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## Overcrowding plagues St. Mary's Hospital

by Jane Seyd

Two months after St. Mary's Hospital closed its second floor because of budget restraints, all acute care beds are full and doctors are now being forced to put patients out in the hallway.

Dr. Robert Lehman, chief of medical staff for the hospital, said for the last two weeks, between two and four patients have had to sleep out in the hall because all other beds are full.

Lehman said doctors are "pretty upset"

about the situation.

"That to me is degrading — for someone to have to sleep in the hallway in a modern hospital," he said.

Lehman said doctors have also started a list of patients who they would normally admit to the hospital, but have not admitted because no beds are available. He said five or six people were on the list last week.

In August, St. Mary's was forced to close down its entire second floor as a

cost-cutting measure, because the hospital faced a budget deficit of half a million dollars.

The number of acute care beds was then reduced to 33 from 38.

Lehman said the hospital managed to deal with the situation in the summer, but added St. Mary's usually starts filling up in colder months because illnesses such as respiratory infections are more common in winter.

There is also a continuing problem of

long-term care patients who can't be looked after at home occupying acute care beds at the hospital because long-term care beds are also full, he said.

"We can't magically make beds appear," said Lehman. "I really don't know what's going to happen."

But he added it's unlikely the bed shortage will mean patients get moved down to hospitals in the Lower Mainland: "The situation isn't any better anywhere else."

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## Wilkinson speaks out on forestry

by Sandra Smith

It was a crisp autumn day. A wind had cleared the sky and we could almost see our breath. In a huddle on the side of the road we competed for the warmth of the sunbeams.

More than fifty of us—children, dogs, environmentalists, media and a few foresters—had convoyed up the gravel logging road and trudged our way to the "demo" cut block near the top of Mt. Elphinstone.

We formed a circle around the elderly gentleman in the tweed hat and gumboots. It was his story we'd come to hear.

Longtime forester Merv Wilkinson has been selectively logging his own 136 acre forest on Vancouver Island for 46 years.

He was speaking to locals last Thursday, Oct. 27 on invitation from the Elphinstone Living Forest Society and the Ragging Grannies.

Wilkinson took one long look at cut block A36909 — tall trees of the same species stood intermittently 20 and 30 feet apart — and he predicted its dark future.

"It's not sustainable because these trees are all uniform age and all more or less in line... There's too few trees left for one thing and there's too high a risk for blow down. There's too much sunlight on the ground for regeneration—seedlings don't want direct light, they want filtered light... Now you're back to square one where you are fighting to have a forest established when you could have maintained the one that was here."

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Forester Merv Wilkinson of Vancouver Island explains his practice of sustainable selective logging while touring the BC Forest Service's demonstration cutblock with the public up Grauman Road in Roberts Creek.

Joel Johnstone photo

## No moratorium on frustration at Elphie LRUP

by Darah Hansen

There is no need for a halt to logging activities in the Mount Elphinstone forest while the area is under land use review.

That's the message from Sunshine Coast forest district manager, Greg Hemphill, who has flatly refused repeated calls for a moratorium on logging in the area from local community groups currently working on the Mount Elphinstone Land Resource Use Plan (LRUP).

Spokespeople for the community groups say the moratorium is essential in the LRUP process to give the Ministry of Forests incentive to talk seriously about forest resource issues beyond logging.

The groups also say they're concerned continued logging activities in the area will limit the long-term goals of LRUP process — geared to determine the best uses for the forest area under review.

"We question whether there has been sufficient consideration given to the effects which the proposed activity(ies) will have on forest values," the groups wrote in a letter to the Ministry of Forests, dated Oct. 7, 1994.

But Hemphill — who as dis-



trict manager has the authority to impose a moratorium in the study area — says a moratorium isn't necessary.

"As long as I'm comfortable that we're protecting the other resource values (in the area), I don't see the need for a moratorium," he said in an interview last week.

Logging in the Mount Elphinstone area includes several cut-blocks planned under a provincial research project aimed at

studying the effects and efficiency of a variety of logging methods, and the small business enterprise program.

Two clearcut blocks in the area's high elevation old growth forest have been scheduled to be tendered next year as part of the small business enterprise program.

Meanwhile, frustration continues to reign around the Mount Elphinstone LRUP table.

At a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 26, discussions centred around the availability of information specific to the LRUP area.

At the meeting, LRUP committee members questioned the ministry's commitment to providing relevant information to the process.

Forest Watch representative Adrian Belshaw told forestry representative and committee chair Brian Smart the Freedom of Information Act was being "abused" by the ministry.

"It's not there to stop people from getting routine information," Belshaw said. In an inter-

view outside the meeting, Belshaw said he's had to apply through the Freedom of Information Act several times in an effort to get information as basic as

knowing the size of the area currently under study by the LRUP.

"They are not unreasonable requests given that we want to know what's going on," he said.

For his part, Smart said the option to go through Freedom of Information process was offered as a means of ensuring the questions get answered.

"You can ask me but I can't guarantee when I can get to it," he said.

Other problems mentioned at Wednesday's meeting focussed on the availability of the library and resource materials at the ministry's office on Field Road in Wilson Creek.

Smart said he would ensure the materials would be available to committee members during working hours.

The Mount Elphinstone LRUP plans to meet next mid-November.

A press release issued by the Ministry of Education states the addition will "provide space for 150 students when the project is completed, for a total of 550 students."

However, since the original application for funding was made in the fall of 1992, Chatelech's population has grown past that already and currently stands at 590 students.

The overflow of 200 students is currently housed in six portable classrooms.

Tim Anderson, secretary-treasurer for the school district, said he expects the school's population to rise to 1,000 students by the year 2000.

"We will be overfull again by the time this is built. In effect, the portables just won't leave there," Anderson said.

He says he hopes the ministry's final letter of approval will arrive in November and the project will go to tender early in 1995. If that happens, construction should be completed by September of 1996, he said.

Anderson said it looks as though the Chatelech project will coincide with the Elphinstone project for which trustees are also awaiting a final ministerial letter of approval.

Together, the two projects total more than \$6 million of construction which "may be a plus for companies that want to bid on both projects," he said.

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The Coast now has two conservation officers — Doug Pierce (left) and newly arrived Chris Doyle.

Joel Johnstone photo

## New conservation officer ready to wrestle with bad news bears

by Darah Hansen

There are two names on the door of the Sunshine Coast conservation office these days.

Veteran conservation officer Doug Pierce has been joined recently by Chris Doyle, a new arrival from Alberta.

Doyle, 27, beat out several applicants for the job after it was posted by the Ministry of Environment earlier this year.

Doyle's experience includes three years as a national park ranger in Jasper, Alberta before coming to the Sunshine Coast. Prior to that, he worked in the same province as a provincial park ranger.

In his two weeks on the job, Doyle said bears

are the biggest problem he's encountered so far.

"I'm surprised at the amount of bears...it really seems they're a legitimate complaint," he said.

Other problems Doyle says he's had to deal with relate to illegal salmon jigging in Chapman Creek.

The two conservation officers will share regular duties of wildlife protection, fisheries protection, waste management enforcement and dealing with problem wildlife.

They will also be expected to enforce the new Forest Practices Code.

"The code is going to take a large portion of our time. It's the big push right now," Pierce said.

## Deadline approaching for Coast Protected Areas Strategy designation

by Sandra Smith

This winter is the last chance for input from the Sunshine Coast before 12 per cent of the Lower Mainland region gets preserved under BC's Protected Areas Strategy, according to the Ministry of Forests.

The Lower Mainland Regional Protected Areas Team (RPAT) responsible for designation on the Sechelt peninsula will hold a final public review of their recommended study areas before submitting them to provincial cabinet this winter.

The cabinet must approve them by March 31, the deadline having been extended from the original December 31 deadline, said Graham Boothroyd, a forester with the Ministry and a member of the RPAT.

The Lower Mainland RPAT is a 10-member committee comprised of four members from the Ministry of Forests, three from the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, one from the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture, one from Parks Canada and one from the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources.

They will recommend that 18 per cent (approximately 848,000 hectares) of the Lower Mainland region be designated as "study areas" and have until December, 1995 to narrow that down to the ultimate 12 per cent.

The Lower Mainland region encompasses the south-western corner of BC, stretching from

Vancouver up the mainland coast to Bute Inlet, south-east to include Pemberton and the entire lower and mid-Fraser Valley.

"We're going to shoot for 18 per cent (study areas)-based on the region as a whole," said John Van Hove of BC Environment, a member of the team.

**The whole idea is to protect as much of an area as we can'**

—John Van Hove

Some land-use restrictions will apply on sites which become study areas, he said.

"The whole idea is to protect as much of an area as we can in the interim while the decisions are being made so we don't compromise any of the values that are there," Van Hove said.

But fellow team member Boothroyd downplayed the restrictions outlined in the government's Interim Management Guidelines.

"It just prevents any new industry and commercial development within a study area. If there are tenures in existence — leases or licences — those will continue," Boothroyd said.

He offered a hypothetical example of a foreshore booming ground operation and said it would be allowed to continue within a study area "as long as there was no damage being

done."

He admitted new mining, forestry or industrial operations might get in under the wire if their licences were granted before March when local study areas are designated.

It's too early to tell what sites will be designated on the Sunshine Coast, Boothroyd said.

The team has received more than 500 protected area proposals from the public, industry, government and environmental groups in the region. Eighteen of those have come from the Sunshine Coast.

In addition to both federal and provincial government ministries, local proponents include the Canadian Wildlife Service, the Council of BC Yacht Clubs, the Forestry Community, Friends of Caren, Gambier Island Trust Committee, the Howe Sound Scientific Advisory Committee, Inland Seaside Corridor Supporters, Maria Hunter, Marine Workshop, Phil Makow, Sargent Bay Society, Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), Tuwanek Ratepayers Association and the Western Canada Wilderness Committee.

"We're currently going through the rating process now and ultimately there is no way I can even speculate what will end up in the 18 per cent (of the region)," Boothroyd said.

He added the Tetrahedron was a very strong candidate.

The Inland Seaside Corridors supporters presented their proposal to the SCRD's Foresore Advisory Task Force at an Oct. 12 meeting. The presentation will be made again to SCRD board members on Nov. 10.

## LRUP process ends with final meeting

by Jane Seyd

After four years of discussion on the contentious Tetrahedron Plateau, members of the Local Resource Use Plan (LRUP) team dotted the i's and crossed the t's on their final report this week and packed up their papers.

The final meeting of the group, held Tuesday evening, marked the end of the local public consultation process on the area, in which environmentalists, community members and logging companies argued over if — or how much of — the Tetrahedron's old-growth forest should be conserved.

In an agreement announced earlier this year, the group is recommending preservation of 87 per cent of the study area, including the Chapman Bowl and an area near Edwards Lake which International Forest Products originally planned to log.

On the remaining 13 per cent of land, which includes the most western portion near Tannis and Batchelor lakes, team members have agreed to disagree.

The final fate of the Tetrahedron will now be decided by the provincial Protected Areas Strategy. A government spokesperson said a decision will likely be made by early 1995.

On Tuesday night, environmentalists in the group seemed mostly pleased with the results of the local process, while forest industry representatives appeared more subdued.

Members of the LRUP planning team spent almost four hours going over a draft copy of the final report, raising arguments over wording on issues such as marbled murrelet populations, water quality deterioration and the area's status as a watershed reserve.

In several instances, wording changes proposed by the forest service were strongly opposed by planning team members, who said the alterations would water down whitewash concerns.

Following the meeting, Tetrahedron Alliance member George Smith said the community had no choice but to go through the often frustrating and cumbersome LRUP process because that was the only method of public consultation offered.

"A lot of us have learned a lot about how our area is administered," he said.

He added he would like to see a similar process set up for the entire Sunshine Coast, rather than dealing with areas such as Mount Elphinstone and the Caren Range separately.

Asked why the contentious 13 per cent of land is important to environmentalists, Smith said, "It's not that significant to the logging economy and it's very significant to our watershed."

From the industry side of the table, Dave Bebb of Canadian Forest Products commented, "It's been a bit of an exercise in frustration."

Bebb said it was clear to most LRUP members what could be agreed on two or three years ago, but "people took a real long time to realize we couldn't go further than we did."

Dave Lasser, Interfor's new manager for the Sunshine Coast, said the company would have to live with whatever decision is finally reached by government.

Asked who came out ahead at the end of the LRUP process Lasser commented, "I think there's a lot of happy people around the table. That in itself explains who won."

Over 30 reports from the LRUP, including ones on forestry, jobs, water, recreation and wildlife values plus dissenting opinions, rebuttals and technical studies will be sent on to the provincial government at the end of this week.

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## news

# Mill smell regarded as 'just a nuisance'

by Darah Hansen

It's really just a nuisance. That's what officials with the Ministry of Environment are calling a recent problem at the Howe Sound Pulp and Paper mill that has resulted in the daily emission of odorous sulphur gas pollution.

Ministry spokesman Cory Legebokow said the mill emissions are currently being monitored by his office, with results showing the level of gases as within the mill's permitted level.

"This is more of a nuisance issue versus one of environmental concern," Legebokow said.

The problem at the mill began in mid-October after work crews — carrying out some routine repair work — discovered seri-

ous erosion occurring in the mill's boiler, Al Strang, environment superintendent at the mill, said.

Extensive repairs to the boiler have forced its shutdown until November 29, when the work is expected to be finished, he added.

Strang said the strong "pulp mill smell" currently detectable in Gibsons is the result of the boiler's shut down.

The boiler is the second of a two-system process used at the Howe Sound mill to reduce sulphur gas emissions.

The initial system, which according to Strang removes the bulk of the gases, is still in full operation.

The Ministry of Environment has allowed the mill to emit the gases into the environment without the second system so long as it

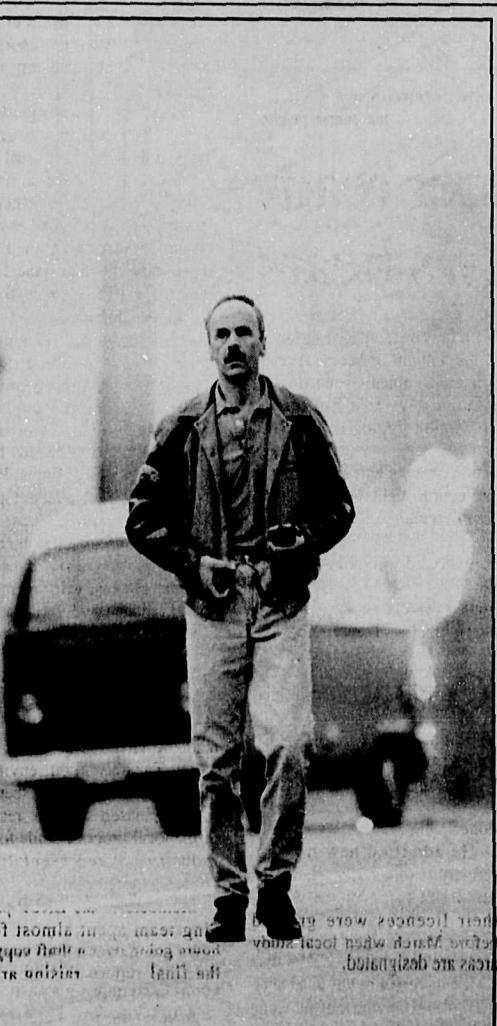
continues to meet the mill's airborne pollution permit of 20 parts per billion of total reduced sulphur, monitored on an hourly rate.

Legebokow said, so far, the mill has managed to stay within the levels of their permit, with the highest level of pollution registering at 12.9 parts per billion.

Strang said repairs to the boiler are costing the mill an estimated \$6 million.

Meanwhile, in a secondary problem related to the boiler shut down, bark and other sawmill debris is piling up at the mill site. Usually the material — up to 5,000 cubic metres daily — is used as fuel in the boiler to generate steam and electricity, Strang said.

With the boiler down, the material has had to be stockpiled.



**Hoping for help**

**Fire Chief Wally Dempster waits for the Gibsons Volunteer Fire Department crew after a failed solo attempt to squelch a Volkswagen van fire in Lower Gibsons on Gower Point Road.**

Joel Johnstone photo

## Wilkinson calls Elphinstone forest plantation 'rubbish'

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The cut block he was examining is part of a forest service study on "selective logging" taking place in Roberts Creek.

Original plans to leave 90 trees standing per hectare were not accomplished on the block. Instead, all but 60 trees were cut per hectare and that number dropped to 50 trees per hectare when the first storm blew many down.

Wilkinson said the failed attempts of the forest service may be due to the fact they have not yet defined what "selective logging" means.

Having experimented over the years, Wilkinson believes he has the recipe for success.

He emphasized the importance of diversity in working forest and the need to grow different ages and species of trees. Small-scale harvesting can then occur at regular intervals and the occasional thinning also helps the forest to thrive.

"You can only harvest your growth rate and stay in business...Otherwise you're drawing on principal. That's what you're doing when you're overcutting....If you leave 40 to 50 per cent of a stand as shelter wood...you'll have a forest you can go back into periodically," Wilkinson said.

He gets two per cent return on his own forest and agreed with a comment made that, technically, it would be safe to log water-

sheds and parks in this manner. However, he added he wouldn't recommend it "because they'll go in there and do it a different way."

Wilkinson was skeptical of academic foresters who "haven't done their footwork," he said.

"UBC teaches forest economics and forest technology but nothing about forestry."

He called nearby Mt. Elphinstone forest plantation "rubbish," blaming the practice of planting seedlings grown in dirt plugs which he said distorts the root system.

"That translates up into a distorted tree top...when a tree top goes four ways, you've lost the value of the timber. You've lost the height growth, you've lost the volume of the product and you've lost the quality of wood...that's your tax dollars wasted."

Wilkinson lets his own forest reseed itself naturally which "leaves you ahead of the game biologically."

"Even kill a tree now and then and leave it standing for woodpeckers and birds. If you have a lot of birds, you don't need chemicals," he said.

More people are now practicing good forestry in BC than he has ever known, he said, adding they are all small operators working on private land. Large forest companies are only in the business of liquidating forests, he said.

## Doctors worry about 'reality' of new directions

by Jane Seyd

Talk of community-based health care with an emphasis on illness prevention is all fine and good.

But seeing patients forced to sleep in the hallways of St. Mary's has some doctors on the Sunshine Coast worried about the reality of BC's new direction in health care.

"Obviously there's concern when we start to see the reality of the situation," said Dr. Robert Lehman, chief of medical staff for the hospital.

"We're being forced into a position of making sacrifices."

Lehman said local doctors are concerned because funding to hospitals is being cut back before alternative community services are available.

"We need to get our services in the communities up and run-

ning as soon as possible," he commented this week. "... I have a lot of worry."

"It's a major change in how our health care is going to be managed...I don't foresee a smooth road here."

So far in discussion on the government's new direction in health care, "a lot of what I'm hearing is an emphasis on wellness and prevention," said Lehman.

"I hear the assumption that never happens."

That isn't necessarily a fair assessment, he said.

"I feel that's part of my job that I already do...We don't just admit people to hospital and give them drugs and send them home."

Lehman said doctors realize the increasing cost of health care is a concern that's driving

some of the health care reforms now underway not just in BC, but across the country.

"We're in very difficult economic times and health care consumes a large part of the health care budget," he said. "It is a government decision as to where funds are going to be spent."

Recently, Mark Schonfeld, president of the BC Medical Association, which represents doctors in the province, said maybe government should allow privately-paid health care for some services along with the public system.

Schonfeld said in a press statement that according to a recent survey, a majority of doctors would support that kind of two-tiered health system.

But Lehman said the suggestion is unlikely to be popular

among most Sunshine Coast doctors.

"One of the things we identify with as Canadians is our social supports generally and our health care system in particular," he said.

"We're at the risk of destroying that if we talk about a two-tiered system."

"I wouldn't like to see that happen."

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## opinion

# Ministry of Forests...ignorance is blistering

If a tree falls, but you can't get the forest service to give you the figures documenting that it happened, does it really make a sound?

That's a question worth asking when considering issues raised by two local public consultation groups on forest management in our district. One group is the Tetrahedron Local Resource Use Plan (LRUP), which recently wrapped up discussion after four sometimes frustrating years on the fate of old growth forest in the contentious Tetrahedron Plateau.

The second is a similar LRUP still in the beginning stages of discussion on Mount Elphinstone. To say there's much to be desired in the treatment community members from both groups have received from our illustrious Ministry of Forests is putting it mildly.

Some individuals within that ministry may be making a genuine effort, but as a whole, that established bureaucracy and its overly comfy relationship with large forest companies is loathe to admit change — or public scrutiny.

In the case of both local LRUPs, there has been a rather predictable tendency on the part of the forest service to plead ignorance when faced with questions many would consider fairly basic to proper forest management. Questions like "Exactly how large is the study area?" "What's the anticipated revenue from logging it?" "Is this in a legally constituted watershed reserve?"

"I don't know" or "I don't recall" or "I'll have to get back to you on that" says the Forest Service.

Meanwhile citizens are forced to go through the Freedom of Information Act to get basic facts on areas which they are expected to discuss in an informed and intelligent manner.

Maybe the Forest Service forgot what the second word in its name actually means. Or maybe they forgot who owns most of the forest in the first place.

"I don't know" just isn't an acceptable response by the ministry, and begs the question: Why don't you know?

If the ministry does know or could find out, but just isn't willing to tell, it's nothing less than an outrage.

If it doesn't know, maybe it's time someone bothered to find out.

## St. Mary's situation anything but healthy

What's going on in our health care system these days?

On the one hand, we have a lot of hype about a new area of community-controlled service; a kinder, gentler health system, tailored to local needs.

On the other hand, we now have patients sleeping in the hallway of St. Mary's while the entire second floor of the hospital sits empty.

Yes, adapting to new ways of doing things takes time.

But meanwhile, people still get sick, still need care, and they can't always wait several years for the brave new world of New Directions.

What's needed now is decent care for people who are sick and with it, a decent environment for health care professionals who are trying to help them.

The situation now at St. Mary's is nothing less than scandalous.



## letters

### Gift horse dentistry

Your Oct. 27 edition carried an article by Darah Hansen which praised the latest Driftwood Players production *Deathtrap*. She spoke of a "smoothly-run, well-cast production" and offered congratulations to all those who had contributed to the success of this play.

What a pity that you didn't carry this review a week earlier.

All the volunteered, hard work that goes in to producing a successful play is repaid by the response from satisfied customers, but many people attended this play, not because of any encouragement from our local press, but because the word-of-mouth reviews were so outstanding.

Apart from the paid advertisements and a photo or two, not one of the local papers covered this production in time to provide potential attendees with an idea of its worth.

I believe that each newspaper was provided with free tickets and, as evidenced by Ms. Hansen's article, you have people capable of judging dramatic presentations and providing us with an objective opinion. In the past, local press reviews of Driftwood productions have been both praising and damning, which is what performers and behind-the-scenes workers would expect.

But at least, these reviews helped people to decide if they wanted to attend or not.

The fact that this was a local production using the Raven's Cry Theatre was, as Ms. Hansen pointed out, appreciated by the audience.

Whether this combination can be repeated depends on financial feasibility.

The probability can certainly be increased with the help of the local press showing an interest in such an important community enterprise and getting the word out to its readers - hopefully in time for them to attend.

COLLEEN ELSON  
Gibsons

### Thanks for the courtesy

There are kind and honest people out there.

Many thanks to the lady who so kindly picked up my purse I'd left hanging on a chair at McDonald's Restaurant Sunday and turned it in to the staff there. And many thanks to the staff who kept it for me.

Five minutes down the road I realized it was missing and turned back in the vain hope that it might still be hanging there or that someone had turned it in. Well, the hope was not in vain. Thank you once again.

CYNTHIA BREWIS  
Roberts Creek

### Exception taken

I am writing to take exception to the front page headline and story in the Oct. 17 issue of the Coast News "SCRD bypasses public in Creek rezoning."

It is misleading to say the public has been bypassed when

you refer to the five acre lot along the highway in Roberts Creek.

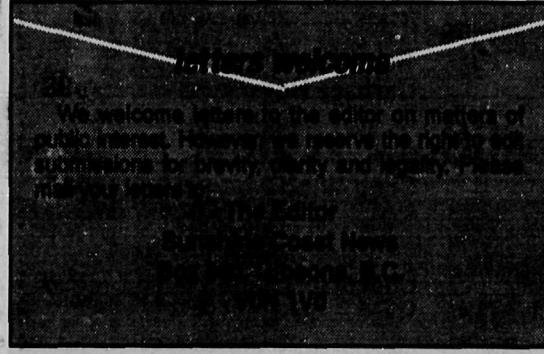
You don't mention that it is the Pen Hotel and that not only is the zoning recommendation consistent with the Official Community Plan (which was developed by those members of the public who took the time to meet together for one and a half years), but it is also consistent with the previous Official Settlement Plan (which was also developed by members of the public) and goes back 14 years.

And further, an official public hearing was held in the Roberts Creek hall regarding this specific piece of property and the majority of residents spoke in favour of supporting the recommendations of the Official Community Plan.

Unfortunately for Mr. Hyuron, many residents in the neighbourhood of the Pen Hotel feel that their property is devalued by his establishment and the kind of "entertainment" that he features.

Given that both the Official Settlement Plan of 1980 and the current Official Community Plan were developed by committees made up of members of the public at large and that a public hearing was held within the past year on the issue of the zoning designation of the Pen Hotel property, I submit that the public has not been bypassed.

CAROL ANN GLOVER  
Roberts Creek



## A benevolent dictator daydreams of universal decrees

**With authority figures.**

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would make higher education a whole lot easier, and cheaper, to attain...for that matter, I'd chuck out the whole system of education we currently have in our schools and rebuild it using suggestions from parents, teachers and students — absolutely no politicians invited even if they fit into the aforementioned categories.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would lower rents as well as the price of housing so people, just average people, could afford to enjoy their lives rather than scrounge by month to month. Oh, and I'd probably order the dismantling of all the big houses too and make people live in more modest surroundings.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would make everyone recycle their tin cans and only buy unbleached toilet paper.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would pay hockey players a whole lot less money and give community newspaper reporters a whole lot more respect (just thought I'd throw that in for what it's worth).

Okay...it's your turn. Just start with the sentence "If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would..." Just because it's a dream doesn't mean it can't come true.

### pillow talk

#### darah hansen

kibitzes just weren't things I was immediately familiar with.)

The island was a bust, of course, and my days of university are long over, taking with it some of my more grandioses ideals.

But, against all odds, there's still a significant pocket of my soul that harbours allusions of being BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE. I admit, I've grown significantly more tired over the years, and my ideas to "change the world" have had to be scaled down accordingly.

Now instead of ridding the world of all laws, if I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would only get rid of most of them...thereby allowing people to focus on what's really important rather than niggle over piddley things that serve clog up our minds (and have served to get me in trouble when I argue their use

Back in my university days — not so very long ago — my friends and I used to spend what seems now to have been an enormous amount of time (avoiding classes) hanging out, depending on the time of day, in smoky cafes and pubs and discussing, as is the university student's want to do, how we would "change the world."

"Changing the world" was never too big a concept for the idealistic, self-righteous, newly educated kids that we were. "Changing the world" was just something we thought — knew — we should do, given the opportunity.

We kind of made a game of it. For instance, when discussing how we would "change the world" all suggestions had to start with the phrase: "If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would..." Then we'd just fill in the blanks.

If it were our turn as BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, we were each capable of doing anything.

Looking back on it now, I can't remember half the battles we were ready to wage. I vaguely recall rabid talk of the steal-from-the-rich-give-to-the-poor variety as well as other forms of Robin Hood socialism.

And at one point we were going to set up this sort of Star Trek reality on an sunny-sandy island. It was to be the makings of our own little universe.



On the island — where one of us would be reigning BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE, though we were never sure who — we were going to dispose of politics, laws, and replace the various monies of the world with a single universal monetary source which, I remember, was to be called "the bone" — someone suggested we use dog biscuits and, for reasons only university students and other silly people can understand, we stuck with it.

On the island, we were going to work together in accordance with our own warped notion of Socratic philosophy and, in a pacifistic kind of way, let beautiful anarchy, along with coconut juice, reign supreme.

(Our island was not a totally new concept, I know that now. But I was a kid from the deep-freeze of Edmonton, Alberta — communes and

with authority figures).

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would make higher education a whole lot easier, and cheaper, to attain...for that matter, I'd chuck out the whole system of education we currently have in our schools and rebuild it using suggestions from parents, teachers and students — absolutely no politicians invited even if they fit into the aforementioned categories.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would lower rents as well as the price of housing so people, just average people, could afford to enjoy their lives rather than scrounge by month to month. Oh, and I'd probably order the dismantling of all the big houses too and make people live in more modest surroundings.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would make everyone recycle their tin cans and only buy unbleached toilet paper.

If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would pay hockey players a whole lot less money and give community newspaper reporters a whole lot more respect (just thought I'd throw that in for what it's worth).

Okay...it's your turn. Just start with the sentence "If I were BENEVOLENT DICTATOR OF THE UNIVERSE I would..." Just because it's a dream doesn't mean it can't come true.

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## community

**george in gibsons**

by George Cooper

Suspense, suspense. *Death Trap* by the Driftwood Players this October gave us just that. Let's see, two deftly executed murders and one assist. Quite a score that kept us at seat edge all evening.

And it was the actors, not the mediocre script, that conjured up that suspense, that made the whole thing scarily real. Commendations to them all, a veritable professional performance indeed. Too bad the character portrayed by Diane Evans was done in so soon in the action; she is so natural, so convincing in any part we have seen her in. The stage set, too, was splendid. What a display of talent this company has made.

Not a whodunit but a whydunit. The motives, a crass greed and a splash or two of jealousy were revealed a tidbit at a time. An aside here, whereas the audience witnessed the murders without audible shock, there was

a loud gasp when the two male characters fondly embraced. We're not quite ready it would seem for extended definitions of marriage. The play ends on a wry note - the murders are likely to occur again for the same corrupting greed.

Playtime reminds us of the dragged-out project putting the Womens Institute Hall into use as a theatre, forum or conference centre. Now with a sound foundation and complete on the outside it remains a challenge to our community to provide the funds to complete the auditorium seating and the interior finish. Donations are tax deductible. Have you a fundraising idea? Call the secretary at 886-9310 or write PO Box 1337, Gibsons.

**Schools**

Cedar Grove PAC elected this year's executive at the September meeting. Co-chairs are Michelle Keats and Jeanette Huguet; vice chair, Bobbie Huigslot; secretary, Angel Kroning;

**Langdale elementary**

The Gibsons and District Rotary Club members lent their support to the Langdale School Festival last week, donating - and helping to plant - a Chojuro pear tree in the schoolyard. The festival included a pancake breakfast, used goods sales and bike racing, and raised close to \$2000.

Joel Johnstone photo

treasurer, Tracey Forrest; volunteers coordinator, Sue Duxbury and fundraising coordinator, Barb Kanegeisser.

Gibsons elementary will hold its Parents Interaction meetings on the evenings of Nov. 3 and 23. The second evening continues the discussion on that special subject - reporting to parents. In the library at 7:30 pm.

Langdale has some thank-yous in its newsletter we are happy to repeat: To the Stewart family for a gift of books for the library; to SuperValu for the pancake makings for last Saturday's fest; to the Gibsons Lions and K&E Towing for bringing the club's food dispensing trailer to the school for the fest; to Sue Fitchell fore taking on the chair of the new Health and Safety Committee; to Gloria Howe for taking on the job of adding up the collected grocery tapes; and to the generous people in Langdale for the perennials for the plant sale at the fest.

**roberts creek**by Katharine Trueman  
885-2282

Tonight is the night! Beware, for in every corner of the Creek, ghosts, goblins, witches and the like will be darting about on the prowl for tricks and treats. Please drive slowly and with extra caution.

**Library news**

Most of us own cameras, few of us take good pictures without a big dose of luck. If you would like to hone your photographic skills pay a visit to our art section next to the rear door. Besides a few useful single books you will find the 17 volume Time/Life Library of Photo-

tography and five of their Photographic Year Books. These books are being neglected and we feel they would be of help to many.

**Adventure playground**

Recently the school has been advised by SCRD director Brett McGillivray that the district has increased the grant to the school. This will allow the school to have a playground (phase 1 of 2), a hard surface, multi-purpose play area (to be used as a tennis court by the community outside of school hours) and in addition another hard surface play area which can be used by skateboarders after school is out. The

school will continue to work with the regional district and the maintenance department and hopes to have these projects completed and in place as soon as possible.

The fundraising committee that has been set up will continue to raise funds needed for the second phase of the adventure playground.

**Dance**

There will be a dance on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Roberts Creek school gym (no minors) beginning at 8 pm. This promises to be a neat event as two bands have been arranged. Fear of Drinking, Vancouver's newest

and hottest folk act provide energy, humour and are very entertaining. A Cariboo folk country band, Murray Boal and Friends, will also be on hand to provide a variety of music and sounds. They are well known for their music videos. Tickets are \$8 and are available at the General Store or the school. All proceeds to support the new adventure playground.

**Hospital auxiliary**

Just a reminder that the auxiliary will hold its annual Christmas bazaar this Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Roberts Creek hall. Doors open at 11 am and the festivities continue to 1:30 pm.

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Nov 4 • Interim Reports mailed  
Nov 14 - 17 • Parent - Teacher Interviews: 2:00 - 4:00pm (call for appointment time)  
Early Dismissal 1:45pm - buses leave school approximately at 2:00pm  
Nov 4 • Community Interaction Day - no classes  
Nov 9 • Chorfest 1994 7:00pm - Choirs from Chatelech, Pender Harbour, Madeira Park, Cedar Grove, Roberts Creek, Chorulations.  
Nov 11 • Remembrance Day - no classes  
Nov 17 • Parent's Advisory Council Meeting 7:30pm in Chatelech Library  
Nov 23 • Community Interaction Workshops 7:00 - 9:00pm - Sessions on preventing substance abuse and youth violence. Students, parents, and community members welcome.  
Nov 24 • Pro-D - no classes  
Dec 13 • Music Concert

This year's PAC Executive:  
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12:25 pm M	9:30 M
8:20 M	7:30
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## community

# Hallowe'en...expect the unexpected

Expect the unexpected.

Be particularly cautious when cars are parked along the side of the road. Eager trick-or-treaters could suddenly run out into traffic from between the parked cars.

If there are children crossing the street, be patient. Costumes could impair their ability to get out of the way quickly.

If your children are going trick-or-treating:

Be sure they are visible to motorists. Light-coloured costumes, reflective strips on the costumes and a flashlight help to ensure

that they can be seen.

Use face makeup, rather than mask, as part of the costume. That way, children can see approaching traffic and other potential hazards. Make sure the costume allows freedom of movement and is short enough that the child doesn't trip on it.

Have children complete their trick-or-treating calls at houses on one side of the street before crossing to the other side. Remind them not to cross in the middle of the block, but only at intersections or crosswalks.

### sechelt scenario

by Margaret Watt  
885-3364 or 885-0335

Sechelt branch members of the hospital auxiliary are busy these days getting ready for their annual fall bazaar.

The bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 5 in the new Seniors Hall, from 11 am to 2 pm.

Just a reminder, baking is still needed, also any white elephant items and books would be greatly appreciated.

If you can donate any of the above please drop them off at the hall before 10 am on the day of the bazaar.

#### Bridge info

Merry-go-round bridge luncheon, put on by the hospital auxiliary for Sechelt and Roberts Creek was a success. The highest scorers were Nora Bakken and Helen McCormick.

Jane Davidson and Sheila Carlson took the honours and Dorothy Bruce took home the bingo prize.

Convenors Phil Smallwood and Margaret Humm wish all the players a successful and enjoyable season and would like to remind them that having fun is the most important part of the game.

Next April another merry-go-round luncheon will be held and the convenors look forward to

seeing all the familiar faces again.

#### Fashion show

The Sunshine Coast Business and Professional Women's Club is hosting its annual fashion show at the Raven's Cry Theatre on Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm.

The theme for this year's show is Festivals of the World. It should be mentioned that the SCBPW every year gives a bursary to a mature female student. For tickets or more info call 885-9802.

Tickets are \$15 each.

#### Garden Club meeting

Carmen will be showing you how to arrange flowers so they look simply gorgeous at the meeting of the Sechelt Garden Club on Wednesday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 pm in St. Hilda's Church hall. All are welcome to attend.

#### Retirement joy

Happy retirement to Sechelt resident Nick VanVelzen who is due to retire the end of this month. Enjoy it, Nick.

#### Reminder

For all of you who have not been able to get in touch with me at my home number, no, I haven't been out gallivanting or goofing off.

I've been at work. I've included my work number on the



Coast CF chapter closes

Sunshine Coast Cystic Fibrosis chapter chair Elva Dinn officially closed the nationally recognized chapter early last week citing personal and health reasons.

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### dockside davis bay

by Jo-Anne Shean. 885-3629

Tonight is Hallowe'en, the night ghosts and goblins, witches and warlocks prowl the streets looking for treats. It seems that in later years, more and more adults are taking part in the festivities by dressing in sophisticated costumes. One fellow I talked to told me his lady is portraying Medusa, while he is going as Perseus, the man, who according to Greek mythology, slew her. Interesting.

The Thrift Shop continues to be a treasure trove for costumes for young and old and offers an interesting selection of goodies. It's amazing how ingenious people are - old clothes and pieces of fabric are suddenly transformed into magical costumes and for one evening, people are children again.

### Don your hat

Don your deer stalker cap, Sherlock, here's your chance to do some detective work. Two or three months ago, a gentleman named Bill White chanced to meet and talk with a lady in Trail Bay Mall. During their conversation the name Clayton Mack came up. It seems Mr. Mack, who has recently passed away, wrote a best seller called White Guys and Grizzlies and another called Bella Coola Man and Bill had both books.

The lady promptly told Bill she was from Bella Coola, had known Clayton Mack and would be most interested to read his book. Bill offered to lend them to her and has now located them. Unfortunately he has forgotten the lady's name but remembers she said she

lived in Davis Bay. Bill called me and I said I would pass it on to you via the column. If you are she or you know who this mystery lady is please call Bill at 885-7915 or me at 885-3629. When all else fails try your community column - another service the Coast News provides.

I attended my first Christmas craft sale last Saturday and was impressed with the extraordinary array of crafts offered, another example of the diverse and gifted talent we have here on the Sunshine Coast. Don't forget the St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary fall bazaar this coming Saturday, Nov. 5 at the Seniors Hall in Sechelt, 11 to 2 pm and the Roberts Creek hall from 11 to 1:30 pm. Start your Christmas shopping early.

### halfmoon happenings

by Ruth Forrester, 885-2418

#### Fireworks bus

Arrangements have been made for a bus from Halfmoon Bay school to Cooper's Green on Hallowe'en night. This is to avoid parking problems which cause congestion on Redroofs Road which can be dangerous for the small children running around the area on what is generally a dark rainy night. The bus will leave the school at 6:30 and 6:40 pm so there will be lots of room for everyone. Leave your car at home and go with the kids to enjoy the fireworks and party which is hosted annually by the Halfmoon Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

Don't forget to dress up for the occasion and join in the fun. The bus will also take you back to the school. This is the first year that this service will be available and it has been made possible by the kind sponsorship of Swanson's Ready-Mix, Fab Logging, Clayton's Heritage Market, Sussex Realty and Half-

moon Bay Word Processing. A special thanks to these good people.

There is a monthly newsletter put out by the school which gives lots of information on what is going on in the area and at the school. It is available to the public and copies can be picked up either at the school or at Fawn Road Market as well as the Halfmoon Bay Store

**community****Volunteers aid in Pender 'egg take'**

Thirty Pender Harbour residents of all ages gathered this Saturday along the shore property of Jack and Diane Riley for their annual "egg take" from Anderson Creek estuary. During this five-hour action, volunteers obtained eggs and sperm from chum salmon, fertilized the eggs, and installed them in their volunteer-run hatchery at Lions Park. Salmon fry will hatch in April and be returned to the creek.

Two-thirds of the assembled group were commercial fishers. Others include sport fishers and general nature lovers. Volunteers' egg-taking experience ranges from veteran to first-timer. Billy Griffith, head of Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society's salmon enhancement project, said "I'm always glad to see newcomers."

It took the experienced hand of Dave Malcolm to run his motorized skiff and set out the Wildlife Society's shallow 150-yard-long net. But once it's open end was towed in, everyone grabbed on and pulled the two ends ashore. Soon the school was concentrated enough to for each 10-pound struggling fish to be lifted out separately from the splashing, churning mass.

Male salmon were carried to an expert to be "milked" of some sperm and then let go. Females have to be felt by someone who could tell by belly softness whether she was ready to spawn. If "ripe" she was killed and bled; if not, released. Only about 40



Volunteers turned out in force to help Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Pender Harbour Lions Club Hatchery harvest eggs and sperm from Oyster Bay.

Joel Johnstone photo

per cent of the school was selected; the rest were let go.

All adult chum salmon die after spawning. Grant McBain, Community Advisor who supervised the project, explained, "Eggs taken by the volunteers have about 90 per cent chance of hatching, whereas in the wild their chance would be about 10 per cent." Besides chum, the Wildlife Society also enhances coho salmon when they enter the streams later and are caught in fish traps. Chum salmon are

important to cohos: their juveniles furnish food for coho fry, and take off much of their pressure from predators.

After enough sperm was gathered and the net emptied, Pender Harbour workers stripped the dead "ripe" females of their eggs. With newer volunteers holding them steady, "old hands" carefully slit each chum to remove two skeins of bright red roe into a pail.

Once the eggs were in pails, some volunteers drove them to

the hatchery with the containers of sperm. There, they mixed sperm into the egg pails, quickly rinsed the eggs in fresh water and poured them into an incubation box where water gently flows past.

In total 193,000 eggs were gathered on Saturday from eighty females, and a similar number of males. Still, that does not quite reach the 250,000 the Fisheries Department considers optimal. Pender Harbour Wildlife will do another egg-take next week.

**harbour highlights**

by Debbie Roosen, 883-2920

Well those windy and rainy days sure make you want to wear a warm sweater and snuggle up next to a burning fire with a good movie, book or mate. Or else if you enjoy the wind then go outside and let your hair down and get tousled about.

The correct singer for the meat draw Nov. 5 is Scottish singer John Forrest who will entertain after the meat draw. Vacuum-packed roast beef worth \$60 will be raffled at \$1 per ticket.

**Smorgasbord for Val**  
A benefit smorgasbord is to be held at the Anglican Church at 6:30 pm Nov. 12.

**PH Lions Club**  
A pancake breakfast for Remembrance Day will be held from 8 am to 12 pm Sunday,

Nov. 6 at the Lions Hall.

**PH Ladies Auxiliary...**  
Will be holding a muffin sale and coffee at the legion Nov. 19, 11 am. Six door prizes to be won, tickets are \$1.50.

**Breast clinic...**  
Monday to Friday call for appointment at 883-3764, 9 am to 3:30 pm.

**Homecoming dance**  
Nov. 19, band is Spare Parts (Snuffy and the Gang). Tickets on sale for the fishermen Nov. 1 to 6, tickets for the public Nov. 7 to 8. Call only on those days, 6 to 10 pm 883-2908 or 883-9153.

**Annual golf tournament...**  
is on Nov. 6 or 13 depending on the weather. All fishermen and their guests are welcome. Please call Rob for booking for fun and golf.

**EGMONT NEWS**

**Wedded bliss**

Newly weds  
John and Sarah  
Holliday tied  
the knot in  
Upper Pender  
Harbour last  
week  
photo submitted

**Egmont news**

by Lisa Lightbourne  
883-2018

Lynn's taking a break from the column so we're going to give it a try (Greg and myself). Thanks for the good reading Lynn! We've only lived in Egmont for one year so this will give us a chance to get to know the community better. Any input or info, give us a call.

**Welcome**

Welcome to Marcus DeZwager who has moved into the A-frame on Egmont Road, kin to the Hunts of Ruby Lake.

Thanks for sweatin' it out in the thrift store last week, Marcus.

**All the trimmings**

Hydro has been doing a lot of trimming along the roadside powerlines so maybe if we get some heavy winds this year falling trees won't cause as many power outages. They are leaving some good firewood behind in the process if you're in need.

**Recent rain**

The recent rains have brought forth lots of mush-

rooms. It's an interesting outing if you have a good mushroom identifying book. Walking the trail you can see so many different varieties.

A friend tipped us off to the chanterelle, a good eating mushroom.

Be sure though to always double check the variety before consuming any wild mushroom.

**Hallowe'en**

Don't forget about October 31 in Egmont.

The Hallowe'en festivities start with refreshments, jack-o-lantern carving and other fun stuff for the kiddies, and on over to the school yard for a bonfire and fireworks display. Putter is going to pick up 10 pumpkins donated by Gunner from his organic garden.

Thanks to you both. So paint your face Egmont and join in the fun.

**Red balloon**

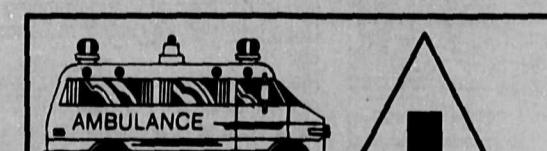
Egmont moms, dads and kids, the Red Balloon playgroup starts up Thursday, Nov. 3 at St. Andrews Church in the Harbour from 9 to 11 am.

It will be every Thursday morning (except holidays), same time, same place until late spring.

The fee is \$1 per child, something fun to do on those cold, rainy Thursday mornings.

**break-in**

Some disturbing news - Vera Grafton called and said that on Oct. 20 while she was away she believes her trailer was broken into through a back window. Vera says a teapot was missing that was of great sentimental value, along with some other items out of her cupboards. She would appreciate it if anyone who saw anything suspicious would give her a call.

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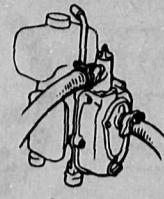
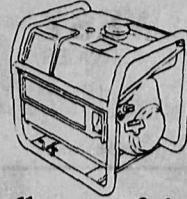
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**MUNICIPAL MEMO****REGULAR COUNCIL****MEETINGS**

November 1994

**Wednesday, November 2nd and 16th,**  
1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, 5545 Inlet Avenue.

**Committee Meeting****Dates**

November 1994

**Harbour Authority Committee**

Wednesday November 2, 1994 at 2:00

**Public Works/ Engineering Committee**

Thursday, November 3, 1994 at 2:30 p.m.

followed by Parks, Recreation and Arena Committee

**Finance and Corporate Services Committee**

Wednesday, November 9, 1994 at 2:00 p.m.

**Environment Committee**

Tuesday, November 22, 1994 at 1:00 p.m.

followed by Planning Committee at 2:00 p.m.

**Community Liaison Committee**

Wednesday, November 23rd at 2:30 p.m.

followed by Economic Development Committee

**Citizens and Community Associations**

As part of its ongoing efforts to keep itself informed about the needs and expectations of the citizens, Council encourages all citizens to work with your community association representatives. Let them know how you feel. Tell them how your neighbourhood and the District might be improved. Help them to communicate your problems or issues. A list of community association contacts is posted on the message board at the entrance to the Municipal Hall on Inlet Avenue.

**Please Note:**

This initiative in no way should discourage any citizen who wishes to approach Council or staff directly with any problem or comments they may have. We can be reached at 885-1986. Thank you for your participation in helping us to improve the District of Sechelt.

**Sunshine Heights  
Owners' & Residents' Association**

General Meeting

Tuesday, November 8, 1994

in the Banquet Room

at the Sechelt Arena at 7:30 p.m.

All area residents are cordially invited to attend this meeting - you do not have to be a member of S.H.O.R.A.



# District of Sechelt

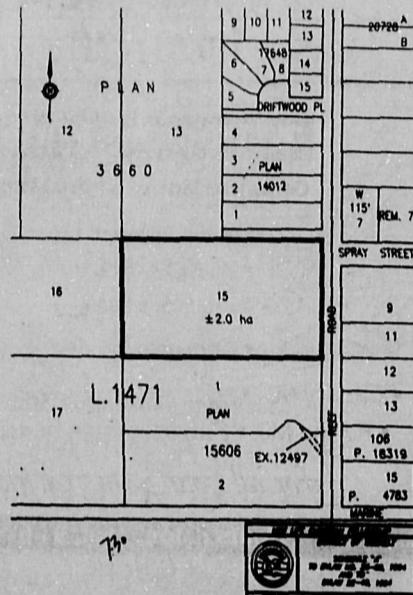
## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the District of Sechelt has received applications to amend Zoning Bylaw 25, 1987, and Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 22, 1987:

## **Subject 1: Zoning Amendment Bylaw**

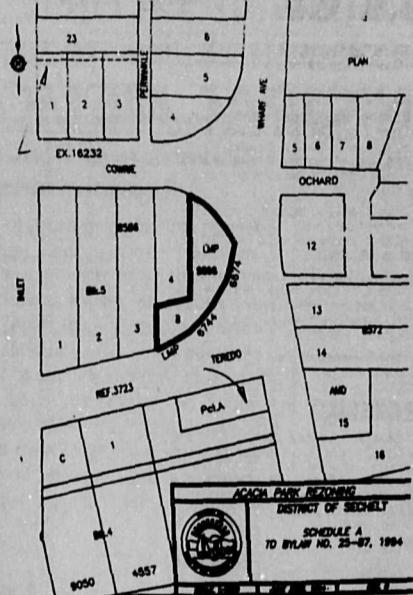
**No. 25-89, 994  
Official Community Plan Bylaw  
No. 22 - 40, 1994**

Block 15, District Lot 1471 NWD, Plan 3660 located at Reef Road and identified on the map attached as "Schedule A" which forms part of these Bylaws is proposed for reclassification in the Official Community Plan from Residential to Public Institution and for rezoning from Residential 1 (R - 1) to Park, Recreation, and Assembly (PA - 1) so as to provide development potential for a church and school.



**Subject 2: Zoning Amendment Bylaw  
No. 25-87, 1994**

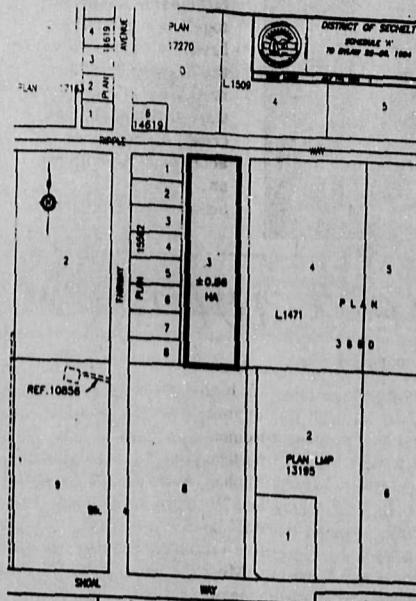
Lot B, Block 5, District Lot 303 NWD, Plan LMP8898 located at Wharf Ave, and Cowrie Street and identified on the map attached as "Schedule A" which forms part of this Bylaw is proposed for rezoning from Commercial 2 (C - 2) to Park, Recreation, and Assembly (PA - 1) which will bring the existing park use into conformity with the zoning bylaw.



**Subject 3: Zoning Amendment Bylaw  
No. 25 - 86. 1994**

East 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 4, District Lot 1471 NWD, Plan 3660 located at Ripple Way and identified on the map attached as "Schedule A" which forms part of this Bylaw is proposed for rezoning from Rural 2 (RR - 2) to Residential 1 (R - 1) which will provide subdivision potential and will permit one or two dwellings per lot under certain circumstances.

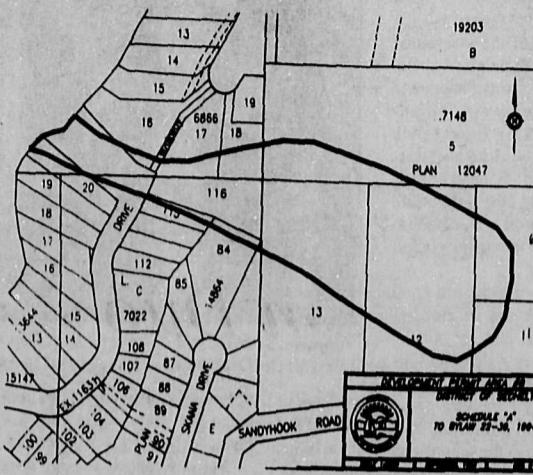
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**Subject 4:** **Official Community Plan**  
**Amendment Bylaw**  
**No. 22-38, 1994**

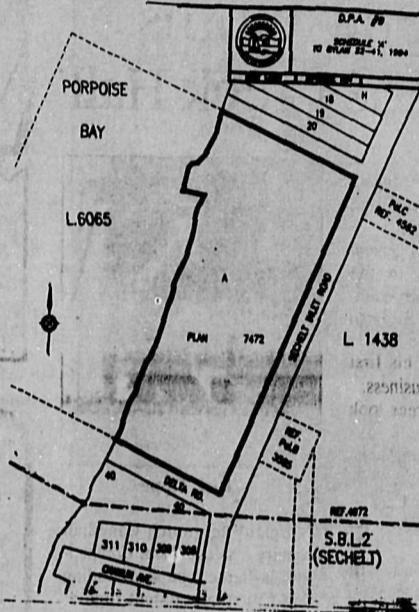
That Block C of Block 15, District Lot 1331 NWD, Plan 20923; and Block 16, District Lot 1331 NWD, Plan 6223; and Lot H, District Lot 1331 NWD, Plan 18108 as shown in bold line on schedule "A" shall become part of Development Permit Area 5 (Downtown Central Business District and Apartment Area) so that Development Permit Area 5 will be amended as shown in bold dashed line on Schedule "B" to Bylaw 22 - 38 with the effect that development on the above properties will have to comply with the guidelines for that Development Permit Area.

### **Subject 5 cont'd**



**Subject 6: Official Community Plan  
Amendment Bylaw  
No. 22 - 41, 1994**

**That Lot A, District Lot 1438, Plan 7472 as shown in bold line on Schedule "A" be designated as Development Permit Area 9 which will establish objectives and the provision of guidelines for the form and character of the multi-family residential development.**



**TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a public Hearing for the purpose of hearing all persons who believe their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaws is scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, November 15th, 1994  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Place:** Senior Citizen's Association of

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B.C. Hall  
5604 Trail Avenue, Sechelt B.C.

The foregoing is a synopsis of the bylaws only, rather than an interpretation. Written submissions regarding the proposed bylaws will also be received. These submissions may be submitted at the Public Hearing or should be received in the District of Sechelt Municipal Hall, 5545 Inlet Avenue, Sechelt, B.C. V0N 3A0, (facsimile number - 885-7591) forty-eight hours prior to the hearing. No further information or representations can be considered by the Council after the Public hearing is terminated.

The bylaws may be inspected at the District of Sechelt Municipal Hall during office hours, from October 31st to November 15th, Monday through Friday, excepting holidays, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Telephone enquiries should be directed to the Planning Department of the District of Sechelt at 885-1986.

**885-1986.**  
Please note that Subjects 1 to 5 were heard at the Public Hearing called for October 3rd, 1994. As that hearing did not have a quorum of council, the minutes from that hearing will be brought forward to the Public hearing on November 15th 1994 so that comments received on October 3rd will be entered into the record. New submissions will also be heard.

**Michael P. Vaughan**  
Municipal Clerk on behalf of the District of  
Sechelt.

**Subject 5:** **Official Community Plan**  
**Amendment Bylaw**  
**No. 22-22-1224**

The area of Sandy Hook Road outlined in bold line shown on Schedule "A" be designed as Development Permit Area 8 which will provide guidelines for the protection of the natural environment of the watercourse known as Davis Brook.

## leisure



## Fashionable fun

Gibsons Landing Merchants Association members pulled their fashionable resources together to present a brunch and fashion walk at the Howl At The Moon restaurant last week. The show featured tailored creations, hairstyles and accessories for both men and women.

Simone Carlyle-Smith photo

**Pender Kim Duo show a 'winner'**

by Allan Crane

Pender had a winner. There was \$2 million worth of violin in Pender Harbour Music Society's (PHMS) music centre Oct. 25. Helen Kim played a rare 18th Century Carlo Bergonzi violin of Stradivari's Cremona school. And there was \$2 million worth of playing too.

With pianist brother Michael, the duo enchanted the hushed audience Tuesday afternoon. It sprang to its feet as the last notes of Sarasate's astounding *Carmen* fantasy resounded through the hall. Employing well-known melodies from Georges Bizet's opera, Sarasate used every violinistic trick in the book. Then he added a few more.

Incredibly, Helen started playing this notoriously difficult violinistic tour de force when she was 13. She says it is still her favourite piece.

But this concert was far more than a display of sheer virtuosity. The *Sarasate* and preceding *Suite Populaire Espagnol* by Manuel De Falla were the dessert. Before the intermission, the concert served the champagne and filet.

It opened with Beethoven's *Sonata No. 1* for violin and piano, Op. 12. The youthful exuberance of this early Beethoven found empathetic rapport in the youthful performers' playing. (Helen is 20, Michael 26).

Caesar Frank's only sonata for violin and

piano made a marked contrast. Dating from 1886, this highly romantic masterpiece of French chamber music is challenging for both instruments.

The performers were equal to the challenges. Michael made light of the technical difficulties: "Frank must have had a span of a fifteenth," he said in his entertaining and informative introduction. "My hands aren't that big. Most pianists, myself included break up the big chords."

Concerts resume Feb. 15 when Bruce Vogt gives a piano recital. Prior to that, there is a coffee house Nov. 21. The Driftwood Players go there Jan. 21 with their production of *The Parallax Gardens*.

**Rick Tippe returns to Roberts Creek Hall**

by Mike O'Keeffe

Years of hard work are finally paying off for Maple Ridge recording artist Rick Tippe.

For years, Tippe ran a general contracting business in the Lower Mainland, singing country music on the side. He even helped build Gilligan's Pub in Sechelt, where he had his first big break in the music business.

Tippe's singing career took off unexpectedly following the recent release of his first album, *Should've Seen Her Comin'*. He is now one of the hottest Canadian male solo acts on the country-music charts.

Tippe and his band will appear at Roberts Creek Hall on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 9pm. Local singer Sarah Norris will perform during the first stage break. Norris was the winner of a recent singing contest at Sunnycrest Mall.

Tippe said he and the band are looking forward to their second performance at the Roberts Creek Hall in two years.

"I find that crowds are much more enthusiastic, and we get so much more respect once we get out of the mainland," said Tippe. "The people are there to have a good time, and the band feels off that. It takes us to a higher level."

Tippe said his yet-to-be-released third single, *Love Don't Get Better*, will be available in compact disc at the dance. It will feature a dance mix from his second single, *Bad Heart Day*, on the flip side.

Local dance instructors Cheryl Law and Gail Newman have created a line dance to that song and will demonstrate it at Saturday's dance.

Tippe said his success is doubly satisfying because there are



Rick Tippe

"so many top-notch Canadian country acts out there. Competition is fierce," he said, adding that Canadian-content regulations have really aided his career.

"A guy like me wouldn't have a chance in the U.S. without the big [promotional] machine behind me," he said.

Although he is a proud Canadian, Tippe said his music has a distinct Nashville sound that sets him apart from many other domestic talents. His album was recorded in Nashville with some of the best session musicians in the business, he said.

He now works night and day on his music career, but Tippe has not forgotten the lessons of the construction business.

"The biggest difference between the music business and contracting is that, now I get a pat on the back or applause after playing," said Tippe. "You don't get that kind of recognition in the construction business."

Tickets, \$13 each, are available at the Roberts Creek Store, Sawday Books in Gibsons, and Talewind Books in Sechelt. Doors open at 8:12pm, and a free dance lesson will be offered at 8:30pm.

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## MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

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Free Blue to Halibut Bay fireworks display, at Halibut Bay Elementary Coopers Green.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Art Rental, 2-6 pm, music studio, S.C. Arts Centre, Trail & Madusa Ave., Sechelt. Many new artworks by Coast artists.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Gibsons Landing Merchants Assoc. revitalization meeting, 7:30 pm, Marine Room.

All Sunshine Coast Single Parents are invited to a dinner meeting at Community Services, 8:30 pm. There are some funds available to provide activities and support groups for single parents. We need input from the community. Main course of dinner and child care provided. Info: Nancy, 886-5881 or Carol, 886-8828.

Sechelt Garden Club meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Hilda's Church. Topic: a few simple flower arrangements by Carmen.

Girls' Softball general meeting, 7:30 pm, Cedar Grove Elementary School Library. Parents, coaches, umps - please attend. We need to form an executive and start planning for the upcoming spring season. Info: Mona, 886-7844.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Concert: Juno award-winner Bill Boume will be joined by fiddler Shannon Johnson, 8 pm, Roberts Creek Hall. Tickets \$15 from Coast Books, Roberts Creek General Store, Scott's Music and Out of Time, the Bazaar Bazaar, and Proceeds to Roberts Creek Hall and the Acoustic Gumboot Folk Society. Info: 886-0485.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Folk Concert: Murray Boas & Friends and Fear of Drinking, fundraiser for an adventure playground at Roberts Creek Elementary. 8 pm, school gym. Tickets at the school or P.C. Records.

S.C. Natural History Society regular monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, S.C. Arts Centre, Sechelt. Guest speaker: Mike MacIntosh, Stanley Park Zoological Society. Topic: B.C. Burrowing Owl Reestablishment Program.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, Sechelt Branch Annual Fall Bazaar featuring crafts, home baking, jewellery, books, Christmas items, White Elephant & more. Light lunch available. 11 am-2 pm. Seniors' Hall, Wharf St., Sechelt.

S.C. Spinners & Weavers Guild presents Fiber Fête, a sale and exhibition of handwoven textiles, jewellery, woodcarvings, pottery and culinary treats. 10 am-4 pm, Davis Bay Community Hall, 5123 Davis Bay Rd. Admission \$1.

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Holy Family Raffle winners were 1st prize, June Burns; 2nd prize, toaster oven; Barb Cyolo; 3rd prize, camera & film, Helen Schmidt.

## MISCELLANEOUS

AI-Anon: Are you concerned about someone's drinking? There's help for you in AI-Anon. Mondays, 8 pm, Sechelt Health Unit; Wednesdays, noon, Action Centre, Sechelt. Info: Gail, 886-0101 or Shelly, 468-5180.

"Time & Space" exhibit by Martha Griffith. Oil paintings and hand-painted saw-blade clocks. Nov. 12 to Dec. 2, Hunter Gallery, Lower Gibsons.

S.C. Women's Centre - Mon-Thurs., 1-5 pm. Support and information for all women. 5845 Wharf St., Sechelt. Info: 886-4088.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

School Entry Booster Clinics: A booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis is important for children entering school. Gibsons clinics - 886-5600; Sechelt clinics - 886-5164.

## Needle Exchange: Mondays &amp;

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Coast Classics in Concert, 2 pm, St. John's United Church. Tickets \$10 at Seymour Books, Talewind Books, Water & the Wind or at the door. All proceeds from this afternoon will go to the Sechelt SPCA.

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

S.C. Breastfeeding Support Group. Mothers' Meeting, 10 am, Topic: The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties. Moms and babies welcome. Pregnant? Please come! Any questions or concerns can be discussed. Info: Laurie, 886-7800 or Roseanne, 886-3230.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Pest-Natal Class, 7-9 pm, Sechelt Health Unit. Everyone welcome. Info: Sue Lehman, 886-7930.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Gibsons Landing Merchants Assoc. meeting, 7:30 pm, Harbour Cafe. All non-member merchants welcome.

West Howe Sound Electrore Assoc monthly members' meeting, 7:30 pm, Langdale School portable. Topic: crime, local developments, etc. Info: 886-2554.

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary, Sechelt branch regular monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, St. Hilda's Hall. Info: 886-7844.

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Ephinstone Pioneer Museum, 718 Winn Rd., across from Post Office, Gibsons. New winter hours are Mon., Tues., Wed., & Sat., 1-5 pm. Exhibits cover the vast range of Coast history from the near to the distant past. All areas and aspects of our heritage are explored on two floors jam-packed with fascinating displays. Be sure to drop by soon. Admission by donation. Call 886-7005 for more info.

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Tuberculosis Skin Testing & Traveler's Clinic (Gibsons) Oct. 31. Gibsons 886-5200. Sechelt 886-5164.

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## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Parent-Tot Drop-In for parents with children up to 5. 9:30-11:30 am at the following locations: Gibsons United Church Hall, Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.; Sechelt St. Hilda's Church Hall (Mon. & Tues.); Wilson Creek Community Hall (Thurs.). Info: Community Services, 886-5881.

## MONDAYS

Recovery, Inc. offers a self-help method to overcome the negative feelings that come from fear, anger, depression and constant anxiety. 7:30-9:30 pm, The Wellness Centre, Gibsons. Info: 886-8003.

## TUESDAYS

St. Bart's British Isles Videos at church, 7:30 pm. Nov. 1: Ireland; Nov. 8: England; Nov. 15: Scotland. \$5 admission includes coffee, tea & dessert.

## WEDNESDAYS

"Living With Cancer" Support Group meets every other Tuesday, Kirkland Centre, Davis Bay, 1 pm. Info: 886-5981 or 886-5369.

## THURSDAYS

S.C. Army Cadets (2963) Seaforth Highlanders of Canada parades every evening, 6:45 pm, Sechelt Legion. Info: Capt. T. Powell, 886-0933.

## FRIDAYS

Exercise Programme in the Gibsons Pool for people with arthritis, noon-12:30 pm every Tuesday. Cost: \$2.

## SATURDAYS

Postpartum Depression Support Group - Gibsons Health Unit, 1-2:30 pm.

Sherncliffe Auxiliary meets third Wednesday of each month at Sherncliffe. Info: 886-1915.

## SUNDAYS

Children's Story Hour at the Sechelt Public Library, 2-3 pm, ages 3-5. Info: 886-5200.

Sechelt Village Residents Assoc. meets fourth Wednesday of each month, 7 pm, Greenscout Hall. Info: 886-5076.

## MONDAYS

S.C.'s Weight Loss Support Group meets afternoons 10:30-12:30pm, call 886-2892, and evenings 6:30-8:00pm, call 886-7159, at the United Church, Glassford Rd., Gibsons.

Birth Control Clinic, Coast-Garibaldi Health Unit, 494 S. Fletcher, 7-9 pm. Confidential service - everyone welcome. No appointment needed. Info: 886-7770.

## TUESDAYS

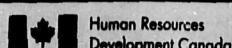
Breast Self-Exam Clinic: First Friday of each month, 7:30-8 pm, Gibsons Health Unit.

United Church Thrift Shop, 1-3 pm, church basement, lane off Trueman Road.

Dance Jam - experience the art within you. 8:30-11:30 pm, Wilson Creek Community Hall. Eclectic music/vegas, complimentary art supplies and more. Minimum age: 18. \$5 admission. Info: 886-7800.

## FRIDAYS

Needle Exchange: Mondays &



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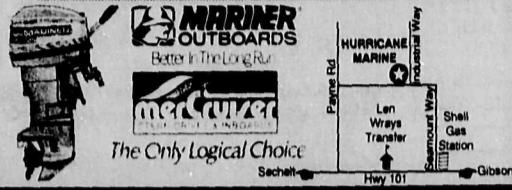
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forwards delivered clean ball to the backs. The pace and experience of the backline was too much for the visitors who were struggling defensively.

The first try was scored by wing Jim Peers who made an impressive 50 yard dash to give the locals the lead. Shortly thereafter Jeff Townsend, who seems to score a try every game, added insult to injury when he snuck into the backline from his full-back position to surprise the Meralomas and touch the ball down by the post. It was now 17 to 6.

The opposition was sagging noticeably and with Gibsons forward dominating the play the 'Lomas were denied any chances to come back making the game virtually out of reach.

Both teams added a penalty goal each before Mike Mannion, fresh from a Hawaiian rugby tour, topped off the scoring with a try in the corner. The final was 27 to 9 for Gibsons.

New  
Elphie  
weight  
room to  
be open  
to public

by Mike O'Keeffe

A void left in Gibsons when the town's only commercial gym folded in the summer will soon be filled, with help from the Elphinstone high school.

The school is building a weight room which will soon be open to the public, said gym teacher Joan Fox. She is appealing to local residents to donate weightlifting equipment that is in reasonable condition.

The school owns a weightlifting machine but still requires other equipment such as benches, barbells, dumbbells, weights, an exercise bike and a rowing machine, said Fox, adding that the school cannot afford to buy the equipment.

"Lots of people have weights and benches lying around that they are not using," said Fox. "Donations will benefit not only the students, but the community as well."

Fox is also looking for an enterprising person to run the weight room as a business after school. The school will charge rent for the room, and the manager will keep all other proceeds, said Fox.

She noted that potential managers should be trained in weightlifting and have knowledge of first aid.

The room, located in the cafeteria, will be used exclusively by students until 5 pm, and the paying public will have access in the evenings, from Monday to Friday. Fox said students will receive a substantial discount between the hours of 5 and 6 pm.

"There has been so much talk about kids having nothing to do," said Fox. "The room will be used for physical education, but our main drive is to give kids something constructive to do after school."

Although allowing a private business to operate from the school is a new concept on the Coast, Fox said it is part of a trend toward greater community involvement in education.

"Given the current financial situation, we need input from the community in order to improve school programs and facilities," she said.

Anyone wanting to donate equipment can telephone the school at 886-2204 or deliver it directly at any time during school hours.



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## sports

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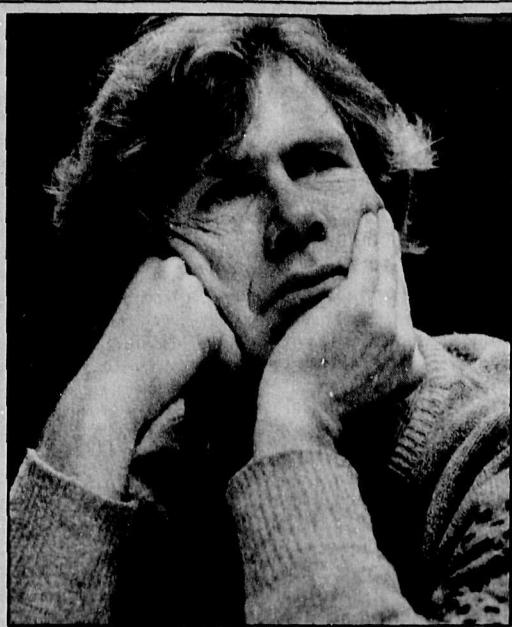
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**Rockwood AGM**

Outgoing Rockwood Society president John Vance watches Tuesday's annual general meeting unfold after giving his report on why the society's financial and managerial woes led to temporary layoffs of Rockwood Centre staff this month. Day to day operations are hoped to return to normal following the election of 13 directors and a review of a projected deficit situation.

Joel Johnstone photo

**court notes****Driving without licence**

William Edward Lowen was sentenced to seven days in jail in Sechelt provincial court Tuesday and prohibited from driving for nine months after pleading guilty to driving without a licence. Lowen has previous convictions for similar offences.

**Driving while suspended**

A 26-year-old man, Perry Edward Mogensen, was sentenced to a fine of \$500 and seven days in jail for driving while suspended. He was also prohibited by the provincial court judge from driving for nine months.

Mogensen will be considered to serve his sentence under electronic monitoring.

**Impaired driving**

A local man was fined \$600 and prohibited from driving for three months by Judge D.E. Moss after pleading guilty to impaired driving. Jerry Ryer was stopped by a police road-block Sept. 17.

The conviction also carries an automatic one-year driving suspension.

**Driving while prohibited**

Clarence Kyle McDougall received a \$300 fine and a seven-day jail sentence from Judge D.E. Moss after pleading guilty to driving while prohibited.

Court was told McDougall drove in August before a 24-hour-old roadside suspension received the day before had expired.

McDougall was recommended for consideration for electronic monitoring. He was also prohibited from driving for one year.

**Assault**

A 15-year-old Sunshine Coast youth is scheduled for trial in Sechelt provincial court May 5, 1995 on charges of assault and carrying a prohibited weapon. Charges stem from an incident which allegedly took place Aug. 11, 1994.

Trial date for the youth was set in Sechelt court Tuesday, Oct. 18.

Under the Young Offenders Act, the youth cannot be named.

**Small business program targets Native women**

by Sandra Smith

Aboriginal women, including those from the Sunshine Coast, could get a boost into the world of small business through a new program announced last Wednesday (Oct. 26) by the BC government.

"Small Business Development for Aboriginal Women" will offer regional conferences and a series of workshops this winter.

Sechelt Indian Band member Del Paul said this week she hadn't been notified of the program yet, but was glad to hear about the opportunity.

Paul, who spearheaded an aboriginal women's support group three years ago, said she knew of very few aboriginal women running small independent businesses on the

Coast but believes it could be part of the route to self-empowerment.

"Native women are going to have to start taking the initiative and working towards regaining First Nations aboriginal self-identity. When you start working towards that and recognizing that and making it a part of your goal, it becomes very, very important," Paul said.

The program announced last week was initiated by the Ministry of Women's Equality and developed with the Ministry of Small Business, Tourism and Culture.

Regional conferences will be starting up in November to introduce aboriginal women to the principles and basic practices of small business so they can see "what's really

involved in starting up a new business," said Dianne MacDougall, a communications officer in the small business ministry.

Organizers have tentatively scheduled workshops for 10 women from each region but no one will be turned away, MacDougall said. She added aboriginal women will help facilitate the program along with economic development officers, business owners and representatives from financial institutions.

At this point, there is no financial assistance available to help participants start up businesses, she said.

Most of the funding for the \$528,000 program has come from BC 21 funding (\$364,000) and the rest from the two ministries involved.

**Salmon Inlet hydro dam to proceed**

by Sandra Smith

A \$20 million hydro-electricity project in Sechelt Creek will go to tender in December and be operating by April of 1996, developers said Thursday (Oct. 27).

Conwest Exploration received government approval this summer for the power project northeast of Sechelt in Salmon Inlet, said Ron Swanson, the Toronto-based company's West Coast manager.

Swanson said there are four to five components of construction, some of which may be tendered separately to allow smaller contractors to bid.

Turbines will divert up to 5.4 cubic metres of water per second through a pipeline intake at the top of a canyon in Sechelt Creek, he said.

More than three kilometres of pipeline, costing \$6 million, will be out of view, laid "by and large below ground" along existing logging roads.

The pipeline will lead to a power house built in Coast Salish design which Swanson said he hopes will be esthetically pleasing to the public.

Six new power poles will also be erected along an access road to carry the electricity to BC Hydro transmission lines, and when the water is dumped back into the river, it will have produced enough electricity for about 4,500 homes on an annual basis, Swanson said.

"We've optimized the resource," he said.

The only way we could make it produce more power is if it rains more."

The Sechelt project is one of 13 small hydro power contracts solicited by BC Hydro in 1989, he said.

Conwest is operating four similar power projects in Ontario but this will be the company's first in BC.

Swanson was hired by Conwest two years ago to start their West Coast operations but has a 14-year history with small hydro projects in North America, he said.

"There's been a resurgence of small hydro in recent years, primarily to displace fossil fuels."

Swanson said the Sechelt project has undergone environmental reviews by 11 different referral agencies including local

governments, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, BC Environment and Fish and Wildlife.

He said the development would have "zero impact" on fish in the river because the section where water diversion takes place is in the canyon.

"There are very few fish below the canyon and, upstream, the ancient species can't migrate back and forth anyhow because there are too many barriers."

Swanson said Conwest has offered to build a \$250,000 spawning channel downstream from the hydro project to enhance spawning in the area.

The company has asked the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to design it and offered employment to the Sechelt Indians.

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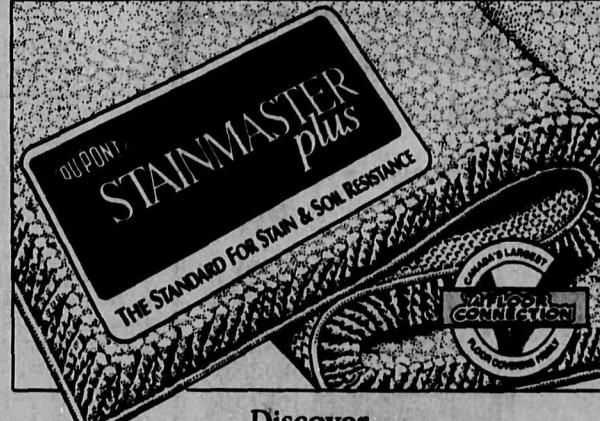
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