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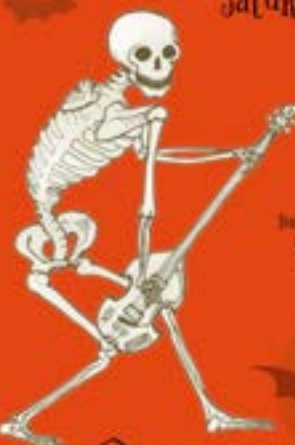
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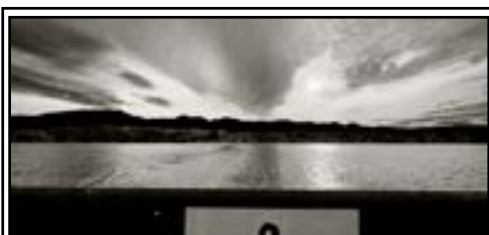
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ENTRY BY DONATION

You Can't Vote Your Way to Social, Economic, and Environmental Justice.

By Keith Porteous

The greatest lie of liberal democracy is that social progress comes from the ballot box. We are taught that change happens when we support the right party, and wait for the government to deliver justice. History tells a far more radical story of the status quo never surrendering power because they have been asked nicely.



The idea that you have no right to criticize if you don't vote is utterly ridiculous and anti-democratic.

The right to express an opinion, and question those in power to hold them accountable, is fundamental, not a privilege reserved for voters. Silencing criticism because someone didn't vote is an attempt to shut down debate

Women did not secure their rights by politely participating in a political system that excluded them. Instead, they organized, resisted, and confronted that exclusion directly. The civil rights movement did not advance because elected officials suddenly discovered their consciences. It advanced because people boycotted, occupied, marched, and made racial injustice impossible to ignore. From anti-colonial struggles to LGBTQ+ liberation, the pattern is unmistakable. People organize and resist, and power is forced to concede.

Voting asks us to place our faith in institutions built and maintained by those who already hold power, and it offers the illusion of control while leaving the underlying structures of wealth, class, and political influence largely intact. We are invited to choose our rulers and then call ourselves free, and we are told that democracy means casting a ballot every few years, while corporations shape public policy, money dictates political access, and governments ignore the people whose votes put them in office.

There is a profound difference between using elections as a tool in a broader struggle, and believing elections are the struggle itself. One recognizes that power must be challenged from below, and the other mistakes the management of the existing system for its transformation. The ballot box is particularly attractive to those in power because it channels public anger into a predictable and manageable ritual.

Where discontent is just a slogan, and resistance becomes only a fundraising opportunity, movements are encouraged to moderate their demands, abandon disruptive tactics, and place their hopes in politicians who promise change while asking for patience. By the time the next election arrives, the energy that once threatened the status quo has been converted into another round of partisan loyalty, while the machinery of exploitation keeps running.

Real social change begins when workers organize against employers, tenants unite against landlords, communities resist displacement, and ordinary people withdraw their cooperation from systems that depend on their compliance. It grows through strikes, boycotts, mutual aid, mass demonstrations, civil disobedience, and sustained collective action. This is the real democracy, exercised directly by people refusing to surrender their agency to professional politicians.

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EU States Continue To Silence Pro-Peace Voices.

By Justin K.P./The Dissident
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EU states have continued to crack down and silence voices calling for an end to the proxy war in Ukraine. In the most recent case, Latvia is attempting to silence Leonid Ragozin- a Putin-critical Russian journalist living in Latvia since 2014 who has previously worked for mainstream Western outlets like the BBC, Bloomberg and POLITICO- over his advocacy for diplomacy and ending the Ukraine proxy war. Latvian Minister of the Interior Jānis Dombrava is calling for Ragozin to be labeled as “Persona non grata” in an attempt to have him deported for his anti-war reporting.

Responding to this, Ragozin said:

What I am observing at the moment is a threat of very severe extrajudicial punishment for speaking my mind and providing original opinions and analysis.

The reason they opt for persona non grata status is the desire to deny me justice in the court system where the case - as senior politicians involved in attacking openly admit - won't hold water. This is why I interpret the situation as an instance of political persecution.

The threat is accompanied with a character assassination campaign involving far right infowar and fake news outfits which deliberately distort my views on the conflict.

The goal of the attack is to destroy my life and to put a gag on me as a notable voice in public debate on the Russo-Ukrainian war.

Despite Leonid Ragozin having a long record of reporting critical of the Russian government, Latvia's interior minister has labeled him pro-Russia because he supposedly “blamed the West” for the war, ‘criticized the West and Ukraine,’ ‘discredited’ Ukraine's politicians and armed forces, called the anti-Russian sanctions ineffective, and questioned if simple imperialism was really the only motivating factor behind Putin's invasion, as Western politicians tend to insist.”

As journalist Branko Marcetic noted, “In other words, he has done reporting, voiced opinions, and highlighted information that are politically inconvenient for a hawkish Latvian elite”.

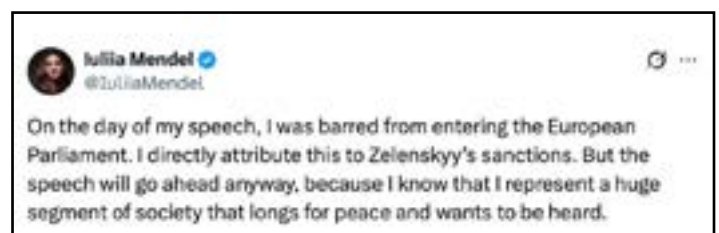
This is far from the first time EU states and the EU itself have used lawfare in an attempt to silence critics of the proxy war in Ukraine.

The EU officially placed sanctions on the former Swiss Army Colonel Jacques Baud and the journalist Hüseyin Doğru explicitly in retaliation for their reporting and analysis that was critical of EU foreign policy and the proxy war in Ukraine.

The EU similarly ruled that the independent outlet Traugott Ickeroth was guilty of violating economic sanctions simply because it occasionally shared content from the Russian broadcaster RT.

More recently, the Ukrainian regime itself put sanctions on Iuliia Mendel, the former press secretary for the Zelenskyy government, who has been a proponent of peace and ending the proxy war in Ukraine.

These sanctions were seemingly placed on Mendel at the behest of the EU, which used them to block Mendel from giving a pro-diplomacy speech on the war in Ukraine in the European Parliament.



The lawfare against Leonid Ragozin seemed to be part of a broader lawfare campaign from the EU to silence proponents of peace who want to end its proxy war against Russia using Ukraine.



The most important question is not which politician will save us, where we should be asking why and how we have been conditioned to believe that we need saving by politicians in the first place. History does not move forward because those in power become more generous, but moves forward when people organize strongly enough to make the old order harder to maintain than the concessions required to change it.

You do not vote your way to social, economic, and environmental justice. You organize for it, you struggle for it, and you build the collective capacity and power to demand it, and by refusing to accept that the people who benefit from the status quo will ever dismantle it out of the goodness of their hearts. No society has ever voted its way out of injustice without direct action forcing the question.



A new, safer outhouse facility is now open at Little Tribune Bay

The Comox Valley Regional District has replaced the former outhouse. The project was completed in close collaboration with Hornby Island Residents' and Ratepayers' Association and the Comfort Stations Committee (Privy Council).

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Call for Nominations

Denman Seniors and Museum Society (DSMS) Board of Directors



The Denman Seniors and Museum Society (DSMS), which operates the Denman Activity Centre, is inviting nominations from community members interested in serving on the DSMS Board.

The Activity Centre is a valued community facility, operated by volunteers on behalf of the community. As we approach our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on December 8, we are seeking community members who would like to contribute their time, skills, and ideas to help support the Centre and its future.

We are particularly interested in people with skills or experience in:

- Leadership and communication
- Financial management — especially for the Treasurer role
- Organization and administration
- Computer skills
- Preparing agendas and taking minutes
- Facilities knowledge and management
- Working collaboratively as part of a team

No previous board experience required.

We would be happy to meet with potential nominees, answer questions, and provide information about the positions available. This could help you decide whether the DSMS Board is a good fit for your time and interests.

To learn more or put your name forward, please contact either:

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Nomination deadline: Friday, November 6, at 5 pm

(You may also still nominate and put your name forward at the AGM on December 8.)

The Book Report #24

By A Bae Hel

Simultaneous

Eric Heisserer

I hate to say bad things about someone's writing, but unfortunately, I bought this as an audiobook, so since I spent money and time I feel I have a right to say a few words.

I generally like time travel stories, they are among my favourite tropes.

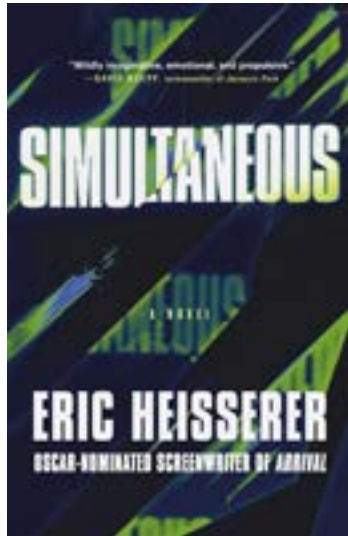
And while I gave this a 2 star for some originality in the time travel line, the characters were so unbelievably badly written I almost did not finish it. I was rolling my eyes so hard I got a headache.

Homeland Security agent from some obscure department with a recent history of trauma and a longer history of childhood emotional neglect, tracks down the person who called in a tip about an explosion. Come to find out it is a psychologist who does Past Lives Regression 'therapy'. So already I am starting the eye rolling.

Then the psychologist allows this federal agent into a therapy session with a client, without the client's lawyer, without any consideration of privacy, protection of client or any basic professional behaviours. THEN they are going on stake outs together and tracking down the current/future life of the client and the bad guys and, oh, my god someone call her regulatory agency and get her licence pulled!

The women pout, the men are wounded, the bad guys are evil. It is just awful and I read it so you don't have to.

Go reread a favourite instead of this.



He didn't see ceiling tiles; instead, he saw sugar-coated gargoyles.

Gabriel Jeroschewitz, October 8th, 2026, dedicated and inspired by Bram Stoker and at least 50 B-grade Dracula movies that I have seen. And to all dentists and vampires everywhere.

The vampire's fangs ached with an appetite no longer strictly about blood, but memory. For a hundred years he had drunk the sweet, metallic blood of diabetics—Type I with their sharp, artificial-tasting blood, or the thick, slow molasses of Type II. One sip and the world around him would be a memory of the sickly-sweet decline that was the disease. Angels wept in the stratosphere. Souls too plump and lethargic to go to heaven, tainted by high-fructose despair. The sugar-free gladiators of the Vatican, the phantoms of a long-gone time, seemed now as if a fever dream. Their lean muscles forgotten under the layers of modern overindulgence. On Tuesday last week, he had met Sartre in the corner of a coffee shop, filled with existential anguish over a cool drink. Sartre muttered, "Hell is other people... and their HbA1c levels." Nietzsche sat drinking his third green smoothie and lamented the death of the Übermensch to a candy bar. Even Jesus himself wept at the gates of the Vatican, remembering lions and roasted flesh, now replaced with the weak and ineffective jaws of a populace gumming Tootsie Rolls. Now he was here. Inside the immaculate minty purgatory of Dr. Finch's dental office, a vampire's favorite, as the office provided a constant supply of low-sugar donors—receptionists who skipped dessert and hygienists who flossed. Today, however, there were no donors. Instead, the new dental assistant sat nervously on the vinyl chair, fidgeting with her black latex gloves with almost religious concentration.

Elara. The name tag said it, but the vampire knew her. She was the exception. Her skin was not only pale, but had a translucent glow to it, as if moonlight had been caught in porcelain. Her hair was blonde and tucked neatly into a severe, practical bun. Her face had high cheekbones and a trace of a smile. In this context, that smile could make the dead return from the grave, but only if they weren't already drowning in sugar. Elara carried an air of discipline and energy, a sharp contrast to the syrupy fugue that dominated the city. The



vampire idly adjusted his bib as he sat. Inhaling. Not the common fog of sugar and despair, yet something different—crisper, cleaner, like fresh mountain air after the rain or the first bite of a green apple before sugar takes over. Iron-rich. A hint of the diet angels once attempted to live by. A hundred years of sugar and yet he felt... revelatory.

He extended his fangs without thought. A sharp prickle on his gums. Finally. Not the thick, unsatisfying sludge of the modern world, but the real thing—the essential, life-giving liquid that had sustained his kind before the Great Saccharine Flood. This was not hunger exactly but a sort of intense, almost painful longing. A hundred years of starvation focusing in on the throbbing throb of her neck above her uniform. Not just a need for sustenance but also an urge for clarity. A need for the strength of his ancient self to return. Not the lethargy that followed a diabetic's feast, but strength instead. Unbidden, his eyes roamed past the sharp line of her jaw and down to the slightly raised breast below her light blue scrubs. A long-suppressed feeling arose inside him. A fierce and insistent heat that had not affected him since the time when blood was blood and not sugar. His body starved for the true purpose it was intended for.

Elara bent over him, and the smell of pure purity wrapped him. Her blonde hair tickled his shoulder and bore a hint of mint and something not quite sugared—perhaps almond? Her gloved hand held steady while adjusting the dental instrument. The vampire's eyes narrowed. He did not see a dental assistant but a vessel. The world merged into the sound of her carotid artery, the promise of iron-rich warmth, and the memory of strength. The pain in his fangs from the effort to keep them sheathed. The part of him that had survived on sugar-free diet soda and hopelessness for a hundred years desperately ached for release. Just a taste. Just to remember what it was like prior to the world turning into sugar.

His mouth opened in a silent snarl as the ancient predator in him rose. "Almost done, Mr. Hemlock," Elara stated cheerfully and professionally, completely ignorant of the storm she had caused. She flashed that smile that could bring the dead back from the grave, and it was completely, devastatingly sincere. No fear was in her eyes; instead, there was focused professionalism.

She was doing her job, focused on plaque and prophylaxis, and not on the ancient hunger that lay in that chair before her. She grabbed the suction tube.

Everything broke. The vision of pure blood was broken. What remained was the familiar, sickly-sweet decline of the modern world. Even Elara bore a hint of the now-common sugar soup they all swam in. The vampire felt disgust hit him, sharp and bitter. Of course. Even she, the paragon of paleness, was affected by the age. The vampire slumped back as the sudden absence of his nearly lost purpose left him empty and shaky with frustrated longing. His fangs withdrew with a slight throb, and the heat between his legs receded into a rather embarrassing sort of pain. A sign of how far he had fallen and how deep the sugar rot had taken hold.

While Elara continued to chatter cheerfully about the importance of flossing, his eyes drifted up to the ceiling. He didn't see ceiling tiles; instead, he saw the sugar-coated gargoyles of Mr. and Mrs. Death's new factory downtown. Monuments to confectionery in which the dead now sucked on sugar lozenges instead of the blood they once drank. He saw the dwarves and elves in the factory break room working their jaws over Tootsie Rolls. He felt Sartre's presence in the corner as he cringed into his non-existent espresso and lamented about bad faith and candy wrappers. Somewhere in the stratosphere an angel sighed. Another soul too sweet for heaven.

He returned Elara's smile—a rictus that bore no relation to her life-giving smile. "Perfect," he rasped. The word tasted like smoke and sadness. "Just... perfect." As she handed him his rinse cup, he caught a glimpse of himself in the darkened window. An object starved for blood that was no longer present in adequate amounts. His body betrayed him with desires as obsolete and useless as a sugar-free gladiator in a world full of suckers. The real evil here was not the thirst in his fangs but the world that had infected even the purest taste of the neck with a hint of failure. He stood up, and the taste of minty mouthwash suddenly seemed the most honest thing in the room.





-Cupcakes to the magical magic newts and all the wondrous joy they bring to our magical island. 

-Cupcakes to all of our local folks who helped with the election. It's a long day and a lot of work and you are appreciated. Thank you. 

-Cupcakes to the Denman Volunteer Firefighters for spending all Friday night putting down a totally avoidable fire. 

-Cow Pies to the folks who thought a 3 hour bonfire after almost 4 months of dry weather was a good idea. 

-A very special Cupcake to Gary Piercy for putting together and hosting the legendary Haunted Barn on Denman. This Saturday is the final one. Thanks so much to all the players and scary spooksters who made this event so much fun all these years. End of an era 

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Attn: Dusty Pickles
and we'll do our best to get it into an upcoming issue!
(Discretion and anonymity assured)*

All Our Problems Are Caused By Believed Narrative

By Caitlin Johnstone
October 8th, 2026

All our problems basically come down to narrative control. People are manipulated into believing the story that Israel's existence must be preserved at all cost because of this religious belief or that political ideology. People are manipulated into believing the story that western elections are real and that voting in the two-party system is the only path toward beneficial policies. People are manipulated into believing the story that capitalism is the best possible system, and that socialism always fails (organically, all by itself) because its tenets go against human nature. People are manipulated into believing the story that the US-led liberal world order, while perhaps flawed, is still our best shot at a just and stable world. People are manipulated into believing the story that the mass media are telling us the truth about our society and the world, and that everything works pretty much the way we were taught in school. People are successfully manipulated in these ways because the wealthiest among us control the media and own all the largest platforms, which gives them a very high degree of narrative control. They decide what stories get told to the largest audiences about how the world works, so they control public perception of reality. This has been happening for generations, so we grow up with our parents, teachers, preachers and pundits teaching us the narratives that they were trained to believe when they

Oscar Wilde famously wrote:



"All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling. To be natural is to be obvious, and to be obvious is to be inartistic."

were young.

So we grow up marinating in this. It's so rife throughout our society that most people don't even notice it's happening; they just think all those narratives are what reality objectively looks like. But they're not. They're just thoughts. Mental noises. Stories made of words. Pick any of them apart and you'll find that's all they are: empty narrative fluff. Their power comes entirely from large numbers of people imbuing those narratives with the power of belief. The consciousness of the average human is dominated by mental stories, so if you can control the mental stories the average humans are telling themselves, then you can control the humans. Get them buying into your preferred narratives about reality and you can exert huge degrees of influence over the way they think, speak, work, shop, live, and vote.

Our entire civilization looks the way it looks because of this vast network of influence. It's what made the Gaza holocaust possible, what makes homelessness possible, what makes ecocide possible, what makes war and militarism possible.

If the public were not being successfully manipulated into accepting the narratives which justify these realities, then everyone would start un-jacking their minds from the psychological control network and building the kind of world they would prefer to see.

And what's interesting is that believed mental narrative is also the source of suffering in humans as individuals. The only reason you're unable to be present in the moment and rest in peaceful contentment with a serene mind is because of all the thought-stories about reality that you are holding onto inside yourself, both consciously and unconsciously.

As we grow up and experience traumas in early childhood, we start forming beliefs about reality and who we are and how we need to be, which we then carry in our bodies deep into adulthood. With a lot of inner work we can begin releasing these old beliefs and freeing up the energy our bodies have been feeding into them this whole time, liberating ourselves from

the internal commotion and dysfunction they cause.

"I am unworthy."

"I am deficient."

"The world is a hostile place and I need to protect myself from it."

The young human organism forms all these belief constructs about itself and its reality, and then those beliefs quickly become maladaptive because they were built in youthful naivety without taking real-time feedback from life's ever-changing circumstances. It is only by becoming aware of them and consciously removing the power of belief from them that they release their grip on our lives.

It's a challenging process, but if you take it deep enough it will completely transform your entire experience of reality in some surprising and delightful ways. You

will discover that even your most fundamental assumptions about what you are, what your world is, and how your experience is happening were never anything more than believed thoughts held on a subtle energetic level, and that life is so much simpler and more



peaceful than you had ever imagined it could be.

Our collective untangling from believed mental narrative is unfolding in the same way. Gradually we are learning together that everything we were indoctrinated into believing about our world and how it's happening was completely false from top to bottom, and we are beginning to deconstruct our power-serving worldviews one by one.

The more this happens, the weaker the hold our rulers will have on our minds at mass scale. The less we buy into the old narratives, the less capable the manipulators will be of influencing our thoughts, words and actions to their advantage.

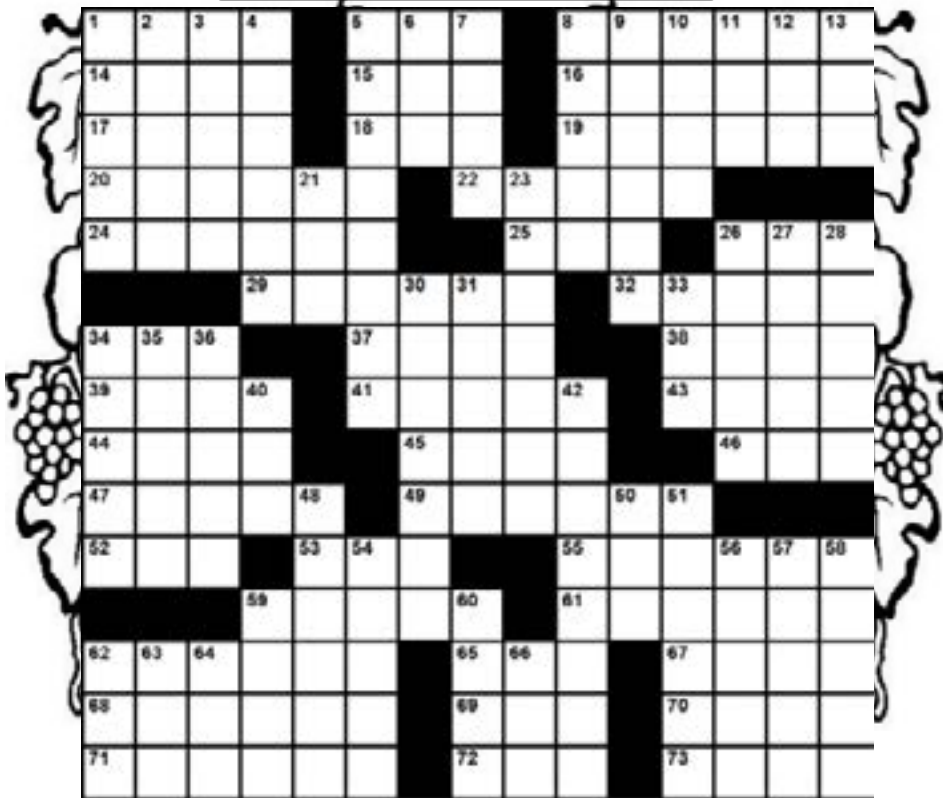
And from there, anything is possible. If human consciousness becomes liberated from believed mental narrative on all levels, we could truly have paradise on earth.

I am more convinced than ever that this is possible.

I am more convinced than ever that it is already happening.



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57. Irish patriot
58. Pairs
59. Josip Broz
60. Manage somehow
62. Bake sale grp., maybe
63. 1 billion years
64. Actor Ely
66. Biz degree

• TEST YOUR MATH SKILLS •

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• Last Issue's Answers •

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GRUMPISM

“ Why don't
zombies eat
clowns?
They taste
funny. ”



• Last Issue's ANSWERS •

C	R	O	P		A	D	I	E	U		F	L	O	E
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FORTNIGHT EVENTS

29 Thur

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

30 Fri

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

31 Sat

- **HALLOWE'EN**
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 9:30am-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 9:30am-5pm
- FREE STORE 9-12:30pm
- Haunted Barn Piercy Farm 6-8pm
- Halloween Dance w. Faceheater 9pm DI Comm. Hall

1 Sun

- Guatemala: Land Defence, Coffee & Mayan
Resistance 1-3:30pm Back Hall
- Soup Night 5-7pm The Gathering Place

2 Mon

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Open Mic Night 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

3 Tues

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

4 Wed

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
- Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place

5 Thur

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

6 Fri

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

7 Sat

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

8 Sun

9 Mon

- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- AA Meeting DIUC Gathering Place 7pm
- Open Mic Night 7pm Hornby Arts Centre

10 Tues

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

11 Wed

- **REMEMBRANCE DAY**
- Remembrance Day Service 10:40am DAC
- Dora Drinkwater Library 1:30pm-3:30pm
- RECYCLING CENTRE 1-5pm
- BOTTLE DEPOT 2-5pm
- Choose to Move 11:30-12:30 Gathering Place

12 Thur

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

2026 PROVINCIAL GENERAL ELECTION



Mid Island-Pacific Rim	Joshua Dahling	Conservative Party	10,301	40.46%
	Gracie MacDonald	BC Green Party	3,202	12.58%
	Josie Osborne	BC NDP	11,916	46.80%
	Total Valid Votes		25,419	99.84%
	Rejected Ballots*		42	0.16%
	Total Considered Votes		25,461	100%