors to face the reality of the consequences of developments on hazard lands.

Being a "local" director requires keeping informed of community concerns and being an advocate. But the very structure of B.C.'s regional districts also requires an understanding of the broader matters affecting all of the electoral areas, the City of Powell River, and our neighbours of the Tla'amin Nation. Our future is full of promise and the "working together" of our new name is a reminder to keep a mind open to new ideas and the common good.

#### **DENISE SMITH**

Lands/Referrals Manager for the Tla'amin Nation and a member of the Legislature



I have been involved in politics with the Tla'amin Nation for 35 years, serving two terms as Chief. This is my first time running in the Regional District elections.

Why you want to be a qathet Director: Governments are working together for the benefit of all of our people on issues such as transportation, recreation,

climate change. I bring my experience in Government and my commitment to continue to work and offer my help in any way I can

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 – 2022: Clean and safe drinking water for all residents in the RD. Transportation – the highway out to Lund is in horrible condition and dangerous (particularly in bad weather). There is increased traffic due to tourism. Regional Planning – we continue to see an increase in tourism in our area and while this is a good thing, it has also contributed to issues with depletion of resources in some areas.

One thing the previous RD board did well: To be adaptive and embrace change. I thank them for this. Cheh cheha thatch.

#### **MARK JOHNSTON**

#### Palliative care aid

First time running. I'm looking forward to the challenge, and I have lots of diverse life experience to guide me.



Why you want to be a qathet Director: I'm very passionate about the area and I want to make a positive difference. I feel I can bring a new perspective to keep us going forward in a good direction. I want to bring people together to solve problems. We have a beautiful outdoor area that we need to protect.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 - 2022:

(1) To keep costs down for taxes to stay reasonable. (2) To understand each others viewpoints to keep us working together. (3) To stay on track by avoiding over regulation, and to keep our wonderful rural way of life.

**One thing the previous RD board did well:** The fire halls were well funded and I think that was a good thing.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Been less politically divisive and view all my fellow directors as team mates.

# qathet Area A

#### Three Candidates

City boundary to Desolation Sound, and includes the Malaspina Peninsula, the community of Lund and Savary and Hernando Islands, and excludes Tla'amin Nation lands.

#### **Monday, October 1**

**Area A All-Candidates Meeting** 

7 pm, Northside Community Recreation Centre (old Lund school). Sandy Dunlop to moderate.

## SMART Recovery® Meetings



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At the CRC (4752 Joyce Ave)

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#### **ETHICAL & RESPONSIVE**

I have worked to make regional government more efficient and accountable.

I want to continue the work of protecting the environment through reducing our waste and creating the Resource and Recovery Centre.

I will continue to advocate for the interests of the residents of **Area A**.

On October 20th vote for

## PATRICK BRABAZON

gathet Regional District

authorized by Patrick Brabazon | brabazon@shaw.ca



# On Oct 20 MARK X

# Vote MARK JOHNSTON for Electoral Area A

"I'm a care aide and a search and rescue volunteer who loves helping others. I enjoy our beautiful outdoors, and will work hard to keep it beautiful."

Approved by Mark Johnston | Mark Johnston 70@yahoo.com | 604-578-8125

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# Elect MARK GISBORNE

for Area B Director

Contact me at: MarkG4B@gmail.com | 604-414-3694



Born and raised in Powell River, I developed an active interest in our local government.

I have a good understanding of the Official Community Plan for Area B and its Land Use Designations and current spot zoning.

Much of our rural area is thriving with young families trying to supplement their livelihoods with small farming activities. They often try to be part of the environment, rather than displacing it. I will support and encourage this lifestyle choice.

I have fresh ideas to bring to the board room, such as a small information package to be made to new and current property owners outlining existing regulations in the rural areas as well as contact information for various relevant branches of government.

I am familiar with water improvement districts and the challenges they are facing, such as the reluctance from the provincial government to provide infrastructure funding, and the provincial policies designed to dissolve these improvement districts.

The world is changing and a new generation of people are looking to make a difference at the local government level

My hope is to make a difference, to keep the electorate informed, and inspire others to get involved.

Contact me with your ideas, concerns and questions. I am here to represent you.

#### We need to control rising costs

The cost to property owners for services has seen a dramatic increase since 2014.

- Solid Waste Management requisition in 2014 was \$174,393 and is expected to be \$704,876 for 2018.
- General Administration in 2014 was \$580,156 and will rise to \$1,349,499 for 2018.
- While property values did increase in the area, the population of the regional district increased by only 0.8% in the last census.

These tax increases put strain on families and businesses.

Authorized by Mark Gisborne | 604-414-3694

Vote for the future! Vote for Mark Gisborne on October 20th at Therapeutic Riding

# qathet Area B

#### Three Candidates

East of the city boundary to Whalen Road and includes Paradise Valley and properties outside the city on Nootka, Covey and Tanner Streets, and excludes Tla'amin Nation lands.

#### **MARK GISBORNE**

Care Giver, Farmer.

Raised by a federal agent, and a local politician. Have been politically active my entire life, canvassed in previous local elections.



Why you want to be a qathet Director: To take the next step to better serve my community using my skills and passion for politics.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 – 2022: Solid Waste Management. Downloading cost of services from provincial and federal governments. Subdivision applications.

One thing the previous RD

board did well: Filmed meetings and posted to website.

One thing you would have done differently: Issued an apology for disclosing personal information in contravention of the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act. As confirmed by the Office of the Privacy Commissioner, the District did not obtain consent prior to publishing all the names, signatures and opinions from all letters and emails received during the name change application process. The OIPC made recommendations, such as notifying the hundreds of other individuals affected by this incident. I will move to implement all of the recommendations.





#### Wednesday, October 3

**Area B All-Candidates Meeting** 6:30 pm, Myrtle Point Golf club. Moderator Judi Tyabji Wilson.

#### **NAME: JANET MAY**

Outdoor educator, journalist, volunteer

First time running



Why you want to be a qathet Director: I love this place. This is a way that I can give back to my community.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 – 2022:

1. Qathet needs to prepare for increased development as people and businesses discover our region. Planners need tools to direct where in-

dustry and new businesses start up and property owners want neighbourhood security. 2. Public safety: from traffic safety to groundwater and slope hazard. 3. Value for tax spending

One thing the previous RD board did well: Lots really; and the RD has set up a progressive strategic plan that includes parks and recreation goals as well as social planning.

**One thing you would have done differently:** I would have supported giving staff bylaw options for improving land use and development zoning.

#### **ALAN REBANE**

#### **Residential Home Builder/Farmer**

I have a unique situation. For the past term I've been serving as Stan Gisborne's alternate (he had cancer and then a stroke). As such I have gained valuable experience and knowledge as a director in the regional district.



Why you want to be a qathet Director: As a resident of Area B I care about the residents as well as their concerns about rural living and the environment.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 – 2022.

Recycling Recovery Centre and keeping it on budget. Alternate water sources and

delivery. Hazardous slide areas require adequate development permitting.

One thing the previous RD board did well: With assistance from the staff the board has kept Area B and the RD fiscally balanced

**One thing you would have done differently:** Not having the ability to place proper development permitting around fluvial slide areas.



# ALAN REBANE



#### For **AREA B director**

If you live between the City boundary and Whalen Road. on October 20, vote at Therapeutic Riding.

ABOUT ALAN REBANE: I am 61 years old and married for 43 years. I am strongly committed to my family with three kids who have all moved to Powell River. I run a construction company that employs 10 people full time. I am the president of the Powell River Farmers' Agricultural Institute and was very much involved in the decision to merge the two organizations. I am the chair of the Paradise Exhibition Park Society. Having served as an active alternate on the Regional Board, I understand the issues that develop in the regional district and understand the roles of the regional district, city and provincial government.

#### Vote for Alan if these are important issues to you:

REGIONAL DISTRICT STAFFING: It has been brought to my attention that the Regional District seems to be hiring excessive staff. There have been a few replacements due to recent staff retirement . As well, some additional staff has been hired to give relief to staff work overload. The provincial government requires more rigorous reporting and downloading. For many years there has been little, if any, staffing increase, which led to a few staff having all the knowledge and experience. Therefore with the recent retirements a lot of the qRD history went with those individuals. What I would like to impress on the residents of the qRD in regards to this issue, is that every staff member in the qathet Regional District is extremely hard working and valuable. Without the staff, the public would not enjoy the lower tax rates that we have at present. The staff are the backbone of the regional district and they apply for the Provincial and Federal grants that help to keep our tax rates low. There are a lot of grants that we could take opportunity of, so this is an essential part of the Regional District staffing.

AGRICULTURAL LAND RESERVE: While at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities I had conversations with the Minister and panel as well as attended seminars regarding cannabis and ALR. Anything that was built on ALR in regards to cannabis is grandfathered before July 13, 2018. Moving forward, any cannabis to be grown on ALR has to be grown on open ground, so no buildings with cement floors. Only greenhouses with an open floor or an open field will be allowed; they must be completely fenced with a chain-link fence. Old buildings/barns will not be allowed to be converted to a cannabis operation. Also discussed is legislation that basically will discontinue any subdivision or splitting of ALR. There is a bit of movement in regards to land that could not be productive agriculturally; this will be on a case-by-case basis. These are provincially-driven initiatives, not regional. I have attended all of the ALR consultations and am knowledgeable on the majority of issues.

**HAZARDOUS SLIDE AREAS:** I have seen and heard comments that I have not supported implementing a bylaw over these areas. On the contrary, I do support a bylaw. You cannot implement this bylaw without considering development permitting upslope from these areas; the areas above are the areas that are contributing to the problem. Ministry of Transportation has done their drainage study and has confirmed that without some kind of development permitting there is no way of controlling the amount of water being delivered to their ditches. Putting development permits in these areas would then allow the regional district to require rock pits, cisterns or a type of water control to release the water slower. With common sense there is much work to be done in creating a development permit area; if anyone is equipped to do so without implementing restrictive regulations, I believe I am that person.

These are just a few of the issues. With your vote on October 20, I look forward to serving the residents of Area B. Want to know more? Contact me at 604-208-2079 or alanrebane@shaw.ca

Approved by Alan Rebane I alanrebane@shaw.ca

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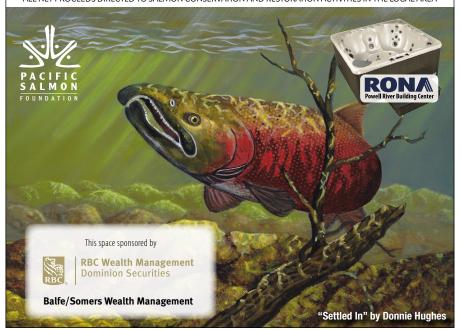
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#### **Tuesday, October 9**

**Meet and Greet the Area C Candidates** 7 p.m. Lang Bay hall.

#### **CLAY BRANDER**

**Provincial Health Services Authority, Powell River Stump Grinding** 

Rookie



Why you want to be a gathet Director: I love the area and want to give something back to it for all of the enjoyment that it has brought my family and me.

The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 - 2022: Regulating development, water (domestic use and stormwater management), and zoning.

One thing the previous RD board did well: Parks were im-

proved – tennis court surfaces were redone and other activities, like disc golf and horseshoes were installed.

One thing you would have done differently: Implemented some of the recommendations of the Landslide and Fluvial Hazard Study that was commissioned in 2015, including developing a plan for drainage control and stormwater management.

#### **CONNIE KEIVER** Self employed, Upholsterer

I have been Colin Palmer's alternate for 7 years.



The three biggest issues qathet will face 2018 - 2022: Budgeting for needed improvements. Planning to keep the area's distinct flavor but also allowing for growth. Long-term planning of assets and future works.

One thing the previous RD board did well: The previous board did a wonderful job improving and upgrading our parks and green spaces.

One thing you would have done differently: Do more with the studies and reports generated for the Regional District.

# qathet Area C

#### Three Candidates

East from Whalen Road to Jervis Inlet, and includes the communities of Black Point, Kelly Creek, Lang Bay, Stillwater and Saltery Bay.

#### ROBERT HIGGIN

#### Carpenter, Innkeeper, Land clearing

I was a candidate in the 1984 federal election. I also ran against Harold Long for the 1986 party nod.



Why you want to be a qathet Director: In 1980 large tracts of regional district land were removed from the ALR and returned to the Crown. It was part of a larger movement that also saw the removal of homesteading as an incentive to rural development. That put the lid on a pressure cooker. The pressure has been building, manifesting itself as increasing real estate prices and regulations. In doing so it

has also trapped many Canadians in a cycle of poverty. Qathet stands uniquely poised to relieve some of this pressure. Sweden has 350,000 family owned tree farms. I would work with provincial and federal governments to open similar opportunities.

The three biggest issues gathet will face 2018 - 2022: Forest management. Taxation and paying our fair share. Increasing our population in a manner that will bring increased strength to the area for generations to come.

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Contact Information:

#### **Chief Election Officer**

Chris Jackson, 604-485-8603 cjackson@powellriver.ca

#### **Deputy Chief Election Officer**

Malonie Shaffer, 604-485-8601 mshaffer@powellriver.ca

#### **General Enquiries:**

elections2018@powellriver.ca 604-485-6291

City of Powell River, City Hall 6910 Duncan Street Powell River, BC, V8A 1V4

#### **Candidates:**

#### Office of Mayor

(one to be elected):

- · David Formosa
- Glenn Holstine
- Ronald Woznow

## **Office of School Trustee, School District 47** (five to be elected):

- Russell Brewer
- Dale Lawson
- Troy Marshall
- Aaron Reid
- · Doug Skinner
- · Paula Stewart
- Peter Taylor
- · Jack Timothy

#### Office of Councillor

(six to be elected):

- · William Ashworth
- · George Doubt
- · Allan Drummond
- Cindy Elliott
- Kelli Gallagher
- Maggie Hathaway
- CaroleAnn Leishman
- Terry Noreault
- Jim Palm
- Art Richards
- Rob Southcott
- Roger Whittaker
- Sharon Wright

#### **ELECTORS (aka Voters)**

There is no need to pre-register to vote, as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. You will be required to make a declaration that you meet the following requirements:

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- Resident of BC for at least 6 months immediately preceding the day of registration
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#### Resident Electors:

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#### Non-Resident Property Electors:

Non-resident property electors must produce 2 pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property written consent from the majority of the property owners. Don't wait to the last minute, you can be assured of voting as a non-resident by completing the form found on the City's website at: powellriver.icompasscms.com/content/election-2018.

#### **RESULTS**

Everyone is invited to an informal gathering in the lower level of City Hall (former Public Library location) on Saturday, October 20, Election Day. Doors will open at about 7:45 pm.

Once all voting places report in after 8:00 pm on October 20, the Chief Election Officer will announce Preliminary Election Results. The final Declaration of Official Election Results will occur on Monday, October 22.

Results will also be posted to the City's website at: powellriver.icompasscms.com/content/election-2018

#### **Key 2018 Dates** Election Period January 1 to September 21 Nomination Packages Available Tuesday, August 7 at 9:00 am Nomination Period Starts Tuesday, September 4 at 9:00 am Nomination Period Ends Friday, September 14 at 4:00 pm (this is the deadline for submission of Nominations) Declaration of Candidates Friday, September 14 End of Challenge to Nomination and Endorsement Period Tuesday, September 18 Last day to withdraw from being a candidate Friday, September 21 Campaign Period September 22 to October 20 1st Voting Opportunity Wednesday, October 10 Special Voting Opportunity Thursday, October 11 Mail Ballot Opportunity Requests Submissions up to Friday, October 12 2nd Voting Opportunity Wednesday, October 17 General Voting Day Saturday, October 20 **Preliminary Results** Saturday, October 20 (after close of voting) Declaration of Official Results Monday, October 22 Inaugural Council Meeting Tuesday, November 6 Campaign Financing Disclosure Statement Friday, January 18, 2019 Deadline with Elections BC

#### **VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS**

There are several dates and ways for qualified electors of the City of Powell River to vote.

**Advance Voting Day 1:** Wednesday, October 10, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm in the Poplar Room, Recreation Complex, 5001 Joyce Avenue

**Advance Voting Day 2:** Wednesday, October 17, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm in the Poplar Room, Recreation Complex, 5001 Joyce Avenue

**Special Voting Opportunities:** Thursday, October 11, 2018 for those who are residents, patients, visitors or staff at the following places during the hours indicated:

- Willingdon Creek Village, 4980 Kiwanis Avenue 10:00 am 12:00 noon
- Kiwanis Garden Manor, 4923 Kiwanis Avenue 1:00 3:00 pm (Residents of Kiwanis Garden Manor and Kiwanis Village)

**General Voting Day:** Saturday, October 20, 2018 between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

- Recreation Complex (Arbutus Room on the Theatre level) 5001 Joyce Avenue
- Brooks School, 5400 Marine Avenue
- · Cranberry Seniors Centre, 6792 Cranberry Street
- · James Thompson School, 6388 Sutherland Avenue

Mail Ballot Opportunity: If you are unable to attend any of the voting days (October 10, 17 or 20) in person, you can request to vote using the Mail Ballot method. Requests can be submitted by 4:00 pm Friday, October 12 to the Chief Election Officer by mail (6910 Duncan Street, Powell River, BC V8A 1V4), telephone (604-485-8603), fax (604-485-8628) or email (elections2018@powellriver.ca). Please take a look at the City's Election Website for more information: powellriver.icompasscms.com/content/election-2018



# ELECT Ron Woznow Mayor of Powell River

#### **Experience Skill Integrity**

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#### **Justice Tom Berger endorses Ron Woznow**

"I am pleased to endorse Ron Woznow in his bid to become mayor. His leadership experience running both for profit and not for profit organizations will allow him to be an effective CEO of Powell River. I have observed first hand his effective stewardship leading a Canada-wide educational foundation. Ron has shown that he is a master at building consensus. He leads by working harder than anyone else to achieve common goals." Tom Berger, former leader BC NDP party

#### On Oct 20th vote for positive change! **Vote Ron Woznow**

#### Meet Ron at these events:

Tues Oct 2 All Candidates Meeting Evergreen Theatre 7-9 PM Sat Oct 6 Meet & Greet Cranberry Community Hall 2-5 PM Tues Oct 16 Meet & Greet Westview United Church 7-9 PM

#### For Information or to Volunteer Contact Ron

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2018 Powell River Clinics		
Clinic Name	Time	Location
Seniors and Everyone Welcome	Tues Oct 16 10 am - 2 pm	Cranberry Seniors Centre 6792 Cranberry St
Family Drop-in	Fri Oct 19 3 - 6 pm	Powell River Community Health 3rd Floor 5000 Joyce Ave
Texada Island Everyone Welcome	Mon Oct 22 10 am - 1:30 pm	Seniors Centre in Gillies Bay Texada
Seniors and Everyone Welcome	Wed Oct 24 10 am - 1 pm	Cranberry Seniors Centre 6792 Cranberry St
Family Drop-in	Fri Nov 2 1 - 4 pm	Powell River Community Health 3rd Floor 5000 Joyce Ave
Everyone Welcome	Fri Nov 9 11 am - 1:30 pm	Powell River Community Health 3rd Floor 5000 Joyce Ave
Everyone Welcome	Fri Nov 16 2:30 - 4:30 pm	Powell River Community Health 3rd Floor 5000 Joyce Ave

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# Mayor of PR

• One Mayor • Three candidates • Approx 13,000 residents

#### **Tuesday, October 2**

All Candidates meeting: City Council & Mayor Recreation Complex. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce



DAVID FORMOSA 🕕



Formerly City Councillor, Mayor.

Why do you want to be mayor: Simple: the job I started is not finished. We have three large businesses that myself and Council aggressively pursued to locate here. These new start-ups and proposed groups need my involvement and requested I run. I am proud of where Powell River is presently - a small boutique inclusive, livable City. I need a last term to finish what we started ... things are just now finally coming together.

One thing the previous City Council did well: Worked well together, with respect for one another, achieving many great things for our community.

One thing you would have done differently: Toughest question. We did everything with open eyes, after well-thought out research and discussion. Nothing jumps out at me. We made mistakes I am sure, but I don't really regret anything.



**GLENN HOLSTINE** 

**Marine Operations Supervisor.** 

Ran for Council in 2011. (957 votes)

Why do you want to be mayor: Let's take care of basic infrastructure of our City. Leader for inevitable changes our City is about to experience and get completion of issues that arise without any conflict of interest on my behalf.



**RON WOZNOW Retired** 

President of a large ratepayers association.

Why do you want to be mayor: A majority of Powell River residents are looking for positive change at City Hall and I have the experience, skills and education to make this happen. I want to: Promote new economic opportunities and job creation without any public concerns about conflicts of interest. Rid our community of the derelict Inn at Westview at no cost to taxpayers. Create an atmosphere at City Hall that places a high value on informing and involving citizens and serves the whole community's best interest. Facilitate the completion of the affordable housing projects currently in different stages of development.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 - 2022: Creating permanent employment opportunities. Removal of the Inn at Westview. The long-term economic impact (higher taxes) of what could be a \$100,000,000 sewage treatment project.

One thing the previous Council did well: Millennium Park

One thing you would have done differently: I would have fostered an atmosphere where City employees feel valued and enthusiastically serve citizens.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 - 2022: Ongoing opioid crisis. Lack of affordable housing creating more homeless people resulting with tent cities. Eventual earthquake resulting in collapse of Courtenay Street Firehall and Duncan Street Ambulance Station.

One thing the previous City Council did well: Creating the parcel of land above Penticton Street in to park land for future generations to enjoy.

One thing you would have done differently: I cannot change the past. I will deal with issues that are current and also with future developments as they arise.



# On October 16, vote to keep Powell River on track

consensus Builder: During the last election, Dave Formosa was acclaimed as Mayor, but elections for Councillors made substantial changes to the makeup of City Council. Many predicted that the Mayor and Council would constantly be at loggerheads and City Hall would become dysfunctional. That didn't happen - this past term has been highly effective. Dave and the current Council have built an excellent working relationship. Dave is a team builder, able to work with all the many aspects needed to run a city from economics to culture to arts to seniors to housing to parks. And he's a proven leader who can create a team to get a democratic process to function, no matter your political leanings, at its highest efficiency for the best of the whole community. Dave strongly believes that when you're working together for the betterment of your community, you can always build consensus and find ways of getting things done. And his track record proves it.

**GETTING IT DONE:** Dave attracted the \$17 million investment in **fibre-optic**, a huge economic driver for the community as people move here and telecommute to jobs around the world. Many local businesses have successfully **sold** thanks to Dave's work with investors from as far away as China. And the former owners have retired in Powell River, while their businesses bring in new residents, so it's a double win. Dave helped with the development of **Hummingbird Cove** land-based aquaculture project. Many new homes, subdivisions, condos and apartments are **being built**. The new **library** and public **art gallery** have been completed under Dave's mayorship. Many **new parks** have been created in Dave's past 9 years on Council. He is a major supporter of parks and recreation. It was under his guidance that Millennium Park was created and protected. The **waterfront and harbour development** was completed under Dave's term, including the in-fill, creating new habitat for wildlife and a beautiful new waterfront experience for tourists and locals. The relationship between **Tla'amin** and the City, both socially and economically, has never heep better

Because Powell River is in the midst of many exciting opportunities and growth, **now is not the time to change direction.**Here are just some examples of what Dave and Council need to complete:

SANTE VERITAS: Dave, with the support of Council, arranged for the City to buy the old mill offices for \$1 and then lease them to Sante Veritas (SVT). SVT has now achieved the license to produce medical cannabis and has raised approximately \$20 million to date. The company has since amalgamated to become Tilt Holdings and is in the process of raising \$70-plus million through the public markets. Dave is dealing with Catalyst to get Sante Veritas more land for growth that could see over 200 employees.

Sante Veritas is also now a new taxpayer (before that, the building was lumped in with the Catalyst tax bill.) They are looking to buy the lands and building, which will be a good return on the City's \$1 investment.

Dave also negotiated an equity stake for the City of 1 million share options of Sante Veritas' newly formed amalgamation with Tilt, so we have stock options at 10 cents. The stock was halted on the merger at 80 cents. So even if they don't go higher, the City has an opportunity to make a nice profit with no downside.

AIRPORT: We have attracted a group to long-term lease 11.5 acres of land at our airport for \$600,000 and to build within two years phase one (at a minimum) of an aviation industrial park, housing a possible pilot school, aircraft maintenance school, with small aircraft manufacturing possibilities. Dave is also negotiating with the proponents for a new airport terminal to be included in phase one. We desperately could use a new airport terminal, but this will go ahead only if the lease is at a minimal cost to the city - such as \$1.

**THE MILL:** Dave played a key role in stopping the closure of the Powell River mill in 2012, and helping save Catalyst from

"I'm proud of the work Council has achieved this term. I really want to continue helping Powell River thrive, so please vote to stay on track."

- Dave Formosa

bankruptcy that same year, protecting jobs and pensions. Now that the mill is in trouble again, Dave has created another plan to diversify the mill and re-invest in it, so that it will keep making paper for years to come.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING:** Approval and construction on three large projects are coming soon. Numerous condo developments, town houses, and apartments, etc are moving forward. Seniors living complexes are being approved and developed. This provides not only more housing stock, but also creates tax revenue for the City that can help promote even more affordable housing.

**DATA FARMS:** Dave has been talking to investor groups for about three years regarding data farm opportunities for Powell River. These talks are on-going for this growing high tech space and Dave is on it.

**COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE:** Dave was instrumental in

securing additional financial resources through numerous trips to Victoria with the assistance of the MLA to keep the CRC operating when its financing was diminished over the past four years. Financing for the near future is stabilized but this needs to be maintained long-term.

INTERNATIONAL FLAYOUR: In cooperation with School District 47, Dave is working diligently with Dr. Jay Yule, helping create a campus-like model community. Dr. Yule and Dave have travelled together throughout the province and Asia creating and attracting partners and curriculum that we can promote and or develop here. All this has the benefit of widening opportunities for local residents and students, and creating opportunities for cultural interchange.

These are just a few examples of the many projects Dave has under way. So on October 16, don't switch horses in mid-stream - let Mayor and Council continue on the excellent road they've set out on, and vote Dave Formosa for Mayor.

**ABOUT DAVE:** Dave Formosa is a born-and-raised Powell Riverite, who has lived here all his life, owning and managing a number of local companies that employ more than 100 people. First elected to City Council in 2008, Dave has served as Mayor since 2011. In 2013, he was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee medal to honour his significant contributions and achievements. He and his wife, Laurie, also born and raised in Powell River, have four children and four grandchildren, all but one living in Powell River.

# Re-elect DAVE FORMOSA for Mayor

#### WILLIAM ASHWORTH

#### **Industrial Electrician**

My interest in serving the community goes back many years



Why you want to be a City Councillor: To help keep Powell River accountable to the people who have made lives for themselves and their families here.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 – 2022: We need to focus on spending our tax dollars wisely to improve infrastructure. Let's look seriously at building our new emergency resource facility. We'll encourage growth at a

realistic rate by attracting industries that will provide new jobs for our working families.

One thing the previous Council did well: Working with our Mayor to provide the means and opportunities for corporations to thrive in Powell River.

One thing you would have done differently: In the future council may be wise to demonstrate more critical thinking about the consequences and ramifications of the decisions they support. As well, the council of 2018 must consult with the public more frequently on important issues.

#### **GEORGE DOUBT**

#### Day job: Retired

I was elected to two terms as National President of the Telecommunications Workers Union. As part of the duties of that job I served on the board of directors and Executive Committee of Concert real estate Corporation and Concert Properties Itd and as a Trustee of the Telecommunication Workers Pension Plan. I am a first time civic candidate

Why you want to be a City Councillor: I want to use my experience to give back to my community.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 – 2022: Keeping taxes in line while protecting our environment (waste water treatment) are two of the most pressing single issues. Most important in the long run is making life better for everyone in our community from preschoolers to super seniors. Working together with the

regional district and Tla'amin Nation will help do those things.

**One thing the previous Council did well:** I saw them listen carefully and respectfully to everyone who made presentations to them.

**One thing you would have done differently:** More consultation with the community can always help.

#### **ALLAN DRUMMOND**

Retired.

Constituency Assistant to the MLA for this riding for two terms of government.



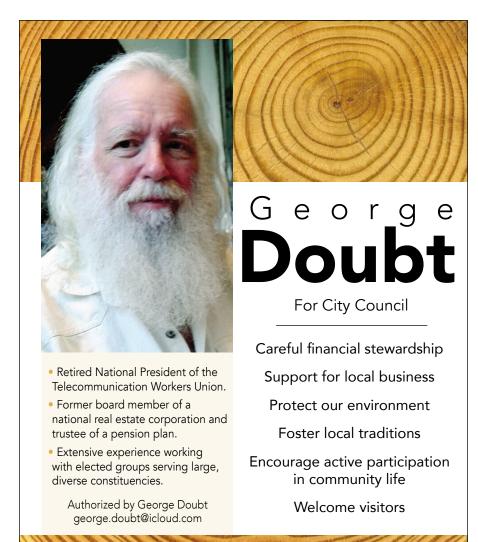
Why you want to be a City Councillor: To effect change from within. To be able to look into all aspects of how the Finances of the City are being managed. To review all current infrastructure projects to ensure that they are moving along in a timely fashion. To review all current and pending building permits to ensure they are moving along in an efficient way, if not, to ensure

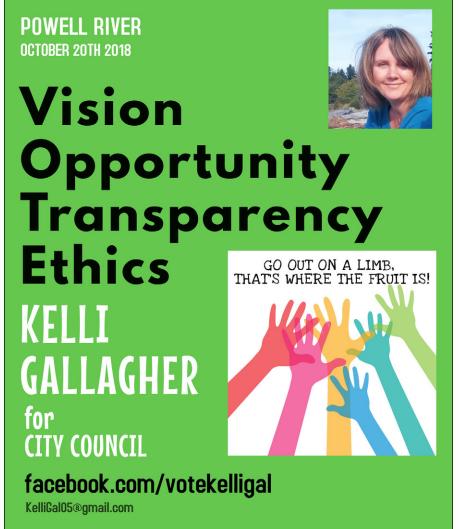
that a solution is put in place.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 – 2022: The Inn at Westview demolition. Affordable housing. Attracting new business.

**One thing the previous Council did well:** Did not put the Library on valuable waterfront property.

One thing you would have done differently: Dealt with the Inn issue much sooner.





#### **KELLI GALLAGHER**

Stay home mom 3yo / 8yo. Canada Post (on leave until little one attends kindergarten) Student: Psychology / English UBC

Provincial Greens-Ontario 1999 / BC 2001



Why I want to be a City Councillor: To create a town my children can stay in. To bring creative visions to fruition. Challenges and potentials we face motivate and inspire me to action.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018-2022: Affordable housing / preventing homelessness crisis. Addressing multi-faceted challenges

that inhibit people from prospering, such as adequate shelter; health /safety; initiatives to provide training / living wages. Climate change. Provide incentives for carbon neutral business; renewable energies; ecological regeneration; local food production. etc Providing adequate child care for families.

One thing the previous Council did well: Community accord with Tla'amin Nation. Lot 450 purchase. Yard waste pilot project. One thing you would have done differently: They did amazing work. Can only work on continued progress.

#### MAGGIE HATHAWAY



Incumbent, three terms on Council.



Why you want to be a City Councillor: It is an honour to serve the City of Powell River and assist in making Powell River the best it can

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 - 2022: Liquid waste treatment. Council must be diligent in ensuring we pursue every infrastructure grant we may qualify for. City recently

received a first non-compliance warning from the Federal Government. The Regional Social plan needs to be moved forward to ensure the continued well being of our citizens. We need to continue our fight against the opioid crisis Powell River is currently facing.

One thing Council did well: Block parties. We are bringing neighbours together while assisting them with neighbourhood emergency preparedness.

One thing I would have done differently: Urban chickens. Need a bylaw that ensures keeping chickens does not infringe on neighbours' outdoor enjoyment.

#### CAROLEANN LEISHMAN



Second time running for Council



Why you want to be a City Councillor: I enjoy giving back to the community and helping set the strategic direction and policies for the City. I believe I have a lot to contribute and my track record this past term shows how hard I am willing to work.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 - **2022:** Attracting /retaining

clean industry businesses with good paying jobs and sustainable community growth. Supporting a diversity of housing types locals can afford. Lowering GHG emissions locally which will reduce our community's carbon footprint and inevitably save money both for the City's Corporate operations and for taxpavers.

One thing the previous Council did well: We worked very well as a team and put the needs of the community first.

One thing you would have done differently: I would find more balance in my life. Sometimes you need to have some boundaries.

#### **CINDY ELLIOTT**

Boat Lift Operator for my family's business, Jack's Boat Yard in Lund

No political background so far.



Why you want to be a City **Councillor:** I hope to provide positive energy to strategies that will improve energy efficiency and promote environmentally responsible economic opportunities.

The three biggest issues **Powell River will face 2018** - 2022: A shortage of affordable homes both rental and owned. Increasing operating costs and ageing infrastruc-

ture. Lack of opportunities for the youth of Powell River to develop careers.

One thing the previous Council did well: Implementing bylaws that allow for carriage houses in Powell River.

One thing you would have done differently: I would like to see our City's governing council find better ways to incorporate ideas from the community in the decision making process. Powell River is home to some of the smartest people I know and collectively we have really great answers for the challenges we

# City Council

- Seven Councillors
  - 13 candidates
- Four incumbents
- Approx 13,000 residents

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#### **TERRY NOREAULT**

Retired, most recently **Chief Librarian, Powell River Public Library** 

First Time.



Why you want to be a City Councillor: To continue and build on the progress of the last four years.

The three biggest issues Pow*ell River will face 2018 – 2022:* Finding the resources to continue the investment in our infrastructure. Protecting and enhancing that which makes Powell River a great place to live. We have a very good sustainability plan and

need to follow it in making decisions. Making sure Powell River is open for business. We need new investment to grow our com-

One thing the previous Council did well: This years' budget process was very challenging. It is always difficult to find the right balance between fiscal responsibility and investment in the future. I believe this Council made good choices.

One thing you would have done differently: I would have moved more quickly on the Inn at Westview.

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# Elect Terry for Council

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#### JIM PALM



Teacher, SD47;

**Career Coordinator: Dual Credit Programs** 

Three terms as a City Councillor plus one term as a Regional District Director



Why you want to be a City Councillor: After three terms as a member of an effective, hard-working, caring, collaborative and cost-conscious team, I am confident I have more to contribute to this community. During my previous terms, I have enjoyed interacting with, and listening to, the citizens of Powell River and addressing their concerns. I will continue to support a positive working

relationship with members of Council, City management and employees as we continue to stretch your tax dollars so as to generate maximum benefits to the community.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 -2022: Liquid Waste Management. Renewing our infrastructure.

One thing the previous Council did well: Made effective use of our community assets to stimulate economic revitalization.

One thing you would have done differently: Increase pressure and tighten timelines on the owner of the Inn at Westview to start remedial action.

#### **ART RICHARDS**

#### **Retired Instrumentation Mechanic & manager**

Aside from an unsuccessful attempt to be elected to a School Board in Nova Scotia and several positions on boards and committees, I have no other experience in politics.



Why you want to be a City Councillor: My last five years working out of the Predictive Maintenance Department at Michelin taught me to look past the present and examine possible future scenarios. I like to be informed. One has to be in-

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 - 2022: The sewage

treatment plant, the Inn at Westview and holding the line on the city budget to keep our taxes from getting out of hand.

One thing the previous Council did well: Keeping our property taxes down considering the sudden, excessive evaluation of residential properties by BC Assessment.

One thing you would have done differently: Not allow a small group of people to force the city into a huge debate over the sewage treatment plant after we paid for a very expensive consultation.

# City Council

#### ROB SOUTHCOTT



Husband, Dad, City Councillor, Paramedic (95% retired)

Incumbent, plus various committee and board memberships over many years.



Why you want to be a City Councillor: I love my job and I want it to go on for a while longer. Four years passed in a flash. A lot of good stuff happened, and there's more.

The three biggest issues Pow*ell River will face 2018 – 2022:* To thrive in a reality of diminishing resources. To compensate locally for the globalized supply of

everything we think we depend on. Wildfire, earthquake, I hope not. Block parties instead.

One thing the previous Council did well: Working to con-

One thing you would have done differently: Communicate better, especially appreciation to the many contributing to our community.



#### **RE-ELECT**

# Jim Palm

FOR CITY COUNCIL

#### WHY JIM PALM?

- Experience and a continued commitment to this community.
- Proven track record as an effective and hard-working City Councilor for the past 10 years.
- Strong principles and integrity.
- · Accountable to Powell River's citizens.

I believe in bringing people together to work towards common goals that benefit the citizens of this community. We need to foster a strong economy, support the renewal of local infrastructure and work to create and adopt a strong, affordable social plan.

If you support the direction we are moving in, and you value the lifestyle and amenities Powell River has to offer, vote for me to continue to work for you.



CANDIDATE SPONSOR: Authorized by Jim Palm, Financial Agent • 604.414.5960

# SRABC

STROKE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION OF BC

Powell River Stroke Recovery would be happy to **visit** anyone who has had a stroke. A stroke survivor or any of the family members just has to ask. We supply support and information to anyone who needs it.

The **Stroke Recovery Group** meets Tuesday mornings, 9:30-12:45 at the **Legion** (6811 Alexander Street)



Our organization is made up of three groups:

- Stroke Survivors,
- Caregivers, and
- Volunteers

All monies donated or raised by our group remain with our group to benefit stroke survivors here in Powell River.

For further information or to ask for a visit, please call Sandy at 604 489-0024 or Barb at 604 485-5950.

#### **ROGER WHITTAKER**

## Marine Surveyor & President of Laston Lastoff Productions Inc.

First Time Running for City Council



Why you want to be a City Councillor: Powell River is growing. Now is the time to encourage families with school age children to choose to come here, return home or never leave. To fill our churches, our businesses, our schools, our sports teams, our choirs, our clubs and organizations. About 75 cents of every dollar cir-

culating in Powell River is from a forestry-related dollar. Now is the time to encourage the other 25 cents of each dollar to grow, supplement or participate with our abundant resource rich environment.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 – 2022: Continued business growth. Exploit fibre optic advantage. Business owner succession.

One thing the previous Council did well: Bringing fibre optic internet.

**One thing you would have done differently:** Route bike lanes to avoid alienating/threatening established local businesses.

#### SHARON WRIGHT

I don't have a job that pays a salary. I do have many groups that I serve as a treasurer, coordinator, cook, teacher, administrator, and more! I love my day "jobs"!

I have never run for political office.



Why you want to be a City Councillor: I feel that I have the time and interest required to respectfully and sincerely serve as a Councillor.

The three biggest issues Powell River will face 2018 – 2022: Ferry service, low cost housing and bringing more higher paying jobs to our city.

One thing the previous Council did well: Promoting Powell River to the world.

One thing you would have done differently: I am not a fan of some of the bike lanes and how they restrict homeowner and business parking, especially along sections of Manson.



# **Sharon Wright**

FOR CITY COUNCILLOR

I have lived in this beautiful city for over 30 years and believe we have a vibrant future ahead of us!

Volunteering with a variety of community groups has been, and continues to be, a great satisfaction for me.

I would count it a privilege to represent the diverse interests of our community with respect and diligence.

If you have questions for me, I would be happy to talk with you!





## Elect ROGER WHITTAKER to City Council

Former Member of Powell River Brain Injury Society Board Current Member of STIR Committee of the Truck Loggers Association Current Member of Powell River Missions Fest Planning Committee

I am currently a Marine Surveyor and I own and operate an independent Internet Protocol TV production company with 4 distinct channels.

I will be putting my shoulder to the wheel for employee and worker safety, encouragement of local business success & promotion of local resources.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your support.

Local Families

**Local Business** 

Local Issues

Local Work



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# Whittaker Roger

# 226 lbs

nd the winner of the Great Pumpkin competition at the Fall Fair is ... a whopper weighing in at 226 pounds grown by Dave Silvester! Dave won \$100 for his efforts. Second and \$50 went to Kelvin Bruce for his 98 pounder and third (\$25) went to Laura Silvester for her 95-pound beauty. Congratulations to everyone for growing these Atlantic

Giants. Special thanks to Alan Rebane, President of the Powell River Farmers' Agricultural Institute for weighing these giants with Horticulturalist Jonathan van Wiltenburg, A Growing Concern columnist with *Powell River Living*. Thank you Jonathan for organizing this fabulous contest with *Powell River Living* and for sponsoring it.

**FAIRWEATHER FALL:** Top: Pumpkins from PRL's Giant Pumpkin Contest. The biggest is the yellow one centre right, at 226 pounds. Below, Alan Rebane, Isabelle Southcott and Jonathan van Wiltenburg do the honours. Centre, the Skookum Gleaners were on hand making cider. Centre, bottom: Sheldon the Turkey is a star. Bottom right: Grace Murphy, 9, shows off her fall flair, painted by Joy Cross.

Photos by Isabelle Southcott and Pieta Woolley













Not sure what to do with all that pumpkin? Puree it! More recipes can be found in the September issue of PRL.

#### **PUMPKIN SQUARES**

Submitted by Wendy Twomey

Base:

2 cups flour

1/3 cup icing sugar

1 cup unsalted butter, cubed

1 teaspoon kosher salt

Filling:

3 eggs beaten

14 ounce can pumpkin puree

¼ cup packed brown sugar

1/3 cup corn syrup

½ cup whipped cream

2 teaspoons lemon juice

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon cinnamon

½ teaspoon allspice or nutmeg

½ teaspoon ground ginger

1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

Topping:

2 tablespoons butter, softened

2 tablespoons cream cheese, softened

½ cup icing sugar

1 to 2 tablespoons of milk.

Preheat oven to 350. Line a 9-by-13 inch baking pan with parchment paper. Mix together flour, icing sugar, butter and salt until mixture just comes together. Do not let it form a ball. Pat into prepared baking pan and bake for 25 minutes or until golden.

Combine the filling's wet ingredients. Scrape sides of mixer and process again.

Pour over base and bake for 35 to 45 minutes. Cool.

Combine butter and cream cheese using a hand beater until soft and fluffy. Beat in icing sugar and enough milk to make a thin icing. Drizzle and draw a knife through the lines to make a design. Chill and cut into squares.

#### **PUMPKIN ICE CREAM**

Submitted by Taylor Liebich

4 hananas

1 cup pumpkin puree

1/3 cup honey

1.5 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice Blend together and freeze

#### **PUMPKIN APPLE BREAD**

Submitted by Julie Burden

1/4 cup oil

1/4 cup butter

3/4 cup sugar

1 cup canned pumpkin

1 cup grated, unpeeled apple

2 cups flour

1 tsp baking powder

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp cinnamon

1/4 tsp nutmeg

1/4 cup chopped nuts

1 egg

1/2 cup of raisins or craisins

Topping:

2 tbsp butter

2 tbsp sugar

2 tbsp flour

1/2 tsp cinnamon

Combine wet ingredients. Add in dry ingredients. Add raisins and nuts. Spoon into a loaf pan. Mix topping ingredients and sprinkle over the top. Bake in a 350 degree oven for one hour.





An Introduction to the Self-Employment Program

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You take a word from the bottom and you put it on top: Henderson Elementary students Quintin Price and Julia Laine play 'sight word Jenga' with Teacher and Librarian Diana Caldarone. This literacy-through-play activity has them reading the block before placing it on top.

# Learning to learn

When SD47 students encounter a challenge, there's plenty of help to get them back on track

#### Some tools we use for literacy and numeracy support:

#### Abracadabra

This Concordia University-based online program is a highly interactive, early literacy web-based tool that supports beginning readers through dozens of engaging activities and digital stories.

#### **Joyful Literacy**

By BC-based educator Dr. Janet Mort, an inclass play-based model for ensuring 90 percent of children are reading by the end of Grade 2.

#### **Reading Plus**

For K to Grade 12. Learn to read informational or literary texts and receive specialized academic vocabulary and reading comprehension instruction while teachers monitor their progress and performance.

#### **Math Seeds**

Teaches kids aged 3-9 the core math and problem solving skills needed to be successful at school with fun, highly interactive and rewarding lessons.

#### **Mathletics**

A captivating online math learning space for K to 12 which is a unique blend of student-driven learning and teacher-led instruction.

#### **Khan Academy**

Aimed at High School and beyond, this free online tool helps students learn math, science, computing and much more.

**Note:** School District 47 also provides screening and intervention help through programs such as Reading and Rec (summer); StrongStart; PALS bags; Kindergarten screening (new); a two-week pre-K program (new); plus in-class supports and much more.



Want to learn more?
Contact us.
School District #47
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# The problem:

- 1. Your teen is totally not getting math at all. She or he looks frustrated.
- 2. Your child is starting Kindergarten and isn't recognizing letters or numbers.
- 3. You've noticed your preteen's friends are reading chapter books, and yours would rather do anything than read. You know he or she is embarrassed about it.

## The solution:

Fix it ASAP.

All kids learn differently and at different paces, affirms Don Fairbairn, the School District 47 Director of Instruction. But if your child is struggling at school, some strategically-focused efforts will likely result in a solution

As an example, Don recalls meeting with a friend's daughter, who was failing Grade 10 math. After a little investigation he figured out she had missed learning the times table.

"It was a quick fix. She went from a fail to a C+ that same semester," Don said. "When students are struggling in high school, it's usually because they missed something in elementary school."

School District 47 offers many programs to help students (together with their families) get back on top, in both literacy and numeracy. Educators have found that the key is enjoyment - to make conquering skills as pleasureable and satisfying as possible.

If you have concerns about your child's learning, the first step is to talk with your child's teacher to help find where the challenges are, and what the solutions might be.

"Functional numeracy and literacy is attainable for almost all students," said Don.

Furthermore, learning to identify and fix their own problems is an essential skill that once learned will serve them for a lifetime. SMALL BUSINESS **MONTH** 

**Entrepre** in the making
Boy, 9, likes to fix

vacuum cleaners

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT | isabelle@prliving.ca

ishop Lister has close to 60 vacuums. Now that's no big deal if you own an appliance repair shop or sell vacuums. But it is a big deal if you're a nineyear-old kid living in Westview.

Bishop has been interested in vacuums since he was a toddler. His mom Christine has a photo of 18-month Bishop vacuuming up a storm in the video store in Fort Nelson where they used to live. Today the Grade 4 Westview Elementary School student is still fascinated by vacuums and enjoys fixing them.



MOST KIDS WOULD THINK THIS WOULD SUCK... BUT: Bishop Lister has fixed so many vacuum cleaners, his mom says there's no more room for them in the house. photo by Isabelle Southcott

"I don't know why I like them," he said. "I've just liked them for a long time."

He says many people throw out their vacuums when they stop working. He takes them apart and often finds out that they're plugged up and so he fixes them. Sometimes all that's needed is to take a vacuum apart and clean it, he says.

When Bishop was five the family lived in the North-

"There's always a vacuum going here. He likes to conduct experiments with them."

- Mom Christine Baird-Cook

## Congratulations Erin and Thanks Powell River!

Triune #81 Masonic Lodge of Powell River would like to thank the community for their support for our travel lottery, and congratulate the winner of the \$3,500 travel voucher, **Erin Goulet.** Have fun in your travels, Erin!







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Again, on behalf of myself and the members of Triune Lodge #81 Masonic Lodge, I would like to express our gratitude to the community and businesses of Powell River for their support.

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west Territories. One day they went out to pick morels. "Bishop used the money he made picking morels to buy a shop vac," said Christine.

Bishop is every mom's dream. "There's always a vacuum going here," said Christine. "He likes to conduct experiments with them."

He's interested in figuring out how vacuums work. "Which vacuum picks up more? Which one is the fastest? Which one is the strongest? Which one is the loudest? Which one cleans the best?"

Bishop's favourite vacuum is one he calls The Bishop Vacuum – "an awesome Franken vacuum," he created out of three different vacuums. Next in line are Dyson and Shark Infiniti.

Bishop knows not a lot of kids are as interested in vacuums as he is but says there's another kid on YouTube who collects vacuums too.

Bishop would like to have a vacuum museum to display all his vacuums but his ultimate goal is to invent a vacuum that would suck up all the pollution out of the water. Someday, he'd like to have his own appliance repair shop.

People give him vacuums. Even his teacher, Caroline Hoekstra, brought a vacuum to school for Bishop to work on.

Although Bishop is thankful for all the vacuums he's been given – and would like even more – his mom says they're running out of places to store all the vacuums he's collected.

**VACUUM MUSEUM COMING SOON:** Or an appliance shop. Both of Bishop Lister's grown-up goals are sure to be successful, given his level of passion for vacuums.



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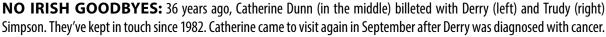
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# **Up With These People**

# Billeting bonds across countries, life and death

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT | isabelle@prliving.ca

hirty-six years ago Derry and Trudy Simpson opened their home to a cast member from Up With People when the troupe came to Powell River.

It was May 1982 and 18-year-old Catherine Dunn (now Barry) from Mallow, County Cork was in Powell River for two nights. She had signed on with the educational troupe whose mission is to bring the world together through service and music as they travel with a purpose.

The Simpsons had never billeted anyone before; this was all new for them.

Catherine remembers the visit well. She'd left Ireland on New Year's Eve in 1981 after auditioning for the group while in college. "I was in the band mostly," she said. She sang, danced, and played the violin.

Catherine met the Simpsons' two boys, Ross and Grant, and their daughter, Allison. The family took her to their cabin up the lake.

"My abiding memory of Powell River is Powell Lake," she said. "We had a rare morning off from Up With People. Derry, who was mayor of Powell River at the time, and Trudy took us to their cabin. I was mesmerized by it all. I'd never seen floating cabins."

"I'll never forget her standing on the porch looking at the lake saying, 'I'm on Golden Pond,'" recalled Trudy.

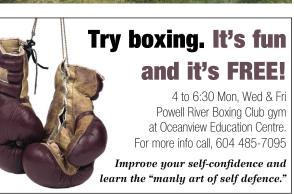
A special bond formed between Catherine and the Simpsons. Derry's ancestors are Irish and so is his heart, explained Trudy.

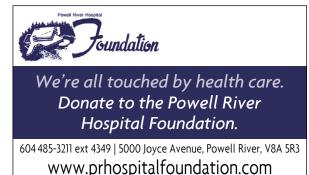
After Catherine left, the Simpsons wrote a letter to Catherine's parents telling them about their visit.

"They let them know that I was doing well," said Catherine who still has that letter and all the others they've written. "That meant a lot to me and my parents











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as it was hard to stay in touch because Up With People moved so much."

The years passed. Catherine married Tom and they had five children. They stayed in touch.

Catherine's brother Patrick was killed in a motorcycle accident. Then the Simpsons' daughter Allison died.

Letters flew back and forth across the countries with the Simpsons always promising to visit soon.

Finally Catherine wrote "I won't hold my breath for you to come visit."

"We didn't know we would need her so badly. She became our daughter. I tell all my friends my Irish daughter is coming for a visit."

Well, that was that. The gauntlet had been dropped.

- Trudy Simpson

"Five kids?" said Trudy after Cian was born. "We've got to go visit and tell her how to stop having kids!"

In 1996 the Simpsons finally visited Catherine and her family in Ireland. "We didn't know we would need her so badly," Trudy said.

Catherine lost both her parents and her brother, and Trudy and Derry lost their daughter. They all knew what it was like to lose someone you love.

"She became our daughter," said Trudy, explaining that Catherine's bubbly, outgoing personality reminds her of Allison. And Derry and Trudy became Catherine's second set of parents.

"I tell all my friends that my Irish daughter is coming to visit," said Trudy.

"I knew about pain," said Catherine simply. "We could relate to each other in terms of our life stories."

After that first visit with Catherine, Tom, and their young family, Derry said to Trudy: "We're going back!"

And they did. More than 10 times in the last 20 years.

Catherine has visited Powell River too. She brought her husband and five

#### **DO YOU REMEMBER UP WITH PEOPLE?**

This global organization of touring youth performance troupes began in 1965 - the era of the Civil Rights protests and social unrest around the world. Founder J. Blanton Belk saw "the ability of young people to do what governments had failed to do: to walk across borders, see beyond race, and build bridges of understanding between people."

It's the same era that, in Canada, launched Katimavik and other hopeful youth organizations that have since fizzled. But the Up With People phenomenon is still going strong.

They've been to Powell River several times, and youth from here have joined the cast.

This fall, groups are performing in Texas, Mexico, Sweden, Switzerland and Denmark. See for yourself at www.upwithpeople.org.

children over when the youngest was six. "They spent hours on the dock catching bullheads," she recalled. She picked up a shakeblock on Powell Lake and when she visited her brother-in-law who was just about to move back to Ireland from Seattle, she stowed that shakeblock in his moving container. That shakeblock sat in the entryway of her home in Ireland for a very long time.

"There was always this syncroncity between us," said Catherine.

Derry agrees. "They've been like family to us. We've always felt so welcome when we visit."

But this time Catherine's Powell River visit is bittersweet. Bitter because Derry has been told he's living on borrowed time. His metastatic melanoma has spread to his liver. But sweet, because Catherine loves Derry and Trudy and wants to do what she can to help.

"I came here to make sure they were okay," said Catherine smiling. RL



### I MADE THE MOVE

# New hospital director touches down

élie De Champlain is Powell River Hospital's new director. Originally from Quebec, she moved here last summer from the Cowichan Valley where she'd been living with her husband Michael and two children while serving Island Health as Director of Community Integration.

She started her career working as a nurse in Montreal, taught at the Université Montreal before falling in love with a humanitarian from BC. Together they travelled the world with Medécins Sans Frontieres living in three African nations and the Amazon region of Brazil. Mélie and her family moved to Canada's far north where "I had the privilege of working in public health with the Inuit of Nunavut."

From there, the family moved to the Gaspé region of Quebec where Mélie held a health director position. She's travelled to Greece twice in the past few years to help tend to the medical needs of refugees during the big migration through that country to the rest of Europe and she still supports refugees as the need arises and time permits.

Mélie holds a master's degree in health administration and is a Fellow of the Canadian Health Research Foundation.

## Why did you choose to move to Powell River?

**Mélie** • Vancouver Coastal Health was looking for a local director for the Coastal Community of Care in Powell River and

élie De Champlain is Powell as the role fit my skills and interests, I was River Hospital's new director. Up for the challenge! This has been a great decision!

#### Where from?

**Mélie** • From Cowichan, Vancouver Island but I am originally from Quebec.

## What surprised you once you moved here?

Mélie • I just fell in love with the music and choirs. My daughter entered the youth choir and I really enjoyed the Carols by Candlelight concert and participating in Kathaumix as a host family was an exceptional experience. I have been so impressed by the quality of the concerts offered in Powell River! The other great surprise is the presence of the French community and how I can speak French in so many places around town!

### What made you decide to move here?

**Mélie** • We came for a weekend in July 2017 to get a feel for the community. When we arrived, everyone asked us if we had come for the PRISMA concert... so we bought tickets for one night and I was sold right away on Powell River after that!

#### Where is your favourite place here?

**Mélie** • I love Inland Lake. It's so beautiful! And when I hike the 13km around the lake with my family... it's so rewarding!

#### How did you first hear about Powell River?

**Mélie** • My daughter was going to school



**FAMILY SANS FRONTEIRS:** Africa, Brazil, Greece, Nunavut, Quebec, Cowichan, and now here in Powell River: this family is dedicated to serving the world through medicine. Now, Mélie De Champlain is the hospital's new director.

in Cowichan with a girl from Powell River. When I was thinking of moving here, I called her mother. The feed-back I got from her was so positive!

## What would make this a nicer community?

**Mélie** • Really, I just can't think of anything. I love Powell River!

# What aspect of your previous community do you think would benefit Powell River?

**Mélie** • I really liked the composting and recycling pick-up every week and the garbage pick-up every other week.

#### What challenges did you face in trying to make a life for yourself here?

**Mélie** • Getting used to planning our travels with the ferry schedule either to go to the Island or Vancouver.

## If you were mayor of Powell River what would you do?

**Mélie** • I think I would look at creating

more community conversations to look at environmental issues and would think how, as a community, we could find solutions for decreasing plastic bottles, plastic bags and over packaging.

#### What are Powell River's best assets?

**Mélie** • The waterfront, the stunning views, the hiking trails, the lakes, the music, the choirs and most of all... the people! Also, my son participated in the sailing camp this summer – it was awesome and he just loved it!

## What is your greatest extravagance?

Mélie • It's a secret but sometimes, when I can see a glimpse of a beautiful sunset from my house, I take the kids in the car and we go watch the last minutes of it on Marine Avenue...in our pyjamas...

## Which talent or superpower would you most like to have?

Mélie ⋅ I would love to have more time for volunteer work. 

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# Set the night on fire

esse Derkatch is lighting up the night, and the world of light paint-

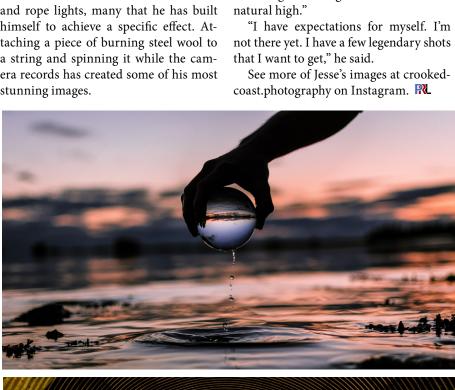
He had been using a camera for most of his life, and was already into photographing the stars when he got turned onto light painting.

His usual night photography setup is a simple Nikon D5100 and a 35mm lens on a tripod. And running exposures between one second and two minutes is not unusual in night photography. But it's the lights he uses that are unique.

To paint with light, he uses things as mundane as flashlights and glowsticks, but also has custom-made orbs and LEDS and rope lights, many that he has built himself to achieve a specific effect. Attaching a piece of burning steel wool to a string and spinning it while the camera records has created some of his most stunning images.

In addition to some very specific equipment, Jesse's meticulous planning is what sets his images apart. He doesn't just go out to shoot at night and see where it takes him. He plans each shot, sometimes studying for hours to determine how to achieve the effect he envisions. Some of it depends on the whether and the moon. With a full moon, he'll shoot landscapes, whereas with a new moon, he can get better star shots.

The biggest challenge, he says, is getting out of bed to do it. His day job is a timber cruiser, and he's often exhausted at the end of a day. But once he's up at 2 am to go shooting, "the adrenalin is a























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More details to come! Find us on Facebook at 'Memento Mori Powell River'



Powell River

# A feast with Purpose

#### Rev. Ron Berezan Anglican

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? Essentially an ancient harvest festival, Thanksgiving reminds me of our sacred connections to soil, plants, animals, seasons and food and the Source of all this goodness. It is a time of holy communion with the wonderful abundance of Creation and a time to reflect on both the deep blessing that is this gift of Life and the sacred trust to care for and protect this beautiful Earth. It is also a time to be certain that all members of our community can share freely in this abundance.

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations?

German mystic Meister Eckhart claimed that we should "Apprehend God in all things, for God is in all things. Every single creature is full of God and is a book about God." If we bring this kind of contemplative attitude to our Thanksgiving celebrations, we can enter more deeply into the great mystery of this time of year. How is it that from a small seed such an enormous pumpkin grows? Why are we so intimately linked with the plants and animals that we consume, their bodies becoming a part of our own? We can find ways within our families and our communities to shape simple rituals, prayers or observances that express these and other mysteries and grow into traditions that help to anchor us through the years of our lives.

# **Juliette Woods Celtic Shamanism**

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? I bring focus to the shift of the seasons and try to reclaim Irish and Scottish traditions lost to my family - honouring both where we live as well as our heritage. Thanksgiving falls between Gaelic harvest festivals so there are lots of traditions to draw from, like making corn dollies, bread puddings, gathering from our garden or eco-mindfully wild crafting. It coincides with gratefully acknowledging the abundance of other harvests in life; projects that have completed, changes made for the better, dreams that came to be, as well as taking cues from the season by allowing aspects in life that need to "die" out to do so.

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations?

Aligning with the natural world can be key to shifting into gratitude if feeling challenged by grey, cooler, rainy days. Thanksgiving preparations like canning parties, mushroom picking, drying herbs, trips to local farms, bring depth plus emotional support. Also looking into our heritages for Autumn/Harvest traditions we might want to re-establish since many family lines have forgotten them completely, leaving us sometimes with stressful obligations or shallow "rituals". We get to choose what feels meaningful to reclaim! Setting a Thanksgiving plate out for our beloved deceased is a favourite in our house.



# Fr. Patrick Tepoorten

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? I've always felt that for Canadians, Thanksgiving is a kind of sacred day, for a nation that is increasingly less religious. It's the one day of the year that touches the Canadian heart, no matter who you are or what province you're from. Thanksgiving is all about the fall and the harvest. The year that has passed by is now well aged, its full bouquet is meant to be sipped and savoured. Both good and bad memories blend together, reminding us of how powerless we are over the universe. The autumnal chill in the morning air reminds us that healing will come after the ravages of a summer of wildfires. No matter what your faith is, no matter what kind of relationship you have with your maker, being thankful is part of just being alive. You got out of bed today: be thankful! You're not living in a region destroyed by the recent fires: how blessed can you be?

How could Powell Riverites bring more meaning to their celebration? Reach out to the elderly, invite them, reach out to the nobodies: you know who they are. They're nearby, in your neighbourhood. Include others. Welcome them in. The more the merrier, makes Thanksgiving a communal thing.

#### The Rev. Dr. Jeanette Scott Anglican deacon serving a **Lutheran congregation**

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? Thanksgiving is a harvest festival, a time for family to be together and give thanks for the abundance of creation.

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations?

I would say that the best way to give meaning to the Thanksgiving celebrations is to be intentional in expressing gratitude for all of the blessings of our lives. Over seven centuries ago, Meister Eckhart wrote: "If the only prayer you say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that would suffice."

#### **Kerrin Fraser The Salvation Army**

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? Thanksgiving is about family, friends, meeting new people, gathering together to be grateful for all God has provided for you and those who are close to you.

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations? It is far easier to be gracious when you are able to give back of your time. Time is a special commodity and to be able to give it back and help those who are unable to enjoy Thanksgiving as you are is the best way to feeling the deep and true meaning of Thanksgiving.

#### Rev. Mary J White **United Church of Canada**

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? To me, Thanksgiving is all about gratitude: gratitude for the opportunity to serve; gratitude for love within my community, my country; gratitude for all the daily lessons that are presented; gratitude for those who taught me life lessons; gratitude for the Triune One that guides my journey and is a faithful companion; gratitude for life that was given to me during a time when I get to share it with others born during this time. Truly blessed with grace.

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations?

More meaning or depth can be created during Thanksgiving celebrations by sharing with others something that we are grateful for; volunteering at a community Thanksgiving dinner; sharing our skills, talents or gifts in the service of others, spending time with those who are alone or lonely.

#### **Katie Alescio Living Water Foursquare** Church

What's Thanksgiving about, to you? Our church has potluck-style breakfast together on Thanksgiving Sunday. It involves having the chance to share together what we're thankful for, of course!

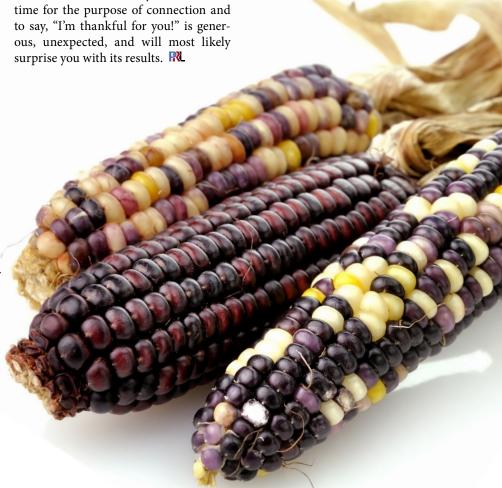
Thanksgiving, to me, is about taking a look at my life without comparing it to anyone else's, whether theirs be worse off or better off than mine, and just honestly being thankful for it. I like taking the time to consider what is good because there is always way more than I would initially think there is:)

How can Powell Riverites create more meaning or depth in their Thanksgiving celebrations?

By choosing to connect with whom they value. Whether it be spiritual or emotional/relational connection, Thanksgiving is the perfect time to be purposeful. I believe that time is our most valuable commodity and so to offer

Thanksgiving can be so much more than turkey, tofurkey, and pumpkin pie. With nebulous Canadian origins, though, it's easy to lose track of what we're celebrating.

Here, some Powell River faith leaders offers insight and advice on how to add meaning to your harvest meals October 7 & 8.



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#### WHAT'S UP

#### 20-artist exhibition opens Oct. 11

Malaspina Art Society presents Friends at Easel, an exhibition of paintings by 20 local and international, youth and senior, amateur and professional artists who have worked at easel with Powell River artist and art educator Ursula Medley.

This exhibition will be held at the Malaspina Exhibition Centre, Vancouver Island University with the opening reception on Thursday, October 11 from 7 to 9 pm. The exhibition continues until November 13.

Artists will be in attendance and there'll be refreshments and live music by Bob Drage and Lowell Morris.

"It's been a wonderful experience working with beginner and experienced, youth and senior painters over the last 17 years both here in Powell River and in hillside towns & vineyards in Tuscany," says Ursula.

Exhibiting artists include: Lesley Armstrong, Susan Cooper, Sharon Dennie, Joanne Denniston, Pat Dixon, Michael Drosdovech, Joan Fischer, Peter Gynd (Brooklyn, USA), Steve Grover, Louise Harwood-Lynn, Louise Henderson, Ursula Medley, Kanemit (Mexico), Jen Nachlas, Patricia Peters, Maggie Poole, Lenora Sattmann, Joanne Saunders, Janet Southcott, Eve Stocker.

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This year is the eleventh year the CRC has been serving the residents of Powell River. Last year just under 20,000 visitors that came through the door. That's an increase of over 7,000 since 2014. As well as providing legal services, training opportunities, assistance with government applications and advocacy the CRC is also focused on providing coffee, tea and food to anyone who attends. This expense is considerable when you see approximately 100 people daily Monday to Thursday

To offset costs the CRC is doing a staples drive for the month of October. Anyone can help by donating some of the most used items at the CRC located at 4752 Joyce Ave. between 9 am - 4 pm Monday to Thursday during October excluding the Thanksgiving Holiday on October 8th.

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#### Win tickets to Lennie Gallant concert at the Max

When celebrated singer/songwriter Lennie Gallant released his new album, Time Travel, last month critics called it his finest recording to date. For a musician who's won countless awards including Canadian Folk Music Artist of the Year and an Order of Canada for his work, that's saying something!

Time Travel is Lennie's first studio album in nine years. According to a press release Lennie says: "While I'm proud of the live recordings we made over the last few years, there is really nothing to compare with being in a studio session with great musicians and a producer and bringing 13 brand new songs to life!"

His last two live albums have won national and East Coast Music Awards including Folk Album and 2017 EMCA Entertainer of the Year.

The Prince Edward Island native will share some of his latest work with Powell Riverites when he performs at the Max Cameron Theatre at 7:30 pm on Monday, October 29. Local songstress Devon Hanley will be a guest.

For a chance to win tickets to attend Lennie Gallant's concert email contest@prliving.ca before Oct. 20 and tell us the name of one song that Lennie has written.



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#### Rotary for young adults

The two Rotary clubs in Powell River are exploring the possibility of together sponsoring a Rotaract club. In our vast Rotary district that includes Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Prince George, MacKenzie, and south to Quesnel and Williams Lake, there are only a handful of Rotaract clubs.

A Rotaract club is "Rotary Express" – an inexpensive, informal club for people age 18 to 30. This includes those who have already left school and Interact alumni. Costs are minimal - stationary, occasional coffee or snack for the most part. They can meet in each other's homes, by opening a chat room, by using Skype, or meeting at a coffee shop. A coffee/snack is much more affordable than hiring space in a restaurant! They can tailor the schedule of meetings to what they need – sometimes weekly, sometimes every two weeks or even monthly.

My observation is that Rotaractors have a great time, love it and are full of good ideas. They also have great projects. These projects are both community and internationally centered. Members put on fund-raising drives to pay for these projects.

Rotaract is a part of Rotary International, which means that they have a presence in many countries all around the world.

Members of Rotaract can attend Rotary International conferences. The immediate days preceding the main conference are for Rotaracts to celebrate themselves. Rotaract members can be members of a Rotary club and a Rotaract club jointly - provided they still fit the age bracket for Rotaract.

Being part of Rotary International their object is the same, namely:

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- William Mitchell-Banks RL



# New library mural by two of PR's most prominent fine artists

Artists Meghan Hildebrand and Luke Ramsey were busy last month painting a colourful, playful mural on the exterior wall of the Powell River Public Library building.

The wall, which faces the Alberni Street side of the library, shows whimisical, woodland creatures happily playing in front of a vibrant coastal scene.

The mural is sponsored by Decoda Literacy Solutions, and PREP with support from the library, the City of Powell River, the Art Centre and Powell River Public Art Advisory Group.

Luke is the City of Victoria's artist-in-residence. He and Meghan have worked together on murals in the past and were excited about the opportunity to work together again.



# BC's fastest seniors live here

Victor Njume and Doug Hudson battled inclement weather to bring medals home to Powell River from the 55+ BC Games last month. The games were held from September 11 to 15 in Kimberley and Cranbrook.

"We participated in our respective sport events, in spite of the cold, rain and wind," said Victor.

There were 2,500 to 2,600 participants, plus numerous enthusiastic volunteers and officials.

Victor won three golds in his age category (75-79 years). His firsts were in 400-metre track and field, javelin and shot put. He won bronze in 200-metre track and

field and fourth in discus.

Doug Hudson also brought home a pair of bronze medals in the 75-79 category. He medalled in both the 5000-metre track and field and the

10,000-metre road race. Doug also finished fourth in the 1500-metre track and field event.

In the photo above. Doug is shown putting on a spurt at the finish line of the 10,000-metre road race.





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#### **BUSINESS CONNECTIONS**

BY KIM MILLER office@powellriverchamber.com



ominations for the 2019 Small Business BC Awards are open on October 1 to November 30. The awards are open to new and ex-

isting businesses registered in BC with fewer than 50 employees. In recent years, several Powell River businesses have been nominated including Little Hut Curry, which was one of the fop five finalists in Best Immigrant Entrepreneur category last year. See www.sbbcawards.ca.

Townskate is opening early this month at 4482 Marine Avenue. Townskate is a family owned full-service skateboard shop providing skateboards, skimboards, apparel, repairs, and lessons. Owners Vivian and Tim Ladner say Townskate welcomes anyone interested in receiving information about board sports or looking for support in that area. Combining their interests and areas of expertise (Vivian's background is in social work and advocacy and Tim's background is as a youth worker, skateboard, skimboard, and snowboard instructor) the pair formed Townskate in hopes of fostering community and active living. They appreciate board sports and the outdoors and look forward to becoming part of the community through hosting events and sponsoring local skaters. Drop by the store, call 604489-3152, visit www.townskate.com or email info@townskate.com.

Treasures, Music & Thrift Store opened last month at 4457 Joyce Avenue (between 7-Eleven and the Carlson Club). The store is owned by Sam and Cynthia Dominelli who moved here from Chilliwack last year with their two young children Joseph, 9 and Jacob, 3. Sam has 47 years of experience in the antique business having owned 33 stores during the course of his career. "We specialize in antiques, collectibles, vinyl records, vintage clothing, games, First Nations art, militaria, sports memorabilia and religious artifacts," he said. The store's inventory includes a 400-year-old statue of St. Peter, hand joinery tools, hot wheels, antique cameras, antique typewriters, a Bible from 1790, a large selection of vintage games and more. Sam also does antique appraisals. "I'm one of the top qualified appraisers in BC," he said. For more info, visit the store or call 604489-3039.

Renovations are underway at the Town Centre Hotel. A total face lift has been given to the hotel's three event rooms, The Malaspina, Jervis and Georgia, said Dikran Zabunyan, the hotel's general manager. "The rooms have new carpet, new chairs, new light fixtures and have been painted," he said. "We have better internet access and new audio-

visual equipment is on its way." Twenty-seven of the hotel's 71 guest rooms will also be renovated. The guest room renovations will be starting on October 8 and are expected to be finished at the end of January, said **Shelley Halliday, project manager** for the renovations. The hotel renovated some of its other guest rooms a few years ago. The courtyard, located just outside the Garden Court Restaurant, will also be given a facelift, said Dickran.

**Powell River Hearing** is now open at 4794B Joyce Avenue next to the Medical Clinic Associates. This new hearing aid store is owned by **Shannon Miller, a registered hearing instrument practitioner** with the College of Speech and Hearing Health Professionals of BC. Shannon has worked in public health for more than 20 years, the last 10 in the audiology department. For more info visit or call Powell River Hearing at 604 485-0036.

Terracentric Coastal Adventures has grown and added an accommodation suite, The Lund Harbour House, for the convenience of their clients and visitors to Lund. Located on the harbour, The Lund Harbour House is available for short term rentals in the summer months - two to three night stays - and longer term rentals of two to three weeks or even a few months during the off-season. For more info contact Terracentric at 604-483-7900 or www.terracentricadventures.com

On September 11, **Townsite Brewing** was one of several companies that the Economic Development and Employability Network (RDÉE Canada) honoured the excellence of Francophone entrepreneurs working in official language minority communities in Canada. Townsite Brewing won in the category of Processor. **Michelle Zutz, Co-owner & Director of Sales**, attended the event which was held in Vancouver and accepted the award on behalf of the company.

John Burton, a founding member of the iconic Canadian band "Doug and the Slugs," is now teaching guitar and piano on-site at Rockit Music. This skilled veteran musician is well-versed in many musical styles. Doug and the Slugs, a Canadian pop music band, was formed in 1977. The group enjoyed top Canadian hits including Too Bad and Making it Work. John continues to perform and tour with the band at festivals and events across North America. For more information or to book a lesson, call 604485-7625, email rockitmusic@telus.net or drop by the store at #101-4400 Marine Ave.

The Powell River Chamber of Commerce has extra Telus and Yellow Pages **phone books** - remember those? If you'd like one, drop by the chamber office and pick one up.

# OCTOBER 5 TO 8 LONG WEEKEND



Thanksgiving Weekend CCR Tribute AIDA Live on Screen West Meets Africa Kings vs. Trail

# OCTOBER 12 TO 14 WEEKEND



Fire Prevention Open House Ray Charles Tribute WIB Business Bootcamp Laser Light Skate One-day Bonspiel

# OCTOBER 19 TO 21 WEEKEND



Memento Mori Lantern Making Pro-D for SD47 6 Guitars at The Max Sunshine Coast Art Crawl Salmon Foundation Dinner

# OCTOBER 26 TO 28 WEEKEND



Celebration of Cultural Diversity
Halloween Events
Young Naturalists Birdwatching
Lang Bay Hall Christmas Craft Fair
Bullet Journalling

Much more is happening in October. Check out PRL's full coverage of festivals and events on Pages 40 to 47.

# **Fall For**

# October

# non-turkey ways to feel thankful

#### 1. Prepare to vote

On October 20, we head to the polls. Watch democracy in action at one of the all-candidates events, and you're sure to gain new respect for your friends and neighbours who are willing to step up and run. They make democracy work. And so do you - when you research and vote.

#### 2. Oktoberfests

Thanksgiving itself can be tricky - the big meal that makes a big mess, and the sometimes-fraught relationships with relatives. Not so with Oktoberfest, and there's a bunch of events here this year. Beer, buddies, pretzels & sausage. And someone else does the dishes.

#### 3. Raise funds

As many local faith leaders point out in our feature about injecting meaning to Thanksgiving (Page 34), reaching out to others is very rewarding. This month is chok-a-blok with fundraisers, for refugees, salmon, the CRC, self-advocates, polio and more. Like hands-on? Help clean up Holy Cross Cemetery.

#### 4. Face your mortality

If you want to feel gratitude - deep thankfulness - there's probably no better shortcut than to remember that you'll soon be dead. We all will. That's the bargain we make for living. Play with that feeling at the Haunted Ball. For a more contemplative experience, attend a Memento Mori event.

#### 5. Be with others

Again, our faith leaders pointed this one out. Seek out companionship - there's far too much loneliness in Powell River. One thing we're not lacking this month: gatherings. So go catch a concert or Hallowe'en party, or just hang out on your front porch with a guitar and a dog.

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# Hallowe'en

#### Friday, October 26

# Narnia-themed Haunted Forest and Carnival

5 to 8 James Thompson School.

"It has became a tradition for the grade 6-7 in French immersion at James Thomson to offer each year a special treat for those attending the school Halloween carnival. The haunted forest is for them a project they expect to take on every year in the fall and visitors are always at rendez-vous to see in what universe they'll have to walk through. The school forest becomes the stage of an interactive adventurous-mysterious quest path at dusk and recreates the world of a piece of literature with action, characters, lighting and sound effects! Alice in Wonderland (2015), Harry Potter (2016), Lord of the Rings (2017) and this year, Narnia! Come encourage James Thomson school again this year and make your way through the wardrobe to another world!" – Maxime Paquette

#### Weekend, October 26 and 27

#### **Ghost Train**

5 to 8 pm, Open Air Market. Admission by cash donation to Therapeutic Riding. Bonfire and Kiwanis concession.

"During our seasonal train operation many people asked: "You guys thinking about putting on a Hallowe'en Train?" After deliberating with our members we decided to go ahead & do it. So the verdict is a family-friendly Ghost Train. Nothing too scary - even I will cover up my face!

There will be lights, ghosts, witches, pumpkins, bonfire and the Kiwanis Food Truck. The train ride is free, but a donation to Therapeutic Riding would be

appreciated. All the kids will get a Halloween treat after the ride."

- Hans Mauer

**H3 Henderson Haunted House** Opens at 7 pm, Henderson School.

"Get ready to be scared senseless in this amazing haunted house put on by the Henderson PAC. In fact, it is so scary that they recommend only children over the age of 10 attend. The haunted house has been a huge fundraiser for Henderson School for many years. In the past, PAC has purchased tables, chairs, dishes for the kitchen, hampers for families in need, field trips and other extras for classrooms and the school. This year, they are fundraising to build an outdoor classroom so that, rain or shine, children can be learning outside. There will be a silent auction, concession and even childcare in the library for those too little or scared to ao through!'

– Kristen Brach

#### Saturday, October 27 Haunted Ball

8 pm Dwight Hall. Advance Tickets are available at Base Camp & River City.

"It's Hallowe'en season again, and for the adults of Powell River that means another spooky edition of the Vale Society's legendary Haunted Ball, hosted at the Historic Dwight Hall in Townsite. This elaborately decorated Halloween dance has become renowned for its inspiring atmosphere and elaborate production, and consistently attracts the most creative costumes in town. The Ball features groovy music from a selection of local DJ's, complimentary snacks, specialty drinks, interactive art exhibits, and costume prizes.

This year's Haunted Ball has a ghostly nautical theme, and promises even more atmosphere! Producers Blake Drezet and Autumn Skye have teamed up with local artists Catnip and Kelsey Mack, as well as many helpful and creative members of the community, to fill the Dwight Hall with some amazingly extravagant decorative displays. It's the perfect occasion to show off your Halloween spirit and immerse yourself in a world of wonder!"

- Autumn Skye Morrison

# **Dungeons & Dragons-themed Halloween party**

Carlson Community Club. Live music. \$5 for members \$10 for quests

#### Monday, October 29

#### **Pumpkin Carving class**

4-5:30 pm. Rec Complex. \$10. Pre-register by calling 604-485-2891

#### **Tuesday, October 30**

#### **Halloween Skate**

5 pm-7 pm, Rec Complex

#### Wednesday, October 31

#### Halloween

Fireworks permitted 4 til 11 pm

#### **Halloween Ice Play**

10 am – 11 am Rec Complex

#### **Candy Carnival**

6 to 8 pm, Living Waters Church. Carnival-style games like fish pond, bean bag toss, play-doh creations, basketball throw etc...and then cupcakes and coffee! The idea is that the families come in, play for as along as they want, and then leave with a big bag of candy.

# Memento Mori

A series of contemplative, community events that roughly coincide with All Saints Day and the Mexican Day of the Dead.

#### October 20 & 21

#### Memorial lantern making

At The Art Centre above the Library with artist Robi Smith. By donation. Register at theartcentrepr@gmail.com.

11 to 1 pm Saturday • Glass jar lantern. This drop in workshop is suitable for all ages and abilities.

2 to 5 pm Saturday • Create a lantern to honour the memory of someone you've loved. Bring photocopies of meaningful images or poems/text to incorporate into your lantern. By donation (suggested \$5-10 per lantern).

Noon to 3 pm Sunday • Lanterns for local endangered species. Create larger lanterns for adding silhouettes of endangered species

#### October 25 to November 4

#### Living well, dying well

An installation of books and an invitation to respond with art. At the Library.

#### October 27

## **Booth at the Celebration of Cultural Diversity**

#### **November 4**

#### **Memento Mori at Cran Cemetery**

3 to 8 pm. A lantern procession and installation, ofrenda (alter) for your deceased loved ones (bring mementos, photos and flowers), Mausoleum tours, cemetery self-tours, choral and contemplative music, sound walk, candle-lighting, and more.





# Plan your October

# **Big October Dates**

#### October 6 to 8

Thanksgiving Weekend

Special buffet at the Garden Court at the Town Centre Hotel (see ad on Page 3), and special menu at The Boardwalk Restaurant (see ad on Page 39).

#### October 8

**Thanksgiving Day stat** Rec Complex is open.

#### **Thanksgiving Dinner**

4:30 to 6pm, United Church. Free will offering. Everyone welcome.

#### October 19

SD47 Pro-D

#### October 31

Halloween

Halloween fireworks permitted 4 til 11 pm

# **Elections & Referenda**

#### **Monday, October 1**

**Area A All-Candidates Meeting** 7 pm, Northside Community Recreation Centre (old lund school). Sandy Dunlop to moderate.

#### **Tuesday, October 2**

All Candidates meeting: City Council & Mayor

7 pm. Recreation Complex. Hosted by the Chamber of Commerce.

## School Board all-candidates meeting for students

10–11:15 am Max Cameron (Note: the one for the public was held on Sept. 29)

#### Wednesday, October 3

**Area B All-Candidates Meeting** 6:30 pm, Myrtle Point Golf club. Moderator Judi Tyabji Wilson.

#### **Tuesday, October 9**

Meet and Greet the Area C Candidates

7 p.m. Lang Bay hall.

#### Wednesdays, October 10 & 17

**City of Powell River Advance Voting** 

#### Saturday, October 20

General Elections for Mayor, City Council, School Board and Regional District, plus referenda 8 am to 8 pm. And declaration of preliminary results after 8 pm. See Ads on Page 17 and 12.

#### **Monday, October 22**

**Declaration of Official Election Results** 

#### Tuesday, November 6

**Inaugural Council Meeting** 

# So you think you can swill?

# Break out your lederhosen and your dirndls.

This year – out of thin air – Powell River will host three separate Oktoberfest events, plus the Craft Beer Festival.

A fun fact: Powell River has a larger German population than its higher-profile Italian population. There are 3,070 locals who claim German ancestry, compared to just 1,225 Italians. And 400 locals can hold a conversation in German; 285 can speak Italian. (More than 19,000 locals can trace an ancestor to the British Isles, though, all according to Statistics Canada's 2016 numbers. Oatmeal, anyone?)

Back to Oktoberfest: what exactly are we celebrating? Since a royal wedding kicked it off in 1811, this massive beer festival takes over Munich each October. It attracts about 6.5 million people over two weeks, making it the largest public festival in the world.

And why not? Oktoberfest is such a juggernaut, it even has its own mood: Gemütlichkeit: (gu-moot-lish-kite) – meaning an atmosphere of comfort, peace and acceptance. Dance to the um-pa-pa tunes by Schunkeln: (Shoon-kulln) – linking arms with the people sitting next to you and swaying back and forth. And get ready to drink by chanting Zicke zacke, zicke zacke, hoi hoi hoi! (tsick-a tsacka, tsick-a tsacka, hoy hoy hoy) – then shouting "Prost!" (rhymes with toast) and downing a mug.

Because Munich has had an eventful couple of centuries, however, Oktoberfest has been cancelled regularly: for the Napoleonic Wars (1813); cholera epidemics (1854 & 1873); the Austrio-Prussian

War (1866); the Franco-Prussian War (1870); WWI (1914 to 1918); heavy inflation (1923 and 1924); and WWII (1939 to 1945).

Hopefully
Powell River
will avert catastrophe for the
next five weeks
or so to get us
through beer
season. Prost!

# **Oktoberfest & Beer**

#### Saturday, October 6

#### **Oktoberfest at The Legion**

7 pm. \$20. Bratwurst with sauerkraut, soft pretzel and black forest cake. Souvenir mug included. Music by Retro.

#### Friday, October 12

Oktoberfest at Lang Bay Hall

Dinner at 5:30 pm. Food, a cash beer & wine bar and dancing.
Members \$10, non-members \$15. To reserve your spot call 604-487-9552

## Saturdays and Sundays October 13&14 and 20&21

#### Oktoberfest at

The Boardwalk Restaurant

Noon til 8 pm at the Boardwalk Restaurant. Braised Sausage with Red Cabbage and Winter vegetables \$30; Schnitzel with

Red Cabbage and Winter Vegetables \$32; Charcuterie Plate for Two \$29; Pretzel / Grainy Mustard, \$3.

### Saturday and Sunday October 27-28

### **Townsite Brewing at The Boardwalk for Oktoberfest**

GF and Vegetarian Menu also available.

#### **November 3**

#### **Powell River Craft Beer Festival**

Dwight Hall. Ticket information is available at www.camrapowellriver.ca and on sale locally at Townsite Brewery. On-line tickets are available via the website as well at \$25 for CAMRA members and \$35 for non-members. Tickets include entry, three drink tokens and a souvenir tasting glass. See story Page 45.



# **Live Music**

#### Wednesday, October 3

#### Paul Beauchesne, tuba & Robert Holliston, piano

7:30 PM, James Hall, \$20 - Students 18 & under free with student ticket voucher

#### Saturday, October 6

#### **CCR Tribute**

Carlson Community Club, 9 pm. Tickets available at the club. Members \$20, Guests \$25

#### **Thursday, October 11**

**Hotel California Eagles tribute** Sold out at Max Cameron Theatre

#### Saturday, October 13

A tribute to Ray Charles

7 pm, Legion. By Ron Campbell & Blues Busters \$15

#### **Harmony Vespers**

4pm, Powell River United Church.

#### **Tuesday, October 16**

The Canadian Guitar Quartet

7:30 PM, James Hall. Admission \$23 -Students 18 & under free with student ticket voucher.

#### Friday, October 19

#### **Tim Williams in concert**

7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7) Cran Hall. Tickets \$20 at Rockit Music. Blues guitar

#### Musician with a Mission

here are hidden treasures among us - I'll show them to you. No, not gold or silver; I mean the forgotten songs of the '50s and '60s. Many people today have never had the chance to enjoy these "treasures."

You'll get a chance to enjoy these hidden treasures at the Royal Canadian Legion 164 on October 13, when my band, Ron Campbell and the bLUES bUSTERS, present "What'd I Play - a Tribute to the Music of Ray Charles."

Many have heard of Ray Charles, but are perhaps unfamiliar with his music. Maybe you've heard "Georgia On My Mind," but not his great songs of the 1950s, like "I've Got A Woman" or "What'd I Say?"

Ray Charles had 75 Billboard hits and won 40 Grammys. He played many styles, but we'll mostly focus on his Blues and Soul tunes. My band and I want to

#### Saturday, October 20

6 Guitars - Chase Padgett 7:30 pm, Max Cameron

**Tim Williams** 

Mary Mary Café, Texada

#### Friday, October 26

Jen Maurer & Anthony Papaleo Home Routes. See starbuckna.com

#### Saturday, October 27

Jen Maurer & Anthony Papaleo

Mary Mary Café, Texada. Home Routes concert. See starbuckna.com

#### Sunday, October 28

Coffee House with open mic

7 pm, Cran Hall. Admission by donation. Come out and hear your neighbours' latest creations or share a tune of your own. All skill levels welcome.

#### **Monday, October 29**

#### Lennie Gallant

7:30 pm, Max Cameron. Waking up the Ghosts tour. With guest Devon Hanley. See story Page 51.



keep the old songs alive, to share the "forgotten treasures" of the past.

We'll play music you've maybe not heard before. Our six-piece band includes two girl singers (like Ray Charles' famous "Raelettes"!). I'll be playing piano.

This show will be fun, entertaining, and educational - full of hidden trea-

Tickets are available at the Legion, 6811 Alexander St., or contact me at facebook.com/roncampbellmusic.

- By Ron Campbell. Photo by Antje Unger

#### Ghost Train

Family friendly train rides at Paradise Exhibition Grounds. Lights, ghosts, witches, pumpkins, treats, bonfire & Kiwanis food truck

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**MYCELIUM DREAMING:** See this brand-new painting in person at Autumn Skye Morrison's show Elemental, at Studio Curious. Opening night is October 11, 7 pm

# Film & Arts

#### **September 28 - October 2**

**A Simple Favor** 

7 pm Nightly

## Wednesday and Thursday October 3 & 4

#### Don't Worry He Won't Get Far On Foot

Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday 1:30 and 7 pm. Cinematheque series at The Patricia

#### October 5 - 9

#### The House with the **Clock in its Wall**

At the Patricia, 7 pm nightly & 1:30 pm weekend matinees

#### Saturday, October 6

Aida Live at the Met (on screen) 10 am, Max Cameron

#### **Saturdays through October**

**Art-rageous Saturdays** 

The Art Centre 11 til 1. Families can enjoy making art together during our free family drop in

#### October 10 to November 13

#### **Ursula Medley and Students**

Ongoing. Malaspina Exhibition Centre Student Showcase at VIU.

#### Thursday, October 11

#### Elemental: New Artwork by **Autumn Skye Morrison**

7 pm, Studio Čurious. Show is on until October 25.

#### Friends at Easel opening reception

7 to 9 pm, Malaspina Exhibition Centre, VIU. The show is on until November 13.

## Wednesday and Thursday October 10 & 11

#### **Sorry to Bother You**

Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday 1:30 and 7 pm. Cinematheque series at The Patricia

#### October 12 - 16

**Smallfoot** 

7 pm Nightly & 1:30 pm Weekend Mati-

### Wednesday and Thursday October 17 & 18

The Wife

Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday 1:30 and 7 pm. Cinematheque series at The Patricia

#### October 19 - 23

Venom

At the Patricia, 7 pm nightly

#### Weekend, October 19 to 21

**Sunshine Coast Art Crawl** See ad on Page 9.

#### Weekend, October 20 & 21

#### **Memento Mori lantern-making**

11 am Saturday, noon on Sunday. With artist Robi Smith. All ages. Lanterns to honour deceased loved ones. Lantern procession November 4. By donation to the artist. Register at theartcentrepr@ gmail.com.

# Wednesday and Thursday October 24 & 25

#### Love, Simon

Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday 1:30 and 7 pm. Cinematheque series at The Patricia

#### Wednesday and Thursday October 31 & November 1

#### **Blindspotting**

Wednesday 7 pm; Thursday 1:30 and 7 pm. Cinematheque series at The Patricia

#### **Sundays in November**

#### **Puppet shows in Lund**

Tidal Art Centre, 2 pm. Sandy Dunlop will present a different show every Sunday at 9971 Finn Bay Road, starting on November 4 with The Paper Bag Princess and one of the Frog and Toad stories.

# **Fall Craft Craze begins**

# **Health & Safety**

#### Saturdays through October

**Art-rageous Saturdays** 

The Art Centre 11 til 1. Families can enjoy making art together during our free family drop in

#### Saturday, October 6

Health Care Auxiliary Fall Bazaar 10 til 2 at the Rec Complex

#### Saturday, October 6

**Fall Auction** 

6pm, Powell River United Church

#### Saturday, October 13

**Urban Homesteading Presents:** "Boiling Water Canning" and "Basic Leather Craft."

2 pm at Townsite Anglican Church.

#### **Tuesday, October 16**

**Knit night** 6:30 pm, Library

#### Saturday, October 20

**Urban Homesteading Presents:** "Backyard Biochar" and "Wet Felting"

2 pm at Townsite Anglican Church. uhspr.ca

#### Saturday, October 27

**Urban Homesteading Presents:** "Soapmaking with Local Ingredients" and "Carbon Farming"

2 pm at Townsite Anglican Church. uhspr.ca

### Saturday and Sunday October 27 & 28

**Lang Bay Hall Christmas Craft** Fair

Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm, Sunday, 10 am -2 pm. Cost of table \$25 for both days. Contact Jody at 604-487-1620.

#### Friday and Saturday November 2 & 3

Powell River's own Craft Fair.

Recreation Complex. 5 til 9 Friday, 11 am -4 pm Saturday.

#### Saturday, November 3

St. David & St Paul Bazaar and tea 11 am til 2 pm. See ad on Page 49.

#### **Sunday, November 4**

**Vintage Sewing Machine gathering** Fibre Space: details TBA

#### Monday, October 1

**Beyond Meat burger** returns to A&W

#### **Tuesdays through October**

**Stroke Recovery meetings** 9:30 to 12:45, Legion. See ad on Page 22.

#### **Wednesdays through October**

**SMART recovery meetings** 

6:30 pm at the CRC. Addictions recovery support group. See ad on Page 13.

#### Saturday, October 13

Fire Prevention Week open house

11 am - 1 pm, Powell River Fire Hall. Open House - activities, fire safety information, broom busters, rounded out with hot chocolate and hot dogs! Bring the whole

**Fire Prevention Week open house** 11 am - 3 pm, Malaspina Fire Hall. 9999 Hwy. 101

#### **Tuesday, October 16**

**World Spine Day** See ad on Page 2 of ZEST.

#### October 16 to November 16

Flu shot clinics with VCHA See ad on Page 18 for details

#### Monday, October 15

**Advanced Care Planning for** LGBT folks aged 50+

2-4 pm Edie Rae's Café. Participate in this research project with SFU gerentologist Robert Beringer. Each participant will be provided with a \$10 gift card as a thank you. The study is called: Exploring and Advancing, Advanced Care Planning among Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Two spirit (LGBTQI2S) Older Adults Living in Non-metropolitan Communities in BC.

#### **Death Café**

6:30 to 8:30 pm, Cran Hall. With End of Life doula Heather MacLeod. While not a grief or counselling session, we will share thoughts, personal experiences and ideas with one another regarding the end of life journey we all will travel one day.

#### Thursday, October 18

**Great BC Shake Out** 10:18 am. See shakeoutbc.ca

# Do Good in the World

#### Saturday, October 6

**West meets Africa Harvest feast** St. Joseph's hall, doors open at 5:30 pm. Tickets \$50 at BaseCamp, 32 Lakes, Assumption Parish Office or call 778-839-3317. İn support of Hands Across the

**Holy Cross Cemetery Fall Clean Up** 10 am. See ad on Page 14.

#### Saturday, October 13

Kiwanis giant garage and marmalade sale 10 am - 1 pm, 4843 Kiwanis Ave.

#### **Thursday, October 18**

**Fashion for a Passion Show** Doors open 6:30 pm, the ARC. \$15. Proceeds to self-advocates.

#### Saturday, October 20

**Pacific Salmon Foundation Gala Dinner** See ad on Page 15.

#### Wednesday, October 24

**World Polio Day** 

Pasta for Polio fundraising dinner The ARC Community Event Centre. Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased from Rotary Club of Powell River mem-

bers or at The Peak office. Since 1985, Rotary clubs around the world, including in Powell River, have been working to eradicate this disease. Rotarians have immunized 2.5 billion children in 122 countries, reducing cases 99.9 percent.

#### Saturday, November 3

**Kiwanis Fall Book Sale** 

10 til 1 4943 Kiwanis money raised for Christmas Hampers.



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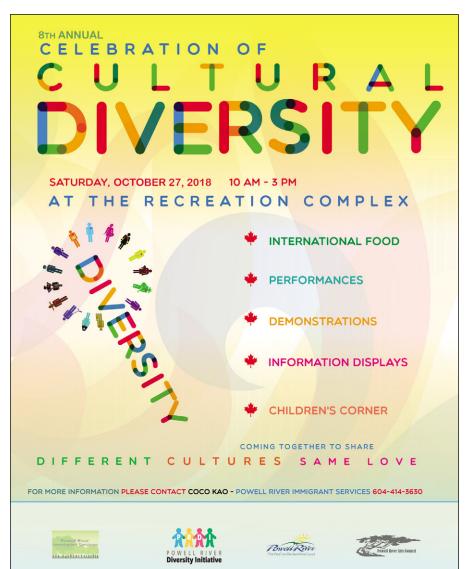
Drop-in sessions will be held Tuesdays starting Tuesday, October 2nd at 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm in the Rotary Makerspace.

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# **Learn Something New**

#### Wednesday, October 3

Canine Body Language and **Calming Signals workshop** 

6 to 7:30 pm, Mother Nature. \$15. Register in person or by phone 485-9878. With Donna Blower

#### **Intro to the Self-Employment Program**

See ad on Page 25

Italian Language, Culture & Food Weekly fall course starts at the Library,

#### Wednesday, October 10

#### Tricky - Local memoir-writers e-book launch

2 pm, Library. Enjoy readings from authors and coffee, tea, and treats catered by The Nook. For more information email Sandra Tonn: stonn@prpl.ca. The ebook will soon be available for free download in pdf, epub, and Kindle versions at the following link: https://prpl.ca/explore/memoirs/

#### Thursday, October 11

#### Introduction to Python with the Raspberry Pi

6 pm, Makerspace. Basics of Python programming using the Raspberry Pi computer Registration is required: Call VIU 604.485.2878

#### Saturday, October 13

#### **Business Bootcamp**

8 til 4, Carlson Community Club. Women in Business workshop.

#### Friday, October 19

**Author reading: Don't Never Tell Nobody Nothin' No How: The Real Story of West Coast Running** 

7 pm, Library. With Rick James. Tales of liquor smuggling between the US and Canada.

#### Saturday, October 20

**Author Reading: Return of the Wolf: Conflict and Coexistence** 2 pm, Library. With Paula Wild. Visual pre-

sentation "In Search of the Real Wolf."

#### **Tuesday, October 23**

#### **Growing Mushrooms at Home**

7 pm, Cranberry Senior's Centre. Cloning and isolation of wild specimens - serving fresh mushrooms of high quality and educating others who wish to enjoy the same benefits. Powell River Garden Club.

#### Saturday, October 27

#### #adulting presents Bullet **Journaling**

2 pm, Library.

#### **Celebration of Cultural Diversity** And children of the World fashion show.

See ad on Page 44.

#### **Sunday, October 28**

#### **Powell River Young Naturalists** go Birdwatching

10 am meet at the Willingdon Campground. With Clyde Burton. Learn about bird behaviour in our forests and shores. Bring binoculars if you can. Ages 4-12 welcome with an adult.

# Sports

#### **Mondays in October**

#### **Sober Sports ball hockey**

6 til 7:30 at the Christian School outdoor court. \$3. See ad on Page 10.

#### Wednesday, October 3

Kings vs. Cowichan Valley 7 pm Hap Parker

#### Friday, October 5

Kings vs. Trail 7 pm Hap Parker

#### Saturday, October 6

**United Way Free Community Swim** 2 til 4pm, Rec Complex October 6

Kings vs. Langley 7 pm Hap Parker

#### Friday, October 12

**Laser Light Skate** 7 til 10 pm, Rec Complex

#### Saturday, October 13

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#### Friday, October 26

Kings vs. Vernon 7 pm Hap Parker

#### Saturday, October 27

Kings vs. Nanaimo 5 pm Hap Parker

#### **Monday, October 29**

#### **Harvest Pool Party**

Monday Oct 29, 10-11:30 am Bring your pre-schooler for games, treats and fun in the pool (regular admission)

#### Saturday, November 3

**United Way Free Community Swim** 2-4 pm Rec Complex. Free admission.

# Drink me

#### BY PADDY TREAVOR

n today's highly competitive, craft beer market in BC it is no longer good enough to just produce craft beer to grab a share of the market. Brewers know they must produce a quality product to stand out from the crowd and mediocre brews will not prompt consumers to reach for their wallets.

In short, there are just too many great, BC-produced, craft beers available, so the consumer no longer must settle for anything less than outstanding.

The same can be said for craft beer festivals due to the huge number of great events that compete for the craft beer consumers' dollars and time these days. An annual festival must meet the high standards craft beer consumers expect or that event will not last more than a year or two.

# POWELL RIVER CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

When: November 3
Where: Dwight Hall

**Tickets:** Ticket information is available at www.camrapowellriver.ca and on sale locally at Townsite Brewery. On-line tickets are available via the website as well at \$25 for CAMRA members and \$35 for nonmembers. Tickets include entry, three drink tokens and a souvenir tasting glass.

A great craft beer festival is more than just having a wide variety of great craft beers, although the beers are obviously the star of the show. Atmosphere, food, enthusiasm of the crowd and venue all play a role.

Luckily for Powell River locals, the Powell River Craft Beer Festival is an event that has it all and this year's 5th edition, to be held November 3rd in Townsite's historic Dwight Hall, looks to be continuing the festival's tradition of getting bigger and better every year.

The event has sold out every year and consistently 30-plus percent of the tickets sold have gone to out-of-towners. It has become a draw for in-the-know, beer tourists from the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. This year 400 tickets are up for grabs and they are expected to sell out well in advance. This is a more than 300 percent increase in tickets compared to the initial festival in 2014 which had approximately 125 in attendance.

What is it about the Powell River Craft Beer Festival that has made it become one of the destination festivals each year, for both attendees and brewery representatives alike, and a must-attend event for craft-beer loving, Pow Town locals?

Besides having some of the best BC beers available, the atmosphere is what sets this event apart from many others. Since most local craft beer lovers know each other, the event is like a big house party with great beer. There is little-to-no pretentiousness and the beer-snob mentality found at some other well-known craft beer



events is non-existent. When you add Powell River hospitality into the mix, visitors find it easy to socialize in the friendly, cozy environment created by familiarity.

Those locals in attendance are also very different from the crowds at events in more traditional craft beer centres in that this is a rare opportunity for them to drink the beers available at the event. Crowds in places like the Lower Mainland have become spoiled and jaded since they have easy access to beers from what seems to be an endless number of breweries. In Powell River, as local craft beer lovers know, finding fresh craft beer on tap, beyond the beers produced by Townsite Brewery, is difficult, at best. Many of the festival goers are tasting the beers for the first time, in styles they did not know existed, and the joy of discovery and the enthusiasm of the festival goers has been commented on by many of the brewery representatives who have poured at the event in previous years.

It is an event that is well worth the trip to beautiful Powell River and for those who call Pow Town their home, well worth checking out, even if beer is not usually their adult beverage of choice.

#### **SIX FESTIVAL FACTS**

- 1. The Powell River Craft Beer Festival is sponsored by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) Society of BC Powell River Branch (www.camrapowellriver.ca)
- 2. Organizers are hoping for 29 craft breweries, three craft cideries and three craft distilleries to be pouring at the event. Tokens are \$2 each for a four-ounce pour.
- 3. A pop-up liquor store and merchandise table will be on-site for festival goers to purchase their favourite beers, ciders and spirits and swag.
- 4. Food will be available (cash only) and a portion of the food sale revenues will go towards a bursary for the chef program at Brooke's High School
- 5. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to the Powell River Cycling Association and Inclusion Powell River
- 6. The festival has donated over \$6,000 to local charities over the past four years.

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**TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT:** This devastating house fire on Willow in Townsite September 11 ruined a home and nearly took lives. Within days, a brush fire took three hours to extinguish - despite the much-needed rain that day.

# Prevent Fires

BY TRISH GREENWOOD | Powell River Fire Rescue

# A recent fire in Townsite shows how quickly we can go from a peaceful slumber to homeless in minutes.

A quick call to 911 had Powell River Fire Rescue crews on scene in under eight minutes. Everyone exited the building safely including the pets; however, the family lost everything they owned.

The attached duplex was relatively untouched. Special thank you goes out to the community for their support for this young family and especially for the volunteers of the local chapter of the Canadian Red Cross who are

#### Look

Walk around your home and look for overloaded circuits, extension cords, heaters that are too close to furniture or drapes. Kitchen fires are very common – always have a proper fitting lid close by and never leave the stove when you are grilling or frying.

#### Listen

For your smoke alarm. The only way to ensure an alarm is working correctly is to test it monthly. Change batteries yearly and change out the smoke alarm every year.

#### Learn

Where are exits are in your home? When fire hits you don't have time to consider your best route. Learning which doors and windows will lead you away from danger will ensure a quick escape.

#### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

What: Fire Department Open Houses

When: Saturday, October 13. The Powell River event happens 11 am to 1 pm, and Malaspina's is 11 am to 3 pm.

available at a moment's notice any time of day to help their community.

Every unwatched pot and overloaded extension cord is a potential for destruction. Every year, the majority of fire deaths in North America happen at home.

According to the NFPA, "Home fires today burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, occupants may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds."

Preparing ahead of time can help prevent a fire or to ensure your survival. Take some time tonight to:

Look for places fire could start. Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm. Learn two ways out of every room.

Have an interest in firefighting? Watch our Facebook page for recruiting opportunities.

If you do experience a devastating fire in your home there is help.

The Canadian Red Cross provides support for not only wide scale disasters but also smaller incidents that may only impact one or two households. This is done through the Provincial Emergency Support Services run strictly by volunteers. This agency makes a real difference in our community; they are always looking for help and volunteers.

Disasters happen in many different forms: fire, floods, extreme weather, earthquake. Ensure you are prepared by having an having an emergency kit on hand to be able to support your family for a minimum of three days, for more info visit www.getprepared.gc.ca

# Texada Trick or Treat

BY WINNIE FERRIER

On Halloween in 1961, a few Blubber Bay friends invited me along to the other side of the bay for "trick or treating."

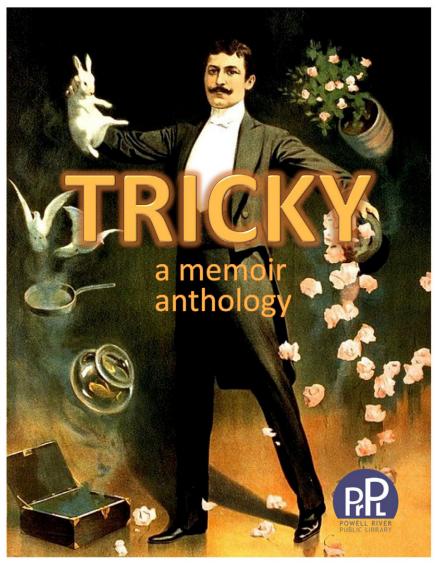
I was 11 years old and had my nine-year-old sister, Marilyn, as a tag-a-long. I have no recollection of what costumes we were wearing, but they for sure would have been thrown together from things at home and nothing too cumbersome—possibly a hobo or a pirate or a miner. I was very "tomboyish" at that age, so I know I was past being a gypsy or a princess.

It was about a 20-minute walk, if I remember right, along a dark piece of road without any houses until we got there. The time and distance passed quickly as we yacked and joked together while we walked. We had to be sure to turn left at a "Y" in the road, since turning right would take us five kilometres down the lonely road to Van Anda. Once we arrived across the bay, we trudged up a big hill and away from the ocean to visit the row of about ten houses to get our treats. The folks on this side of the bay didn't get as many kids visiting, so the goodies were more generous and plentiful.

As was the custom, our little troupe would all walk up to a door together and shout "trick or treat!" Then each would step forward to the welcoming, opened door and receive a goodie. With shouts of "thank you!" we carried on to the next house. We were especially happy if we got homemade treats, such as popcorn balls made with corn syrup or chocolate fudge. My favourite was getting an apple coated in hardened caramel. Yum.

We then ventured over to a bunkhouse, off to the side at the bottom of the hill, which housed about six to eight Chinese men. These fellows typically kept to themselves when they weren't working in the limestone quarries, but we knew from other kids who had gone in previous years that we would probably score some firecrackers. Our parents didn't approve of us going to the bunkhouse and bothering the men but it was too tempting to resist. We knocked on a couple of doors and were happy to receive a few firecrackers, then we lost our nerve and headed back onto the road towards home.

As we returned to the "Y" in the road we encountered a group of older kids—teenagers—who were pulling brush from the side of the road and piling it into the center of the road that lead to Van Anda. It was a favourite annual activity at Halloween in those days for the older kids to build a road block so that the school bus couldn't get through from Van Anda to pick up the



kids in Blubber Bay the next morning. It must have been successful at some point in time because it seemed like a tradition during my youth. I had never participated in this ritual because I was still young, but there we were with the perfect opportunity to join in. It didn't take long for our merry little band to decide this was a really "grown up" thing to do, so we asked if we could help.

We were allowed to stay so we got on with lugging pieces of wood onto the road. It was very daring and exciting to be a part of this prank. Then we heard a vehicle approaching so we all dashed into the woods to hide, me still with my little sister in tow. I was terrified at the thought of being caught. Marilyn and I crouched down behind a fallen log in the bush and I told her to stay really still. She was almost crying but I kept encouraging her to keep quiet. We heard some booming male voices out on the road and I was sure we were doomed. Instead of approaching us though, we heard conversation and then the sound of chain saws. We thought they were dismantling our road block, but then one of my friends whispered to me, "They're cutting wood to add to the road block." It turned out that these guys we thought were "heavies," were just another group of older teenagers—probably loggers—who decided to help out with "the cause." What a relief! My friends and I decided it was time to slink away home before there really was any trouble, so off we went.

I guess the huge road block was taken apart that night at some point because the next morning my school bus arrived as usual. It was a big disappointment.

This story is an excerpt from the recently published ebook Tricky: A memoir anthology, edited by Sandra Tonn and published by the Powell River Public Library. The ebook may be downloaded for free from the library website: www.prpl.ca

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- Winnie Ferrier

#### TRICKY E-BOOK LAUNCH

What: A celebration for the launch of the all-local memoir writers book, Tricky

When: October 10, 2 til 4 pm

Where: Library

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# Judgment Day

# How to you evaluate yourself?

#### Powell River Tarot: a community reading, by Teresa Harwood-Lynn

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cannot think of a better card for October than the Judgement card. Before we even begin talking about its symbols and their meanings the picture alone is enough to scare the pants off you.

The angel Gabriel is in the sky, wings spread wide and is blowing a trumpet. Below, people, naked, are rising up out of their coffins. There is a white flag sporting a red cross hanging from Gabriel's trumpet. There are very few colours present making it seem almost monochromatic. It reminds me of the Nicene Creed "he will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead," only I'm not seeing much glory going on.

This card is about judgement day, the dead have risen in hopes of finding out their eternal fate. It is a day of reckoning.

But is this card as bleak and scary as it first appears? If you've been Judgment Card following the monthly tarot articles you have probably already guessed, correctly, that this card is not about fire and brimstone and eternal damnation. It is about self reflection and evaluation.



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Gabriel, blowing on his trumpet is a symbolic call to action. He is asking you to reflect on and evaluate your thoughts and deeds. The coffins represent old, mundane and limiting thought patterns and tells us now is the time to break free. Now is the time to discern for ourselves whether or not our criticisms are our own, or are we painfully carrying the needless judgements of others?

Despite the negative tone I may have set, in the Tarot not all judgement is bad. Self perception calls for a time of reflection and evaluation. When this card shows up in a reading it could be a message to atone for past mistakes, unburden yourself and move on. If you are at a cross roads; trust your own appraisal of the situation, now is the time to make decisions.

By accepting past mistakes this card gives us a chance for rebirth and a fresh start.

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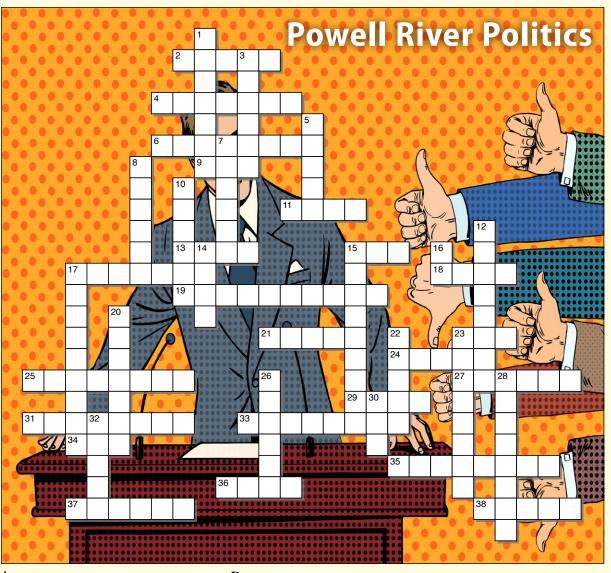
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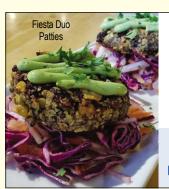


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- 4) Recreation decision not easy
- 6) Like father, like son, he hopes to B
- 9) Culture topic, and Richards
- 11) # on board of education
- 13) Johnston wants your
- 15) # of councillors
- 17) Incumbent chair on SD47
- 18) Teacher councillor
- 19) ABC get more than election
- 21) Denise wants Pat's post
- 23) Good, but not a Saint, Simons
- 24) Moses' brother, or SD47 incumbent
- 25) Bill wants on council
- 27) B incumbent, sort of
- 29) Illiad war site, SD47 candidate
- 31) Dancing, drafting councillor
- 33) Regional rep
- 34) B that as it
- 35) Current Hegus
- 36) 13 candidates lucky for \_\_\_ Council
- 37) Youngest MLA, moderator of B forum
- 38) George has one, but not his supporters

#### Down

- 1) Incumbent Mayor
- 3) Cindy, not Billy, hopes to dance to victory
- 5) Go out on a limb, she says
- 7) Councillor wants on school board
- 8) BC Liberal Leader 87-93
- 10) Former RD Chair, not running
- 12) Council didn't work, maybe mayor?
- 14) Regional zone
- 15) Paramedic councillor
- 16) Blaney's role
- 17) Brewery founder not running again
- 20) Jack or Jackie? Either is fine for education
- 22) Vote for just one
- 23) Former librarian
- 26) Council candidate not wrong
- 28) RD Chair incumbent
- 30) Mayoral hopeful
- 32) Uncontested Texada director



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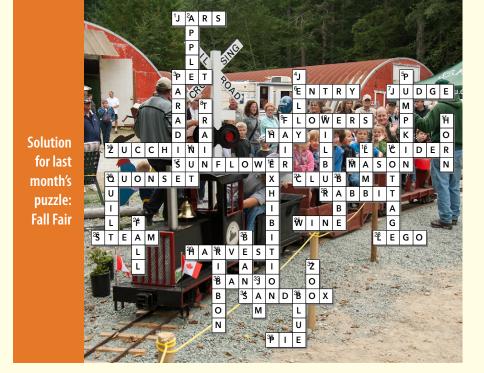
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# I broke up with my book club

ran into an old friend of mine the other day. I hadn't seen her in a long time so when I did, I asked her what's new.

"I just broke up with my bookclub," she blurted out. There was a sense of relief in her words and on her face. A sense of relief that I could relate to.

She went on to tell me that that her group hadn't been interested in reviewing the great book they'd just read and that she'd really been looking forward to it. She'd made mountains of notes but no one had wanted to discuss the characters, the plot or dissect the book and she was disappointed.

"All they wanted to do was drink wine and talk about their families," she said.

My friend isn't the first or the last to part ways with a group that no longer works for her. Most of us have "broken up" with an organization, service provider and yes, a person before.

Some of us are able to sever the ties easily while others are consumed by great feelings of guilt and agonize over it for weeks, even months before doing it.

Book clubs can be the epi-centre of many great friendships. I belonged to a book club for years that started when my youngest entered kindergarten. I loved the ladies. We were all moms with young kids who looked forward to our Friday night "meetings." There was something soooo satisfying about saying "I have book club tonight," instead of saying "I'm going to hang out with the girls, drink wine and talk about our lives."

My book club was fun. The food was great, the wine amazing and the rotating homes and hostesses meant it was achievable for busy moms. I met new people and spent time with ladies I loved.

Like me, our book club evolved. New people joined, old members left. We doubled in size. Different people liked different books.

Some people joined for social reasons. They liked the people and the idea of a book club but they didn't really want to read or discuss the books. Others wanted to widen the scope of authors they read and participate in stimulating discussions that examined the book in great detail.

But there came a time when my book club didn't serve me any more. Like my friend who just broke up with her book club, I realized I wanted something different.

I agonized over it for months (yeah...I'm that kind of person) before getting up the gumption to actually quit. I'm one of these people who joins things and assumes that I have to be a lifer. You know, obligated forever, and inwardly complaining right to the grave.

When I look back on relationships I've had with other clubs or organizations, I realize this isn't, and shouldn't be, the case. Interests change. Commitments change. I had a choice and all I needed to do was to say thank you for everything but this isn't working for me anymore. No long explanations why. Just that.

I was in Toastmasters for 12 years and loved it. I hop scotched through the program to the Distinguished Toastmaster level, served on the local and provincial boards and mentored dozens of newbies. I met so many great people I'd never have crossed paths with otherwise and to this day, many of my best friends are former Toastmasters.

But there came a time when it no longer served me. And when I began dreading meetings instead of looking forward to them, I knew it was time to move on. Toastmasters hadn't changed; I had.

If a volunteer activity no longer brings you joy then maybe it's time to say goodbye.

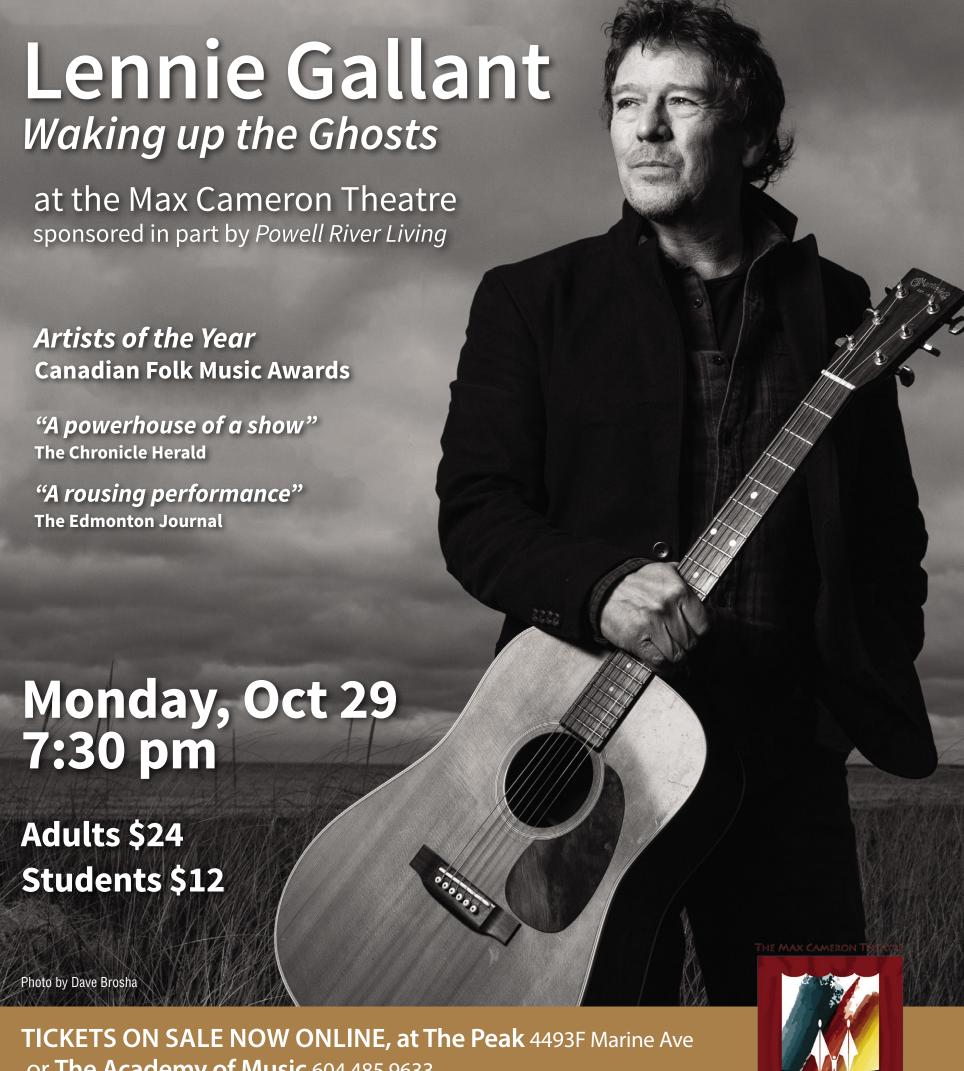
I quit book club but I didn't stop reading. Book club made me a better reader as it introduced me to new books I'd likely never have read otherwise. But a book doesn't need to be shared to be enjoyed. Like writing, a reader reads in solitude.

Ending a relationship with your book club, hair dresser, personal trainer, or any group you've been involved in is often necessary and healthy for both sides. When something's not working anymore, you either need to fix it or end it. People change. Priorities change. Plain and simple.

So get on with it or get over it.

Or start over. I'm joining a new book club next month.

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