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DANCING ATOP SQUAMISH: The Welhtima Kexwusem — meaning 'culture bringing people together' — Squamish Nation song and dance group at the Sea to Sky Gondola ceremony on April 13. Find out more about the ceremony and fund that sparked it on Page 4.

PARAMEDICS UNDER-RESOURCED: UNION

BC Emergency Health Services says it is investing in the Sea to Sky Corridor

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he union representing Squamish's paramedics told municipal council that the town is under-resourced to respond to emergencies.

On March 28, members of the Ambulance Paramedics of BC spoke to elected officials about the challenges facing first responders.

"We need to add significant resources to meet the demands of the Howe Sound and Squamish area," said Troy Clifford, the union's president.

"Hospital resources are diminished."

He said that in the Sea to Sky, transferring patients between hospital facilities siphons up staff resources that could be used otherwise for responding to emergencies.

Clifford also noted that calls from neighbouring communities, including those in the Vancouver area, tend to pull ambulances from Squamish.

"When you're understaffed and other areas are under-resourced, and you pull resources out of [a] community — that puts your patients at risk," he said.

By Clifford's account, the province's promise to

increase the number of paramedics has prompted the addition of a second 24-hour full-time ambulance in Squamish.

"A number of resources have been added in the Sea to Sky Corridor, including a second 24-hour full-time ambulance into Squamish," he said.

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Left to right: Jennie McCaffrey, director of engagement with BC Parks Foundation; Andrew Day, Charlene Williams, Kirby Brown, Dominic Harry, Joyce Williams and a young member of the Squamish Nation dance group, Welhtima Kexwusem; Kirby Brown, general manager of the Sea to Sky Gondola; Welhtima Kexwusem dancer.

CEREMONY HELD TO INTRODUCE NEW FUND TO PRESERVE NATURE IN THE SEA TO SKY

The Sea to Sky Fund seeks to raise money to maintain parks, recreation sites and trails in the corridor

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he launch of the Sea to Sky Legacy Fund is prompting hope that local businesses will pay to assist in the maintenance of parks, recreation sites and trails for many years to come.

On April 13, dozens gathered at the Sea to Sky Gondola Summit Lodge to celebrate the launching of the fund. The idea is that participating businesses will charge a minimum fee to their customers, and that money will help protect natural recreation areas in the corridor. It comes at a time when many are concerned that overuse from tourism could degrade the environment.

Performers from the S<u>k</u>w<u>x</u>wú7mesh Úxwumixw's (Squamish Nation) Welhtima Kexwusem song and dance group opened the ceremony.

"It really takes a community to take care of...our respected lands here," said Coun.

Joyce Williams of the Nation.

The fund is a joint effort between the Sea to Sky Gondola and BC Parks Foundation. Officials from both organizations were present to give remarks.

"Our team's commitment is to do the very best we can and to live in a good way, and to be in a good way upon these lands, and reflect the generosity of spirit of those who came before us," said Kirby Brown, general manager of the gondola. "So, the Sea to Sky Fund is about giving back."

The CEO of BC Parks Foundation, Andrew

Day, said the initiative was about having a new relationship with nature.

"It's moving forward as leaders in the world in a new relationship between people and nature, where it's not extractive — where it's reciprocal, it's giving back," said Day. "It's learning, it's enjoying, and it's appreciating, then showing gratitude and respect and a sense of interconnection."

The founders of the fund are hoping more businesses will join to enlarge the fund, which will serve as a resource to preserve the natural beauty of the corridor.





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"[However,] we always had two ambulances — one was just a call-out ambulance under [the previous] precarious model," Clifford said.

Kelly Budway, a paramedic who works in the Sea to Sky, was also present at the meeting.

Budway said that through COVID, a surge resource of one additional 12-hour seven-day ambulance was allocated to Squamish.

But, it did not wind up serving the town as often as some may have hoped.

"[It] was to help with mainly inter-facility transfers in and out of the Corridor that ended up getting sucked into Metro [Vancouver]," she said.

She noted that if one or more ambulances is tied up doing an inter-facility transfer, and there is no immediately available paramedic team in Squamish to respond to an emergency, the next closest team would respond.

That team could be from a farther place like Whistler, she said.

This would add a delay to the response.
And while ambulances get pulled from
Squamish to assist in matters happening in
Vancouver, it rarely works the other way around,
Budway said.

"They never get pushed up from the city," she said. "So we don't have that overflow. There is no overflow from many different posts, because they are already overtaxed in that area. So Squamish ends up seeing the brunt of the problem there."

In a follow-up interview with The Squamish Chief, Clifford said that the 12-hour COVID surge ambulance that Budway was referring to was then taken away, and its hours were allocated to the second ambulance in Squamish.

In short, there are more staffing hours, which now allow for two-full time 24-7 ambulances. This is a good thing, he said. But there aren't any more ambulances.

"We haven't kept pace with the growth and increased call volumes for communities like Squamish," Clifford said.

In response to a request for comment, $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BC}}$

Emergency Health Services said in a written statement that Squamish has two ambulances staffed on a 24-hour basis.

The authority said that this is the result of transitioning a 2020 COVID surge ambulance into a 24-hour ambulance in September 2022.

"Prior to that, the station had one full-time ambulance, a second ambulance that was only staffed on an on-call basis, and a temporary 12-hour "surge" ambulance (Juliet)," reads the statement.

"The current model, with two 24-hour ambulances, provides more full-time coverage hours and more full-time paramedics (from four to 20 full-time paramedics), than was previously available."

The statement also noted Squamish's station is currently staffed by 16 regular full-time and four irregular full-time paramedics. There are also 21 on-call staff.

As part of ongoing efforts to improve services in the Sea to Sky Corridor, BC Emergency Health Services said it continues to make investments in the region.

Aside from Squamish, there have also been investments in neighbouring Sea to Sky communities.

As a result, there are now two advanced care paramedics in Whistler.

"This includes new full-time primary care paramedic (PCP) positions dedicated to 911 response to staff another "Alpha" [24-7] ambulance in Whistler, operating from 12 a.m. to 12 p.m.," reads the statement.

"This also includes a new emergency medical responder (EMR) transfer ambulance for Pemberton, which will be staffed by five full-time EMRs.

These EMR positions are dedicated to interfacility patient transfers. Similar to other resources, the transfer cars will be centrally dispatched, and specific deployment procedures have been developed to support this important work. Crews will be dispatched by and interact with the Patient Transport Co-ordination Centre (PTCC), and this work will be pre-scheduled around patient appointments."



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HELPING HANDS TO SURVEY THOSE WITHOUT A HOME

The Point-In-Time count to survey people are experiencing homelessness or are unhoused on April 25

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quamish Helping Hands has announced that it will be surveying people who are experiencing homelessness or are unhoused in the community.

The society's Point-In-Time count will be taking place on April 25.

It seeks to count those who are camping, sleeping outside, staying with friends, or living in an RV, boat, or vehicle, among other things.

"The province's "Point in Time" counts are done to understand who is experiencing homelessness or is unhoused, and the results are used to inform the development of supports and services that will best help people in need in different communities," reads a release from Helping Hands.

"We know we need to do more, and, with this data-driven approach, we can deliver targeted services that will assist people in different communities, so more people have a safe place to call home."

The count is co-ordinated by Helping Hands, in conjunction with several local social services agencies in Squamish, the Homelessness



PHOTO BY STEVEN CHUA/THE SQUAMISH CHIEF
The Foundry, Howe Sound Women's Centre, Sea to Sky Community Services, Squamish Athletic Club, Squamish Mental Health and Substance Use, and Totem Hall will be participating in the count.

Services Association of BC (HSABC), BC Housing, and the Ministry of Housing.

The results from the 2021 count can be found on HSABC's website.

The province of BC will be conducting surveys in various communities between March and May of 2023.

To complete a survey, visit Under One Roof (37871 3rd Ave) on April 25 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., call 604-849-0111, or look for someone with a yellow button conducting surveys out in the community on the day of the count.

The following locations will also have staff or

volunteers conducting surveys on Count Day: Foundry, Howe Sound Women's Centre, Sea to Sky Community Services, Squamish Athletic Club, Squamish Mental Health and Substance Use, and Totem Hall.

Call 604-849-0111 or the respective organization to find out hours of operation.



SEA TO SKY PROVINCIAL ELECTION RIDING SET TO CHANGE SHAPE

Under proposed boundaries, West Vancouver-Sea to Sky riding would lose chunk of West Van electorate

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Pique Newsmagazine

C.'s West Vancouver-Sea to Sky electoral district could get a whole lot smaller.
Earlier this month, British Columbia's Electoral Boundaries Commission released its final report recommending a redrawing of electoral boundaries across the province ahead of the next election. Reflecting the rapid growth of the Sea to Sky, the riding would lose a notable portion of the City of West Vancouver.

The area recommended to be cut and added to the neighbouring West Vancouver-Capilano electoral district spans from Rogers Creek, near 28th Street, to Cypress Creek, near Stearman Avenue, and includes the neighbourhoods of Altamont, West Bay and Westmount, with the northern boundary set at Highway 1.

Even while losing 3,650 residents under the proposed boundaries, the reimagined riding would still count as one of the largest populations in the province, at 62,161, which is 15.6% above the provincial average. Only two other ridings in B.C.—the redrawn West Vancouver-Capilano district, and the Salmon

Arm-Shuswap district in the Interior — would

have more residents.

Jordan Sturdy, MLA for West-Vancouver Sea to Sky and former Pemberton mayor, expected to see the change in the riding's boundaries to keep pace with population change, but was surprised the riding's population remained among the highest in the province.

"What I was actually anticipating was that there'd be probably a lower population in the Sea to Sky than what they set [the boundaries at], so that it could allow for future growth, because if we continue to see 22-, 19- and 32% growth in the Sea to Sky [reflecting population growth in Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton, respectively] over the last census period, obviously, that will put things significantly out of balance," he said.

The average electoral quotient in the province is 53,773 people. Several ridings in Northern B.C. have populations well below the average. Still, the commission decided against recommending enlarging the ridings due to their vast geography.

The result of the commission's proposal, Sturdy posited, is that a vote in a riding like Peace River South, with a population of only 25,635, is worth nearly twice as much as a vote in West Vancouver-Sea to Sky.

The report also recommends the creation of six new ridings, four in Metro Vancouver and

one each in the Okanagan and Southern Vancouver Island, and changes to the boundaries of 72 of the 93 ridings in the legislature to account for the province's growing population, which rose by 7.6% between 2016 and 2021.

HOW WILL NEW BOUNDARIES AFFECT FUTURE ELECTIONS?

The 2020 provincial election saw the BC Green Party surge in the Sea to Sky region by 8.66%, winning nearly every poll north of Horseshoe Bay, including every poll in Whistler and Pemberton, and coming within a hair of taking the riding from the BC Liberals, who have held the riding by strong margins since 1991.

The BC Liberal Party (now BC United Party) won the riding by just 60 votes, after a judicial recount confirmed the win by a margin of just 0.24% the closest race in the province. Sturdy's narrow victory was largely due to him taking West Vancouver by healthy margins, winning a dozen polls, thereby more than 60%. Now, under the redrawn boundaries, some of these areas will be in the neighbouring West Vancouver-Capilano riding.

Sturdy doesn't believe changing riding boundaries will significantly impact the results in the next election, pointing to the 2020 election as an outlier pandemic election with a party leader few in the riding were excited about.

"Honestly, I don't believe that we can look at 2020 as a normal election. Every election is unique. It has a unique cast of characters, leaders, policies, and visions, so I think each election is unique and is fought on a case-bycase basis," Sturdy said.

"People seemed to like [former Premier John Horgan] as an individual, but it's never really been an NDP region or riding. But for us, I think many people didn't like the BC Liberal leader either, very much. So, if they couldn't vote for him, they didn't want to vote NDP, so what's your choice?"

Assuming Premier David Eby doesn't call an early election, the next provincial election is set to take place on Oct. 19, 2024. So far, only the BC Green Party has confirmed their candidate for West-Vancouver-Sea to Sky, with former District of Squamish staffer Jeremy Valeriote returning for another run. Sturdy would not say if he intends to run in the next election.

Valeriote, meanwhile, said he is generally happy with the redrawn boundaries.

"It makes it more likely than ever to allow voters to elect a BC Green candidate, which is great. I think people in the past maybe thought that a Green vote wasn't the best use of their vote, but now that we see the potential to elect a BC Green, I think it's a promising possibility," he said





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Deadline: Tuesday, May 15, 2023

Ice Allocation Meeting

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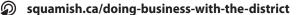
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JUDD ROAD WATERMAIN UPGRADE

The watermain along Judd Road between Cottonwood Road and Government Road as well as a small section of Eagle Run Drive will be upgraded

Impacts: Expect delays, single-lane alternating traffic and construction noise.

Timeline: May to September 2023.

OUEENS WAY MANHOLE REPLACEMENT

Construction is underway at Queens Way Lift Station to replace the inlet manhole that collapsed on January 14, 2023.

Impacts: Access to Pioneer Way will be closed to non-local traffic. A 30km zone will be enforced.

Timeline: To early July 2023.

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GARIBALDI WAY AND TANTALUS ROAD INTERSECTION **IMPROVEMENTS**

Work is underway to improve safety and traffic flow for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists at this intersection and the surrounding area.

Impacts: Expect vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian impacts.

Tantalus Road between Garibaldi Way and Diamond Road is now ONE WAY southbound.

Timeline: Through May 2023.



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RCMP LAY SEVERAL CHARGES RELATED TO LOCAL B&E

ff-duty police officers nabbed a suspect alleged to have been involved in property crimes in Squamish.

According to an RCMP news release, early on March 30, local Mounties say off-duty police officers found a woman trespassing on a private Squamish residential property.

Squamish RCMP officers responded and took the suspect into custody.

Police say Hailey Giroux had been released on bail earlier that day with several conditions.

Following the March 30 arrest, eight charges were sworn against Giroux, including break and enter, trespassing at night, possession of the stolen property, theft under \$5,000 and taking a vehicle without consent.

These charges have not been proven in

Giroux has been released but has to abide by several conditions, which were not included in the news release.

"The Sea to Sky RCMP Squamish would like to assure the public we take property crime seriously and want to remind everyone to stay vigilant in keeping their properties and vehicles secured," said Sgt. Dan Pollock, Operations Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) of Squamish RCMP.

WHY IS TANTALUS ROAD **ONE-WAY NOW?**

f you drive in the Garibaldi Estates behind Your Independent Grocer today, you will notice a traffic flow change.

Tantalus Road South has been changed to a one-way southbound.

This is part of the District of Squamish's long-planned Garibaldi Way and Tantalus Road Intersection Improvement project.

"These upgrades are being completed in order to increase safety and improve traffic flow in this area," according to a District news release.

"The need for safety and traffic flow improvements at this intersection has been an ongoing concern. With increasing traffic congestion in the area, combined with numerous reports of near misses and unsafe conditions, the District began a traffic study to identify possible improvements."

Feedback from residents collected for the study resulted in the project, which includes several traffic-flow changes in the area.

Other changes include:

- A new multi-use path will be added, which will run from Highway 99 to Diamond Head Road
- A second crosswalk with flashing beacons will be installed on Garibaldi Way

at Tantalus Road

- A left-hand turn bay will be added from Garibaldi Way onto Tantalus Way (Northbound)
- One of the 7-11 access points on Garibaldi Way will be removed
- A left-hand turn lane will be added from Garibaldi Way into the 7-11
- Shoulder widening on Diamond Head Road (from Garibaldi Way to Diamond Road)

In terms of the one-way road, the District says the transition to one-way will support local businesses.

"Changing the vehicle traffic flow on the street will create short-term and long-term opportunities to support businesses in the area. Key features that support vibrant commercial areas include adequate sidewalks, attractive green space, and street furnishings that enable gathering and eating outside. These features create a safe and enjoyable experience, attracting visitors to the area," reads the release.

All of the work is expected to take through June to complete.

This approximately \$750,000 District project is funded by the Capital Projects budget and Development Cost Charges (DCCs).

Find out more on the District's website.

HERE'S HOW TEMPORARY FOREIGN WORKERS CAN GET HELP

re you a local working under a temporary foreign closed work permit? If so, a new Squamish Welcome Centre initiative may be for you.

The centre has launched a Direct Outreach and Support — Migrant Workers program in Squamish, as part of its Migrant Women-Opportunities for Work (MiWOW) initiatives.

This is a 14-month project that runs through March 31, 2024.

According to a news release, the program aims "to improve the lives of temporary foreign workers in Squamish by enabling them to have greater access to rights, helpful information, and positive experiences in the community."

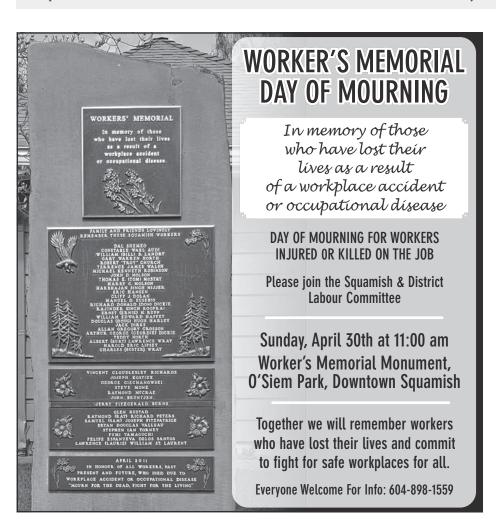
Program activities include recreational $events-such \ as \ hiking-information$ sessions about workers' rights, and direct support in the form of one-on-one appointments.

To be eligible, participants in the program must be either working or living in Squamish and have an employer-specific work permit.

The release notes that these workers brought in to work for one employer are particularly vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.



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"Unfortunately, Squamish workers are not exempt from exploitation or unfair treatment, which makes this project an important resource for new migrants with closed work permits in the community," the release states.

The program is co-ordinated by MOSAIC, which offers settlement and employment services for newcomers, and it receives funding from Employment and Social Development Canada.

The project team consists of Caro Arcila and Tanager (who goes by one name). Arcila is the go-to person for all things migrantworker related, according to the release.

She is available for one-on-one appointments, and can be found at the Squamish Welcome Centre (38027 Cleveland Ave.) on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m.

SQUAMISH YOUTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCES BEAR'S DEN **FINALISTS**

t is down to the final five.

Five finalists have been announced as part of the Bear's Den initiative by the Squamish Youth Council.

Now, the public is invited to see the finalists make presentations that could earn them grant funding for a local youth

On April 20, the final five will pitch their programs at Eagle Eye Theatre starting at 6:30 p.m. Audience members will have the opportunity to vote for the winner as part of the selection process, which will culminate in the winner earning \$10,000 to follow through on their pitch.

Here are the five finalists and their proposed program:

Howe Sound Secondary - Courtyard Connections Revitalization

OurSquamish - Youth Placemaking Evan's Lake Forest Education Centre

- Outdoor Education for Everyone SORCA - Squamish Nation Youth Mountain Bike Program

Squamish Youth Services - Squamish Youth Artisan Maker Series and Market

"The non-profit organizations have found great project ideas for Squamish youth, which will leave an impact for current and future youth. The Bear's Den makes it more of a community decision, a consensus of what would be in the best interest for our youth," said Kiana Alai, a member of the Squamish Youth Council, in a news release.

"In a small town like Squamish, it can feel like there's not much for the youth to get

involved in which is why Bear's Den is such a great event, allowing youth and all residents the chance to be part of making Squamish a better place for youth."

Tickets for the event are free and available on Eventbrite.

"The SYC created the concept and process to leverage their impact through engaging with local non-profits and received applications from many organizations across the community who care about our youth," said Mayor Armand Hurford in the release.

"This format puts the decision-making process as to how these funds are spent directly in the hands of the youth and I'm excited to see what their decision is."

For more information about Bear's Den or the Squamish Youth Council, visit squamish.ca/bears-denor squamish.ca/ youth-council.

76 FINES ISSUED LAST SUMMER RELATED TO ILLEGAL CAMPING IN SQUAMISH

Council votes to open municipal campground for recreational childcare programming and weekend-only camping use from July until September 2023

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here were 76 fines issued last summer in relation to illegal camping, according to the District of Squamish.

On April 11, the municipality's general manager of public safety, Megan Latimer, gave an update to council about camping and visitor management during the 2022 high season.

Of the fines that were issued, Latimer said four were related to unsanctioned camping in public spaces, seven were for camping on District roadways and 65 fines were issued for parking for over 72 hours in one location.

"All of the District's enforcement actions have endeavoured to achieve voluntary compliance and the issuing of tickets is really a last resort method," said Latimer.

"It has only been required in the minority of

She said in 2022, during the peak season, bylaw officers received 74 complaints. About 30% of them were related to wildlife attractions being left out in illegal campsites.

"In addition, community patrol officers were able to identify over 200 incidents of unsanctioned camping throughout the community during proactive patrols in sensitive areas and were able to provide educational information about where it is permitted to camp in Squamish," Latimer added.

Also included in the discussion were updates about the municipal campground by Brennan

The grounds were used for a short time in 2020 as a low-rent campground in response to the housing problems caused by the first year of



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The municipal campground near Brennan Park.

the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, residents there were evicted once the winter set in, as municipal officials said its facilities were not designed to function during the cold season.

In 2021, the campground was used for special events and recreational programming as needed, and this continued in 2022.

Latimer said for the 2023 season, the municipal campground is booked until July for events.

From July onwards, there are plans to again use the space for recreational programming, including summer camps as well as potentially licensing it for a childcare operator to use for a fixed period, she said.

Latimer said that staff have reviewed the possibility of reopening the grounds to camping.

"The site would need to be upgraded, including provision of a holding tank for sewage management," she said. "In addition, staffing would be required to run the campground. Recreation and public works staff positions

assigned to the campground in previous years proved not to be adequate to keep up to campground user demands. In order to operate the campground safely, camp host positions are proposed to be contracted to provide support and security 24 hours a day."

Opening the ground for individual users for the 2023 season would have significant impacts to budget and staff capacity, among other

Council voted 6-0 to open the municipal campground for recreational childcare programming and weekend-only camping use to support events from July until September 2023. Coun. Jenna Stoner did not vote, as she was absent.

"Our municipal campground is an important asset to support our community events, and our data does support that we are at or over capacity in all of our camping facilities in our community during weekends, so I think that this is an important step to ensure that we can support our community events, and the childcare use

there is incredibly important for our community as well," said Mayor Armand Hurford.

Coun. John French mentioned Vancouver's recent removal of tents on Hastings Street.

"We're seeing a very unfortunate scenario that is challenging for everybody, and part of what we're doing here today is potentially avoiding a situation in Squamish like the one that we're currently seeing on Hastings Street," French

Coun. Chris Pettingill said the municipality needs to be ready to scale its enforcement efforts this year.

He said workers for the upcoming Fortis and Woodfibre projects may cause an influx of campers.

"We may see impact from Fortis and Woodfibre — quite detrimental impacts to a large portion of our community and economy," Pettingill said.

Coun. Lauren Greenlaw said she was happy to support a motion that provided access to childcare and camping.



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EDITORIAL

VOLUNTEER!

hat would Squamish be without volunteers?
This is an important question, as last year,
Statistics Canada reported that 65% of the
nation's nonprofit organizations serving households
and individuals were experiencing a shortage of
volunteers and planned to recruit.

At the same time, 32% report an increase in demand for services, according to Volunteer Canada.

"The importance of Canada's volunteers cannot be overstated.

They represent not only the quality and vitality, but the very functioning of our society," said Volunteer Canada board chair Lisa Mort-Putland in a news release.

Volunteering is part of what keeps our economic engine humming.

A Conference Board of Canada report estimated that volunteers added over two billion hours to Canada's work effort in 2017, equal to \$55.9 billion or 2.6% of Canada's Gross Domestic Product.

"If volunteering were an industry, it would employ nearly as many people as those currently working in education," the report states.

Remove from Squamish all those who donate their time and you would not have Squamish SAR, Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue or Squamish Days Loggers Sports Festival and the Railway Museum of BC.

The heart of Squamish is a giving community
— think of the folks with the Volunteer Cancer Drivers
Society who shuttle patients to the city for
appointments.

Think of the funding supplied to other groups by Squamish Rotary.

What would SORCA be without volunteers to run the social rides and races?

The list of organizations and events that make Squamish what it is that depend on volunteers is long — from the arts to sports to our trail network.

Think of the organizations that improve the environment like Squamish CAN, the Squamish Environment Society, Watershed Society or the Streamkeepers and the trails societies.

And think of all the youth sports teams that continue, thanks to volunteers.

There are far more fantastic volunteer organizations than we can name here.

And they could all use more help.

Some misnomers around volunteering are that it means a big commitment of time. If you only have an hour a week, tell your favoured organization that. Bet it still welcomes you.

Another misnomer is that you have to be extraordinary to volunteer, but it often doesn't require any specific skill at all.

The seventh annual Squamish's Volunteer Celebration is on Friday, April 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. in Junction Park and O'Siyam Pavilion.

Whether you currently volunteer or not, check it



IT'S BEEN GOOD, SQUAMISH



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or the last six years, working at The Squamish Chief has brought me memories that I'll never forget.

Regular meetings at municipal hall. Massive wildfires. Search and rescue calls. Two gondola falls. Several elections. Stepping into a courtroom for the first time. Queuing up to ask Dr. Bonnie Henry a question

There were things with less gravitas too.

I remember election night pizza, and that one time a stranger paid for my groceries.

I remember my first year, we decided to do fitness features for our lifestyle section, and I was assigned to write the newbie rock climber story. Look at this guy! He's never touched rock before! He's unathletic! Laugh at him!

I chuckle now, recalling how I would look up at the Stawamus Chief thinking it was little more than a death wish to climb it.

Well, something about the fitness feature did the job. A few years later, I returned as a trad climber and managed to do what I previously thought unthinkable.

I'll never forget sitting in The 55 Activity Centre just after covering my first municipal election and watching the elected officials at the time pass the torch to the incoming council.

Well, now it's time for me to pass the torch.

For the last while, various health conditions have made it harder and harder for me to keep up with the demands of the job.

As a result, I'm choosing to step down before the warning lights on the dashboard become more than just a warning.

It's funny, because sometimes it feels like the world works in opposites.

When I first arrived, I couldn't imagine staying here more than two or three years. Driven by ambition, I was eager to pay my dues and move on to a more "important" place and a more "serious" job.

But the more I got to know Squamish, the more I liked it. This wasn't Ottawa, or D.C. or New York, or any of the centres of power or cultural influence I'd imagined myself winding up in.

Squamish isn't a place for people with big ambitions for power or prestige. It's a place where they try to get off work early so they can sneak in a lap up the Apron and crack a beverage at Broadway Ledge as they watch the sunset.

It changed the way I viewed success.

But alas, the universe is funny. Now that I want to stay, it's telling me I need to go.

You may still see me here and there, but my full-time role at the paper will be over at the end of this month.

It's been a real privilege.

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(We have good feelings that we live we work and we play on the lands of the Squamish Nation)

WHAT IS NEWS ANYWAY?



EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK JENNIFER THUNCHER

hile the word news is thrown around a lot, it is not obviously clear what makes a story newsworthy.

Part of the reason for that is that news evolves. Back in the day, a relative visiting Squamish from a far-flung location, Africa, for example, would likely have made the local papers.

Today, not so much.

That said, editors and journalists

decide what stories to cover based on a few pretty standard factors.

- Timeliness: The closer to NOW something happens, the more newsworthy it is. For example, a dozen employees about to be laid off next month is far more newsworthy than if they were let go a year ago.
- Proximity: The story should involve something or someone in Squamish, or be about something that will impact locals.
- Novelty: Unusual situations can make the news. For example, a pigeon wearing a backpack to transport drugs to a prison is news.
- Conflict: If a group of folks are upset about something say a policy or change that can be newsworthy.

- Human impact: A story with an emotional punch or about something that will impact readers' day-to-day life can be news.
- Celebrity: The actions of those who are well-known can make a story newsworthy. So someone famous in sports or entertainment performing or coming to town could be a story.
- News-you-can-use: Can the story teach others something they may not know? For example, why animals behave the way they do or how the police decide on laying charges. That can be news.

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LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Have grocery prices changed the way you shop for food? (Top 3)

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TOP TIKTOK OF

Last week, reporter Andrew Hughes headed to the Howe Sound Women's Centre to join folks celebrating Vaisakhi. Check out his video of all the great food @squamishchief on TikTok.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

10 SUSTAINABILITY TIPS

s a student in Environmental Sciences at Howe Sound Secondary, I am very passionate about sustainability and our futures. My class is running an Earth Week event for our school. We are interested in sharing some tips for living more sustainably with all of Squamish. Did you know that approximately 20% of our municipal carbon emissions are caused by organic waste in our landfill? And another 50% of our greenhouse gasses are from transportation?

We invite everyone to try out our 10 tips. Small changes make a big impact.

Now is the time to act! Ways to live sustainably:

- •Bike or walk don't drive
- •Take transit or carpool
- Plant trees
- •Grow your own food
- •Eliminate food waste
- •Eat less meat
- •Compost your organic waste
- •Say NO to single-use cups
- •Recycle your old cell phones
- •Donate your clothing/buy second hand

Patricia Mechler Squamish

MAKING PROGRESS IS NOT BUILDING IT

k, I had written this intro yesterday, to gently pull you all in, but I got up this morning and thought: To hell with it. We're adults. Some of us are (grand) parents and want best for our children. Some of us want current life to live on. At least a liveable future, one that isn't wrecked by climate change.

So we fight anyone who stands in the way of that. And Woodfibre LNG is.

We've been calling out the company for shaky climate claims after president and staff suggested their LNG would be "off-setting" coal fired power plants in Asia. That's why we want to see their lifecycle analysis comparing the amounts of emissions from both fuels, including those from extraction all the way to the final burning. Because third party analyses showed: BC LNG to emit more greenhouse gases than coal, when used in Asian power plants.

Last year, the company said they were working on something, and that has arrived recently: "Woodfibre LNG's roadmap to net zero" announced on press release and website as: "Woodfibre LNG accelerates Canada's pathway to net zero"

Really? In my experience, I would consider accelerating a country's effort to reduce

greenhouse gas emissions by taking an existing oil or gas facility out of commission.

So is Woodfibre LNG cancelling the project? Nope. This is another product from Woodfibre LNG's 1984 newspeak public relations cluster f* department.

The company has the nerve to suggest that building a new fossil fuel project will make it easier to meet our greenhouse gas reduction targets.

Let me the bearer of the bad news: It won't be. Building a new fossil fuel project in a climate emergency will make it harder.

That's why institutions like the International Energy Agency, and all the climate change scientists behind the International Panel on Climate Change are pressing governments not to allow for new fossil fuel projects to be built. That's why.

Not that Canada's federal and provincial governments listen to these calls, caught up in their dance to net zero in 2050, while still approving new fossil fuel projects.

Sure, it's good news that Canada's emissions have come down a bit from 2021 to 2022, no doubt because of inflation, but Canada's oil and gas industries' share in Canada's total emissions, is still growing.

And that's what Woodfibre LNG going into operations, will also add to. In Canada and globally.

Although the company asserts its facility

will be net zero locally — meaning, the amount of greenhouse gas emitted is equal to the amount taken out — the bulk of the emissions will be released from the exported LNG, when as gas burned in Asia.

Trying to be net zero locally could work, if we weren't already in a climate emergency. However, hydro electricity is better used locally as energy storage and for real emission reductions from existing emitters.

And buying carbon credits in local forests is fraught with uncertainties as we're already experiencing climate change intensifying droughts, heat waves, forest fires, heavy rain events, and storms resulting in plants and trees increasingly stressed, which, decreases their ability to absorb CO2.

In fact, B.C. forests have become CO2 emitters since the early 2000s.

What really stands out is, that Woodfibre LNG's plans might've worked 30 years ago, but not today. And every day into the future, the idea of building a new fossil fuel facility becomes more and more ludicrous — and dangerous.

Not anything, like inclusive hiring practices — Isn't that what you always do? — and handing out community grants, can mask that.

Making progress possible — Woodfibre LNG's slogan — means: not building it. Anton van Walraven

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HAPPY VAISAKHI: There was tasty food and cultural sharing at the Howe Sound Women's Centre Vaisakhi event on April 12.

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SPIT DECONSTRUCTION TO BE COMPLETED BY MID-MAY

The Squamish River Watershed Society reports that the last 550 metres of removal should be finished by May 15

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he Squamish River Watershed Society (SRWS) says that the current Spit Road deconstruction aims to be completed by mid-May.

The society held a public meeting at the Sea to Sky Hotel on April 11, which had about 20 attendees. Updates about the Central Estuary Restoration Project (CERP) were given by the representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO), InStream Fisheries Research and the society.

Edith Tobe, the executive director of SRWS said that deconstruction of the Spit up to the yellow gate should be complete by May 15. This includes removing the rocks and debris on the road.

Tobe reported the organization already has interested buyers for the material from the District of Squamish, Miller Capilano and the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure. The buyers are responsible for transporting the material off the road.

Tobe said that previously they had sold some of the material to Oceanfront Squamish.

When deconstruction of this section of the Spit is complete, a total of 850 metres will have been removed from the berm, creating an opening for fish and other wildlife to have access to the estuary.



PHOTO BY BRIAN AIKENS

Murray Manson, a biologist with DFO, said they are required to monitor the sedimentation travel and impacts on the

Squamish Terminals for at least five years and rectify any issues they may face. However, both he and Tobe said previous hydraulic modelling completed on berm removal scenarios largely concluded there would not be a significant impact.

A biologist with InStream Fisheries Research, Katrina Cook, said that some fish were already using the different routes that have resulted from the project, although she described the data so far as a "small sample size."

About 73 fish were tagged and 57 were detected. Of those 57, 39 went to Howe Sound and 18 went to the estuary. Of those 18, six used the recently opened 300-metre breach, three used a culvert and nine went around the island leftover at the end of the Spit.

One attendee asked Cook if there was a set goal for the number of fish they hoped would use the estuary, but she said for now, they were just trying to gather data and information.

She also said they did not expect every fish to use the estuary, describing it akin to how some children are ready to move out of their homes at 17, whereas others will be ready when they are older.

Tobe said the next phase includes culvert installation at the CN rail line. The project's website describes this phase as "a flow control device under the CN rail spur to re-water historical channels."

For more information about the restoration project, please visit www. restoretheshore.ca.

SLRD TO CONSIDER MAJOR PAY RAISE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Murray Manson, a biologist with DFO, makes a presentation at the open house.

By paying more, regional district hopes to attract 'new blood' to area director roles

ROBERT WISLA

Pique Newsmagazine

ocal politicians may soon see a pay increase at the regional level as the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) board will consider increasing the salary for its four electoral area directors by \$20,000 over the next four years.

SLRD area directors discussed the resolution at the April 5 electoral area directors (EAD) meeting.

If approved, it would increase the salary for the district's four area directors by \$5,000 in both 2024 and 2025 and another \$10,000 in 2026 (prior to the next municipal election).

Area directors currently earn about \$34,000 annually, though the chair of the EAD board earns an extra \$3,840.

The resolution came from Area D Director Tony Rainbow, who has led the charge on

increasing the directors' salary since the end of the previous term, citing the need to bring a broader range of people into the role.

"I can afford to do it because I have a pension, but if our stipend stays as low as it is, you're basically restricting electoral area directors to people who are independently wealthy, business people who can afford to take 25 to 40 hours off a week ... or someone who has a full pension," Rainbow said at an SLRD board meeting last September.

In October's municipal election, all four electoral area positions at the SLRD were elected by acclamation.

The pay for regional district directors varies wildly across the province. In the Central Kootenay Regional District, the salary ranges from \$45,000 to \$50,000 per representative, while in the Peace River Regional District, that average drops to about \$20,000 per representative.

For comparison, in Whistler, municipal councillors earn \$48,798 annually, in

Squamish remuneration is about \$40,790, and in Pemberton they take home about \$15,405.

However, councillors in both municipalities receive an additional stipend of \$17,111 if they serve as representatives on the SLRD board (as well as an additional \$14,677 for the SLRD board chair, and \$2,434 for the vice chair).

According to the 2021 census, there are 6,470 people in the SLRD's four electoral areas: 305 in Area A; 1,624 in Area B; 3,492 in Area C; and 1,057 in Area D. In a few of these rural areas, the population has risen by a significant margin, adding new challenges for elected officials, and increasingly making the job more of a full-time gig.

In tandem with population growth over the last few years, several large-scale developments are proposed or approved in the electoral areas. These include a massive new ski resort at Mount Garibaldi; a surf park south of Britannia Beach; the expansion of WedgeWoods north of Whistler; and, more recently, the development of Furry Creek.

These projects could see hundreds of new homes built in rural areas over the next decade, increasing both the complexity of the position and population of the regions they serve.

While the current area directors will profit from this decision, the goal is to bring "young blood" into the role, as Area A Director Sal DeMare put it, and encourage more people to put their names forward for the position in the next election.

"[W]e want this to show other people out there that we're going to have some increases at the next election," DeMare said at the April 5 EAD meeting. "We'd like to get new blood into electoral areas. For some people that look at \$30,000 or \$33,000 compared to \$50,000, maybe [that will] change your minds and [get people to] say, 'Yeah, that could be a career I can be doing.' So that's the reasoning behind it."

The SLRD board will consider the pay increase at a future meeting.

FORTISBC CONSIDERS LEASING BC RAIL PROPERTY IN INDUSTRIAL PARK

If lease occurs, the property would be for a construction laydown yard for Eagle Mountain to Woodfibre pipeline construction activities in 2023

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ortisBC is considering leasing land in the old BC Rail property in the Industrial Park to support its Eagle Mountain to Woodfibre LNG pipeline project.

If the lease does pull through, Fortis would be using the land at the BCR Properties Ltd. on Government Road, which is part of District Lot 4262, according to a statement the company issued to The Squamish Chief.

The parcel identifier of the land is 013-336-282.

This lease would be for a construction laydown yard to assist with tunnelling activities associated with the upcoming pipeline that will supply the Woodfibre export facility with LNG.

"We are currently assessing the opportunity to use a portion of this land to support pipeline construction activities starting in 2023," reads a statement from the company.

"There is insufficient space to use the lease area as a construction laydown yard beyond 2023."

Due to the insufficient space, Fortis is still



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The approximate location of the proposed laydown yard.

pursuing its application for a temporary use permit for a laydown yard up the Mamquam River Forest Service Road, the statement said. "We continue to work with the District of Squamish on the temporary use permit application we have submitted for our proposed construction laydown yard near the intersection of the Mamquam River Forest Service Road and Powerhouse Springs Road," reads the message.

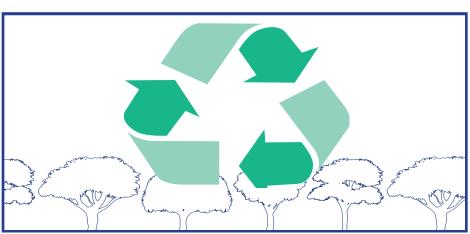
Fortis did not directly answer a portion of The Squamish Chief's request for comment, which asked if the BC Rail lease was being considered due to the possibility that — even if the temporary use permit on the Mamquam River FSR is approved — the site will still not be ready in time for the beginning of the pipeline's construction.

Separate from the laydown yard, the utility also has a temporary use permit application for a workers' camp that will temporarily house employees for the duration of the pipeline's construction. If the application succeeds, that facility is expected to be built on a seven-hectare property owned by Lafarge Canada.

It would be built and operated by ATCO. It would have 576 beds, with a peak of 600 workers in the summer of 2025.

That area would be accessible via the Mamquam River FSR, up Powerhouse Springs Road. It's also close to Quest University, which has prompted some speculation that Fortis may consider renting out the university's facilities. Fortis has neither confirmed nor denied these rumours.

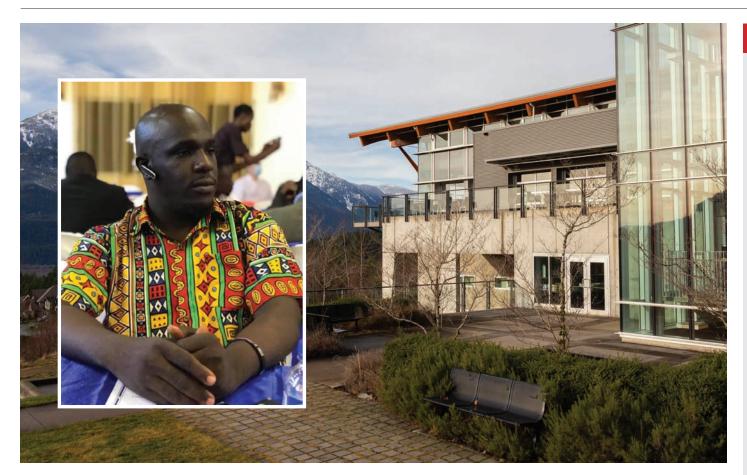






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COMMUNITY



PHOTOS (INSERT) COURTESY GBOKO STEWART; QUEST PHOTO BY NORMAN GALIMSKI/FOR THE SQUAMISH CHIEF Refugee claimant Gboko Stewart has launched a GoFundMe to help him make the trip.

DARTS & DAFFODILS

A handful of daffodils from my garden to Nexii, for making this huge effort to work in a loop system, like nature does so well. Thank

all these years failing.

Trails of daffodils to SORCA, and anyone involved, for the beautiful rock work at the Rupert Mountain Biking Trail entrance. I finally pedalled up and it felt great. After

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ON A QUEST TO SEE QUEST UNIVERSITY BEFORE COURSES END Journalist tried to get to Canada to attend the school for nine years; he's finally in Canada as a refugee claimant and

wants to see the school — before it's too late

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t seems it just wasn't meant to be — or was it? Liberian journalist Gboko Stewart was accepted to Squamish's Quest University nine years ago, but his plans were dashed when the Canadian government froze visa processing for areas, including Liberia, impacted by the rare but deadly Ebola virus.

Stewart then launched a petition trying to get the Canadian government to reverse the

His study permit was later denied. He credits the philosophies of Quest with the idea to launch the petition.

"The inspiration to have done that — and I

would do it again - came from the very Quest University, which encourages its students to be agents of change. That inspiration has led me to fight for the rights of women in my country and founding Liberia's first LGBTO news outlet," Stewart says in a GoFundMe launched to help him raise the funds to get from his current home in Montreal to Squamish.

Recently, Stewart sought asylum in Canada as a refugee claimant after he discovered a credible threat had been made against his life related to an online news platform he founded in 2019 that reports exclusively on the LGBTQ community in Liberia, called journal RAGE.

It is not uncommon for LGBTQI+ folks to be targeted in Liberia without recourse.

In 2022, a U.S. Department of State report said, "Significant human rights issues included credible reports of ... crimes involving violence

or threats of violence targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex persons; the existence and enforcement of laws criminalizing consensual same-sex sexual conduct between adults."

The irony is that Stewart has finally made it to Canada, but Quest has announced that it will indefinitely be suspending programming after this month.

Still, Stewart wants to see the school that has been a beacon of possibility to him all these

"I was drawn to Quest due to its out-ofthe-box method of imparting knowledge to students. Curious about the existential questions I had about the world and life, I realized [it] must be the passageway to finding out the whys," he said.

Stewart told The Squamish Chief that he still

thinks it was one of the best schools in the world. A few years ago, he even met up with David J. Helfand, who served as president of Quest University Canada from 2008 to 2015, in

"I did not think I would find myself in Canada many moons later, not to attend school, but to seek safety. And the news of Quest shutting its doors is devastating to those who attended as well as the ones in faraway places that once aspired to."

His current plans are to attend school in this

"I'm here now...so it is better to take advantage of whatever opportunities that are afforded to me," he said.

To help him come to Squamish or to learn more about him, go to the campaign "Help Gboko Complete His Quest."

BURGER SHOP AND CAFÉ OPENS IN BRITANNIA BEACH

'We are potentially the first stop on somebody's dream vacation': owner of Outbound Station

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he vision behind Outbound Station is a relatively simple one.

"We are potentially the first stop [on] somebody's dream vacation," said Jeffrey Edward, owner of the new burger restaurant and café. "We're potentially that first interaction and we really want to make that a super positive one."

The burger shop and cafe recently opened up on the side of the Sea to Sky Highway — near where the old location for Galileo Coffee Company used to be — in Britannia Beach.

The black and wood-coloured buildings shone on a sunny Friday afternoon, as many highway travellers stopped in for a quick caffeine pick-me-up or sat in the sun and enjoyed a smash burger and a side of fries.

For Edward and his life partner Jordyn Ferreira, the idea to open the shop has been a long time coming. Edward explained they started the process for Outbound Station about three years ago and Ferreira added that the idea stemmed, in part, from a burger stop in Ontario they have heard about.

"It's a pull-off on the side of the highway," Ferreira said of the stop. "And it's just this place to go. It's the place for all the commuters to stop and just start their weekend or their day."

"It's a tradition," she explained. "And saw the opportunity to do something very similar."

With that in mind, Outbound Station boasts a takeout window for burgers and fries from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. The café serves a variety of coffees, teas and treats for takeout for the early morning traveller from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Numerous picnic tables are outside for those who are looking to stop, stretch their legs and enjoy the scenery as well as a washroom for those in need.

For Edward, opening a small business is a bit of a dream come true.

"I've always known that I wanted to have a small business," he said. "All the way through high school and everything my goal was I need to buy a property as soon as I can because that'll be the ticket to then be able to leverage that for a small business."

Ferreira, who found her niche in advertising and graphic design, said she enjoys the variety that comes with being the co-manager of the restaurant and café.

"This kind of became almost the best piece of work in the graphic design and advertising world I've done," she said.

But that's not to say the process of starting the business was easy.

"I don't think either of us expected the speed bumps that we had to get over," said







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Ferreira. "It's kind of like a roller coaster." As an example, Edward said one of the hydro poles was in the way of the build, which they wound up moving.

"We didn't even know we could move hydro poles," he said, making Ferreira laugh.

"We've definitely had our challenges that we've had to work through," said Ferreira. "But they've ultimately been rewarding."

Both Edward and Ferreira said there's no way they could have done it without the support of friends and family, many of which helped out along the way. Additionally, they said the team at Outbound Station has been a tremendous help with getting everything going from the start.

Equally so, they've already felt the warm welcome from Britannia Beach and Squamish community and businesses.

"Everyone has been so welcoming, so friendly," said Ferreira.

While Edward explained a few long-term goals including the possibility of other locations, at this time, running like a "well-oiled machine" is most important. And, as the weather gets nicer, both

Squamish and Britannia Beach residents can look forward to a grand opening celebration, said Ferreira.

For now, however, both are just trying to soak it all in at the end of each day.

"We'll go and stand or drive to the corner before heading home and just look over it all and just try to take a moment," said Edward.

"It's excitement, it's nerves, it's stressful," described Ferreira about the opening. "But it's ultimately just amazing."

For more information about Outbound Station, visit OutboundStation.com.

SEA TO SKY SINGERS TO PERFORM CELEBRATION CONCERT

The Squamish choir will showcase a fun-for-all performance on April 29 and 30 at St. John the Divine Anglican Church

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he community choir will soon host a spring celebration with both song and dance.

The Sea to Sky Singers will present *Sing, Dance and Celebrate* on April 29 at 7:30 p.m. and April 30 at 2:30 p.m. at St. John the Divine Anglican Church in the Garibaldi Estates. Doors will open 30 minutes before the showtime and tickets are available at the door or through Eventbrite for \$25 apiece. Attendees 12 and under can get in free with a paying adult.

The 47-person choir is directed by Veronica McPhee and accompanied by Jacquie Brownridge. This year marks McPhee's 20th anniversary as the choir's music director.

"In the last few years, we haven't had that many opportunities to get together and celebrate and so this kind of touches on those ideas and those themes," said McPhee.

The concert celebration will also invite the audience to participate at times.

"In addition to a number of songs that are all about singing and celebrating and dancing, we're also going to have a component of



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Sea to Sky Singers in action.

community dancing together," she said, which would consist of clapping or moving in a circle with a group.

While many of the concerts by the choir incorporate supportive pieces, McPhee said the dancing was a special way of celebrating.

"I've always loved folk dancing, dancing in a group where you don't need a partner or your partner is changing," she said. "That true community feeling of people adding together to create that mood of celebration."

McPhee reiterated that the audience can choose whatever participation level they feel like doing.

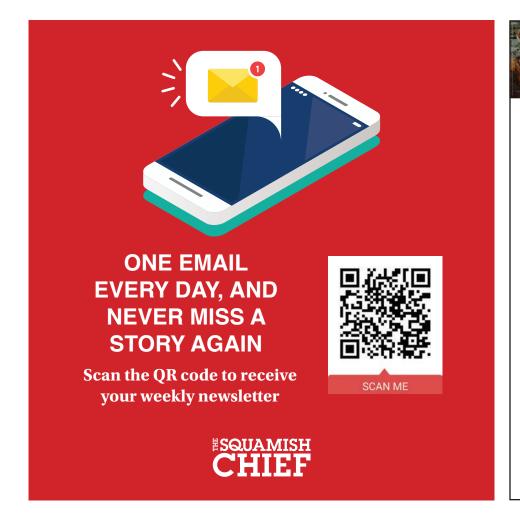
"I really hope that people embrace the idea, but that they're not scared off by it," she said. "Whatever kind of participation level they are willing to give, we will welcome."

McPhee said being in the music director role for 20 years felt "surreal."

"Sometimes it feels like a lot of time has gone by but sometimes it's just a blink," she said. "I've always considered myself very fortunate to have had the opportunity to conduct Sea to Sky Singers."

McPhee called the 47-person group one of the largest choirs in her years as music director. While it is an adult group, she said the age range is fairly large and everyone has something to offer

"As restrictions started to lift, people started to look for ways to be creative and ways to reconnect with people," she explained. "And singing together is one of those things that's scientifically proven to really bond people together."





DIAMOND HEAD DEVELOPMENT USES ETHICAL DISMANTLING FOR PROJECT

With the help of Phase One Dismantling Services, the company refurbished many materials in its deconstruction phase for Finch Drive project

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local development company recently used an environmentally-friendly deconstruction technique to pave the way for its upcoming build.

With the help of Phase One Dismantling Services, Diamond Head Development was able to "ethically dismantle" five homes before constructing its Finch Drive development, according to a news release. By the company's estimation, 98% of the material, about one million pounds in total, was diverted from the Squamish landfill.

"It doesn't cost any more money to get creative and find ways to make environmental choices. You just have to roll up your sleeves, you have to do the research, you have to find the right partner and find the right strategy," said Jason Wood, founder and president of Diamond Head Development.

Wood gave the example of how they sent asphalt shingles to an asphalt plant where it was refurbished back into asphalt that could be used elsewhere. Other examples of repurposed material included windows, doors as well as



PHOTO COURTESY DIAMOND HEAD DEVELOPMENT Rendering of the future residences.

landscape items like gardens and trees. Ethical dismantling is just one aspect that Wood wants in the Finch Drive development. He also explained that the homes that will be built

are up to the highest code in the BC Energy Step Code, which means the homes are net-zero

"Each of these homes is designed so solar panels can be added to the home and then that provides all the energy the home needs to run itself and then it becomes net-zero," he said.

Additionally, the homes will have more insulation, energy-efficient windows and harness geothermal energy for heating and cooling.

"There's no carbon energy supporting the homes," he said. "They're all run by electricity."

With this particular development, Wood felt that adding these environmentally friendly aspects came easily even if it was a little bit higher of a cost at the start.

"Everybody understands now that climate change is a very large problem that we all are responsible for," he said. "The easiest thing you can do is effect change in your day-to-day life."

"It was very natural for us to start making those decisions and researching how to build these homes [and] how to build them more energy efficient."

For more information on the incoming Finch Drive development or Diamond Head Development, please visit FinchDrive.com or DHDev.ca.

TACOFINO LOCATION TO OPEN LATE THIS SUMMER

Tacofino Squamish will be opening in the Squamish Station shopping centre

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ave a hankering for more tacos, Squamish? Tacofino has announced it will open a local restaurant this summer.

Tacofino Squamish will be opening in the Squamish Station shopping centre, near Nesters Food Market, according to a news release.

Tacofino was started as a food truck -Tacofino Cantina— by Kaeli Robinsong and Jason Sussman in a parking lot of a Tofino surf store back in 2009, according to a Georgia Straight article.

Today, the company includes the original Cantina, a fleet of food trucks and seven brick-and-mortar restaurants in Vancouver and

The company boasts approximately 250 employees.

The Squamish location will have 20 seats for indoor dining and will offer take-out of its tacos, burritos and appies.

"Lunch and dinner menus with diet-friendly vegetarian and vegan options will be served," the release states.

Tacofino's décor and design are being



PHOTOS COURTESY TACOFINO

The chain started in a food truck in a parkling lot in Tofino.

completed by Shiloh Sukkau in collaboration with her colleagues, architect Nada Awadi from Studio Beige and graphic artist Courtney

"We are so excited to be a part of the Squamish community," said managing partner Gino Di Domenico, in the release. "I've been waiting a long time for the opportunity to add

Tacofino to the beautiful community of amazing people and restaurants."

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MEET A SQUAMISH VOLUNTEER WHO HAS HAD A REMARKABLE IMPACT

Behind the scenes, Cindy Cardiff has had her hand in many events, some of which continue to be enjoyed today

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s a reporter, it's essential that I be on time for interviews. And to me, on time means at least five minutes early.

But on an early April day, Cindy Cardiff beats me to our scheduled meeting at Stan Clarke Park. With a friendly wave from afar, she and I sit at a picnic table.

Early on, she tells me she's still recovering from two separate knee surgeries.

"So, I've had to really slow down," she lamented. "I'm not that kind of a person, I like to be busy."

And those that know Cardiff understand that sentiment, she's had a hand in supporting all



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Cindy Cardiff.

types of community events from Squamish Days Loggers Sports to the Santa Parade to the Canada Day celebration. She's even helped dig parts of the BMX race track.

So, it's safe to say the surgeries won't slow her down for long.

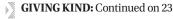
"Now I am bionic," she said with a laugh.

"And as I recover, look out world."

Her up-for-anything attitude, friendly spunk and behind-the-scenes organizing are just a few reasons why Cardiff is one of Squamish's volunteer and community icons.

IN THE THICK OF EVENTS FROM THE VERY BEGINNING

While Cardiff wasn't born in Squamish, it didn't take her long to get involved in the





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community. She moved from Nanaimo in 2006 with her two sons, who are now in their 20s.

Early on, she began a photography business which ultimately started her down her path of community events.

"It probably started off with Santa photos because I moved here in September," she said. "I found out that there was going to be a Santa actually in front of the arts building. And so I said, 'Do you want some Santa photos?' And they jumped at it."

The Santa photos snowballed into an array of Christmas events with a Christmas market and even a contest where the winner would get a helicopter ride with Santa. While some of these events have since stopped, the yearly Santa Parade stemmed from these early Christmas events.

"We believed in the spirit of Christmas and we wanted to take it farther," Cardiff explained.

Around that time, her oldest son, she said, was very much into BMX racing. When she found out someone was making a BMX race track, she jumped aboard.

"Got involved right at the ground level," she said. "And like literally ground level, we were shovelling dirt into wheelbarrows and raking."

Then came hockey and Scouts Canada and help with Logger Sports such as organizing the volunteer dinner, taking photos and being a timer. Cardiff even says the bed race course 66 My advice to people is to get involved in the community. Find out what kind of things you're interested in and if there isn't something happening for it, then start it. \$9

CINDY CARDIFF

we watched just this past year is still similar to what was originally schemed.

Soon thereafter, she was approached to organize Squamish's Canada Day celebration, which ran until 2019. At first a modest event, it eventually ballooned into an all-day extravaganza with games, art, live music and, of course, fireworks.

"It would take me about six months to organize Canada Day," she explained. "And then I would switch over and it'd take me six months to organize the Christmas stuff."

Although these are just a handful of the events she helped with, the throughline always was her desire to build community.

"There were a lot of things that could have stood in my way from having me do all of those different things," she said. "But I really felt that it was important to be a part of the community and to go to everything and to support local businesses. And, if somebody else was doing something, to go out there and cheer them on."

BALANCING WORK, FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

All of this organizing and event planning certainly helped with the photography business, Double Shutter Images, but with two kids in tow, Cardiff said that more pay was a necessity.

While she could have taken on a simpler job, Cardiff instead took on a role as a life skills worker with Sea to Sky Community Services.

"I've been working there for 13 years with adults with disabilities," she said.

With a degree in psychology, she said the role was flexible enough so that she could still get to go to photography gigs or one of her kid's school events if needed. While balancing all of that may sound tough, Cardiff said it was what her family needed.

"I had two full-time jobs. Maybe three," she

joked.

And Cardiff knows she's not the only person in Squamish trying to make ends meet with multiple jobs. Nevertheless, she recognizes how impactful community events can be, so she encourages people to really put themselves out there.

"My advice to people is to get involved in the community," she said. "Find out what kind of things you're interested in and if there isn't something happening for it, then start it."

"There are people that are looking for things to do and so either start it or jump in where there's already something."

Cardiff does say that she wants to retire, however. But her version of retiring sounds a little different.

"I'm ready to retire from doing as much," she said. "It's time to be thinking about what to do until I'm 80 or 90."

Cardiff admits it probably won't be something with as much "running around" as she has done before, likely a little quieter. Still, she says she definitely won't just be disappearing.

"I have so many connections, and I really like connecting with people, so it'll be something in the community."

And when asked if we really won't see her down in the pit at Logger Sports taking photos or timing competitors, she responded that she might still be at the event but just in a different spot.

"Maybe from the stands with my camera," she said.

"And a beer."





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2. EXPAND YOUR NETWORK.

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3. BUILD REFERENCES.

Professional references can be hard to come by, especially if you haven't worked several jobs. However, they're crucial for scoring a wellpaying gig. Fortunately, you can ask the people

you volunteer with, especially supervisors, to vouch for your employability and work ethic.

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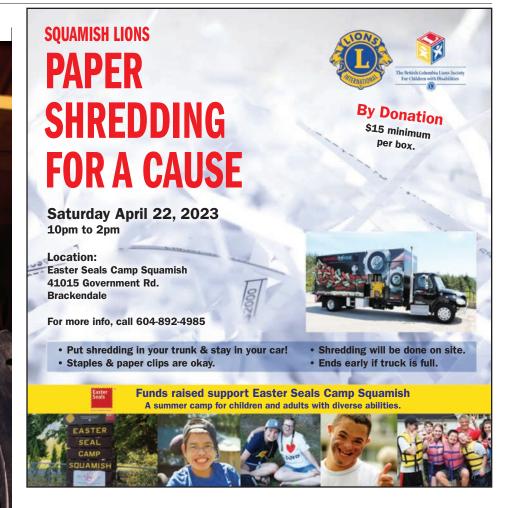
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SYSA REPS HOPE FOR FUTURE USE OF QUEST TURF FIELD

District of Squamish says it does not have an agreement for use with Primacorp Ventures, but maintains an interest in

future opportunities

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he ripple effects of the suspension of Quest University operations spread far beyond students.

Squamish Youth Soccer Association (SYSA) representatives say that they have been told turf field usage at Quest will cease at the end of April, but they hope options for community use will be explored.

In February, it was announced that for financial reasons, Quest University Canada's board of governors had decided to suspend regular academic programming following the completion of the current academic year, which ends this month.

The next day, the 22-hectare (55-acre) property on which the campus sits - including the academic buildings, turf field and sports facility - was listed for sale by property owner Primacorp Ventures Inc.

The SYSA's Michael Heinrich and Ray Christensen told The Squamish Chief that near the time that the campus and lands were listed for sale in late February 2023, they received an email from Quest confirming that the use of the turf field for soccer would come to an end on April 30.

Now, Heinrich hopes the District of Squamish can explore options for the field with Primacorp, so the community can continue its

"Can the District of Squamish purchase that turf as either a [mitigation] step or as a long-term solution to this problem?" questioned Heinrich.

The District, however, said while it



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Quest's all-season field has been used by hundreds of soccer players, and others.

maintained an interest in community use of the sports facilities at Quest, it does not have any current agreements with Primacorp.

"The District does not have any agreements with the current property owner. We remain interested in supporting community access to the campus sports facilities at Quest University and look forward to any future opportunities that may present themselves. The current property owner would be best suited to answer questions related to facility usage," reads the statement from District spokesperson Rachel

Boguski.

The Squamish Chief requested to interview Primacorp representatives about the community use and care of its sports facilities after April 30.

On behalf of Primacorp, Melissa Davis responded that the company, "wishes to be sensitive to the needs of community and is amenable to looking at what will be best for local groups related to these recreation facilities.'

While Heinrich said the SYSA has already

shifted its field use to Brennan Park, he said the park has reached max capacity. Heinrich estimated that the Quest field helped service about 150 to 200 kids in the SYSA.

The District approved many upgrades to Brennan Park in 2021, including switching the gravel field to turf and adding new multi-use fields, but those objectives are predicted to be five and 15 years away, respectively.

Meanwhile, come September, Heinrich said sharing currently available fields would be chaotic.



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ATHLETES SHINE IN BIATHLON EVENT

Locals took podium and Top 10 placements during the Canadian Biathlon Nationals/North American IBU Continental Cup Championships 2023







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Left to right: Taje Hansen, Ewan Hawes, Graham Benson, Jojo Ng; Ng at the range in standing shoot; Team BC.

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quamish biathletes secured places on the podium in March at the Canadian Biathlon Nationals/North American IBU Continental Cup Championships 2023.

The event, which took place from March 13 to 19 in Valcartier, Que., showcased the talents of local athletes Jasper Fleming, Lucas Clements, Jojo Ng and Josie Clifford. The head coach was Sarah McCaw, who is

also a Squamish resident.

The Sea to Sky Nordics' Singjo 'Jojo' Ng took third place in the senior boys' 7.5-kilometre mass start. With a final time of 33:21.6 and 60 points, Ng was just seconds behind his fellow Nordic teammate, Graham Benson. Benson, a Whistler athlete, had a time of 33:04.0 and racked up 75 points.

The winner of that event was Luke Hulshof, an athlete from Calgary's Foothills Nordic Ski Club. He had a time of 32:12.6 and 90 points.

Ng's strong performance didn't stop

there, however.

He placed 6th in the senior boys' six-kilometre sprint race, clocking in a time of 21:08.6 and 40 points.

In the senior boys' 7.5-kilometre pursuit, Ng took 8th place, and in the single mixed relay took 7th together with Gabby Hoehn of Prince George.

Another notable Squamish performance came from Lucas Clements, who placed in the Top 10 twice during the event.

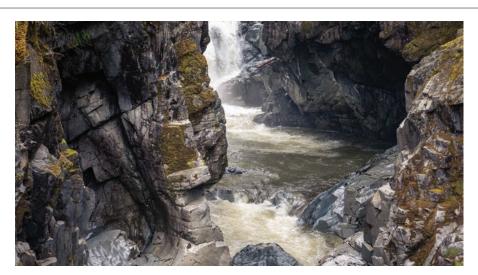
Clements nabbed 7th in the senior boys' six-kilometre sprint with a time of 21:16.6 and 36 points. He also took 10th in the relay

with Iona Cadell of the Caledonia Nordic Ski Club, which is based in Prince George.

In the senior girls' 7.5-kilometre mass start, Josie Clifford took 14th place with a time of 39:58.1 and 27 points. She took 14th again in the relay race in the youth 7.5-kilometre single mixed relay.

Local Jasper Fleming raced up and placed 6th with a time of 34:35.9 and 40 points in the 10-kilometre youth men mass start. He took 8th in the sprint. Finally, in the mixed relay he and his teammate Nicole Hamp of Burns Lake took 10th place.





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Gordon Alan Poole

1960 - 2023

It is with profound sadness and severe disappointment in the medical system and the BC Cancer Society, that the family of Gordon Alan Poole announce his tragic death on April 4, 2023 after a short and aggressive battle with terminal cancer. Gord was a stellar man that worked hard his whole life, followed the rules, did the right things, and always thought about others. We are beside ourselves that Gord didn't get his chance to fight the cancer, as lengthy medical wait lists made it impossible. Thankfully there is no wait list to heaven.

Gord was born on April 21, 1960 in Trail, BC, to his predeceased parents Norman and Amy Poole and spent time in Remac, Britannia, Squamish, the Sunshine Coast and finally, Campbell River.

He left behind his loving wife Brenda, daughters Stephanie (Bobby), Tonya (Wes), son Tyler (Darnell) grandson Nash, sister Donna (Dave) and nieces, his faithful furry companions Nikk, Ella and Ozzy, as well as countless other family and

Gord worked falling trees, driving logging trucks and at a dry sort/sawmill before returning to school at BCIT to be an electrician. He then trained to be the professional driver that he continued on in different capacities. Plowing snow for the Town of Squamish then on to his 25 year career with ICG / Superior Propane. Gord was very proud of this accomplishment.

During Gord's time on the Sunshine Coast he fulfilled his dream of becoming a firefighter. He tried to get hired in North Van once out of school but he didn't meet the minimum weight requirements. Gord dedicated 6 years to the Sechelt Volunteer Fire Department and became a trained Firefighter in 2014. Gord attended many calls and helped the residents of Sechelt and surrounding areas in many different ways (structure fires, medical calls, driving firefighters to calls, etc.). Gord also held the fundraising chair for the firefighters association and organized many ways to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy, a cause close to his heart. Gord made good memories and some really great friends with the fire department.

Other than his family, Gord was passionate about 3 things: Mustangs, music and the Vancouver Canucks. Gord owned



lots of different Mustangs over time and went on many rod runs with Brenda at his side or in the second Mustang behind. Concerts were big on Gord's list to do with friends and family, anywhere from a quick trip into Vancouver to Vegas. Traveling to watch the Canucks over the years from Dallas, Phoenix, LA, Anaheim was a passion and were there with Luongo when he was traded to Florida. He had high hopes for them many times...maybe next year.

Always the quiet guy with hidden shots, funny stories, with much to say, if you listened. Gord was a kind man, who worked hard and deserved the best. He was a great husband, a caring father, and a good friend, and he will be missed dearly by all those who cared about him.

Celebration of life for Gord is April 22, 2023 in Campbell River. For more information email pooles2019@gmail.com



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Joyce Patricia Agnes Joe Sunrise: October 17, 1942 - Sunset: April 5, 2023

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It is with great sadness we advise the passing of our dear elder Joyce Patricia Agnes Joe on April 5, 2023. She passed peacefully at North Vancouver hospice surrounded by family. She was born to her late parents Emma and Dennis Lackett Joe on October 17, 1942. Joyce grew up on Eslha7án (Mission IR no. 1.) Joyce attended Kamloops Indian Residential School,

and St. Paul's Residential School. She was a Canoe Puller with the North Van Canoe Club, St. Teresa. She spent her working years as a homecare worker at the Ta-ah lodge, and a Care Home in West Vancouver. She enjoyed walking. You could find her anywhere between the two bridges. She was the ultimate community member. She attended all the events and cleaned around the neighbourhood on her way home. She was a devout Christian and went to church every Sunday, unless there was a Canucks game. She was a local team's loyal fan, she enjoyed watching the BC Lions and was a diehard Canucks fan, she would even skip her own birthday celebrations to watch the game. Joyce really enjoyed travelling, some of her favourite places she visited were Hawaii, Alaska, and Rome! Her garden had beautiful flowers. She enjoyed doing puzzles and word searches. Her grey tabby Poppy was the light of her life. Joyce will best be known for her great sense of humour and being a great aunty. Joyce is survived by her sister Margaret 'Rhonda' Beber; special sister Gloria Wilson; and many loving nieces & nephews, relatives, and dear friends.

A Service was held at St. Paul's Catholic Church on April 12, 2023. Online condolences can be found at www.dignitymemorial.ca



It is with great sadness we advise the passing of our

dear elder Patricia Rose Gray (nee: Cole) on March 21, 2023. She was born at St. Paul's Hospital on September 18, 1933. She grew up in North Vancouver and Richmond, BC. She graduated from Richmond High Secondary School. Pat spent many years working for various airlines like Wardair and Qantas, which gave her many opportunities to visit and live in places all over the world. She travelled with

her late father Thomas Cole to Cuba and Hawaii in his later years. She lived in Toronto; Sydney, Australia; and settled back down in Vancouver. At the age of 50 she graduated with her Licensed Practical Nursing degree. She was known for her philanthropy and loved to help wherever she could. Pat was dynamic, hilarious, and was able to keep everyone in line. She also loved her late daughter Debbie, son David and her cat Marshmallow a.k.a. 'Cat Stevens.' She most recently loved attending all the activities at the Squamish Nation Elders Centre. Pat's favourite was Tai Chi for its calm, but structured movements.

Patricia is survived by her son David Gray; niece Janine Harris and many loving relatives and dear friends from West Vancouver and worldwide.

As per Pat's final wishes a private family service will be held at Glenhaven Funeral Chapel on Wednesday March 29, 2023.







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Byron John Joseph

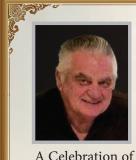
Tselkwilem – t - Kama Siyam 'Baloo', 'Brindy', 'Papa', 'Papa Bear' Sunrise: April 15, 1953 - Sunset: April 2, 2023

It is with great sadness we advise of the passing of our dear elder Chief Byron John Joseph. Byron passed at Vancouver General Hospital, on April 2, 2023 surrounded by family. Byron was born to his late parents Stanley Joseph and Caroline (nee: Trimble) Joseph on April 15, 1953 at St. Paul's Hospital. He grew up on Eslha7án (Mission IR no. 1), Deep Cove (Burrard), and Georgia, USA. Byron attended Turner Elementary, St. Paul's Day School, and Carson Graham Secondary School. Byron married his sweetie Brenda September 24, 1982. They raised their children on Xwemelch'stn (Capilano IR no. 5). Byron's family shared him with various Indigenous sports, healing, and political organizations for decades. He spent his early working years at the golf course, Capilano RV park, and doing Carpentry. His love for helping others and dedication to his people drew him to successfully run for Squamish Nation Council. He served from 1982 – 2017. 36 years! He was the longest standing member with Indian Residential School Survivors Society (IRSSS) board for over 25 years. Byron was a proud Indigenous man and loved to attend Powwows, Spiritual & Cultural Work, Canoe Journey, Longhouse, and especially Slahal games. Byron drew his strength from his ancestors. He was empathetic, kind, loving, intelligent and generous with his teachings. He enjoyed reading, being in nature, beading, meditation, drumming, singing, playing his harmonica, and listening to the blues. He enjoyed playing and coaching: basketball, soccer, softball, and lacrosse.

He coached all his kids through their years in lacrosse North Shore Indians and Team BC. Byron will best be remembered for his unwavering positivity, unconditional love, and hearty laugh. He is survived by his loving wife Brenda Joseph (nee: Douglas), children Sandra Lafontaine (Jaret), Kono Douglas (Tracy), Breanna Joseph (Michael), Bianca Cameron (Bronson), Kaiya Williams (Wilson); grandchildren Lillian George, Travis George Jr., Trevor Billy, Kono Douglas Jr., Brendan Douglas (Michelle), Kyoni Mercier (Maverick), Kaikanim Mercier, Nakoa Mercier, Jacob Holmes, Wilaiya Williams, Treleen Williams, Pearl Williams; great grandchildren Tyson Douglas, Kianna Douglas; siblings Deanna George, Vernon Joseph Sr., Caroline Joseph, Barbara Daniel, Soceye Baker and many loving relatives and dear friends. A service was held at the Chief Joe Mathias

> Online condolences can be found at www.dignitymemorial.ca Viewing of the Livestream available at https://funeraweb.tv/en/diffusions/72179

Centre on Thursday, April 6, 2023.



Captain Frank Babuin

1939 - 2023

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1 to 4 pm on Sunday April 30th, at the Squamish Valley Golf Club, 2458 Mamquam Road.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Donations in Frank's name can be made to Hilltop House Society, hilltophousesupportsociety.org.

Squamish Hospital Foundation, squamishhospital.com or Sea to Sky Hospice, seatoskyhospicsociety.ca

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff at Hilltop House and Squamish General for their care and compassion.



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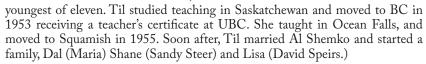
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memories. Born April 21st 1928 in Hague Saskatchewan, Til was the third

enjoyed a long, rich life and leaves her

many friends and family with lovely



Til and Al were charter members of the Squamish Curling Club, Squamish Valley Golf Club and Til was deeply involved in creating the first public pool in Squamish. They remained married until Al's death in 2019.

Til's innate kindness and love of family has been passed on to six Grandchildren and nine and a half Great Grandchildren.

The Shemko family would like to thank all the staff at Hilltop House for the loving care that Til enjoyed during her stay.

Though Til coped with dementia in later years, she retained her sense of humour to the end and we can still picture her elegant jackknife into the waters of Anderson Lake with barely a ripple.

A celebration of Til's life will take place in Brackendale on April 29th. For details on this event and to share memories or leave condolences, contact www.squamishfuneralchapel.com.



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- 18. Net
- Paddy crop 19.
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- 28. Underwater weapon
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- 35. First female
- 36. Quiz answer 38. Proved innocent
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- Hawaiian necklace 10.
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- 23. Work by Keats
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- 29. Racetrack shape
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- 31. Gazed at
- 34. Cold-weather ailment
- 37. Caspian or Red
- 39. Guarantee
- 41. Razz
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- 49. Ram's counterpart
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April 20-May 20

TAURUS

You should be able to indulge in a bit of luxury. You may run into friends you haven't seen for a long time and talk to them for hours.



GEMINI

You'll expand your summer wardrobe by shopping online and in-store. You'll be influenced by your friends to abuse your budget. Some comments will be inappropriate.



June 21-July 22

CANCER

You'll set in motion specific ideas and other promising initiatives. You'll bring several people together for a large-scale project and overcome your financial worries.



July 23-Aug. 22

LEO

You'll enjoy going to a spa or wellness clinic for relaxation. You need to recharge your batteries and rest to regain your



Aug. 23-Sept. 22

VIRGO

You'll be involved in a significant project as part of a well-oiled team. The project will be completed efficiently, and the results will delight you. You must take some quiet time at home to recover.



You must carefully manage your personal and professional activities. You have many responsibilities on your shoulders. A sudden epiphany will strike you about your career.



Oct. 23-Nov. 21

SCORPIO

SAGITTARIUS

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AOUARIUS

LIBRA

You'll go on a spontaneous trip or getaway soon. It may be more spiritual; a pilgrimage would be a most rewarding



Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You're craving change. You're bored with daily life and routine. You need to transform your reality to experience more passion and stimulation.



Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It's hard to please everyone, but this is the kind of miracle you can accomplish. You'll complete a task or make a deal you thought impossible at work.



You'll have many emergencies to deal with at work or elsewhere. You're a strong person and will manage to bring order to everything with sensitivity, humanity and empathy.



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