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Celebrating Denman Island Cross Trail

By CVRD

PRESS RELEASE

June 9, 2026

Denman Island, BC - The Comox Valley Regional District (CVRD) celebrated the official completion of a 3.5 km portion of the Denman Cross Island Trail from Owl Crescent to Gravelly Bay, and a 180-metre portion in downtown Denman Island.

Photo Caption: Doug DeMarzo (General Manager of Community Services), Chris Danks, Daniel May (CVRD Senior Parks Technician), Stirling Fraser (DIRA Co-President), Laura Pope (Chair DIRA Parks Committee), Jan Jansen (Chair DIRA Trails Committee), Graeme Johnston (DIRA Parks and Trails Committee), Kasian Russel (DIRA Trails Committee)



“Completion of these two sections provide improved safety and connectivity in the Graham Lake and Gravelly Bay ferry area,” explains CVRD Electoral Area Director Daniel Arbour. “This investment in the Denman Cross Island Trail by the Province of BC, and supported by our local MLA Josie Osborne, shows what we can accomplish through collaboration and perseverance.”

Photo Caption: Bridge and commemorative plaque in recognition of Allan Danks, DIRA Trails Committee Chair 2008-2024 (passed in 2024). In picture: Chris Danks (Allan's wife), Graeme Johnston (DIRA Parks and Trails Committee), Stirling Fraser (DIRA Co-President), Laura Pope (Chair DIRA Parks Committee), Kasian Russell (DIRA Trails Committee), Jan Jansen (Chair of DIRA Trails Committee)



This trail construction project was made possible because of funding from a B.C. Active Transportation Infrastructure grant and Community Works funding.

To find more information about the Denman Cross Island Trail, visit <https://www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/denmanCIT>

The Comox Valley Regional District is a partnership of three electoral areas and three municipalities operating on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of the land. The members of the regional district work collaboratively on providing sustainable services for the benefit of the diverse urban and rural areas of the Comox Valley.



Shucking Oysters: Soccer To You

By Alex Allen

I can think of many places that I would avoid visiting these days. Barcelona, Rome, Bangkok, Paris – pretty much any place in the world that has that tourist cachet. Another place, closer to home, is Vancouver, with an estimated 350,000 FIFA soccer fans descending on the city this weekend. For those who visit, oh, so exciting. For those who live in Greater Vancouver, oh, so disruptive. While hosting large sporting events appears to be great for communities, research suggests the actual financial rewards are often much less than anticipated. And yet, many politicians remain eager to host them.

Let's unpack FIFA in Vancouver. The cost is projected to be up to \$729 million from the \$624 million estimated last year, with an average price of \$104 million per game. Revenues are estimated at \$615 million, which includes a \$216 million contribution from the federal government. Vancouver Mayor Ken Sim claimed that the city's seven World Cup matches would be "the equivalent of 30 to 40 Super Bowls."

The hotel tax is another area of revenue projected at \$260 million. The irony is that hotel bookings are down 20%. Despite initial predictions of a 200% surge, rooms at downtown properties are sitting between \$900 and \$2,000 a night, with many accommodations heavily discounted. What didn't help was FIFA returning roughly 75% of its reserved hotel room blocks (about 15,000 room nights) to the general inventory.

Security and safety of course, are the biggest expense at \$242 million, a figure that could rise well above that. By comparison, the final security bill for the 2010 Winter Olympics was \$900 million, five times more than the original \$175 million estimate. Another major expense was upgrading BC Place at \$185 million. But how the costs break down is not something the BC government is willing to provide until after the games are over. In contrast, host city Toronto, has posted budget documents on its website that break down safety and security costs.

Is FIFA worth it? Politicians say the global spotlight on Vancouver, as well as the economic boost, present "opportunities to create a lasting legacy." "Hosting FIFA World Cup matches will drive tourism and bring significant economic benefits as soccer fans from around the globe discover why our beautiful province is such a great place to visit and invest," said Premier David Eby. Like Hornby Island, I don't think Vancouver needs help with tourism.

Moshe Lander, an economist at Montreal's Concordia University, said: "It's always the case that ego and vanity-driven politicians will always underestimate the cost of large-scale sporting events, and they will always overestimate the benefits." And the only way the provincial government could have avoided high security costs would have been to say No to hosting, Lander said.

Perhaps the biggest headache will be going from A to B, with major road closures and local-traffic only zones throughout downtown Vancouver. As well, around 200 surveillance cameras have gone up around the stadium and other parts of Vancouver, including Commercial Drive and training sites. If you look at the photos, downtown Vancouver looks like it's in lockdown not hosting a sports

TIDE TABLE

• Secondary Tidal Station Ford Cove •
• Source: tides.gc.ca •

2026-06-11 (Thu)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
01:14	4.460	14.6
08:53	1.200	3.9
16:08	4.030	13.2
20:31	3.330	10.9
2026-06-12 (Fri)		
Time	PST (m)	(ft)
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09:35	0.701	2.3
17:04	4.410	14.5
21:37	3.538	11.6
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18:38	4.919	16.1
23:32	3.684	12.1
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12:32	-0.176	-0.6
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06:49	4.203	13.8
14:00	0.331	1.1
21:23	5.114	16.8

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Why I recommend proceeding with the Graham Lake Water Project

By Daniel Arbour, CVRD Area 'A' Director

I appreciate everyone who has taken the time to ask questions and engage in the discussion about the future of the Graham Lake Water Service to date. Residents deserve clear information and respectful dialogue, particularly when significant costs are involved. As of now, residents of Graham Lake have received the petition form to proceed with the project in their mailbox, and they have until July 10th to return it to the CVRD. Instructions are on the form. There is no question that the proposed project represents a substantial investment, which, combined with regular operations costs, will result in a total bill of about \$3,000 per year for water per home. However, it is important to understand what residents are being asked to consider.

At its core, this is a drinking water project. The Graham Lake Water System has not met provincial and federal drinking water treatment requirements for many years, and that issue has been identified through engineering work, pilot testing, and regulatory review. Whether residents are in favor of proceeding or not, the need for a compliant water treatment solution remains. In other water or sewer systems that fail to comply, the Province eventually starts to threaten and levy fines on operators for persistent non-compliance, and those fines can be passed unto homeowners until the system is compliant. There is some history on this the Comox Valley, with the large water system, and in Cumberland with sewage. This statement is not meant to be fear mongering – it is simply a fact.

Some have suggested that this project lacks engineering analysis or a defined scope. In fact, multiple professional studies, assessments, treatment evaluations, lake hydrology, and dam reviews have been completed over several years, many of which incorporated advice or feedback from Graham Lake residents. While some residents may disagree with the recommended solution, it is not accurate to suggest that the project has been developed without extensive technical and options analysis, and community engagement. Questions have also been raised about fire protection. Fire protection is important, and some residents would have liked to see operational hydrants restored

throughout the subdivision. However, I would note that the current borrowing proposal is focused on drinking water treatment, and that the Denman Island Fire Department and CVRD Fire Chief do not see the necessity of the hydrants to meet modern fire response standards in the Graham Lake neighbourhood. Following recent public feedback from Graham Lake residents, the CVRD removed borrowing related to fire suppression upgrades in an effort to reduce overall costs to residents and focus on the regulatory drinking water requirements that must be addressed.

Residents should carefully evaluate claims regarding future costs, treatment technologies, or operational requirements. Accurate information and all background documents and reports can be found at www.comoxvalleyrd.ca/grahamlake

Ultimately, this is not a choice between spending money and spending nothing for Graham Lake residents. The Graham Lake community faces a tough choice between proceeding with a funding plan that includes \$1.8 million in secured grants on a \$4.4 million project for a compliant and upgraded drinking water system, or delaying the project while continuing to face the same regulatory and infrastructure challenges, and having a good likelihood of losing the grants. It is a hard place to be, but that is the junction we find ourselves at.

Reasonable people can arrive at different conclusions. My view is that decisions should be based on the best available information, and weighting of risks and opportunities. The question before Graham Lake residents is whether the proposed borrowing and grants-in-hand provide a responsible path toward a safe, reliable, and compliant drinking water system for the Graham Lake community. It is my belief that under the circumstances and pressure from regulatory requirements, proceeding with the borrowing far outweighs the alternatives.

Over the coming weeks, I will go door-to-door in the Graham Lake neighbourhood to provide more detailed information, hear feedback and suggestions, and field questions from residents. I will canvas Graham Lake door to door from 10am to 1pm on Sunday June 7th, Saturday June 20th, Sunday June 21st, and will have a lemonade stand on Saturday July 4th at the “Mailbox” Beach.

Residents of Graham Lake can also contact me at any-time with questions or concerns at reachme@danielarbour.ca, and if I can't answer I will loop in CVRD staff. Best, *Daniel Arbour*, CVRD Area A Director



Fines, Fear, Failures & Future?

By Grant Cyz

Hi Folks,

Again, thanx to the taxpayers, homeowners and residents (both in and outside of the Graham Lake subdivision - GLID) who remain interested, are concerned and offer input and questions about the handling of the subdivision's water treatment solution and egregious fire protection water situation by the CVRD. *Bigger debt doesn't ensure a better solution.*

This week's article is a follow up to previous article titled FOMO.

CVRD's FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) campaign continues with CVRD Representative Daniel Arbour's upcoming political sales pitch tour. Despite how kind, calm and safe the message will be **YOU WILL PAY \$4,000 and more a year for water** and without subdivision fire protection whether you like it or not. The CVRD is not your friend?

This is an outrageous water cost and after eight years it's still an unexplained and limitless upgrade (scope-less, unspecified, budget-less). High average water costs across Canada are \$1,200 per year typically in Alberta & Saskatchewan. *By definition a boondoggle, not a project.*

The CVRD with this engineering failure wants us to pay their way out. The lack of focus, lack of cooperation, lack of transparent engagement, eight years of squandering engineering time and the construction process window, does have consequences. Any expiring "grant" money and or delay "fines" assessed to the CVRD are just another indicator of egregious CVRD failure.

Your "yes" vote is your signature on a blank cheque to continue this trajectory. Where did the \$250,000 GLID capital monies go? *The CVRD is not your friend?*

The last two farcical community interactions show that that the CVRD finds it's extremely difficult to transparently communicate. A Steering Committee needs to be in place before proceeding any further.

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One resident provided a thought-provoking observation; Why aren't fixed income pensioners and working people running around in support of CVRD's bidding and petitioning? Interesting point.

Another resident commented on some of the hysteria surrounding the expiring "grant"; "Intelligent and responsible people don't SPEND multiple millions to save a million". Good point.

Is this about serving the tax paying people of this subdivision community or rather CVRD and friends? One thing is for sure this isn't about addressing the Surface Water Treatment Objectives (SWTO) and Fire Hydrants in a cost effective, market bearing manner. The SWTO does not require water meters. Graham Lake is a FREE 63-million-gallon storage tank. *Let's get back to satisfying what is required and utilizing existing assets. The Superior Shuttle system is not designed for subdivisions and the literature says so. Fire Hydrants and Firesmart equipment are.*



One person said, "I know we need an upgrade, but CVRD has done nothing and shown nothing for eight years. I'm just NOT voting yes until they do". Fair point.

A NO VOTE or NON-VOTE is a message for CVRD to stop, pause and reconsider their upgrade approach. Exactly what SWTO specifications need to be met? There are cost effective solution options. Superficial engineering is not one of them. *The CVRD is not your friend?*

Ship's Point Improvement District is a good upgrade case study of value, water cost and more.

The CVRD is supposed to be looking out for us and it's time they start to demonstrate that.

Presently, **your cheque will be for a \$4,000+ a year water bill to infinity without fire water fire hydrant subdivision protection.**

Are you ready for that?

The CVRD is our friend?

Have a good summer and may your god be with you!



Cable Ferry Unreliability Requires Clarification of BC Ferries' Emergency Service Obligations

By Sharon Small

Dear Minister Mike Farnworth and Commissioner Eva Hage,

The *Baynes Sound Connector*, the only cable ferry in BC Ferries' fleet, is chronically dysfunctional and uniquely unreliable. Since its launch in 2016, the vessel logged 80 pages of mechanical failures in its first three years of service dismissed as *teething issues*. To date, BC Ferries has denied 34 Freedom of Information requests for current data on service cancellations— and counters islanders' decade of complaints by publicly reporting that the vessel has a 99.9% service reliability consistent with all other vessels in the fleet. Most recently, however, it logged 54 cancellations due to mechanical breakdowns in Q2 2024–25—the highest in the fleet—and it has continued to break down frequently after its \$15 million refit. No other vessel in the fleet is crippled also by frequent maintenance and replacing pulleys and cables from 11:00 pm to 5:00 am every night when it is unlikely to be able to respond to a fire evacuation.

When a cable fell off during the evening maintenance window on May 2, 2024, BC Ferries knew the night before that the vessel would be out of service for a prolonged period of time. Yet islanders were not alerted of cancellations until 6:30 am when already waiting to board the first sailing. No arrangements were made for backup water and land taxi service or landing assistance for those with emergencies or appointments that could not be postponed. Consequently, islanders were forced to arrange their own water taxi (around \$500) and private boat transportation at considerable cost and anxiety—and arrange for private landing permission. BC Ferries denied docking permission, claiming liability issues.

In a CHEK News segment covering islanders' outrage over the cable ferry's predictable unreliability, Gracie McDonald described her harrowing experience when transporting her dying brother to hospital. Manoeuvring her acutely distressed brother in and out of a small boat from unstable docks and carrying him across an uneven surface to a waiting vehicle com-

pounded his suffering and her anguish. He died shortly after arriving at hospital. To date, the corporation has not mitigated anxiety and fear during these systemic breakdowns, and has yet to guarantee future emergency transportation or docking assistance.

The May 2, 2024 event exposed a glaring failure in basic coordination between BC Ferries and emergency services. Because there is no nearby public dock and BC Ferries denies landing access, emergency patients are conveyed either by air or water vessel to Comox—a minimum one hour away from Denman or Hornby. Permission to dock at Buckley Bay would significantly decrease the time to get to hospital and reduce patient discomfort. A contracted BC Ambulance water taxi departing from Comox takes two hours round trip and a half hour longer if it departed from Campbell River—or more given adverse weather and tides—before a patient is picked up by an ambulance. At low tide, an unstable patient must also be navigated down a steep ramp and across an uneven surface to reach the vessel or land. Five dedicated water taxis, fully equipped as ambulances, serve the southern islands and remote communities, but Denman and Hornby's population is too small to guarantee priority service. According to BC Emergency Health Services, from 2016 to 2025, 156 islanders needing emergency medical assistance were conveyed by water and 10 by air. There is no data on the effect on patient recovery of prolonged stress and time to get to the ER.

Not one of the 18 amendments to the Coastal Ferry Services Contract clarifies the docking issue or ambiguities and gaps in Sections 4.01 and 4.02 addressing BC Ferries emergency service obligations. In order that BC Ferries complies with its over-arching Coastal Ferry Act mandate to provide safe and reliable service, this ambiguity demands clarification. Section 4.01 states BC Ferries *use reasonable efforts to provide alternate ferry services during a Temporary Service Disruption*. Aside from being vague, this obligation appears to contradict BC Ferries' claim that providing emergency service is a courtesy and not a contractual obligation. Also, Section 4.01 does not address the corporation's obligation to assist islanders who have off-island emergencies and cannot wait for service to resume after a predictable Temporary Service Disruption, or BC Ferries' obligation to provide medical emergency service at night.

Section 4.02 states BC Ferries

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event.

Another disruption. No criminal trials or civil jury trials will be able to take place during the tournament, because of the heavy reliance on police services for public safety, traffic, and crowd management. “The full extent of the impacts is uncertain and will remain so for some time,” the Supreme Court of British Columbia noted obliquely.

A coalition of housing advocates, labour organizers, and civil liberties groups say there is another story unfolding, one they argue deserves equal attention. “The presentation of a ‘clean’ and ‘welcoming’ environment for tourists depends on an organized campaign of displacement and criminalization,” said Laura Macintyre, staff lawyer at Pivot Legal Society. “Vancouver’s residents are being kicked out of already precarious housing on Granville Street, told they can’t shelter in the two-kilometre radius surrounding BC Place, and consistently displaced by police ... all to try to sanitize the city’s image.”

What’s more, unionized hotel workers say that while hotels may see increased revenue during the tournament, workers worry that the benefits will not extend to them. Cristina Figueroa, of UNITE HERE Local 40, said: “FIFA will be raking in billions and billions of dollars. Some hotels will be charging over \$1,000 a night for a room during the games. But too many hospitality workers can’t afford to live in the city. Will FIFA share their wealth and give a cut of their earnings to help working people in Vancouver? No.”

Housing advocates also questioned the city’s priorities. Athena Pranteau of AYX Bus Community questioned why there is no money for housing. “Where are the priorities? This is Vancouver, BC, Canada. Mayor Ken Sim, where are your priorities?” Andrea Florence of Sports and Rights Alliance said, “Despite FIFA’s mantra that ‘football unites the world,’ a World Cup held under discriminatory and exclusionary policies risks deepening social divides rather than bridging them.”

In January, at the US National Conference of Mayors, the controversial president of FIFA, Gianni Infantino enthused: “We reach 1.6 billion people, thanks to the positive emotions that soccer triggers, FIFA is more influential than any country on Earth and any religion.



We move masses. We want to use that to create more peace, justice and health in the world. For the first time in 250 years of history of the United States of America, you will not just be invaded but you will be conquered.” After a reaction of silence, Infantino clarified, “You will be conquered by soccer.”

Infantino won his role in 2016, in part by promising to restore FIFA’s reputation. The New Yorker reported that he did reform FIFA, just not in the way one might have imagined. “Tasked with changing a culture where money was passed under the table, he arguably got rid of the table. It’s all in the open now.” Infantino earns \$6 million a year, flies on a jet provided by the state of Qatar and seems to be cut from the same entitled cloth as Trump.

He even requested a “four-level escort” motorcade while attending the games in Vancouver, allowing his convoy to override red lights and deploy road blockages. Level-four protection is just one level below security given to the Pope and the prime minister. Despite his attempts to charm city officials into submission, Infantino’s requests were denied.

It didn’t help when Infantino sucked up to Trump, by creating a peace prize in December. Despite the growing backlash, Infantino defended his decision insisting that “objectively, he deserves it” – barely 24 hours after Trump carried out a deadly air strike in the Caribbean.

Referring to the Uruguayan forward who has been caught up in at least three biting incidents on the field throughout his career, football journalist Zach Lowy wrote, “Giving Donald Trump a prize for peace is like giving Luis Suarez a prize for not biting people’s ears off.”

FI-FA-Fo-Fum...is it worth it?



Like a Russian doll that's full of light instead of other dolls.

Gabriel Jeroschewitz, April 3rd, 2026,

*Inspired by a CBC program on Easter Friday about
Jhana Meditation and Neurochemistry*

LITERARY

Geoff said it at breakfast, over the sink, as he rinsed his bowl. Today is a beautiful day to die. He never looked up from his bowl. His forehead seemed unnaturally smooth - had it always been this way?

I waited for him to say something. Anything. A jest about the traffic on the 405, perhaps, or a comment on the quarterly reports he's been stress-eating over for three months. Instead, Geoff dried his bowl with a towel, folded it into thirds, and smiled at the window. His smile did not touch his eyes - because his eyes were not in his eyes anymore. Not like they used to be. They looked like he's done something with the "soul" slider on Photoshop.

"Geoff," I said, seeing the dog staring at him with the same amount of consideration one gives to a man debating whether or not to adopt a pet during lunch. "You're scaring the dog."

Geoff knelt on the floor, like a heron that has just taken flight from the water and began to scratch the dog behind the ears. The dog appeared to melt into Geoff's lap.

"He's fine," Geoff said. "We're all fine. Nothing needs to be defended."

This is Day Three of the retreat- that wasn't a retreat. Geoff never went on a retreat. Instead, he sat in the garage attempting to figure out the leaf blower for the last fourteen hours. When I finally found him, he was sitting cross-legged on the garage floor, the blower running in what I can only describe as a state of Zen-in-terms-of-the-blower. Geoff's mind was on something else entirely. Something deeper. Something related to the jhanas. The jhanas are a practice in Buddhism that seeks to allow the thalamus to cease sending signals of anxiety to the cortex, to flood the brain with dopamine, and to allow the mind and self to unwind from its grasp on existence.

I first thought Geoff had suffered a stroke. Then I thought he was in some secret yoga class. Then I thought about the affair between Geoff and Marcy. There was no affair between Geoff and Marcy. Geoff had equanimity.

"When work called," I said, "Jenkins needs the Hen-

derson account by Friday."

Geoff looked at me with a grace that bordered on the offensive. He poured a cup of tea. He did not spill a drop. According to the literature I found after frantically searching Google for "jhanas" and "equanimity", Geoff was experiencing the Fourth Jhana. Pure equanimity. Deep stability. Acceptance of all things without desire for any particular outcome. It was terrifying because it meant Geoff had accepted his mortality. He had accepted that one day he would cease to exist. And he was okay with it.

"It's handled," Geoff said.

"You didn't handle the Henderson account. You've been sitting in the garage."

"I'm handling it now," he said. And I believed him. Geoff understood the temporary nature of spreadsheets and the eventual heat death of the universe. He had time to take care of the recycling. The horror I felt when Geoff told me about the retreat was not because I was scared of him dying. It was because he had accepted his mortality - his deep commitment to life - to filing our tax documents within seventeen minutes of realizing what needed to be done.

"They're saying you need to come back to the office," I said, "they say you've been off."

Geoff looked at me with a gaze of the First Jhana - applied thought to joy and happiness. "I know," he said.

"The horizon has dissolved, Sarah. There's no future.

There's only this field of presence. Also, I think we should rewild the backyard."

Geoff had taken complete responsibility for his existence. The illusion of lack that he had lived with since he was a forty-year-old man was finally done. His thalamus and limbic system were in sync.

"Your mother called," I said. "She's worried."

Geoff smiled with compassion. "Soft melancholy. Tell her I love her, but it's just a pattern recognition system functioning in alignment with a feeling."

Geoff reached out and touched my hand. His fingers were warm with that "comfortable numbness" described in the literature on altered states of consciousness. He was touching me like a very expensive massage chair that had finally achieved sentience and emotional maturity. "You're frightened of me," he said. "You're concerned that I'm becoming nothing. But I'm becoming everything. Like a Russian doll that's full of light instead of other dolls. Also, I cancelled all our subscription services. We don't need them. We don't need anything. Everything is already here."

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Geoff was right. We had too many streaming subscription services that we did not watch. The garage was organized. And his frown lines had disappeared - his mind focused on nothing beyond existence.

On day seven of the retreat- that wasn't a retreat - Geoff entered the garage and stopped breathing. It wasn't dramatic. He didn't gasp or clutch his chest. Instead, he ceased breathing for forty-five minutes. I stood in the kitchen with the phone ready to call 911.



Geoff's chest did not move. His face was serene - like the wax figure of the enlightened man in the garage. I knew from the literature that opioids were flooding his

system, inducing a state of deep relaxation in the body. When he inhaled, Geoff opened his eyes. "The second jhana is intense."

Geoff looked at me with a look of horror - of a man who was about to become a houseplant with a 401k and a deep concern for the world beyond our backyard.

"I know," he said. "Death can wait. Not out of avoidance. Out of preference. There is something here that wishes to be expressed."

"What?" I said.

Geoff walked to the workbench. He picked up a sander. He began to finish the coffee table I've been nagging him about since 2019. The sander began to scream in objection - Geoff was focused on the task at hand. His face remained calm in deep equanimity. The coffee table was finished.

Geoff had taken complete responsibility for his life - yet he was unbothered by the fact that he had a life. The horror I felt wasn't because Geoff was dying. It was because he had found a way to be alive without being bothered by the existence of the world - the fact that I had panic attacks, to-do lists, and a personality that made me look at myself in the mirror and wonder who I was supposed to be.

"Will you stay with me?" I asked.

Geoff set the sander down on the workbench. "As long as there is breath," he said, "there is a natural inclination to give."

Then he handed me a coaster he made from some scrap wood. He asked me if I wanted to learn how to let my thoughts stop.

I stared at the coaster. I stared at Geoff - he who had finally achieved total responsibility for his existence and liberated himself from the concept of having to worry about it. He who had found a way to be alive yet unbothered by existence. He was now glowing with the compassion of a man who had truly mastered the concept of equanimity. He who was roughly 15% refrigerator.

"Yes," I said.

Today was a beautiful day to die. And Geoff, damn him, had made the garage look really good.



Groupthink: Public Consensus is Driven by Fear of Exclusion

By Cylon2036 We/Us

Groupthink is a psychological phenomenon, where the desire for conformity leads to prioritizing consensus over critical thinking, and the suppression of dissenting opinions.

The concept of groupthink takes on a particularly unsettling dimension when viewed through the ideas of Edward Bernays, the founder of modern public relations and one of the architects of mass persuasion in the twentieth century. Bernays did not merely observe the tendencies of crowds, he sought to organize and direct them. Drawing from the psychological theories of his uncle, Sigmund Freud, Bernays believed that human beings were driven less by critical thinking than by unconscious desires, fears, impulses, and social anxieties. Democracy, in his view, could not function through informed debate. Instead, public opinion had to be engineered.

Groupthink emerges in this framework not simply as a social accident, but as a manufactured condition. Bernays argued that modern society was too complex for ordinary citizens to meaningfully evaluate social, political, or economic issues independently. As a result, populations are made to rely on symbols, slogans, emotional cues, and perceived social consensus. The “invisible government,” as Bernays called it, consists of political strategists, news media institutions, corporations, advertisers, and cultural authorities who shape these perceptions behind the scenes. Individuals often come to believe they are acting freely and independently while unknowingly absorbing attitudes that have been carefully cultivated for them.



In conditions of groupthink, dissent becomes socially risky because people fear social exclusion more than they fear being wrong. Bernays understood that the desire for belonging could be weaponized. If enough authority figures, legacy news sources, experts, prominent citizens, and institutions repeat the same assumptions, individuals begin to internalize those assumptions as common sense. Consensus itself becomes evidence of “truth.” Following the publication of the Trilateral Commission’s “The Crisis of Democracy” in 1975, solicited by the governments of Europe, North America, and Japan, and where the “crisis” was described as a result of “too much democracy”, ever more sophisticated forms of narrative control have been employed.

Modern capitalist and establishment culture offers countless examples. Back in 1929, Bernays famously helped transform cigarette smoking among women into a symbol of liberation by branding cigarettes as “Torches of Freedom.” The

product itself matters less than the emotional and social meaning attached to it. The same mechanisms operate in our current politics, where public relations campaigns manufacture enthusiasm, moral panic, patriotism, and fear through repetition and symbolic association. Groupthink

flourishes when emotional identification replaces critical inquiry. Shallow and performative acts are weaponized to create a false consensus, where individuals reject ideas outside of their “tribe.”

The greatest danger of Bernays’ worldview is that it treats citizens less as autonomous thinkers than as manageable populations. Public opinion is engineered, and democracy is theatrical rather than participatory, a system where competing elites manipulate collective emotions while the public mistakes persuasion for independent judgment. Much of Western culture and its political narratives are indoctrinated into the population, and the fear and pressure to conform is internalized. In

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this sense, groupthink is not merely conformity among peers, it is the culmination of sophisticated psychological management operating through media, advertising, branding, and political communication.

Yet Bernays also unintentionally revealed an important truth, that modern Western societies are extraordinarily vulnerable to narrative control. The antidote to groupthink therefore requires more than individual intelligence. It demands skepticism toward the manufactured consensus that masquerades as objectivity. We desperately need increased independent media literacy, historical awareness, and a willingness to tolerate disagreement. Without these, populations drift even further toward conformity while still believing themselves uniquely informed and independent, which is perhaps the most effective form of persuasion ever devised.



-Cupcakes to the Denman Conservancy and all of the tireless volunteers who work so hard to preserve and protect Denman Island nature. You are much appreciated.



-Cowpies to the guy driving across the island in the old white truck full of empty beer cans. The engine was knocking like a tax collector and the thing was smoking like a nervous bingo player. Probably single handedly raised the Earth's temperature by a whole degree setting into motion the imminent collapse of several ecosystems.



-Cupcakes to Peaches and the crew at Take Out Near You!!



-Cupcakes to all dog owners who keep their fur babies under control at all times.



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(Discretion and anonymity assured)*



NOTICE

AMENDMENT BYLAW 200

ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO AMEND ISLANDS TRUST COUNCIL PROCEDURE BYLAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Islands Trust Council intends to consider passing a bylaw to amend Islands Trust Council Meetings Procedures Bylaw, 2004, as amended.

PURPOSE OF THE AMENDMENT

The general intent of the proposed Trust Council Bylaw 200, cited as "Islands Trust Council Meeting Procedures Bylaw, 2004, Amendment Bylaw No. 2, 2025" is to:

- * Amend the date of the first meeting of Islands Trust Council following a general local election to allow the meeting to occur before the end of November.

INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS

A copy of the proposed amendment bylaw and relevant staff reports are available for inspection on the Islands Trust website or in person at the following Islands Trust office locations:

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David Marlor, Secretary

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provides *emergency evacuation such as fire at the request of the province*. To date there is no protocol for initiating a provincial approval when faced with a fire crisis requiring prompt action. Given the likelihood that the cable ferry is immobilized during the maintenance window and after a Temporary Service Disruption, islanders are concerned they will not be evacuated. The following questions address the vagueness of Sections 4.01 and 4.02. To ensure islanders are provided with safe and reliable service during an Emergency Evacuation or Temporary Service Disruption, please answer the following questions promptly given the heightened risk of a fire evacuation and increased unreliability of the cable ferry since its refit:

1. What is the protocol for initiating a provincial request for an Emergency Evacuation?
2. What specifically is BC Ferries obligated to provide if an Emergency Evacuation is initiated while the cable ferry is immobilized during its 11:00 pm to 5:00 am maintenance window or after a Temporary Service Disruption—before a replacement vessel arrives?
3. What medical emergency service is BC Ferries obligated to provide when the cable ferry is likely to be immobilized during the 11:00 pm to 5:00 am maintenance window?
4. What reasonable efforts should BC Ferries make to arrange for a replacement vessel?
5. What service is BC Ferries obligated to provide to customers who cannot wait for a replacement vessel after a Temporary Service Disruption and before service is resumed—to avoid another May 2, 2024 fiasco?

6. Who bears legal liability in the event of a death or injury attributed to a documented unsafe and unreliable cable ferry during a Temporary Service Disruption or a delayed Emergency Evacuation due to the nightly maintenance window?

7. If amendments to Sections 4.01 and 4.02 are required to answer the above questions, when will they be implemented and communicated to Denman and Hornby islanders?

Denman and Hornby island emergency fire and medical service groups and residents anxiously await these answers to safely plan responses. Islanders are marooned whenever Route 21 is predictably cut off by a vessel that cannot be relied upon either during the evening maintenance window or when it breaks down during the day.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Small,
Denman Island.

cc: Hon. David Eby, Premier of British Columbia

cc: BC Ferries Authority

cc: Nicolas Jimenez, President and CEO BC Ferries



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Letters to the Editor

OPINION

Unsafe Conditions for Pedestrians and Vehicles on Denman Roads

It is disappointing to observe the disregard for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists evidenced by MOTT and its contractor Mainroad allowing shoulders along East Road to become highly overgrown and allowing large edge drops from the pavement in many places on Denman Island. On Denman Island most of us live on a few main roads. If we want to go for a walk, a stroll with a baby carriage, a run, an outing with a dog, we have to do it on one of these roads. When a vehicle approaches we have to get off the road. On East Road the shoulders are overgrown with all manner of weeds, some with barbs and brambles and some that sting. This jumble of growth is tall and you can't see the underlying ground so you don't know what footing is available there. You don't know whether there are bird nests, bee hives, snakes, slugs or whatever else is in that overgrown mess. East Road is the main route across Denman to and from the Hornby ferry so there's lots of vehicles, and when you are walking there and one of these vehicles approaches you have to get off the road. I dare the MOTT and Mainroad management to come take a walk with me and actually experience the unsafe situation I am

trying to describe.

I'm sure you know the safety problem presented by large edge drops/pavement lips. A rough survey of edge drops found 31 situations on East Road, 10 on Denman Road and 3 on Lacon Road where the drops were more than around 6 cm and some were 8-10 cm. Drops like those are enough to cause the operator of a bicycle, a motorcycle, a car or small truck to lose control. These situations are persisting month after month, year after year.

What kind of diligence are you people claiming to deliver when you allow such situations to persist? Your performance is not satisfactory.

Peter Spurr 

Dear GV editor: A dog has the reasoning and intelligence of a 3 yr. old human child, so why do those who care for dogs not constantly train, supervise and control them? If your dog chases and possibly causes the death of another animal, like a deer or a fawn- you caused it! If your dog bites a person- you caused it! If your dog falls off a cliff- you caused it! If your dog gets injured or killed doing something you could have prevented- you caused it! Having a dog is a privilege and a commitment to be responsible for THEIR actions for every minute of their lives and If you're not willing - dont get one!

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As of June 3rd, the Bottle Depot summer hours are as follows: open at the same time as the Recycling Centre on **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm**. Saturday hours remain the same (9:30 am - 5 pm). This schedule will continue through September 30th.

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Human Life Is So Much Harder Than It Needs To Be

By Caitlin Johnstone
May 27th, 2026

OPINION



We make it so hard for ourselves, this human experience.

Like it would be hard enough just being born into mortal bodies that have to experience pain and get sick and deteriorate and die. That alone would be more than enough to deal with. Then on top of all that we go and create these psychological ego structures in our heads that make us miserable for a whole bunch of other reasons that aren't even real.

I mean, we're thrown into this world and we have no idea what's going on, surrounded by chaotic and unpredictable giants who are full of neuroses and delusions handed down to them by previous generations, we're very quickly taught how to make ourselves miserable using belief systems and shame and self-hatred and enmity, we stumble around for a few years, maybe plop out a baby or two and teach them how to be as crazy as we are, and then we fall down and they throw us in a hole. And then it's over.

It's so weird, man.

We could just be taking care of one another and holding each other's hands as we hurtle toward the grave. When someone is born into this strange and mysterious world, we could just tell the new arrival "Welcome, we only get to be here for a little while, but we love you and we're here for you as we experience our short time on this planet together." And then we could hug and kiss and cry and cuddle as we spin through a universe not even our best scientists understand, until night comes.

We could do that, but we don't. We barely pay attention to death. We barely pay attention to the fact that everything's mysterious and life's big questions have gone completely unanswered and science can't explain

0.0001% of what's actually going on.

Instead, we make up stories in our heads that cause us distress and discontentment. Stories that we are inadequate or unlovable. Stories about how other groups of people are bad. Stories about how the people around us aren't doing the right thing. Stories about how we'll be able to feel okay with ourselves if we can just rack up one more career accomplishment and achieve one more life goal. Stories about how people get tortured for eternity when they die if they don't believe the right thoughts in their heads. All kinds of stories. Nonstop mental chatter that we believe with all our might.

And none of it's real. We stress ourselves out so bad entertaining these nonstop mental monologues in our skulls, and we made up the whole show. All of it. All the defects and unworthiness. All the enemies and conflicts. All the doing it wrong and getting it wrong. It's all made up.

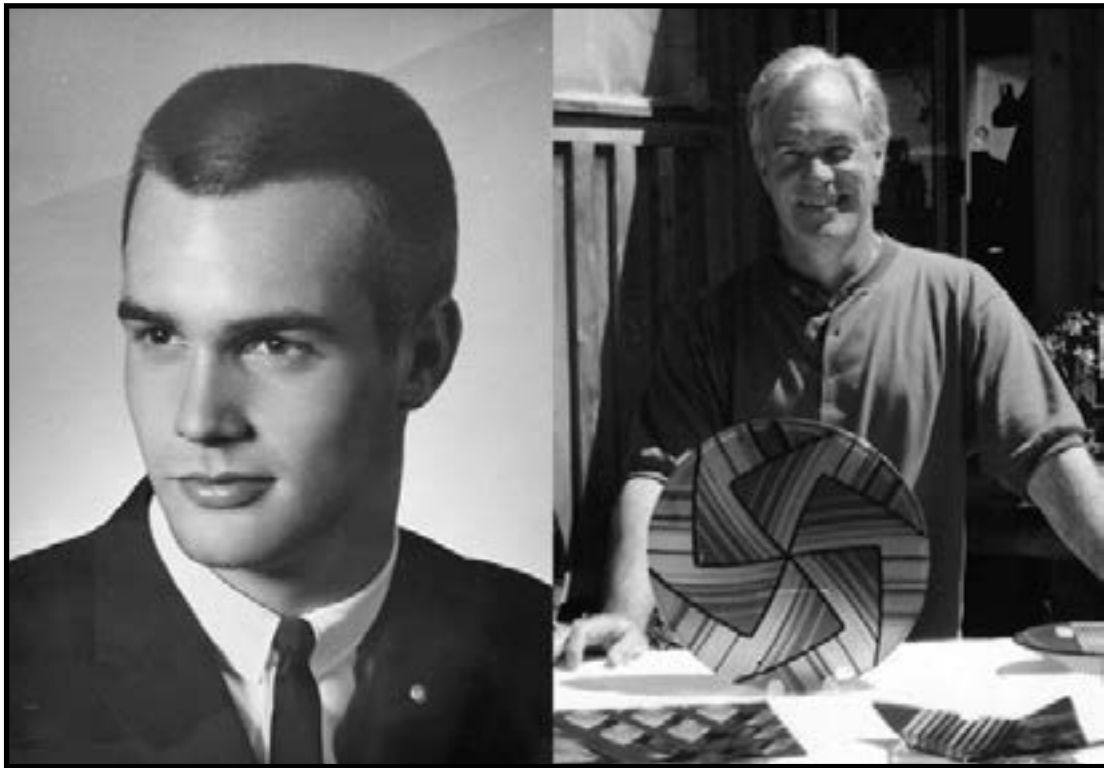
Most people live in this imaginary world of believed mental constructs that offer up all sorts of reasons to feel anxious and afraid and hostile and ashamed. And then clever manipulators use those feelings to get us consenting to wars and injustices and all the self-destructive human behavior we see before us today. And that's why everything's as messed up as it is.

The world as it actually exists could not be more different from the world our thoughts describe. Life experienced lucidly is as different from life filtered through thought as any two things could possibly be.

The human organism can function perfectly fine without nonstop mental chatter. Thought can be nothing more than a useful tool that gets picked up when it's needed and set down when it's not, with attention resting in the profound wondrousness of the senses instead of mental babbling about made-up nonsense throughout the day. It can take some work to undo all the interior dysfunction and come to this level of clarity, but it's not nearly as much work as we're already exerting in continuously turning the wheels of our insanity and keeping all these fictional worlds happening inside our heads. Bringing clarity to our inner processes and awakening to reality is actually the easy path. It's just so much more peaceful and enjoyable.

And then we can just be with reality. We can just be on this ride as it actually exists. All the beauty. All the love. All the pain. All the death. We can be with it all. The whole thing. Until the end.





John Warren Harned

September 18, 1944 – June 1, 2026

John, an over 50-year resident of Denman Island, died peacefully in care at Ocean Front Village in Courtenay. He was born in Pennsylvania, the son of Paul and Claire Harned, joining siblings James, Michael, and Patricia. He attended Oberlin Conservatory of Music where he mastered grand piano, pipe organ and harpsichord. He shared his exceptional gift as he accompanied choirs, ballet classes and memorably, laboured on the old Denman Anglican Church pump organ on Christmas Eve.

His musical artistry took visual form when he began creating stained glass windows and panels. His custom work can be found at St. George's United Church in Courtenay, Denman United Church,

Denman Island Medical Clinic, Denman Community Hall, and in many homes on Denman and beyond. In 1993, he attended Pilchuck Glass School in Washington State, founded by Dale Chihuly. And thus, began a new chapter of John's work - kiln-fired, fused glass. His brilliant multi-coloured, etched and enameled plates and bowls are cherished treasures. John's music and glass art leave a

legacy of precision, expressiveness, patience and the love of form.

He will be lovingly remembered by his daughters, Lily Harned and Lia Terheide; grandchildren Beatrice, Madeleine, Aurora and Cohen; stepdaughters Gabrielle, Sophie and Charlotte; grandchildren

Evangeline, Julian and Lennox; former partners Karen Weingeist, Patti Willis and Gail Barrow.

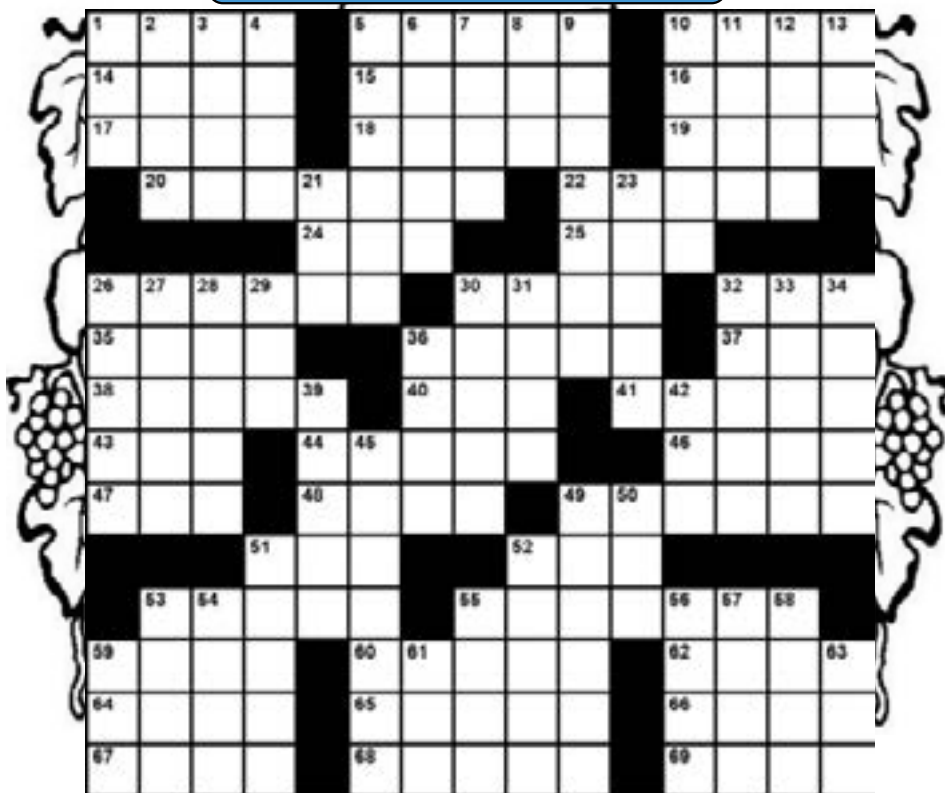
We are so grateful for the support of skilled and compassionate caregivers at North Island Hospital and Ocean Front Village who comforted and cared for John. We also thank Dr. Jody Taylor, Farm to Family and the staff of the Denman General Store on whom John relied during his last years on

Denman.

*"Limitless undying love which shines around me like a million suns,
it calls me on and on across the universe."*

John Lennon

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• ACROSS •

1. Dance piece
5. City of salts
10. A kind of review
14. Do road work
15. Keno kin
16. Sponsorship, var.
17. Barley beverages
18. Borders on
19. Answer, abbr.
20. Salad nuggets
22. Chopin creation
24. Census form question
25. Yang partner
26. Paid under the table
30. Derive from
32. Burnt tree
35. Hokkaido ancients
36. Horace offering
37. Any miss
38. Diving gear
40. Boot hill abbr.

• DOWN •

41. Like a king
43. Formal address
44. Billboards
46. Farmer's home
47. "A Chorus Line" finale
48. Fizz flavor
49. Poor part of town
51. Adult elver
52. Certain Asian
53. Raccoon like
55. Purify, as water
59. Safecracker
60. Largest asteroid
62. Deceased
64. Between chores
65. Man in the mirror
66. Hassle free
67. Baron, e.g.
68. Rode roundly down the river
69. Altar area

• DOWN •

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4. Chilean money
5. Floating on air
6. Mail receptacle
7. Bedaze
8. Giant great
9. Ambled
10. Old TV program
11. Added years
12. Clamping device
13. 6th sense
21. "It's no ___!"
23. Racing official
26. Ezio Pinza, e.g.
27. Castor-bean product
28. Habituate
29. Fella
30. Book's side
31. A number one
32. Right up to date
33. Ten commandments verb
34. Hi there
36. As a result
39. Balance sheet item
42. Adorer's writing
45. Clandestine
49. Showed off
50. All the rage
51. Anxious
52. Feudal vassal
53. Give up
54. Eye coyly
55. Dully colored
56. Brain wave
57. Bounding distance
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59. Cry of pain
61. Cassowary kin
63. Change the locks

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GRUMPISM

“If you can't hear a pin drop, then something is definitely wrong with your bowling.”



• Last Issue's ANSWERS •

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drive
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searching,
wandering,
flying high
yet down to earth,
like a stoned conversation
in the gazebo
in between sets.



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hypnotic or funky
outside/inside
all musical binaries
set aside.
Sounds
set afloat
like dream songs
riding the currents
of the Salish Sea,
bubbling up
at the tips
of his longhand fingers.

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and farewell second line
to send off Tony
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Ron Sakolsky

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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

THURSDAY 11

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm
• DCHS AGM 7pm Back Hall

FRIDAY 12

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm

SATURDAY 13

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
• FREE STORE 9-12:30pm
• Denman Island Home & Garden Tour 9:30am-4pm

SUNDAY 14

• Denman Island Home & Garden Tour 9:30am-4pm
• ES:MO Hornby Community Hall 7:30pm

MONDAY 15

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Volleyball 6:30-8pm School Gym
• Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

TUESDAY 16

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC

WEDNESDAY 17

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place
• DIGS Meeting 1-3pm The Gathering Place
• DAAC Open Mic 7:30pm Back Hall

THURSDAY 18

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall

FRIDAY 19

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Deadline for July's Flagstone
• Hornby's First Edition Deadline 11:59:59pm

SATURDAY 20

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
• FREE STORE 9-12:30pm

SUNDAY 21

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
• Volleyball 6:30-8pm School Gym
• Songwriter's Workshop 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

MONDAY 22

TUESDAY 23

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• Employment Services 9am-3pm DAC
• DILTC Meeting 10am DAC

WEDNESDAY 24

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place

THURSDAY 25

• Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
• RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
• BOTTLE DEPOT 1-5pm
• FREE STORE 3-5pm
• FOOD BANK Hub Comm. Hall 3:30-6:30pm
• Community Choir 2:30pm Back Hall