

February 5th, 2025



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## Investing in a Safer Future: A Replacement Fire Hall #2 For Heriot Bay

### Sierra Quadra Presents...

**Saturday, February 8th at 7:30pm**

Sierra Quadra is pleased to host a presentation led by Cortes Islander and biologist Sabina Leader-Mense. Sabina is the founder of the Cortes Community Wolf Project, an initiative that provides information for rural communities about living harmoniously with the wild wolves that, like us, call these islands home. In her characteristic lively style, Sabina will present the knowledge and understanding she's gained from years of studying the Cortes wolf pack. She will be joined in her presentation by a Vancouver Island Conservation Officer familiar with the project.

**Admission by donation at the Quadra Community Centre**

Desserts and hot beverages will be available for purchase.

**Doors open at 7pm the presentation begins at 7:30pm.**



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The Board of Trustees of the Quadra Island Fire Department is planning to replace Fire Hall #2 in Heriot Bay. We will be conducting an Alternative Approval Process (AAP) as we seek to gain approval from property owners in the Fire Protection District to borrow the funds to construct the new hall. This process will start in mid-February, with the window for submitting Owner Response Forms being February 20th to March 27th. In the meantime, we will be communicating with Quadra Islanders in various ways, including short articles in the Bird's Eye, in an effort to share valuable information about this project and the AAP.

Please visit the project website at [www.qifirehall2.ca](http://www.qifirehall2.ca) for more information about the history of the Fire Department, the concerns we have with the current hall, the design and features of the proposed new hall, and how we propose to fund the construction.

Any questions or concerns? Please use the contact form on the website or email us at: [Qifirehallreplacement@gmail.com](mailto:Qifirehallreplacement@gmail.com).

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

- The Trustees of the South Quadra Island Fire Protection District

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## CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Share a special moment in the community, an observation, a favorite local photo, or details about an upcoming event. Your contributions help make the Bird's Eye truly reflective of the community.

Send your submissions, comments, or ideas to [quadrabirdseye@gmail.com](mailto:quadrabirdseye@gmail.com)  
Please submit content in word format and photos in PDF by Sunday evening. We look forward to your contribution.

Thank you !

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## Framing the Wild: How Our Narratives Influence Perception

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Recently, a well-known sea otter, nicknamed 'Ollie,' living near Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, made headlines in local newsletters for his so-called 'criminal behavior' and 'dark secrets.' The article referred to him as the 'Salish Sea Serial Killer,' describing the animal's characteristics as 'dark' and 'sinister.' The fascination with wildlife often leads us to interpret their behaviors through a human lens.

Projecting human emotions onto wildlife, known as anthropomorphism, is an instinctual way for us to understand animal behaviors. While anthropomorphizing nature can foster empathy and encourage protective attitudes, it can also lead to misunderstandings that influence public perception and policy decisions.

Many of us grew up with stories portraying predators as villains and prey as innocent victims. A classic example is the tale of 'The Big Bad Wolf,' in which the wolf is depicted as evil and deceptive. In reality, wolves are social, family-oriented beings that typically avoid unnecessary conflict with humans and prey. Historically, misconceptions about wolves led to their eradication from some regions through government bounty programs (Wolf Awareness, n.d.). Even today, some communities resist wolf recovery efforts due to lingering fears and misinformation.

Like wolves, sea otters have been misunderstood by humans, highlighting the importance of understanding their ecological significance. Between 1741 and 1911, sea otter populations plummeted due to extensive hunting for their fur (Defenders of Wildlife, 2022). By the early 20th century, they had been completely wiped out from Canadian waters. As a keystone species, sea otters play a critical role in maintaining kelp forest ecosystems by controlling sea urchin populations. Without otters, urchins overgraze kelp beds, leading to habitat loss and decreased biodiversity.

Personifying the natural world is a delicate matter but has proven beneficial in many instances. Research published in *Biodiversity and Conservation* indicates that animals perceived as social and emotionally expressive, such as sea otters, often receive heightened conservation attention. Their playful behaviors and the widely shared image of otters holding hands while sleeping have helped cultivate emotional connections, making it easier to rally public support and funding for their protection (Root-Bernstein et al., 2013). Although anthropomorphism can oversimplify complex ecological roles, it remains a powerful tool for inspiring public interest and driving conservation efforts.

If you're interested in learning more about this topic, there are local events that offer opportunities for further education and discussion on how we can coexist with wildlife. These events provide valuable insights from local wildlife experts and conservationists, fostering a greater understanding of sustainable interactions with nature.

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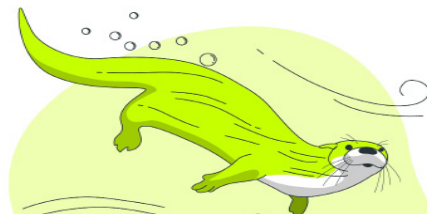
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-Written by Savannah Atchison



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## EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### *The Locals Showcase*

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**Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at the  
Tidemark Theatre**

Celebrate the creativity of Northern Vancouver Island's film community at Campbell River's Festival of Film: The Locals Showcase!

This special event highlights short films from a variety of filmmakers, including students from Carihi Secondary's video production program, the Comox Valley Art Gallery's Youth Media Project, and local filmmaker Suzanne Jolly, whose documentary *A Wilder Way* comes straight from the Toronto Motorcycle Film Festival.

Join fellow film lovers for a casual gathering at 5 PM at Beachfire Brewing before the screening at 7 PM.

Tickets available at [The Tidemark Theatre Website](#) and the box office.



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## PRESS RELEASE

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## District Forms Numeracy Framework Committee

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To support our 2024-2028 strategic plan and help students achieve grade-level proficiency in numeracy, the school district has formed a numeracy framework committee. This new committee has been tasked to create a cohesive numeracy framework to guide numeracy instruction across the district. The new framework is being modeled after our recently published literacy framework.

### Who's Involved?

The committee is co-led by Jessica McConnell, our new K-12 numeracy coordinator, and Stephen Hawkins-Bogle, director of instruction. The team includes educators from various schools and roles, bringing diverse perspectives to the table: principals Nancy Hwang and Andrea Ritchie, vice-principals Mike Munsie and Karly Stones, teachers Mary Deagle, Rod Beavis, Adria Gleeson and Alana Jorgensen, learning support teacher Shona Probyn, school psychologist Tanya McCreith, and Indigenous teacher coordinator Gillian Kirke.

### Why Focus on Numeracy?

Our review of student achievement data indicates that a district-wide plan may support improved student results. Teachers across the district have expressed support for this effort, recognizing the benefits of a unified approach to math instruction. An important goal of the committee is to create a framework that is accessible and supportive of teachers' efforts in numeracy instruction.

### What Will the Framework Do?

The committee's goal is to develop a K-9 numeracy framework during the 2024-2025 school year, with a hopeful staggered and supported roll-out to teachers the following school year. This document will guide teachers in using effective, research-based strategies to help students build foundational numeracy skills. The framework will include recommended assessments and district screeners to identify areas where students need extra help and intervention, and to point teachers to instructional support and guidance.

### What's Happening Now?

The committee is beginning to develop different areas of the framework. On January 8, the committee reviewed several math assessment and screener tools used in Canada and internationally. The team is working together to choose tools and approaches that will best inform instruction and student learning.

### Looking Ahead

Just like our literacy framework, the numeracy framework will be developed by Campbell River educators and tailored to our district's needs. We're excited to develop a cohesive framework that supports teachers' instructional efforts and has a positive impact on our students' numeracy skills and overall success.



Submitted by: School District #72

Thank you to the educators on the committee for their time and dedication to this important project!

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## Free Workshop: Finding Climate Solutions

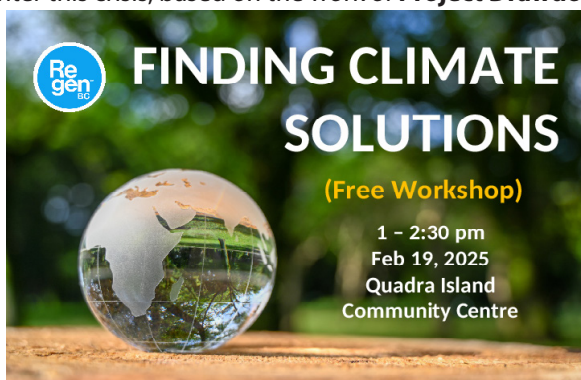
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**Bomb Cyclone? Really?!** As extreme storms, droughts, flooding, and forest fires have made climate change deeply personal in BC over the past five years, an increasing number of people are experiencing climate anxiety. The climate crisis can feel too big to stop or even mitigate, but over 200 international scientific researchers say it is possible. Solutions already exist to counter this crisis, based on the work of **Project Drawdown**

and **Project Regeneration**. Hope lies in implementing these actions.

Did you know that two of the most powerful climate solutions happen **in our kitchens** rather than in the cars we drive? Would changing cooking methods in a distant country actually make a difference? Do we really need to talk about this?



Hosted by ICAN and the Quadra Island Land Trust Society

**Finding Climate Solutions** is a **fast-paced, interactive 1.5-hour workshop** where these and other key questions will be explored. **ICAN** and the newly formed **Quadra Island Land Trust Society** are jointly hosting this workshop on **February 19, 1:00-2:30 PM** in **Room #3** at the **Quadra Island Community Centre** (following Community lunch). The workshop is presented by **RegenerateBC**, a registered nonprofit society dedicated to climate change education.

A more in-depth **five-week course** will be available (for those chronologically eligible) through **Campbell River Elder College** in **March 2025**.

## Cortes Academy Showcase: A journey to 2040

### Guests were asked to imagine what if...?

The Cortes Island Academy (CIA) recently transported attendees to the year 2040 during their year-end showcase, held on Thursday, January 23, at Cortes Island's Mansons Hall. The event invited the community into a hopeful, imaginative future where art, science, and ecological awareness intertwined to re-imagine life on Earth.

This immersive experience marked the culmination of the academy's third semester, a time when students reflect on their learning and share it with the community. This year, the showcase centered on the intersection of climate and art, with students having explored citizen science, current ecological realities, and expressions of resilience.

Highlights of the event included spontaneous performances and visionary displays of futuristic concepts. Attendees were introduced to imagined scientific breakthroughs like the integration of biosonification — a technology that reads the bio-electric pulses of living organisms – with artificial intelligence (AI) to facilitate communication across species. Students also envisioned a world where education prioritizes land-based experiences, ecological awareness, and the mastery of earth-based crafts and skills, paired

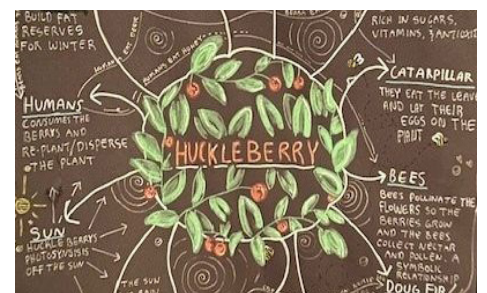
with Indigenous language bilingualism and mixed-grade classrooms.

As part of the showcase, the students unveiled an anthology entitled *Growing Up in the Anthropocene*, an 84-page collection of art and writing that captured their reflections, anxieties, and hopes. Through their work, they examined the challenges of living in an era of climate crisis and biodiversity loss, while also sharing stories of resilience, creativity, and optimism.

The showcase also featured imaginative projects such as sustainable housing models, environmentally friendly building materials, sustainable fishing co-ops, and even a re-imagined government agency, the "Ministry of Public Beauty" and a new ad-free, less addictive social media platform to promote safer online interactions.

Inspired by Rob Hopkins' book *From What Is to What If*, the event demonstrated the power of imagination in creating a brighter future. Through their projects, the CIA students not only examined the complexities of this time but also shared a vision of possibility and hope, offering the community a glimpse into the innovative thinking and creativity of the next generation.

Submitted by: School District #72



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