

# Our Isle & Times

December 2018



**Islands Trust** **NOTES FROM TIM:** The excitement of the first meeting of the new term was dampened by the lousy weather, and the cancellation of our November 26 meeting. Staff are working on rescheduling both the Regular Business Meeting, and the Public Hearing on Bylaw 95, but no information was available at press time. We will put the date out on the email list as soon as it is set.

William Shuba, the Islands Trust Fresh Water Specialist, came on the 25th, and held a workshop on fresh water issues at the hall. He was happy to answer questions, and if you weren't able to attend, but have questions, feel free to send them to Peter or I, and we will forward them to him.

The biggest project for the coming term is the community-led Official Community Plan review. The LCA's OCP Steering Committee held their first in a series of meetings on OCP topics on November 17, on Environmental Stewardship and Climate Change, which was well attended and very interesting. A huge thank you to all the Steering Committee members for stepping up and helping to guide the community through this process. We are well overdue for this review, and community engagement is vital to produce a meaningful review, and recommendations to the Local Trust Committee that reflect community interests. Several non-OCP related interests were also identified at the meeting, and ad hoc working groups suggested as ways of further informing ourselves about these topics. I look forward to the coming meetings, and hearing and sharing the many ideas about what we want our collective future to look like.

Tim Peterson  
Islands Trustee

**Notes from Peter:** I'm still getting oriented and organized as I take up my duties as one of your island trustees. Tim and I attended our swearing in and first Trust Council meeting in Victoria in early November. We will have had our first Lasqueti Trust Committee (LTC) meeting November 26, including a Community Information Meeting and then a Public Hearing on bylaw 95, which will institute the minimum subdivision sizes that we thought we've had for the last forty years or so – 4 hectares (9.88 acres) on most of Lasqueti, 8 hectares (19.77 acres) on surrounding islands, and 65 hectares (160.61 acres) on crown land parcels. We'll also set the schedule for our LTC meetings, which will be posted on-island and on-line.

There's a northern region orientation meeting in Nanaimo on December 6, and then an additional Trust Council meeting in Nanaimo January 15 & 16. It's largely for more orientation, but we'll get our first look at the proposed budget for 2018-19, which will have to be finalized (after a process for public input) and adopted before the end of March.

My goals for the term are to help the community reach agreement as far as possible on our interests and desires for our Community Plan, and to help flesh this out into various policies, so that our Official Community Plan (OCP) can be revised and updated. After that, we can make changes to our Land Use Bylaw, as needed, to bring it into alignment with our OCP.

I'd particularly like to see if there is community support for these broad ecological goals: keeping forests covering most of our island, and conserving and enhancing wetlands, streams and other water-rich areas, so that there is as much water available on the surface and able to infiltrate into the ground to recharge aquifers and groundwater. We're going to have to do whatever we can to mitigate and adapt to climate change, which is going to be increasingly, and possibly extremely, challenging.

If you have questions or comments for me, please talk to me in the community, telephone me at 250-333-8785 or email me at [pjohnston@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:pjohnston@islandstrust.bc.ca)

Subscribe to the Lasqueti email to keep up with notices and announcements, or check the Lasqueti pages of the Islands Trust website: [http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/lasqueti/Notices of meetings and agenda packages](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/lasqueti/Notices%20of%20meetings%20and%20agenda%20packages) are posted at the community hall, the post office, Provisions and on the ferry. All our meetings are open to the public.

Peter Luckham, from Thetis Island, chair of Trust Council and the Executive Committee, will be chair of the Lasqueti Trust Committee. He was our chair for the 2011-14 term.

I'm looking forward to talking with you, and working with you on community and local issues, as well as Trust area/Salish Sea issues over the next four years.

Peter Johnston  
Islands Trustee

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**Regional District News:** Recent issues of relevance to Lasqueti include:

(a) Solid Waste Management: The Lasqueti Island Solid Waste Plan Monitoring and Advisory Committee (LIPMAC) met Oct 31 with qRD staff to discuss the recycling centre upgrades and related issues. The work is proceeding well. LIPMAC held a public meeting to discuss the renovations on Nov 25 (thanks to Brigitte, Dave O. and David H.).

(b) Parking Lot: Together with qRD staff, a community meeting will be held in late Jan. to discuss whether or not our community would like to renew the parking lot lease with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the pros and cons of each option (as well as to allow more discussion on the recycling centre renovations). If the lease is renewed, the qRD will retain a degree of control, but some work will also need to be done (in particular related to drainage).

(c) Health Centre Operations Service: The new service establishment bylaws were adopted by the Board on Nov 22, at the direction from the electors via the referendum. I will work with qRD staff to help ensure that the service is established to meet the interests of Lasqueti as best as possible. I attended the Last Resort Society (LRS) members' meeting on Nov 20 to discuss the service establishment process, and also offered to work together with the LRS Board on an interest-based process to find ways to help make this new service function as well as possible for the community.

(d) Regional District Budget: I plan to hold a town hall meeting in Jan to provide an opportunity for input and discussion on the qRD budget, once the first draft is available. More on this process and significant budget changes (and tax implications) when I have more information.

Please feel free to contact me. I am honoured to be your representative.

Andrew Fall  
 Regional Director  
 Director Andrew Fall, qathet Regional District  
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**NOTICE OF 2019 BUDGET MEETINGS**  
**qathet REGIONAL DISTRICT HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**POWELL RIVER REGIONAL DISTRICT**

The qathet Regional District will meet to consider the proposed 2019 budgets and 2019-2023 Financial Plan at the Committee of the Whole, Regional Hospital District Committee of the Whole and Planning Committee meetings between December 2018 and March 2019. Meeting dates and times can be viewed on the Regional District website at [powellriverrd.bc.ca](http://powellriverrd.bc.ca).

Linda Greenan, Manager of Financial Services

***THE MEDICINE WHEEL***

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**Hours:** Drop in Thursday from 11:00am-3:00pm

**Dec/Jan 2019 Clinic Dates:**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
Dec.				6		
				13		
				20		
				NOT IN		
Jan.				3		

This month, the last month of 2018 I simply wish to extend to all, warm wishes of Peace, Love and Good Health to You and Yours!

Blessings,  
 Dianne

If anyone has a health related topic that they would like to see in the Medicine Wheel in 2019 feel free to email me with your suggestion....[laquetihealthcentre@gmail.com](mailto:laquetihealthcentre@gmail.com)

***DECEMBER WASTE MANAGEMENT:  
 EMBRACE HOLIDAY ZERO WASTE***

The local mall, on a rainy, Saturday morning in early November, was packed, so was the parking lot. My thoughts, as I entered and got the first whiff of stale human air mixed with scents, turned to waste management's first "R" - reduction. Where to start?

Ultimately, I was looking for a replacement phone battery. But, as planned obsolescence will have it, this was not to be

had. I was forced to buy a new phone. I learned the “new generation” of “smart phones” also have non replaceable batteries. I envisioned the next layer of landfill.

I succumbed, bought a new phone. The clerk insisted I do “free” advertising - by taking a day-glow yellow, reusable, logoed, plastic bag to sport around the mall. I declined, but he insisted, the reason being for my convenience - to carry the box, the attachments, the bill and contract. I couldn't leave the packaging behind, because if I needed to return the damn phone it would need to be in the original packaging. I felt stymied at every turn. We've all been here!

Oh, the insanity of shopping, the aggressive marketing, the payment plans that hook us in, the packaging. The masses were sporting recent and current purchases, to fit in, to be hip, to make a statement. There was the “bought bohemian” - the deliberately tattered, shredded and faded blue jeans, bought at a premium. Afterall, a second hand pair from a thrift shop, or better yet a Free Store, would be declassay! How do we not allow corporate production to trump our creativity and individuality?

How can we stem the tidal wave of consumption? I found myself empathizing with Mark Bottomly, our very own Styrophobe, diligently chipping away at the washed up debris of our consumption at our local beaches.

This holiday season ponder the full impact of consumption. It is prime time to reconsider habits. There are alternatives: like the gift of time, the gift of a meal to someone in need, the gift of a hand written letter, the gift of something handmade. Offer to teach someone a skill - like pedalling with high revolutions per minute while bicycling. Volunteer. Buy less...better yet, buy nothing or re-gift. Gift cash - it is reusable! Gift edibles or second hand goods, an IOU, a walk, a talk, a lunch, something local.....

Gifts reflect the givers' values. This holiday season demonstrate “zero waste” values. This alternative has the potential to create memories to last a lifetime.

My gift to my community is a social media post from my sister - an environmental community leader and well loved elementary school teacher in the interior, “Loving my class, school, and wider little person community this year. The kids are so interested and passionate about their learning. They are a great future for us, let's give them all we have to make their planet a place worth inheriting. They worry about that; honestly, it is the elephant in the classroom in many schools across Canada. Kids know what is going on, but wonder why teachers and parents aren't more actively changing their lifestyles to mitigate and adapt to climate change. The cognitive dissonance of the adults in our country isn't lost on them.”

**LASQUETI LANDFILL:** Top of Forbes Rd. Winter hours are now in effect: 1:00-3:00pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. of the month. Fees:

\$5.00/bag & \$25.00/truck load. Accepts: non-recyclable plastic, metal, glass, and tires removed from rims. Does not accept: Styrofoam, drywall, paper, cardboard, electronics, recyclables, yard waste, compost or hazardous materials.

**FREE STORE:** Open during construction. Winter hours start Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursdays only. Please remember clean, reusable clothing and household items are accepted. No: TVs, Styrofoam, batteries, electricals, electronic devices, hazardous material, and no furniture. That means no mattresses.

**RE-USE CLASSIFIEDS:** Post furniture and building materials at [lasqueti.ca](http://lasqueti.ca)

**TEMPORARY BOTTLE RECYCLING DEPOT** is now in front of the Free Store. Accepts: coconut water cans, beer and cider cans, wine bottles, boxed wine cartons, spirits and beer bottles, water jugs, and tetra juice paks. Open 24/7. Unfortunately, no tin cans, hard and soft plastic, nor cardboard (the exception being banana boxes) are to be dropped until upgrades are complete.

**All clean recycling to be stored until depot upgrades are completed, or take to: Encorp's Parksville Bottle & Recycling Depot,** 611A Alberni Hwy. Open 7 days a week, 8:00am - 6:00pm, 250-248-0224. More packaging materials than ever can be recycled: coffee bags, chip bags, Ziploc bags and more. <https://recyclebc.ca/>

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—Julie Newton, Let's Talk Trash

## **CEMETERY NEWS**

In March we raised funds for improvements to our cemetery. False Bay Provisions hosted a barbecue, Joy organized a silent auction which many donated to, Ivy ran a bingo game with donated prizes mostly made up from Dave and Elaine's bags of Creekmore Coffee. Local musicians came out to play and a wonderful time was had by all. We ended up with enough money to build our little storage shed at the back of the cemetery.

In April many came out to a cemetery work party that levelled the ground for the shed and planted donations of flowering plants and generally spruced up and loved up the place.

The Lasqueti Community Association donated wood for the project. Kathy and Dave Roger's gave us a barrel to collect water off the roof. Keith donated a barge run of roofing and cinder blocks. The shed was started by Graham Allan and slowed by our busy summer schedule.

We were so pleased with the fall work party. So many came to enjoy a sunny day in November. I counted 37 but will not name them all just in case I miss someone. They came from every part of the island and we had old time residents like Jeanie (Forbes) Weighill who washed all the Grave markers and Craig and Mary McFeely who brought and planted a rose bush that originally came from Jean Collin's garden. Many brought and planted bushes and bulbs. Annette Reynolds took charge of the youngest volunteers, Juniper and Seraphina who dug in many bulbs that we should see flowering in the spring.

Jason Rose donated wood for siding the shed and once again Keith brought it over with out cost. A crew made fast work of helping Graham get the siding cut and up. Natty Violini arrived with a donation of gravel for the floor of the shed. This quickly got wheel barrelled up the hill and raked down.

Camino served us an enormous pot of the best chili ever. We had a great time roasting hotdogs. Coffee, tea and goodies were brought and shared. Thank you to Linda Schley for the dropped off delicious cookies.

Leaves were raked, debris removed, our April flowerbed was weeded and invasive species removed. So much activity and so much fun doing it. A job well done.

#### **So whats next?**

The shed is not quite completed and needs a bench added along the front under the overhang. Also needed are hooks for rakes and shovels added, gutter for water collection and the putting up of and shelves for vases. If anyone would like to help with finishing the shed let myself and Graham know. Still have some money for this purpose. We also received a generous donation from the Forbes family to build a 2nd free standing bench. Sirett Holmes has been contracted to take on this mission.

Sophia and Sheila are organizing the painting of a mural for the front of the shed. It will be a blown up version of Johnny Osland's old map of the cemetery so we will be able to locate where everyone is buried. There will be room to add the names of those who have past but are not buried in the cemetery. And, of coarse, it will be beautiful.

Once again thank you all on behalf of the cemetery committee.

### ***NEWS FROM LINC***

With only 2 weeks to go, we are closer than ever to our goal of acquiring Salish View for conservation. Thank you so much to everyone who has generously donated to this campaign! We are awaiting the final disbursement of pledged donations, which will enable us to make the official announcement that we have reached our goal of raising \$250,000 soon.

We are still accepting donations toward the final closing and management costs for this project. Plus if you wish to help

LINC with its education and stewardship programs, including our three times yearly newsletters, please send us a donation, and we will send you a charity receipt for your tax purposes! E-transfers can be made through [linc@lasqueti.ca](mailto:linc@lasqueti.ca), or mail your yearend charitable donation to LINC GD Lasqueti Island, V0R 2J0. You can also donate through [CanadaHelps.ca](http://CanadaHelps.ca).

We could not have done this without your fantastic support! Thank you to all you wonderful donors. With your help, we will create a conservation legacy for now and future generations. Thanks, Izzy for LINC

### ***WINTER NEWS FROM FALSE BAY PROVISIONS***

Hi everyone, we hope you are having a good winter so far, it was a beautiful fall and hopefully it continues into a mild New Year!

It's such a beautiful time of year on the island and amazing to see the seasons change with the weather.

#### **PROVIDE**

There is an exciting new project in the works, most of you have noticed by now that there is a new structure going up at the end of the fence next to the giant cedar tree. It is called "Provide". It will have a combination of functions and be completed in 2019.

First of all, it will act as an active food bank and will have a box stocked with a variety of food stuffs that will be for anyone that could use extra food. We will stock it and maintain it ourselves and it will be open 24 hours a day.

Secondly, it will be used to store freight retrieved from the ferry for pick up by island residents. The details of this service are being worked on and can be explained more fully when completed. This service will also include delivery to resident's homes.

Finally, it will also have a variety of prepared food, including bread, available for purchase 24 hours a day. It will operate on the honor system just like similar stands on the island and be used to put previously ordered items on account for pickup after Provisions is closed.

There will also be a combination of local and imported fresh fruits and vegetables when available, and there will be both organic and conventional items to suit everyone's needs. As our garden and supply chain grows this will develop and evolve into a more dependable way for island residents to obtain what they need throughout the year. Expect to have more options of what you can find and more freedom of when you can get it.

A special thank you to Jon Wallace and Alex Bain for all of their help in the design and creation of Provide, we really appreciate it and hope that everyone will enjoy the new services when they start! This has been an ongoing vision and we are all really excited to offer more choices to the

community and will be consulting with all of you while it grows to fulfill more of your needs.

**HOLIDAY HOURS FROM DECEMBER 22ND - JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

We will be changing the hours slightly from December 22nd until January 5th when we will return to the current schedule.

The hours will be as follows:

- Saturday - December 22nd - 10 am - 5 pm
- Sunday - December 23rd - 11 am - 4 pm
- Monday - December 24th - 10 am - 4 pm
- Tuesday - December 25th - Christmas Day - Closed
- Wednesday - December 26th - Boxing Day - Closed
- Thursday - December 27th - 10 am - 5 pm
- Friday - December 28th - 10 am - 5 pm
- Saturday - December 29th - 10 am - 5 pm
- Sunday - December 30th - 11 am - 4 pm
- Monday - December 31st - New Years Eve - 10 am - 5 pm
- Tuesday - January 1st - New Years Day - Closed
- Wednesday - January 2nd - 10 am - 5 pm
- Thursday - January 3rd - 10 am - 5 pm
- Friday - January 4th - 10 am - 5 pm
- Saturday - January 5th - Regular Hours Resume

Thank you to the community for another great year, wishing you all Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year, looking forward to serving you in 2019,

-Camino

**GREETINGS!**

This is my first issue as the editor of *Our Isle & Times* and I am very excited about serving the community as volunteer editor/publisher. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see in the newsletter please feel free to contact me at 250-514-6798 or at [isleandtimes@gmail.com](mailto:isleandtimes@gmail.com)

I have also created an online version of the newsletter for those that have internet access. The online version will include photos, videos, a monthly crossword puzzle and so much more! If you wish to view the newsletter online please visit: <http://www.ourisleandtimes.com>. At this time it is available through membership and is only for Lasquetians. If you have any questions, thoughts or ideas I would love to hear from you!

-Dianna Maycock

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Thursday 7:30-5:00  
Friday 7:30-5:00  
Saturday 9:30-5:00  
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