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Thursday, October 1st
7pm @ The Pub
Come Share Your Thoughts
with the Candidates about
Islands Trust Before the
Election on Oct 7th & 17th



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SPECIAL ELECTION ISSUE!

Lasquetians are heading to the polls to elect Two Islands Trust Trustees on Wednesday, October 7th and Saturday, October 17th from 8am to 8pm at the Hall. Residents and land owners can also vote by mail by contacting the qathet Regional District (qRD) by email (vote@qathet.ca) or by calling 604.485.2260.

In the meantime, please turn to Pages 8 through to 13 for full page statements from each candidate. Each candidate was offered the same format. The platform/information submitted by each candidate is presented in the same order that the candidate's names will appear on the ballot.

In accordance with the election bylaw and legislation relating to the determination of the order of candidates' names on the ballot, the Chief Election Officer (Michelle Jones at the qRD) organized a draw on September 18th to determine the order in which the names of candidates will appear on the ballot that you will receive when you vote. She has notified all of the candidates that the ballot will have their names in this order:

Dave OLSEN (Candidate info on Page 8)

Pachiel SMITH (Candidate info on Page 9)

Noel TAYLOR (Candidate info on Page 10)

Tim PETERSON (Candidate info on Page 11)

Tor KLEBE (Candidate info on Page 12)

JS MCINTOSH-FASH (Candidate info on Page 13)

**Remember to VOTE on October 7th or 17th (or by mail)
to Elect TWO Trustees to Represent Lasqueti Island at the Islands Trust.**

LASQUETI HAS A NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR!

Congratulations to Shelley Garside, who has been acclaimed as Lasqueti's new Regional Director, replacing the retiring Andrew Fall. She was acclaimed because nobody else was nominated for the position. Shelley will attend qathet Regional District meetings and represent Electoral Area 'E', also known as Lasqueti Island.

A BRIEF ELECTION EXPLAINER

Every 4 years, an election is held on Lasqueti on the third Saturday of October, with an Advanced Voting Day offered 10 days before.

This year, the **Advanced Voting Day is Wednesday, October 7th** and the **Main Voting Day is Saturday, October 17th.**

Both days, you can **Vote at our Community Hall from 8am to 8pm.**

You will need to register to vote when you arrive at the Hall by bringing **TWO pieces of ID** (one with signature), to prove your identity and residency.

Tide Table for False Bay (Information Provided by Fisheries and Oceans Canada)

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Islands Trust Forum with the Candidates at the Pub
Thursday, October 1st from 7pm to 9pm

Lasqueti Dance Temple with dj beatfarmer at the Hall
First Thursday of the Month Music from 7pm to 8:30/9pm

All Candidates Meeting at the Community Hall
Monday, October 5th from 7pm to 9pm

Advance Voting for 2 Trustees at the Community Hall
Wednesday, October 7th from 8am to 8pm (Bring 2 pcs of ID)

Final Voting for 2 Trustees at the Community Hall
Saturday, October 17th from 8am to 8pm (Bring 2 pcs of ID)

Provincial Election Final Day to Vote Sat. Oct. 24th 8 to 8

FALL FUNNIES!

- 1 What do you call a pair of pumpkins that hang out together?
- 2 Why do birds fly south in October?
- 3 What is a rock star's favourite month?
- 4 Why did the skeleton go to the party alone?
- 5 What's a ghost's favourite dessert?
- 6 Why did the tree giggle?

Answers
on Page 17!

Letters to the Editor are welcomed via mail or by email to isleandtimes@lasqueti.ca

Everyone is Welcome on the Rock email list!

To join the **only uncensored** email list on Lasqueti, visit <https://mailmanlists.org/mailman/listinfo/rock>
OR send an email to eec@lasqueti.ca

Letters to the Editor and postings on the Rock email list must conform to only **One Golden Rule:** Writers may discuss ANY topic (discussing ideas, rather than people, is encouraged), but they MAY NOT disparage any person associated with Lasqueti in order to maintain a safe and open space for discussion amongst Lasquetians.

ARISTOCRATIC APPLES

Serves 4

4 large tart apples
juice of 1 lemon
1 cup water
1/2 cup raisins, soaked in warm water
1/4 tsp saffron threads dissolved in 1 Tsp water
4 tablespoons (Tsp) butter
1/2 cup creme fraiche
3 Tsp maple syrup
1/2 cup crispy almond slivers, toasted
1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

Peel, quarter and seed the apples and place in water mixed with juice of 1 lemon. Heat butter in a heavy skillet. Remove apple quarters from lemon water, pat dry and grate into the melted butter. Cook gently until excess moisture is evaporated. Drain raisins and add to the pan along with remaining ingredients. Cook, stirring, until mixture is the consistency of thick apple sauce.

In the spiritual tradition of India, it is said that if you could taste the soul, it would be sweet. Indeed, the human condition in some of its most precious moments is perceived as "sweet": "the sweet life," our "sweetheart," "sweet dreams," or "the sweet smell of success." Sweetness is an *experience*, and food is just one doorway that leads us there.

The Sufi's believe that every object and sensation on the physical plane has a corresponding mirror image on higher planes. In their view the sweetness of food (on the physical level) is reflected in the sweetness of love (emotional), which is reflected in the sweetness of divine ecstasy (spiritual). Even though the sweetness of a chocolate truffle differs radically from the sweetness shared between lovers, the metaphoric connections still exist.

In fact, scientists have recently discovered a chemical compound in chocolate—phenylethylamine—believed to mimic the physiological sensations of love. Even more fascinating, in the religious traditions of the Hindus, Taoists, and Tibetan Buddhists, mystics have referred to an ecstatic state where a sensation of indescribable sweetness spontaneously arises in the mouth. [Continued next month...]

Marc David

Nourishing Wisdom

[Excerpt from page 540]

Smart Man Saves Time By Getting Angry Now Instead Of Waiting Until All The Facts Are Known

LIFE - May 18, 2016 - babyface.com



If we can't ABOLISH Islands Trust...
...How can we improve and make
the Trust work for us?

Lasqueti is soooo different from
any other Island in the Trust.

Lynn Sprague

Come to the Pub on Thursday,
October 1st @ 7pm to Discuss the
Islands Trust with Our Candidates.

Then Let's All Get Out and Vote!



"Full disclosure, I sold my soul to the devil, who then leased it to big pharma."

BE AFRAID WHEN POLICE CARE MORE ABOUT POLITICS THAN CRIME

— John Carpay — (Special to *Our Isle & Times*)

The politicization of the British police should ring alarm bells for all Canadians.

Police have a unique position in our society. Unlike teachers, social workers, religious leaders, psychologists, and counsellors, police have a legal right to use force to carry out their duties.

Police resources are limited. Across Canada, thousands of crimes ranging from property damage to murder remain unsolved. Police tell us they don't have the resources to investigate or address supposedly "minor" crimes like the theft of heirloom jewellery from a home after a break-and-enter.

Whenever police devote any of their scarce resources to pursuing a political agenda, it's an insult to victims of crime. Police should spend 100% of their resources on fighting crime, and 0% of their resources on monitoring speech and enforcing "correct" opinions on political issues.

What began in Britain with the monitoring and recording of "non-crime hate incidents" quickly led to thousands of British citizens being criminally charged. Their crimes included sharing opinions about topics like immigration and transgenderism. David Wootton was sentenced to two years in prison for a "grossly offensive" Halloween costume.¹

The recent conduct of the Hamilton Police Service, which devoted resources to preventing a non-profit advocacy group from renting facilities to hold a conference, is reprehensible.

The Hamilton Police Service issued a political statement² denouncing the Dominion Society as "divisive and exclusionary" and as negatively impacting "the sense of safety and belonging within our community." The police even asked the public to contact Hamilton Police with information about any efforts the group might make to secure a venue.

The Dominion Society³ describes itself as "dedicated to promoting Canadian identity, heritage, and nationalism." It advocates for remigration: sending immigrants back to their country of origin. Neither Hamilton's mayor nor its police force has accused the group of being violent, criminal, or terrorist. It therefore has the same right as every other non-profit in Canada to

operate peacefully within the law, and to advocate for its beliefs.

Nobody is compelled to accept or agree with the group's message. The Criminal Code prohibits advocating for violence and other criminal activity.

All Canadians are free to agree or disagree with the beliefs of the Dominion Society.

However, the police and elected officials are not free to use their government powers to impose or promote their own beliefs.

Police have no business using any of their taxpayer-funded resources to denounce a political group, or to ask members of the public to contact the police about activities that are entirely legal.

In a free country, citizens get to decide for themselves whether they agree or disagree with a group, party, ideology, or religion, without the "help" of government to enforce and impose the "correct" conclusion.

Canada should not become like a fascist, theocratic, communist, or national socialist regime, in which the government decides which views are correct and who does — and does not — get to use public spaces.

Free citizens should pay close attention to what went wrong in Britain. Canadians should oppose the sinister politicization of policing.

John Carpay, B.A., LL.B. is President of the Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms.

1 <https://www.dailymail.com/news/article-13853797/Prankster-dressed-Manchester-Arena-bomber-Salman-Abedi-Halloween-prison.html>

2 <https://hamiltonpolice.on.ca/news/domcon-continues-to-search-for-hamilton-venue/>

3 <https://www.dominionsociety.ca/>



THE POLITICALLY INCORRECT GARDENER

— Gordon Ashacker (Photos by Anne Waechter) —

I was on the porch of the Free Store last week and one of our exemplary readers had an interesting observation: "I spent years growing weed so that I could buy good food, and I've realised that I should just put my energy into growing the good food." Well there is something to think about! So I did that, this past week. The first thing that I noticed was just how high that the prices have become at the grocery stores! I don't get inside them too often these days, and Holy Hanna, meat and produce are expensive! Which is a problem, since for the most part, the only real food you can find in the grocery store is in the meat and produce sections. The worst element of this is that the cheapest foods are the ones experiencing the largest price increases. So nothing is cheap any more.

What to do?

Obviously, the solution has already been provided by our previously mentioned dedicated column reader: We need to grow our own food.

I thought that I would make a list of what I consider the most cost effective annual crops that you can grow on Lasqueti:

1) **Tomatoes**- The food item which experienced that highest price increase this past year, was fresh tomatoes. Fortunately, tomatoes produce excellent results on Lasqueti. They are not easy, but here are some tips that should produce worthwhile yields for you: Grow excellent, disease resistant varieties. Rotate your crops since tomatoes can be damaged by soil borne viruses. Build a moveable clear plastic roof over at least some of your plants. That will insure you will have tomatoes into October, even in a wet year. Plant twice as many tomatoes as you can imagine eating! If things go well, you can preserve the excess.

2) **Squash**- Squash stores all winter, provided that they have a warm and dry place. You can cook it a dozen ways, including pumpkin pie. And squash is a reasonably trouble free crop on Lasqueti. Plant seed in four inch pots and give your plants lots of room! I grow my squash in 8 foot wide beds and top dress compost around the vines. I use weed blocking black fabric to choke out the

weeds and that allows the squash to form with a barrier between the fruit and the soil.

3) **Greens**- Store bought 'fresh' lettuce, spinach, arugula, cilantro and Chinese greens isn't fresh at all! It is grown and processed hundreds of miles away and arrives in your fridge many days after it was picked. Worse than that, every year, store bought greens make millions of North Americans sick with weird soil borne diseases. Plus, greens have become really expensive. I won't beat around the bush on this one: Once per week, plant at least one seed flat of 48 green

plants! Do this every week, all spring and summer. Plant these starters in a rolling sequence into your richest garden beds. You will have a reliable source of salad greens, April until November! Best of all, you will be able to turn your nose up as you walk past those ridiculously expensive clear plastic boxes full of hermetically sealed washed greens from California.



4) **Potatoes**- Potatoes aren't that expensive, but I still believe that they are important to grow because they make any meal better. Buy good quality seed potatoes in early March and plant them in loose soil. Mulch with weed free compost. Add water, and that's it! Fresh dug potatoes July - November are worth the effort.

5) **Cucumbers**- Like squash, start cucumbers in four inch pots, then plant outside in May and again in June. Everyone loves cucumbers. They also like a black plastic mulch but don't require as much room as squash.

If you can grow these five crops you can consider yourself a successful gardener and you will save yourself a FORTUNE! I have to say that I think that it is imperative that everyone start doing this, because food price increases only seem to get worse each year. Why wait until lettuce is always \$10 a head? or \$20? The time to get ready to do this is now. Seed catalogues will be out soon and I hope that everyone is planning a garden for next year.

— by Elizabeth Nickson — An *Our Isle & Times* Book Review/Excerpt

[This is the thirteenth of many monthly extracts from Elizabeth Nickson's *Eco-Fascists*, now available on amazon.ca.]

We Have Just Cancelled Your Vacation

Back on Salt Spring, I attend a meeting on vacation home rentals. Instead of shades of subtle green slumped in repressive vigilance, a different group of people are here to plead their case. Their faces are muscular, and old and young simmer with energy. In the Salt Spring summers, many of them pack up, move to trailers, and rent their houses to tourists. Salt Spring is expensive, property taxes are high, and this manoeuvre is the only way many can afford to stay on the island. The Islands Trust has been instructed by the conservation community to shut down this activity. In other places, it intones, vacation home rentals have led to entire neighbourhoods being gutted by transient party people. And although on Salt Spring such rentals have mostly attracted families with young children or couples looking for a country retreat for a week or two, the green lobby claims that more visitors deplete the water supply, create more sewage, trample the parks, clog up the village, shop too much, and increase vulgar, environmentally unsound commerce, and most important, that such profits will lead to everyone renting their house in the summer to make a quick buck. Vacation rentals must be criminalized immediately.

The two local trustees—working class and therefore sympathetic to those for whom an extra \$5,000 a year is critical—have resisted the pressure to shut down the practice. While not specifically permitted in the Official Community Plan, summer rentals are not illegal. But after five years of lobbying by the green community and two more years of hands-on wrangling, eating up thousands of hours of staff time, a new bylaw controlling vacation rentals has been written and given to the community for discussion. Under this new bylaw, on an island with ten thousand residents and three thousand houses, precisely 200 permits for vacation rentals would be issued each year. This is not onerous, because only 179 vacation rentals had operated last summer. However, new restrictions and requirements would be extensive: you couldn't rent your house for more than thirty continuous days, for example, nor could the rental be in a watershed. You'd have to be a permanent resident of the island who "continuously" occupies the house. You would have to prove water potability, have a functioning septic system, provide extensive parking, and take responsibility for any excessive noise from your renters.

Several hundred people are present, and at the front of the room sit the two local trustees, Kimberly Lineger and Eric Booth. David Essig has come in from his much smaller island two ferry rides away. Each of the thirteen largest islands has two local trustees, and David travels around to each island's monthly meeting to serve as the third vote to break a possible tie. This is a deliberate tactic to control local trustees who might be inclined to rule in favour of their Neighbours and friends rather than Mother Nature.

Three staff planners sit at the table. They keep their heads down, and when answering questions, speak in voices so low that people strain to hear.

I occupy myself by assigning fairy-tale identities to the public servants. David Essig is Toad of Toad Hall, small, erudite, and despite the twinkle, stern. Kimberly is a Little Rascal. She is forty-two, with a mobile face that grins with delight whenever her photographic mastery of the island's fiendishly complex bylaws is called upon. Alfalfa's cow-lick springs out of her crown; Kimberly is an irrepressible fount of regulation.

A young woman stands up. "Will the bylaw be approved in time for summer?"

Kimberly shrugs. "These things take time, and you know how the trust works." There is a SLOW sign propped in front of her place at the table.

"We need to know whether we can plan to rent our house this summer and for how long, thirty days, sixty days, which?"

"I don't know," says Kimberly. "All will be revealed."

"We need to have time to prepare with all these new rules."

"All in good time."

"And if, which is a big if, I am able to pass all the inspections and I get a two-year permit, can I count on having my license renewed for the next two?" The supplicant points out that the income is critical and that, while she and her husband work, they have three kids, and prices are high on the island.

She does not mention the costs of complying with the trust's proposed bylaw on vacation rentals. She doesn't dare; she is on the verge of losing the right altogether. She merely refers to the costs in passing. Nonetheless, as a disincentive, the compliance costs—of testing water and septic fields, of building a parking lot, and of substantial additional insurance—may well exceed what the family can make in one summer, and everyone in the room is aware of that.

SUICIDAL EMPATHY: DYING TO BE KIND (2025): "EXPLAIN IT TO A SIX YEAR OLD"

— Unbekoming.Substack.Com —

What Else Have
They Lied
To Me About?

Imagine you have a big, warm heart. That heart tells you to be kind. When you see someone crying, your heart says: give them a hug. When you see someone hungry, your heart says: share your sandwich. This is a good thing. Having a kind heart is one of the best things about being a person.

But your heart also needs your brain to help it. Because your heart, all by itself, doesn't always know when to be kind and when to be careful.

Let's pretend a stranger comes to your door. He looks sad. Your heart says: let him in and give him some cookies. But your brain says: wait a minute. We don't know this person. Maybe he's a nice person who really needs cookies. Or maybe he wants to hurt us. Your brain and your heart have to work together. You can feel sorry for the stranger and still not open the door. That's called being smart and being kind at the same time.

Now imagine there's a person who forgets to use their brain. They only use their heart. Every time someone knocks on the door, they open it. Every time a stranger asks for something, they give it. When the stranger takes their toys, they say: that's okay, he must have needed them more.

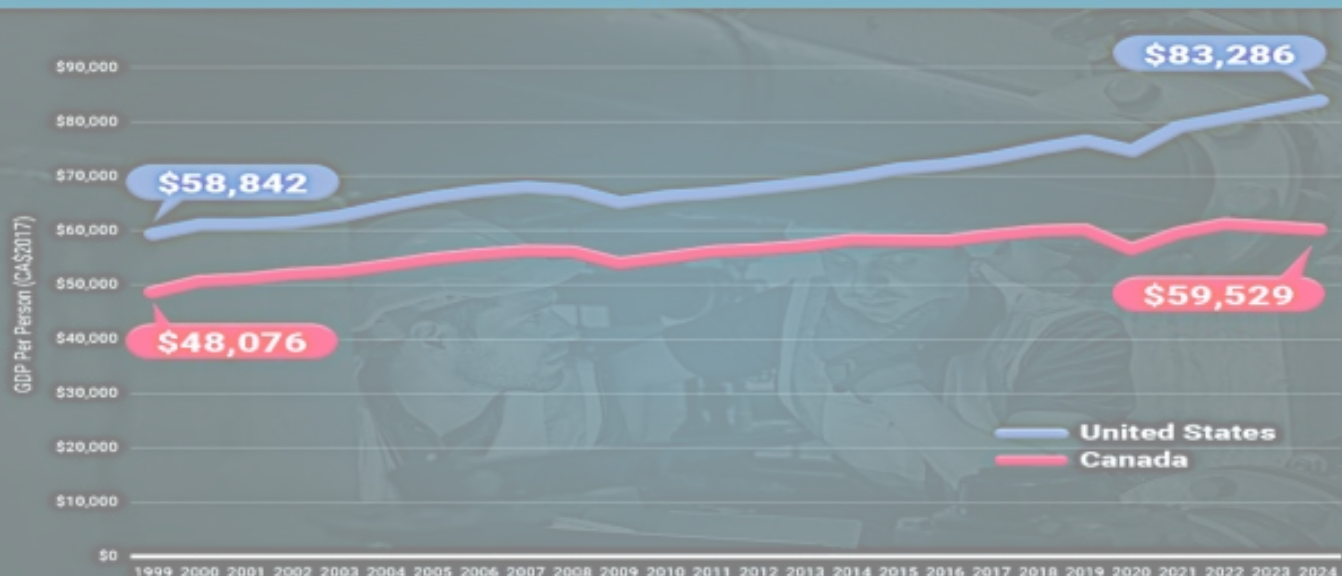
When the stranger hurts them, they say: I'm sorry I made you angry. That person is being kind, but they are being kind in a way that's very dangerous, because they can't tell the difference between people who really need help and people who want to take advantage of them.

That's what this book is about. It's about a whole big group of grown-ups who forgot to use their brains along with their hearts. They opened the door to everyone. They gave away their cookies. They said sorry when other people were mean to them. And when someone said, "Hey, maybe we shouldn't do that," the grown-ups said, "You're not being kind enough."

The book says something very important: it's not being kind if it lets bad things happen. Real kindness means using your heart AND your brain. It means being gentle with the people who love you and careful with the people who don't.

It means knowing that not everyone who knocks on your door wants to be your friend, and that's okay to notice. Noticing isn't mean. Noticing is smart. And being smart is how you stay safe enough to keep being kind for a long, long time.

At the turn of the 21st century, living standards were \$10,766 higher in the US than in Canada. By 2024, that gap had more than doubled to \$23,757



ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: DAVE OLSEN

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

Many people who know the Islands Trust have told me that nobody knows the Islands Trust as well as I do. I started attending Islands Trust Local Trust Committee (LTC) meetings in 2014 and worked as the LTC's minute-taker from 2015 until 2022. Since 2015, I have read every agenda package cover-to-cover. I have attended and spoken at multiple Trust Council meetings (where both Trustees from 13 islands all meet). I spend dozens of hours every month researching the Islands Trust to try to inform the public about what the Islands Trust is doing and how it could affect us.

If we are going to Preserve and Protect our Community and Ways of Life, we absolutely need TWO Trustees that have the knowledge and experience to control the bureaucracy and prevent the off-island Chair of our LTC from continuing to override our Community's wishes.

THESE 5 ISSUES WILL BE THE MAIN FOCUS OF MY WORK AS A TRUSTEE:

1) Reduce the Islands Trust (IT) budget and ballooning bureaucracy.

Right now, the average annual cost per resident in the Islands Trust is \$387, paid in property taxes, for the land use planning service that the Islands Trust provides. This is the only service that the Islands Trust is legally mandated to provide.

According to the qathet Regional District (qRD), if the qRD provided the same land use planning service for Lasqueti, the average cost per Lasqueti resident would only be \$20 per year!

The IT budget has gone up 66% in the last 12 years, with inflation accounting for only half of this increase. If I can find 13 other Trustees that agree (out of 25), we will have a majority on Trust Council and can reduce the IT budget every year over the next 4 years. Our first step will be stopping the salary increase for Trustees that is scheduled for April 1st, 2027.

2) Hold Four Community Meetings Every Year.

I will host 4 Community Meetings each year about a week in advance of the quarterly Trust

Council Meetings, so we can discuss how you want Lasqueti represented at those meetings, as well as talk about anything else that the people of Lasqueti want to discuss.

3) Add a Second Town Hall to regular LTC meetings and allow people to speak freely.

Three years ago, the current Trustees made it much more difficult to speak to the LTC; I will undo what they've done.

4) Stop the Islands Trust's new Policy Statement.

Their new Policy Statement will override our Official Community Plan (OCP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB). The result will be the loss of the freedom to use our properties as we wish and it will give control over decisions about our island to people who do not live here.

5) Protect Our OCP and LUB from "Standardization" or Worse...

The Islands Trust has recently centralized in order to standardize how they update OCPs. That makes

having TWO local Trustees that can work well together more critical than ever. During the last term, the off-island Chair often overruled what our Community wanted and in the next term, the stakes will be even higher for our Community.

Nobody moved here or is choosing to stay here for more government regulations. If we don't make a clear change in our Trustees, the off-island Chair of our LTC will bring many more regulations to impose on us.

Our current Trustees have made secret protocols and met in secret 6 or more times.

If elected, I will ensure that the LTC is fully transparent and I will keep our Community fully informed (as I have the past 5+ years) I've been fighting hard to protect our Community's Autonomy and Ways of Life and I will only fight harder if I am elected as your Trustee.

Please VOTE for a Change on October 7th or 17th or by mail.



ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: PACHIEL SMITH

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

[Ed: Pachiel's response does not appear in accordance with his wishes.]

On Wed, Sep 23, 2026, 3:29 p.m. isleandtimes@lasqueti.ca wrote:

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Dave Olsen

Editor and Publisher of *Our Isle & Times*

On Sun, Sep 20, 2026 12:20 p.m., Dave Olsen wrote:

>Hi Pachiel,

>I didn't see a response to this email below and want to make sure you know about it so you can contribute your platform in time...can you let me know if you get it? I've been trying to track you down in person but my mom is in palliative care in Nanaimo so time is shorter than it has been...

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ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: NOEL TAYLOR

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

Elect Noel Taylor for Island Trustee

Why do I want to put my name forward for the Position of Island Trustee?

The original intent of the Island Trust was to build an effective local system of governance that empowers each individual island to create a community plan and from that bylaws that reflect and enforce the values and vision of each island community. The intention of having a Trust was to envision how to protect the natural environment and to share experience of how to do that from different island communities. In particular to study and learn how over development and /or lack of foresight on other islands can be avoided or redirected in future planning.

I think the Island Trust has lost it's direction and is no longer effective or accountable to the people it is supposed to serve.

The Island Trust mandate is land use, not the political agenda we have seen in the past 4 years with an ever increasing budget and very little work on preserving and protecting the islands.

Skills I Bring:

Enthusiasm and love of this amazing community and island that we call home.

I have lived on the island for 56 years...

Experience in local, municipal and provincial political systems.

I served as Regional District Director for Lasqueti for 18 years 1978 -1996

History I was there in 1975 when the Island Trust was formed and the Lasqueti community agreed to be part of the Trust.

Skill Graduate of the Justice Institute Mediation and Negotiation Certification 1994.

I feel called to bring my skill set forward and offer to be an Island Trustee.

Unlike an inexperienced newly elected person, it will not take me 2 – 3 years to learn and understand the politics and systems of the Trust.

I am most certainly not in this for a pay cheque.

I am very much a get on it, get it done, show results kind of person.

More about me:

My grandparents arrived on Saltspring in the 1890's. I was born on Galiano Island, After my family relocated to Vancouver we continued to spend summers on Galiano. We watched the island community change, we saw what happens with uncontrolled development.

In 1969, it seemed like the world was falling apart, my older brother Randy and I spoke of finding a place like Galiano was when we were kids; no ferry, dirt roads, small population, a place where we could go back to the land, to be self sufficient,

Randy and Sue found Lasqueti and the Teapot House. It seemed remote enough, and even then as we arrived in the spring of 1970 we saw development pressures. There were only 70 residents on the island then!

In 1972 a group from Powell River came to inform us of impending imposition of building codes. That visit was the beginning of the Lasqueti Community Association and I served as the first president.

The LCA brought the community together to talk about protecting the island and keeping it rural, off grid, with no building codes and no car ferry. We applied for crown land and a grant to build the community hall. I was one of many who worked and dreamed of the community hall we have today.

As Regional Director I was instrumental in the building of two Fire Halls, the Free Store, Lasqueti Waste Management, the First Responders. road access to China Cloud Bay and the Boat Ramp as well as securing the Land the Arts Centre sits on .

I believe in community, where together we co-create a rich dynamic vibrant place to live and care for the land and environment.

I would be honoured to serve as an Island Trustee, I ask for your support. Thank you



ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: TIM PETERSON

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

On Wed, Sep 23, 2026 7:59 p.m., peterson wrote:
Thanks for the offer. There's no way I can make a Friday deadline.

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Editor and Publisher of *Our Isle & Times*

On Mon. Sep 14, 2026 4:02 p.m., peterson wrote:
Just so everyone is aware, I'm told the *Xwe'etay News* will also be offering space for candidate statements, although I haven't heard any details yet.

Tim

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ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: TOR KLEBE

The following words and photo were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

1 A) Why are you running for this position?

1 B) What do you hope to achieve?

A Having been encouraged to put my foot forward, I realize my love our community here, and the other Islands in our trust have motivated me to offer myself as an open gateway and advocate for all of our community's considerations and wishes.

B I hope to achieve great dialogue and understanding in our community.

2 a) What experience do you bring to this role?

A) Having lived in the Gulf Islands for nearly 30 years, (Victoria Prior), raised a family, sailed the Salish Sea and beyond, extensively. I have seen and been a part of many changes over that time. Particularly Salt Spring and Lasqueti. As I have had great joy to call both of them home.

B) As a happy and thankful full-time Resident, Member of the Community, Steward and Taxpayer, our Community is what matters most to me. Not only for us, but our kids, grandchildren and beyond. Having reached grandfather status in my own family, I feel that I have a good grasp on life and reality in life, our community and the Islands in general.

3 A) What do you think the community's needs and priorities are?

B) How do you plan to address them?

A) Some of our community's needs, just in a few words, that I am sensitive to would include clear and meaningful communication between our reps and our community, as well as availability, and transparency on all Trust considerations.

B) Already being in the public domain here on Lasqueti, I am available and Approachable in Lasqueti's "Living Room", I would always encourage good conversation, Ideas, and meaningful back and forth.

4 a) What would your approach be to Governing?

A) As some change over time is inevitable, I am well aware that our community here would advocate for none to little change. If, I had a mission statement, it would include I am here to represent the wishes of our community.

I am readily available through most forms of communication including but not limited to phone, zoom, email, in-person and smoke signals.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.



Tor & Family

ISLANDS TRUST CANDIDATE: JS McINTOSH-FASH

The following words were submitted to *Our Isle & Times* by the Candidate

Hello Isle & Times readership - I'm JS, running for Local Trustee. More about me and my experience is in the *Xwe'etay* newsletter, or email jsoffgrid@proton.me to get together. In short: I'm here to stay. I'd like to use this space for my views on the Islands Trust, because this paper is known for its questions, and an election should give answers.

What's your #1 Priority as a Trustee?

My priority is power to the community on land use decisions.

One, the community means all of us. Lasqueti holds many diverging views, and a Trustee should get the full range on record through accessible input, and publish how values in tension were balanced in each final vote. You'll hear from me proactively on open questions. We're all neighbours here; an elected official should engage with the core concerns of every part of the community, or the problem just gets kicked down the road.

Two, power to the community means protecting the power we have. It's rare for locals to have as much say on land use as we do through the Trust. Through qRD, Lasqueti would hold one vote on a board of five or more rural directors; our Local Trust Committee gives Lasquetians two votes of three. On Trust Council we hold two of twenty-six votes, equal with every other trust area, though Council has asked the Province to reassess whether equal representation should continue.

Three, our land use bylaws should reflect what this community has decided is important about its own way of life. They should be applied where they protect that and updated through due process where they don't, with demonstrable consultation deciding the complicated cases. Completing the Community Plan is a major part of that, as is building civic tools that make rules and processes easier to follow than legalese buried in old agendas.

Four, environmental carrying capacity is the hard limit to community power over land use. I support more conservation options for landowners, and fairly conducted studies of what Lasqueti's watersheds, aquifers, forests, and shorelines can sustain, so future planning can rest on real information.

Five, local power is only as effective as it is participatory. Good standing with First Nations,

fellow Trustees, staff, qRD, the Province and this community makes deliberation likelier than unilateral decisions, saves money, and gets us to outcomes that work for everyone.

Will you Trim the Trust?

Yes, in how it's organized. The Trust is undergoing major structural change, and for good reason. A 2022 external review brought forward fifteen recommendations for improving performance. Council has asked the Province to review the Act twice, and been turned down twice. Our Community Plan is eight years into its update, unfinished because of capacity constraints.

Let's be clear though - abolishing the Trust would lose Lasqueti more than it gains. Planning, its cost, and its consultation requirements don't disappear. The Trust runs about \$55 per \$100,000 of assessed value; on a \$500,000 property that's roughly 10% of your tax bill, versus the regional district's 50%. Even if moving planning to qRD halved that cost, you'd save about 5% of your bill. Not nothing. But is that really our asking price for giving away our virtually-unheard-of majority say on land use decisions? We'd also lose the statutory exemptions from provincial density rules and the tax exemptions for conservation covenants that come with being in the Trust Area. These, and the Trust's contribution to many of our on-island nature reserves, all help Lasqueti stay Lasqueti regardless of what happens in a given Trust term.

Still, projects need to be finished. An organization years behind on its projects cost \$11.8 million in 2026, and continuing without structural change is untenable. Working out which changes to the powers of Trust Council and priorities of staff actually serve local projects, reach clear service targets, and create answerability for public spending takes Trustees willing to wade through 600-page agendas, recognize where Lasquetian interests are at stake, bring forward proposals on the public record, build consensus with other islands, and report back clearly.

Gutting the Trust is easy and shortsighted. Turning this ship around takes committed work. The budget is the first thing up for review next term, and the Policy Statement soon after. If elected, I'll jump right in.

PROVINCIAL ELECTION CALLED FOR OCTOBER 24TH!

Here is a timeline of what has been happening recently in Provincial politics in British Columbia:

September 22, 2026: • NDP Premier David Eby calls a snap Election only two years after the last election.
• BC Conservative MLA Brent Chapman (husband of Kerry-Lynne Findlay) joins OneBC and gives OneBC official party status.

September 20, 2026: BC Conservative Leader Kerry-Lynne Findlay resigns after weeks of Conservative MLAs refusing to accept the Leader that the Party's democratic process and membership chose on May 30, 2026.

August 29, 2026: By-election announced for September 26, 2026 for the riding of Abbotsford-Mission; this is the first opportunity for Kerry-Lynne Findlay to win a seat in the BC Legislature. David Eby's snap election call four days before voting day cancels this by-election.

May 30, 2026: Kerry-Lynne Findlay wins the five-month long BC Conservative Leadership race on the fourth ballot, narrowly defeating Caroline Elliott.

December 13, 2025: OneBC loses official party status when MLA Tara Armstrong leaves the party.

December 2, 2025: OneBC premieres its full-length documentary (<https://makingakilling.ca>) entitled: *Making a Killing: Reconciliation, Genocide and the Plunder of Canada*.

June 9, 2025 OneBC becomes an official provincial party in BC with Dallas Brodie as interim Leader.

March 7, 2025: BC Conservative Leader John Rustad removes Dallas Brodie from the Conservative Party; two other Conservative MLAs leave in support of her.

October 19, 2024: NDP win a one seat majority in the Provincial Election: NDP: 47 MLAs
Conservatives: 44 MLAs
Greens: 2 MLAs

November 18, 2022: David Eby is acclaimed leader of the NDP and becomes the 37th Premier of BC.

October 21, 2022: NDP Premier John Horgan resigns due to throat cancer.

October 24, 2020: During the lockdowns, the NDP win their first majority government since 1996.

May 9, 2017: Liberals win the first minority government in BC since 1952, but NDP form a coalition government with Greens after Premier Christy Clark loses a non-confidence vote in the Legislature.

HOW TO VOTE IN THE PROVINCIAL ELECTION ONLY

(This DOES NOT apply to the local election for Trustees)

- **Final Voting Day is October 24, 2026** from 8am to 8pm (the voting location is still to be determined but will most likely be at our Community Hall or at False Bay School).
- Advanced Voting is from October 16-21 from 8am to 8pm at an Advanced Voting location in Parksville.
- After the District Electoral Office in Parksville opens, you can vote there M-F from 9-5 and Sat 10-4 except holidays (Sept 30 and Oct. 12) and it will be open 8am to 8pm from Oct 16-21.
- You can also vote by mail by calling Elections BC at 1-800-661-8683 or visiting elections.bc.ca/votemail

FERRY UPDATE

— Capt. James Maung, Director of Operations, Western Pacific Marine —

CENTURION VII is currently in dry dock undergoing her scheduled refit, and the work is progressing. Our goal is to complete the work and return the vessel to service as soon as possible, while minimizing disruption to the Lasqueti community.

As is normal during a dry docking, once the vessel is out of the water and inspections are underway, there may occasionally be additional items that need attention. We want to make sure the necessary work is completed properly rather

than rushing the vessel back into service. Safety, reliability, and providing dependable service to the community remain our priorities.

Our engineers are on site and closely involved with the work, with daily progress discussions to keep everything moving forward. We understand how important the ferry service is to the Lasqueti community and are doing everything reasonably possible to have CENTURION VII back in service safely and efficiently as soon as possible.

Free Reiner Fuellmich
Political prisoner
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Germany 🇩🇪

 A Small Fiction
@ASmallFiction

"I challenge you to a duel!"

"Very well. The weapon?"

"Compliments."

"A capital choice."

"Thank you, I- oh! I see you've duelled before!"

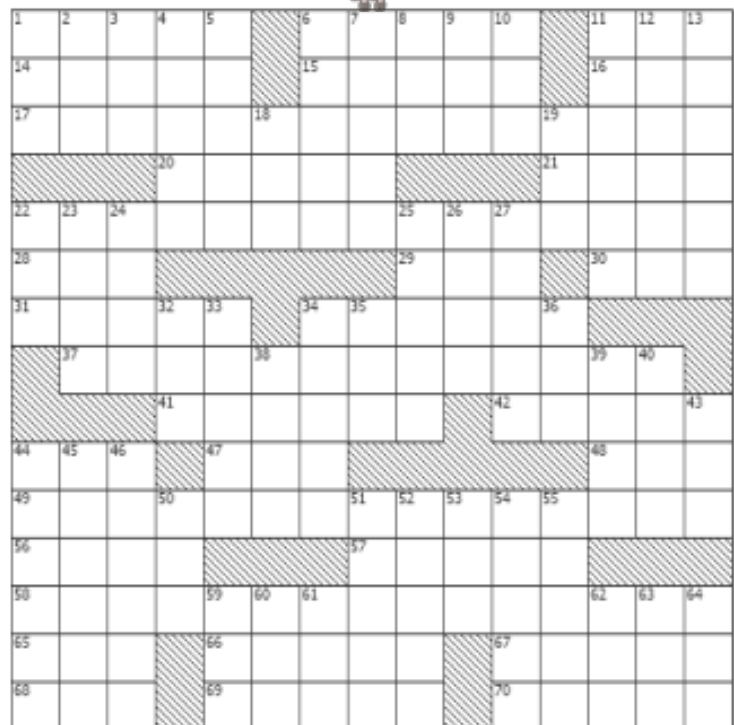


You don't have to move mountains. Simply fall in love with life. Be a tornado of happiness, gratitude and acceptance. You will change the world just by being a warm, kind-hearted human being.
-Anita Krizzan



Across

1. Rain clouds
6. Gussy up
11. Soap boxes?
14. Deux follower
15. Hawaiian island
16. National nonpro sports org.
17. Animated magpie duo
20. Keep one's __ the ground
21. John __ (Lone Ranger's real name)
22. Feminist buddy-movie duo
28. Hat holder
29. Diving seabird
30. Super __: video game console
31. Veep after Hubert
34. Airport shed
37. Husband-and-wife singing duo
41. Tom Jones portrayer Albert
42. Fancy fur
44. CBS forensic drama
47. Oul's opposite
48. Scratch (out), as a living
49. Fairy tale duo
56. Gymnast Korbut
57. Support for an artist
58. Magic duo
65. Uncanny trio?
66. Ronstadt of song
67. Do salon work
68. Take-home pay
69. Follows orders
70. Surrealist Max



Down

1. High degree
2. Hot temper
3. Soft shoe, briefly
4. Theodore of Broadway's "The Sound of Music"
5. Religion of Allah
6. Spanish silver
7. Yakked and yakked
8. Not Rep. nor Dem.
9. Houlihan's rank, in "M*A*S*H"
10. Cutie __
11. Adopt
12. Skycap's unit
13. Handbag materials
18. Important time
19. French vineyard
22. The "Superstation"
23. Beer ingredient
24. Program-ending command
25. Fop
26. Olympic sled
27. Gives a thumbs-up
32. Court arbiter
33. Sheepish
34. Barbera's cartooning partner
35. Prop- or pent-ending
36. Nutritional std.
38. Organic compound
39. "Not bloody likely"
40. Sommer of "A Shot in the Dark"
43. That's a moray
44. Selected
45. Kind of solution
46. Down, as food
50. Yield to gravity
51. Down-and-out
52. Early infant words
53. Fed. property overseer
54. French income
55. Church leader
59. Mel's Diner waitress
60. Beef cut
61. Suffix with Benedict
62. Was in charge of
63. WWII spy gp.
64. "Still and all..."



Awkward: Mark Carney mistakes supporter for Justin Trudeau at campaign event



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LIRA

LIRA represents the people who pay the taxes that fund our school, roads, ferry, post office, and the growing bureaucracy.

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LIRA membership is now open to any resident:

- who has lived here for a year or longer;
- whose residency is vouched for by a LIRA member in good standing, and
- has paid their annual \$20 membership fee.

We are inviting speakers to our island to help us protect our property rights from top down bureaucratic control.

To Join LIRA, Simply Contact:

Treasurer Gwen Bigsby (333-8559)

Secretary Craig McFeely (333-8763)

V-P Gail Fleming (333-8885) or

President Karl Darwin (250-240-1904)

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ANSWERS TO FALL FUNNIES!!

- 1 Gourd friends.
- 2 Because it is too far to walk.
- 3 Rock-tober.
- 4 He had no body to go with him.
- 5 I scream!
- 6 It heard acorn-y joke.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“All of us are neck deep in politics
everyday of our lives.

Every organization on earth that involves
human beings has its politics.

Politics does not have to be a bad thing.
Actually politics can be a good thing when we
bring people to the table to sit down,
work together, compromise and
get things done for the common good.”

— Bill Gindlesperger, 2025—

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DIRECT DEMOCRACY INITIATIVE

OPINION POLL BIG WINNER

A public opinion poll conducted during the November municipal elections may point the way for stronger public involvement in local government. Asked if they were in favour of creating a poll mechanism in the community plan to settle controversial issues in the community, 143 out of 191 Lasqueti voters said yes.

Barry Parks, who organized the poll question and balloting process said that the idea of the poll is that it can be used as a learning mechanism so that advocacy groups can go to the community to explain their position. The community can then vote on the issue.

"Rather than poll the community on important issues, our politicians prefer to surmise public opinion so they can execute their own or the Trust's agenda," he said.

Parks said that a poll mechanism in the community plan was "worth exploring."

"The best thing about the poll is that it empowers residents in the day-to-day political process, instead of just once every three years."

Island trustee Eric O'Higgins described the poll as a "very useful idea."

"There has to be a procedure as part of gathering together everybody's input. Polling in many cases is better than the results of endless public meetings...it has tremendous possibilities."

But asked how he would deal with poll results which went against the mandate and object of the Islands Trust, he said that it would present a problem.

"It would be something would would have to deal with in a serious manner."

POLL ON THE POLL

Question: Do you think the Opinion Poll is a Good Idea?

Suzi Rezansoff: "The polling process is very worthwhile if you can get access to all the people."

Celia King: "I don't think it can be a yes or no answer. Technically, it's a good idea but it might give a skewed picture on people's opinions on an issue."

Uwe Schiek: "I think for controversial issues that people can't agree on it's a good idea. When we're deadlocked on an issue the whole community should have some input."

Milan Cejka: "Everything is miserable. Even the weather. The idea is good...it would probably work."

If you have something to say to Our Community and want The Last Word, email it to ISLEandTIMES@lasqueti.ca

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