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Mayoral candidates square off

Cole, McEwen and Faith make their pitch for top spot

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Ucluelet will be electing a new mayor on Oct. 15 and the three candidates vying to fill the spot squared off last week at an all candidates meeting hosted by the Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce.

Ucluelet's four municipal council spots are already locked in as only four candidates put their names forward to fill them, meaning Ian Kennington, Mark Maftai, Jennifer Hoar and Shawn Anderson will all be acclaimed.

Current mayor Mayco Noel is not running for re-election and Marilyn McEwen, Rachelle Cole and Bruce Faith are each hoping to replace him. The first question the mayoral candidates were asked at Sept 22's forum was to rank their top five issues facing Ucluelet.

"It's easy. This is a question that I've thought a lot about it and I've lived it for the last four years," said Rachelle Cole, noting she served as a councillor for the past four years and has represented Ucluelet on the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District board.

"It's definitely housing. It's definitely health-care. Happy humans is something I think about all the time because a community can have a whole bunch of things, but the important thing is that the humans living in it are super happy."

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BEACH DAYS ARE THE BEST: Little Juniper Newman, 3, and dad Pete catch a wave during an expression session at the Sept. 24 Bruhwiler Kids Classic Surf Classic at Cox Bay. (Nora O'Malley photo)



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HOUSING

THC hosts purchase lottery for homes

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The Tofino Housing Corporation is hosting a lottery with the opportunity to purchase a half-duplex home for \$699,000 up for grabs.

Oct. 3 is the deadline to apply to the lottery and the winners will be able to enter into a presale contract for a three-bedroom unit, which includes a rental suite that can be rented out long-term as a mortgage helper, though vacation rentals will be prohibited.

“For this opportunity, we don’t have a maximum income. The homes are \$699,000 plus GST. So they’re not super cheap, but they’re a lot less pricey than you’d pay on the market,” THC interim executive director Ian Scott told the Westerly News.

In order to qualify for the lottery, applicants must have lived within the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District for at least two of the past three years, work full time in Tofino and not own any other real estate.

More information can be found at tofinohousingcorp.ca.

“We get that these homes are not going to be affordable to everybody and people should know that, come next year, there will be more rental homes of a variety of different sizes available,” Scott said. “We still are in a limited inventory phase of development so, if this isn’t quite the right fit for somebody, we’re looking to create future opportunities for them. Some are underway, others are still on the drawing board.”

The duplexes have not yet been built, but are expected to be complete by next summer and Scott explained that the money paid by lottery winners will go towards paying down the construction costs.

“We need to be sure there are buyers before we put the money down to actually build them,” he said. “We will actually be losing money on the project. We are making a long-term investment in below market housing prices.”

He added that the homes will have resale pricing restrictions.

The THC is nearing completion of the first phase of its development goal it set off to achieve roughly four years ago with 14 housing units officially occupied at Creekside and 72 apartment units expected to be ready to be moved into next year along with the two duplexes up for lottery.

“We have a strategic plan goal of having 150 rental units and 30 price restricted units by

“We still are in a limited inventory phase of development so, if this isn’t quite the right fit for somebody, we’re looking to create future opportunities for them.”

– Ian Scott

2030,” Scott explained. “We’re about halfway to that goal.”

Scott said Creekside residents are happy with their new homes.

“That development seems to be working out really well. The neighbours seem quite pleased, they had some concerns and hesitations and it seems to be working out well. Our hope is that each of our developments we get the same kind of positive feedback from the people who move in and the people who live around it,” he said. “There’s lots of stories of people who have struggled for years to find adequate housing or affordable housing or a combination of both and to have a place that’s a longer term, stable place that they can live is just a big load off.”

The THC has been working with the district to locate other development opportunities, though concerns around tree removal and capacity continue to be barriers and district-owned land is limited.

“The district providing the land was one of the key aspects to us being able to achieve what we have achieved,” he said.

Scott is on the agenda to speak to council during their Sept. 27 regular meeting and hopes to hammer down more details around the future direction of housing projects.

“I get lots of emails and communication from people asking, ‘Do you have a place I can live?’ and the answer is ‘No, not yet, but we’re working on it,’” he said. “So, you have to keep pushing forward with that goal in mind of continuing to provide housing and each of these projects takes 3-5 years from concept to finish. It’s a constant process of starting, going through the grunt work of getting it off the ground, finishing it, having people move in and thinking about the next one while you’re celebrating and being pleased for the people who have a new home to live in.”

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RECONCILIATION

Students prepare for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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West Coast students have started the school year steeped in sombre reflection and research as they prepare for Canada's National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Ucluelet Secondary School has partnered with the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust to bring in a Legacy of Hope Foundation exhibit, "Remembering, Honouring and the Way Forward," that will be surrounded by student-led projects at a Sept. 30 unveiling.

This is the second year the school has collaborated with Legacy of Hope, though this year's student participation has doubled with six classes and roughly 150 students participating.

"For decades this was hidden from the general public. Survivors themselves never felt like they were being heard. When you go through that much trauma, the first part of healing is to have the truth come out, the acknowledgement... We want to do this to make sure we honour those children that never came home and the children who are still now living with the effects of hardcore trauma," Jason Sam of the CBT told the Westerly News.

"It's also to create more understanding and empathy with people, especially youth. If they can understand that there are people that are extremely traumatized by this to this day, it could create a better community moving forward. If we know that our neighbours were really hurt by the Canadian Government and the churches, they might have a better understanding of why communities are still struggling and people are still struggling."

Art students are designing and printing orange shirts, literary studies students are researching the 94 calls to action and then presenting one call to action and analyzing whether progress is being made towards them.

Social Studies and History students are working on presentations about specific residential schools. English students are working on poems and the school's Nuu chah nultah class is going to interpret the work to make it bilingual.

The students met with residential school survivors at Tin Wis Resort on Sept. 13 and Sam said it was a powerful experience.

"The conference centre there is the only building left of the former Christie Residential School. When you go into that conference room, you're going into the old gymnasi-



Grade 9 art students at USS, from left, Talon Morgan-Banke, Kailea Sked and Kira Cameron work on orange shirts as part of their preparation for Truth and Reconciliation Day. (Andrew Bailey photo)

"For decades this was hidden from the general public."

– Jason Sam

um of that residential school," he said. "We had a day of listening to survivors share their experiences in residential schools. The kids listened and it brought it into reality. It takes it from the internet and paper to, 'Yes, these are real people that are still alive and are still affected.'"

"One of the survivors said that she's worked a lot on being able to even go to Tin Wis because that was part of the school that she went to. We were in the gym and she pointed to certain areas in the gym that were the place of terrible memories."

He added survivors were also brought into the school to see the actions students are taking towards reconciliation.

"Survivors definitely want to see

action so they get to go around to the classes and join and share in the teaching and the learning and provide further input into it," he said.

Grade 9 art students were designing and printing Orange shirts on Friday.

The class' teacher Shannon McWhinney told the Westerly the students worked on the design with artist Marika Swan and heard from survivors about how important orange shirts are.

"My stomach did loops, it was very emotional to listen to," McWhinney said. "They talked very personally about how the orange shirts affect them in a very positive way to see that we are learning and listening. A lot of survivors have felt that they haven't been listened to so to see visually that community members are walking around wearing the shirts, listening, engaging and supporting them emotionally is really important."

She said the engagement and participation had been "amazing"

though she noted the difficulty of the topic.

"It's incredibly important. A lot of the students are still learning, some of the students are learning for the first time and there's community members who are learning for the first time about residential schools and the effects," she said. "It's a very emotional and a hard topic to learn, so we have had our counsellors involved as well as support team. It's a lot for the students, especially in September, to be taking in all this really incredibly difficult information and then to digest it and do something creative with it, is a really really big process that they feel a lot of pride in at the end."

Once the Legacy of Hope exhibit and student-led projects are ready, students will go through the exhibit, which will also be opened to the public in the school's multipurpose room on Sept. 30.

"It comes under youth leading reconciliation. The youth use their projects to educate the broader community," Sam said.

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07:57	1.2	3.9	
14:09	3.4	11.2	
20:49	0.6	2	


FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
03:10	2.8	9.2	 17°/13° Cloudy with sunny breaks
08:35	1.4	4.6	
14:50	3.4	11.2	
21:42	0.6	2	


SATURDAY OCTOBER 1, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
04:09	2.6	8.5	 15°/12° Light rain
09:22	1.6	5.2	
15:38	3.3	10.8	
22:45	0.7	2.3	


SUNDAY OCTOBER 2, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
05:24	2.5	8.2	 14°/12° Cloudy with showers
10:22	1.8	5.9	
16:41	3.1	10.2	


MONDAY OCTOBER 3, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
00:00	0.8	2.6	 14°/12° Chance of a shower
06:53	2.5	8.2	
11:48	1.9	6.2	
18:00	3.1	10.2	

TUESDAY OCTOBER 4, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
01:21	0.8	2.6	 14°/12° Mainly sunny
08:14	2.6	8.5	
13:26	1.8	5.9	
19:27	3.1	10.2	

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 5, 2022

TIDE	Metres	Feet	
02:31	0.7	2.3	 14°/12° Rain
09:15	2.8	9.2	
14:44	1.6	5.2	
20:45	3.1	10.2	



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Inside the abbey, a funeral fit for a leader

I couldn't see the lone piper. But it didn't matter. As the sounds of the Scottish lament, "Sleep, Dearie, Sleep," faded into the silence of Westminster Abbey, it finally struck me that Queen Elizabeth II was really gone.

The queen loved bagpipes so much that she had a piper play under her window for 15 minutes every morning, so those notes disappearing into the ether had a sense of finality, in a grand, show-stopping way.

Sept. 19's state funeral was filled with those kinds of moments as Britain said good-bye to its longest-serving monarch with all the pageantry the nation is known for.

The black-clad mourners included the royal family, seven British prime ministers and hundreds of dignitaries from around the world, including U.S. President Joe Biden.

But it was the colors that caught my eye. The dark clothing was just a backdrop for decora-

tions of all kinds. Military medals gleamed from the chests of old soldiers, and civilians sported ribbons denoting civilian honors bestowed by the queen.

There were Knights of the Garter in blue velvet capes. Trumpeters with long silver instruments festooned with banners. Soldiers in gleaming plumed-helmets and the army veterans known as Chelsea Pensioners, resplendent in their traditional scarlet tunics.

"It was like something out of a fairy tale," said Bertram Leon, who was recently awarded a British Empire Medal for service to the St. Lucian community. "You know, it was amazing, beautifully well done — orchestrated, which is what you expected."

I witnessed the spectacle from a seat in the abbey's north transept, my view obstructed by a great stone pillar. That's partly why I couldn't see the piper.

But so what? It didn't matter. It was enough to be part of the crowd.

Watching the world leaders file in, I wished I had a scorecard with little photographs to figure out who was who. There were so many of them — who could keep track?

Then came the royals, led by King Charles III in full military uniform, a sword on his hip.

But behind the pomp and circumstance, this was about honoring the late queen and her lifetime of service to Britain and the Commonwealth.

And it was the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, who captured that better than any parade or procession.

Welby reminded the congregation of the queen's speech during the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic — when frightened Britons were stuck in their homes unable to see friends and family.

Elizabeth, a symbol of stability for 70 years, echoed the words of a World War II-era song by Vera Lynn — and assured the nation that "We will meet again."

Welby's words reminded me of the night I listened to that speech, and wondered what the future would hold. I was frightened too — wasn't everyone?

So somehow this immense state funeral service suddenly became very personal. Amid all the pomp and pageantry, we were all invited to think about that night — about what the queen meant to us in that awful, pandemic time.

So whatever it was, the words or the guardsmen or the choristers, I can tell you one thing: At the end of the service, the congregation stood and sang "God Save the King" with such gusto that it almost felt as if the abbey walls were shaking. If nothing else, the nation's long-time leader was leaving center stage.

I can't say for sure, of course. But I think it will take this country some time to remember that the first line of the national anthem is no longer "God Save our gracious Queen."

—Danica Kirka, *The Associated Press*

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COLUMN

Bungle at the border

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I recently discovered you can cross the border into the U.S. without passports and with booze and fruit in the car.

But to avoid this, don't shut off your GPS if you haven't driven through Osoyoos in 30 years.

My wife and I were on our way back to the Island from the Okanagan and I wanted to take Highway 3 instead of the Coquihalla. We saw the sign in Osoyoos to go east to Castlegar, but nothing pointing west, so I kept driving straight. A short time later we encountered a sign saying we're entering the U.S. and we didn't see a U-turn. I said, "No big deal. The guys at the border will help us out when we tell them what happened."

Moments later, a U.S. customs agent recites a script of questions he seemed incapable of deviating from.

"Destination?"

"Actually we're trying to turn around back into Canada, we missed our turn to Vancouver."

"Passports?"

"No, we weren't intending to cross the border."

"ID?"

I hand over our driver's licences.

"Vaccinations?"

I hand him our little green cards with the QR codes.

"Do you have any liquor in the car?"

"Yes. We're not supposed to be here."

"Fruit?"

"Yes."

"Any cannabis, weapons in the car?"

"No."

"Roll down your back window for me." (Glances inside. Sees cooler, but apparently no cannabis or weapons.)

"Did you stop at the duty-free store?"

"What? No. We're not supposed to be here."

The Osoyoos border crossing that day – maybe most days – seemed devoid of human life except for us and border security people,

at least three of whom jumped on their computers to do background checks on us. Minutes later, Agent Strange, according to his name patch, asks, "So, when was the last time you intentionally crossed the border?" "2019."

It was the answer he was looking for, I guess, because he handed back our licences and said, "Hey, Chris, you were born in Los Angeles and you're all vaccinated. You know you're welcome to come and go anytime, right?"

Strange said pre-pandemic they'd get at least one car an hour that missed the turn and ended up at the border. We said, there's no sign. We'd have to talk to the Canadians about that, he said, and handed us a yellow slip to give to the CBSA people next door – the Canadian and U.S. border services in Osoyoos share the same building with a wall between them – and said to get back into Canada we'll likely have to set up the ArriveCan app and that'll probably be more hassle than dealing with him.

We made a U-turn and explained our situation to a CBSA agent who asked us much the same questions his American counterpart had, handed us instructions on how to set up the ArriveCan app, had us pull into a parking stall to set up the app, and told us to go inside the office if we need help. About 90 seconds later, we went inside for help. I did make a comment to a young CBSA officer filling out forms to get us back into Canada that this could be an episode on the Border Security TV series. He kind of grimaced and said, "This just isn't that interesting."

(Well, maybe it's just part of the background noise to you, buddy, but you're not standing on this side of the counter.)

Nobody confiscated our liquor or fruit and we arrived at Tsawwassen in time for our ferry to Duke Point.

Two days later my wife received a call from 'Toll Free Serv.' Because we'd visited the U.S., she'd been selected for random COVID testing.

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UES PAC CHEERS WELCOME BACK BBQ

The Ucluelet Elementary School Parent Advisory Committee would like to thank everyone that attended the welcome back barbecue on Wednesday September 21st. It was a great event where it was wonderful to see both returning students as well as new families able to get together outside of school hours to connect up over sharing dinner together.

This event was organized and hosted by the Parent Advisory Committee. It is the first of numerous events planned by the parent action committee that will be sponsored and hosted by them throughout the school year.

The UES PAC welcomes and encourages all parents to get involved. Involvement doesn't have to be a large commitment. It could be as small as helping set up or clear down an event the day of.

The PAC would like to thank the Ucluelet Co-op for partially sponsoring the barbecue and Ucluelet Elementary School for allowing us to host the barbecue on school grounds as well as providing tables.

Especially exciting for the children was having a fire truck, police vehicle and ambulance on site to be explored under the supervision of members of those departments. Thank you to the Ucluelet RCMP for donating their barbecue and propane tanks as well as the Ucluelet Fire Rescue for barbecuing all of the burgers and hot dogs. Your dedication to barbecuing in the hot sun in uniform did not go unnoticed.

Of course a potluck is only as good as its contributions. Thank you to everyone that brought a side dish to add to the meal or a dessert to have as a treat afterwards.

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Mayoral candidates highlight key issues

From A1

She cited streets, transportation and development as other key issues all resort municipalities face, noting “transportation is key.”

She suggested the district “has a lot of really great things” on the horizon to tackle its ongoing housing crisis.

“The key to this is going to be listening to the community, what the community’s needs and wants are and what that’s going to look like and how that will transition into these housing projects and making sure that we maintain the quaintness,” she said.

Bruce Faith listed his five issues as affordable housing, the “complex issue of bed and breakfasts,” healthcare, infrastructure and water treatment.

“We want to bring people in, we want families to plant their roots here and grow as a community,” he said.

He added he wants to “protect” tra-



Ucluelet’s mayoral candidates, from left, Bruce Faith, Marilyn McEwen and Rachele Cole smile together after Sept. 22’s All Candidates Meeting. (Andrew Bailey photo)

ditional bed and breakfasts operated by residents within local bylaws while closing loopholes.

He said healthcare needs to be addressed so that residents do not have

to travel to Tofino to get medical lab work done and added the district’s downtown parking plan needs to be looked at.

“We’ve got to catch up with this

growth and we’ve got to be prepared for the growth that’s coming,” he said. “I’m going to be a full-time mayor. I’m going to spend a minimum of eight hours a day on the job, minimum five days a week... Please approach me. If I’m at the Co-op, post office, the bank, please come and see me.”

Marilyn McEwen has served on council for the past eight years and cited communication, affordable housing, recreation and the West Coast’s BC Transit service plan as key issues, suggesting “communication with our citizens” needs to be worked on.

“I really think we can do better,” she said.

She said district staff have made a few attempts at summarizing council meetings through the district’s Ukee Mail program and she hopes that can become more consistent.

“A lot of people don’t go to the district website to read the minutes. It’s just way easier to see a synopsis,” she said.

She said affordable housing is a “big issue (with) no easy solution” and that she would like to launch a task force to help tackle the issue.

She added that she also hopes to reinstate a Ucluelet Recreation commission.

“(There’s) so many new, young families in town I just think it would be great to have a group of vested citizens from all walks of life, young, old, seniors, just to help the recreation department come up with some good programming,” she said.

She also noted the BC Transit service plan has hit a snag and seeing it through is something she’d like to tackle “right away.”

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Tofino VOTES 2022

OCTOBER 15 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

On Saturday, October 15, 2022, eligible Tofino voters will elect 6 (six) Councillors to serve terms of 4 (four) years. Advance Voting will be held Wednesday, October 5, 2022, and Mail Ballots will be available for all eligible voters.

WHO ARE THE CANDIDATES?
Office of Councillor – Six (6) to be elected

Usual Name	Jurisdiction of Residence
Al Anderson	Tofino, BC
John Enns	Tofino, BC
Duncan McMaster	Tofino, BC
Ali Sawyer	Tofino, BC
Sarah Sloman	Tofino, BC
Tom Stere	Tofino, BC
Kat Thomas	Tofino, BC

WHEN AND WHERE DO I VOTE?

- Advance Voting:** Wednesday, October 5, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- General Voting Day:** Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM
- Mail Ballot:** Any eligible elector can choose to vote by mail in ballot. Mail ballots must be received by the District of Tofino before 8:00 PM (PST) on Saturday, October 15, 2022, to be counted. Visit www.tofinovotes.ca or contact us for information about requesting a mail ballot package.

Eligible Tofino voters will cast their ballot either in advance or on general voting day in the Council Chamber, Municipal Hall, at 380 Campbell Street, Tofino, B.C.

WHO CAN VOTE?
You can vote as either a resident elector or a non-resident property elector if you are:

- 18 years of age or older on general voting day (October 15, 2022);
- A Canadian citizen;
- A resident of B.C. for at least 6 months at time of voting;
- Not disqualified by law from voting;
- if a **resident elector**, a resident of the District of Tofino;
- and, if a **non-resident property elector**:
 - not entitled to register as a resident elector;
 - have been a registered owner of real property in the District of Tofino for at least 30 days immediately before you register;
 - if applicable, have written consent from the majority of owners to register as the property’s elector;
 - may only register in relation to one property;
 - corporations that own property are not entitled to vote as per section 64(3) the *Local Government Act*

If you are not on the voters list, you can register at the time of voting (in person or by mail) by completing an application. To register, **resident electors** must produce two (2) pieces of identification (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity. To register, **non-resident property electors** must produce two (2) pieces of identification (at least one with a signature) to prove identity and residency in British Columbia, proof that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, written consent from the majority of the property owners must be provided.

ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION
As of 4:00 PM, Tuesday, September 20, 2022, the following candidate was declared by acclamation to the Office of Mayor to serve a term of 4 (four) years.

Office of Mayor	
Dan Law	Acclaimed

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, please contact:
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PROFILE

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Happy 100th Birthday to Mary Kimoto

NORA O'MALLEY

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Mary Toshiko Kimoto turns 100 years young on Saturday, Oct. 1.

From her homestead in Ucluelet's Spring Cove at the end of Peninsula Road, the distinguished Japanese Canadian shared stories about working and living on the West Coast.

"My father passed away when I was 14. He had rheumatoid arthritis and he went to Japan to recover, but when he came back to Vancouver, he didn't recover so we had to quit school and go to work. At the same time they were recruiting girls up in the fish cannery up in Nootka and you had to be 15. But the fellow that was organizing said I could go. That was the best time of my life up in Nootka," said Kimoto.

"It was a herring plant. The Maquinna came up Nootka maybe once in 10 days so they weren't getting too many groceries, so all we ate was rice and herring. And it was good. It was the best time of my life. We didn't know any better, my girlfriend and I."

Her grandson, Katsumi Kimoto, told the Westerly that everyone in the community is invited to his grandmother's 100th birthday celebration this Saturday at the Ucluelet Community Centre. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and there will be finger food, speeches, a slideshow, cake and, of course, dancing. Admission is a \$5 donation and there will be a cash bar. In lieu of flowers or cards, Mary is asking folks to make a donation to the food bank.

"I think she was feeling that people hadn't seen each other a lot in the last couple years and she wanted to do something where people could come together, hear some live music and dance. She wanted to do something for the whole community to enjoy," said Katsumi, noting that she even picked a band, The Staggering Bears, she thought the 'younger' people would like.

Mary was the 2011 Ucluelet Citizen of the Year and in October 2019, she received a Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers for the many years she has devoted to bettering Ucluelet. The Medal for Volunteers is an official Canadian honour and the only one for volunteerism given by the Governor-General of Canada.

She has a birthday wish that Ucluelet sees a museum that tells the story of First Nations, Japanese and pioneers come to fruition. She also wishes that her husband's fishing boat, La Perouse, continues to fish under the Kimoto name.



Mary Kimoto in Spring Cove, at the mouth of the Ucluelet inlet, on a lovely fall day. (Katsumi Kimoto photo)

"She asked us to host a community dance. She wants something for everybody else."

– Mary Christmas

Leading up to Japanese internment in 1942, Kimoto's mother, Yose Morita, seemingly outmanoeuvred the Canadian government by swiftly closing up their Vancouver shop, taking all their possessions in a truck, along with lots of rice, and fleeing towards Hope, B.C. for a "self-supporting" journey. They worked out of a greenhouse near Kelowna for a period of time.

She arranged a marriage for Mary to Tom Kimoto in August 1944. At the time, Tom was living at Lemon Creek internment camp.

"When we got married you are only allowed to stay 48-hours in the internment camp. We had to go back east or go back to Japan, so we chose to go back east because we didn't know anyone in Japan," said Kimoto.

The newlyweds found work in Northern Toronto.

"He was a butler and I was a house maid. I was supposed to help with the cooking, but I didn't know how to boil an egg," Kimoto recalls.

Tom, a fisherman originally from Clayoquot Sound, hated his job in Ontario. Kimoto said it wasn't long before they had saved enough money to move back to the West Coast with their two young boys Gordon and Doug.

"Tommy just had to go back."

As soon as they returned, Tommy made a deal with BC Packers to build and finance 10 new fishing boats.

It was then that La Perouse, the legacy of the Kimoto family, was born. Tommy finished his financing with the Prince Rupert Co-op.

"Tommy more or less paved the way for Japanese fisherman to return to the West Coast and fish the entirety of the West Coast."

He passed away on April 1, 1985. Kimoto's caretaker, Max Collin, said Tommy passed away peacefully knowing that Mary was taken care of and that his boat was taken care of.

Mary reminisced about a photograph from 1963 showing the Seaplane Base rec hall decorated for a Fishermen's Ball.

"It was all the fishermen's wives and their men. It went all over Costco news, 'Ucluelet's fishermen's ball'," she recalled. "The music was

George Fraser Band and I wore a long, black dress. The fishermen's ball was something."

She said Tommy danced, but most of the Japanese fishermen didn't know how to dance, so they showed them in their house.

Longtime friend Mary Christmas says all Kimoto wants for her 100th birthday is to know that people are having a good time.

"She asked us to host a community dance. She wants something for everybody else," said Christmas.

"That's who she is to a tee," said Collin.

Katsumi calls his grandmother a "Japanese matriarch".

"She would always be the last one to sit down. She was an amazing cook. Her fisherman husband and her fishermen sons ate like kings while they were fishing. They were the envy of the fleet," said Katsumi.

Nowadays, Katsumi says they don't let grandma cook, but she's still directing productions for dishes like: BBQ salmon, Kamaboko fish cakes and her famed Octopus salad.

"We called it Devil's Salad," Kimoto shares. "The octopus has to be nice and fresh when you get it from the fishermen. Then add kelp, noodles, a little bit of radish and cucumbers. Sprinkle coarse salt on cucumber. It makes it firmer."



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DISTRICT OF UCLUELET 2022 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS

Public notice is hereby given as follows:

NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

An election by voting is to be held to elect a Mayor, and the following persons are candidates for the office:

MAYOR – ONE (1) to be elected

SURNAME	USUAL NAMES	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS
COLE	Rachelle	1390 Helen Road, Ucluelet, BC
FAITH	Bruce	310 Reef Point Road, Ucluelet, BC
McEWEN	Marilyn	131 Garden Street, Ucluelet, BC

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be on:

Saturday, October 15, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

in Activity Rooms 1 & 2 at the Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet BC

ADVANCE VOTING will be held on:

Wednesday, October 5, 2022, between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

in Activity Rooms 1 & 2 at the Ucluelet Community Centre, 500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet BC

ELECTOR REGISTRATION

If you are not on the list of electors, you may register at the time of voting by completing the application form available at the voting place and making a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day, October 15, 2022
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of the District of Ucluelet on the day of registration (at time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY ELECTORS:

To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on General Voting Day, October 15, 2022;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in the District of Ucluelet for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or assent voting and not otherwise disqualified by law.

In addition, for non-resident property electors:

- The only persons who are registered owners of the property, either as joint tenants or tenants in common, are individuals who are not holding the property in trust for a corporation or another trust.
- If more than one person is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

In addition, in order to register at the time of voting:

To register, **resident electors** must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

To register, **non-resident property electors** must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature) to prove identity, **proof** that they are entitled to register in relation to the property, and, if there is more than one owner of the property, **written consent** from the other property owners.

ACCEPTABLE IDENTIFICATION:

- a Driver's License
- an Identification Card such as:
 - a photo BC Services Card
 - a non-photo BC Services Card
- an Owner's Certificate of Insurance and Vehicle License Issued by ICBC
- a BC CareCard or BC Gold
- CareCard
- a Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security Request for Continued Assistance from SDES8, (now "Monthly Form EA181)
- a Social Insurance Number Card
- a Citizenship Card
- a real property tax notice
- a Credit Card or debit card
- a Utility Bill, (such as electricity, natural gas, water, telephone or cable services)

The above listed identification documents MUST be accepted by election officials. An election official may also accept other forms of documents that provide evidence satisfactory to the election official (e.g., a valid, current passport).

NOTE: Combination BC Services Card and BC Drivers Licence only count as one document

DECLARATION OF ELECTION BY ACCLAMATION

In the District of Ucluelet, election by acclamation occurs when there are only four declared candidates for the offices of Councillor. Only the following individuals were declared as candidates for those offices:

• Shawn Anderson	• Jennifer Hoar	• Ian Kennington	• Mark Maftai
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As a result, the above-listed individuals were declared elected by acclamation, and there will be no election by voting for the offices of Councillor in the 2022 General Local Election.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, please contact:

Joseph Rotenberg, Chief Election Officer at jrotenberg@ucluelet.ca or (250) 726-7744 or visit Ucluelet.ca/elections

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Ukee's mayoral candidates

B.C.'s municipal elections are on Oct. 15. In an effort to help Ucluelet locals be informed of their choices, the Westerly News reached out to the three candidates running for mayor and asked them to introduce themselves and share why they're running. The candidates were given a maximum of 300 words and the order of their responses below was selected at random.

Bruce Faith

The Ucluelet community can easily recognize that the same topics are brought up each year. Topics such as: child safety and speed limits in residential areas; access to and the development of affordable housing; upgrades to critical infrastructure such



Bruce Faith

as upgrading our firehall. These topics have been at the front of the line for years now, and I share the community's frustration from seeing these items put on the back burner as new issues arise annually.

Valuable progress has been made on items like water treatment upgrades but at what cost? Budgeting resources can be preserved and used more effectively by moving this type of critical infrastructure improvement forward with a shorter timeline. This will allow for more efficient development in all areas

As your Mayor, I want to work as a team with The District staff and the exciting new council, addressing the issues. I want to deal with young family concerns regarding their children's safety by moving towards a 30km limit in all residential areas. I will also pursue the available Provincial and Federal grants available for affordable housing, infrastructure, building a new firehall and the list goes on and on. I am a proven organizer and fund raiser.

Let's get things done! I will dedicate myself full-time as this strong community's reliable leader. I want to focus on the 4 years ahead.

I want to act on issues that won't strain our budgets. Child safety, reopening the options of a dispensary, downtown parking issues are items I intend to address immediately, while not neglecting the larger topics of infrastructure development and affordable housing.

A vote for me will allow us to stop treading water and swim forward with determination, with our goals in sight. Thank you and please visit my website, www.bruceformayor.ca.

Thank you.

Rachelle Cole

Who I am:

I am born and raised in Ucluelet - a 3rd Generation Ucluetian - my son attends the same elementary school that his Grandparents did.

Why I am Running:

I would be honoured to serve a second term on Council. I spent my first term learning the ropes, engaging in community discussions and putting our community first. I would love the opportunity to carry forward that work and continue to represent Ucluelet as Mayor.

Rachelle Cole

In my first term I was an active member of Council, serving as the Ucluelet Representative for the ACRD, the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network, on the Barkley Community Forest and taking on other commitments as they arose.

I recognize the value of working with our neighbours, the region and the impact of our joint advocacy. I am known for putting 110% to everything I do and this was a role I truly embraced and enjoyed.

I am passionate about building a town that works for all residents. I would like the opportunity to ensure our priorities around housing, infrastructure and community mobility are realized. It would be a pleasure to work with a new team of passionate community members in order to see these priorities come to fruition.

My Priorities:

Advocacy with our neighbours for the health of the region.

Stimulating action from recommendations outlined in our Housing Needs Assessment.

Creation and Maintenance of town Infrastructure - sidewalks, water, and asset management.

Transportation and mobility in our rural communities.

Maintaining the uniqueness of Ucluelet and creating a healthy community for all residents.

My Vision:

To see Ucluelet and our neighbouring communities thrive.

This means listening to residents, collaborating to address some of our big issues and ensuring Ucluelet remains a community that works for its residents.

Marilyn McEwen

I am proud to run for Mayor of Ucluelet. I have served the last eight years as a local Councillor. This election is critical for our community and now more than ever it is key to have an established civic leader at the helm to steer us through these challenging times.

As mayor, I will continually work hard for Ucluelet



Marilyn McEwen

with honesty and integrity. I will listen, facilitate and lead. I will not offer quick solutions to complex community concerns. I promise to maintain an open, consistent, respectful dialog, have healthy and constructive conversations, listen to opinions from the community, District Staff and Council about the issues Ucluelet is facing. I envision some Community Forest money going toward an affordable Housing Corporation, getting BC Transit back at the table to bring bus service to our communities, a legal cannabis store with the proper applicant, a hard sports facility being completed, the relocation of the Food Bank, and the re-imagining of the Amphitrite Lightkeeper's house & land.

Projects don't automatically complete themselves; they require continuity, oversight and adjustments. Projects such as the new medical centre, key housing developments, water treatment, infrastructure, childcare, business development, and sustainable growth in our community will require full attention to effectively see them through to fruition.

I bring almost three decades of strong community commitment, volunteer and serve on many local boards, and have extensive small businesses experience. I am a practical and effective leader who has handled everything from contentious issues at public hearings, rezoning issues, by-law variances, and permit application discussions through the lens of reason, facts, and practicality.

As mayor I will maintain the positive momentum we have built; I would be honoured to be the person who leads the future of our community together with all of Ucluelet.

COMMUNITY



WELCOME BACK: Members of the Ucluelet Volunteer Fire Brigade dished out a delicious barbecue feast to families at a Welcome Back BBQ hosted by Ucluelet Elementary School on Sept. 21 to celebrate the start of the new school season. (Andrew Bailey photo)



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FEATURED EVENT OF THE WEEK



**National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
FRIDAY, SEPT. 30**

The day recognizes the colonial legacy of residential schools, honours residential school survivors, and is key in the steps towards reconciliation. The Westerly News acknowledges the territories of Hesquiaht First Nation, Ahousaht, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, Ucluelet First Nation, and Toquaht Nation in the spirit of truth, healing, and reconciliation. From 11am to 3pm, the public is invited to view the 'Remembering, Honouring and the Way Forward' exhibit and student projects in the new multi-purpose room of Ucluelet Secondary School.

WHAT'S ON

EVENTS

ONGOING

THUR. SEPT. 29

◆ **FOREST WALK:** 10am at the Whale Parking Log on the Lighthouse Loop trailhead. Join Redd Fish Restoration Society as a guide shares forest and wildlife insights.

◆ **TOFINO PUBLIC MARKET** Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Tofino Village Green.

SAT. OCT 1

◆ **COPS FOR CANCER BBQ & HEAD SHAVE:** Riders roll into the Ucluelet Co-op parking lot at around 3:30pm

◆ **UCLUELET PUBLIC MARKET** Sundays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the Ucluelet Village Green.

◆ **MARY KIMOTO'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:** Doors at 4:30pm at the Ucluelet Community Centre. \$5 admission, cash bar, finger food, slideshow, cake and live music by the Staggering Bears.

◆ **COMMUNITY LUNCH** Thursdays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Coastal Community Services Hub at the UCC. Good food, good times!

SAT. OCT. 1 & SUN. OCT. 2

◆ **QUEEN OF THE PEAK WOMEN'S SURF CONTEST:** 8am to 5 pm at Cox Bay. This sporting event is hosted by Surf Sister and Shelter Restaurant to celebrate the amazing female surf talent on the West Coast.

◆ **TOFINO GALLERY OF CONTEMPORARY ART (behind Rhino Coffee)** Celebrating local and regional contemporary art. Admission is free and they are open Wed-Sun 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MON. OCT. 3

◆ **MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE:** 'Top Gun: Maverick' (Act/Dr, 2022). Doors at 7:15 p.m. in the Clayoquot Theatre. Tix \$10 cash.

◆ **TOFINO CLAYOQUOT HERITAGE MUSEUM** has a new 'Stubbs Island' exhibit on display. Admission is by donation and they are open daily from 11 a.m. to 4:30pm.

TUE. OCT. 4

◆ **TOFINO ALL CANDIDATES MEETING:** 7pm to 9pm at the Tofino Community Hall. Ask the candidates about the issues that matter to you. The event will also be live-streamed on the Tofino Chamber Facebook for those who cannot attend in person.

◆ **ORANGE DOOR GALLERY** (under Zoe's Bakery) Immerse yourself in local art and temporary exhibits curated by local artists. Open Tues. to Thurs., 10am to 3pm.

To submit your activities, e-mail: office@westerlynews.ca or drop by: #102-1801 Bay St, Ucluelet. We accept your Arts & Entertainment, Service Group, Non-Profit Organization, Church, Library, Fundraiser, Open to the Public Notices on a first come, first served basis.

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The successful candidate will be expected to perform a variety of duties around the management of a community museum and archives. Reporting to the president and vice president as needed, the successful candidate will be responsible for day to day general administration and operations of the museum, monthly meeting minute taking, some financial administration, fundraising, grant writing, upkeep of displays and display area, collections and archives management, marketing and social media engagement, event management as required, exhibition management, oral history development, programming, research, community and First Nations engagement .

The museum manager will also be expected to be involved in the hiring and supervision of summer students.

Job requirements include a responsible and proactive mindset, and ability to deal positively with the public. An eye for detail and follow through in all aspects of the job are required. An understanding of museum management issues and the ability to adhere and apply professional standards is essential. The ability to work with a team as well as alone is also important.

If you are interested, please e-mail covering letter and resume to:

Steve Bernard, President,
Tofino Clayoquot Heritage Society
sbernard@methodmarine.ca



WICHITO MARINE SERVICES

DECKHAND AND MARINE positions available

Wichito Marine Services (pronounced Wikitow), is a tug and barge company operating in Clayoquot Sound and around Vancouver Island that works primarily in salt water aquaculture. We are currently looking for qualified deckhands and marine workers. Applicants should have demonstrated sea experience, have a valid SVOP (Small Vessel Operator Proficiency), ROC-M and Med-3 certification. Training on these items is also available for the right candidate.

These positions are considered full time, year round employment based out of Tofino B.C. Wages based on aptitude, experience and the ability to learn. Accommodation options may be available for the right candidate.

To learn more about an exciting and rewarding position in the marine business which could be right for you, please e-mail resume and covering letter to David Knudson, Operations Manager at daveek@shaw.ca or fax to 250-725-2103.

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Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Notice of Disposition of Land

Pursuant to Sections 285 and 286 of the *Local Government Act*, Notice is hereby given that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) intends to dispose of land via Lease Agreement at the Long Beach Airport 164 Airport Rd, Tofino, BC, with the following:

Boulton Spice Ltd. at "Lot LS-L2022004" for an 8 month term starting November 1, 2022 with two one year renewals at a rate of \$14,235.00/year plus GST (prorated to \$9,490.00 – 8 month term) and yearly BC CPI increases. The purpose of the lease is for a spice blending operation and storage.

Any individual or corporation wishing to enter into a lease with the Regional District for this property must submit, in writing, their proposal and acceptance of all of the terms and conditions as outlined in the lease agreement to the Regional District. The proposal must be delivered to the Regional District, at the address shown below, no later than 4:00 pm on Monday October 17, 2022. Faxed or emailed proposals will not be considered.

This is not a call for tenders. No contractual or other obligation will arise between the Regional District and any person that responds to this Notice unless and until a written agreement has been duly executed relating to an approved proposal. The Regional District reserves the right in its absolute discretion to accept or reject any proposal submitted in response to this Notice.

For further details pertaining to the above noted lease please contact Mark Fortune – Airport Manager – mfortune@acrd.bc.ca or 250-725-3751.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Ukee councillor candidates

Ucluelet will head to the polls on Oct. 15 to elect a new council. The town has four councillor seats and only four candidates put their names forward to fill them, meaning this election's councillor candidates will be acclaimed. In an effort to help locals get to know their new municipal councillors, The Westerly News asked each of them to introduce themselves and explain why they ran for council. Candidates were given a maximum of 300 words and the order their responses appear below was selected at random.

Jennifer Hoar

I have lived in Ucluelet for 17 years, having moved here to work in the commercial fisheries. Previously, I received my PhD in Marine Biology and taught both marine & terrestrial biology. I ran an education program at the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Sciences Centre & had a SCUBA diving shop for 4 years. Currently,



Jennifer Hoar

I work in the Produce department at the Co-op & you can find me slinging apples & tomatoes on the shelves most days & running karaoke at night.

Since coming to Ucluelet, I have been involved volunteering in the community & helping out whenever I can, as I believe that giving back to your community is very important. This is why I put my hat back in to run for District Council. In addition, I would really like to make some headway on the housing issue here in Ucluelet & I'm hoping we can make a dent in that this term.

I have certainly enjoyed the last 4 years on Council, although the pandemic occurring in the middle of it certainly changed the learning trajectory. There is a lot of work involved in this job, but if there's one thing I am good at, it's reading & absorbing information. I feel that while I have learned much of how the municipal governance system works, there is always more to learn & if there is one thing that my varied history has left me with, it's an innate need to always be learning something!

Mark Maftei

I am proud and excited to serve as your councillor. This is a special place and I'm grateful to be able to live and raise my children here. I'd been coming to Ucluelet for many years before the opportunity to take over as Executive Director of the Raincoast Education Society prompted me to settle down here for good. I feel lucky to be able to work in a role that allows me to give back to this community which has given me and my family so much. I know I am not alone looking

around and feeling that our town is at yet another turning point, and I know that there are many opinions about where exactly we could or should turn. I also know that the overwhelming majority of us would agree on a few core values we want our community to embrace and reflect. We should draw strength from that common ground and not shy away from the robust and respectful debate that lies at



Mark Maftei

the heart of effective democracy, or from asking ourselves and each other the harder questions about how to best move forward.

I've heard many people refer to the Mayor and Council as 'leadership', but I see our role as a responsibility to represent the people in our community rather than to lead them. I have never shied away from standing up for what I believe in and I wouldn't have run for Council if I wasn't confident that I could serve as an informed representative, but I'm looking to the community to guide me rather than the other way around.

Ucluelet has a long history of applying hard work and creativity to turn challenges into opportunities. I can't tell you how much I am looking forward to being a part of that journey!

Ian Kennington

My name is Ian Kennington. I would like to first acknowledge the Yuułuꞵitꞵatꞵ on whose traditional territories we reside. I would also like to thank Mayco Noel, Rachelle Cole, Jennifer Hoar, Marilyn McEwen and Lara Kemps for their commitment over the last four years.



Ian Kennington

I have lived in Ucluelet for just over 12 years and in that time have witnessed the rapid pace of change and growing popularity of our small town. Many of the challenging issues facing council in the last few years have been development related and this is where I feel I can contribute.

Over the last 25 years I have been involved in the design and development of residential, resort and city planning projects around the world. Since opening my own small design firm 5 years ago I have been involved in numerous projects in Tofino and Ucluelet including development permits, rezoning and variance permits for single and multifamily homes, resorts and staff accommodations. I have always maintained an open dialogue with

District staff to work towards achieving the housing and tourism goals set out in the Official Community Plan.

It is my hope that I may be of assistance to our community when it comes to decisions related to zoning, density and growth. I am in strong support of balancing the needs of tourism based businesses with long term and seasonal housing. These are both vital contributors to the local economy and the well being of all residents, including long time locals and new arrivals.

I understand and appreciate the value of the cultural and environmental significance of this place. It is imperative that as we move forward that these values are protected and celebrated.

I look forward to serving the community and will do my best to make everyone's voice heard.

Shawn Anderson

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the Yuułuꞵitꞵatꞵ, on whose traditional territories the District of Ucluelet operates. My name is Shawn Anderson and I will be starting my first term serving as a council member. I would have to begin by expressing my gratitude and thanks for the hard work and achievements accomplished by the current mayor and council over the last few difficult years.



Shawn Anderson

For those who don't know me; I have been coming to Ucluelet regularly for at least two decades, once or twice a month. My background is in Medical Genetics and was previously employed at Vancouver General Hospital (the Laboratory for Advanced Genome Analysis) as an Oncology Research Scientist for 15 years. About three years ago an opportunity to move to Ucluelet full time came up, where I could spend more time with my family and be in the place that we wished one day we could call home.

My wife Lindsey works in Real Estate Appraisal remotely and our son Wyatt has just entered Kindergarten. I am somewhat obsessed with the history of Ucluelet and how it came to have the character that makes it such a special place.

My reason for running for council is to offer my service and time to help maintain the vibrant, diverse, and exceptional community we have here. I'm hoping that despite my lack of political experience, I can leverage my background in team collaboration and translating a diversity of opinions and ideas into successful actions.

I know there are some serious challenges currently, and upcoming to our community – yet I'm very excited by the prospect of working on solutions together transparently, unbiased and with both integrity and understanding.

Thank you Ucluelet!

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Maaqutsiis Hahoulthee Stewardship Society is planning the replacement of a dock (commercial) in Maurus Channel, Clayoquot District, on the West coast of Meares Island, 4 km north of Tofino, British Columbia. The dock to be replaced is located within a 0.3091-hectare tenure of unsurveyed Crown foreshore or land covered by water, granted by a Licence of Occupation File #1409304. The midpoint of the tenure is 49° 11.11' N - 125° 55.10' W.

The purpose of the new dock is to provide access for visitors to the Ahousaht cultural tourism property, Lone Cone Mountain Hike and the cultural wellness/healing center located on Meares Island at the old Ahousaht village site called Matsquiaht.

The project involves the removal of the old wooden wharf and piles, and the installation of the new dock of similar footprint consisting of a 180 ft x 6 ft (55 m x 1.8 m) aluminum gangway (or pier) secured on top of piles; a 60 ft x 6 ft (18.3 m x 1.8 m) aluminum ramp, and a 40 ft x 10 ft (12 m x 3 m) galvanized steel floating dock.



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Posted at Tofino, British Columbia this 28th day of September 2022

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The purpose of the new dock is to provide dockage for small boats that will support the daily operation of the Ahousaht cultural tourism property, Lone Cone Mountain Hike and the cultural wellness/healing center located on Meares Island at the old Ahousaht village site called Matsquiaht.

The project involves the removal of the old dock and the installation of a new dock consisting of a 60 ft x 4 ft (18.3 m x 1.2 m) aluminum ramp secured to land, and a 40 ft x 7 ft (12 m x 2 m) galvanized steel floating dock. A double floating breakwater will be also installed within the boundaries of the tenure to protect the dock from the wave action. Each of the two floating structures (24m x 3m) will be made of galvanized steel and will be secured with piles and anchors.



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EDUCATION

Orr acclaimed to school board

ANDREW BAILEY
andrew.bailey@westerlynews.ca

The West Coast has its first election result of the campaign season as Cynthia Orr was officially acclaimed as School District 70's West Coast Trustee last week.

"I was shocked and I was also really happy," Orr told the Westerly News. "I'm very stoked. I can't wait. I want to see what I can do, it's a new challenge for me and I can't wait to learn more about the schools and the kids and really just learn about what the kids can do and what their ideas are. I'm really excited."

Orr was acclaimed as she was the only candidate on the ballot after Sept. 9's deadline and is taking the helm from Sandra Leslie who did not run for re-election after serving one term.

Orr, who has a business degree from the University of Victoria, grew up in Port McNeill, Pender Island and Salt Spring Island and received a first-hand education on the vital role schools play in smaller communities.

"My dad was always my principle growing up and my mom was a teacher, so school was a big part of my life," she said. "The schools are a big part of these communities. These communities have a lot of young families with kids."

She added she hopes to bring more opportunities to local students and prevent families from moving away in pursuit of more educational or recreational offerings.

"I just think we have great opportunities here. We have amazing people and we're so fortunate to have social economic opportunities that not a lot of small towns have. I think we should use them," she said.

"Where we live is so unique. We

are towns full of entrepreneurs. We have so much culture with the First Nations and I really think that we should use that more."

She added she hopes to strengthen relationships between the communities and their schools.

"I like to be involved in the community and I thought that maybe there could be some better relationships made between the communities and the schools. Not that it was bad before, but I think it could be better. So, I put my name forward because I love people and I think these communities are very special and I just want us to get along."

Orr moved to Tofino with her now-husband Ryan in 2012 after the couple had spent several months travelling throughout South America.

"We both liked small towns," she said, adding both had visited Tofino often. "We just decided to see if we liked it and then of course we fell in love with it and stayed."

The couple has a daughter in Grade 2 at Wickaninnish Community School and a four-year-old son getting set to enter the school system.

She suggested that while she is familiar with Tofino's Wickaninnish Community School, her first priority will be to learn about the neighbouring schools.

"My first priority is to really get to know Ucluelet as well," she said, adding she has reached out to USS principal Drew Ryan and plans to attend Ucluelet Elementary's Parent Advisory Council meeting on Oct. 19.

"I would like to learn more about what their priorities are and what they are needing and how I can really support them... And I want to hear from the kids, I want to know what the kids want."



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District NOTICE OF ELECTION BY VOTING

Notice No. 10-1

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY given to the electors of Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) that an election by voting is necessary to elect one (1) Director for a four-year term commencing November 2022, and that the persons nominated as candidates and for whom votes will be received are:

DIRECTOR – ELECTORAL AREA "C" (Long Beach) – One (1) to be elected

Surname	Usual Names	Residential Address
MASSO	Saya	220 Opitsaht I.R. Tofino, BC
SIGA	Vaida	215 Albion Crescent, Ucluelet, BC

VOTING DATES AND LOCATIONS

GENERAL VOTING DAY will be open to qualified electors of Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) on:

Saturday, October 15, 2022

between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Location	Address
Ucluelet Community Centre	500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC
Tofino Council Chambers	380 Campbell Street, Tofino, BC
Harold Bishop Fire Hall	7667 Pacific Rim Highway, Port Alberni, BC
Bamfield Fire Hall	352 Pachena Road, Bamfield BC
Beaver Creek Fire Hall	6038 Beaver Creek Road, Alberni, BC
Cherry Creek Community Hall	3720 Moore Road, Port Alberni, BC

ADVANCE VOTING OPPORTUNITIES will be available to qualified electors as follows:

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm at the following locations:

Location	Address
Ucluelet Community Centre	500 Matterson Drive, Ucluelet, BC
Tofino Council Chambers	380 Campbell Street, Tofino, BC
Regional District Office	3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

-and-

Wednesday, OCTOBER 12, 2022
between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm

Regional District Office, Board Room
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ELECTOR REGISTRATION

There is no need to pre-register to vote as the registration of all electors for this election will take place at the time of voting. In order to register at the time of voting, you will be required complete the application form available at the voting place and to make a declaration that you meet the requirements to be registered as set out below:

RESIDENT ELECTORS:

To register as a resident elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a resident of Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) on the day of registration (at time of voting); and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or and not otherwise disqualified by law.

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To register as a non-resident property elector you must:

- be 18 years of age or older on the day of registration;
- be a Canadian citizen;
- be a resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- be a registered owner of real property in Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) for at least 30 days immediately before the day of registration (at time of voting);
- not be entitled to register as a resident elector; and
- not be disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election or and not otherwise disqualified by law.

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- If more than one person is registered owner of the property, only one of those individuals may, with the written consent of the majority of the owners, register as a non-resident property elector.

To register, resident electors must produce **2 pieces of identification** (at least one with a signature). Picture identification is not necessary. The identification must prove both residency and identity.

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Note: Combined BC Drivers License and Care Card count as 1 piece of ID only

MAIL BALLOT VOTING

REQUESTING A MAIL BALLOT PACKAGE:

If you wish to vote by mail, you must complete and return an **Application to Vote by Mail** to the Chief Election Officer. Application forms are available on the Regional District website by visiting www.acrd.bc.ca and choosing 'Application to Vote by Mail' **OR** by contacting the Chief Election Officer as noted below.

To be counted, your mail ballot must be received by the Chief Election Officer no later than **8:00 pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on the 2022 Election visit the Regional District website at www.acrd.bc.ca or contact:

Wendy Thomson, Chief Election Officer 250-720-2706
Heather Zenner, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-724-1356
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Thornton Creek Enhancement Society Annual General Meeting

When: September 29th at 6:00pm.

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Meeting ID: 615 9868 4911

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**Contact Tom if you have any questions:
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GIVING BACK



WCRS celebrates 30 year milestone

Thirty years ago in January 1992, the Westcoast Women's Resources Society was established as a result of the activism of a group of local women and in April 1993, the transition house was opened.

The Society grew with the communities, securing funding from different ministries to expand our programs. In 2004, the Society was renamed to Westcoast Community Resources Society so that we can serve all members, regardless of gender. We strive to empower and support all members of our communities to move beyond systemic barriers, violence, and abuse through the provisions of safe shelter, education, and counselling services.

To date, we offer:

- Transition House and Second Stage House for women and their children fleeing abuse and violence
- PEACE Counselling for children and their caregivers who experienced violence or abuse



Standing beside WCRS admin assistant Donna Louie, right, WCRS interim executive director Carrie Ho holds a vintage copy of the Westerly News from when the transition house first opened. (Nora O'Malley photo)

- Stopping the Violence Counselling for self-identified women and mature girls who have experienced violence

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- Women's Outreach provides support, referrals, service navigation, advocacy, and community education for women & their children who have experienced or are at risk of violence
- Community Outreach assists clients of any identified gender with accessing services, referrals, and navigating government systems
- Substance Use Outreach provides support and education for people impacted by substance use issues
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- Child and Youth Worker supports children, youth and families by strengthening connections within family and community, improved communication, problem solving, skills development, and healthy lifestyle choices

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