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THANK YOU QUADRA, Marti extends her deepest gratitude for the generous support of the Quadra community. With Claire's passing, she will take time to gather herself and decide how best to move forward. When she is ready the generous donations will assist her with moving expenses and furnishings. Her heartfelt Thank You to All.

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Home program delivers peace of mind

QUADRA has a new program to help older islanders continue to live independently and safely in their own homes - but COVID-19 is making it a challenge to set up. The task of making it work has fallen to coordinator Kristene Perron. She said: "Better at Home is a great program and I am super excited about it."

It is funded by the provincial government, managed by United Way and is being run through Quadra Circle here. It is expected, by early in the new year, that seniors will be able to access light housekeeping services and a delivery system for meals, prescriptions and possibly groceries. As the program expands it plans to add minor home repairs and light yard work to its list of services. Not only will it provide seniors with tried and trusted persons and trades to lend a hand, but it will provide some employment for islanders.

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Kristene Perron, coordinator for Better at Home.

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Home program ...

"The client will know the person in their home has been through a criminal record check and has WorkSafe coverage.

"It gives nice peace of mind," said Kristene.

Payment for services will be decided on a sliding scale based on a customer's ability to pay, with some low-income residents being fully subsidized.

"I should stress that this is a non-medical program," said Kristene. "We will grow the service slowly and expect it will be very well utilized by the community. There is definitely a need out there.

"Some other Vancouver Island communities were able to set up their programs before the pandemic hit, but we have the added challenge of trying to get it going during COVID."

That means ensuring proper safety protocols are in place and personal protective equipment (PPE) is being used.

"Our goal in the next few weeks is to have all the protocols in place and have volunteers and clients signed up.

"The program will run with a combination of volunteers, employees and contractors," said Kristene.

"Over time we'll have to figure out what other services are required on the island to help seniors continue to live in their

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own home. Housekeeping is one we know is needed and transportation, because there is no bus here. We are working really closely with all existing organizations and have an advisory committee set up."

Kristene had already taken on an important community role.

At the beginning of the pandemic, in March, she started the Caremongering Quadra facebook group to pull together information and offers of assistance, working closely with Quadra Island Emergency Program.

She has been a volunteer with non-profit societies before moving to Quadra in 2016 and is the author of a five-book science fiction series and various short stories.

"I am new to Quadra Circle and I am amazed and impressed by how much work the group has done. I am both humbled and honoured to be a part of it," she said.

Anyone who would like to volunteer, participate or needs more information on the Better at Home program can contact Kristene at bahquadracircle@gmail.com or phone the Quadra Circle office at 250-285-2255.

- Amanda Smith



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Season's Greetings from Harbourside Medical Clinic

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Dec. 25th	Closed
Dec. 26th	Closed
Dec. 31st	9:30 – 3:00pm
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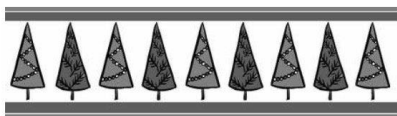
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Quadra community foundation receives vital start up funds

AN economic development grant of \$5,000 was awarded to the newly-formed Quadra Island Foundation (QIF) by the board of Strathcona Regional District at its meeting last week. The money is to assist with the society's start up costs. A community foundation is a locally run foundation that builds and manages endowment funds to support charitable activities in its region.

Each community foundation is autonomous and governed by a volunteer board.

This week, the Quadra Island board issued the following statement:

"Quadra Island Foundation (QIF) would like to thank Jim Abram, Director Area C, Strathcona Regional District for the support and funding to help establish the Quadra Island Foundation.

Funding support will go towards legal fees for legal guidance and counsel setting up the Foundation, review of bylaws and society registration, review of the Charitable Registration application, and administrative costs such as registering the website and developing a webpage.

Quadra Island is now in the beneficial company of many communities such as Powell River, the Comox Valley, Bowen Island, Salt Spring Island and our closest neighbour, Campbell River by becoming a public community foundation!

Public community foundations exist to receive major donations and bequests from donors, which get invested in a permanent community endowment fund.

Since the spring, a small group of Quadra Islanders has been meeting to establish the Foundation. QIF was incorporated under the B.C. Societies Act on August 18, 2020. Crucially, the application for charitable status with the Canada Revenue Agency was submitted November 27, 2020. The expected application processing time is 12-18 months.

Annually, the proceeds from QIF will be distributed, mostly through local charities, to fund the many good works that vitalize the people, culture, and environment of Quadra Island.

Until receiving charitable status, QIF has coordinated with the Campbell River Community Foundation (CRCF) to immediately receive estate bequests and major donations for our wonderful island through CRCF's Quadra Island Fund. All donations will receive a tax receipt from CRCF.

We are gradually looking to recruit a few more board members with diverse backgrounds and skills. We are committed to keep you informed of our progress through local publications and media in the coming months.

Current board members are: Michael Mascall (Chair), Jody Rodgers (Vice Chair), Mich Hirano (Treasurer), Matthew Kelly (Secretary), Julie Douglas (Director at Large).

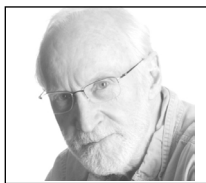
Happy Holidays! For more information please contact Michael Mascall 250-202-1968."

Other recent recipients of Regional District economic development grants have been the Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music (\$2,000), Children's Centre (\$5,169), Conservancy Stewardship Society (\$1,500), Quadra Circle (\$6,000), OAP Branch #91 (\$4,000) and Campbell River Museum (\$1,000).

Out of crisis can come a concerted effort for good

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Watt's Happening



OFTEN the worst of times can be the best of times. People talk fondly of the close relationships they made during WW II, how so many pitched in to work together with a common cause and purpose. Finally there was something important that everyone could be a part of. Suddenly, what they did mattered.

Those times have come again. In the middle of a global pandemic, with a strange and dark Christmas ahead and the rising threat of climate chaos, suddenly you (yes you!) really matter. Where you stand, the things you do and don't do, your opinions and conversations are life-and-death important. Crisis breeds tragedy but also purpose and meaning. These days we are all important again.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Now there's a disturbing term for you. Apparently, the natural world is just a big pile of stuff that we can use as we see fit. All the plants, all the animals, the rivers, valleys, mountains and lakes, the air, the soil and water, the oceans are just non-human stuff hanging around waiting for us to exploit, always wanting more and doing anything to get it.

There is no give and take here, only take, and always taking is exactly how we ended up in the mess we're in.

Thinkers smarter than myself have suggested that the Department of Natural Resources should be re-named the Department of Earthly Gifts. Sounds pretty misty-tinkle I know, but let's think about it a minute.

IT'S TIME TO GIVE A LITTLE

We have taken without giving for so long we think that's all there is to it. But now, slowly, we have come to realize that we cannot constantly take without running into some pretty severe problems.

The Earth is telling us now that it needs our care, our concern and our attention. Our little planet has given us everything we need up to this point, but there are limits. Now it's our turn to give a little.

We must still take, our course. We cannot make oxygen, for instance. Plants do that naturally, converting sunlight and water into oxygen (which they give away for free), and sequestering carbon while they're at it. We absolutely need to consume other life forms and energy to survive.

But how do we do it with respect, how do we give back to help balance an out-of-balance system, how do we harvest what we need with honour and respect?

OUR ENERGY SAVINGS

There are two kinds of energy available on our little home planet: Energy income and energy savings, just like in your own household.

Conventional energies are our energy savings, the energies the planet has concentrated, stored, and tucked away. We have to TAKE these energies. They are not given to us free of charge. It's a lot of hard work and expensive too, digging, refining, shipping, burning and dealing with the effects of pollution.

Powerful and tempting energies indeed, but using up our savings comes with lots of problems. As our savings dwindle, they become more difficult and expensive to



Let this pandemic be our lightbulb moment.

take out of the bank and the problems they create become worse over time: Carbon builds up in the atmosphere, pollution builds up in our soil, water, air and in our bodies while our oceans fill with plastic. It is difficult to harvest these energies, our energy savings, with the honour our planet needs and deserves.

OUR ENERGY INCOME

Wind, solar, geothermal, and tidal energies are our energy income, the energies that are GIVEN to us, free of charge, renewed and replenished with little effort on our part, constantly and forever. Instead of more difficult and expensive to harvest over time, they become easier, more plentiful and less expensive.

Sun energy, for instance is rapidly becoming our primary energy source and the cheapest energy ever, and for very good reason. In just one hour that huge nuclear fusion reactor in the sky drops enough energy on our planet to run our whole global civilization for a year.

These energies, our income, can be much more easily harvested with honour and respect.

In these uncertain and difficult times, we all have choices to make and actions to take. Once again, within the broad sweep of history, what we do really matters.

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B.C. Recovery Benefit is rolled out

STARTING Friday, December 18 up to 90% of adults in B.C. will be able to apply for the B.C. Recovery Benefit online. Those needing assistance over the phone can complete their application with an agent starting Monday, December 21. The Recovery Benefit is not sent out automatically, an application has to be made.

It provides \$1,000 for families with incomes under \$125,000. Families earning up to \$175,000 will qualify for a reduced benefit amount. Single-parent families also qualify for these benefit amounts. It provides \$500 for single people earning less than \$62,500. Single people earning up to \$87,500 will qualify for a reduced benefit amount.

To apply and be eligible for the one-time, tax-free benefit, people must:

- be a resident of B.C. on Dec. 18, 2020;
- be at least 19 years old on Dec. 18;
- have filed a 2019 income tax return;
- have their 2019 income tax notice of assessment, and if applicable, their spouse's 2019 income tax notice of assessment;
- have their social insurance number;
- have their direct deposit information;
- have their B.C. driver's licence.

Applying online is the fastest way to receive the benefit.

British Columbians can apply through one of the following:

- starting Dec. 18, visiting:

gov.bc.ca/recoverybenefit

- starting Dec. 21, agents will be available by phone to assist people who need help applying, including those who do not have internet access.

- starting Dec. 21, phone-based support will be available at 1-833-882-0020 toll-free within North America, Monday to Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Pacific time).

Early next year, the Province will introduce a modified application process. This will ensure those on disability and income assistance who do not have banking services or who have barriers to filing income taxes can apply and receive their benefit.

It is anticipated that a majority of eligible applicants will receive payment within five business days.

For applications that require manual review to determine eligibility, it will take longer for payments to be made.

The Service B.C. Provincial Contact Centre has hired 150 new staff to answer questions from the public about the benefit and help people complete applications. However, telephone call volumes may be high and wait times may be longer than normal during the first few weeks.

People have until June 30, 2021, to apply for the B.C. Recovery Benefit.

Insurance Bureau lists thieves' favourite cars

Each year, the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) releases a list of the 10 most frequently stolen vehicles in the country.

This year it reports the following number of units stolen:

1. 2017 Ram 1500 4x4 – 141 stolen
2. 2019 Lexus RX – 146 stolen
3. 2017 Toyota Highlander – 155 stolen
4. 2018 Toyota Highlander – 158 stolen
5. 2019 Honda CR-V – 161 stolen
6. 2018 Ford-150 4x4 – 199 stolen
7. 2018 Lexus RX – 200 stolen
8. 2017 Honda CR-V – 247 stolen
9. 2017 Lexus RX – 258 stolen
10. 2018 Honda CR-V – 350 stolen

The IBC says that electronic theft is on the rise, as vehicles gain more tech like keyless entry and remote start.

Joyrides are up, too, IBC says, with a growing trend, especially during the pandemic, of vehicles stolen for street racing, drifting, and other illegal racing activity.

How do you keep your vehicle where you parked it? IBC says to avoid leaving your keyless remote near the front door or in the vehicle as the signal can be used directly to unlock the doors and start the car, or copied for later use. They suggest installing a tracking device or immobiliser.

Perfect tip for Christmas bakers

How's this for an innovative way to keep your recipe handy and in view, without it getting splattered in batter or dusted with flour. A simple clothes hanger with clips, hanging on a kitchen cabinet handle, does the trick.

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