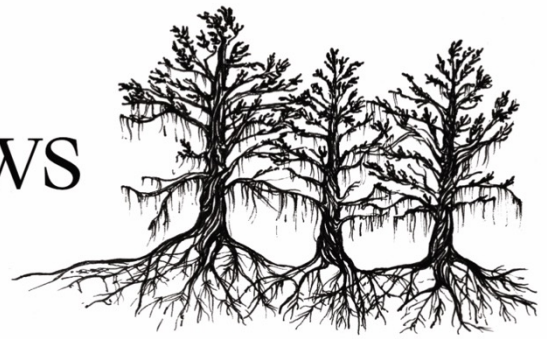


Xwe'etay News



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A Note from your Editors

Precious moments... As the world around us gets nuttier and nuttier, it's more important than ever to stop and appreciate those special moments in our lives – large and small. On Lasqueti, precious moments come in many different forms, from a whale viewing to a hug with a deeply appreciated friend. Thank you to all who sent in photos to recognize our extraordinary privilege and to celebrate those moments.

Let's try something different for May's theme: **kids' drawings of gardens.**

A reminder to keep written submissions to ~400 words. While we can sometimes fit in longer submissions, we really don't know until we do final layout – right before the newsletter goes to Laurence to print. So, it helps us if you keep your text as tight as possible.

Also, if you're able please send in donations to support your submission.

For submission deadlines each month, see back cover.

- *The Yew Collective* xweetaynews@lasqueti.ca



Doug McFeeley

It's always a precious moment when we see a whale from the ferry (taken March 26, 2026)

False Bay Highschool Students Taking the Fields by Storm

False Bay School officially has an Ultimate school team, the 'Lasqueti Storm'! It includes students from grades 8-12 and it might be the first-ever registered False Bay School sports team!

They will compete in the AA division of the Vancouver Island Ultimate League along with several tournaments and league games into May! The team captains are Vida Violini and Janaka Scanlan Thomas; the coaches are Mike Purdey, Sean Terrell, and Julia Mitchell; and the team facilitator is Farrell West. All players are into the spirit of the game.

The season started with an intense one-day tournament as the local squad headed to Victoria to play in four exhibition games at the University of Victoria sport fields. There they got one win and one tie. They had two losses, but these were only by a single point each. A week later, they headed up to Comox to play three more exhibition games, again in a single day. They defeated Vanier, a AAA team and the Isfeld B team; they lost to the Isfeld AAA team.

We would like to thank Autumn Taylor, Carolyn Smith and Carmen Stewart for helping with the registration for BC School Sports and all the other logistics of forming a school team.

We'd like to thank and acknowledge Tolling for sharing his wisdom of the game and for coming out to support us throughout the season. We'd like to shout out to Mike Grant (Karen's Gates' brother), for coming to Lasqueti to work with the kids. Mike is a former World Champion Ultimate Player and co-founder of Ultimate Spirit.

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We acknowledge and honour the Indigenous Peoples who, for generations, have made Xwe'etay/Lasqueti their home.

(Taking the Field by Storm, cont'd from previous page)

His own start in Ultimate mirrors that of our students—he founded his own high school team back in the 90s and led them to a BC title in their first year. Known for his efforts to use Ultimate to build community wellness, Mike’s mentorship gave the ‘Storm’ a huge boost as they stepped onto the field for their debut competition.

It was a true skill-building experience! We all appreciate the time Mike took to be with the team! He even attended the tournament to support the team! Such an honour!

Phred (John Wallace) has been a true inspiration and mentor, showing up, playing with the team, and coaching us all every Wednesday and Sunday at our Lasqueti scrimmage games!

The future looks bright as the teens continue to hone their talents on the local school field every Wednesday and Sunday. With April comes even more ultimate play: four seed games (that could place them in the North Island Championship tournament in May), and a two-day tournament in Nanaimo (Dolphin Dive).

We couldn’t do this without the generous support of our community, much gratitude!
– Julia Mitchell and Mike Purdey



Remembering D’Arcy ❤️

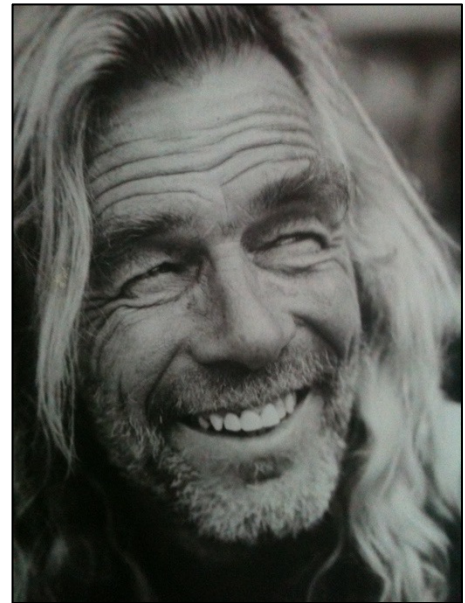
D’Arcy Shane Thomas Henry
July 27, 1954 – November 19, 2025

D’Arcy lived and loved Lasqueti, dedicating many years of service to the community while running his beloved Palaquin Barge. He is deeply missed and lovingly remembered by his wife, Stacey, his large family near and far, and his many friends.

Please join us in honouring D’Arcy on:
Saturday, April 18, 2026, 1:00 PM
Lasqueti Hotel & Pub

We’ll gather to share stories, raise a toast, and celebrate a truly great man.

Guests are warmly invited to bring a favourite appetizer or small dish to share as part of a casual potluck.



Leithen M’Gonigle



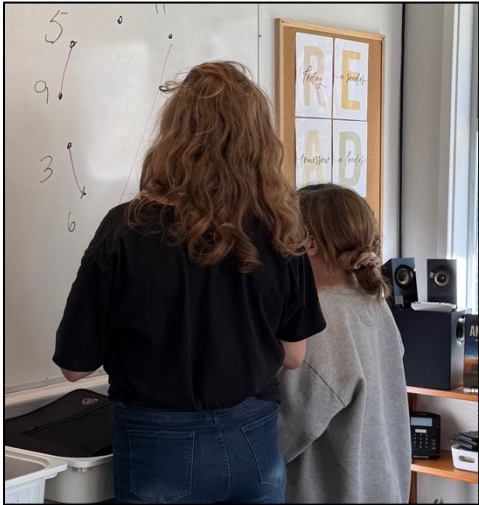
Visual representation of *Birdsong*, called a "Flat Lay." by Ilah Dryburgh



FBS secondary students are now cooking lunch for the school on Mondays as part of their Foods programming and leadership classes.



Carmen and the Elementary students made their own pizzas to celebrate Spring Break.



The grade 5 students spent some time in the secondary classroom doing some collaborative Building Thinking classroom mathematics tasks.

**EASTER
PLANT
SALE**

Sunday April 5th 11-2pm
At the School

Coffee and Tea Bake Sale
Wide selection of starters
Veggies and Flowers
Annuals Perennials
And More....

For info
call kathy 240-2704
or Julia 228-2284

All Proceeds support P.A.C.



Bianka St. Laurent - Bad Road

Getting back to basics on the coast of a remote island can be conducive to finding your path. “I am learning to know myself without all the noise. I’m focussed on myself for the first time, listening to my body, getting rid of old patterns and conditioning. I feel like I’ve always been in someone else’s energy - parents, boyfriend, job. Here I can really slow down.”

“Parental energy” included growing up in shared custody, between La Prairie and Longueuil, with lots of friends, a dislike of school, searching for her calling. Mom suggested aesthetics school: “I didn’t see myself doing that, so I quit.”

“Job energy” included a bakery (“I loved to make banana bread”); a lumber distributor (“I was really good at it”); in-school day care; waiting on tables, house cleaning. None of it resonated long term.

Old patterns included cocaine for some years. “Drugs numb your feelings, your drive. I am grateful for my super will power. I just decided I was done and quit cold turkey.”

Looking on the Worldpackers website, Bianka decided on B.C Her Grandma said, “Get in touch with Louis!” One of her dad’s old neighbours, Louis, lived off-grid in the Kootenays before coming here. “We talked and talked about Lasqueti. I got a plane ticket and came last September.” Bianka is channelling what she learned from her construction-worker dad (“he’s been teaching me since forever”) to work hauling firewood.



What she’s really excited about is discovering ancient wisdoms. “Astrology is the oldest science. It has helped me understand and accept myself. It teaches compassion, understanding why people do what they do, as a neutral observer.” She’s also learning about fungi and researching plant medicine. Her own natural all-purpose cleaner can be found at Parsimony & Providence. Look for Bianka at the summer market with cleaner, skin care products and toothpaste.

“I trust in the process; the universe has my back. I feel like I’ve been called here. I love being separated from the chaos over there. Everybody is nice and super open-minded. And genuine. I can be myself here; people don’t judge. Nature is all around -- the birds and ducks and arbutus. And the idea of community -- people helping each other to do well in life, not just everyone for themselves.

“So the big picture is hazy, but the universe will unfold.” – *Suzanne Heron*



John Martin

Remembering Arne, May, 2024.



2026 Budget Finalized. Bottom line for Lasqueti: taxes on average will increase by less than 3% (less than the estimated rate of inflation). I travelled to Powell River to be in-person for the last Finance Committee meeting of budget discussions, at which several changes were made.

One unfortunate last-minute surprise for the qRD was a reduction in Provincial funding for a regular grant for important fire department equipment, which put a \$120,000 dent in the regional fire department budgets (\$30,000 for LIVFD). To address this, the Board reduced the amount of prior-year surplus to put into the statutory LIVFD reserve (to about \$50,000) and used the balance to mitigate taxes for the LIVFD service.

The Board also agreed to apply significant prior-year surplus in the Waste Management service to mitigate taxes, which will reduce taxes required from Lasqueti by about \$13,000 (estimated). Other budget changes were related to services in which Lasqueti doesn't participate (or pay into).

The net result is that the total amount of taxes paid by all of Lasqueti will increase from about \$633,000 to about \$650,000.

While taxes for an "average" home will increase by about 3%, the increase for each property will vary depending on relative BC Assessment values. If your assessment value increased by more or less than the Lasqueti average (11%), as shown on BC Assessment notices, then your taxes will proportionally change by more or less than 3%.

Also note that qRD taxes are just one item on property tax notices (the largest item). Notices additionally include taxes for the school district, RCMP, the Province, Islands Trust, Regional Hospital District, BC Assessment and the Municipal Finance Authority (this item is less than \$1 for most properties).

The final budget details will be placed on the qRD web site when it is available.

2026 qathet Regional Hospital District: Taxes for the Regional Hospital District will increase about 2.2%.

Town Hall. I appreciate the attendance and open discussions at the in-person and online town halls. The budget feedback helped me to argue for changes at the Board. More information will follow on the other topics, including (a) potential qRD ownership of the church property and (b) options regarding potential qRD involvement in last-mile fibre-optic internet.

Please feel free to contact me. I am honoured to be your regional representative. Director Andrew Fall, qathet Regional District Contact: Tel: 250-333-8595



This month's "nurse's notes" are to inform the community that I, nurse Dianne, will be on "leave" from my role as Lasqueti community nurse for the months of May, June and July. Nurse Jane will fill in on the Thursday clinics at the JFC when she can, as she works off island as well. The clinic days for this will be posted on the Lasqueti e-news ahead of time.

The reason for my absence is that I will be having a complete knee replacement the end of April and wish to be able to focus on a full recovery. I am so looking forward to being able to walk up and down stairs with ease 😊. - dianne

Clinic days April 10 and 17: nurse Dianne;
April 30: nurse Jane

Lasqueti Nurse: Dianne McClure RN/MN

Clinic phone: 250-333-8891

Dianne's phone: 250-240-5712

lasquetihealthcentre@gmail.com



Peter Sorensen

Eugenie's 100th Birthday July 3, 2025.

Spring brings a return of budding leaves, early blossoms, migrating birds and Lasquetians readying for another round of seasonal activity. The island is buzzing with LINC's Xwe'etay/Lasqueti Bumble Bee Project! Who knew we had so many species of bumble bees working along side us in our gardens and forests? Several have already emerged and are active on warm days - Orange-rumped, Sitka and Vancouver bumble bees have been photographed, identified and uploaded to our iNaturalist page. With LINC's guidance, False Bay School students are also getting into the action. For more information and resources on how to identify bees and get involved see the iNaturalist page

(<https://www.inaturalist.ca/projects/xwe-etay-lasqueti-bumble-bee-project>) and visit the LINC website (<https://linc.lasqueti.ca/xweetay-lasqueti-bumblebee-project/>).

LINC continues to work with its many conservancy partners. As part of our contract with B.C. Parks Foundation, a forest monitoring pilot plot has been established at the Point Young Nature Reserve. We will eventually be developing more plots on conservation properties across Lasqueti. The goal of these plots will be to monitor changes in forest structure, health, and plant diversity over time, as details and re-measurement on each recorded plot will be undertaken every 4-5 years for comparison.

LINC has received a Scottie and Maple Bay Conditions report produced by Sea Change Marine Conservation Society through the Resilient Estuaries of the Salish Sea Project. Water sampling and bivalve tissue testing was done on June 12th, 2025, as part of the Marine Island management planning for BC Parks Foundation. Contact LINC if you have questions or would like to receive a copy of this report.

We depend on the help and participation of members and friends. Much thanks to those who came out on a sunny March 22nd to have another go at the eradication of the invasive spurge Laurel (*Daphne laureola*) at the South End: Marni and Darcy, Marti, Jodi, Betsy, Peter J., Doane, Amalia and Yves, Izzy and Gordon, Wendy and Bruce, Sandy M, Carolyn M., Sue and Chris, Shawn M., Hilary, Danat, and to Faren who has stepped in as administration assistant while Julia is away.

Coming up on April 12th we have our annual cleaning of the Salish View Nature Reserve trail and exclosure. Also planned for the spring season is fencing of some of the large cedar trees against gnawing from the resident beaver on the John Osland Nature Reserve. Stand by for more information on these activities.

Also planned on May 31st is LINC's Annual General Meeting at the Judith Fisher Center. We'd like to gauge if there is enough interest to offer the option to participate via zoom. Contact linc@lasqueti.ca and leave a message.

Hanging on

There was one dead limb
That this tree held on to.
For years I watched the connection
grow-
A bark bulge like a tumescent boil.
Each spring I thought that limb'd be
gone,
But the damn tree just held on;
Perhaps they both held on,
Afraid to just let go.

I found an antler,
Half buried in the snow,
Where it had ended up
When the buck's hormones slowed;
It happens every winter.
But when the antlers dropped
Did the that old buck know
That with each spring hormone surge
His proud antlers would regrow?

The lagoon empties,
The widgeons squeak,
They're pulled gently out to sea
'til they're standing in the mudflats,
feather preening patiently.
They could fly to a different place
But as a flock they seem to know:
Wiser to wait for the changing tide,
than to pack their squeaks and go.

Scapes show up on garlic
By the first of Feb. this year.
This West Coast winter was easy
When no hard frost occurred...
The snowdrops are out - blooming,
Other bulb spears, above ground;
It all seems so damn hopeful -
But that tree limb's coming down.

I've prayed to all the distant gods
And sure some close ones too;
I've clutched at whole handfuls of
straws
Wondering just what next to do.
Should I wait for hope in a change of
tide,
When perhaps hope might regrow?
But in truth I fear that I won't hang on
Quite soon I'll just let go.

– Dolf Schoenmakers

Birds on Lasqueti

Spring! When birds fly in from the south to take advantage of our temperate abundance to raise their young.

I stopped to check out the water birds and discovered the first Violet green Swallows scooping up insects over the pond. Soon they will be examining the eaves looking for likely nesting spots.

Turkey Vultures are again sailing over openings in the forest. Once, in the first week of April, my son leapt over a crevice and discovered a vulture nest in the crevice. The Turkey Vultures chased him off their rock cap. The first Yellow-rumped Warblers are flitting through the blooming fruit trees searching out tiny pollinators. Through the month of April the other warblers will arrive one after the other. Anna's Hummingbirds have been entertaining us all Winter. Now that the salmonberries and flowering currants are blooming, the Rufous Hummingbirds have arrived. If you have a nectar feeder, you may see some vociferous battles.

By the end of the month the melodious Warbling Vireos will be perched on a prominent branch, singing their hearts out.

– Marti Wendt



Doug McFeeley

Wisdom from Xwe'etay Gardeners

A Different Approach to Composting?

Many years ago, while taking the Organic Master Gardener course with renown horticulturalist Connie Kumamoto, I attended her weekend composting workshop and it completely changed the way I approached composting. After haphazardly throwing things onto my compost pile and hoping for the best, I learned another, easier and more effective (for me) way to compost.

Everyone agrees that good composting is about balancing “green” materials (such as grass clippings, fresh plant trimmings and beneficial herbs like comfrey and nettles) and “brown” materials (dried leaves, straw, and woody stems—anything that was once living but is no longer green), layering them **1 part green to 2 parts brown**.

In this workshop I learned to **gather materials over time and build the compost pile all at once**, rather than just adding to your pile bit by bit over time. So, how does this work?

Spend time gathering enough green and brown materials to build a large compost pile. Begin with a base layer of thicker stems at the bottom, arranged in a criss-cross pattern to allow air to circulate easily. Then alternate layers of green and brown materials in the 1: 2 ratio, lightly watering as you go to keep things moist but not soggy. It is great to add small amounts of natural “accelerants” as you go, such as seaweed, manure, wood ash, or diluted urine, to make your pile more potent.

Once the pile is built, poke holes from top to bottom with a stick to encourage air to move through, supporting the organisms that break everything down. Covering the pile with black plastic helps retain warmth and moisture, speeding up the composting process. Building the pile all at once helps it heat up, so it breaks down faster.

As I never enjoyed this part, I was glad to learn that turning the pile isn't always necessary. After a few months, you can use it as is—taking what's ready and leaving the larger, woody pieces for your next pile. There's also no need to sift it. A mix of fine and chunkier material releases nutrients more slowly over time, which most plants prefer.

Obviously, this is just one approach, but it has worked well for me. As always, we would love to hear about your composting tricks and tips, so please send them along and we will compile them for the next column. Happy spring gardening!

– Anna Dodds

My Oceanside Chocolate Home Association (MOCHA)

Looking for Community Integration Support Workers

MOCHA is a volunteer Board whose members (Martha Holmes, Andrew Fall, Tim Peterson, Denise Schmit, Jasmine NeeNee, and Beth Ott) work with Latisha Seaton, Judy Peterson and Michael Huguenard to help ensure that Latisha's needs and desires are met

To enable Latisha to continue to live and thrive on Lasqueti, MOCHA is looking for people interested in regular paid work.

Interested individuals must be enthusiastic and eager to learn and apply skills to help care for Latisha, including personal care, and indoor/outdoor activities. CI Workers will provide support to Latisha during the day, Monday – Friday. Training provided.

Contact: Judy and Michael 250 333-8534 10am- 10pm or any MOCHA Board member.



Chelsea Delle Palme

Latisha (and family, including Belle the dog) with carolers this Christmas.

Latisha Seaton - Let me introduce myself

You may have seen me at community events; perhaps you don't know me personally. I have lived on Lasqueti for over 30 years in an accessible home mid-island with Judy and Michael. I have some challenges walking and speaking, but I can hear well and communicate with gestures and with the help of my computer tool. I am often overlooked in crowds, sitting in my wheelchair, but am very happy when people talk with me. I'd love it if you can tell me a silly joke. I enjoy painting, going to the beach and socializing at community events. And very important: I especially like chocolate!

LCA Recreational Infrastructure Subcommittee

Playgrounds are essential spaces for children, offering opportunities for physical activity, social interaction, and the development of important life skills. The Recreational Infrastructure Subcommittee of the LCA has been working on plans to build a new playground at the community hall. The proposed location is between the willow fence and the hall deck, where the current swing set is situated.

The playground will be designed primarily for children aged 18 months to 5 years, while still being safe and enjoyable for older children. Playground manufacturers typically design structures for either the 18 months - 5 years or the 5 - 12 years age group, and the proposed site is best suited for the younger range.

Help us make our community hall more family friendly. Let us know what your thoughts are for this proposed site. Help support this exciting project!

The Saga of George Tranfield – Part 3

Before George Tranfield came to Lasqueti in the 1870's ...

George's futile efforts to settle on land that he (mistakenly) thought was an abandoned village entwined BC's first two Colonial governors, starting with his 1860 request to James Douglas (Part 1), and ending in 1864 under Frederick Seymour (Part 2).

To resolve this predicament, Colonial Secretary Arthur Birch offered 160 acres elsewhere for free. However, George colourfully declined in July 1864: *"There has hardly a day elapsed but I have argued with myself putting myself in the place of government and my case as a third party, ... and I cannot persuade myself that I have been justly dealt with as I went on my Land with the advice and consent of one of the highest officials in the Colony ..."*

And now as I have no hope of justice, I would ask your influence ... if you know of any small office without too many masters or the duty to strongly defend that a man might do it independent the smiles or frowns of his superiors, I should be very happy if I got it as I feel too old to travel to another strange country without money to begin with, as I have spent all I brought in this Cursed Corrupt Country and have just now no way of making any, and if I pay my debt I shall have about \$20 in my pocket to begin the world with at the shady side of forty five and diseased lungs, as I have nothing more to tell his Excellency farther than I cannot accept his offer ..."

George fell on hard times, and wrote dramatically of his legal woes (undated; likely late 1864): *"There are yet several persons in Colony can tell you the truth of all I set forth and if I had parted with my home for a [fraction] of its worth I should never have been a discontented grumbler desperate ruffian dangerous character. But as when I complained to the Governor, Mr. Tranfield is a persevering settler industrious intelligent gentleman ... There was a man living among Indians selling whisky ... about a mile from me, he was supplied with a lot of hogs himself not owning one foot of land to run them on my property. Two small ones were found dead. ... I was arrested and committed for trial not for misdemeanor but felony without any person being present to prove any charge against me. Men were hired [to] converse with me to entrap me into an acknowledgement of killing them, several who were in my company during the few days before my trial were summoned and put on oath as to our conversations ... I could write more but the proofs are too much trouble to get"*

His adventures continued in the Colony of Vancouver Island – but he couldn't escape his past ...
- Andrew Fall



Ken Lertzman

George Lertzman-Lepofsky, May 2007



From Tim Peterson: Greetings all,
At the March meeting, Trust Council passed the budget, resulting in a projected 8.1% tax increase. For context, staff advise that this translates into an additional \$15-\$20/year on a property valued \$433,500.

Trust Council also adopted a new trustee remuneration formula, which will come into effect April 1, 2027. New is a reduction for trustees not attending Trust Council meetings (\$400 & \$800 for half- and full-day absences.) These changes are intended to align with best practices in B.C., and it is hoped will make it more viable for a broader cross section of islanders to consider running for trustee.

Trust Council also approved the updated Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement Policy, the result of work over most of this term, and gave its endorsement to the new Islands Trust draft of the Indigenous Relations Action Plan.

Staff advised that it is not realistic to expect that the Policy Statement Amendment Project will be completed before end of term. Trustees will be provided with a summary of feedback received to date and options at the May 13, 2026, Committee of the Whole meeting. In June, Trust Council may decide on next steps.

Locally, our May 4th meeting will include a Public Hearing for Bylaw No. 107, which will change Schedule A and Schedule C of the Land Use Bylaw by removing references to the minimum lot size of 4 hectares (9.88 acres) and replacing it with 4.05 hectares, to better reflect a 10 acre minimum. It should be noted only subdivision of very large parcels will be materially affected by this change. We will be holding the meeting at the community hall, starting at 11 AM, and encourage you to attend if you can.

As always, feel free to contact your trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns.
tpeterson@islandstrust.bc.ca

From Mikaila Lironi: *Thinking of running for Islands Trustee?*

With the election 6 months away (October 17, 2026), it's time to start taking action.

You may have some questions: *What should I do in the next months before announcing my candidacy? What exactly does an Islands Trustee*

do? How much time is it going to take up? What does it pay? Do I have the required skills?

For starters, read the newspaper articles by Tim and me of the past 3.5 years followed by the LTC agendas along with those of the March 2026 Trust Council. Attend LTC meetings (May, July, Sept) and zoom in to the Trust Council (June and September).

Make sure everyone in the community knows who you are, and what you stand for. Attend events you haven't been to before and talk to people.

What exactly does an Islands Trustee do?

It varies a lot depending on the month and how many committees you join. Your average week requires checking your email every other day. If an LTC or a Trust Council Quarterly meeting is approaching, you'll want to check your email daily and spend time reading the agenda. The agendas for the LTC are usually 30-150 pages. It's not all dense text, but it is important you understand it. Luckily staff and other trustees are there to help.

You can also join various committees, but that adds more meetings. It's important to balance your other jobs and responsibilities with your trustee work. It pays about \$911.01/month, so you're doing a bit of a community service. Travel to meetings is covered, though you can Zoom. I'd recommend making the Monday - Thursday trip for at least the first year to get to know everyone and gain on the ground staff support.

Do I have the required skills?

There are actually no prerequisites to being an Islands Trustee. You just need to be elected or acclaimed in your community and live in BC. Skills that are valuable include the ability to read or listen to a large chunk of information, as well as understand and retain it. It also helps to be diplomatic, stay calm and not allow personal feelings to get in the way. Remembering acronyms is helpful in any kind of government work.

Any questions or concerns, please contact Tim or me and we'd be happy to talk and answer about any part of the job. - Mikaila Lironi
mlironi@islandstrust.bc.ca 250-812-2560



Spring is in the air and we're down to the last of what's stored in the winter pantry. The butternut and acorn squash have lasted well, but it's time to use them up.

Once the squash is cubed and roasted, there are lots of options:

Stir cubes into risotto or toss with fettuccine, browned butter, and sage. You can also mash the cubes with goat's cheese, Parmesan, and sage or rosemary. Add cream or cashew cream to make a decadent sauce. Spinach makes a nice addition. You can also go another route with bacon, cream, garlic, and Parmesan for a really decadent pasta or pizza topping.

Roasted squash with lentils or walnuts mixed with taco seasoning makes a great taco filling. You can also use the same filling with cooked sausage and onions to fill a pre-roasted half of acorn squash. Top it with cheese and put it back in the oven till it's all warm and melted.

Any of these mixes can be made into a casserole by adding eggs and crackers or breadcrumbs and baking at 375F.

Here's another suggestion that I thought sounded amazing: Hasselback Butternut Squash. Pre-rotate both halves of a peeled squash at 350F til slightly soft, 10-12 minutes. Turn hollow side down and slice vertically into thin slices without cutting all the way through. (You can sit the squash on a couple of chopsticks to stop the knife going all the way down.) Brush with olive oil and sprinkle with garlic powder and paprika, thyme, salt and pepper and bake a further 50-60 minutes at 375F until soft. While the squash is baking, blend 450g tofu and 200g soft white beans with the zest and juice of a lemon and season well. Add water 1 T at a time if it is too thick. Spread tofu mixture on a plate and top with the roasted squash, candied or toasted pecans and a drizzle of olive oil.

Lastly, if you're looking for a way to preserve your squash a little longer, I found a recipe for Squash Kimchi. Just look up Hobak Kimchi and it should pop up.

Now, it's almost time to start growing squash all over again. - *Deb Perell*



Zora tugging on Jessica's shirt. Sept 16, 2017

John Martin



Full colour spectrum and a pot of gold at both ends!

Don Dempster

New Plaque Installed at the Welcome Mural

A new plaque has been installed on the False Bay dock freight shed to surround the audio button that allows you to hear the island's Coast Salish name – Xwe'etay – spoken by Tla'amin Elder qaʔaxstaləs / Dr. Elsie Paul. It is the final piece of the Welcome Mural installation.

The plaque is made from the same yew tree that Allen Farrell used in the China Cloud. It features a yew sprig motif designed by Jesse Recalma and Ocean Hyland. It is surrounded by a cedar frame.

Many thanks to Don Macdonald for crafting the plaque and Bruce Grant for installing it. Thank you as well to Ken Lertzman, Jim Maxwell, and Daniel Ayers for ensuring the audio system runs smoothly. And to George Lertzman-Lepofsky and Arvin Amiri for creating the audio system.

We invite you to take a moment to push the button and hear the Indigenous name of our island. While you're there sit on the bench and enjoy that view.

– Julia and Dana



The head of Squitty Bay. Made in the fall, a peaceful and colorful time of the year at the south end of Lasqueti Island. – Ronaldo Norden

Community Forum on racism. Sunday, April 12, 6:30 til 8:30ish at the Community Hall.

Share your experience, knowledge and ideas about how to recognize and discourage racism and racist speech and acts. Bring your questions too.

Community Forums are not primarily about planning action or arguing or deciding about an issue, but about sharing experiences, learnings and ideas. They involve more listening than speaking. Everyone who wants to speak will get a turn before anyone speaks for a second time. All are welcome to participate or just attend. We intend the term "racism" to be interpreted in a broad way, meaning people are disparaged or disrespected because they are "othered" whether this be ethnic, cultural, individual or anything else.

If you have something to share but can't attend, please write it down and send it to one of us for possible presentation at the forum.

There is lots of information on the internet about racism and how to respond to it. Check some of it out, if you can.

- *Shoshanah, Marti, Aigul, Peter, Community Forum Committee*



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Lasqueti Island Solid Waste Plan Monitoring and Advisory Committee Call for Applications

qathet Regional District is seeking a new volunteer member to sit on the Lasqueti Island Solid Waste Plan Monitoring and Advisory Committee for a three-year term. Interested, eligible individuals should send a written application explaining why they want to sit on the Committee and what qualities and/or expertise they will bring to the Committee.

Copies of the Committee's Terms of Reference are available on the qathet Regional District website (qathet.ca/about/committees-and-commissions/). Committee members must be 18 years of age or older and be generally available to attend regular on-island Committee meetings and meet the Terms of Reference criteria.

Applications may be submitted by mail or e-mail:
Address: qathet Regional District

Attn: Caroline Visser, Operational & Cemetery Services Clerk
202 - 4675 Marine Avenue
Powell River, BC V8A 2L2

Phone: 604 485-2260; Fax: 604 485-2216

E-mail: operations@qathet.ca

The deadline for applications is 4 pm, Thursday, April 30, 2026



John Martin

Fall Fair, 2017



John Martin

Marimba on dock, summer 2024



John Martin

Sunset at Spring Bay-July 8, 2023



Islands Trust

LASQUETI ISLAND
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BOARD OF VARIANCE – Call for Applications

The Lasqueti Island Local Trust Committee is seeking residents to serve on the Board of Variance, a three-member board that considers applications for minor variances to zoning and rural land use bylaws. Members must not be part of Advisory Planning Commission or employees of local government.

Pursuant to Section 536 of the British Columbia Local Government Act, any local government that has adopted a zoning bylaw must establish a Board of Variance.

The Local Trust Committee is seeking individuals who have:

- Experience as a Board of Variance member;
- Experience on a local government council, board, commission or committee;
- Experience on volunteer boards or committees;
- Background in planning, design or related profession; and
- Other relevant experience, education or qualifications.

To apply, complete the application form <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/advisory-planning-commission-apc-and-board-of-variance-bov-membership-application-form/>

Submit your expression of interest by Thursday, April 30, 2026. Send completed application or inquiries to:

Islands Trust Northern Office
700 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X3
northinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca or Ph: 250-247-2063

French Creek Parking Passes

On April 1, 2026, letters were mailed to all community members who qualify for our 165 parking spaces in French Creek. The details regarding the use and purchase of the passes are included in the letter. Please note that the fee has increased this year to \$425.00. Payment must be submitted to the harbour by Monday, May 11.

The Parking Committee is comprised of eight volunteer members from our community. It is not an easy task to issue such a limited number of passes and to have to enforce the criteria. **Please, please respect your friends and neighbours by relinquishing your pass, if you truly don't meet the criteria:**

1. Lasqueti must be your primary residence, and you must reside here eight months of the year. (If you received your initial pass prior to 2022, seven month is the residency requirement.)
2. You must hold a valid BC driver's license with a Lasqueti address.
3. You must own your vehicle, and the BC Owner's Certificate of Insurance and vehicle license must be in your name. The license plate must be from BC.

4. Only one pass per residence.
5. Your pass cannot be loaned, resold, or duplicated. Any of these violations will result in the automatic loss of your pass.

If you have questions or believe you are eligible to be placed on the waiting list, please email lasquetifcparking@gmail.com.

- *The Parking Committee*

Celebration of Life for Milan - Save the Date

Please join us Friday July 17, 2026, at the Tea Pot House to celebrate the life and legacy Milan. More details will be available closer to the date.

Marti's 80th Birthday Party

Please come help me celebrate my eightieth birthday. At the Community Hall, Saturday, 11 April. Potluck dinner and music. Doors open at 5:00, with dinner starting at 5:30. We will let the little kids and their escorts be first in line. Bring your dancing shoes! DJ Sirett will inspire us, aided by a boomer playlist from Rob L BYOB. Hugs are the best gift! - *Marti*



JOIN THE QATHET REGIONAL DISTRICT ELECTION TEAM

Are you interested in working during the 2026 General Local Election on Lasqueti Island?

We are looking for a Deputy Chief Election Officer. This role is contract-based, with the successful proponent working directly with the qathet Regional District Chief and Deputy Election Officer(s) to support the administration of elections on Lasqueti Island.

The qRD is also seeking applications from individuals who are interested in being put on staffing list for October. Election workers support polling stations during the election on October 17, 2026 or during Advanced Voting Days. Election Officials work from 7:30 AM until polls close, and until ballots are counted on General Voting Day. The qathet Regional District provides payment for work on voting days, a meal allowance, ferry costs as required, and training pay.

CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Michelle Jones, General Manager of Corporate Administration
#202-4675 Marine Avenue, Powell River, BC V9A 7R2
E: vote@qathet.ca P: 604-485-2260 | qathet.ca/election-2026

Our Week in Review

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A Life TimeZ Nursery		10 -5					
Black Sheep Gas		2 - 6			2 - 6	2 - 6	
Feed Store		11 - 3			11 - 3		
Ferry – from FB	1, 4	8, 11, 4			8, 11, 4	8, 11, 4	8, 11, 4
Ferry– from FC	2:30, 5:30	9:30, 2:30, 5:30			9:30, 2:30, 5:30	9:30, 2:30, 5:30	9:30, 2:30, 5:30
Free Store		10 - 2			1 - 5		
Life Drawing			7 - 9				
Nurse					11 – 3**		
Parsimony & Providence	2 - 6				2 - 6		11 - 2
Post Office		10 - 4		10 - 4		10 - 4	
Propane filled						1 - 3	
Provisions	11 - 4	9 - 5		10 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5	9 - 5
Recycling		10 - 2			1 - 5		
Pub – Coffees	9 - 1:30pm				7 - 10:30	7 - 10:30	7 - 10:30
Restaurant/Pub	3 – close	5– 9pm	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close	3 – close
Ultimate Frisbee	5:00			5:00			

**Nurses clinic: Thurs, April 10 and 17: nurse Dianne; April 30: nurse Jane

Community Calendar

April 5. Easter Plant Sale, 11- 2. FBS.
 April 11. Mart's 80th b'day. 5 - ? At the Hall.
 April 12. Sunday. Community Forum on racism.
 6:30 - 8:30 at the Community Hall.
 April 18. 1:00 pm. Celebration of Life for
 D'Arcy Henry. Lasqueti Hotel & Pub
 May16. False Bay School Spring Fling.
 July 17. Celebration of Life for Milan.



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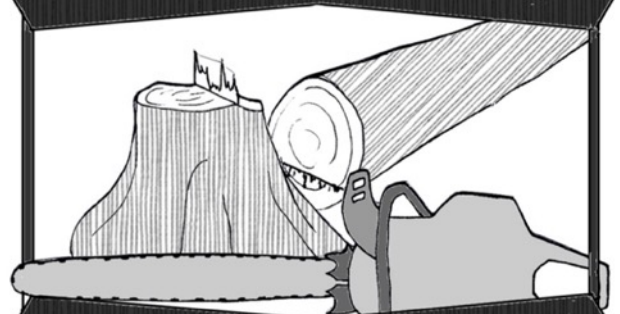
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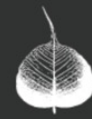
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