

take away who we are nor what we are capable of. We will always remember this pandemic and those we lost. So many beautiful people have died in long-term care homes. So many families have suffered loss in so many ways.

We are lucky to live here. We are so lucky to have so many people working so hard to take care of us, to keep us safe, and to help us survive this time.*

Archives April 2006: Bakery to the Spit

Rosemary Nixon

I can't use all the news people tell me, but one very special and exciting piece (kind of like an Oprah Show — when they find lost relatives) was that of Bart Byers' daughter, Ariel (Mrs. Birkenshaw now) visiting her dad and Rosemary. She went to school here and now lives in Ontario where she works at a school for children with special needs. Of course, she came to see her dad, but also to meet a half sister whom she had never met -- Bart also had not seen the girl for 43 years. It was an awesome reunion and Bart said he was so extremely proud. Everyone got along well. Now, isn't that a great story?

You can tell Spring is here when Pizza Galore is open Fridays. Yea! Carbre's first run wine will be for sale next month. Arbutus Arts had a grand opening to celebrate their 10th anniversary. Many artists had produced paintings of Arbutus trees and they were all really great. Very nice.

Speaking of artists, have you see the fabulous tattoos by Michael (sounds like Hollywood, eh?) I saw a marvelous 'possum tattoo on a girl's leg, it

really was far out. I understand the place to hear about the tattoos is in the lineup at the Co-op.

Five Hornby folks became Canadian citizens at a very impressive service in Courtenay — congratulations to all you folks.

This is a little ode by Johnny Hart, who created BC, my favourite cartoon strip:

There's no fool like an awed fool.

To be a fool on "All Fools Day,"
Is really no disgrace,
It takes a fool to call a fool
A fool right to his face.
It's sad when you're called fools for things

We're oft misunderstood at
Yet, fitting, we should have a day
For something we're so good at.*

Island Trustee Report

Alex Allen

In March, Grant and I attended three very full days of Trust Council via, yes, Zoom technology. Despite the convenience of hanging out at home in your pajamas, virtual backgrounds to hide the disorder, and other domestic amenities, Zoom fatigue is a reality. We are continually trying to tweak the schedule to avoid such annoyances, but have not reached the perfect mix.

And the agenda package? 908 pages — a couple chapters short of the great novel, *War and Peace*, which could be an analogy for Trust Council debates.

As some of you were aware, *THE* topic was housing. Many of you shared your concerns with Trust Council removing housing from the strategic plan. We heard loud and clear from the survey responses. And we heard loud and clear from the "Please Don't Remove..." letter campaign. I received over 70 of those emails in two days.

And sorry, given the timing, I did not respond individually; nor did I send a "reply all" which I have learned is not fruitful nor productive. Having said that, our Chair, Sue-Ellen Fast, did respond to those that had Hornby addresses. Thank you one and all for taking the time to craft a letter.

South Pender Trustee, Steve Wright's motion to remove housing from the Trust policy statement failed (five in favour) and another motion to remove items associated with housing from the strategic plan was also defeated. Council voted instead to approve two alternate motions raised by Gambier

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area Trustee and Chair, Dan Rogers, affirming that the Trust Executive and its Programs Committee will continue to work on improving policy on affordable housing and sustainable communities.

During our first day of discussion, we expressed some frustration and disagreement on how to fulfill the Trust's primary object of preserving and protecting the environment and the "unique amenities," as well as what it actually means. Council fully supported defining "unique amenities" as being inclusive of the cultural heritage of Indigenous Peoples within the Islands Trust Area, and agreed protecting these aspects be prioritized in our policy work.

We voted down including "the natural character of the environment" in that definition, since protection of the environment is clearly stated in the mandate in the first place.

On our last day of Trust Council, we had a Trustee Round Table discussion on tree cutting. Staff listened to our exchange and will be coming back with a report in June on what tools are available regarding tree cutting.

On Hornby, we have clear language on tree cutting in our DPAs. In commercial DPAs, natural vegetation and trees should be maintained for screening of parking and storage areas, to enhance the privacy and rural flavour of public open spaces.

If any vegetation is to be removed in the water protection DPAs, measures should include vegetation or trees to be planted to protect surface water and groundwater quality.

In the Mt. Geoffrey escarpment DPA, landowners need to apply to the Hornby Island Local Trust

Committee for a development permit and land alteration.

There are exemptions for tree cutting in DPAs:

- the tree has been examined by an arborist and certified to pose an immediate threat to life or property.
- cutting of vegetation and trees more than 15 metres from a stream's high water mark or the top of the ravine bank, is allowed only if the cutting is not a precursor to development, the roots/stumps are left in the ground, and the cutting does not result in land alteration.
- pruning is allowed, but not more than two trees in one growing season conducted in accordance with the International Society of Arboriculture (it's complicated).

And no matter what zone, if the tree is a nesting tree, it is protected under Section 34 of the Wildlife Act.

Next Trust Council is in June and our Local Trust Meeting was held March 26. •

"Most of the shadows of life are caused by standing in our own sunshine."

R.W. Emerson



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