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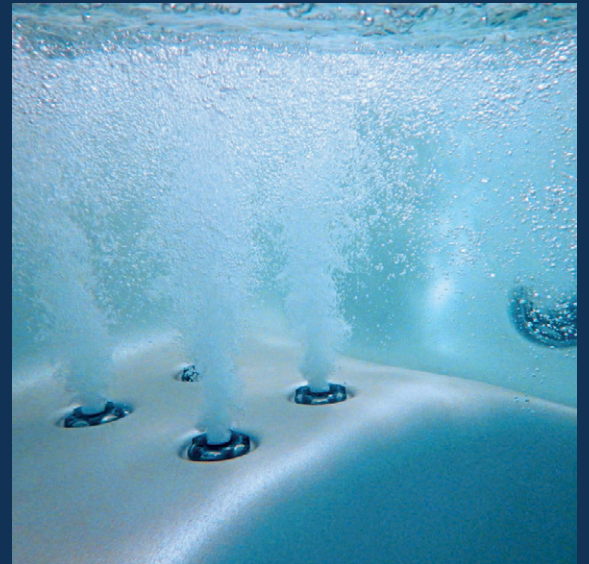
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ON THE COVER:

Ryk Tataryn's drone photo of qathet from the air above the mouth of Tis'k'at. Read more about Ryk and his boarder-to-photographer journey on Page 61.



Lonely planet q

As soon as Ryk Tataryn sent me the image that appears on this month's cover, I fell in love with it. qathet from above, Tis'k'at and the Mill in the centre, the whole region floating like its own planet in an ocean of water and clouds.

Often, it feels like we're alone on our own beautiful Planet qathet, far away from other cities and other realities. But throughout this month's issue of *qathet Living*, I am reminded that we share the same big questions and big struggles as many other places.

For example, in publisher Isabelle Southcott's first installment of her series on crime (Page 6) it's becoming clear that what we're experiencing is common across BC. In fact, the president of Save-on-Foods wrote an open letter in late September, published in the *Globe & Mail*, asking for politicians to take crime seriously, as his front-line workers have endured significant violence and shoplifting this year.

Local elections, too, are province-wide October 15, so five million of us are hashing over our collective issues at campaign events, over dinner and online (See Page 19).

Who should benefit from our resources is a question Bob Williams pointedly asks us (Page 39), but is also being asked across Canada and indeed, the whole world. Extreme storms, too, are a coast-to-coast phenomenon (Page 43) as the world feels the effects of climate change.

Thankfully, October brings us two much-needed holidays to simply be together as humans. First, Thanksgiving. Second, Halloween. (See Page 56.)

Along with the serious thinking and voting this month requires, I hope you also visit some farms, carve some pumpkins, and wear a kooky costume this month (Page 56) – maybe even take a jump to the left, and then a step to the right October 28 & 29 at the Patricia Theatre...



EDITOR'S MESSAGE

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My cat has changed and it's only because I'm at peace. If you would knock on the door, she'd run and hide. Now she comes out and greets you.

- Laura Gail Lariviere, **Page 47.**

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More than most, Debbie Dee's words hold weight on issues affecting marginalized locals. So when she stood at the lectern at the Evergreen Theatre on September 14, the 200-plus people who had come to discuss solutions to the escalating crime issue listened intently. Debbie has been executive director of the Powell River Brain Injury Society since 2003. She was a Powell River city councillor from 2008 to 2014. In her speech at the meeting, she revealed that last year, she lost her step-son, Bodie, to a fentanyl overdose.

Debbie was very clear: Powell River's support system for struggling people isn't working. It's not working for people with addictions, mental health challenges and sometimes brain injuries. It's not working for the wider community, who have to live with theft, vandalism, and fear.

"Those victimized by crime also have rights," she said into the microphone during the Westview Ratepayers meeting called to discuss crime in Westview. "The rights of some do not outweigh the rights of others."

Debbie criticized Bill C-57, the so-called "catch and release" legislation that makes it harder to charge and sentence chronic criminals – and ultimately offer them rehabilitation and an entry back into society.

She condemned the unbalanced approach to addressing substance abuse here. The famous "Four Pillars" includes prevention, enforcement, treatment, and harm reduction – not just harm reduction (as a former staffer at Vancouver's Dr. Peter Centre during the height of the AIDS epidemic, Debbie has first-hand experience with the Four Pillars).

And she slashed at Lift, the non-profit which runs several local services aimed at serving those who are struggling, saying she is "not a fan."

Debbie suggested that Lift could hire independent security to patrol Westview North 24 hours a day, to reduce crime.

"There are people in that [supported housing] building who are trying to turn their lives around, too," she said, pointing out that the thefts and disorder in Westview really does stem from just a handful of individuals.

Lift's board and executive were invited to the September 14 meeting to answer questions; so were the RCMP. Neither came, citing that this meeting was essentially a campaign event, so their presence would be inappropriate.

Fair enough. The president of the Westview Ratepayers Society and organizer of the meeting is Ron Woznow, a candidate for Powell River mayor in the October 15 election. Many of the event's speakers are running for City Council. Debbie, too, is the campaign manager for mayoral candidate Maggie Hathaway, who was at the Union of BC Municipalities meeting in Whistler that night, along with most of this region's currently-serving leadership.

With the local government elections looming this month, crime has indeed become a hot politi-

An end to surging crime: Part 1

This article is the first in *qathet Living* magazine's three-part series on crime in this region.

Part 1 explores the crimes themselves: what is happening, and what is the impact on this community?

Part 2 dives in to courts and corrections: how changes to our justice system are playing out locally.

Part 3 asks what those who are perpetrating the crimes need to be able to stop harming this community and themselves, and re-join society.

We hope these stories help inform the current conversation about crime, justice, addiction, and solutions. And, we hope to hear from you.

Please send letters (ideally before the 20th of the month) to isabelle@prliving.ca.

cal issue, as it should. In many categories, crime in qathet is up by 50% or more from 2018 – when the present leadership was elected – to 2021 (see chart, next page). Those categories include breaking and entering, assault, harassment, possession of stolen property, and sex offences. Why? And who is responsible?

Almost everything impacting crime is not controlled by local government. City Hall does not control services for people with mental health or addictions challenges, housing, or courts and corrections. Those are all provincial responsibilities. However, the impact of crime is felt locally.

At both the September 14 meeting, and at the one in the Post Office upper parking lot in late August – both chaired by Ron in his role with Westview Ratepayers – it is very clear that many residents don't like what's happening to their neighbourhood and say that something has to change. They say it's a hotbed for criminal activity and many say it all started in the fall of 2019, when the Lift supported housing building opened (indeed, local crime surged in 2019; see the sidebar on Page 9).


Speakers acknowledged the increase in homelessness, and the addiction and mental health crisis. Although most speakers said they want to support those who struggle, they also said they will not let anyone terrorize their neighbourhood, traumatize their children and steal their stuff.

At the meeting, Westview Ratepayers Society member Dana Summerhill read letters the Society received from residents. One woman said her 13-year-old daughter won't ride her bike on Kokanee Place, is anxious from seeing police in her neighbourhood and is scared to sleep in her own bedroom. Eighty-two-year-old Rose Pagani, who has lived on Kokanee Place since the early 1960s and Kathy Bennett who lives on Ann Avenue, say they feel unsafe in their own home for the first time in their lives. Like Rose, Robert and Carlene Coulter, who also live on Kokanee Place, have thought about selling and moving.

"Now I have a house I can't sell... and a street I

THE PAINT WAS BARELY DRY: Debbie Dee, the executive director of the Powell River Brain Injury Association, stands in front of one of the new murals her agency commissioned and helped paint behind the Royal Bank in Town Centre Mall. Food has already been splattered and mashed across the images. Debbie pointed out that many of those who are chronic offenders also have brain injuries (and addictions) – but she also argues that our current approach to supporting marginalized people is making life here intolerable.





Thefts, break-ins, vandalism:
some Westview residents and
business owners are starting
to push back against the crime
wave that has washed over
their neighbourhood since 2019.

How will our newly-elected
leadership respond?

More chaos Less patience

qathet has a serious crime problem

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“It was (almost) two years of living hell.... You forget what its like to live in peace. It was the worst experience of my life.”

- Dan Hawkins

can't walk on at night. My house has a beautiful panoramic ocean view, but all I see are drug addicted thieves walking in front of my house, constantly day and night,” wrote the Coulters in a letter. They also installed security cameras.

Dan Hawkins' property borders the back of the Westview Centre Motel. He spoke at the first meeting, and spoke out at City Council about his experiences. In an interview with *qL*, Dan said he lived in a peaceful neighbourhood and felt safe in his home until the motel, because of COVID, became a homeless shelter from 2020 to early 2022.

“There was lots of yelling and screaming and fighting....there was constant noise all day and night.”

His shop was broken into and a power saw, mountain bikes, tools and a generator were stolen. “A guy left here with a backpack full, we had him on camera. I've had other things taken, but I managed to get them back.”

One of the tenants of the Westview Centre Motel was caught on camera trying to break into Dan's home. “She was charged.”

When people climbed the fence into Dan's yard and he told them they were trespassing, one threatened him with a Taser.

One time, he said, there was someone hiding in his yard in the middle of the day with a sledge hammer.

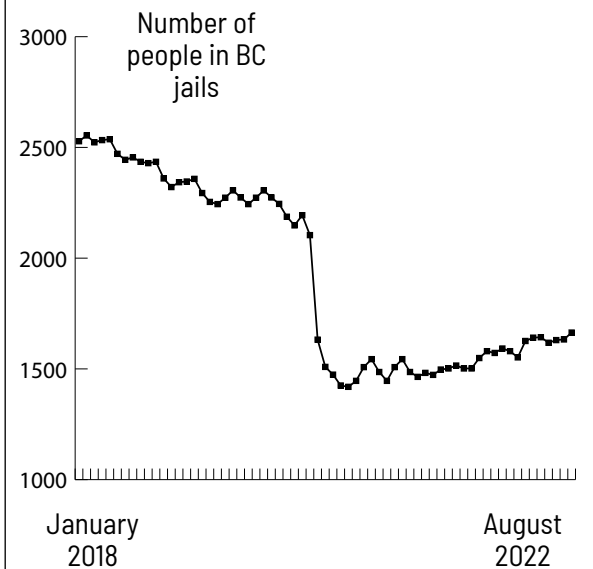
“And the garbage,” he said. “They'd just throw stuff out and leave it there.”

Dan's neighbour once called him because there was a person on the roof of the Westview Centre Motel with a machete and a can of gas. Dan heard afterwards that this person had a fight with her boyfriend and planned to burn him out of the motel, he recalled.

“It was (almost) two years of living hell. In January it stopped after they moved. You forget what its like to live in peace. It was the worst experience of my life.”

Businesses on Marine Avenue and Joyce have been hit hard (see story on Page11). Lorelei Guthrie, Town Centre Mall general manager, explains that, “for us on the front lines it's a combination of mental health issues and belligerent in-your-face dangerous, and people just behaving poorly. The sad part is that they know there are no consequences. The whole system is broken.”

Powell River isn't the only community dealing with an increase in crime. A recent Provincial crime trends report revealed that criminal code offenses were up in BC by about 15% over the past decade. More telling are the protests in small and mid-sized towns, rallying against increased crime – especially



COVID emptied jails

These numbers, from BC Corrections, tell a clear story about where BC's criminals are not: in jail. Over the past decade, about 2,500 people have been in jail consistently. During COVID, that number dipped by 1,000. Though it has started to creep up again, there are still about 900 fewer offenders in jail than there were pre-pandemic.

The number of *Criminal Code* violations in BC is up by about 15% over the last decade.

The number of people on probation is also way down, from about 22,000 consistently pre-COVID, to about 17,000 as of August of this year.

property crime and theft. For example, also on September 14, dozens of people attended a rally in front of the Nanaimo Court House to speak out against surging crime in that area. Merchants railed against break-ins and theft, and pointed out that people are having psychotic breakdowns in their stores. They're calling on all levels of government to address the chaos and restore safety to their community.

This summer, the Province was studying how to deal with prolific offenders (see sidebar on Page 9) – from both a policing and mental health perspective.

“An overwhelming number of people have reached out to the experts to share their experiences and recommendations on prolific offenders,” reads a September 2 statement explaining the delay in publication of the study's report, “including about highly visible crime in downtown cores and unprovoked, violent stranger attacks. The challenges underlying these issues are complex, requiring thoughtful analysis and creative solutions.”

Reaction to local crime is often less thoughtful and more knee-jerk, out of frustration that nothing seems to be addressing it. Now, more than ever, people can share information with others quickly through social media. When a break-in happens, or if someone gets a photo of a person with someone else's stuff, they can broadcast it online.

Facebook pages such as *qathet North Westview theft watch*, *Powell River anti-theft squad* and *Crime Watch*

Crime is up in qathet

Crime category	2018	2019	2020	2021	2018/2022 comparison
Assaults	127	205	202	190	50% increase
Break & Enter	76	170	115	115	51% increase
Drug Trafficking	17	63	32	28	39% increase
Harassment	31	90	51	69	55% increase
Mischief to Property	166	260	197	211	21% increase
Possess Stolen Property	25	54	58	57	56% increase
Sex Offenses	21	44	44	48	56% increase
Shoplifting	64	88	41	57	12% decrease
Persons Violent Crime	241	437	386	435	45% increase
Property Crime	655	1162	813	893	27% increase

These numbers represent calls to the RCMP for criminal code violations. Powell River Staff Sergeant Rod Wiebe says these numbers are an accurate representation of crime in the region. –PW

RCMP are frustrated, too

BY PIETA WOOLLEY

At the RCMP Detachment on Barnet Street, the phones ring all day and night. Police officers get an average of 18 calls a day asking for service – many of them reporting new Criminal Code violations that they want addressed.

In qathet in 2021, there were 1,655 crimes reported. Many categories of crime are up over 50% in four years. They include assaults, break and enters, criminal harassment, possession of stolen property – crimes that appear in Isabelle Southcott’s main story.

“Most of those are committed by a small number of prolific offenders,” said Powell River RCMP Staff Sergeant Rod Wiebe. “At any given time, there’s about six chronic offenders here.”

Sometimes those prolific offenders are in jail or in remand awaiting their trial (though that is becoming less common) – so they’re not active. Often, though, they are accumulating rap sheets of up to 30 charges before they see a judge.

Rod says his force is frustrated with how difficult it is to get charges to stick, after an arrest is made. In part, that’s because of 2019’s Bill C-57 – the “catch and release” legislation passed federally, which aims to reduce punishing

marginalized groups. In practical terms, Rod explained, the bill means some people can steal or destroy other people’s things over and over again, without facing serious legal consequences.

Officers are also frustrated, he said, with how much pressure is put on the force to deal with incidents that are not crimes.

“We get a lot of mental health calls,” he said. Many of them come from businesses, some from the hospital. Other agencies are better equipped to handle them, he said – though everyone is short staffed and RCMP are available 24/7 so they become the default agency.

Rod pointed out that the vast, vast majority of locals who live in poverty, who have addictions, and who struggle with mental health challenges, are not chronic offenders. Most of qathet’s marginalized folks do not engage in crime at all, though they, are often targets of theft and violence.

“Everyone has the right to feel secure in their community,” Rod said. “We’re tired of treading water. Something needs to change.”

(In November’s crime story about corrections and courts, we’ll dive deeper into why so many arrests result in so little justice.)

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THE GATHERING STORM: Left, an August 30 community meeting in the parking lot above the Post Office. Right, a September 14 meeting at the Evergreen, both chaired by the Westview Ratepayers Society president Ron Woznow, who is also running for mayor of the City of Powell River.

Powell River provide information about stolen and recovered items, plus sightings of known thieves.

Posts such as “We should start putting together some GPS airtags on some bait items like bikes, plants and lawn gear. Some hidden cameras, hidden microphones hooked to old cellphones. We should all chip in and listen in and see where and who is buying all the stolen stuff, who is taking and enabling it all,” are indicative of how fed up and helpless some people in the community feel – and are dangerously close to vigilanteism.

It is unfortunate that the meeting was held during the campaign period – so neither the RCMP nor Lift were able to answer questions. Like Debbie, many speakers at the meeting blamed Lift for failing to manage the behaviour of those being served by the supported housing building, the overdose prevention site (OPS), the Community Resource Centre (CRC), the winter shelter, and in the motel on Marine Avenue which was used as a shelter during the pandemic.

Certainly, the meeting featured plenty of horrific anecdotes about alleged clients of these services. However, the agency that funds the services (apart from the OPS and CRC) and controls the contracts is

THE WISDOM OF TRAUMA

When: October 22, 1:30 pm

What: A screening of Dr. Gabor Maté’s film about the role trauma plays in addiction and some mental health disorders. See story on Page 66 for more.

Where: The Patricia Theatre

More: The third installment in this series on crime, which will run in December, takes a closer look at the origins of the rise in crime locally – and asks what those who are struggling with addictions and mental health challenges need to be a part of society again.

not Lift, but BC Housing.

In August, the CEO of BC Housing, Shayne Ramsay, who has been in the job for 22 years, resigned; he oversaw the NDP’s \$291 million Rapid Response to Homelessness, supported housing program, roll out starting in 2017. At the time he quit, he said, “I no longer have confidence I can solve the complex problems facing us at B.C. Housing.” No new CEO has been appointed to take responsibility.

“The rights of some do not outweigh the rights of others.”

- Debbie Dee

BC Housing exists under the ministry of Attorney General David Eby, who is the front-runner in the leadership race for the BC NDP party. If he wins on December 3, he will replace John Horgan as premier.

In other words, it is very likely that the next BC premier will be the person who helped allow what was once a beacon of hope for ending homelessness in BC – the Rapid Response to Homelessness program – to degenerate into a mess of crime, social conflict and lack of accountability in the core of so many of BC’s downtowns.

What, then, is the solution to surging crime in qathet? What is the compassionate, effective solution to restoring order, trust and inclusiveness in our community? That is the question this series hopes to answer.

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First COVID, then crime

Businesses on Marine and Joyce avenues are on the front lines of the crime-caused chaos affecting Westview, including theft, vandalism and violence

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT

Too Close for comfort

The Westview Centre Motel is located across the street from where Tanya Close has operated her business, Fits to a T, for 19 years.

The motel was used to house homeless locals when COVID hit, from the spring of 2020 until early 2022. Prior to the spring of 2020, Tanya felt safe living and working in this neighbourhood. She said she rarely had a problem with theft.

"I have been here for 19 years and have put a shoe sale table out every day all summer long and not one thing has ever been stolen off that table."

But that all changed when the new tenants moved in, according to Tanya.

At night, she'd stand on her condo balcony and see drug deals going down; she'd watch people stashing stolen goods, which they pulled out of shopping carts, in the derelict building nearby.

"I'd see people shooting up in our parking lot and breaking into our cars. I'd see people fighting and people looking very unstable and scary. I felt like I was held hostage in my own home. I was scared to walk my dog at night."

The new neighbours also impacted Tanya's business.

"They'd leave shopping carts, needles and human feces all over the place. They'd spray paint the buildings and leave garbage behind. There'd be shopping carts full of stolen goods they'd picked up from people's yards. There'd be people passed out on sidewalks in front of the buildings."

"The police were down here constantly; ambulances were dealing with overdoses on the sidewalk. There was no one protecting us. We were helpless, yet these people who were wreaking havoc on the community had this whole organization protecting them."

Tanya said she complained to Stuart Clark, Lift's executive director, but she recalls that he, and the other Lift staff she spoke with, kept telling her that



NOT A GOOD FIT: Fits to a T owner Tanya Close said crime surged on Marine Avenue when BC Housing used the Westview Centre Motel as a shelter during COVID – and crime has abated on the street since the clients moved up to Joyce.

they were doing an amazing job. "If you think you are doing amazing work there is no room for improvement," said Tanya. "If it was all going well, you wouldn't have people in such an

uproar."

"The woman who stole shoes from me was sent to jail," said Tanya. Tanya said when she got out, she was brought back here and re-arrested for shoplift-

An advertisement for TAWS Hockey Shop. The background is a black and white photograph of two hockey skates on ice. The skates are CCM True Temper models. The text "TAWNS" is prominently displayed in a large, bold, white font, with a stylized "T" logo above it. Below "TAWNS" is the text "ESTABLISHED 1971" and "POWELL RIVER'S HOCKEY SHOP". In the bottom right corner, the address "4597 MARINE AVE", phone number "604.485.2555", and website "TAWSONLINE.COM" are listed. Logos for "BAUER", "CCM", and "TRUE TEMPER SPORTS" are also visible.

ing within a few hours.

“They terrorized the neighbourhood. The community didn’t sign up for this.”

In a letter dated October 25, 2021, Stuart Clark told Tanya if she was “concerned about an individual’s behaviour around your home or business, and if it is safe to do so, approach them with a smile and introduce yourself and find out who they are, ask them if they need assistance. Safety on the whole will improve when we know each other by name, and if we spread around a bit of care, especially to those who are struggling.”

“But who wants to approach someone who is passed out and has their pants half down?” said Tanya.

Instead, Tanya spent thousands of dollars and installed security cameras to protect her business after their new neighbours moved in. She said Lift promised to clean up the needles left behind, but didn’t.

But in the spring of 2022, the residents of the Westview Centre Motel moved to the winter shelter on Joyce Avenue, and within a month, things returned to the way they’d been before on Marine Avenue, said Tanya.

“I haven’t had any problems since they moved.”

Running after robbers

One day during the summer of 2021, Lianne English of TAWS Cycle & Sports on Marine Avenue was at work when she watched a woman wearing a hoodie shove some clothing, that had been hanging on the racks, under her top. The woman went to the change room and when she came out, Lianne could see the clothing spilling out from beneath her shirt. Dean (Lianne’s brother) said: “Do you have something of ours?”

The woman said “no” and took off down the street.

Lianne and two others chased the woman down Marine Avenue. “I was pulling the arms of clothing from her as she ran down the road,” said Lianne.

The woman had left a plastic grocery bag and her purse on the desk at TAWS when she entered the change



THE ORIGIN OF POWELL RIVER’S CRIME PROBLEM IS NOT THIS BUILDING:

When the BC NDP rolled out its Rapid Response to Homelessness Program starting in 2017, supported housing buildings like this one went up in municipalities big and small. Other downtowns are experiencing the same surging crime problem Powell River is. Lift is getting the blame here, but BC’s courts, corrections, and medical system all have a hand in this – as does BC Housing.

room and forgot to pick it up when she ran out of the store, so it wasn’t too hard to figure out who she was.

She was caught with hoodies, jackets and toques in her bag that were the property of TAWS. She was arrested and sent to jail.

This woman had been living at the Westview Centre Motel.

Chamber pushes back

Kim Miller is the manager of the Powell River Chamber of Commerce. She lived in Cranberry for 22 years and never had a break in or a theft. Then

she sold her house and bought a house on Harwood Avenue in Westview and had stuff stolen from her carport twice in the space of one year. Both thefts were caught on video camera.

“I posted the second one on my Facebook page,” said Kim, adding that when the woman from the second theft tried the door the motion sensor turned the lights on and she fled.

As the Chamber’s manager, Kim’s office has fielded more calls about crime in the last few years than in the entire time she’s run the Chamber office.

At Chamber board meetings, directors talked about the increase in prop-

erty crime. “Yes, it’s an increase. My board also thinks we are more aware of what’s happening because we see so much posted on social media,” says Kim.

She recalled that in the past, criminals had to face a local judge, as well as the scorn of the community.

The *Powell River News* had a dedicated reporter covering crime and courts. That reporter would spend their Wednesdays sitting in provincial court. If someone was charged with impaired driving, that impaired charge would be reported in the paper. If someone had a shoplifting charge, that was reported, along with assault charges, breaches of probation, and more.

“People would talk about what they read in the paper,” said Kim.

In the 1990s, this community had its own judge, Shirley Giroday, and she lived here in Powell River.

Today we have a circuit judge, which means you could have a different judge each session – a judge who is removed from the history of events and the history of the accused.

Kim says that crime in Powell River impacts businesses and homeowners alike.

“At least once a month I find someone sleeping at our front door and I find needles outside every couple of weeks or so.”

Mall hires security

Not long after Lorelei Guthrie took over as general manager of the Town Centre Mall in 2019 she started a “ban book” of people who are repeat offenders. They are not allowed on the entire 52-acre mall’s private property.

“We have 30 names in that book right now,” she said, adding that they apprise the RCMP of who has been banned.

The mall hired full-time security staff in 2020 as crime and mental health issues of people coming to the mall increased during the pandemic.

“We are front lines here,” Lorelei explains. Many people, including those with mental health issues, flow through the doors to go to the Lotto booth and liquor store. “They’re also doing drug deals on our grounds and

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**From the Seniors Association:
How important to you is our drug and crime problem in PR?**

This is a very serious issue across the Province, not just Powell River. We need to continue with our harm reduction strategies whilst lobbying higher levels of government for stronger law enforcement. We have achieved a commitment for 24-hour security.

I think it is important to continue to advocate for more funding for restorative justice programs and mental health and substance use treatment to help heal the trauma that has led people to these coping behaviours. Relying on police for solutions is not the only answer. Programs and skills training would be beneficial for people to regain a sense of purpose.

As President of the Westview Ratepayers Society, I value safe neighbourhoods. As Mayor, I would identify and implement programs that have been successful in reducing crime and illegal drug use.

leaving drug paraphernalia behind.”

When Lorelei started at the mall, she would see a crack pipe every three weeks or so, now it's every day. “I shared this with Stuart [Clark] at Lift in July. I sent him copies of all my security reports because I document everything and there were 17 days in August (not counting Sundays and Mondays) that we found drug paraphernalia on the grounds.”

Lorelei is frustrated at what happens, or does not happen, to people when they are found shoplifting or engaging in criminal activity. “There are no consequences for their actions anymore.”

Some of her merchants have had people walk out of their store with their arms full of hundreds of dollars of stolen merchandise.

“The sad part is that these people know there are no consequences. The whole system is broken.”

One Town Centre business owner says the theft rate at his store has tripled in the last three years. Not only has his business been broken into three times (caught on video camera) but they're catching people with \$500 to \$600 worth of merchandise just walking out of the store without paying.

First impression on tourists

The Powell River Visitor Information Centre is next to the CRC on Joyce Avenue, separated by a small alley.

“We are doing our best to be supportive neigh-

“I'd see people shooting up in our parking lot and breaking into our cars.... I felt like I was held hostage in my own home.

Tanya Close

bours as the Lift group do their work,” said Ann Nelson, the president of Tourism Powell River. However, “being confronted after-hours by drug use on our front steps or in the parking lot has certainly left a vivid impression on many visitors arriving late. The other persistent issue, of course, is the constant stream of debris being deposited around our building and in the landscaping: both drug paraphernalia and personal trash.”

Ann acknowledged that there has been some recent positive change; she credits City Council with pressuring Lift to clean up more of their clients' drug debris, personal litter, and to intervene in their behavior challenges, “although it seems to be impossible to keep up with, without full time, 24/7 monitoring,” she said

“There are no easy answers to the issues we're

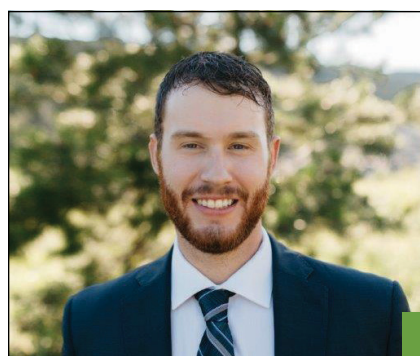
dealing with and we look forward to seeing the strategies emerging for managing this public health issue: it can't be too soon for us!”

Far beyond dental work

Just before noon on August 10, I (Isabelle Southcott) was sitting in the waiting room of Dr. Ash Varma's office on Joyce Avenue waiting to be called in for a root canal. Ash has practised dentistry here since 1983 when he joined his father, Virendra Varma, who practised there since he built the building in 1970. Next spring, Ash's son Milan will become the third generation of Varma's to practise dentistry out of that building – a much needed medical practice here in growing qathet.

Much has changed since the 1970s, including the tenants in the building on the north side of the dental practice. That building, operated underneath the Lift umbrella, is home to the Community Resource Centre and in January, it also became the winter shelter. As I waited my turn, thinking about how painful my root canal would likely be, a man walked through the front door. He went up to the receptionist and said: “Did you know that there's a crack pipe outside your door?”

Within seconds, Ash walked out front, pulling on a pair of blue surgical gloves, shaking his head. “This happens all the time now,” he said, his voice tinged with frustration and anger. “It's a reflection of how



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Five reasons why addressing property crime is important to building an inclusive community

So someone stole a bunch of lawn ornaments from your yard. So what? So someone went through your garage and made a mess. Does it matter?

Absolutely.

Here are five reasons why consistently addressing property crime is important:

1. It's the law

The Canadian Criminal Code lays out what is not allowed in this country. Homicide, theft, assault, drug trafficking, breaking and entering—these are all illegal in Canada. If you do these things and you're caught, you may face consequences for breaking the law.

The law is our very expensive system for maintaining order and (ideally) returning those who have violated the law to their place in society. The system includes the laws themselves, the police, the coroner, the courts, restorative justice measures and sentencing circles, bureaucracies, correctional facilities, probation services, and much more.

When the law isn't enforced, it renders our entire justice system useless. There is no justice, there is no order.

2. To halt vigilantes

As we've seen in this community, often when people commit crimes—especially thefts and property crimes—there seem to be few legal consequences. As was pointed out at the September 14 crime meeting at the Evergreen Theatre, if Canadians don't trust that the police and courts are effective at curbing crime, they may take justice into their own hands—a dangerous road for everyone.

Even with its flaws, addressing crime through Canada's existing justice system is preferable to vigilanteism.

3. The social contract

Informally, we all agree to follow the rules of society, so we can live together with maximum rights and minimum disorder. If it becomes

okay for some people to break the rules with no consequences, it follows that it's okay for all of us to break those rules.

Simply put, we can't have a cohesive, productive community without some basic common understandings of acceptable behaviour.

4. Being a victim of crime is violating and expensive

When someone breaks in to your home or car, or takes your things, it has an impact. It can erode your feeling of safety, or your feelings about your property. Being a victim is stressful and anxiety-causing, as the main article in this section amply illustrates.

When the person who stole your sense of safety from you doesn't have to face what they've done, in court or through restorative justice, it contributes to the violation.

In addition, crime can be expensive. For local businesses, it can cost thousands or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in lost inventory, lost customers and damage to buildings—and the cost of insurance.

For regular people dealing with smashed car windows or stolen bikes, the costs can be significant, too. The stolen items must be replaced, security purchased, insurance deductibles paid, and property values may decline.

5. To restore community

When you steal and wreck other people's things, you sever your ties to those individuals, and to the wider community. Ideally, a perpetrator's journey through court and corrections, or through a restorative justice process, brings them back into society as a non-stealing, non-wrecking, trustworthy neighbour.

The point of addressing crime, in other words, is to halt the crime, and also to restore relationships.

—Pieta Woolley

this community has changed.”

And changed it has.

When his father opened the dental practice, they didn't have to deal with people defecating on their front doorstep and lawn, they didn't have people leaving needles on the property or abandoned shopping carts, they didn't have people peeking into their windows, they didn't have people breaking into patients' cars while they were at the dentist's office.

“I had a patient leave my office only to come back in and tell me there was someone in her car.” When she confronted him, he said that she'd left it open and he was just closing it. He ran towards Canadian Tire, grabbed a piece of pipe and threatened her.”

She came back inside and Ash called the police.

Things are so bad that Ash installed an extra monitor, so staff at the front desk can see what's going on outside the front door of the building. “People don't feel safe anymore.”

This dental practice sees up to 40 patients a day and has a wait list of more than 700. They're in the middle of renovating and adding to the premises so they can better serve the community now and in the future.

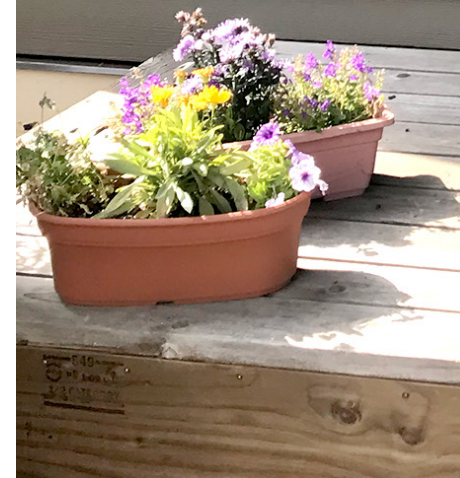
Meanwhile, ambulances and police are next door on a regular basis, and often, Ash's patients say they witness people injecting themselves with drugs.

“This woman came in for treatment and saw someone shooting up and was traumatized by what she saw,” said Ash. “She wanted to know when this area became a slum.”

These days the dental practice is fully alarmed and has surveillance. Three years ago, Ash installed a security camera. Last year he upgraded that system, so that now the building has five rotating cameras with audio that can zoom in so close they can read a license plate on Alberni Street.

The building to the north of Ash is the Lift-run Community Resource Centre, which according to Lift's website, helps reduce poverty and build a sense of belonging for qathet citizens. “Supports and resources are available for all adult community members including marginalized and at risk. A coffee shop drop-in, a Demonstration Garden, and food safe kitchen create opportunities for training, teaching, learning, and volunteering.”

In December of 2021, City Council approved a temporary use permit for a 20-bed winter shelter at 4746 Joyce Avenue, adjacent to the Community Resource Centre. Lift had run a winter shelter seasonally in 2018, 2019, and 2020. The intention of this new shelter



was to move people who were residing at the Westview Centre Motel during COVID to the Joyce Avenue spot for the winter, til March 31. But documents show that date was changed at some point and City Council voted in favour of it operating all year long.

When people were moved from the Westview Centre Motel and the winter shelter opened, the situation worsened for the dental practice. “Now there are so many more people showing up here,” said Ash. “It was a winter shelter... now suddenly it became open year-round.”

In an email dated June 20, Ash asked the City's CAO Russell Brewer to clarify the terms of permit as they



TIDY & WELCOMING: Dr. Ash Varma outside his Joyce Avenue dental practice, with a sign he put up (because his landscaping is chronically used as a toilet) and an image of a discarded “sharp.” Dr. Varma is hoping to expand his practice, but says he is discouraged by the constant chaos on his property.

seemed to be at odds with what was actually happening. “Things have got quite crazy next door...and I am concerned about the safety of my staff and patients,” he said. He says he never received a response to his questions.

Ash has had to hire his own staff to remove abandoned shopping carts, garbage, and stolen goods left on his premises. On the August long weekend, the remnants of fireworks were left underneath the overhang on his

front building. “We had videos of the person’s face—it was the same person who had been defecating by our building,” he said. That video was provided to the RCMP who arrested that person at the Community Resource Centre for attempted arson.

“Last Friday there was a lady passed out on the corner of our lawn here... with a shopping cart full of stuff. I had to put up a sign that says this area is not a toilet because we’ve had people



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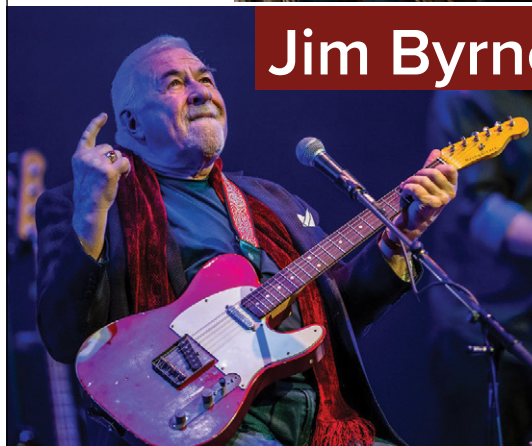


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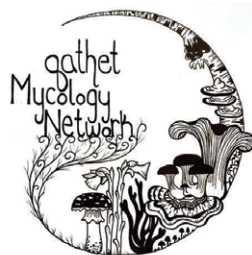


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STANDING UP FOR HIS CLIENTS: Above, dentist Ash Varma speaks out at the September 14 community meeting on crime, at the Evergreen Theatre.

using it as one.”

In September, one of Ash’s hygienists was going to lunch and came back inside to say there was someone passed out in the carport. Ash went to see who was there and tried to wake the woman up. When she got up he saw that she’d cut herself on her arms so he phoned Lift to report it as he was worried about this woman’s mental state. “There are huge issues here. These people need to be helped.”

Ambulances and police are there regularly. “The police have been amazing, but they can only do so much,” said Ash. Lift executives have asked Ash and his staff, as well as Tourism Powell River, to not call emergency services if there is an issue but phone Lift instead.

“My staff has the right to come to a safe workplace and my patients also have the right to come to a safe place and not be in fear of finding someone passed out in the parking lot,” said Ash.

On September 12, Ash’s wife Deleigh was leaving the office through the back to get her bike to ride home. She saw a man loitering in the area checking the doors on the front building. When she asked him what he was doing he told her to “f#&* off, bitch” and then sauntered away towards the CRC.

Ash called Lift to let staff know what had transpired and asked that the man be banned from the Centre and to let him know that he has no business going to neighbouring properties.

“This is another example of no consequences for these folks, but what we, as business owners, have to deal with,” said Ash. Although frustrated, he says that in the last month Lift has

“My staff has the right to come to a safe workplace.”

- Dr. Ash Varma

been more responsive and has begun picking up garbage and sweeping for sharps.

There are far more stories that people in this community have shared about what’s happened to them in the last few years due to an increase in crime.

Some say that the harm reduction, housing-first and anti-jail approach is not helping addicts and criminals – that it is enabling rather than helping. Others claim that with different supports – a safe supply of drugs, less stigma about addiction, better treatment for mental health – that crime will resolve itself as people get healthier and stable.

One thing we can all agree on: the present situation isn’t working.

Back on Kokanee Place, most nights Rose has trouble sleeping, so she sits up and watches the comings and goings in the neighbourhood, out of her window. “I see everything that goes on on our street.”

Like so many others, she says there’s a marked increase in criminal activity in her neighbourhood of Westview North. It’s to the point where she’s thinking about selling her beloved home.

“I no longer feel safe here,” she says.

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Legacy of leadership

Neither Powell River Mayor Dave Formosa nor qathet Regional District Chair Patrick Brabazon is running in this election. It's the end of an era for both long-serving men. What are they most proud of from their time in office?

BY PIETA WOOLLEY

Dave Formosa

As a life-long entrepreneur, it's no surprise that Dave sees his legacy as Mayor of Powell River in economic terms. When he was first elected Mayor in 2011, he recalled in an interview at the office he will soon vacate at City Hall, 30% of commercial buildings were empty. The Mill was on the verge of closing. The City had trouble attracting investment and residents.

"I've been fighting since day 1," he said.

Dave is most proud of what he, his Council and City staff have built during a very difficult time. They convinced Telus to install fibreoptics here in 2016, fueling the high-tech and work-from-home boom and bringing new workers to town. Through tax breaks, they kept the Mill operating for years longer than it would have. When the mill refused to pay its taxes, the problem got solved and while

Campbell River's mill closed, Powell River stayed open. They lost the offshore school SinoBright, he regrets, but attracted the aviation park and the new marijuana facility. He was upset when an incoming council killed the liquid waste project he had convinced the mill to take into their system.

Dave and his team worked with other levels of government to get the Library and Timberlane Track built, to expand the North and South harbours, to build a new water and sewer system, and to build new affordable housing.

The job, he says, is often thankless.

"It's all the flak I take—being constantly accused of corruption, of stealing taxes, of dealing drugs. There was a rumor I'd had a fentanyl overdose—actually, I was in the hospital with COVID. It's hard on me, but it's much harder on my family. My wife, my four children, and my six grandchildren."

The stress of the last two years, he said, means he will not miss being Mayor. Together, COVID, the housing crisis, the drug crisis, the mill closing, and



name change zapped his energy.

"It really brought out the worst in some people."

But he's still proud of having represented Powell River. "My door was always opened and no one was ever refused a meeting with a coffee offered. I enjoyed going to the many homes to meet citizens with their problems. I loved that part. And going to the schools reading to the young ones - loved it."

"I was very proud to represent Powell River in all my capacity." In all, he served 14 years, including one term as a councillor and three as mayor.

His advice for the new Mayor: "Make it your own. Remember that you are there to serve. When rooms get noisy with the loudest folks, remember the voices that are not there, too."

In spite of the toughness of the last little while, Dave still says he does it because "I love my city and community. I'm home grown."



TOP ACHIEVEMENTS: qathet Regional District Board Chair Patrick Brabazon is most proud of the region's 18 beach access points, which were opened in 2016 (far left and above, at Southview Beach). Powell River Mayor Dave Formosa is most proud of keeping the mill open for so long (left, with mill in background) and convincing Telus to bring fibre optic internet to the region (below left), which drew high tech workers here.

Patrick Brabazon

Chairing the qathet Regional District board has been quite the retirement project for this former pilot. Patrick has served six full terms (that's 20 years) as representative for Area A – north of town to Savary Island, and eight years as board chair.

His two proudest achievements are changing the name of the district from "Powell River" to "qathet," and creating the region's 18 beach accesses.

"I'm an incrementalist," he explained. "Most things are not in the jurisdiction of an RD. So you can advocate, and you can be effective. But the key is to be a people person, *not* to go in with your fists pumping. With everything I've done, it's been one step at a time. So we made progress."

Name change started nearly a decade ago, he recalled. At the time, there was no provincial process for a grassroots movement to lead the charge. It had always been top-down from the Ministry of Municipalities. After consultations with residents and Tla'amin, the Board approached the Province with the proposal of "qathet," and it took 18 months for the Province to approve it, he said.

Patrick said he learned that before consulting the public on any contentious issue (such as changing a name) you have to have decided on three questions: What do you want to do? Why do you want to do

it? How do you plan to do it? Only with those answered and explained can the public understand and respond with knowledge and provide input appropriate to the issue.

Beach access started even longer ago. He heard a presentation at a Union of BC Municipalities meeting by Columbia-Shuswap RD – how staff had negotiated road endings with the Ministry of Highways, and turned them into waterfront access points. Here, too, much of the public waterfront was inaccessible, because there were no trails to get to it through the ring of private properties on most beaches.

He raised it with the board at the time, but "they were not into it," he recalled. Years later, beach access became part of the region's park plan. Private property owners had put up gates to block the public from getting to "their" beaches. The head of Highways at the time took bolt cutters on a tour with Patrick, and "had a ball" removing padlocks and "no access" signs from the new beach access points.

Like Dave, Patrick said the job can be very hard on family. "My role is a partnership between myself and my wife," he said. "You need your partner on your side, because you will be on the job every day of the week. Jane has been with me all the way."

His advice for the new chair: take a deep breath. And work incrementally. It's the only way to get things done.

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Get ready to vote

By 8 pm on October 15, when voting ends, we'll have a new team leading us into the future. To make sure we have the best crew possible, qL has put together a spread to help inform our readers, featuring everyone competing for a spot on City Council, at the Regional District, on School Board, and for Mayor. Get to know them a little here – who they are and what they stand for. But there's much more to each of them, of course.

Learn more about who can vote and how to vote on the next page – and at powellriver.ca and qathet.ca.

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VAN'T SCHIP, Kristen - City of Powell River, BC

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PENDERGAST, Garry - 830 Retegno Ave, Parksville, BC
YOUNG, R. Elaine - 255 - 330 Dogwood St, Parksville, BC

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GENERAL VOTING DAY will be on Saturday, October 15, 2022, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Electoral Area A:

Northside Community Recreation Centre - 9656 Larson Road, Powell River, BC
Northside #1 Fire Hall - 8540 Plummer Creek Road, Powell River, BC

Electoral Area B:

Therapeutic Riding Association Club House - 4356 Myrtle Avenue, Powell River, BC

Electoral Area C:

Lang Bay Hall - 11090 Hwy 101, Powell River, BC*

All Areas:

qRD Board Chambers - 103-4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC

Electoral Area D:

Texada Seniors Centre - Old Gillies Bay School, 5079 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay, BC
Texada Elementary School - 2007 Waterman Avenue, Van Anda, BC

Electoral Area E:

Lasqueti Community Hall - Main Road, Lasqueti Island, BC

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*Note: Voting at Tla'amin Nation and Lang Bay Hall locations will be for SD47 School Trustees only.

ADVANCED VOTING DAY will be on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Electoral Area D:

Texada Seniors Centre - 5079 Gillies Bay Road, Gillies Bay, BC

Electoral Area E:

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- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the jurisdiction for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
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- a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance Form SDES8, (now "Monthly Form EA181");
- an Identification Card such as a photo B.C. services card or a non-photo BC services card;
- a utility bill (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services);
- a Driver's Licence;
- a BC CareCard or BC Gold CareCard;
- a Social Insurance Number card;
- a Citizenship Card;
- a real property tax notice; or
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS, PLEASE CONTACT THE ELECTIONS OFFICE

Michelle Jones, Chief Election Officer

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Candidates for:

School District 47



	Rob Hill	Dale Lawson	Maureen Mason
A description of who you are:	Partner to Delyth and dad to Holden (8), Theo (6), Nia (4), and Bode (1). Constituency Assistant to MLA Nicholas Simons since 2018. Current UBC Rural & Remote Teacher Candidate	Employer: Robbins and Co. Accounting Services. Mom of two SD47 graduates who, like me, attended Henderson & Brooks. Volunteerism and contributing to the community have always been important to me.	I am an educator and have two daughters and four grandchildren who attend school in Powell River.
Your political experience and why you want to be a SD47 Trustee in the 2022 to 2026 term	Elected as a school trustee in the April 2021 by-election. Student success is the main goal – something I’m passionate about. This is a four-year commitment and I’m prepared to serve.	I don’t consider myself a politician despite my current role as SD47 Board Chair. I want to continue our momentum in supporting students and families in our district.	As Program Coordinator for Teacher Development at SFU, as a Faculty Associate in Indigenous and International Programs at both SFU and UBC and with the Ministry of Education gives me a foundational understanding for the role.
From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: How do you intend to include input from students?	We must meet students where they are at (school & community groups, etc.), and invite more students to speak to the Board about their passions, concerns, endeavours, experiences, and successes.	Meaningful student engagement and connection to the board is important and encouraged. My favorite part of board meetings is when we hear from students about the things they care about.	Students have a legitimate and important role to play in public education and their voice should be part of the discourse. I have advocated for student rights in all my work.
From the Seniors Association: What improvements are needed?	Continue to address graduation rates. Continue to address student/teacher mental health & wellness. Continue to strengthen our relationship with Tla’amin. Address academics – including literacy & numeracy.	Graduation rates. Effective student, family, and staff support are all factors in student success. We need to improve food security, access to childcare, and physical and mental well-being for all.	I would like to see improvements in communication and establish regular community conversations as an informal way to connect. A trustee can not represent the interests of the broader community unless they understand those interests.
From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?	Support student/school-led climate & outdoor initiatives. Support District Outdoor Learning, Sustainability Advisory Committee. Work with trustees & staff to reduce GHG emissions – including upgrades and more solar panels at schools.	Continue to support strategic priorities and upgrades for efficient facilities. Encourage and support active transportation. Support student-led green initiatives. Continue to encourage connection to the land we live on.	Climate change should be front and center in our deliberations in the classroom and in the board room. No exceptions.

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Candidates for:

School District 47



Jaclyn Miller



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Kirsten Van't Schip

<p>A description of who you are:</p>	<p>I'm a mother of two teenagers, Child Protection supervisor since 2020, with 20 years of front-line Child Protection experience. Significant local committee and PAC/DPAC involvement prior to by-election in 2021.</p>	<p>I am a Director with the City. My wife Sasha and I have three children aged 9, 8 and 3. I am a long serving Rotarian (Twice Club President).</p>	<p>Proud Mother of three, two attending James Thomson and one at Brooks; Graduate student (aspiring post-secondary instructor/student-uplifter); contract researcher; advocate; team researcher (Single Mothers Alliance-BC & UBC)</p>
<p>Your political experience and why you want to be a SD47 Trustee in the 2022 to 2026 term</p>	<p>Elected to Board of Education in a by-election in April 2021. I've learned a lot, since my election, about what School Boards actually do and I'm ready to hit the ground running!</p>	<p>Elected Councillor in Prince Rupert (2002) Served on many Boards (Local, Provincial, and National) Have children aged 9, 8 & 3 Want to use my experience to support the District</p>	<p>-Advocacy and anti-racism work; public awareness initiatives -prioritize Truth and Reconciliation and a relationship-centred approach -learn from the lived experience in this region -model a spirit of collaboration and service</p>
<p>From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN How do you intend to include input from students?</p>	<p>I'd love to get input from youth and I'd be happy to participate in meetings-Youth CAT, Brooks Students for Change, or any other youth group- email me!</p>	<p>A Trustee's job is to advocate for all residents, including students. I would connect with Student Councils and other groups such as Interact to understand their needs and concerns.</p>	<p>I am committed to listening to and learning from students' lived experiences and integrating what I learn in meaningful and practical ways; let's talk!</p>
<p>From the Seniors Association What improvements are needed?</p>	<p>I'm confident that plans are underway for these items, but we need to continue to improve our grad rates, our supports for students social/emotional health, and employee engagement.</p>	<p>Enrollment continues to increase. Schools are aging and portables are being used to create classroom space. Funding must be secured to implement the District's 'Long Range Facilities Plan'.</p>	<p>To strengthen/build on: -a relationship-centred approach -continuous, holistic engagement with Truth and Reconciliation -streamline communications and qualitative information gathering for more effective and meaningful allocation of time and resources</p>
<p>From qathet Climate Action How will you support real action on the climate emergency?</p>	<p>Continue adding solar panels and switching to LED lighting, and joining the city and provincial conversations around active transportation and increased funding to implement further strategies.</p>	<p>Continue to support improvement programs to be carbon neutral (e.g., solar grids, water efficiencies, window replacements, etc.); providing education programs about climate change; and fund various school led initiatives.</p>	<p>-embed climate emergency action into strategic planning and fiscal governance -model and promote a relational approach to these lands and waters -collaborate and promote the work of other organizations</p>

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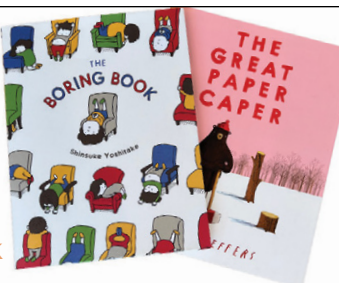
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qRD candidates for:

Area A



Todd Habekost



Jason Lennox



Mace Mowbray

A description of who you are:

-Realtor with Savary Island Real Estate. -Married with two grown kids.
- Outdoor enthusiast
-Avid Jazz Guitarist and music fan.

Live with my family in Area A. A grandpa now!
Volunteer with Northside VFD, Lund Gazebo
Former BC Ambulance Paramedic, presently Paper Excellence Safety Manager supporting western Canadian mills

Propane delivery person on Savary Island as well as the Nature Trust Land Steward and volunteer fire fighter.

Your political experience and why you want to be an RD Director in the 2022 to 2026 term:

-Years of business leadership experience
-Solid Waste Management throughout Area A
-Investigate funding for transportation corridors (bike paths) on Savary Island and mainland.
-Improved parking in Lund

Unifor executive member; Organized Concerned Citizens of Lund. I wish to represent all of Area A and the qRD and believe I have the background and skills to do so.

I have no political experience, but I'm getting involved in the election because my community supports me and needs representation and I have the passion, curiosity, and drive to learn how to be successful in the position.

From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: How do you think opportunities can be improved for young people in your area?

Lots of jobs in Area A. Would review BC Transit contract with the RD and look for improvements so young people without cars can get to the available jobs.

Improve transit services for work and recreation
Develop safe highway cycling paths and roads
Through consultation, find ways young people can be meaningfully involved in issues important to them

I think that Area A can benefit from more transportation options for school aged kids to help them stay involved in after-school activities that are offered in Powell River.

From the Seniors Association: How to make your area more attractive for tourism?

Area A already attracts loads of tourists, the challenge is to have a plan in place so that increasing tourism doesn't change the character of our communities.

Tourism here is ever increasing. How to balance this growth with quality of life and the environment? Work with residents, tourism, businesses and Tla'amin, to develop an appropriate management strategy.

Savary Island is already a booming tourist location in the Area. I would like to provide better services for the times of year that this increased traffic impacts the environment and community.

From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?

-Bike/pedestrian paths as an alternative to cars
- Collaborate with the board to implement and continually update the existing green house gas reduction strategy.

Encourage qRD board to more actively lobby senior governments to get serious about their climate commitments
Support Climate Action Now initiatives
Offer incentives through the RD to reduce emissions

I have many connections on Savary Island that care deeply about our environment and the sustainability of it. It's my goal to open dialogue and conversations with the public to come up with sustainable solutions for our future.

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<p>qRD candidates for:</p> <h1>Area B</h1>	 <p>Mark Gisborne</p>	 <p>Alan Rebane</p>	
	<p>A description of who you are:</p>	<p>I was born here and raised by this community. This community is my family, and this land is my home. I feel a strong obligation to contribute so the next generation can be inspired to do the same.</p>	<p>My wife Kathy and I have Creekside Farm. I am a local contractor. We have 3 children and 5 grandchildren here; I care about future generations continuing to thrive here.</p>
	<p>Your political experience and why you want to be an RD Director in the 2022 to 2026 term:</p>	<p>First term Director. Served 2 consecutive terms on the AVICC executive. In 2018, I said "change is coming". In 2022, the motto is "Change is here". We need to adapt.</p>	<p>Three years as acting Alternate Regional Director for Area B, so I have an understanding of it and know you don't bring your personal agenda. Excellent communication and listening skills.</p>
	<p>From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: How do you think opportunities can be improved for young people in your area?</p>	<p>Improved access to childcare for the very young. Improve access to housing by implementing "residential flexibility" policies in relation to our existing land use regulations. So young people can live here.</p>	<p>Having been in the tourism industry for 20 years, transportation is important. Outside marketing is extremely important. The Regional District supports a great deal of these programs.</p>
	<p>From the Seniors Association: How to make your area more attractive for tourism?</p>	<p>Our Region is so incredible it sells itself, but access to this community is limited by BC Ferries. We need more alternatives that are not dependent on the automobile.</p>	<p>Tourism here is ever increasing. How to balance this growth with quality of life and the environment? Work with residents, tourism, businesses and Tla'amin, to develop an appropriate management strategy.</p>
	<p>From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?</p>	<p>A Regional Growth Strategy (RGS) is a powerful tool to meet environmental sustainability targets across our Region. For more details, search online for "Purposes of a Regional Growth Strategy".</p>	<p>Climate change: By encouraging people to make small changes that are affordable and make good common sense.</p>

RE-ELECT

Sandy McCormick

Area D (Texada) director



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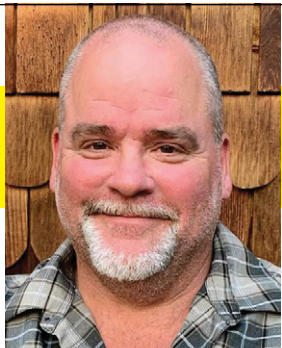
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- Pave the way for a sustainable future

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qRD candidates for:

Area D



Sandy McCormick



Tom Read



Rebecca Hathaway

A description of who you are:	Retired journalist, loving Grandma, avid beach glass collector and craftsperson, writer, bridge-player, gardener, photographer, passionate about community, founder Texada Artists Studio Tour, former chair, Texada Recreation Commission.	Full-time Texadan since 2000. Entrepreneur for 15 years mainly in local wood products manufacturing, real estate sales and farming. Also did Home Support and numerous community volunteer commitments.	My work experience is in emergency services. When life changed, we wanted a small town community. We found that on Texada. I've really enjoyed volunteering in the community this summer.
Your political experience and why you want to be an RD Director in the 2022 to 2026 term:	qRD director, eight years, sees all issues through "Texada-colored lenses," knows the community and has the experience to maintain rapport with qRD colleagues to win majority votes in Texada's favour.	Lifelong political activist, mainly at local level, with volunteer service on numerous committees. Have attended countless Regional District meetings since 2001. Why run for Director? I love my community.	I'm not a politician, but I have been a public servant for 20+ years. I want to connect with people and continue to fight for what's important to them.
From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: How do you think opportunities can be improved for young people in your area?	Improving youth recreation opportunities: recently-installed disc golf course, enable long-discussed skate park to happen. More housing to attract needed business operators to live here and hire youth.	Provide a stable foundation: attainable housing, work that pays a living wage, and diversified arts, culture and recreation. This also works for almost any age group.	Firstly, listen to what young people want. I'd advocate for a program where skilled community members can invest in young people and share those skills so youth can gain experience.
From the Seniors Association: How to make your area more attractive for tourism?	More accommodations are needed. Promote predator-free wilderness. Improve trail signs and maps. More "events" to attract visitors. Public electric vehicle charging stations. Reliable island-wide internet.	Tourism provides a crucial livelihood for many residents. To keep it that way we need maintenance of our basic infrastructure: water and sewer systems, roads, parks and emergency services.	Texada is BC's best kept secret! We could do more to share our natural treasures; beaches; hiking and biking trails, creative artists and community events put on each year.
From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?	Initiated motion for public electric vehicle charging stations in rural areas, two supported for Texada. Initiated consideration of on-demand transit in rural areas. Lobbied for restored bus to/from Lower Mainland.	I propose forming a qathet Citizens Assembly chosen by random selection (like jury duty) to explore and help enact local policies, programs and projects adapting our community to climate disruption.	It's a big topic in our household, specifically the science. We can all reduce our use of single use items, e.g. how many unwanted ketchup packets get thrown away!

Congratulations, acclaimed candidates

qL isn't running interviews with qathet Regional District Area C's Clay Brander (right, representing south of town to Saltery Bay), or Area E's Andrew Fall (far right, representing Lasqueti Island), because no one is running against them.

Both are incumbents, and both will be acclaimed.



OPINION

Victoria did it. Halifax did it. Fort Nelson did it.

Should Powell River and qathet become one gov?



OUR REGION ROCKS: Powell River, as seen from the beach glass beach on Texada. Do we really need three local governments, plus Victoria and Ottawa, to govern just over 21,000 people? Or might just two do?

BY ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT

How would you feel if the City of Powell River became the Regional Municipality of qathet?

Think about it. We're familiar with the name qathet now and it would solve the issue of the name problem. It could make things a whole lot simpler, or, more confusing. Again.

Less than 70 years ago, we governed ourselves through the independent villages of Wildwood, Westview, Cranberry, and the Townsite. Then in 1954, the Powell River Amalgamation Committee was formed. A plebiscite was held and the Corporation of the District of Powell River came into being in October 1955.

Next, the Powell River Regional District was incorporated in 1967; its name was changed to qathet Regional District (qRD) in 2018 "because of frequent confusion," according to then, and still, Regional District Chair, Patrick Brazabon.

The word qathet means "working together, bringing together," in the Coast Salish language of the Tla'amin Nation. Given that the regional district and the City both exist in this landlocked community on the upper Sunshine Coast, would it make sense for us

to marry our two governments and the name because, at the end of the day, isn't it in our best interest to work together?

Maybe, maybe not.

If this was to happen, we wouldn't be the only City and Regional District to share a name. The City of North Vancouver and the District of North Vancouver also share a name (and have for over 100 years) yet the district of North Vancouver is a much larger area completely surrounding the City of North Vancouver on three sides. The City of North Vancouver has a denser, more urban population, while the district doesn't have much of a downtown core.

In 2018 councillors from both the City and District of North Vancouver voted unanimously to consider amalgamating. Councillors noted amalgamation could really help traffic and community planning move ahead.

Here in qathet, the regional district went the other way when it came to a name. In a 2020 interview with Business View Magazine the qRD's CAO Al Radke, said the then Powell River Regional District was receiving a lot of the City of Powell River's mail and vice versa. He also said the RD didn't really have their own identity. In June of 2017 the qRD was gifted the name qathet and in July of 2018 the name changed.

I grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia



For the past year and a half I have proudly represented students and their families on our Board of Education. I have come to understand the role and responsibilities of a trustee, and I have worked well with other trustees to advance the strategic goals of our district.

I remain committed to putting students and their families first, staying accountable to the public, and ensuring sound fiscal decisions are made that benefit all learners. I also commit to strengthening the relationship between our board and the Tla'amin Nation. I would like to keep the conversation going around graduation rates, student performance, student and staff mental health, socioeconomic issues facing families with the increased cost of living, and how we can be better prepared for student growth in our district.

I look forward to your support on **October 15th**. No matter if you're voting in the **city or qRD**, you can still vote for a trustee! Members of the **Tla'amin Nation** can vote for school trustees too! There is much to celebrate in our school district. I want to keep the good work going. Visit my **Facebook Page** for more info: **@hill4sd47** or email me at **robnhill1@gmail.com**

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ELECT

ALAN REBANE
for
Area B

I am a hard-working entrepreneur, and as such have developed a common sense approach to problem solving as a business owner and as a public servant. Within my business, I manage multiple projects and employees, giving me task-managing experience required for a qRD Area B Director. From my experience as acting Regional District Director, I have a strong understanding of government, as well as an understanding of the impact a successful Director can have. Personally, I have been married for 47 years, and have generations of children and grandchildren living in the Powell River area and Regional District. I comprehend the issues that are important and am qualified, capable, and interested in advocating for residents on these issues.

Water: In the next four years, we need to find an alternative water source for Myrtle Creek Estates, Centennial Drive, and golf course development areas. Water is essential. We need to find a reliable and affordable water source for the area. No forethought and implementation has been given to this very important issue.

Regional district – decision making: Effective and efficient decision making at the Regional District Committee level and during Board meetings must be a priority. Respecting staff, other directors, and residents gives constituents a level of confidence that they are heard. This will result in less taxpayer costs. We must listen to what constituents want.

Transparency: All costs payable by taxpayer funds, including legal costs, must become totally transparent and accounted for. No personal agenda.

Development: Keep rural areas rural! Development throughout the Regional District is taking place. Lack of regulation leads to lack of continuity. Development permit guidelines would aid in successful and safe development *without* implementing cumbersome building permits and Zoning.

Taxation: Stabilize the real property taxes.

ALR: Identify and reverse ALR lands that have no productivity so these lands can be used in a more productive way for residential living and small business.



Keep Powell River Amazing!

Robin Murray For City Council

Robin Murray is a man of integrity and keeps his word. Always has responded to my phone calls and emails in a punctual manner and willing to listen to my concerns. There is no doubt in my mind that Robin in council would listen to his constituents and act in their best interests.
Ann Duggan

As a resident of Powell River for 24 years, I have worked at a hotel for 2 years, Malaspina UC for 3 years, am an independent contractor as a gardener/ landscaper/house painter/handyman for 18 years and had a restaurant/ catering business in the early days, too. I love Powell River and area.

You can rest assured that I will stand up for you and all residents of Powell River to represent your views and concerns whether it's to do with being fiscally responsible, maintaining roads & infrastructure, protecting free speech, supporting our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, keeping our neighbourhoods safe and using common sense to look after our environment in sensible ways which doesn't cause undue hardship on residents and the City. Let's keep Powell River amazing and prosperous for generations to come.

On October 15th or at Advanced Polls, vote Robin Murray.



Questions?

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CORE MUNICIPAL BIZ: What if building bylaws and permitting were the same across the entire region?

and as a young adult lived in Dartmouth, Lower Sackville, Fall River, and Windsor Junction, Nova Scotia. All these communities were within commuting distance of where I worked in Halifax but they were all separate.

Then not too long after I moved out west, things changed and the City of Halifax, the City of Dartmouth, the Town of Bedford and the Municipality of the County of Halifax amalgamated and merged into a new, single, municipal unit called the Halifax Regional Municipality or the HRM.

The Nova Scotia merger was done because a more efficient county wide system was needed but it wasn't all smooth sailing. Many of the predicted cost savings did not materialize and staff from rural areas demanded to be paid at the same rate as their urban counterparts.

Halifax is not alone. In 1998, Toronto amalgamated the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and its six lower-tier constituent municipalities, East York, Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, York and the original City of Toronto.

A few months ago Victoria announced the City would be moving forward with a citizens' assembly to investigate potential amalgamation between the City of Victoria and the District of Saanich.

We have a population of 21,500-ish people living in a landlocked, ferry-dependent community with a geographic area of 5,075 kilometres (north of Toba Inlet and south to Saltery Bay including Texada, Savary and Lasqueti Islands). We have two local governments for this population. Two municipal entities, two governments, two names – plus Tla'amin – all trying to figure out how work together at the top of the Sunshine Coast.

Do we have an overlap in how we govern and service this community? Do we spend more money because we have two separate governments running qathet Regional District and the City of Powell River? Do we really need two separate governments here? Is it efficient? Or is it just one of those things that we do because it is what we have always done and it would take too much work to change it?

Both the City and the RD have separate offices. City Hall is located at 6910 Duncan Street and the qRD's office is at 4675 Marine Avenue. They have their own staff, both have Chief Administrative officers – the City has Russell Brewer and the RD has Al Radke. As well, they both have their own planning departments and financial departments.

Municipalities across the country—small and large – have experienced restructuring and mergers

What is the qRD, exactly?

The qathet Regional District is a federation whose members include City of Powell River. The entire qRD has five areas covering different geographic regions of the district, with a population of approximately 21,496 including the City's population of 13,942 in 2021. It covers about 5,000 square kilometres of land from north of Toba Inlet to Saltery Bay as well as Texada, Savary and Lasqueti Islands. Just under 30 square kilometres of that land base is the City of Powell River.

There are five electoral area directors who govern qathet. They are: Electoral Areas A (north), B (Paradise Valley), C (south), D (Texada Island) and E (Lasqueti Island). In addition, the City has two seats at the regional board and holds a weighted vote on financial issues. Tla'amin Nation has its own separate government.

The City of Powell River includes the communities of Westview, Cranberry, Wildwood and the original Townsite. The City has one mayor and six councillors. As well, two city councillors are required to sit on and represent the city on the qathet Regional Board.

Despite the fact that we all live on the upper Sunshine Coast, there are many differences between how the City and the RD operate. Unlike the City, the RD has no noise bylaw so industrial operations can run all night. There's no zoning bylaws – you can build a cement plant in the middle of a residential area. Each regional director has their own grant in aid pot they can use at their own discretion for their area. The RD doesn't require building inspection.

in the past several decades.

The Districts of Abbotsford and Matsqui amalgamated in 1995. In this case, the two municipalities debated the pros and cons for years before holding two referenda on the subject.

A 1990 vote was defeated but a 1993 referendum passed. Amalgamation is not a short-term proposition; it can take decades to achieve, but there can be important long-term benefits including a greater capacity for shared projects, long term planning and a stronger regional presence.

In 2009, Fort Nelson, the only incorporated town in the Northern Rockies Regional District, amalgamated with the district to become the Northern Rockies Regional District Municipality. Today, the entire 85,014 square kilometre area is run as a municipal government with a mayor and councillors.

This question isn't new here, of course; politics have tossed the idea of amalgamation around for years. But 2022 is probably a particularly ripe time to raise the prospect seriously.

It would potentially simplify the name change question.

Reducing duplication in administration would help manage our ever-increasing tax bills.

And, we're just electing new representatives this month. **PL**

Candidates for:

PR City Council



Earl Almeida



George Doubt



Cindy Elliott

A description of who you are:	Married, 3 young kids 20+ years in sales & customer service in small & industrial businesses A manager at Staples Division manager for PR Minor Baseball	I moved here in 2014 to be close to family. I worked at BCTel and Telus and was an elected officer of the Telecommunications Workers Union, and National President.	I work in our family business, Jack's Boat Yard. I enjoy helping my community and sit on the BOD for Therapeutic Riding. I curl and enjoy coffee chats with everyone.
Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term	This is my first foray into politics. I see our council does not fully represent the demographic of our growing community so I thought I could bring a different perspective!	I was elected to City Council in 2018. I believe I have the skills needed to work collaboratively with the community and Council to respond to today's and future challenges.	I was elected City Councillor in 2018 and am asking for a second term. I have learned so much and want to put that knowledge to good use in the community.
From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?	When I hear social good I think of an action/event or item that would benefit a broader segment of the community beyond just the purchaser & seller/employees.	As a councillor I see "social good" as the motivation for making decisions based on the best common interests of the residents of the community equitably and inclusively.	Infrastructure and programs that support the social fabric of our culture and communities, like transit, schools, hospitals. Also includes Art Galleries, Museums, Theatres, and infrastructure that supports community social cohesion.
From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?	I think growth in tourism is necessary. Tourism means more jobs created, money coming into our community & eventually a growth in services to meet the expanding needs of our residents.	Tourism is an important and growing part of our local economy. Making the City more attractive to tourism may also make it a better place to live and work.	The focus needs to be increasing capacity to provide workers and services to community including visitors. Childcare, health services, better transit and affordability for workers all support this.
From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?	Being completely new to politics, my focus will be, "What's one small thing we can do today to improve tomorrow?" I'm very curious about expanding our green waste program.	I will take action directly on climate impacts that the city can control while educating and encouraging residents, businesses and other governments to act where they have the power.	Support recommendations from the Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation Committee's August 16th Memo to City Council. Continue to learn and support the initiatives of the Sustainability Planner.

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Candidates for:

PR City Council



	Bronwyn Gisborne	Glenn Holstine	Luke Holuboch
A description of who you are:	I am a part time live-in caregiver and a stay at home mom of two. My multi-generational family of 6 lives on a farm.	I have lived here since 1976. Married with 5 children and one granddaughter (one due this November!) 60-ton-tugboat Captain, 36-year First Responder, Marriage Commissioner, experienced union negotiator.	Owner of Reds, work directly with the public in their homes, bringing them heat and hot water as needed. I love meeting new people, hearing their stories and struggles.
Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term	I am running because I want our leaders to have the conversations that this community is already having. Problems can be addressed and the uniqueness of this community will flourish.	2011 I ran for Council, 2018 I ran for Mayor. With my combined experience, I have a lot to offer for a fair and diplomatic outcome in Municipal Hall.	I am looking forward to learning to be a great councillor. Being a good listener, understanding people, where they are coming from and what they are asking for sure helps!
From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?	It starts at the local level, by making all voices heard. It is what comes naturally to people and community. Allowing diversity of opinions fosters community trust, and improves engagement.	Health care, education, clean water and equality for all genders. More entertainment opportunities such as gaming facilities that incorporate virtual and physical activities. How about a drive-in theater?	Reaching out and helping others, connecting, holding space for others, leads to understanding, compassion and trust. I would like to see it transfer from online to out in the streets.
From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?	Our region is amazing. We need to improve access to this community.	At this time, our Region is very well known for Tourists. We have to engage with more relevant issues such as Elder Care / Hospice Support for our aging population.	More people lead to more erosion of our environment, garbage, overrun our already busy restaurants. We need to strengthen what we have, which is clean, quiet, friendly and safe.
From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?	The impact on our environment need to permeate all of our decision making.	Keep addressing our current actions and constantly evolving our habits in our community to integrate a lower Carbon Footprint for example.	Somewhere other than here is carrying the burden of pollution that the products you wear, eat, drive, talk on have created. Stop buying stuff. Group together and grow, recycle.

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Candidates for:

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Jason Hygaard



Trina Isakson



Cathy Korolek

<p>A description of who you are:</p>	<p>I'm a Veteran with three tours in Bosnia. I'm of Métis, Icelandic and Ukrainian heritage. I'm on the board of the Métis Society and operated two art galleries here.</p>	<p>I'm a self-employed facilitator who helps community groups with strategic planning, etc. I've volunteered heavily in Powell River, including with the community foundation, garden club, and the Knuckleheads group.</p>	<p>23 years with Royal Bank 19 years owner/operator Heart n' Sole Quilts 29 years active Rotarian. Most spent in executive Positions.</p>
<p>Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term</p>	<p>First time candidate. I will listen to and consider perspectives and needs. I have the experience to lead, listen and collaborate to ensure the needs of our citizens are achieved.</p>	<p>Was appointed to the Community Finance Advisory Committee. I'm a hardworking/progressive choice to tackle important Council issues: affordable housing, mill site, retaining our youth, name change, public engagement.</p>	<p>4yrs Councillor City of Grand Forks; Director for Regional District Kootenay Boundary; Director for WKB Hospital Board; Boundary Services Committee; Past President Regional Chamber of Commerce; Director Solid Waste Committee.</p>
<p>From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?</p>	<p>Corporations and organizations that benefit from our community should also contribute to the community, beyond legal requirements. They should improve, contribute and strengthen the communities in which their success depends.</p>	<p>Making choices that help ensure the well-being of everyone, especially people who are isolated, discriminated against, or struggling, so we all thrive and future generations also benefit.</p>	<p>What is good for all, a shared benefit for the community. Ex: affordable housing, active transportation routes.</p>
<p>From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?</p>	<p>We need to improve transportation to our many trails, lakes, mountains and beaches. I envision a vibrant, sustainable waterfront development with superior accommodations, conference facilities, entertainment and leisure attractions.</p>	<p>I support making us attractive by having thriving local businesses, prioritizing access to nature, supporting our artists and festivals, and keeping our inclusive spirit. Both tourists and residents benefit.</p>	<p>Very important to the economic development of Powell River. Tourism is fast becoming a major industry</p>
<p>From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?</p>	<p>Repairing existing damage, preventing further decline and achieving a state where we no longer contribute to destruction. I support our green transition initiatives and want to continue to build them.</p>	<p>I will make decisions based on the benefit to current residents AND the impact on future generations. They should look back at today and be grateful for our care/foresight.</p>	<p>Water is essential for life. Melting ice caps, floods, drought, extreme weather. I have been through a catastrophic flood event, Lived in a water-metered community. Conservation is very important.</p>

On October 15

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"I have enjoyed the last term representing the people of Powell River on Council and the qathet Regional District. I have learned a great deal about the City, the people, and the ways we can all work together.

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Candidates for:

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Eli Leyland



Robin Murray



Jim Palm

<p>A description of who you are:</p>	<p>Community values were instilled in me by my family, driving me to give back to my community now. I work around people committed to health and wellness - important to me.</p>	<p>Resident of Powell River for 24 years, married, no kids, independent contractor - house painter / gardener / handyman. I'm a historian, read constantly and continuously am learning.</p>	<p>Career Education - SD47/ Councillor - City of Powell River. Spouse: Connie Polman Tuin. Children: Jade Palm, Sasha (Palm) & Mike Scarborough. Grand Children: Linden and Oaklee Scarborough. Dedicated to family and community</p>
<p>Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term</p>	<p>I know I can make a difference and represent the ideas of my community. I am not running for myself, but to represent the ideals and values of the people.</p>	<p>Zero political experience. I feel it's time for new faces on council and I want to help keep Powell River amazing & prosperous for generations to come.</p>	<p>City Councillor for the past 4 terms (14 years) I enjoy the work and I am honoured to represent the people of Powell River and our entire region.</p>
<p>From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?</p>	<p>It means improving the greatest number of lives possible, not serving a single individual's self-interests. This is exactly what I stand for; I am serving the people, not myself.</p>	<p>It is creating locally, regionally, nationally and globally a world in which we have true health & wellness, beauty through art & music, friendship, contentment, joy, fun, happiness and prosperity.</p>	<p>To me, it means equality for all that will lead to individual and community well being. Examples: Good education, clean air and water</p>
<p>From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?</p>	<p>Tourism is vital to our local economy. Businesses thrive during the summer months. I support encouraging people to visit here during the "off seasons" to benefit local businesses.</p>	<p>As someone who worked in the hotel and restaurant industry for 20 years I believe it is extremely important to attract more tourist dollars to Powell River & area.</p>	<p>With the closure of our mill, tourism is even more important than ever. This was one of the main reasons I initiated the move of the Lift residency from the Marine Avenue corridor.</p>
<p>From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?</p>	<p>I support introducing more cost-saving subsidies for households to convert to more energy-efficient options such as heat pumps, solar panels and improved insulation in order to benefit our planet.</p>	<p>As a sensible environmentalist I believe we can find solutions that balance environmental, social, and economic priorities.</p>	<p>I will continue to support our Sustainability Planner on the many grant applications that have resulted in lessening environmental impact on our community. For example: reduced CO₂ emissions at the complex.</p>

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Candidates for:

PR City Council



	Todd Phillips	Michelle Riddle	Rob Southcott
A description of who you are:	I am born and raised in Powell River and have chosen to make this city my long term home. I am involved in the soccer community and volunteer for search and rescue.	I'm a mother of two, a Resilient Health Practitioner, founder of Global Alliance for Our Children's Future and more. My teams shape a system of wellness supporting abounding, healthy Canadians.	Born and raised here. Married happily to artist Janet, proud father of smoke-jumper James. Been in small business, various community service orgs. Amateur musician, cyclist, kayaker, backpacker, sailor, gardener.
Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term	First time running for election. Doing this because I presently have the time to make the commitment and I feel we need a change.	I have leadership roles with local, national and international projects that build wellbeing within communities. My goal is to break down hierarchical silos so people's voices can be heard.	Was appointed to the Community Finance Advisory Committee. I'm a hardworking/progressive choice to tackle important Council issues: affordable housing, mill site, retaining our youth, name change, public engagement.
From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?	Available to do unpaid work for a cause you believe in and is good for the community as a whole.	My life's work has focused on the 'social good', creating opportunities of access to clean air, fresh water, whole food and meaningful community connections for all.	Thriving for all.
From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?	Any jobs created at this time are important. The area's natural beauty is an opportunity to achieve this.	The PR region is a destination for tourists. Creating cottage industries and more publicized local events will bring travelers to, not just through, our town.	Less important than it is to keep PR attractive for our entire community, & hence attractive to the kind of tourists we want here.
From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?	As the city's carbon fueled equipment meets the end of its lifespan it should be replaced with more green alternatives.	Living local is the key. Powell River is rich in resources, so supporting our sovereign capacities for energy, food and human connection will actualize a sustainable footprint on this planet.	By seeking out and targeting its root causes, throughout all we do.

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Candidates for:

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Jen Zacher

<p>A description of who you are:</p>	<p>I am 25 years old, I've lived in Powell River my entire life, I've worked in the restaurant industry & have volunteered my time to local organizations in the past.</p>	<p>Video @ City meetings since 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Marine Surveyor · Married to my wife 15 years, two children. · Truck Loggers' Safety Training & Industrial Relations Committee & Powell River Missions Fest. 	<p>I'm a provincial government analyst with 20 years' experience in poverty reduction. I'm a homeowner and landlord. I've volunteered in disaster relief, food security, and housing.</p>
<p>Your political experience and why you want to be a Powell River City Councillor in the 2022 to 2026 term</p>	<p>I've been interested in politics for awhile, I hope to support the strengthening of our economy through encouraging more affordable housing & the development of a robust local cottage industry.</p>	<p>I have worked at 700 plus meetings, including City Council, Finance Committee, Committee of the Whole, and Public Hearings, I want to work at representing citizens of Powell River.</p>	<p>I've campaigned for candidates, written letters, and voted. I'm passionate about creating positive outcomes for all-affordable taxes for homeowners, more housing for renters, and supports for those struggling.</p>
<p>From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAN: What does 'social good' mean to you?</p>	<p>A community that cares for itself, one that does everything it can to support its residents & stick together through thick or thin.</p>	<p>Social Good means allowing people to decide for themselves who and what charities they want to support as a volunteer or with their hard-earned money.</p>	<p>"Social good" means balancing competing priorities and limited resources to produce positive outcomes for most people in the community.</p>
<p>From the Seniors Association: How important to you is it to make PR more attractive to tourism?</p>	<p>I hope my support of local cottage industry will, as a by-product, increase the viability of tourism within Powell River.</p>	<p>Important.</p>	<p>Important. My priority is for PR to be a vibrant community, benefiting locals and tourists. I support workforce housing projects to help our economy and make life affordable for workers.</p>
<p>From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?</p>	<p>I will support the local production & manufacturing of goods instead of shipping them in from overseas as a starting point.</p>	<p>By putting proposed policy, planning and by laws on a cost to benefit test. Testing real impact of each dollar spent to provide real immediate or imagined future benefit.</p>	<p>Let's reinstate the Climate Action Mitigation and Adaptation Committee for recommendations to spend our \$5.3 million in grants obtained. Let's explore bringing the Youth Climate Corps program to Powell River.</p>



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A message from

MAGGIE FOR MAYOR

The nominations are in! Eighteen citizens are running for the position of City Councillor. I am very happy to see such a large number of folks wanting to participate in local government. I look forward to working with whomever the people may choose.

These are exciting times! A new City Council will demand strong leadership. That leadership will take the form of intimate knowledge of the Community Charter and the Local Government Act and the procedural requirements under those pieces of legislation.

There will be many points of view coming to the table. Everyone needs to be heard. But at the end of the day, Council needs to accomplish a strategic plan for the coming years that is inclusive, diverse and achievable.

We will have disagreements, we will be passionate about our points of view, but we cannot lose sight of the importance of making Powell River the best it can be and this takes a team effort!

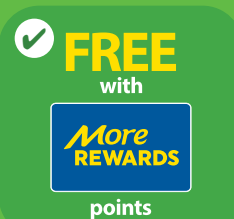
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~ Stewart Alsgard

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How will you respond to Tla'amin Nation's name change request?

BY PIETA WOOLLEY

The City of Powell River's possible name change process is currently taking a well-deserved break. On July 15, the Joint Working Group wrapped up its work, published a report, and issued 11 recommendations (see powellriver.ca).

The time between then and the next phase – which will be undertaken by the newly-elected City Council, likely – should be spent reviewing the report and having respectful conversations, according to the webpage. Are you on task? Many candidates seem to be, as name change is a hot topic during this campaign period.

This is not, of course, a one-issue election. Name change is one of many serious challenges our new leadership will face. They include the housing crisis, employee shortage, overdose crisis, the future of the mill lands, taxation, and much more.

But the name change question looms large. Deleting 'Powell' from the name of this City was a direct ask, by the hegus. What to do with that request, and with the name, seems to be a symbol for a bigger issue in this region and elsewhere across this province: how will relationships between Indigenous governments and local governments find a new power bal-



ance, in post-treaty BC? What will that power balance be?

In other words, how will we reconcile with each other? What will that actually look like, in real life?

Therefore, qL asked each candidate for PR City Council and Mayor about name change. Here's what they said.

Earl Almeida

First to listen. Then to continue the steps taken by the Joint Working Group. Work with PR residents & the Tla'amin Nation to work towards a resolution that works for everyone.

George Doubt

I will continue the process of respectful consideration of the request with the final decision based on a clear measurement of public support.

Cindy Elliott

The Community Accord commits us to work together, its very important that we live up to our government-to-government commitments. I support the recommendations of the Joint Working Group.

Bronwyn Gisborne

What is important is that the community comes together. If we cross the finish line at the expense of leaving many behind then we have failed as leaders.

Glenn Holstine

City name change has to be more debated and compromise on all sides is required for a fair and diplomatic outcome in our democratic process.

Luke Holuboch

I will respond to the name change request with respect to those who live and work here in Powell River. We have a fine history here of great people and commitment to community.

Jason Hygaard

My great-grandfather attended Residential School and my family has felt the multi-generational trauma. I support the request for city name change. Let's choose an inspiring, evolving identity for the future.

Trina Isakson

Work to implement the 11 recommendations from the Joint Working Group, including more/unifying public engagement. Work with Nation and residents to explore possible names in order to reduce uncertainty.

Cathy Korolek

Very controversial, needs ongoing dialogue with all concerned including public input. No fast decisions. Transparency and inclusion. Appease a few, anger more. Simply cause more division. Very important to take the time to make the right decision for all.



THE LATEST INSTITUTION TO NAME CHANGE: Vancouver Island University's Powell River campus is called *tiwš̓emawtxʷ*. (teew-shem- awt-xw) which means "House of Learning." The ceremony was held on September 20. It joins a growing list of mostly-public institutions that have changed names to ayajuthem words, including qathet Regional District (of course); qathet General Hospital; Paper Excellence Tiskwat; qathet Museum & Archives; qathet Safe; qathet Division of Family Practice; qathet Art Centre; qathet Pride Society; Trans qathet; qathet Old Growth; qathet Regional Cycling Association; qathet Climate Alliance; the Urban Homesteading School of qathet; The Lund Resort, at Klah ah men; Klah Ah Men Lund Gazebo Park; Skelp; The Peak:Voice of qathet, and *qathet Living* magazine. For any organization that serves the entire region, changing to qathet isn't political; it's what the region has been called since 2018.

Photo courtesy of NehMotl

The mayoral candidates weigh in on Name Change:

Maggie Hathaway

- Continue raising awareness through education whilst exploring a new name.
- I would fully endorse an opinion poll. I believe in democratic process.
- The process takes time. It cannot be rushed.

CaroleAnn Leishman

- By supporting implementation of 11 recommendations of JWG
- Begin community naming contest including all who wish to participate
- Build consensus choosing a name that harms no one and is embraced by many, setting us on a good path forward together.

Ron Woznow

- Everyone receives unbiased information
- All citizens have an opportunity to express their position through a community survey
- Abide by the people's wishes

** This ran in September's issue, along with much more from the mayoral candidates. Find it online at prliving.ca.*

Roger Whittaker

By listening and applying reason and harmonious attitude to deliberations. All Citizens of Powell River need to have a podium to speak from and they need to be listened to.

Jen Zacher

After six months of community engagement, a joint working group of Tla'amin and Powell River representatives made 11 recommendations of how to proceed. Let's implement them and continue the conversation.

Eli Leyland

I support giving a platform to both sides of this issue to allow everyone's voices to be heard. I would then leave it to a community vote and support the decision made by the community.

Robin Murray

I think the people of Powell River should have the final say as to keeping or changing name. On the lower coast, traditional names are on signs with present names.

Jim Palm

I will continue to work towards a win-win solution, which will bring our communities together. I will listen and support the opinion of our citizens.

Todd Phillips

Continue the discussion through the intergovernmental relationship. If a new name is chosen then put it to the citizens with a referendum/opinion poll.

Michelle Riddle

I will bring this request to the people to address with their question specific vote.

Rob Southcott

By working together, owning the process, and not rushing it.

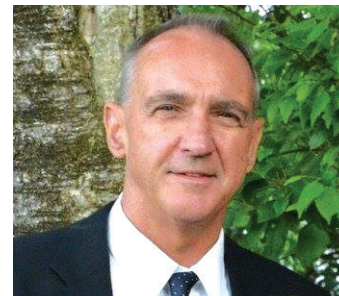
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I will let the people of Powell River decide on that issue.

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Maggie Hathaway



CaroleAnn Leishman



Ron Woznow

What issue isn't getting enough attention in this election so far, and how will you address that issue?

BC Ferries - Citizens have become lethargic. Nothing ever changes. There is a black market reservation system. We brought this to the attention of the Minister. He pledged to eliminate. We lobbied to bring back resident cards and priority boarding.

The Climate Emergency. 619 people died in one week in BC during the heat dome. We are seeing more extreme weather events: floods, wildfires, storm surges, droughts.... We need increased awareness, and engagement to reduce our emissions, make our community safer, more resilient and localize action.

Conflict of interest of elected and appointed officials. I will work with the CAO Russell Brewer and Council to ensure everyone knows and follows conflict of interest rules.

From qathet Climate Action: How will you support real action on the climate emergency?

The City's Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Committee has worked tirelessly on this topic. Our staff have applied for and been successful in achieving thousands of dollars in grants. I would reinstate the Committee to continue advising Council on best practices.

Continue to collaborate with local climate groups, qathet RD & Tla'amin Nation to work together regionally; continue with City's actions by establishing a new climate action steering committee; target community emissions with safe, accessible streets programs, improve transit service and create/support building retrofit programs.

I will lead the city in the implementation of provincial and federal global warming initiatives. Initiate a program to encourage residents to conserve natural resources and energy. Continue to support initiatives already underway.

From Volunteer Powell River Youth CAT: How do you intend to work with the new council?

Working collaboratively, listening to all input and ideas, reviewing required policy and procedures under Provincial legislation and ultimately creating a strategic plan that is achievable and responsive to citizen concerns.

As a team. Finding out what makes each member tick and what they are excited to work on and assign portfolios based on their interests and skills. Make being on Council a positive experience and provide opportunities for leadership development.

I will use my leadership experience to ensure each councillor is given an opportunity to use their skill set and experience to benefit Powell River.

From Chamber of Commerce: How will you help solve the local employee crisis?

Another issue that is occurring across the Province. The Provincial Nominee Program is bringing in immigrant workers and employers should take advantage of this program. I commit to working closely with the Chamber of Commerce to achieve adequate staffing levels.

I will support and encourage: skills (re)training and apprenticeship programs in building & energy retrofit sector; a Municipal Housing Authority to supply affordable workforce housing; build more childcare spaces to support working families and continue resident attraction campaigns aimed at younger families and workers.

One important area of focus must be ensuring the hospital, healthcare workers and physicians have the required resources necessary to deliver a high level of service. We must look for solutions to ensure there are no emergency room closures.



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Who should benefit from qathet's resources?

Bold BC politico Bob Williams has been hanging around qathet off and on since 1955. With a new book out, the planner, former MLA and consultant is speaking out about taking back our resources for the public good.

BY ROBERT A. HACKETT

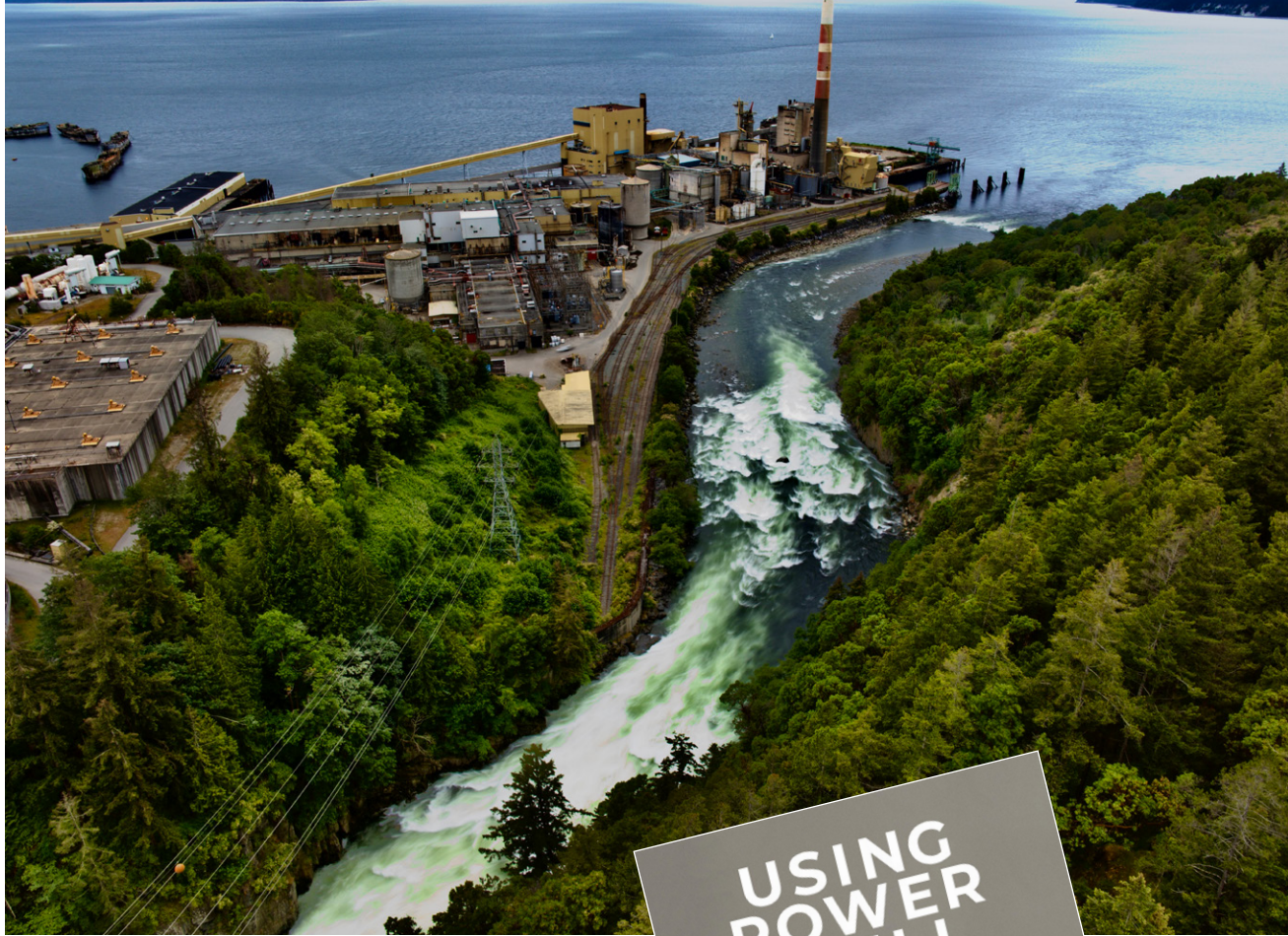
"People in the [qathet] region have to get off their butts!"

That's bold advice from former superstar cabinet minister Bob Williams. Williams says we need to do more to ensure that the community benefits from our shared resources.

Given his East Vancouver roots, his extensive administrative and political experience in Victoria, and the province-wide impact of the various reforms he championed over decades, Williams has surprisingly strong ties to Powell River.

Until recently, he was a seasonal resident; his daughter still lives here; and –get this– as a young planning student at UBC, Williams masterminded the renaming of our city's streets following the 1955 municipal amalgamations.

Since then, urban and regional planning with the public interest and the bigger picture in mind has anchored Williams's remarkable career—from his central role in Dave Barrett's NDP government in the 1970s, to his building of ICBC, VanCity, and much else. At age 89, Williams recently published his political memoir – *Using Power Well* – that is more than an engaging read. It champions community benefits



WHOOSH: Above, water from the Powell River powers the Brookfield dam (photo by Ryk Tataryn). Negotiating all the pieces associated with the end of the mill will—at least in part—be in the hands of the new Mayor and Council. Right, *Using Power Well: Bob Williams and the Making of British Columbia* tells his story—including his many impacts on BC including Whistler, Robson Square, the Agricultural Land Reserve, and much more. Harbour Publishing, 2022.

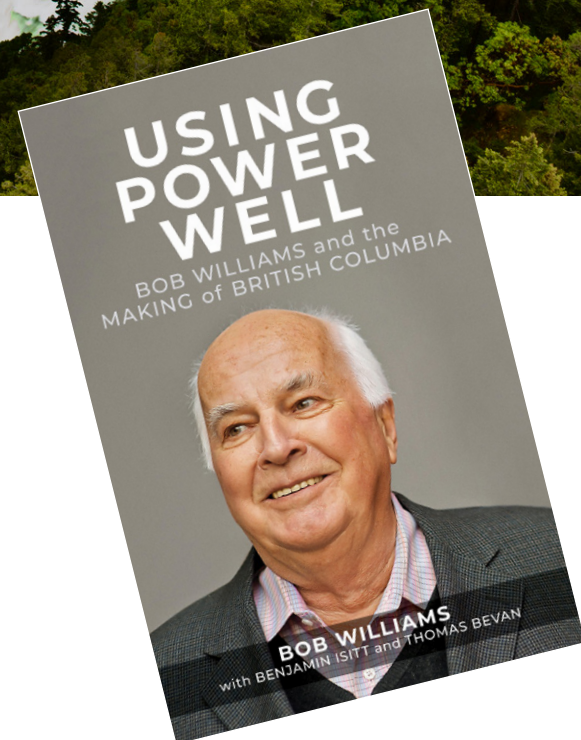
from economic development and shows how this can be achieved.

In a wide-ranging telephone interview, Williams' passion is still evident. His greatest indignation was directed at what is happening to the now-closed paper mill and the energy that once powered it.

In his book, Williams explains the concept of economic rent, derived from American economist, Henry George.

"The rental value of land and resources was essentially the common property of all and should be shared by all," he writes. "George favoured the taxing of that rent for public services and meeting the cost of government." That would shift taxes away from individuals and small businesses.

Williams commented on the local situation where a subsidiary of Brookfield Renewable Partners L.P. is applying for a ten-year export permit for all of the hydroelectricity generated by local dams. Hydro power was the reason a pulp and paper mill was orig-



inally located here and later expanded to become the largest in North America.

Water licenses granted by the government were essential to the mill's development, but destroyed the rich salmon habitat on which Tla'amin depended. Now, though, Brookfield wants to use the vast amounts of water within its licences exclusively for hydro exports.

"Why should Brookfield have these rights in Powell River?" Williams asked. "People in Powell River should be the first to know how it happened, but they don't. We are an immensely rich society in BC, but we're lazy about what should be ours."

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What's up with the mill site?

Back in February, the Mill was “indefinitely curtailed” by owner Paper Excellence. The move came after several years of long temporary shutdowns and layoffs. No one was surprised by the shuttering, but the announcement still sent shock waves over the future of local employment, industrial taxation, and potential future use for the site.

The 300-acre Mill is listed as “for sale” on Colliers Canada. It's described as: “situated directly on the waterfront, Tis'kwat represents an excellent opportunity for a large-scale industrial user to acquire a highly developable site with direct access to significant electricity and natural gas services, deep water access, and close proximity to major markets and employment,” but no price is listed.

Paper Excellence, however, told *qL* that the mill isn't really for sale.

“We haven't yet even decided to permanently close Tis'kwat let alone land on a sale price,” wrote communications manager Graeme Kissack in an email to *qL*. “Its listed so we can get an idea of the site's value. We have been working on a decision as to whether the site continues to make pulp and paper products or we sell it to be re-purposed.”

In May, Tla'amin Nation wrote a letter claiming the site which was sold in 1874 “without [our] knowledge or consent.” On September 15, the Nation issued a media release that it sent a letter of intent to Paper Excellence, saying that the Nation plans to buy the “mill and all of its industrial assets.” The Nation has also signed an MOU with Pacific Hydrogen to develop a hydrogen fuel facility on the site.

- Pieta Woolley

But where should we start?

“Determine whether Brookfield actually has the right to export to the US,” Williams advises. “It means do the homework. You need lawyers, economists.”

As a model for qathet, Williams recommends the Columbia Basin Trust that he helped to set up in 1995. In his book, Williams argues that the Trust avoided repeating “the travesty” of an earlier government's giveaway of Kootenay River dam sites to Cominco.

Instead, it harnesses the Columbia River's “great potential” for “the benefit of the people of the Kootenay region...in economic, social, educational and cultural ways.”

In 2021, millions from the Trust paid for new affordable housing, childcare spaces, environmental protection, access to locally-grown food, and partnerships with First Nations. Overall, it's meant decentralization, transferring power away from Victoria to one of BC's major regions.

That model could be used here, Williams says, but the region should include Vancouver Island, and apply to both forestry and water. The residual rights that Brookfield claims should not exist. “It may require some legislative change,” he says, “to fix rights to the rent for all these assets.”

Fortunately, we have made a start. Williams praises our municipal tree farm as “wonderful.” It's owned by an independent non-profit agency – Community Forest – that gives the economic rent away

annually (\$2.3 million this year) to the community.

What are the obstacles to Williams' approach to economic democracy? Throughout the book, he criticized a hide-bound government bureaucracy.

On the phone, he emphasizes freeing the political imagination, especially rejecting the idea that we must rely on private corporations to create jobs.

“We absolutely do not,” he says, citing the massive redevelopment of downtown Surrey. “That's an example of what we could do with Crown corporations.”

He is confident that qathet has the creativity to

succeed. He sees “a feast of opportunities,” from training pilots at Texada to expanding forest foraging businesses.

Our conversation briefly covered other issues as well. Climate change? Carry on the BC government's reasonable progress, but prepare for an influx of climate refugees. Reconciliation? Continue the significant progress already made locally.

But for Williams, community benefits from our shared resources is clearly a top-of-mind issue. As the civic election approaches, perhaps it should be one of ours, too. **qL**

BRONWYN GISBORNE



Major issues:

Lack of housing. Harbour congestion.
Lack of childcare. Inflation. Mill closure.
Rising taxes.

Council is tasked with addressing these issues, but does not reflect the demographic that is expected to carry the weight of these growing challenges.

The City is under-represented at the qathet Regional District. Only two people represent 67% of the population.

Neither the rural Electoral Area residents, nor the Tla'amin Nation are represented by the municipal council.

There are many municipal services that benefit our greater regional population, and yet this lack of representation in our local government structure has been a longstanding barrier to equitable taxation.

We are one community operating with multiple levels of government each trying to share services with the other. The unfortunate outcome has been a lack of representation, a deteriorated relationship, and costly administrative redundancies.

Our land-use planning and development approval system was designed to restrict access to housing and limits small business opportunities. This system is hindering our community's ability to provide housing. It takes the controls of economic prosperity out of the hands of the community and puts the controls into the hands of a select few. This system needs to be reformed.

The Mill is closed, the world is changing. We need to reform, or we will be continuously plagued by the same old problems. Our community cannot afford to suffer any longer from stagnation.

The next generation needs to have a voice at the table.

ABOUT BRONWYN

- Graduated 201, Brooks in French & English
- Grew up in Westview
- Certified Yoga Instructor
- Mother of 2 under the age of 4
- Live-In Care Aid, CSIL

On October 15th, vote **GISBORNE for City Council.**

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MEMORIES OF THE MILL

Mill brought books to its library-less town

BY MARK MERLINO

ON BEHALF OF THE POWELL RIVER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The first library in Powell River was opened in 1911 and operated by the Powell River Company as a perk for its mill employees. This building on Maple Avenue in Townsite was used as both the Library and School House.

At first it was a subscription library, staffed by mill office workers, and the company rented a block of 500 books monthly from the Carnegie Library in Vancouver. Then in 1922, the Powell River Company purchased the first permanent collection of books for members and hired Mrs. Marie Miller to be the

Memories of the Mill Part 1

In the summer of 2022, anyone with memories of the Powell River Paper Mill was invited to submit stories to a special project, which was coordinated by the Library and the Museum, and sponsored by the First Credit Union. The mill, of course, closed indefinitely in February of this year, after a 110-year-long run. *qathet Living* magazine will run a series, based on some of the stories heard, October through December.



MRS. MILLER SAYS "SSSSH": No giggling was allowed in the basement of Dwight Hall, where the Powell River Paper Mill's community library operated for many decades starting in 1911. The City opened its first library in 1957 (and now, giggling is encouraged).

Photo courtesy of the qathet Historical Museum & Archives

permanent librarian. She served faithfully in that role until 1949.

Membership was available to all residents of the Powell River district. To join the Powell River Company Library, you had to pay a deposit fee of \$2.

What were people reading in the Powell River company library at this time? In 1924, people enjoyed reading the latest magazines and newspapers in the reading room. These included new copies of the *Saturday Evening Post*, the *London Daily Mirror*, *Life Magazine*, *Scientific American*, and *National Geographic*. Some of the most popular books that year were *The Golden Cocoon* by Ruth Cross, *The Call of the Canyon* by Zane Grey and *The Plastic Age* by Percy Marks.

In 1927, the library moved to a larger location a short walk up from the mill in the basement of Dwight Hall, where it would remain for over five decades.

In the 1930s, the Library and its reading room were open from Monday to Saturday – 3 to 5:30 pm and 7 to 9 pm. In the new location, the library added some of the best reference material of the day – the *Encyclopedia Britannica* and the historians' *History of the World*. The new Library had a permanent collection of 2,000 books and 200 books were part of a traveling Library that changed every four months.

The Dwight Hall basement was a daunting place for some of the children who went there. Bev Falconer remembers that there were wrought iron bars at the entryway and going into the Library felt like entering a lion's den.

Inside was a very austere environment with long tables where people read. Silence was expected of anyone who entered the space and Mrs. Miller would shoosh anyone, adult or child, who spoke beyond a whisper. Another woman who grew up in Cranberry in the 30s recalls walking down with friends to the



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Dwight Hall Library in the wintertime to meet some boys. They stayed inside the Library because it was nice and warm, but as soon as they started to giggle, Mrs. Miller sent them out into the cold and they walked back up the hill to Cranberry.

The company library was an essential part of leisure for many residents of the small mill town. Betty Berger remembers that after school a group of children who lived in Westview would run down the hill from Henderson School to the Dwight Hall Library, just as it was opening. They would quickly find some books, check them out and then would run back up the hill to catch the school bus before it left.

Fran Forsythe remembers that, as a young child, she loved going through the cards inside of the children's books in the Library, because the names of everyone who checked out the books were written there and she was curious to see which of her friends had read the books.

By 1938, the collection had grown to over 3,000 books and many new familiar magazine titles had appeared – including *Maclean's*, *Chatelaine* and *Canadian Geographic*. Probably the most popular aspect of the Library was the reading room, where people sat and read the latest news in the newspaper or new magazine. Through the 1940s, the Powell River Company had a community policy expediting the purchase of new books for the Library, especially books about BC and the Pulp and Paper industry. During the Second World War, the Powell River Company Library donated hundreds of its library books to the Canadian armed forces.

One Tla'amin woman remembers that as a young girl in the early 1950s, that she loved reading books. One day, she asked her grandmother to take her to the company library in Townsite. Her grandmother replied that she couldn't take her because they were not allowed to use it.

The girl then asked her teacher at the Sliammon Day School about books and the teacher picked up a new batch of books each week and gave them to her at school each Friday. Years later, she would have very positive experiences at school libraries and the public



DESTINATION, LEARNING (FOR SOME): The library and schoolhouse shared a building on Maple. Tla'amin members weren't welcome in the library until decades later.


Photo courtesy of the qathet Historical Museum & Archives

library and noted that it was a friendly environment with interesting activities with people with all sorts of interests.

The community was changing during the 1940s and many people started to move out of the company town in Townsite, but there were only a few cars in town and it was a long walk to Dwight Hall.

To meet the demand for books, volunteer-run community libraries, that were not owned by the mill, popped up. The first one was set up in Westview in 1942 in an upstairs room in the municipal building on Marine Avenue. In 1949, the Westview Library was relocated to the basement of the Westview School and was staffed by the PTA, but the new location ended in tragedy, as it was completely destroyed by an accidental fire in 1950. Karen Southern vividly remembers the fire that burned the Westview School and the library in its basement to the ground one night in April, 1950.

The age of the company library finally came to an end in December 1956 when the Powell River Public Library incorporated.

In January 1957, the Powell River Paper Company formally turned the library over to the municipality. Library service was later extended to all area residents, though the library would continue to use the Dwight Hall facility and material that came from the Powell River Company for many decades to come. 

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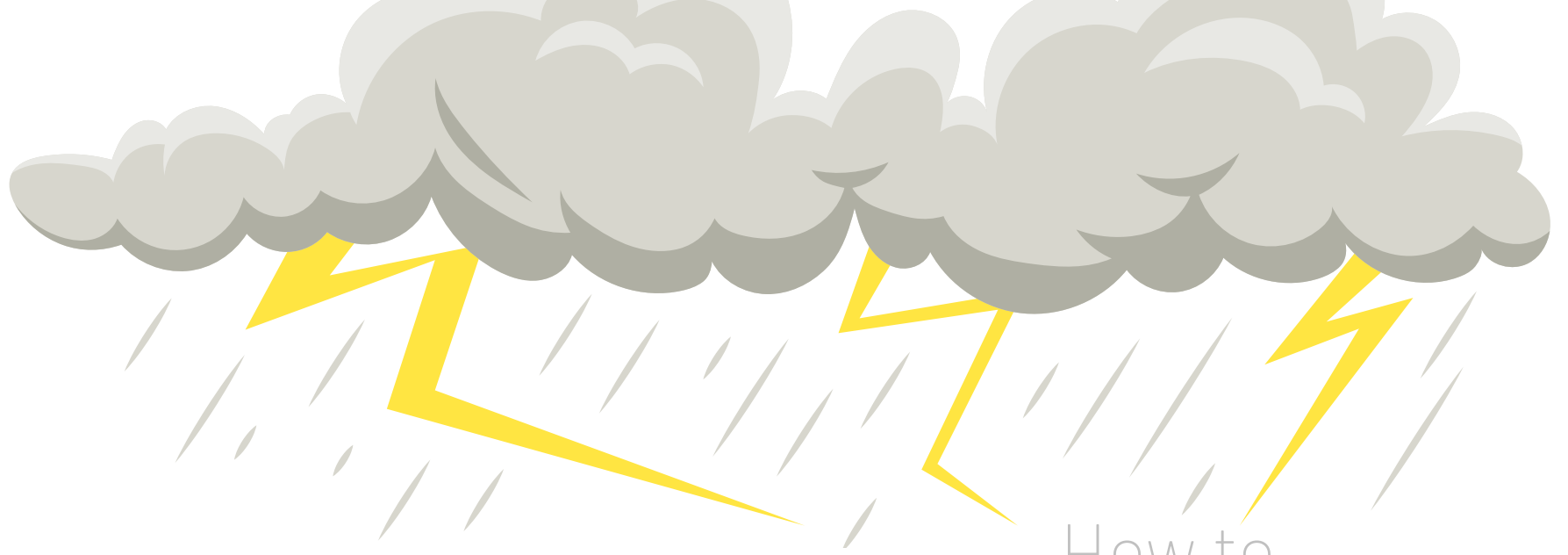
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BY PIETA WOOLLEY

In September, two history-making storms slammed both sides of this continent.

Hurricane Fiona ripped houses off the shore in Newfoundland's Port Aux Basques and wreaked devastation over Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It was the strongest storm on record to ever hit Canada. Typhoon Merbok landed in Alaska mid-month—the strongest storm there in more than 70 years, with storm surges 10 feet above the high tide line, another record. Entire communities were under water.

After a relatively mild summer here in qathet – no heat dome, thank goodness – you may be wondering what the fall and winter will bring. Storms are rarely predictable. For example, on November 14, it will be one year since the atmospheric river brought unprecedented rain to southern British Columbia and flooded farmland in the Fraser Valley. No one was prepared for that, because no one predicted the magnitude of what was coming.

However, general trends are somewhat predictable.

The *Old Farmers Almanac – Canadian Edition* is predicting a rainier, colder winter here in BC, with freezing rain.

AccuWeather, the US-based global weather predicting business, issued a 2022 Canada autumn forecast in September. La Nina, which ushered last year's atmospheric rivers, continues this year, it says. The forecast explains that La Niña is a "climatological phenomenon that occurs when sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern tropical Pacific Ocean drop to lower-than-average levels, which in turn affects weather patterns thousands of kilometers away."

That means a jet stream may be funneling storms from the Pacific Ocean into coastal BC. In addition, AccuWeather predicts, be prepared for normal temperatures, but more wetness.

Whatever this fall and winter bring, collectively we're a lot more savvy than we were a decade ago—before extreme forest fires, storms, droughts, and flooding seem like they became the new normal here on the West Coast.

qathet Living checked in with several local companies that have expertise in handling anything that will blow across your property this season.

How to...

Weather the weather

What's coming to qathet this fall and winter? Probably a lot of rain. Several local experts share how to prepare for the known and the unknown.



Think drainage with Rivercity Mini Excavating

What you have noticed has changed – if anything – with flooding here over the last number of years?

Rick Ouellette • What's changed a lot is there are simply older properties and older builds that are aging – properties from the 1920s to the 70s. There were no codes for drainage so they have none – people are just grateful if they live on a hill.

We also see clay tile that has collapsed or is in disrepair. Root systems will gravitate to pipes and will grow around them. People end up with lakes in their yards. In the last five to 10 years, it rains so much more than it used to. It's more heavy – monsoon type rain.

What can people do to mitigate against the risk of flooding? Will you offer a cheap version, and pro-version?

Michelle Morris • Unfortunately drainage issues that are left unattended have

a snowball effect. If you have water pooling in your yard over the fall and winter, the pool may eventually compromise your home's foundation. That's when things get really expensive. Attending to a leak, or standing water in your yard or drains, when you first notice it is the cheapest solution.

What else should readers know about the winter weather and what you offer?

Michelle Morris • Most companies in town provide free estimates, and they can give you an idea of how to do things in phases. When you ask for a quote, ask for #1 red flag items that must be resolved and #2 what are the more cosmetic items that can wait? Drainage upgrades are not cheap. But when they are done right, you will have invested in the long term value of your home. That's peace of mind.



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How do you winterize an irrigation system? What is this?

Rob Kondra • Irrigation system winterization consists of turning off the water supply to the system and blowing compressed air through all valves, pipes and heads to avoid damage from water freezing in the system. It saves potential expensive repair bills in the upcoming spring.

Have you noticed any changing weather trends in fall and winter over the last few years? If so, how do they impact yards and landscaping?

Rob Kondra • Winters seem to be getting colder, wetter and lasting longer into the spring. We've seen a lot of plant/shrub winter kill off recently that wasn't common in the past.

What are the biggest problems you see in local yards?

Rob Kondra • Most common problems we see are irrigation systems not properly winterized. Not raking up leaves and fall debris resulting in damaged and diseased lawns. Trees and shrubs not having a proper fall pruning to prepare for winter and the upcoming growing season next year. Garden beds not properly winterized/cleaned up resulting in fungi and diseased and dead plants.

Do you have some advice to help locals prepare for this particularly wet and cold winter?

Rob Kondra • Most easy stuff can be accomplished by spending the time and some elbow grease, but calling the pros for the slightly advanced things is a must.

Think roofs with Nelson Roofing



What have you noticed about how weather has changed here – if it has – over the last number of years?

Ward Morcan • I believe we are seeing more rain and wind in the last number of years along with some cooler temperatures. These changing weather patterns can easily damage roofs that are not maintained properly, and this often causes interior damage as well. Snow accumulation can cause damming of melting water and ice that can ingress more easily if your roof has minor failure issues or poor installation methods or materials.

What are the biggest problems you see on roofs here, that are impacted by winter weather?

Ward Morcan • Yearly inspections and preventative maintenance can prevent damage caused by rain and wind. As roofs age out they need preventative maintenance repairs that could prevent rain and wind damage or interior damages caused by water ingress. Sealers and caulking can deteriorate with age and may need to be replaced. Wind driven rain will find its way in at leaky details and once the water ingress happens, freezing can then cause additional damage on roofs at brick chimneys, skylights and vents.

Are there cheap or DIY fixes?

Ward Morcan • Keeping your roof and gutters clean of any moss and debris is cheap, easy and can prevent water ingress and damage. Moss can be difficult to control on a roof and especially if you aren't treating it with the proper product. Treating moss on roofs with laundry soap or other home fixes can cause more damage and leaking issues and is not recommended. Use a product specifically designed for roof application and that won't cause additional roofing damage.

What advice do you have for local homeowners about getting their roofs ready for the fall and winter season?

Ward Morcan • Getting ready for the winter season is important and could save you money and headaches in the long run. The summer heat and sun can be very damaging to your roof and your roof should be inspected yearly before winter weather so any minor repairs can be addressed before they become leaks and major repairs. Also check sheet metal flashings and refasten if you find they are loose. If you are uncomfortable getting on your roof, call a professional that does this type of work.

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Tiffany Adam • If you decide to put in a wood stove today, and we have one in stock, it's about a 4-6 week wait to install.

You're from Alberta – how did you adapt to winter here?

Tiffany Adam • Being from Alberta, we were used to cold winters, so the cold part didn't really phase us. The damp, however, still gets to me. I think that is why the wood heat was a must have in our house. I just can't handle the humidity. And honestly, there is nothing better on the planet than sitting in front of a wood fireplace while it's snowing/sleeting or heavily raining. 🍂



Predict winter weather with caterpillars

If Woolly Bear caterpillars are more black than tan it is said to be a colder winter. According to lore, if there is more black at its head than his bum, it will be colder in the first half of winter, and if more black on his bum than

it's head, then winter will be colder or wilder at the end of winter.

- Juliette Jarvis

See more about interpreting signs in everyday life in Juliette's "Return to Reverence" column this month on Page 68

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NOT YOU, WE HOPE: Top, a structure fire has reduced this house to ash. Right, this chimney is desperate for a cleaning.

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Powell River Fire Department: By the numbers

Number of calls in 2021 • 1,009

Number of fires in 2021 • We are an all-hazard department which means we respond to a variety of different kinds of emergencies: 47 fires (includes beach/bush/garbage/chimney/hydro fires/motor vehicle & structure fires - but not alarms), 46 motor vehicle accidents, 15 natural gas/hazardous materials/fuel, and 7 rescues.

Number of classes educated 2021 • When COVID restrictions lifted we were proud to present Fire Safety House to Grade 3 students. The event teaches kids how to safely exit a home in the event of a fire. We hosted about 200 students.

The biggest fire the department encountered since the last fire prevention day • A basement fire in a home in upper Westview likely caused by an electrical fault. Upon arrival, fire crews encountered heavy smoke with all occupants evacuated from the home. The fire was contained to the lower floor of the home but there was extensive smoke damage.

- Tricia Greenwood

City voters: you will be asked this question on your local election ballot

“Are you in favour of the City of Powell River adopting “Fire Hall / Emergency Services Facility Loan Authorization Bylaw 2695, 2022”, to authorize the borrowing of a sum not to exceed seven and one half million

dollars (\$7,500,000), over a maximum term of 20 years, in order to finance the construction of a new fire hall / emergency services facility at the City’s Public Works Yard property located at 7160 Duncan Street?”





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GOOD NEIGHBOURS AT LAST: Laura Gail Lariviere has found her place among friends at the Inclusion apartments on Ontario. *Photo by Claudia Medina*

The difference a safe home makes

Laura Gail Lariviere, 75, is retired and living in a suite at the new, nonprofit Inclusion Powell River apartment building on Ontario. She moved in Christmas Eve, 2021.

On bad rentals • I was living in hell for seven years, a slum apartment. It wasn't well-managed. My roof was falling down on me. For five years, no repairs were made. And then the landlord said, "Well, because of that, I'll give you \$10 off your rent." Also, I had a neighbor who was unbelievable. On my birthday last year, she hit me in the jaw. I'm a senior now. Like, you don't hit people, period.

On finding a safe place • I was at the Community Resource Center, talking about my house and the neighbor. The staff person knew her and started to work to get me out. I went and put my name on the Inclusion housing list. After a long time, I got a phone call from Louis saying, I got it. And that was day one. I couldn't get out of there fast enough, and literally walked out with four suitcases.

On feeling at home • This is the last time I move. And if you're taking me out, you're taking me out in a box – or my favourite suitcase.

On having a safe home • You feel real. Having peace, comfort, and now that I got her all together, including married, it's even better. I can only say I don't think I've ever been as happy as I am now or as secure you know, yeah. For me, personally, this is the only place I want to be. And there is difficulty in my life, and there is going to be more difficulty, but I can go through it because of where I am and because I know the people in there like me as much as I like them.

On what makes it safe • People can't come in unless they ring my doorbell, where before I had no authority. So this is good. And before a problem is really a problem, it's fixed. Other than the standing

Home at last

This is the final article in a series of six, produced in collaboration with social planner Meriko Kubota (City of Powell River, qathet Regional District and Tla'amin Nation), qathet Living editor Pieta Woolley, filmmaker Claudia Medina, several local nonprofits and, of course, the individuals who graciously agreed to tell their stories.

These are success stories – locals who have found housing solutions in spite of a record tight market and scarcity of affordable public or private housing.

Everyone involved in this project hopes these stories inspire locals to work towards decent, stable housing solutions for all our neighbours.

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in the rain when I'm smoking, this place is wonderful. Absolutely wonderful.

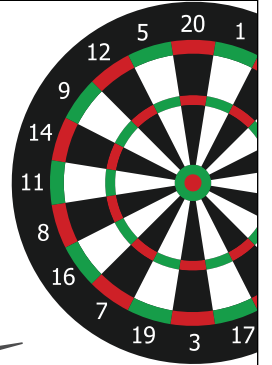
On good neighbours • There's quite a few people that I know from before. I used to work with mental health and cook at the Source Club. I met a lot of people there who are my neighbours here. I do want to cook for them someday again. We have a multi-purpose room here, and we're going to try and get games of cards going in the evening and have people socialize more. I would definitely like to get like a potluck dinner going where everybody joins in.

On pet-friendly living • My cat has changed and it's only because I'm at peace. If you would knock on the door, she'd run and hide. Now she comes out and greets you. The first couple of times she did it, it was like, "Whoa, what is this?" 🐾

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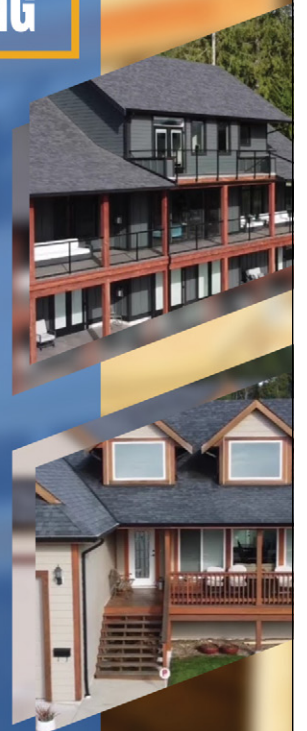
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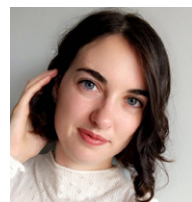
NOT JUST BECAUSE THE ISLAND IS THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME: Goat Island, in the middle of Powell Lake, is named for the mountain goats that were once populous there (left, in a 1912 photo). Above, men stand outside the Ramona Copper Mine in 1930. Bottom left, an ore cart at the mine, photographed in 2005.

Photos courtesy of the qathet Historical Museum & Archives



Postcard pretty now, but Goat Island was all about industry

Texada Island is well known for its mines, historically and in the present. However, a perhaps lesser-known island that was also mined in our region is Goat Island, located on ʘaʔyeł (Thah yetl) / Powell Lake. This massive island measuring 67 square kilometers, was named after its local residents: Mountain Goats.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

JOËLLE SÉVIGNY

Goats were heavily hunted in the Powell Lake area, by settlers in the early 20th century. So much so that in 1929, the government of British Columbia established a Game Reserve on Goat Island. The population had thinned to a dangerous level, and the hope was to help repopulate the island and surrounding area.

The island is not only known for its goats, but for its minerals. That same year, the Romana Copper Mines Limited (which acquired Hummingbird and nine other claims) began developing mines on the north side of Goat Island. In the early 1920s, copper-showings were exposed by stripping and open-cutting on the surface. In 1929, a 183 meter tunnel was driven into the rock, under the “glory hole” where the first discovery was made.

The grade of chalcopyrite on Goat Island was good, and

back then the Ministry of Mines estimated that it would bring about \$15.00 (\$260.00 today) a ton in copper values. There was also some silver and minor gold that was mined along with the copper.

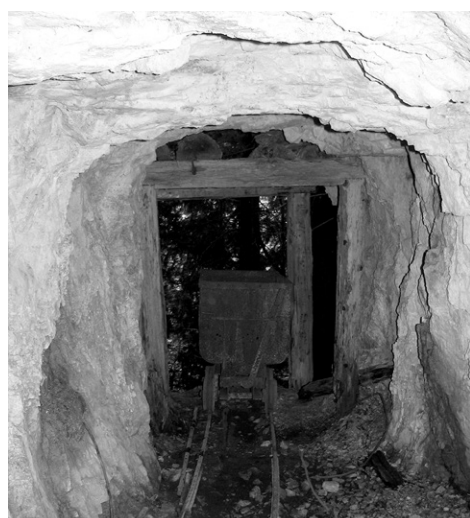
Another natural resource that was exploited on Goat Island, and that continues to be harvested to this day, is timber. In the 1950s, Nicodemus “Nick” Hudemka, felled by hand, a 114-foot long tree on Goat Island. He was one of Powell Lake’s hermits, and was issued the last hand logger license in BC. Sometimes it could take him up to two weeks to get a single log down the side of a mountain to the lake.

A shingle bolt camp was also located on Goat Island, among other places on Powell Lake. The camps consisted primarily of Japanese workers. Owners of the shingle mill would buy bolts from them, often paying less than what was fair. In 1942, all Japanese workers were forcibly uprooted; some of the workers from Goat Island were sent to an internment camp in Sandon, BC.

Remnants of this history can still be found on Goat Island. Old tin lunch boxes were found at the shingle bolt camp and later donated to the Museum, and if you pass the north side of the island by boat, you can also still access some of the old mine tunnels.

Blast from the Past is written monthly by qathet Historical Museum and Archives public engagement coordinator Joëlle Sévigny.

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NEVERMORE: Thanks to Edgar Allen Poe, ravens are synonymous with the gothic Halloween aesthetic. But they're also both full of personality and vulnerable, as their rescuers discover. *Photos by Michelle Pennell*

A blended human-raven family

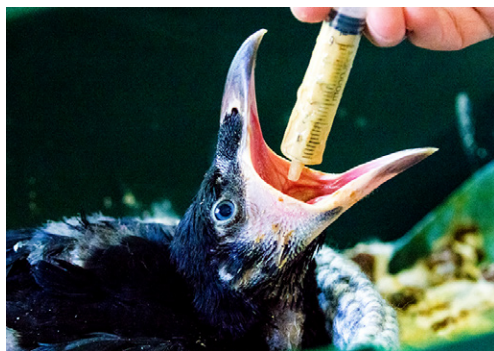
BY MERRILEE PRIOR

First there was Beauty. She was a young raven with a bad case of avian pox, which is much like chicken pox in humans: painful and debilitating and often fatal in the wild. She spent much of the winter with us, slowly convalescing. Like most ravens, though, she was very social, and humans did not fill the void.

Then, in early April, came our first nestling raven, a scruffy, warm little handful whose baby blue eyes were just open, who trustingly gaped at his rescuer for food.

In the brief time between picking him up and PROWLs arriving to take him into care, his rescuer fell in love and named him Edgar. Once Edgar was picking up food on his own, he went straight to the large flight cage to join Beauty. The two of them talked and squabbled and played as their flight conditioning improved, and soon they were released from the flight cage, tentative, fearful even of flying free for the first time.

We made it a soft release, meaning we put food out for them while they adjusted to exploring and foraging. Soon, they were only seen during a daily fly-by, which became weekly, then from time to time. Beauty had a mark on one wing, so we could identify them.



Other ravens came and went, all were released where they were picked up. Then this winter, we had four ravens in care for different reasons, and, as always, they were a rowdy bunch. Gerry had a broken wing, Poxy had indeed suffered with pox, Gremlin had fallen from a nest and suffered several fractures, and Ben was found on the ground, walking up to all passers-by and asking to be fed. When it came time to release, we decided to let them go as a flock, since they had been together so long.

Release day came and we all held our breath: would they fly? Were they indeed ready? Out they came and every one of them lifted off and flew far and high—all in different directions. Then they started calling to each other, and we celebrated the success. We put food out for them and wished them well.

The next day came the really good news: the evening of the release, while the four were still in trees boasting to each other, Beauty, Edgar and two young ravens came around to see what the fuss was about. They picked up the new releases and flew away with them.

The flock came back for the food we put out every day, and gradually their territory expanded and we saw them less and less. We know Beauty and Edgar will teach and protect them far better than we could.

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Why here? Plenty of dogs.

Robyn Andexser and her 14-year-old dog Ty moved full time to Powell River in February 2022. She is originally from Edmonton.

Previously, Robyn ran a dog training business in Nanaimo, teaching puppy classes and all levels of obedience as well as in-home and private lessons. Robyn is a Dogsafe Canine First Aid instructor and together, she and Ty taught many people not just how to train their dogs, but also how to help them in an emergency. They hope to soon be teaching Dog-safe courses here in town.

Why did you choose to move to qathet?

Robyn • I have enjoyed visiting here for a few years now, as my partner has been living and working here. I was very busy every day in Nanaimo and when I would come here to spend time with Christian, I felt the desire to join the slower, more peaceful community.

What surprised you about qathet once you moved?

Robyn • Before moving here I had only moved once before, and I remember it being a long time before I felt like I was home. Here in Powell River I had a different moving experience – it felt like home very quickly. I frequently walk the Westview neighbourhoods with my dog, and everyone we meet says hello like they have known us forever.

What made you decide to move to qathet?

Robyn • After three months of my business shutting down in 2020, it quickly became very busy again. I often referred to the time as the ‘puppy pandemic,’ as puppy classes were filling like never before. After working hard for so many years already, and then getting that unwanted, yet much needed break, it was easy to see that it was time for



COVID SENT THIS TRAINER ON A WILD RIDE: So Robyn Andexser moved to join her partner in Powell River. She plans to teach Canine First Aid here soon.

a change. Both Ty and I were ready. So we worked really hard for 2021 to build the business back up, and then sold it earlier this year. Ultimately I was seeking a quieter, smaller community that had plenty of dogs. I found it!

Where is your favourite place in qathet?

Robyn • So far it's the seawall walk and the lakeside camping spots that have no cell phone service! Paddleboarding on a lake with no one else around feels like another world out there.

How did you first hear about qathet?

Robyn • In 2014, when I first met Christian and he told me where he was proudly born and raised.

What would make qathet a nicer community?

Robyn • I feel like an improved waterfront down at the barge terminal would be fantastic. I think this spot is highly underutilized as just a place to park. Imagine a couple of food trucks and picnic tables, maybe nice shade trees planted with benches underneath. Currently I have to

pull my dog away from not just the mounds of bird seed dropped there, which is not permitted, but also the garbage that is left around since the large bins were taken away. My, what a beautiful spot this oceanfront parking lot could be!

What aspect of your previous community do you think would benefit qathet?

Robyn • I really think that a couple of baseball diamonds would be great and well used here. There is a wonderful adult community of teams and players in town and it was so much fun to be a part of a team this summer. However, we are playing on grass and hitting balls into the forest!

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

Robyn • I just sold my dog training business before I moved to Powell River, so I am here with almost no friends and I am self employed. I think my challenge will be making new friends. Thankfully dogs are a good bridge to new friendships!

If you were mayor, what would you do?

Robyn • Besides fixing the traffic light so we can turn left onto Marine from Westview, I would work with the community to develop an action plan that helps to decrease or eliminate the petty crime that happens daily and nightly around town. It seems to be getting worse, and I have seen over the last few years what has happened to my previous community by not dealing with the issues that impact citizens directly.

What are qathet's best assets?

Robyn • The friendly people, the seawall walk and Inland Lake are my top three.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Robyn • My hot tub! And my dog Ty's massage therapist.

Which talent or superpower would you most like to have?

Robyn • To be able to hear the animals talk to me! Instead, I will have to settle for the awesome feeling of helping people communicate with theirs. 🐾

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1971 PARADE ON WILLINGDON: Above, Queen Elizabeth, Prince Phillip and Princess Anne visited Powell River 51 years ago. On Monday, September 19, a memorial service acknowledging the passing of the UK's longest-serving monarch was held at the Powell River Cenotaph in Townsite. The ceremony, organized by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #164 (Powell River), drew approximately 200 people. The Powell River service was held the same day that the Queen's funeral was held at Westminster Abbey. The RCMP sea, air and army cadets, were all present at the memorial service.

Photo courtesy of the qathet Historical Museum & Archives



Can our deepest pain be a doorway to healing?

Dr. Gabor Maté and the team at Science & Nonduality have made clear in their film, what a pivotal role trauma plays in addiction and other mental health disorders. Assigning a label, diagnosing a disorder, and trying to “fix” behaviours, are common responses in our society, but beneath the outward display of these troubling actions lies a recurrent factor that is often overlooked. Trauma.

How does trauma affect our daily lives? How does trauma affect the people we care about? How can

compassion and empathy, in place of sympathy and pity, foster a healing environment for those most afflicted by trauma? The wisdom that we need as a society comes from knowledge and understanding of the experience that has defined each one of us.

Screening to be followed with a community conversation with film participants, local guests and audience.

Free tickets available at Youth & Family's Family Centre Library, Afterglow Hair Lounge & Nutcracker Market. Some additional seating will also be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of the show.



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IN BLOOM: Andy Davis in the Triangle Gardens in 2012.

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Townsite's Triangle Gardens

Are you the next Dr. Dirt?

BY ANN NELSON

We've been talking a lot lately about how best to memorialize our beloved Dr. Dirt (Dr. Andy Davis) and his nearly 30 years of dedication and commitment to helping Townsite Heritage reclaim and maintain the Triangle Gardens.

In the 1980's, the City reluctantly took on the Triangle Gardens when MacMillan-Bloedel was disposing of the last of the company's property outside the Mill fences. The City recognized at the time that staff didn't have the resources to create or maintain a park there.

By the early 90's, Triangle Gardens had become overgrown with blackberries and broom and harboured a sort of 'hobo' camp amongst the bushes. It was fast becoming an embarrassment to the Townsite and to the efforts of the keeners in the Heritage Society who were promoting restoration as well as designation as a National Historic District.

When the Society approached the City about a partnership to provide restoration and maintenance for the gardens, a mutually beneficial relationship between the City, CUPE and the Society, on behalf of the neighbourhood, was entered into and we were off and running.

With work parties to hack back berries and broom and gather up the debris and needles, they were off.

The Society had set itself to annual fundraising and volunteer rallying and the gardens looked fairly respectable, when Dr. Andy and wife, Susan Hainstock, bought their home on Maple.

Andy proposed ideas and leadership for the development of the gardens into more of a 'people' friendly precinct, with more paths, bridges, benches, etc. We were all ecstatic!. Andy brought his energy and jungle-taming skills to a public project that benefitted literally everyone in the region, because it created an appealing 'welcome mat' to the National Historic District.

Andy and Susan also dove in and raised the funds themselves for an inground sprinkler system: viola, no more dragging hoses around all summer and skulking around in Managers' Row yards 'stealing' water hookups from their hose bibs.

The partnership that developed between the Society and 'Dr. Dirt' and the City's Parks and Rec crew allowed us to be able to count on the support needed from the City to deal with danger trees and windfall debris, even though they were still not in a position to create or maintain an additional 'park.'

The Society could be assured that the work everyone in Townsite was doing to change the town's generally negative attitude about the Townsite was going to be supported and celebrated, and the City got some eager volunteers.

As Andy's health started to deteriorate and the Society was finding it more and more difficult to recruit contract minions to carry out the heavy lifting for him, he called upon his pals in the B.O.M.B. squad to blitz the mowing from time to time, but we were still working on a succession plan when he passed this spring.

Working with Townsite Ratepayers Association, Will van Delft and Townsite Ratepayers Society, Diana Collicutt, we've had one very productive community work party that whopped the back 40 into decent enough shape to be mowable. But it still needs 'real' gardening planning and labour and we (the Townsite Heritage Society) are so very open to nurturing partnerships with organizations and individuals who could 'adopt' chunks of the Triangle Gardens and be part of a sustainable succession plan.

Phone anytime, email anytime, tackle one of the Board if you catch them out in the open: you are very welcome to become part of the solution to preserve this community asset, because no one wants to throw away 30 years of volunteer investment in preservation and beautification, right?! 🐾

New visions for the End of the Road

The Lund Community Society started in 1929 as the Lund Community Club. It became a Society in 2001 and a registered charity in 2003. In those 93 years, it has sourced countless memorable community events and social functions, a preschool and a daycare, a quarterly publication, and more.

The Lund Community Society encourages new volunteers and young families to get involved as we enter a new chapter building our new Lund Hall and Community Centre. Join the monthly newsletter, Facebook group through LundCommunity.com

The LCS-organized Christmas Craft Fair returns to the Italian Hall Saturday November 19.

Sandy Dunlop is a board member and the current editor of the Lund Barnacle. She started volunteering with LCS 15 years ago.

When did you start working with LCS?

Sandy • I was invited to join by Rianne Matz in 2007 to look after the Goodwill Committee.

What attracted you to LCS?

Sandy • The LCS is the motor that runs Lund activities.

What part of the work is the most satisfying?

Sandy • Working with my community, hosting events like our Lund Christmas Craft Fair and Lund Daze, planning the

Centre yourself in Lund

The new Lund Community Centre project is rolling along. After this Fall's election, watch for public information sessions and opportunities for input into the building design.

Your vision of this community building's use can shape the transformation of this concept sketch into the community's desired lived experience for Lund residents ~ please get involved, have your voice heard.

There's a group of younger Lund volunteers (mostly moms) working on a community opinion survey to solicit input and engagement.

Area A (excluding Savary) will vote in Spring 2023 on the \$1.1 million borrowing required to match the Federal Grant of \$4 million.

much-needed extension to our Community Centre, and generally being able to influence the Lund vibe.

What part of the work do you find the most challenging?

Sandy • When people don't keep their word and finding volunteers who do.



EVERYTHING FUN THAT HAPPENS IN LUND... Top, Lund Barnacle editor Sandy Dunlop is one of the key volunteers at the Lund Community Society. Below, the Society is planning a new build: a "new community centre, a replacement for the beloved Lund Hall, an opportunity for community to gather year round."



What do you wish other people knew about the work LCS does?

Sandy • Pretty much everything fun that happens in Lund is put together by the LCS.

Had you been involved in charitable or caring work before?

Sandy • Communities-in-Partnership, Kyoto Twist Solar Cooking Society. A desire to contribute.

Do you bring any unique skills to this organization?

Sandy • Legal secretary for five years, mediator and conflict resolution instructor for 24 years, and I make friends easily.

Have there been benefits that you didn't expect? (i.e.: new friendships,

learned new skills, business connections?)

Sandy • All of the above, from editing *The Barnacle* for nine years.

How has LCS changed your life?

Sandy • Being editor of *The Barnacle* has contributed to my life in a multitude of ways; giving me the means to build community is perhaps the most valuable.

What would you say to those thinking about volunteering?

Sandy • Choose something you feel drawn to, don't take on so much that you burn out, and keep your word, because trust in a small village counts for a lot. 🐾

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New residents supercharge pizza scene

With the closure of the venerable Papparazzi Pizza on Oct. 8, the opening of the new **Supercharger Pizza** on Marine couldn't come at a better time for local pizza lovers. **Cord Jarvie**, who moved here from Pemberton and Vancouver, has always been in the restaurant business, but took a forced break during COVID to care for his kids while his wife worked in the hospital. With the kids now back in school and the youngest in Kindergarten, "it's time to get cracking again," said Cord. His family owns the restaurant with chef **Terry Somerville's** family who also recently moved here, from Tofino. The two worked together to open Meat & Bread in Vancouver. Here, they hope to employ 10 people. Supercharger Pizza is located in the 1,300 square-foot location that used to house **Culaccino** at 4701 Marine Avenue. Pizzas will be hand stretched, sauces and dressings are all made in house, local farms provide fresh ingredients, and there's a selection of beers to take home or sit in. Cord describes the restaurant as a "welcoming everyday pizzeria" that will show sports and movies and be a family-friendly place to eat pizza, wings and salad.

Glaze joins Berghauser

Rick Berghauser has added another associate to his **Rick Berghauser & Associates Counseling Services**. **Katie Glaze** has been working for six years as a Child Protection social worker for the Ministry of Children and Family Development. Katie joins fellow counsellors Rick and Arnold Mulder at the Duncan Street office. Call 604-485-4988 or visit berghauser.ca

Naturopath moves to Duncan

Dr. Lani Nykilchuk has moved her Naturopathic Doctor's practice to 105-7373 Duncan Street, the former home of Malaspina Massage, across from the airport. Lani was at Timber Massage and Wellness for four years before the relocation. "I really enjoyed working (at Timber) - it's such a great clinic and team - I've decided to move to allow for expansion." Lani hopes her new larger space allows her to offer more services, specifically more naturopathic services to qathet, and perhaps eventually invite more naturopathic doctors to join her. Visit drlani.com, or call 604-223-9323.

Massage goes home-based

Malaspina Massage's RMTs, **Don Shelton** and **Ann Robinson**, moved their operations into the couple's home at 3839 Selkirk Avenue this summer, following the expiry of their lease at their former Duncan Street location. Their number remains the same. Call 604-485-2224 to book a massage.

Blissfully retired

Beyond Bliss Spa & Suites founder **Sheona Scott** has sold the business. Under the new ownership group the Spa and Suites will be managed by current staff and she doesn't expect customers will notice any change with the spa or hotel. Call 604-485-9521 or visit beyondblisspa.com to book spa treatments, or call 604-485-9520 or visit powellriverhotel.com to book a room.

Electrician powers up new business

Colton Hunt is a Red Seal electrician who has just launched his own company. **Huntech Power Services** specializes in back up power, solar power, and Generac generators (which he services and repairs as a factory-trained tech), but also does electrical upgrades and other electrical work.

Colton moved here just over a year ago with his young family, and worked for a while with Top of the Hill Solutions before branching out on his own. Visit huntechpower.com, call 778-347-6533 or find Colton on Facebook @huntechpower.

Bank's new manager no stranger

A familiar face is the new branch manager at **Scotiabank**. **Crista Petri**, who has been working at the Powell River branch for 27 years, was appointed as manager.

Former Scotiabank manager **Norma Lewis** has transferred to Vancouver Island. 



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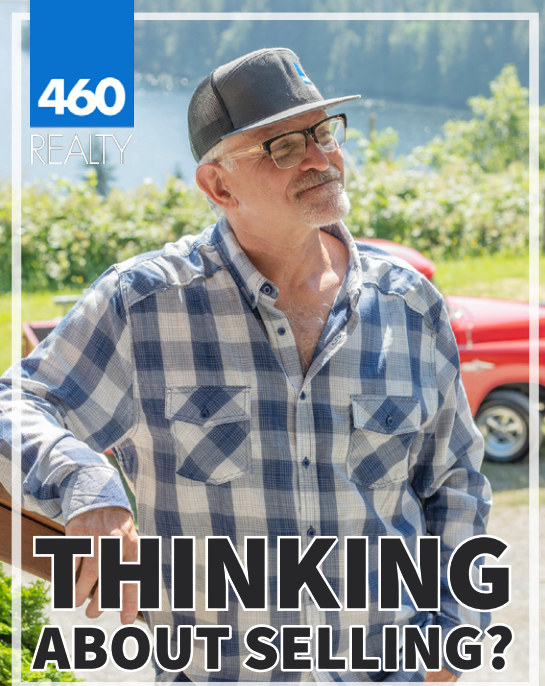
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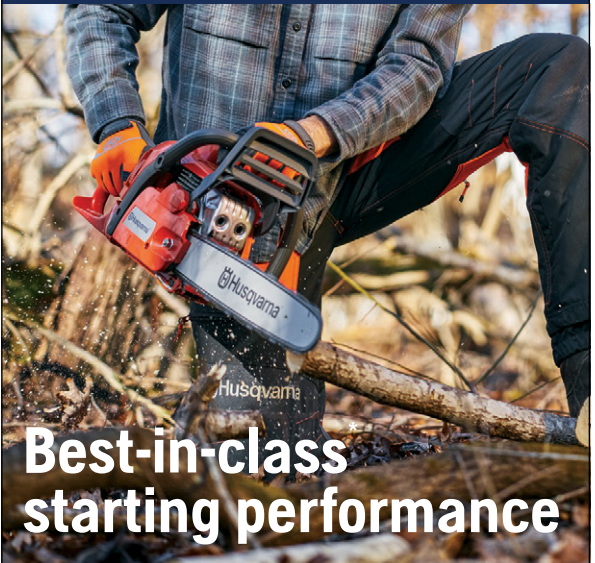
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HISTORY MURAL: One of six panels on the RBC building across from the Dairy Queen drive-thru, this mural is nearing completion. Together they tell the story of qathet's history—including railways, farming, fishing and more. An orange ribbon runs through each panel, acknowledging the experience of Tla'Amin Nation through the first century of colonization here. The mural is a project of the Powell River Brain Injury Society in collaboration with Tla'Amin Nation. The lead artist is Whitney LaFortune. The society received a grant from the Disability Alliance of BC to do the project.



October in qathet

Through October

Disability Employment Awareness Month

Connect with Employment Services at inclusion PR to learn more: es@inclusionpr.ca

Wednesday, October 5

UNESCO World Teachers' Day

Thursday, October 6
School Trustee Community Forum
7 to 9 pm, Max Cameron Theatre (at Brooks School). Hosted by the PRDTA.

October 5, 8 & 12

Advance Voting Days: City, SD47 and Assent question

8 am to 8 pm, upper floor, Recreation Complex

October 5

Advance Voting Day: RD

8 am to 8 pm, qathet Regional District Boardroom, The Texada Senior's Centre, and The Lasqueti Community Hall.

Thursday, October 6

School Trustee Community Forum

7 to 9 pm, Max Cameron Theatre (at Brooks School). Hosted by the PRDTA.

Saturday, October 8

Oktoberfest

6 pm, Legion. Includes a German dinner and live music with Denis and the Menaces. \$20 members, \$25 non-members.

Monday, October 10

Thanksgiving Monday

Stat holiday, schools closed

October 15

General Voting Day for qathet Regional District Directors, Powell River Mayor and City Council, and SD47 Trustees.

Monday, October 24

Diwali

Friday, October 21

SD47 Pro D Day

School is not in session.

Monday, October 31

Halloween



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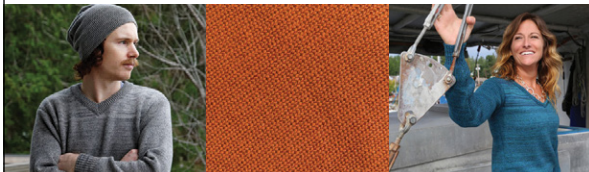
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IT'S BAAACK: The annual Halloween Ride is back, along with many other events that were smaller or cancelled during COVID. Above, twins Hunter Hanson and Sawyer Hanson, then two at the 2019 ride. Photo by Brooke Hanson

HALLOWEEN FOR KIDS, TEENS & GROWN-UPS

Through October

Witches Kitchen display and hunt

Opening hours, Town Centre Mall

Saturday, October 15

Scary Villains 101 - Comics Workshop

10:30 am - 12 pm, FCU Community Room at the Library. Youth aged 8 and up are invited to join Plants versus Zombies comic artist Christianne Gillenardo-Goudreau and create their own scary baddies in this Halloween-themed comics workshop. Contact Mel Edgar to register: edgar@prpl.ca

Friday, October 21

Paper Bag Monster Mashup

10 am - 11:30 am, FCU Community Room, Library. Be thee monster, maiden, or minion?! Turn a paper bag into a wacky mask in this perfect for Halloween Pro-D Day event. Drop in

Sunday, October 23

All ages Pumpkin Carving event

Noon - 4 pm, Crucible Gallery. Bring your own pumpkin, tools and spooky design. Please register: robert@cruciblegallery.ca

Thursday, October 27

Haunted Hayrides

5 to 7 pm, Three Chicken Farm. \$8 per person (non-walking babies free)

Friday, October 28

Halloween Cabaret

7:30 pm, James Hall. \$30, advance sales only. To register email karina@karinainkster.com

October 28 & 29

H3: Henderson Haunted House

At Henderson Elementary School in Townsite. The theme this year: Back to School. Door creaks open @7pm. \$10 per head. Silent Auction. Concession. Child care. All monies raised go to Henderson PAC.

Rocky Horror Picture Show

TBA at The Patricia Theatre.

Friday, October 28

Haunted Forest at James Thomson School

Starting at 5 pm, this multi-activity fundraiser features WondLa! A story coming from the future of our planet takes place in this incredible science fiction novel from

Tony DiTerlizzy - as told through a guided, theatrical forest walk. Meet Eva Nine as she escapes her sanctuary where she was raised by Muthr, her robot guardian. She had to flee in emergency to discover that the world she thought she would meet at the surface changed drastically...

Saturday, October 29

Halloween party with DJ Riki Rocket

9 pm, Forest Bistro. \$10. Costumes, prizes.

Halloween Party featuring Savage

8 pm, 101 Bar & Grill. \$20.

October 29 & 30

Halloween Train

6 to 8 pm, Paradise Valley Exhibition Park. Train rides by donation for railroad equipment maintenance and upgrades; a bonfire; and food service by Kiwanis. By the volunteers at the Powell River Forestry Heritage Society.

Sunday, October 30

QRCA Pumpkin Pedal:

A Halloween ride for all ages

3 - 5 pm, Complex Bike Park/Millennium Trails. Get your costume ready and join the QRCA for their annual Halloween ride. All ages welcome! Meet at the Bike Park located beside the Powell River Recreation Complex at 3 pm. There will be a spooky shorter trail for the littles and a pumpkin pedal loop for all ages. Join us for tricks and treats afterwards. Prizes will be awarded for best individual costume and best family/team costume. For more info visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/qathetcycling or email us at info@QRCA.ca

Monday, October 31

Halloween

Indoor Trick or Treating

Town Centre Mall 3 to 5 pm

Light the Night:

Family friendly Halloween carnival

Living Water Church, 4640 Manson. 6 to 8 pm, free.

Tuesday, November 1

Pumpkin Collection for Farm Feed

9 to 4 pm, Town Centre Recycling depot. Drop off your pumpkin! With Let's Talk Trash.

Note: Some schools are not in session the day after Halloween. Please check with your school.

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PUMPKIN PATCHES N' FARM TOURS

Saturday, October 8

Pumpkin Patch Farm Tour

9 to 5 pm, Family Farm B&B, 2590 Oxford Road. Find tickets at www.familyfarm-bn.com. Activities will include petting animals, apple cider press demonstration, pumpkin picking, and access to the playground.

October 14 & 15

Blueberry Commons Annual Pumpkin Patch and Squash Festival

Friday October 14, 3 to 5 pm and Saturday October 15, 10 to 5 pm. Beautiful locally grown pumpkins for Halloween in our pumpkin patch. Pumpkin chai lattes, pumpkin ice cream and squash delicacies. Squash doggie treats! Learn all you need to know about growing beautiful and diverse squash and pumpkins in our

climate. Family friendly. Partial proceeds to support the James Thompson School PAC. Check out our FB event for full details.

Saturday, October 15

Fall Farm Tour

9 to 5 pm, Family Farm B&B, 2590 Oxford Road. Find tickets at www.familyfarm-bn.com. Activities will include petting animals, apple cider press demonstration, pumpkin picking, and access to the playground.

Tuesday, November 1

Pumpkin Collection for Farm Feed

9 to 4 pm, Town Centre Recycling depot. Drop off your pumpkin! With Let's Talk Trash.

THANKSGIVING BIRDS

In the USA, eating turkey on Thanksgiving is a tradition supported by mythology: it's allegedly what the Wampanoag Nation shared with the hungry colonists at Plymouth – part of their harvest feast.

Here in Canada, the Thanksgiving origin story is less well-known – and less delicious. In short, it features Arctic explorer Martin Frobisher and a chilly “feast” of mushy peas.

Both peas and turkey are readily available here in qathet. For those of you opting for turkey on October 9 or 10, several local farmers have been tending flocks of gorgeous birds this year.

At the Valdy Homestead, Alex and Vanessa are raising Bronze Orlopp and Beltsville white turkeys – a smaller breed used in the 1950's. You can order a turkey from them at thevaldis24@gmail.com.

At Andtbaka Farm, Pat Hansen is raising broad breasted bronze and Nicholas white turkeys. Call 604-483-9890 to order from them.

Creekside Farm isn't doing turkeys this year – but they are raising large chickens – a good option for smaller families. Order from the Rebanes at creeksidefarm123@gmail.com.

Because they're all turkey experts, I asked these farmers to recommend a side dish for Thanksgiving.

“Acorn squash with nuts, cranberries, and garlic, roasted,” wrote Alex and Vanessa from Valdi Homestead. “Brussels sprouts with nuts, cranberries and garlic.”

Kathy Rebane says their turkey dinners are very traditional, but “I make oyster dressing. At Christmas Alan makes a Estonian salad called Rosolje” – a flavourful potato and beet mix with pickled herring and horseradish.

At Andtbaka, Erin Lurkins is particular about her mashed potatoes.

“I like to use herb and garlic cream cheese so they're extra creamy.”

Yeah, baby. That's holiday cooking.

No matter what you eat this holiday, you can be sure that Martin Frobisher and his crew would be jealous. – PW

MISBEHAVING & BEHAVING FOUL: Top right, a flock of naughty broad breasted bronze and Nicholas white turkeys escaped their enclosure at Andtbaka Farm near Lund in September, and hunkered down on Pat Hansen's porch. Right, a crew of tidy Bronze Orlopp and Beltsville white turkeys are where they're supposed to be, on the Valdy Homestead.



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Oktoberfest

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October 13 to 16

WeedLube... a Slippery Slope

Forest Bistro. Locally-written play by Townsite Actors Guild.

Friday, October 14

Mathieu-Chua Piano & Violin

7:30 pm, James Hall. tickets.powellriveracademy.org

Friday, October 14

Tiller's Folly 25th anniversary tour

7:30 pm, Max Cameron Theatre. tickets.powellriveracademy.org West Coast Celtic roots band offering lively songs of war, highwaymen and moonshiners. Ballads of love turned sour and whimsical west coast sea shanties. \$25.

Wednesday, October 19

Home Routes: T. Nile

7 pm, Cranberry Hall. Advance \$25, Door \$30. Ticket (Eventbrite) info or questions: info@cranhall.org. Cranberry Hall Presents. T. Nile is a Galiano Island based Canadian Folk Music Awards winner, voted Best New/ Emerging Artist.

Wednesday, October 19

Let It Rain! Fall Charity Fashion Show

5 pm doors, 6 pm apples, show at 7 pm, Forest Bistro. Fashions from Fits to a T, Armitage Men's Wear, Simply Bronze. \$40 at Fits to a T. All proceeds to Friends of qathet.

Friday, October 21

Nights of Grief and Mystery: ROUGH GODS duo tour

7 to 9:30 pm, Cranberry Hall. An improbable, impossible night of words & music. The duo Storyteller/author Stephen Jenkinson & Musician Gregory Hoskins on the dark road

Friday, October 28

Halloween Cabaret

7:30 pm, James Hall. \$30, advance sales only. To register email karina@karinainkster.com

Friday, October 28

Desmond Day in concert

7 pm, Forest Bistro

Saturday, October 29

Halloween party with DJ Riki Rocket

9 pm, Forest Bistro. \$10. Costumes, prizes.



Stephen Miller



Stephanie Miller



Michelle Morris



Barb Oliver



Kelsey Roosenmallen



Tina Thompson

The cast of Weed Lube brings you the most qathet play ever

If you're looking for an evening of theatre and laughs look no further. Townsite Actors Guild is presenting the world premiere of 'WeedLube ... a slippery slope', a theatrical comedy.

Written over the last three years by Barb Oliver, Stephanie Miller and Stephen Miller, this play is a hilarious comedy that is centered around two women, who are trying to save their essential oil business which is an abysmal failure. The play opens on the day marijuana is legalized in Canada, and the two desperate women find themselves coming up with a creative "budding" solution that benefits not only themselves but the entire town.

Every aspect of this show brings out the best of Powell River talent. From the cast of nine actors performing the script, to the set design, the sound effects, the music, and the intricate lighting design, this Powell River production is professional and not that far from Broadway.

The cast, bringing with them many years of professional acting experience, presents a depth of characterization that will have the audience thinking and laughing at the same time. The plot takes twists and turns to a new level leading the characters down un-

WEED LUBE: A SLIPPERY SLOPE

When: October 13 to 16

What: A locally-written and produced play.

Where: Forest Bistro on Marine Ave

Tickets: \$20, available at Base Camp

expected roads of discovery on their journey to find happiness and bliss.

Stephanie Miller and Barb Oliver bring to the stage many years of professional performance experience with shows in Los Angeles, Toronto, Vancouver and Key West Florida. Their synergy as the leads, Carol and Stevie, present a compelling relationship similar to such notable duos as Thelma and Louise and Lucy and Ethel.

For an evening of great tapas, hilarious performances and entertaining theatre, we highly recommend 'WeedLube ... a slippery slope'.

- Stephen Miller

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Saturday, October 8

Kings versus Coquitlam Express
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October 8 to 10

Kings Cup Tourney: U11/U18
Hap Parker

Saturday, October 15

Villa vs. Bays United Liquor Plus
1:30 pm, Timberlane Park

Friday, October 28

Kings versus Langley Rivermen
7pm Hap Parker. powellriverkings.com.

Saturday, October 29

Villa vs. Victoria Highlanders
1:30 pm, Timberlane Park

Saturday, October 29

Kings versus Langley Rivermen
7pm Hap Parker. powellriverkings.com

Friday, November 4

Laser Light Skate
7 to 8:45 family skate; 9 to 10 pm teen skate. Single \$5, Family \$15, 3 and under free.

HOME & FASHION & MARKETS

Sundays

PR Farmers' Market

12:30 to 2:30 pm, 4365 McLeod Road .

Saturdays

Uptown Market

10 til noon, outside the CRC on Joyce.

Friday, October 7

Glam & Glow Fridays at Afterglow

Pro-make-up application & blow-out for \$69. Complimentary drinks, giveaways, exclusive sales. afterglowhairlounge.com. See ad on Page 60.

Saturday October 8

Fall into Autumn Market

11 to 2 pm, Springtime Garden Centre.

Thursday October 13

Fashion for a Passion Show

Doors open: 6 pm. Show starts: 7 pm. The ARC, 7055 Alberni. \$25. Tickets at Sublime, Blue Sky, THICK and Jean Pike Centre. 604-223-7638. Proceeds go to A.I.M. (Advocates In Motion).

Wednesday, October 19

Let It Rain!

Fall Charity Fashion Show

5pm doors, show at 7 pm, Forest Bistro. Fashions from Fits to a T, Armitage Men's Wear, Simply Bronze. \$40 at Fits to a T. All proceeds to Friends of qathet.

Saturday October 22

Kiwanis Club final closing out book sale

10 am - 1 pm, at 4943 Kiwanis Ave. "Fill a brown paper or grocery bags for \$5" Money raised goes towards our "Adopt a Family hamper shop"



BRING ON THE WEATHER: The first ever Let It Rain! Fall Charity Fashion Show happens October 19 at Forest Bistro. Face down the stormy season in style with locally-available pieces from Fits to a T, Armitage Men's Wear and Simply Bronze. Tickets are \$40 and all proceeds go to Friends of qathet - the student-focused charity featured in the September issue of qL magazine. *Photo courtesy of Fits to a T*

Saturday November 5

Kiwanis Garage Sale

10 am - 1 pm, at 4943 Kiwanis Ave. Money raised goes towards the Kiwanis "Adopt a Family Hamper shop."

FILM AT THE PATRICIA THEATRE

October 5 & 6

Hallelujah

7pm both nights, plus a 1:30 pm Thursday matinee at The Patricia. Cinematheque series. A definitive exploration of singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen as seen through the prism of his internationally renowned hymn, "Hallelujah."

Short: *I'm Your Man*. Set to Leonard Cohen's song I'm Your Man, this animated film offers a playful meditation on romance and the clichés that go with it.

October 7-11

3000 Years of Longing

7pm nightly, 1:30 Matinee Sunday October 9. A romantically grand fantasy film..audacious, funny and consistently inventive with a lot of charm. Starring Tilda Swinton and Idris Elba

October 14-18

The Woman King

7pm nightly, 1:30 matinee Sun. October 16. The Woman King is a crowd pleaser at its core, intent on entertaining the audience as much as elevating a story based on true events. Its a rousing battle epic that wears its heart on its sleeve.

October 19 & 20

Hit the Road

7pm nightly, 1:30 matinee Thursday Oct. 20. Part of our Cinematheque series Few movie premises are more familiar than a family road trip. It's that blend of heartbreak and joy, profundity and absurdity that is the key to this enchanting movie's magical spell

Oct 21-25

Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile

A young boy struggles to adapt to his new school and new friends with the help of Lyle - a singing crocodile (Shawn Mendes) who loves baths, caviar and great music - living in the attic of his new home. Showcases how family can come from the most unexpected places... : family comedy/musical/animation

October 22

Special Screening of The Wisdom of Trauma with Gabor Maté

1:30 pm, Patricia Theatre. Free tickets available at Youth & Family's Library, Afterglow Hair Lounge & Nutcracker Market. Some seating will also be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of the show. See more on Page 66.

October 26 & 27

Slash Back

7pm nightly and 1:30 matinee Thursday Oct. 27. Part of our Cinematheque series Smart, funny, scary and loaded with wonderful characters that you can't help but root for. An original take on the kids-versus-alien subgenre that showcases vital Indigenous voices in horror.

Oct 28 & 29

Rocky Horror Picture Show

Times TBD. A cult classic...blatantly outrageous campy fun for all!

October 30 & 31

Nosferatu

Times TBD. Silent films' most influential masterpiece, Nosferatu's eerie, gothic feel - and chilling performance from Max Schreck as the vampire - set the template for the horror films that followed. 100 year anniversary of its 1922 release.



MADNESS TAKES CONTROL: The Pat is screening two vintage Halloween cult classics this year: It's the 100 year anniversary of the original vampire film *Nosferatu*, plus the *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, of course. Halloween isn't the same without a little toast.

October 12 & 13

Scarborough

7pm nightly, 1:30 matinee on Thursday. Based on the award winning book by Catherine Hernandez. Part of our Cinematheque series. If you have any doubt about the, near-transcendent power that Canadian film can offer, then you must make a priority of watching Scarborough.



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KIDS & TEENS

Wednesday, October 5

UNESCO World Teachers' Day

Thursday, October 6

School Trustee Community Forum

7 to 9 pm, Max Cameron Theatre (at Brooks School). Hosted by the PRDTA.

Saturday, October 8

Little Wonders: Learn & Play at the Museum

10:30 to 11 am at the Museum.

Saturday, October 15

Scary Villains 101-Comics Workshop

10:30 am - 12 pm, FCU Community Room at the Library. Youth aged 8 and up are invited to join Plants versus Zombies comic artist Christianne Gillenardo-Goudreau and create their own scary baddies in this Halloween-themed comics workshop. Contact Mel Edgar to register: edgar@prpl.ca

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Alex Dobler Salmon Centre, Lang Creek

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Friday, October 21

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School is not in session.

Friday, October 21

Mini curators

9 am to 3 pm, create a collaborative museum exhibit! For kids 10 to 14 years old.

October 22

Salmon Education Expo Open House

Alex Dobler Salmon Centre, Lang Creek. Time TBA.

BOOKS & BRAINS

Saturday, October 8

Little Wonders: Learn & Play at the Museum

10:30 to 11 am at the Museum.

Tuesday, October 11

Fall Speaker Series, Archaeology on Xwe'tay/Lasqueti

6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Museum. With Dana Lepofsky.

Wednesday, October 12

How to write childrens' picture books - Part 1

6 to 8 pm, Library. With Writer in Residence Gabrielle Prendergast. Session 2 is October 19. prpl.ca/writer-in-residence-2022/

Wednesday, October 19

How to write childrens' picture books - Part 2

6 to 8 pm, Library. With Writer in Residence Gabrielle Prendergast. Session 1 was October 12. prpl.ca/writer-in-residence-2022/

Thursday, October 20

Remember When Club

10 to 11 am, qathet Museum. Reminiscence and socialize for adults and seniors.



SALMON SEASON: On October 22, plan to head out to the Alex Dobler Salmon Centre for the annual Salmon expo and open house. *Photo by Abby Francis*

Saturday, October 22

Art Raven Family Drop in

1 to 3 pm, qathet Art Centre. Papermaking with qathet Museum.

Friday, November 4

Laser Light Skate

7 to 8:45 family skate; 9 to 10 pm teen skate. Single \$5, Family \$15, 3 and under free.

Friday, October 21

Nights of Grief and Mystery: ROUGH GODS duo tour

7 to 9:30 pm, Cranberry Hall. An improbable, impossible night of words & music. The duo storyteller/author Stephen Jenkinson & musician Gregory Hoskins on the dark road.

Friday, October 21

Mini curators

9 am to 3 pm, create a collaborative museum exhibit! For kids 10 to 14 years old.

Saturday, October 29

Editing and Publishing Workshop

2 pm at the Library. Experienced author Gabrielle Prendergast will present this workshop on tips and tricks for the editing process covering everything from substantive editing at the plot level to copy-editing at the proofreading level. For info mmerlino@prpl.ca.

Tuesday, November 1

NaNoWriMo Write In

3:30 to 5 pm, Library. With Writer in Residence Gabrielle Prendergast. For more information about PRPL's NaNoWriMo Write in, or to sign up, contact edgar@prpl.ca.

The discipline to keep at it

October's remarkable cover image – of the Mill and the mouth of Tiskwat – was captured by **Ryk Tataryn**, a local boarder with some serious drone photography skills. Here, he reflects on falling into a passion, with the help of friends, rather than formal schooling.

How did you get started in photography?

Ryk • After I broke myself so many times snowboarding, skateboarding, and skimboarding I was so frustrated that I didn't have any photos or videos of myself or my friends, doing what I love with the people I enjoy being around. I basically got into it because I wanted to be able to look back on the good times when I'm having a bad time so it doesn't seem so bad.

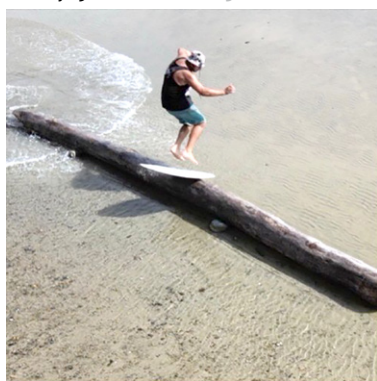
Who did you learn from? Who are your mentors and heroes?

Ryk • I taught myself how to use a camera. I started to self-educate with the Internet and asking people that I knew that were into it. One of my mentors and good friends is Jeremy Williams (River Voices Productions). He is a really rad guy to hang out with because he is so good at what he does and I really enjoy talking to him about drones, cameras, shots, angles.

Will Kovacic is a snowboarder from Whistler. He is hands-down the gnarliest dude I know. He started a company called Big Mountain Media the same time I started my company LOFT. He is the most talented mountaineer/snowboarder/climber I've ever met and I'm so happy to call him such a good pal of mine.

My mom Wanda Griffioen has showed me how to be hopeful and supported me no matter what and has always been there for me and loved me unconditionally.

My Opa (Ward Griffioen) got me into drone photography when I was not able to do anything because of an injury at a very low time in my life.



How did you capture the cover image?

Ryk • I captured this cover photo with my drone, a Mavic Mini 3 Pro

What do you think about and feel, when you look at our community from this angle?

Ryk • I think that no matter how small it is it speaks so loudly of what is here and is so quiet at the same time.

What do you hope to capture, when you take these images of the mill and Tiskwat?


Ryk • Its not what I wish to capture when I take these images – its what I wish to feel. I

have a very hyper active mindset and get very underwhelmed by how much people don't see or do here. I take these images to feel hopeful for people to get stoked on what's in their back yard and come out and see it for them selves – not just see it on the pages of *qathet Living*.

When you are not making art, what are you up to?

Ryk • I'm usually out on a hill somewhere cheating death. or on a beach somewhere with my skimboard learning new tricks and looking for a log to ride as a rail. Or on a mountain or in the snow on my snowboard trying to discipline myself to keep at what I love.

Where is your work available to look at and buy?

Ryk • My work is available to buy at the Wishing Well gallery in the bottom of the Rodmay Hotel. I have my LOFT apparel (clothing) in there as well as my R.T. Aerial prints (drone photography) on posters. 

VISUAL ART

Through October Inktober

31 days of pen drawing prompts and online sharing. See inktober.com for more – and check out the Inktober sale at qathet Art & Wares (see below).

To October 16 Form, Fire & Light

Tidal Art Centre, Lund. Ceramics, Photography and Painting by Ron Robb, Jan Lovewell, Sharon Dennie and David Molyneaux.

To October 20

**qathet ART Centre:
Whirligig – Les Ramsay exhibition**
Viewing hours Tuesdays, Thursdays, & Saturdays – 12 to 5 pm

To November

**qathet ART at PR Public Library:
Sewstainability – Yeonmi Kim**

To December 14

**Cowboy Blaire Hobbs:
Discovering the Palette**
Magpie's Diner

To December 15

**Of Mice and Men and Other
Things – Chris Roberts Exhibition**
VIU. Viewing hours Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

October 7 to 30

**Bruce Bott Carving Show:
Neo-Paleolithic Spirit Art**
Wednesday – Saturday 2 pm – 7 pm. Crucible Gallery. Featuring the esoteric nature inspired wood carvings of Bruce Bott

Saturday, October 15

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– Comics Workshop**
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Friday, October 21

Paper Bag Monster Mashup
10 am – 11:30 am, FCU Community Room, Library. Be thee monster, maiden, or



MOON OVER MAGPIE'S: Cowboy Blaire Hobbs shows his work – paintings and more – at Magpie's Diner this fall.

minion?! Turn a paper bag into a wacky mask in this perfect for Halloween Pro-D Day event. Drop in.

October 21 to 23

Sunshine Coast Art Crawl
Friday 7 to 9 pm selected openings. 10 am to 5 pm Sat and Sun, Earls Cove to Langdale. 168 galleries studios and more. See sunshinecoastartcrawl.com.

Saturday, October 22

Art Raven Family Drop in
1 to 3 pm, qathet Art Centre. Papermaking with qathet Museum.

Sunday, October 23

All ages Pumpkin Carving event
10 am – 4 pm, Crucible Gallery. Bring your own pumpkin, tools and spooky design. Please register: robert@cruciblegallery.ca

October 26 & 27, 2022

Memento Mori – Lost and Endangered species exhibitions artwork drop-off

A qathet region wide exhibition from November – January 2023 at qathet Art Centre. Drop-off at qathet Art Centre 12-6 pm

November 4 & 5

Powell River's Own Craft Fair
Friday, 5 to 9 pm, Saturday, 10 to 4 pm, Rec Complex.



qathet ART & CULTURE Directory

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OUTSIDE & NATURE

Friday, October 7

Peak of the Draconids Meteor Shower

Best viewing in the early evening.

Saturday, October 8

Pumpkin Patch Farm Tour

9 to 5 pm, Family Farm B&B, 2590 Oxford Road. Find tickets at familyfarmbnb.com. Activities will include petting animals, apple cider press demonstration, pumpkin picking, and access to the playground.

Sunday, October 9

Full moon

Hunter's moon

October 14 & 15

Blueberry Commons Annual Pumpkin Patch and Squash Festival

Friday October 14, 3 to 5 pm and Saturday October 15, 10 to 5 pm. Beautiful locally grown pumpkins for Halloween in our pumpkin patch. Pumpkin chai lattes, pumpkin ice cream and squash delicacies. Squash doggie treats! Learn all you need to know about growing beautiful and diverse squash and pumpkins in our climate. Family friendly. Partial proceeds to support the James Thomson School PAC. Check out our FB event for full details.

Saturday, October 15

Fall Farm Tour

9 to 5 pm, Family Farm B&B, 2590 Oxford Road. Find tickets at familyfarmbnb.com. Activities will include petting animals, apple cider press demonstration, pumpkin picking, and access to the playground.

October 17 to 20

Salmon Education Expo

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Thursday, October 20

Human-bear conflict in the qathet region

Doors 7 pm, speaker 7:30 pm, Legion. Malaspina Naturalists Society (you must have a membership to attend: register at malanat.ca). With Lauren Eckert, a conservation scientist, adventure enthusiast, and PhD candidate at the University of Victoria.

Friday, October 21

Creating Pollinator Patches

4 pm at the Library. Local author Elena Martin and volunteers from the Butterflyway Rangers will share stories and experiences about the benefits of creating local pollinator patches in our gardens. For info mmerlino@prpl.ca=

Peak of the Orionids Meteor Shower

Best viewing just after midnight.

October 22

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October 27

Haunted Hayrides

5 to 7 pm, Three Chicken Farm. \$8 per person (non-walking babies free)

Friday, October 28

Haunted Forest at James Thomson School

Starting at 5 pm, this multi-activity fundraiser features WondLa! A story coming from the future of our planet takes place in this incredible science fiction novel from Tony DiTerlizzy – as told through a guided, theatrical forest walk. Meet Eva Nine as she escapes her sanctuary where she was raised by Muthr, her robot guardian. She had to flee in emergency to discover that the world she thought she would meet at the surface changed drastically...

October 29 & 30

Halloween Train

6 to 8 pm, Paradise Valley Exhibition Park. Train rides by donation for railroad equipment maintenance and upgrades; a bonfire; and food service by Kiwanis. By the volunteers at the Powell River Forestry Heritage Society.

November 1

Pumpkin Collection for Farm Feed

9 to 4 pm, Town Centre Recycling depot. Drop off your pumpkin! With Let's Talk Trash.

November 6

Daylight Savings ends

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Transformational travel for teens: Rotary exchanges are back

BY JOYCE CARLSON | ROTARY CLUB OF POWELL RIVER

A direct exchange program available through Rotary International and The Rotary Club of Powell River gives young people the opportunity to bring part of the world to their families. The Short-Term Exchange Program (STEP) allows a young person from this community to undertake a summer exchange anywhere from three to five weeks to another country and host a young person here.

In 2015, Alex Southcott applied to be a participant; his mother Isabelle Southcott (the publisher of *qathet Living* magazine) was a Rotarian at the time and was aware of the program.

“Living in Powell River, young people don’t always have the opportunity to see different parts of the world. It’s so important for their personal development.”

Alex travelled to Sicily for three weeks after hosting his counterpart Paolo Rodolico here in Powell River for three weeks. The two first met at Vancouver International Airport when Alex and his mom picked up Paolo although they had been communicating over social media before then.

Alex remembers Paolo’s excitement and awe when he saw wildlife such as bears and deer, and the natural beauty of this area.

“Real Siguoin, a Rotarian, took us up the lake to his float cabin; we rode our

Does your teen have itchy feet?

Rotary International’s Short Term Exchange Program places individual teens in a home overseas for about three weeks, and asks local families to host an international teen as well.

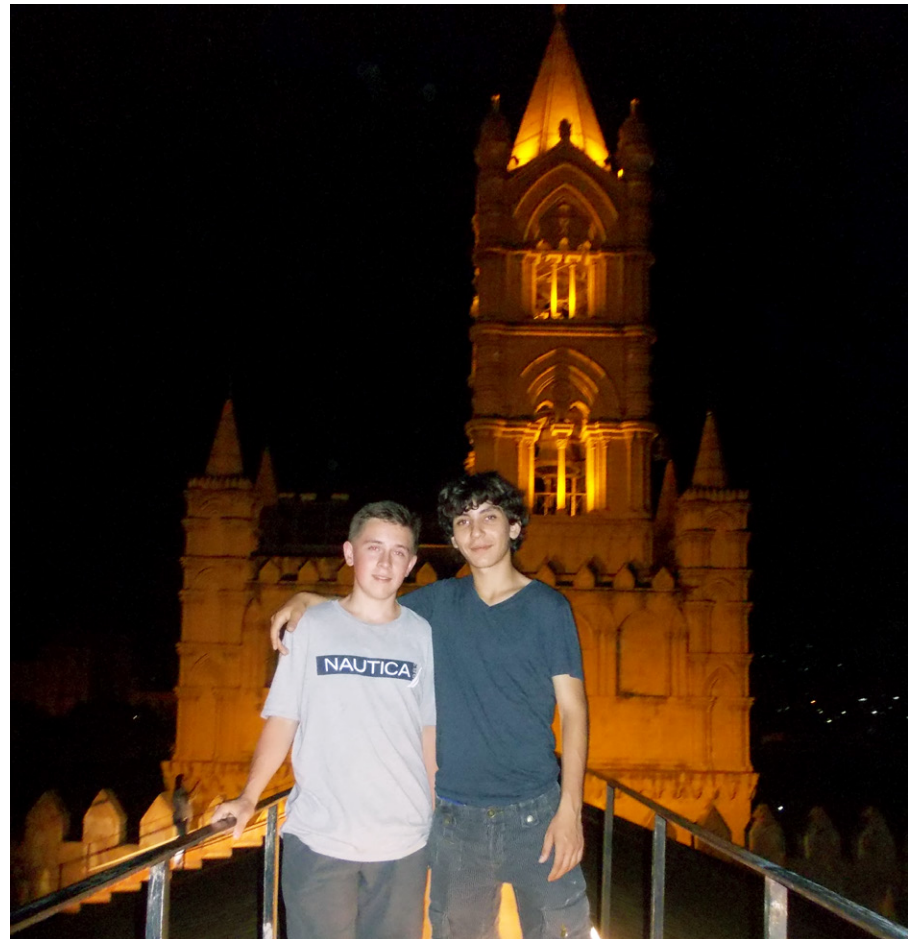
Anyone interested in applying can contact the local Rotary Club at rotaryclubofpowellriver@gmail.com, attention International and Youth Director, or look for an information sheet at Brooks Secondary School. More information can be found on the Rotary International website.

STEP is open to students 15-19. Deadline for applying is January 1 of the travel year. All countries must meet strict Rotary International guidelines. There is an administrative fee of \$150 for orientation training.

Families are responsible for the flight and insurance costs as well as discretionary spending money.

bikes all around Townsite and swam in the quarry on Texada (Island).”

Thinking back on this time in Sicily with Paolo and his family, Alex has memories of the beach at the densely populated city of Palermo, fresh crois-



SAVOURING SICILY: Powell River’s Alex Southcott and his Rotary exchange partner Paolo Rodolico overseas in 2015. Paolo also spent time here.

sants and cobblestone roads, an impact of the Romans.

“The food, pasta and pizza, was really different from what you get here,” he said. “And it was very hot, in the 40s most of the time I was there. From 1 to 4 pm, the city shuts down. I enjoyed learning about a different culture and its history.”

He recalls going to a fish market with all the fish laid out on ice. “Small fish is fried until it’s really crispy and they eat the whole things, bones and

head.”

Living in a big city in an apartment on the sixth floor was quite the change from his small town.

“It was a wonderful experience for Alex who showed huge personal growth as a result of that trip alone,” said Isabelle, “and it would be for any young person.”

“I encourage anyone to apply to be part of this program,” added Alex. “They are going to have the summer of their lives.”



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Five Tips For Writers Who Want To Get Published The Old Fashioned Way

BY GABRIELLE PRENDERGAST

Pretty much since books were invented people have dreamed of writing and publishing one—the only question has been, and probably always will be, how. The means to accomplish a published book have varied through the centuries, from carving letters into stone, to skipping letters all together and going straight to a podcast. But somewhere in the middle of those two extremes two popular options have emerged as clear winners: traditional publishing (that is selling your book to a publisher and letting them do a lot of the non-writing work) and independent (or indie) publishing, sometimes called self-publishing.

The learning curve on self-publishing is far too steep to cover in a short article. But for traditional publishing, if you've mastered the writing part, the rest is fairly straightforward. Here are five steps to take towards a traditionally published book.

1. Get an Agent

Not all traditionally published books are published through an agent. And indeed, depending on what kind of book you have written, an agent might not be the most appropriate path for you. But for most writers, an agent is a must. Agents find buyers for your book or proposal. They negotiate prices, schedules and contracts. They listen to you cry. If you can get an agent (and it's HARD), you probably should. How do you get an agent? This brings us to step 2.

2. Write a "pitch"

The pitch for your book (sometimes called "flap copy" or even occasionally the "blurb") is the two or three paragraph description of the book with which you entice agents to read your submission. Pick up any book you have lying around your house and you will find these brief enticing descriptions on the dust jacket flaps or the back of the paperback. About 200-300 words long, this is the marketing copy for your book. You will use this in your query letter. Which brings us to tip 3.

3. Write a Query Letter

The query letter is what you send to agents and/or publishers, introducing both yourself and your book. Query letters should contain a business salutation, a short introduction, the pitch described above, and

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qathet is home to dozens of excellent writers. I know this, because qL runs round-ups of their excellent and newly-published books each July and December. Most often, they are self-published – a large investment on their part.

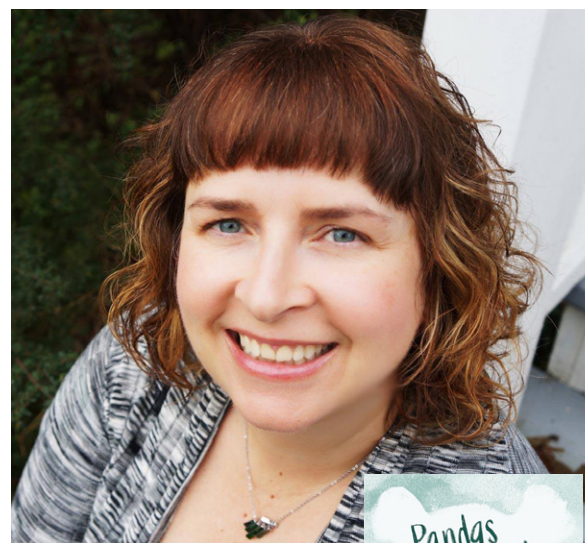
This month, the Library is hosting its first Writer in Residence, Gabrielle Prendergast. She is a wealth of knowledge for anyone hoping to get published the old fashioned way – by a publisher. Here are some ways to connect with her:

- Book an **individual consultation** – for free! Call or email: 604-485-4796 / wir@prpl.ca.
 - Appear at Gabrielle's **drop-in hours**: Tuesdays 6 to 8 pm, and Thursdays and Saturdays 11am to 1pm (she is away October 4 and 6).
 - Go to her two-part workshop, **How to Write Children's Picture Books** October 12 and 19 from 6 to 8 pm.
 - Try out her strategies in the **Editing & Publishing Workshop** on October 29, 2 til 4 pm.
 - Take part in her **NaNoWriMo** global writing event kick-off at the Library November 1, 3:30 to 5 pm.
 - Send her off in style at the **WIR finale** reading November 4 6:30 to 8:30 pm.
- See much more at prpl.ca – PW

your bio. Query writing is VERY specific, so you will benefit from researching query writing on the Internet. There are a lot of resources.

4. Send out your queries

You can find lists of agents at agentquery.com, manuscriptwishlist.com and querytracker.net. Check each agent's listing carefully to see if they might be a suitable target for your book, and make sure you follow their submission guidelines. Agents are queried by email or web form these days, never by post. And no—you can't bulk mail these. Each one has to be personalized and specifically targeted. Tedious but necessary.



RESIDING WITH US: Gabrielle Prendergast brings a wealth of knowledge about both writing and publishing to her residency at the Library. Right, one of her middle grade books, *Pandas on the Eastside* (2016)




5. Wait.

It can take anywhere from a few minutes to forever for an agent to reply. If they do reply and decide to represent you and your book it can take more than a year for them to find that book a home (if ever). Then it will take an average of two years for your book to be published. There is a lot of waiting in this business—probably one of the reasons authors read so much.

Bonus tip: don't give up

Reality check time: There's a very good chance your first attempt at selling a book to a traditional publisher will not be successful. Mine wasn't. Nor was my second. Or third. Or fourth. But somewhere in there I switched from writing picture books to a children's novel, for which I got two agent offers. Neither of them was able to sell it to a publisher. I started again with a teen novel. FINALLY that one sold (*Audacious*, Orca Book Publishers, 2013), and since then I have published 10 more books with another six under contract for the next few years. Publishing, and success as an author is a long game, not for quitters.

All of the above might seem like bad news, but the good news is, you can always self publish. Many authors are financially and critically successful with self-published books, and depending on what you write, that may be the path for you. But if you're set on a traditionally published book, following the above steps will get you on your way. 

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EVENTS WHAT'S UP

The Wisdom of Trauma Featuring Dr. Gabor Maté

Youth and Family Powell River, with support from the City of Powell River, are proud to present a one-time showing of the *Wisdom of Trauma*.

Dr. Gabor Maté and the team at Science & Nonduality have made clear in their film what a pivotal role trauma plays in addiction and other mental health disorders. Assigning a label, diagnosing a disorder, and trying to “fix” behaviours, are common responses in our society, but beneath the outward display of these troubling actions lies a recurrent factor that is often overlooked. Trauma.

How does trauma affect our daily lives? How does trauma affect the people we care about? How can compassion and empathy, in place of sympathy and pity, foster a healing environment for those most afflicted by trauma? The wisdom that we need as a society comes from knowledge and understanding of the experience that has defined each one of us.

Screening to be followed with a community conversation with film partici-

pants, local guests and audience.

Details: October 22, 1:30 pm, Patricia Theatre. Free tickets available at Youth & Family's Family Centre Library, Afterglow Hair Lounge & Nutcracker Market. Some additional seating will also be available on a first come, first serve basis on the day of the show.

FibreSpace is back

FibreSpace is excited to announce that they have found a new venue to meet. qathet Art Centre is providing both a meeting space and a place to store some basic resources.

Thursday September 15 2022 was the first Drop In session since Covid in March 2020. We were thrilled to host 10 people.

The new venue is ideal for FibreSpace, in that it is centrally located above the Library. It is on the bus route and easily accessible via an elevator. There is plenty of space for all to spread out in a well lit and ventilated room. As well there is and will be art displays to view that may even offer inspiration.



ALL SOULS: Musician Gregory Hoskins and activist Stephen Jenkinson team up for a Night of Grief and Mystery at Cran Hall Friday, October 21.

At present we still have some of our equipment and resources stored off site e.g. sergers and weaving and spinning apparatus. However, these can be brought on site as required. Already after the first session we will be bringing a second sewing machine as an interest and a need for one more at least became obvious.

If you are interested in finding out more about FibreSpace and its plans for moving forward do pop in and see us on Thursdays from 10 am until 2 pm. Bring a project to work on, come for assistance and/or advice on a project or just to chat. All are welcome.

- Coralie Gough

Stephen Jenkinson talks dying well - with music

Nights of Grief and Mystery weaves together the extraordinary talents and skills of internationally renowned author, teacher, storyteller, and cultural activist Stephen Jenkinson with those of Toronto-based singer-songwriter Gregory Hoskins.

This is an evening for young folk and old folk, for elders in training—an event of interest to parents and grandparents, teachers, scholars, health-care professionals, clergy, counselors/therapists, and anyone else pondering matters around human development, culture, rites of passage, aging, and wisdom.

For years, Jenkinson led the palliative care department at a major Canadian hospital. Sitting at the deathbeds of over a thousand people, he discovered again and again “a wretched anxiety” around death and began to recognize this death phobia as a symptom of cultural absence rather than any individual's personal issue.

Together, Jenkinson and Hoskins, created Nights of Grief and Mystery, which incorporates poetry, book readings, lyrical song, and wisdom-filled stories about end-of-life matters, all kinds of endings, environmental & cultural concerns enveloped in a musical container of soulfulness.

Jenkinson is the author of numerous books, including *Die Wise: A Manifesto for Sanity and Soul*, the award-winning book about grief and dying and the great love of life. His most recent book is co-written with Kimberly Ann Johnson (*Call of the Wild: How We Heal Trauma, Awaken Our Own Power, and Use it for Good, and The Fourth Trimester*). Jenkinson teaches internationally and is the creator and principal instructor of the Orphan Wisdom School, founded in 2010. With Masters Degrees from Harvard University (Theology) and the University of Toronto (Social Work), he is revolutionizing grief and dying, and cultural/ ceremonial rites of importance.

Hoskins is often described with epithets like “best kept secret”, “unsung”, and “an artist that has flown under the radar.”

His career spans 11 recordings over 27 years and recording contracts on three continents. Hoskins' lyrics and voice tend to break and bind at the same time, songs are steeped in the drama of living awake with one foot in the sorrow of it all and the other in the beauty of it all – integrated with propulsive grooves, brooding electric guitar work, and rich sonics.

All of us, at one time or another, navigate endings and grief. Would that this performance be an opportunity to kindle these types of conversations in your community?

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BLOOMERS ON MARINE: Above, the Powell River Garden Club spent the summer promoting flowers downtown. From left, Sheila Noble and Judy Youngman and Club president Lesley Moseley. Inset, winners Marc Harutunyan and baby Leo receive their gnome, Gnomeo.

Gnome-inspired glow up garden-izes Marine

BY LESLEY MOSELEY

Make Powell River Bloom was formed in response to the Canadian Council of Garden Clubs' proclamation of 2022 as National Year of the Garden and its challenge to garden clubs across the country to become involved. We met the challenge by seeing what we could do to help make Marine Ave more welcoming.

To be honest, we felt our downtown did not compare well to other small communities in BC. In addition we thought cheerful flowers would lift spirits following COVID and the closure of the mill.

With sponsorship by *qathet Living*, support from Springtime and Mother Nature garden centres, a Neighbourhood Grant, funds from Powell River Garden Club and individual members, we pitched a plan which we presented to every business on Marine Ave and invited them to participate.

To encourage store owners to plant flowers and beautify our City's main stroll, we offered advice, plants, soil, containers, as well as our own labour to weed, fertilize and refurbish dried up planters. We had the blessing of the Parks Department and were careful not to encroach on City property.

Twenty-four businesses signed up. Store owners were enthusiastic, many going above and beyond our vision.

A contest to win a cool garden

gnome got more folks involved. The gnome spent time in each business and customers took selfies with him that were submitted into a draw.

The SD47 Henderson school's Landed Learning students chose its name, Gnomeo. They had their picture taken with Gnomeo when he visited their pollinators' garden, a Year of the Garden initiative. The students transformed a donated canoe into a garden, the Garden Club donated the plants and Make Powell River Bloom provided the commemorative sign.

Many businesses did not sign up, citing fears of vandalism. Happily, there were no reports of vandalism. We feel that with the new Clock Park at Alberni and Marine, flowers and plants along Marine are becoming more commonplace. Downtown is undergoing a revitalization that we believe is building momentum.

Now that we completed our first season and have proven revitalizing downtown can be done, we will apply for larger grants that will further our success next year. We plan to work collaboratively with the Pollinator group who have done such beautiful work with their plots. With the revitalization of Marine Ave now being spearheaded by the City, we hope to work more closely with the Planning department next year. And we invite volunteers to join us in making Powell River bloom. 🌱



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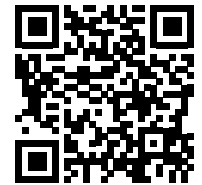
We are reaching out to the community to ask for your help in envisioning this new community service. Our intent is to ensure **Hospice House** reflects the vision and values of the entire community.

Please use the QR code or survey link below or go to our website at www.prhospice.org and use the link on our homepage to access the form. This is a brief survey; it typically takes about 5 minutes to complete.

Thank you for taking the time to respond to this survey. Your time and opinions are important to the Society as we advance the vision and then the reality of **Hospice House** for our community.

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A Thought For The Day

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TAKE A BREAK

Interpreting Dreams & Omens

Perhaps you have had a dream that felt symbolic but you couldn't make heads nor tails of it. Maybe an animal crossed your path, but you weren't sure what the message was, or you tend to find pennies, and it feels important, but you're not really sure why. You might have picked up a reference book or googled something like, “What does a Hawk mean?” “Why do I find pennies in odd places?” or “Does giving birth in my dream mean I'm pregnant?” and found varying degrees of satisfaction in those answers.



the night, the first things I would consider are the associations I make with them. Noting what comes to mind with questions like What do Owls make me think of? How do they make me feel?

Then I would observe in-the-moment clues such as, What was I doing at the time? Was I thinking of something important? Is there a pattern to these encounters/sightings?

I would also look at how they live, hunt, relate to other Owls, their family dynamics, and their

specialty skills, searching for any messages within those that could be relevant for me.

Next, I look to stories, myths, and meanings from my cultural heritage for there is a wealth of symbolism and wisdom there. With this also comes the knowing of how other cultures may have a very different interpretation. If I have had any First Nation's Owl stories shared with me from the lands I'm on at the time, I will remember those as well.

Other practices are to consider the viewpoint of the Owl itself, metaphorically interpret its actions, or imagine ourselves as each noun in the scene as if We are the bird, then the mouse it's catching, and the tree it sits in.

This exploration offers us many different layers of meaning, and over time, we might find when we encounter Owl we can more readily apply the most applicable messaging for the situation at hand without much deliberation and without needing reference books. 🦉

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RETURN TO REVERENCE

JULIETTE JARVIS

Cultivating our own symbolic lexicon, a dictionary of sorts, full of personal omens and interpretations, takes time and might seem daunting, but I guarantee it will feel more personally accurate and there really is no rush. Best done one “entry” at a time as they become relevant rather than a more usual “book writing” approach, is a good way to really get to know them as each symbol you decode becomes a lived experience. It is a great exercise in both literal and metaphorical thinking while employing our skills of intuition, imagination, and logic.

Let's move through a decoding process with an Owl as our example.

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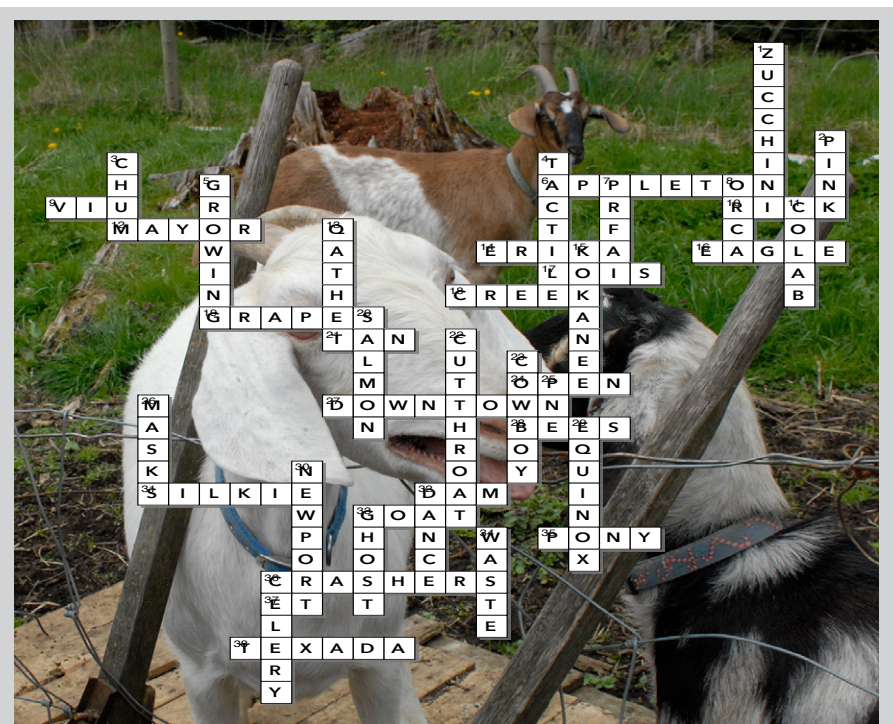


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Hats off to 35 candidates in local elections

Congratulations to every person who is running for office this month. A lot of you have stepped up. There are three candidates for Mayor, 18 candidates for City Council, six candidates for School Board, and eight for Regional District (not counting those who will be acclaimed). That's 35 people who did the hard work of thinking through a platform, getting nominated, and now, working to convince you to vote for them.

These are not keyboard warriors, sharing their opinions on Facebook or Twitter. These are people who are sticking their necks out to participate in a real democratic process - and to be held accountable for their decisions.

The 2022-2026 term won't be an easy one. The 2018-2022 elected officials faced down new, difficult issues that this new set of leaders will have to take up: the housing crisis, crime, the mill shutting down, the opioid crisis, the labour crisis, inflation, COVID's lingering effects, name change, and more. But everyone running knows that. They're aware of



LAST WORD

ISABELLE SOUTHCOTT

what they are facing (though there will surely be many fresh challenges over the next four years.) And they are choosing to run anyways.

Maybe it's because they understand happiness more than the rest of us? That true joy comes from working hard on things you believe in, and seeing those seeds you planted grow, and eventually bloom.

I believe that everyone who has put their name forward to run for public office wants the opportunity to work today towards a better future.

Why else would you run? It's not for the money or the good times. Our officials will read detailed reports, and attend meeting after meeting, many at night. They're pulled away from their families with

phone calls, emails and more, to do the work they were elected to do.

It's not easy to try something new and it gets harder as you get older.

While not everyone will win a seat, everyone who campaigns for office contributes to moving this community forward, by articulating ideas in media and in meetings.

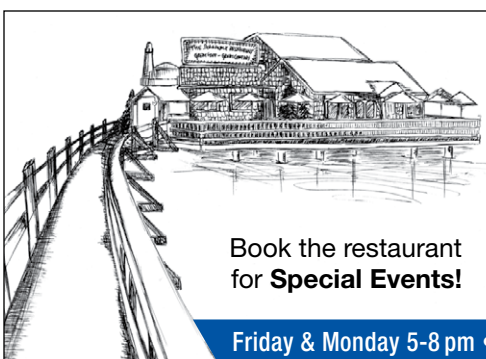
I am not running for office, but I did buy some tulip and hyacinth bulbs the other day. As I was planting them, my mind skipped ahead to next spring and how beautiful they would look.

As is the case so often in life, the things we do today are often only realized in the future.

This is beautifully illustrated in a quote by Nelson Henderson, "The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit."

To everyone running for office this fall, the staff at qathet Living sincerely appreciates your courage and contribution to our region. Thank you.

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Kris Heuckroth

“Mr.H” moved to qathet in 1992 and started teaching at the old Brooks Secondary before it was rebuilt. He earned his BA in Fine Art and Geography from the University of Guelph and BEd from UBC. He is currently the Visual Art teacher at Brooks Secondary and loves it! Over the years he has taught Social Studies, Planning, and Infotech; as well as started the Film and Television program.

What keeps you in qathet? • I never thought I would live in a small town, but it’s a great place to raise a family.

What are some moments when you’re proud to be a teacher? • There are too many to list; it could be as little as seeing a student smile to hearing about their post-high school careers. You really appreciate it when you start to hear: “you were my favorite teacher... You changed my life... It was because of you, that I...,” or just “Thank You.”

Will you share one piece of advice to young or new teachers?

• Ask for help or find an experienced teacher Mentor. We have all experienced so many different challenges and successes in our careers, and there is no textbook that can teach you what to do in different situations.

Wendy Adams

After starting out as a Teacher On Call with SD47 in 1992, “Mrs. Adams” has developed her skills throughout her career, focusing on early literacy and reading recovery. She started out with a BEd and MEd; last year, she graduated with a Masters in Educational Practice - all from SFU. In 2012, she earned a Queen’s Jubilee Medal for her work on the Compassion Project. Wendy currently teaches Grade 1/2 at Edgehill.

What keeps you in qathet? • Our family is here and we really wanted our kids to grow up with grandparents in their lives. Also, we absolutely love qathet for its serenity, beauty, abundance of accessible nature.

What are some moments when you’re proud to be a teacher? • When you work with a child who is struggling and they begin to see themselves as capable. When you work with a family that is struggling and they feel heard, cared for, and supported. When you are humbled, as we all make mistakes and are supported by those you work with. When you meet

Thank you, School District 47 Teachers

SD47 has an incredible team of teachers, whose knowledge, commitment, and passion for creating a better future for our children and youth is vital.

On October 5th we recognize **World Teachers’ Day** and celebrate the important role our educators play in contributing to our community.

Meet a few of our long-time School District 47 teachers:



and work with teachers from outside and inside our qathet ‘bubble’ and share the struggles, the triumphs, and feel supported by one another.

Will you share one piece of advice to young or new teachers?

• Our work is about building kind, caring relationships first and foremost. It is deeply emotional, and I wouldn’t have it any other way... but it is important that we give ourselves time to just be.



Kim Leach

Currently an English 12 and Physical Education teacher at Brooks Secondary, “Mrs. Leach” has been teaching with SD47 for 30 years. She received her BA and BEd from the University of Victoria, and her MEd from James Cook University. Her first position with the District was teaching English as a Second Language at Max Cameron Secondary. Mrs. Leach is the coach of the Brooks Tennis team and has taught a wide variety of courses, including science 9, ELL, music, social studies, and comparative cultures; as well as teaching in Japan!

What keeps you in qathet? • I met my husband here and I grew up here. My family is still here. Plus, it’s the best place to raise a family and best outdoor playground in the world!

What are some moments when you’re proud to be a teacher? • When former students see me at Blackberry Fest and tell me how much my class has made a difference in their lives, influenced them to choose a path in humanities, writing or literature, or inspired them to explore the world and be life-long learners. I have had the opportunity to travel overseas with students three times (Paris, Madrid, Great Britain and Costa Rica) on international school trips. I am always impressed how much they grow and learn by stepping outside of their comfort zones, developing confidence in themselves, and opening their minds to new experiences.

Will you share one piece of advice to young or new teachers? • Exercise (join a gym, mountain bike, play tennis, hike in our beautiful back country), to relieve stress and stay physically and mentally healthy. Enlist the help of your colleagues and know that the rewards from seeing students learn, grow, and succeed is worth all the hard work.



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