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NOTES FROM PETER: Trust Council will be meeting electronically June 8 through 10. The meeting schedule and agenda has not yet been announced. The agenda package will be available near the end of May or beginning of June. If you would like a preview of what the schedule and agenda package might look like, check out the agenda package for the May 26 Executive Committee meeting, which has draft/tentative agenda items and schedule beginning on page 22.

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/executive-committee-may-26-2021/>

Lasqueti Trust Committee electronic meeting is scheduled for June 21, starting at 9:30. Details and agenda package will be posted about ten days before the meeting.

The Official Community Plan revision project Staff Report from our April meeting includes each suggested change from members of the public, along with staff comments and recommended actions. Many of the public comments were flagged by staff for consideration by the LTC. I presume that we will be giving them consideration at this meeting, as we are required to meet only in public. The staff report will be part of the agenda package, but you can access it now at: www.islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/lasqueti/projects/

Click on 2. Staff Reports. It's the last report, 2021-04-26

It'll be one of the longest days of the year, unrelated to the meeting.

The LTC has received 59 emails from community members supporting fuel sales and farm/feed sales on Lasqueti, being safe, convenient and wanted by the community, and requesting that LTC not proceed with enforcement. Most were from individuals; a handful were from a household or couple. I understand that Bylaw Compliance and Enforcement have reached an agreement with the owners, and that the businesses will continue to operate.

It's pretty clear that the community will need to do a bunch of work to reconcile what we want to permit residents be able to do with what our Land Use Bylaw says. This is particularly obvious in commercial and industrial uses, and we might want to consider some possible limits to home enterprises. I'll be asking at our LTC meeting if there is anything we can do soon, or if the whole situation needs to be addressed in a LUB revision, after we've finished our OCP revision. This is very likely to be the focus task for the next term, beginning fall of 2022.

On a related note, our fees for rezoning applications are already high, especially when we consider how few customers might be served by a commercial or industrial enterprise. Our community will have to carefully consider the Trusts Council's

forthcoming request that we increase our application fees to recover more of the costs of processing applications

Finally, I've been told by several people that I should find and promote someone to continue in my place as one of our locally elected trustees. I will not be doing this. I will continue to suggest and request that each of you consider who you think might make a good trustee, and encourage that person to run in the local government elections in the early fall of 2022. I'd be very happy to have a number of candidates for people to choose from. I'm glad to provide information and advice, especially if I'm asked.

Thanks for your involvement in our community.
Peter

NOTES FROM TIM: Greetings all. Nothing new to report on the Local Trust Committee, since we have not met since the April meeting.

Trust Council will be meeting electronically June 8-10. One of the important items to be discussed is the Application Processing Services Policy and Model Fees Bylaw, which will be seeking to have Local Trust Committees change their fee structures to come closer to a cost recovery model. Presently, taxpayers as a whole subsidize much of the actual cost of applications from individuals and businesses. There likely be a Special Meeting of Trust Council in July to review the draft of the updated Policy Statement.

Our next LTC meeting is June 21st, when we will be receiving an updated version of the OCP for possible further amendment and consideration of Second Reading. Unfortunately, we are still having to meet electronically, but please consider participating if you are able to.

As always, feel free to contact your Trustees with your questions, comments, or concerns. Tim

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REGIONAL DISTRICT

I have two significant items on which to report:

Island Health “Whole Community” Vaccination Clinics – coming back by popular demand: Island Health is planning to organize a second set of vaccination clinics on Lasqueti. These will be open to anyone for the first or second dose. The dates aren't yet available, so keep an eye out for updated information.

Registration: Island Health has adapted their system, and are asking people to register in advance (which will help with their planning).

Anyone who got their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine on or before April 6 should register in the provincial system as soon as possible. This applies to everyone who was immunized on Lasqueti or elsewhere prior to and including April 6.

You can either register on line at: GetVaccinated.gov.bc.ca

or call : 1-833-838-2323 (toll free)

The registration ensures that your contact information is available so you can be reached by email, text or phone when it is time to make your appointment.

You can register yourself, a family member or friend. You can also call the above number for support or if you are unsure if you are registered in the provincial system.

New Emergency Calling Number: Coming soon – watch for updated information.

This has been a long process, and I expect some people have a few questions. A lot of the background has occurred in closed meetings, and I am only able to discuss aspects released publicly. I hope the following will help clarify what is happening with this process.

At its Dec 2020 meeting, the qRD Board made the following public announcement (on which I reported in the Jan newsletter and at the Feb town hall):

"The Board adopted the Amended Option C dispatch system as an interim system for Lasqueti Island, while more information is gathered on current cost comparison analysis and public engagement on both the Amended Option C and the North Island 911 dispatch systems."

In early May, the qRD issued a media release (available on the qRD web site) that included:

"At its April 29, 2021 qRD Regional Board (qRD) meeting, the Regional Board adopted the implementation of Amended Option C as an interim emergency dispatch solution for Lasqueti Island."

"To implement Amended Option C, the qRD has contracted Northern 911 to provide live operator dispatch services for emergency services on island. The Northern 911 dispatch centre will provide a live operator 24/7 to receive emergency calls and to dispatch responders on Lasqueti Island."

"For the time being, Lasqueti Island residents should continue to use the current emergency calling procedures. The qRD, Northern 911 and the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Fire Department will be undergoing an implementation phase this spring in order to ensure system readiness. Once the system is effective, the qRD will notify the public through media releases, and by posting on Lasqueti.ca. Residents are encouraged to check for official updates as the transition to the new dispatching system begins."

This April decision is best viewed as a re-confirmation of the December public

announcement. The wheels of regional district business sometimes turn slowly.

There are two parts to this decision:

PART 1: Adopting Amended Option C as an interim dispatch system for LIVFD

Amended Option C was defined by the dispatch expert C. Kellett to consist of the call answer/transfer and fire dispatch service of Northern911 (in Ontario; not to be confused with North Island 911/NI911 in Campbell River), plus associated training and community consultation.

It is essentially the core of the "Option C" recommended by the Emergency Dispatch Advisory Committee (E-DAC) and supported by the community in 2016, but with a specific call centre that can be contracted for a non-911 service (per the Option C proposal), and that also handles 911 calls in Ontario (so has fast call answering).

The Northern911 call centre service will:

- (i) Provide a single 10-digit emergency call number for all emergencies.
- (ii) Medical calls: will be transferred to BC Ambulance dispatchers using their emergency line (our current system uses the non-emergency number).
- (iii) Fire calls: will be transferred to an in-house fire dispatcher who will take steps to contact the LIVFD response coordinator (local dispatcher) using an agreed-upon protocol. This will allow callers to talk immediately with a person, not an answering machine, and to convey relevant information without having to wait for a callback. It will also allow our local response coordinators to receive incident information quickly.

This will reduce pressure on our LIVFD volunteers, improve emergency call handling, and reduce liability risk for the qRD. Hopefully, this will be a tangible improvement for all parties.

The Northern911 service will be part of the LIVFD regional district service, and will cost about \$200/month plus some one-time start-up costs (e.g. to update our emergency number

cards). There is funding allocated in the LIVFD budget for this.

The Northern911 service set up and protocol integration with LIVFD procedures are nearly complete.

What to expect: Prior to the switch-over day, new emergency number cards will be provided to every household and business in the community. There will be public notices and communications to help ensure people know of the change, which is scheduled for early June.

PART 2: Public consultation and updating cost comparison

The last public consultation on the LIVFD dispatch system was by the E-DAC in 2016 on Option C. In my view, the choice should be driven by the community of whether or not to commit to Amended Option C, to reconsider the alternative option of NI911 (North Island 9-1-1 in Campbell River), or to seek other solutions.

The updated cost information is being undertaken because the costing done by E-DAC and C. Kellett are out of date after so many years ...

If the community supports continuing with Amended Option C, its functionality will be monitored over time, with opportunities for future changes as our community sees fit (e.g. following improvements to communications over high-speed internet). The option to adopt the NI911 system in the future will remain, if the community so wishes (but recall that once a 911 system is adopted, it cannot be removed according to Provincial regulation, so assessing other options first seems appropriate). As does the option to move towards a locally-administered fire department (as done on Hornby), but that would require a lot of up-front planning and a referendum.

What to expect: Opportunities for your views and preferences to be heard regarding dispatch, including your views on the interim Amended Option C system as well as alternatives, including NI911 and local administration.

The use of the phase “interim solution” means that the Northern911 service is being set up now. After some experience with Amended Option C, it can be confirmed as a longer-term solution or other options can be discussed. Regional districts are designed to provide the services (and only the services) that a community desires. Any major changes (such as adding or removing services) requires approval from the electors (and I have told the qRD Board that I will not “approve on behalf of the electors” instead of asking the electors directly, except for a situation with a clear majority of support).

What about the other aspects of the original Option C?

Option C had two other pieces that expert C. Kellett felt were not really part of a dispatch system (even if related) and better handled separately within the LIVFD service:

(i) Emergency Incident and Resource Locator Tool: The long process to get to the Northern911 service sidelined this locator tool for the past few years. But improvements to locating emergency incidents are very important, and LIVFD volunteers are actively exploring options. I will contribute what I am able to help members of LIVFD to dust off and review this tool, and explore other ideas.

(ii) Radio coverage: A Radio Coverage Analysis was done last year to explore options for an on-island VHF communications system so that LIVFD is not reliant on commercial paging services, based on the 2017 recommendations from dispatch expert C. Kellett. The project was undertaken by Planetworks Consulting, and included a visit to Lasqueti to see the terrain in person, and to meet with senior members of LIVFD and myself. I gave a brief report when this project was initiated (in the Jan 2020 newsletter) and just before the report was due to be received by the qRD Board (in the Nov newsletter). At this point, I am not able to say anything more, other than improvements to radio communications for LIVFD is important and efforts are ongoing.

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

Let's Talk Trash

In 2019, the BC provincial government began a comprehensive consultation with local governments and individuals about plastic pollution in the ocean and on the shore-lines of coastal communities. Here on Lasqueti, Donald Gordon, Peter Johnston and The Styrophobe (aka Mark Bottomley) were contacted by Sheila Malcolmson and her team. They talked about abandoned vessels, derelict fishing gear, polystyrene foam, aquaculture debris, and single use plastics affecting marine life and food sources.

Out of this coastal wide consultation came the Clean Coast, Clean Waters (CCCW) Initiative, which is part of the BC Plastics Action Plan and the Provincial goal to address plastic pollution. It's also part of the \$10 billion Covid Response Plan, which includes the BC Economic Recovery Plan, to protect people's health and livelihoods while supporting businesses and communities. The CCCW Initiative is supposed to create meaningful employment opportunities from seasonal shoreline clean-up and community education to specialized positions in the logistics of waste management, transportation and tourism sectors. This summer, more than \$9.5 million from the Clean CCCW Initiative Fund will be used to tackle shoreline clean ups and/or derelict vessel removals from the North Coast down to Southern Vancouver Island. Lasqueti is part of the collaboration clean-ing up the Central Salish Sea, along with groups from Denman, Texada, the Comox Valley, Powell River, Thormanby, and the Sunshine Coast. They are all working to-

gether under the umbrella of the non-profit, the Ocean Legacy Foundation (OLF).

The Central Salish Sea Clean Up focuses on creating job opportunities in rural and remote areas and fostering partnerships between First Nations. The goal is to catalyze action between non-profits, volunteer associations (LSD - Lasqueti Styrofoam Days - now renamed Lasqueti Shoreline Debris) and industry and local governments. Until now, these groups and other concerned citizens (The Styrophobe) have been volunteering their time and energy to clean the BC coastlines.

The CCCW Initiative funding (through the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy) provides paid opportunities for these groups to plan and engage in the removal of heavily accumulated debris from industry, tourism and derelict vessels, while helping to restore damaged aquatic eco-systems.

Mark Bottomley is the local Project Manager and has gathered an intrepid team of Field Technicians (debris pickers) to clean Lasqueti and the surrounding islands, including Sangster and Ballenas. You might see the high-vis vested crew heading out in boats and working the beaches, sorting what they find into mega-bags. If you've collected marine garbage let him know where to find it.

A key part of the project is sorting the debris to have it recycled rather than land-filled. Everything being collected is tagged and weighed in order to create a data set of what kind of marine debris is gathered. The Ocean Legacy Recycling Center in Van-couver is expected to receive 300 tonnes of beach waste they'll be converting into re-cyclable plastic. The new Powell River depot for Marine Plastic will also be dealing with what is collected.

While this project is a good beginning in addressing ocean plastic pollution, there is a need

to continue efforts to mitigate the input of future derelict gear and other sources of marine plastic into coastal waters.

From Waste Manager Mark: In April, on the trash removal day, someone put three jugs of used engine oil in their trash bags. They ruptured and leaked on the deck of the barge. Kelli had to put a spill boom around the barge and clean up the deck. Please, don't do that again or you'll mess up the system for all of us.

Trash Removal System: June 9th, the second Wednesday of the month, 10 am until the barge is full, is the trash removal day at the False Bay barge ramp. Any changes due to weather will be posted on the email list, FB Lasqueti Hotwire, and the Lasqueti website. No construction materials, renovation or demolition waste, prohibited waste, organics, recyclable material or stewardship materials. \$5 per bag, \$25 per average truckload. Mattresses and box-springs \$15 each.

Please call Mark if you have any questions about what constitutes acceptable garbage. Mark 250-333-8601 or 2504-240-9886. mb@lasqueti.ca

Recycling Depot: Spring/Summer Hours Apr 1 - Oct 31st

- Mondays 10 am - 2 pm
- Thursdays 1- 5 pm
- Friday 10 am - 4 pm

Closed on Statutory holidays. All recycling is monitored. Please bring it CLEAN and DRY.

Free Store: Spring/Summer Hours April 1 - Oct 31st

- Monday 10 am – 2 pm
- Thursday 1 - 5 pm

Please respect the signs. Practice social distancing. Go in the front door and leave through the back. Drop donations during open hours so they can be quarantined.

Ginja requests you drop off outstanding items only i.e. clean, usable clothing and household items. Please, NO food, garbage, recycling, TV's, soft foam, batteries, electrical devices, mattresses or hazardous materials ie: chemicals, fluorescent light tubes, prescription/non-prescription drugs, or pills in general.

Recycle BC Website: recyclebc.ca/what-can-i-recycle

Return-It Beverage Depot open 24/7 Front left of Free Store. Accepts refundable beverage containers: beer, cider, pop, coconut water cans, boxed wine cartons (leave them intact), water jugs and tetra juice packs. No, milk containers and any kind of glass - please take these to the recycling depot.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions for me and the Let's Talk Trash team please get in touch! Jennyv@lasqueti.ca or 8601



Nursing Clinic located at the Judith Fisher Centre
Email address: LasquetiHealthCentre@gmail.com
Nurse: Dianne McClure RN/MN
Cell: 250-240-5712 Home: 250-752-7419
Clinic phone (during clinic hours): 250-333-8891
Hours: Drop in Thursday from 11:00am–3:00pm

CLINIC DATES:

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Dr. McClure (Larry) thought he would complete his discussion on “tests”. We learned last month how a test performs depends on the

characteristics of the test as well as the prevalence or the likelihood of the disease.

How can we improve diagnostic accuracy?

First we can adjust the test.

Many tests have cut off points that can be shifted to improve the sensitivity (fewer false negatives) of the test however this will often result in lowering the specificity (more false positives).

The choice on where to place cut off points depends on the relative importance of balancing not detecting people with the disease versus labeling people who actually DO NOT have the disease as being positive for the disease.

In the case of COVID testing it would appear that a decision was made to maximize the sensitivity of the test in order to detect all cases for the purposes of quarantine and contact tracing.

A second way to improve the diagnostic accuracy is to combine tests to increase the likelihood of having the disease. Again if we look at COVID testing here in BC, people were directed to a clinical questionnaire (which is a form of a test). Only those that tested positive on the questionnaire were advised to test for COVID. Use of the clinical questions (questionnaire) to decide on who should test effectively increased the likelihood of having Covid in those being sent for testing and therefore the performance of the test. Some provinces allowed people without symptoms to test but we are now all aware given the low likelihood of disease in this group the test would not perform well in these circumstances.

A brief note on rapid tests; They almost always have lower sensitivity and specificity than regular tests which makes it difficult to use a rapid test on asymptomatic (people without symptoms) with a low likelihood of disease. They produce a high number of false positives.

If you have further questions please feel free to contact Larry or myself.

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Spring!

Best, Larry and Dianne



This summer LINC and partners will be starting a significant Restoration and Research project at the Mt. Trematon Reserve. This five-year project includes four large fenced areas to increase biodiversity. Thanks to the goodwill and planning of the Gordon family and expertise of forest conservation specialist, Cora Skaen, plus support and some financing from the Islands Trust Conservancy, we can look forward to seeing the results of this scientific study and restoration project over time.

Volunteers Needed! Come help with the Mt. Trematon Restoration and Research project! On June 12 or 13th a small crew of Katimavik young folks will be at Mt. Trematon to begin the installation of an enclosure. More help is needed to construct this experimental research and restoration fence. Lunch provided. Call or email Hilary Duinker to sign up Haze3@rocketmail.com or linc@lasqueti.ca.

Another Spurge Purge organized by Hilary and Marti Wendt is planned for June 27th. Call Marti 333-8879 or email linc@lasqueti.ca to confirm your attendance and to ensure you get another great LINC lunch thanks to local caterers.

Our recent Annual General Meeting took place May 12th. Minutes are posted on our current website at <https://lasqueti.ca/LINC>. We are very grateful to our members and donors and all you wonderful volunteers for another very successful year. You made things happen, as we completed the Salish View Trail, Salish View Restoration planting and fencing, did three Spurge Purges, caged more trees at Mt. Trematon, supported SeaChange's great debris clean up and planting

of over 700 eelgrass shoots in Scottie Bay, and published three newsletters and six Seen in Passing photojournals (while we were restricted from gathering together). Wow thank you! We still need financial support for the Trematon project, and for our other conservation and education projects planned for the rest of the year. We will be creating a new Strategic Plan in the fall, and we will be seeking your input. The community is invited to join LINC, donate, help volunteer on our projects, or call us to see how your special skills can help us steward and conserve Lasqueti and surrounding islands and waters.

To contact LINC or to get involved in our projects: email linc@lasqueti.ca, phone (250) 333 8754, or talk to any of the Directors - listed on our page at Lasqueti.ca.

VET CLINIC ON LASQUETI

There will be a Vet clinic on island with Jana on Saturday, June 25th, 2021. Call Sue Taylor for appointment: 250-240-8772

It is important to note that we do not have a practicing Veterinarian on island on a regular basis. When Jana is here, it is her time off. However if she is on island and it is a true emergency, she will make herself available, remembering, there is very little she can actually do here without a clinic, and will usually end up having to send the animal over anyway. The only way to reach Jana is through Sue Taylor.

MONTHLY MEDICINAL PLANTS

My medicinal plant for the month of June is Mullein. This introduced European plant is now widespread all over North America. It is abundant on Lasqueti in any dry rocky area. Mullein is a biennial, growing a basal rosette of leaves in the first year, then in the second year the tall stalk and flowers appear. Many people know of the medicinal uses of its leave and flowers, but there

are some lesser know properties of the root that I have found the most useful of all. All parts can be used as a tea or tinctured, and the flowers can be infused in oil.

The leaves are great for lung congestion and dry hollow coughs. They are expectorant, helping to bring up old phlegm as well as being moistening and soothing to the lungs. It is great to drink the tea also for asthma, allergies, or when there are airborne irritants like smog or forest fires. It is best to strain the tea very well, as there are tiny fine hairs that some people find irritating.

Mullein flowers are commonly infused into oil to be used for ear infections. They are antiinflammatory, painkilling and move congested lymph in the ear canal. This oil can also be effective for facial nerve pain. To make an oil, pick a bunch of the flowers, let them wilt for a day to lose some of their moisture, and then cover with oil in a jar and let sit in the sun for 2 weeks. It is best to leave the lid open a bit or cover with cloth to allow moisture to escape.

Mullein root is best dug up in the spring of first year plants, the second year roots are too dry and woody. It has two specific uses. First, it helps with urinary incontinence or lack of urinary control. It helps to strengthen and tone the sphincters of the urinary tract and acts as a soothing diuretic, increasing volume but decreasing frequency of urination. In this capacity it is useful in bladder infections, Interstitial Cystitis, Benign Prostate Hyperplasia, or just in people who find they need to get up and pee too many times in the night. The other use for mullein root is for nerve pain, especially in the spine. It supports the connective tissue and synovial fluid and is anti-inflammatory to the nervous system. I have seen it be really effective for back pain when nothing else has seemed to help.

Go ahead and harvest some of this abundant plant, and if you have any questions you can contact me at: hydrax23@gmail.com. Thanks for reading, Jessica Slavik, Clinical Herbalist.

SILENT AUCTION FOR LASQUETI ISLAND ANIMAL FUND

Want to Showcase Your Art or advertise your Services and Help Lasqueti pets in need at the same time ?

The Lasqueti Animal Aid Fund has been providing funds, when needed, for over 20 years now, sometimes helping with Veterinary costs, spaying, neutering, paying for pet food or medicine when necessary. They also put on an annual Vet clinic here on island for basic check ups, vaccinations and such and carry cat wormer.

It has happened a few times in recent years that they have regretfully had to refuse a request for help due to lack of funds and I want to try to help with that. The pot is almost empty and there are many more Lasqueti pets that need assistance.

I am organizing a **Silent Auction at the Arts Centre from Thursday, June 10th, 2021 until Wednesday June 23rd, 2021** in the hopes of replenishing the fund so that more animals in need can be helped. I am hoping that many of you wonderful, creative artists have been quietly making an abundance of art over this last crazy year and maybe you're running out of wall space? Or you would like to remind the community of the services you can provide? If so, please consider donating a piece of artwork or something sellable for our auction - maybe it's a painting, maybe it's a \$50 voucher for your business services, maybe it's a Dozen eggs a week until your chickens get tired of popping them out?!

The idea is to have lots of art on the walls of the arts centre that we can go and enjoy and bid on (observing Covid precautions) and also having a

variety of services and fun random items to bid on too.

Everything will have a "minimum bid" chosen by the donor and hopefully there will be lots of fun and interest, popping back to see if the bid you have placed is still in the lead or not 🤖

For those of you who may not be able or comfortable with leaving your home, I will take virtual or phone bids and will update accordingly.

Thanks!

Sylvia: 250 937 1404

sylviadublin@hotmail.com is my personal email, for any e-transfers. I have talked to one of the founders of the LIAF and they have agreed its best to use my email but there will be full transparency after the auction if anybody wants to view the account.

CHANGES TO THE LASQUETI EMERGENCY DISPATCH

The long-awaited single number and live operator emergency dispatch system is in the final stages of implementation. There is now a signed agreement between qathet Regional District and Sudbury Northern911.

The proposed start date is June 8, 2021. Once in effect, emergencies will be reported via a single 10-digit toll free number. The Northern911 operator will take all the details and reroute as required (medical, fire, etc.) while simultaneously alerting the Lasqueti Island Volunteer Officers and Response Coordinators.

LIVFD personnel will then page in and be deployed in accordance with current protocols. This is a preliminary notice about the upcoming changes. More information will be sent out as we confirm the final implementation date. Throughout this process the existing Contact Numbers will continue to function.

Richard Carlson, LIVFD Fire Chief

UPDATE FROM THE ARTS COUNCIL

Starting in June we will be opening the gallery doors once again following all current Covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.

The updated guidelines released on Tuesday have stipulated that we can also host low impact activity in the gallery again, so please reach out if you would like to use the gallery in June for your yoga, dance, etc class.

We will start off the season with a fundraiser for the Lasqueti Animal Aid Fund organized by Sylvia Saint. Any artists who would like to participate can give her a call, you can reach her at 250 937 1404.

Group Show: We are dreaming up a group show for July 1st. All are welcome to bring forward work that inspires reflection and renewal. What are you inviting or welcoming into your life? We are open to all forms of expression. E-mail arts@lasqueti.ca if you would like to participate.

Calling All Artists To Prepare: Depending on what restrictions are in at the time place I am hoping to go forward with a small outdoor art gathering, where we can share poetry, music, acts, and installation work. This will be a ticketed event hopefully set in late July. Location is yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more updates online. If you'd like to be involved or want to add your name to the list of creators and players, call Violet at 250-607-1619 or e-mail us at arts@lasqueti.ca

If you would like to book the gallery for a show contact Valeria at valeriapainting@gmail.com Cant wait to see what you've been creating soon!

Violet Rosehart - Lasqueti Arts Council President

JFC NEWS - FINISHING THE ELDERDUPLEX WE CAN DO IT, THANKS TO YOU!

Only 2 weeks remain in our window of matching opportunity — let's pass our \$35K milestone before our June 15th deadline. All donations doubled! To all of you who have contributed thus far, we are so grateful. It's so great to see a combination of long-term familiar faces, people who grew up here and moved away but still feel closely connected, and

enthusiastic newcomers who have embraced the community goals, all pitching in to build this housing. Thanks to you, we are now within \$5000 of our original goal. Wow!!

Thanks to you we may be able to finish these homes this year. But construction costs are rising fast, and we still need help to reach our target. If we exceed our goal, all remaining donations will be saved in a fund to build the next elder cottage. The vision is for an energy-efficient neighbourhood of several independent dwellings, spaced around the beautiful garden maintained by Wendy S., Rena, and many other volunteers. Here's how you can help us make the vision a reality:

E-transfer to healthcentre@lasqueti.ca — if possible, send a separate email giving your security question answer, including capitalization. Include your mailing address so we can send your tax receipt and our gratitude.

Cheques can be written to: Lasqueti Last Resort Society, and dropped in the mail to: LLRS, Lasqueti BC, V0R2J0

Credit cards and PayPal can be used on our website: judithfishercentre.com. Just click the yellow "DONATE" button.

To donate in memory of, or in tribute to a loved one, note this on your donation, or email healthcentre@lasqueti.ca for details.

Every dollar donated to this campaign goes directly to pay for building materials, fixtures, local tradespeople and machine work. The management of the project is 100% volunteer, thanks to our expert and dedicated Building Committee. Shirley, Wendy, Doane, Ray, Vic, Tom, and Gwen have been working tirelessly behind the scenes, analyzing every detail and stage with an eye to keeping costs low while ensuring a well-built, lasting, liveable result. When possible, they have arranged donated skilled labour as well.

This duplex will serve a long succession of Lasqueti elders, including those who are young now, but will have their turn as elders in good time. Coming together to build this housing, we invest together in

Lasqueti's future. We want to provide a soft landing for those who need it. The Lasquetians on our waiting list need that place to land now, so let's finish this building and move them in!

Maintenance and COVID updates

As springtime warms up at the Last Resort, the wood-fired boiler has been shut down for the season and our firewood for next year is being split and stacked. In this season, our maintenance employees no longer have to come in every day to ensure the buildings stay warm, and have transitioned to a sparser summer schedule focusing on preventative maintenance and tending to the buildings and grounds. We are fortunate to have the skills of Gabe D., James C., and Peter S. all joining us in some capacity to keep everything in good working order, in addition to Bob K. who is taking a well-deserved summer off.

If you were vaccinated during the COVID-19 whole-community vaccination clinics at the JFC (or if you missed that opportunity but want the shots), please make sure to REGISTER with Island Health by signing up at [GetVaccinated.gov.bc.ca](https://getvaccinated.gov.bc.ca) or calling 1-833-838-2323. If you don't register, you may not be contacted for a second appointment in the next whole-community clinic. Two doses of the vaccine are required to be considered fully vaccinated.

We are also pleased that our new contract with Island Health includes increased funding for cleaning of the health centre, so we can stay current with COVID-19 protocols thanks to the excellent care of Kathie G. If you are coming to see the nurse and forget your mask, we have extras available in the waiting room. Nurse Dianne is still requesting everyone call ahead for an appointment when possible (250-240-5712), so we can follow our COVID safety plan and get everyone in and out of the clinic without congestion.

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JUNE NEWS FROM FALSE BAY PROVISIONS

Hi everyone, another month has whirled by and here we are with the summer coming up quickly. We hope you are all enjoying the milder weather and getting outside, gardening, boating, biking and making the most of your time here. We have a few things going on, so here we go...

Thank You for Our 6th Anniversary Take Out BBQ

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Take Out BBQ on Saturday May 22nd to celebrate our 6th Anniversary of opening False Bay Provisions. Extra special thanks to all the volunteers that put their time and energy into making it happen. You are all hugely appreciated.

It was a gorgeous day and there were many smiles and laughter. We hope you enjoyed your meals and really welcomed the chance to visit with you and your families. Every year brings new and old friends together and it was a pleasure to see you all!

Provisions 4th Annual Writers Reading, Friday May 25th

On Friday, June 25th we are going to hold our 4th Annual Writers Reading in the afternoon. Laurence Fisher will open the readings and new or previous contributors and writers are invited to share their stories or poems on our stage. More information and details will be released in the week prior to the event and the format is subject to change based on permissions given. To be put on the list to read contact us during opening hours. Proceeds for entry will go to the Lasqueti Arts Council. We are all excited to hear what tales and sagas have been woven. This year, dust off your pens and keyboards and share what is on your mind.

Art Showings This Summer

Calling all artists! Openings are available for artists to show their new works in July and August. Please contact us if you would like to display your art. Summer is the time when the most people will be able to view it. There is currently a showing of paintings for display and sale from Mary Mcrae. Contact us if you are interested in being next on the list.

Indoor Dining Resumes at Provisions

On May 24th, the provincial government announced B.C.'s Restart Program. We can now return to indoor dining. This means you may come in to eat with a group of up to 6 of your family or friends, sanitize your hands, place your order, sit down and remove your mask. At present masks are going to be mandatory until at least July 1st. The moment things change you can be sure we will let you know.

You are always welcome to phone in your order for pick up or order from the window if you prefer. June tends to be a little chilly and rainy at times so the main reason we are doing this is so those who wish to be warm inside have that option. We have strived to be gentle and compassionate about asking everyone to follow these guidelines and will continue to do so. Thank you for being so patient and understanding while we continue to serve you!

Provide Food Bank

We are looking for donations of non-perishable food for the False Bay Food Bank. If you have an abundance of grains, legumes, pantry supplies, canned goods, shelf stable vegetables or fruit please contact us at 250 333 8558. Fresh produce is also really helpful but requires immediate distribution so please let us know if there is something you are considering giving but are not sure if it meets the requirements. Thank you so much, it is all really helpful and well received by those who need it.

Take Out Tuesdays continue on May 15th

We are going to offer a special take-out dinner again on the 15th. This month's theme and cuisine are going to be a surprise so just prepare to be spoiled and have dinner made for you in advance. Menus will be posted ahead of time so you can ask more questions when you see them posted. .

Lasqueti Lifeline Fundraising Launch for Food Security and Provisions

Last month we went into great detail to explain what we have accomplished via the Lifeline project. Since then, we have had more conversations with David and Laura, who were the original founders of the project. They are going to continue to support the project so we can continue to support those in need. Thank you to those who have already generously contributed this month.

Last year a total of \$13,576 was raised for Lasqueti Lifeline and in May's issue we detailed where it went and how it was spent. This year our goal is to exceed that amount with hopes of doubling it. We plan to accomplish that through direct donations and a series of fundraisers. We are going to follow the same format with the bulk of the money going directly to the Provide passive food bank and direct assistance to individuals, boxes of food to specific individuals and families, 'pay what you can' groceries, and subsidizing meals for those who cannot afford them. This month, the need has been steady and for some, growing bigger.

The rising of food prices as well as fuel and other costs of living going up are part of that and we anticipate it to continue. The remainder of the funds will go towards the running costs of Provisions as our costs have also risen and our customer base has been greatly reduced as a result of the events caused by the pandemic and all of the effects it has brought on the islands residents, visitors, and its economy.

You can donate to the Lasqueti Lifeline in the following ways:

- send a cheque to False Bay Provisions Inc. at Lasqueti Island, General Delivery, VOR 2JO
- stop by the store to donate in person, by debit or credit card or by credit card over the phone.

For those of you who want to help but are not in a position to offer money or simply wish to contribute in a different way we are going to be holding a Goods and Services Auction in July.

An auction list is going to be set up directly on the wall at Provisions to pledge your offering or you can call or email us to add it for you. The auction itself will be online for everyone's convenience but you will be able to add or bid on items via phone or email too. Everything helps and based on last years donations we are confident that this years efforts will be a success as well. We are all so supportive of each other and making these types of miracles happen as a community when needed is always possible.

In the meantime, you can expect the same smiling service when you come in as usual and we are going to continue to offer every single bit of support we can to you all.

Thank you for allowing us to continue to serve the island, we look forward to feeding you soon. Wishing you a warm and wonderful June.

all of our best, False Bay Provisions

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~ Barbara De Angelis ~

Hello Community!

I want to say thank you very much for all the support I received in taking on (back?) the "new" newsletter. That being said I have been busy updating the new website and have added some new features, including a subscription option for those who may like to receive the newsletter straight into their Inbox. The subscription will include a downloadable and printable .pdf if you prefer to print it out and read it on paper instead of screen. There is also a Paypal button on the website if you wish to donate.

2020 was a very challenging year, in many ways for all of us, and I was no exception. I had no idea the toll grief can take on a person. It's been almost 1 year since the passing of my brother and though I know the hole in my heart can never be filled, I have come to the point of acceptance. I truly appreciate those that offered kind words of condolence, in writing and in person. Lasqueti is definitely a caring community.

Regarding the newsletter if you have any questions, comments or suggestions of what you would like to see in it, please don't hesitate to contact me. I would love to add new content. And **please remember the website (www.lasquetilocal.ca) is accessible 24/7 so you can send in your submission at any time and I will put it on the site within 24 hours.** Thank you much!

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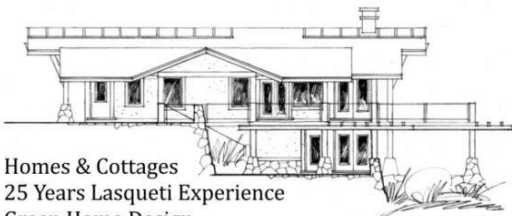
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