The Comox glacier over the last two years. Is this election really about how to save the tar sands, the tankers and the pipelines? Or is it about how to built a new healthy economy? (story on page 8)

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Proposed Bylaw No. 243 – cited as “Galiano Island Land Use Bylaw No. 127, 1999, Amendment No. 2, 1999”

Proposed Bylaw No. 254 – cited as “Galiano Island Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 108, 1995, Amendment No. 3, 2015”, and


For the purpose of allowing the public to make representations to the Local Trust Committee respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw at 12:30 p.m., Monday, November 2, 2015, at the Galiano South Community Hall, 141 Studries Bay Road, Galiano Island, B.C.

All persons who believe that their interest in property is affected by the proposed bylaw shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to be heard or to present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw.

Notice is hereby given that the Galiano Island Local Trust Committee will hold a community information meeting and public hearing within a Regular Local Trust Committee Business Meeting on the following proposed bylaw:

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Storm Season Starts Early
We already had an urbund of dramatic storm at the end of August with black as night clouds, thunder and lightning. Saturna clocked the fastest wind gusts for the southern BC regional storm. Islanders were grateful and very surprised our power was out only for an hour and all around us was havoc and extended power outages in the cities.

Dog Show
In the surprisingly beautiful day right after the storm, about 50 people attended our much enjoyed, 12-years-old, Saturna Lion’s Dog Show which feature fancy hotodies as well as canines. Raeanne House, with good help from Kevin O’Hara, was the new convener. The ‘voice’ of the Dog Show, Tom Johnstone, did his usual fine job but warned everyone that this is his last year. Priscilla Haggar and Tumbo won first in the look-alike class costumed as camouflauge agents. The most darling was awarded by everyone—the Junior Handlers where everyone is a winner. There was special interest in three month old, Cong-Maggie and her handler, a 3-year-old-Mikalya. Most elegant and refined was won by Laura Swann and her gorgeous Irish Setter. First place winner, a savvy hound who could all questions posed that had as their answer the number 4 (next year he is being challenged to a duel involving algebra). Second, in the Trick class, was won by Rags who could turn over-once-only. Overall winner, big time, was a Rottweiler, Kayla. Listed as a family dog, she showed a steadfast character and basic obedience. Her family is ecstatic at her new island status.

School kids. Barb Rupars, our tiny Strong Start teacher is continuing and the class is doubling its teaching time to two days a week.

In Search of Sea Monster
Saturna Island Marine Education Society put on an excellent presentation with premier world marine expert Eric Hoyt. ‘In Search of Sea Monsters’ was an incredible presentation detailing all of the new knowledge being collected from the deepest depths of the ocean. We have hardly touched the most basic knowledge of what lives in the bottoms two depths of the ocean. Accompanying the undersea lecture was an update from the Whale Trials effort detailing all the new lookout points with SATURNA NOTES, please turn to page 11.
Dear Editor:  

To bring the important issues involved in this election to the attention of Canadians, a group of concerned citizens has come together to create a blog titled www.ready-set-vote.ca. Our main goal in creating this blog is to provide the people of Canada with an opportunity to contribute to the upcoming election by asking their candidates the tough questions on the environmental and social issues that matter to them. We believe this will be one of the most significant in the history of our species.

Frank Frischknecht, Denman Island

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Dear Editor:  

For years Canada has been able to stave off a variety of attempts to reduce the abuses of a nation's food supply that in many countries have naively sanctioned despite the associated health and quality concerns that have been identified. Now this TPP deal is poised to open the floodgates.

To name a few concerns: BGH—a hormone that doubles milk production without increasing the herd leading to chronic infections for the animals; antibiotics, to offset the health consequences of factory farming; irradiation of meats so that they can sit in the cupboard for months without rot; and animal abuse and the inclusion of ‘dowser’—sick, diseased and dying—animals.

The mixing of animals from half a dozen countries into the processing machines and then sending TPP-wide it makes it impossible to determine where the next contaminated beef or other food epidemic came from. Countless deaths could occur before being discovered, never mind contained.

While this Harper DPR 's Deep Concern Canadians have regarded the desperate need to maintain tight controls over the food we eat and the best way to ensure that those controls are meaningful and effective is to deal with your own food supply, not that of multinational.

William Chegg, Gabriola Island

Winter Herring Fishing: Open Too Soon

The following letter was sent to Roger Kanno, DFO at Fisheries & Oceans Operations Center.

Sir:  

As a servant of the Crown subject to all of the law of Canada, you are not in position to open herring fisheries simply because they are demanded by industry lobbyists. But according to correspondence I have from the David Suzuki Foundation, industry lobbying is the only reason that this fishery will be opened, as no stock assessment exists.

The situation of herring stocks in British Columbia (‘migratory’ herring DFO Strait of Georgia) indicates that the winter ‘Food and Bail’ fishery (targeted every year in the Strait of Georgia) is overfishing fish stocks, not even before the ‘migratory herring’ even enters the Strait of Georgia.

This DFO website notes that the ‘migratory’ herring targeted by the Strait of Georgia Roe Herring fishery spend most of the year in Juan De Fuca Strait, or just including the Strait close to spawning time. Therefore, the herring to be targeted once again in the winter ‘Food and Bail’ fishery, will again not be covered by a critical stock assessment, reviewed DFO stock assessment, required by DFO policy, and I believe by law.

In short, the ‘winter fishery’ is to open very soon, long before any scientific stock assessment, let alone an industry stock assessment, exists, even enter the Strait of Georgia.

It is my understanding that all fisheries in Canada must by law have an accompanying peer-reviewed stock assessment, and if not they can now be stopped by interlocutory injunction. Please correct me if I am wrong in this assessment.

I present this letter as a call for you—industry members of other parties to do the same, they will be encouraged to do so.

The third Green goal is to send a number of Greens to Ottawa to help renew our nation which badly needs to lose its postural arrogance regarding the many global issues that are of concern to the kind of country we want Canada to be going forward. Our major premise is that as we cannot afford another four years of a Harper Conservative government. We are of the opinion the Conservative party is not worthy of the trust of the people of Canada.

If you are part of the majority of Canadians who agree with our assessment we urge you to look at our website, www.ready-set-vote.ca, subscribe to receive the weekly blogs, follow us on Facebook and participate in the ensuing discussions.

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We are of the opinion Canada needs to stand up, as a multicultural, compassionate, peaceful, democratic nation celebrated for its compassion towards the world. The nature, strength and future of Canada depends on the fate of the Greens and other progressive parties.

Jordan Ellis, Nanaimo
Media Centralization

Elizabeth May, MP

I am the only federal party leader to raise the issue of corporate control of media. It is a clear threat to a healthy democracy to have the bulk of our media owned by a handful of large vertically integrated media conglomerates who could, if they so chose, harm the public interest. Media Centralization

Letters to the editor are a good way of finding out if you’re on the list and if your ID will be accepted at the polling station, voting place. There is Advance Voting in weeks now—or longer. So figure out who you want to vote for, hopefully you have been finding out about issues and candidates for some weeks now—or longer.

Your $30 annual volunteer subscription makes a big difference! Have you sent in for 2015—before it’s over? Phone 250-216-2267. Thank you.
Ken Millard, the co-founder and coordinator of the Galiano Conservancy Association, dedicated much of his life to land conservation on Galiano Island.

FRI, OCT. 30:
Ken's 90th birthday celebration: A birthday party for Ken, to mark the occasion of his 90th birthday. The event will include a learning circle with Nato 1:30 - 2:45pm, followed by a dinner. For more information and to register, please contact marafani.com.

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The extraordinary life and legacy of Ken Millard (1941-2015)
Suzanne Fournier

Ken Millard, the co-founder and coordinator of the Galiano Conservancy Association, dedicated much of his life to land conservation on Galiano Island, Canada. He passed away at home on September 7, leaving behind a legacy of lands protected forever and a strong, community dedicated to conservation, environmental restoration and education.

Kenneth Yoan-Ju Millard, born on July 10, 1941 in Tacoma, Maryland, dedicated the last decades of his life to his love of music and to Galiano Island. He worked in a collegial and self-effacing manner, but his commitment to conservation was deep and unyielding. 'He seemed gentle but beneath the surface there was steel, and people soon found out that Ken had an unwavering commitment to land stewardship,' said Loren Wilkinson, an architect and theologian, and a director of Galiano Conservancy since its inception in 1989. He died at the peak of a spectacular lunar eclipse, and indeed Ken was a cosmic figure, a quiet, but great, man, one of a kind,' said Wilkinson.

For years, Ken volunteered most of his waking hours to the Galiano Conservancy and to preserving the island's unique coastal Douglas Fir ecosystems, at the same time mentoring literally hundreds of staff and volunteers. He forged strong bonds in the land trust and environmental movement that proved invaluable not only to those he assisted but also yielded significant benefits to his organization. He reinvested in the Galiano community, both in helping to purchase threatened tracts of land and also by co-owning the island's 'malt,' a bakery, restaurants and other shops, which has become an island meeting-place.

'When you look around this island, Ken's hand is everywhere,' said Jane Wolfe, a former president of the Galiano Club. 'At a two-day Galiano Conservancy board and staff retreat, organized before Ken's death for the first weekend in October, Poirier Robert said, 'Ken was a philanthropist, in the true sense of the word, he loved humanity.' Young staff and students who worked closely with Ken grieved as deeply as his longtime friends, saying that Ken 'brought out the best' in them at a kindred soul level, and as one said, 'saw something in myself that I didn't know was there.'

Keith Erickson, the conservancy's longest standing staff member, said Ken's 'incredible loyalty and complete dedication' to his causes, and to people. Ecologist Risa Smith, a conservancy co-founder and director, cited Ken's 'unflinching and willing to take risks in the face of formidable challenges, in pursuit of what he perceived as the greater good.'

Ken lived an active and engaged public life and was as comfortable talking to bankers, major donors and corporations as he was to elementary school or university students. He had two remarkable careers before he became active in land conservation, but his typically understated official biography on the conservancy website said only that he was a 'retired physicist and father.'

After he achieved his doctorate in physics, in statistical mechanics, at Case Western University in Cleveland, Ohio, he moved to Canada and taught at Simon Fraser University. Leaving academia, Ken combined his love of woodworking and his husband Hugh's music to become just retired from the role of 'the world's foremost master of baroque violin bows.' He apprenticed in Salt Lake City, Utah, with the 'legendary luthier Antonio Stradivari' before he was ready to strike out on his own. Ken would search far and wide for the best wood to create his instruments and bows, and soon brought back after by the foremost musicians in North America, and eventually, the world. He made a living by carefully crafting and selling his extraordinary bows.

In fact, it was Ken's love of music that drew him to Galiano in the late 1980s as part of an early music ensemble, in which he played the viola da gamba. Rose Langini, Ken's friend of 40 years and a longtime conservancy director who played the harpsichord at his memorial service, was among those Ken and Linda encouraged to join them on Galiano.

The Millards, enthralled by Galiano soon purchased a 24-acre waterfront property, overlooking Wallace Island. They became full-time residents by the late 1980s, living in a small house Ken built next to his beautiful woodworking workshop. They lived simply in their original cabin, on their land—covered by course of environmental covenants. Sadly an allergy to certain kinds of wood forced Ken to end his 10-year career as a luthier.

Ken and Linda, highschool sweethearts who were married for 54 years, had two daughters. The eldest, Beth Thiessen and her husband Hugh, is now a bowed string musician and teacher, and the youngest, Lisa, has moved away from home.

Soon after Ken and Linda moved to Galiano, they became deeply concerned about the wholesale clearing of the island’s forests, and as early as 1989 they started working to protect the island’s forests by its majority landowner MacMillan Bloedel. Despite a period of cooperation and consultation that led to improvements in MacMill's logging practices, the company decided to put its forest land on the open market as real estate. Ken spearheaded a drive by islanders to raise more than $1 million to buy the land, but MB refused to valuate or sell its property as forestland.

Together with like-minded islanders seeking to preserve Galiano’s sensitive forest ecosystems, Ken helped to found the Galiano Conservancy in 1989. One of the Conservancy's chief goals was to preserve the island’s forests, waterbodies, ecosystems and coastline.

Despite the controversies over land use and the eventual intervention of the Island Trust, Ken maintained—as one of the strong guiding principles—the strict political independence of the Conservancy, throughout his tenure as coordinator.

Even those who found themselves on the opposite side of Ken in ongoing Galiano land development debates respected his tenacity. Longtime forest landowner and trailbuilder Bowie Keffer paid his tribute: 'Ken had a visionary role in public education to build the strongest possible environmental ethic, and challenging all of us to make Galiano the best possible island.'

KEN MILLARD, please turn to next page

Let's stick together and elect a new NDP government.

Sheila Malcolmson for Nanaimo—Ladysmith

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A heron and a volcano, viewed from Brooks Point, South Pender.

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Baynes Sound Connector fails sea trials
William Thomas

The newly launched Baynes Sound Connector—centrepiece of BC Ferries’ cost-cutting measures—has failed to achieve her hoped-for speed of 8.5 knots and is expected to be 2.5 times the Quinitsa’s deadweight from a depth of over 200 feet in mid-channel sinks up enough horsepower to drastically slow the ship from its designated 8.5 knots to just 6.5 knots. This means the new vessel can’t keep the scheduled service now provided by Quinitsa.

BC Ferries Services says the cable ferry is still owned by Seaspan. Only when the ferry meets contractual specifications will BCFC take ownership. That might not be easy. Shoehorning bigger engines into the ship will encounter tight space restrictions.

Tests have revealed that lifting this development of 16 waterfront homes, it is this unique place that, perhaps, embodies all of Ken’s goals in life: land acquisition, conservation and habitat restoration, and education.

Now graced with a salvaged classroom building, the one-time active logging and sawmilling site provides ample challenges for exploring restoration. The Learning Centre also embodies Ken’s goals as a focus for community celebrations, such as the New Year’s Day Walk and the annual August Walkalong, as well as a base for projects such as permaculture, orchards and a working food forest.

It was at the Learning Centre classroom building that the Galiano Island community and Ken’s wide network of family and friends gathered for a celebration of his life, on Thanksgiving Sunday. Ken’s daughters and his wife Linda, together with the board of the Galiano Conservancy, hosted a rememberance ceremony in music, photos, films and maps of Ken’s life, and have requested that in lieu of flowers that donations be made in Ken’s name to the ongoing work of the Galiano Conservancy.

University of Victoria professor Eric Higgs, who has for the past three years taught a class in restoration ecology at the Learning Centre, said many students who knew Ken were overcome with grief. ‘Tragedy is strength, too,’ remarked Higgs. ‘There are so many remarkable people connected to the conservancy who will take forward to future generations Ken’s vision of community-led restoration and conservation.’

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ON September 23, three commissioners were recognized for six years of service on the Southern Gulf Islands Harbours Commission. The paddles presented were designed and created by artist Wayne Thomas of Mayne Island. Commission members are appointed by the CRD to represent the local interest of public docks for Saturna, Mayne, Galiano, North Pender, South Pender and Piers. (L to R: Dave Howe, CRD Director; Bryce Young, Piers; Sheila Midgley, Galiano; Mike Callendar, South Pender; Carl Burnin, Chair, (Mayne Island)

Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up
The 2015 Great Canadian Shoreline Clean-up began with a September 19 clean-up in Vancouver, at Iona Beach Park in the Richmond area. This year alone there are 762 clean-up registered in BC alone, according to a government news release. Beach clean-ups will continue until November 30.

Last year, 22,462 BC residents registered to take part in the events, and cleaned 1,196 km of beaches. Learn more at: www.shorlinecleanup.ca/. Living Oceans Society and some twenty volunteers gathered five metric tonnes of marine debris from remote shorelines of northern Vancouver Island. They helicoptered the waste from the beaches. Almost all of it was branded with manufacturer’s marks from Japan and is estimated to have washed to sea in the 2011 Tohoku tsunami. The clean-ups were in Cape Scott, Lantz, and Cox Provincial Parks.

Meanwhile in Tofino, Flatsam artist Peter Clarkson is creating artworks with some of the colourful, astonishing pieces of tsunami debris. They are powerful statements. Lots of pieces are hung on the walls of Jamie’s Whaling Station new motel acquisition, Jamie’s Rainforest Inn. Pete says, ‘Making art from marine debris came about shortly after I moved to Tofino to work as a park warden at ROUND THE ISLANDS, please turn to page 10

Photo: Dan Robson

Galiano; Mike Callendar , South Pender; Carl Bunnin, Chair , Mayne Island)

South Pender and Piers. (L to R: Dave Howe, CRD Director; Bryce Young, Piers; Sheila Midgley, Galiano; Mike Callendar, South Pender; Carl Burnin, Chair, (Mayne Island)
Global Warming: Comox Glacier 2015  - Ralph Shaw

To me it raises a frightening vision when the Prime Minister of the second largest country in the world—in Canada—chooses not to attend this United Nations General Assembly or to comment on the problems of global climate and change. We have the longest coastline of any country in the world and therefore have resources as prime sources of producing local, clean, natural food.

We are in the middle of a national election in Canada and, aside from Green Party Leader Elizabeth May, I have not read of or heard any candidate comment on climate change from Mr. Harper, Mr. Trudeau, or Mr. Mulcair.

The election seems to focus on the problems of the oil industry in a world that is trying to free itself from the death sentence of too much production of carbon-dioxide polluting our oceans and the atmosphere. 

News Shorts

Fossil Fuel Divestment now $2.6 trillion

A year ago, international commitments to divestment of investments from fossil fuel companies totalled $90 billion, mostly from NGOs, foundations, and universities, where student action has helped to bring about the additional commitments. To date, some $2.6 trillion in investments has been committed to divestment, as large investors came to realize that climate change would decrease the value of fossil fuel assets worldwide. And portfolios of clean energy stocks started to outperform portfolios of traditional energy companies. Divestment commitments are now 95% in pension funds and institutional investments, a remarkably rapid development. Since 2006, the movement has been identified as conservative. Foundation divestment pledges now total $10 billion; the University of California committed $98 billion; Bill Gates committed $2 billion to renewables. The trend is worldwide; the US is still the leader, but with only 57% of divestment this year. Canada is second.

Clayoquot salmon farm blocked by Ahousat First Nation

Ahousat First Nation members have blocked a salmon farm owned by Clayoquot Sound on Vancouver Island. When the floating farms were anchored off Flores Island in early September, members of the Ahousat First Nation tied up their boats on the catwalks in occupation. It was wet and windy. Cermac, the Norwegian farmed fish company that owned the farm, said that they were trespassing, and their access was blocked. (Reportedly, Cermac has recently been sold to the Japanese conglomerate Mitsubishi.)

Two weeks later, Cermaq dismantled the propellor hub. This is scheduled for October 15, when COP21 is to be convened in Paris. That project has been identified as conservative. Foundation

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This edition, Island Tides asks its final question: Canada will be attending Conference of the Parties 21 in Paris from Nov 30 to Dec 11. The global conference’s aim is, ‘to reach, for the first time, a universal, legally binding agreement that will enable us to combat climate change effectively and boost the transition towards resilient, low-carbon societies and economies.’ What should Canada’s position be?”

Rachel Blaney, North Island-Powell River (NDP)

The NDP are committed to urgent climate actions that independent environmental group Environmental Defence has ranked as the most aggressive among all federal parties. As Prime Minister, Tom Mulcair will personally attend the Paris conference and commit Canada to GHG reductions of 33% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% reductions by 2050. We will achieve these targets through a national cap and trade program covering all provinces and sectors, and by investing in public transit and conservation retrofits, redirecting fossil fuel subsidies to renewable energy, and creating a $4.5 billion ‘Green Bond’ safe investment vehicle. The Harper Conservatives were the only national government to pull out of the Kyoto Accord, have reneged on our international obligations and distorting and weakening our economy. The Liberals, who signed Kyoto and then ignored it, still have not committed to binding targets and will only discuss them with the provinces after the Paris talks.

Randall Garrison, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke (NDP)

We are just one election away from electing a Prime Minister who will lead Canada back to the global leadership he held in the fight against climate change. At those talks, Tom Mulcair will commit Canada to GHG reductions of 33% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% reductions by 2050. We will achieve these targets through a national cap and trade program covering all provinces and sectors, and by investing in public transit and conservation retrofits, redirecting fossil fuel subsidies to renewable energy, and creating a $4.5 billion ‘Green Bond’ safe investment vehicle. The Harper Conservatives were the only national government to pull out of the Kyoto Accord, and have reneged on our international obligations and distorting and weakening our economy. The Liberals, who signed Kyoto and then ignored it, still have not committed to binding targets and will only discuss them with the provinces after the Paris talks.

Gord John, Courtenay-Alberni (NDP)

The NDP understand the urgency of taking the kinds of aggressive actions that are necessary for dealing with the climate change crisis. I support committing Canada at the Paris conference to GHG reductions of 33% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% reductions by 2050. We will achieve these targets through a national cap and trade program covering all provinces and sectors, and by investing in public transit and conservation retrofits, redirecting fossil fuel subsidies to renewable energy, and creating a $4.5 billion ‘Green Bond’ safe investment vehicle. The Harper Conservatives were the only national government to pull out of the Kyoto Accord, and have reneged on our international obligations and distorting and weakening our economy. The Liberals, who signed Kyoto and then ignored it, still have not committed to binding targets and will only discuss them with the provinces after the Paris talks.

Tim Kane, Saanich-Gulf Islands (NDP)

Liberals are serious about climate change. We will fulfill our commitment to set real, achievable national GHG reduction targets.

Elizabeth May, Saanich-Gulf Islands (Green)

Climate change is the biggest challenge that Canada, and the world, faces. Canada must act and pay the funds it generates directly to every Canadian over age 18 in the form of an annual carbon dividend. This plan will defend our climate, diversify our energy mix, grow our economy, and ensure energy security for Canadians.

Tom Watson, Nanaimo-Ladysmith (Green)

Canada’s emission reduction targets are the weakest of the G7 nations. Canada has failed to meet its targets under the Kyoto Accord, has failed to meet its targets under the Paris Accord, and has failed to meet its targets under the Paris accord. We need to hit the ground running to forge new and more ambitious policies working together to avoid a climate crisis and to prevent runaway global warming.

Jo-Ann Roberts, Victoria (Green)

Only by electing Green Members of Parliament can we ensure Canada can lead in these critical negotiations. Our MPs will always work across party lines, because we understand the only way to make progress is through cooperation and mutual respect.

Brenda Sayers, North Island-Powell River (Green)

CO2P represents the last, best and only chance for activity to avert a climate crisis and to prevent runaway global warming. Only by electing Green Members of Parliament can we ensure Canada can lead in these critical negotiations. Our MPs will always work across party lines, because we understand the only way to make progress is through cooperation and mutual respect.

Tim Tessier, Nanaimo-Ladysmith (Green)

Liberals will establish national emissions-reduction targets, and ensure targeted federal funding and the flexibility to meet these commitments. These targets must recognize the economic cost and catastrophic impact that an increase in global temperatures would represent, as well as the need for Canada to prevent that from happening.

Over the last three months, Island Tides diligently emailed our series of questions and the resulting pages to all contactable federal electoral district associations and contactable candidates (including Conservatives) in Courtenay-Alberni, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford, Esquimalt-Saanich-Sooke, Nanaimo-Ladysmith, North Island-Powell River, Saanich-Gulf Islands, Victoria (Rachel Blaney), Alasia Comer, John Duncan, Randall Garrison, Fran Hunt-Jinnouchi, Gord John, Tim Kane, Frances Litsin, Shari Lukon, Mark Macdonald, Altair MacGregor, Sheila Malcolmson, Paul Manly, Marly Mania, Marjory Eil, David Memer, Carrie Powell-Davies, Murray Rankin, Jo-Ann Roberts, Brenda Sayers, Peter Schwarzoff, Laura Smith, Glenn Solitt, Tim Tessier, Cheryl Thomas, Conservative, Liberal, Green and NDP electoral district associations in all ridings above). All the responses we received for this edition are above.

Our Readers Thank All The Candidates Who Took the Time To Participate

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Canadian society affected by anti-terrorism laws - Patrick Brown

Bill C-24 gives the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration the power to revoke the Canadian citizenship of anyone convicted of a Criminal Code terrorism offence (or an equivalent offence in another country) and sentenced to at least five years in prison.

The recent case of convicted terrorist Saad Gaya, who was born in Canada, illustrates the Canadian government’s broad interpretation of terrorism. The minister’s decision to revoke Gaya’s Canadian citizenship was based on the position that Gaya is eligible for Pakistani citizenship; and therefore his Canadian citizenship may be revoked.

Legal disputes do not provide any appeal for the Minister’s decision under Bill C-24. Section 83 of the Criminal Code permits the minister to revoke the citizenship of anyone convicted of a terrorism offence (or an equivalent offence in another country) and sentenced to at least five years in prison.

The Security of Canada Information Sharing Act, also part of Bill C-24, provides an extensive list of activities which could be identified as the objectives of terrorism. Listed below are the provisions of this Act, which can be interpreted very broadly:

(a) interference with the government of Canada in relation to intelligence, defence, border operations, public safety, the administration of justice, diplomatic or consular relations, or the economic or financial stability of Canada;
(b) changing or unduly influencing a government in Canada by force or unlawful means;
(c) espionage, sabotage or covert foreign-influenced activities;
(d) terrorism;
(e) proliferation of nuclear, chemical, radiological or biological weapons;
(f) interference with critical infrastructure;
(g) interference with the global information infrastructure, as defined in section 275.6 of the National Defence Act;
(h) an activity that causes serious harm to a person or their property because of that person’s association with Canada; and
(i) an activity that takes place in Canada and undermines the security of another state.

For greater certainty, it does not include lawful advocacy, protest, dissent and artistic expression.

Broad Definition of Citizenship

Most countries have complicated legislation and when one can acquire or lose citizenship, for residents, as well as citizens who are born in, or who live in, another country.

A United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, to which Canada is a signatory, bars countries who are born in, or who live in, another country. They can acquire or lose citizenship, for residents, as well as citizens who are born in, or who live in, another country. A United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, to which Canada is a signatory, bars countries who are born in, or who live in, another country. They can acquire or lose citizenship, for residents, as well as citizens who are born in, or who live in, another country. A United Nations Convention on the Reduction of Statelessness, to which Canada is a signatory, bars countries who are born in, or who live in, another country.

The Minister’s broad interpretation of Bill C-24 and the UN Statelessness Convention presents the government with a similar level of discretion in determining whether their policies towards terrorists will be continue.

The minister should be free to decide who is a terrorist, and the only way to avoid revocation is to prove that one is not a citizen of any other country, an almost impossible task.

Because there is no provision for judicial appeal, there may not be opportunity for the courts to review the Minister’s decisions. An expensive appeal under the Charter of Rights and Freedom may be the only recourse.

Two-Tiered Citizenship

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(b) changing or unduly influencing a government in Canada by force or unlawful means;
(c) espionage, sabotage or covert foreign-influenced activities;
(d) terrorism;
(e) proliferation of nuclear, chemical, radiological or biological weapons;
(f) interference with critical infrastructure;
(g) interference with the global information infrastructure, as defined in section 275.6 of the National Defence Act;
(h) an activity that causes serious harm to a person or their property because of that person’s association with Canada; and
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The combination of this legislation creates a ‘haves’ and ‘have-nots’ system, which is justified by the supposed need to make citizens who are deemed less accepted in the country in which they have chosen to live their lives.

Will this particular legislation really be more effective in countering terrorism? Threat of citizenship revocation is unlikely to have a salutary effect on terrorists but certainly puts a divisive chill on Canadian society. Will this legislation be, in the words of the Food for Canadians Initiative, ‘the chill on activities or the two-tier effect a worthwhile price?’

Are there not other ways to combat terrorism and its underpinnings—a very major problem that needs to be dealt in

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Water - Brian Crumblehulme

In every grocery store, office and kitchen, bottled water is ubiquitous. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) represents 34 members of the organization, including the United States, and 9 other countries that are not members of them. Austria, Denmark, Iceland, Korea, New Zealand, and UK are also on the list. Language aside, we could easily be at home in a world, according to WaterCan, Canadians, per capita, consume 65% more water than any other of the members including the USA. Some of this is a profitable use in industrial applications, food manufacturing, washing cars and clothes, as well as for drinking. Canadians drink 38% more water now than they did 15 years ago. We are simply drinking a whole lot more water than their ancestors and it seems there are at least two reasons for this.

First of all, bottled water is more profitable. Take an empty (1lt) bottle of water, which costs around 30 cents, over a thousand percent over cost. The North American market is dominated by Danone, Coke and Nestle; all of them giant corporations. Filling and bottling, both, is made simple, and it seems like a golden goose. So it's been on the market for a while, and have held steadily or slowly declined in the last decade, while tea, coffee, wine and other beverages continue to grow faster than the population: someone is drinking a lot of water.

In the south of France, much of the natural spring water is influenced by the Massif Central, a large mountain range compared to the size of Holy Land, surrounding much of the drinking water contains high levels of minerals. Since Roman times mineral baths and springs have been touted as beneficial for health and to this day, that tradition is maintained. French citizens can get prescriptions for a mineral spa treatment for a variety of ailments.

The Massif Central, lies the little town of Vergennes and close by is there a mineral spring and a colonial bottling plant. In the spring, purchased for commercial use, the water is filtered, carbonated and bottled, received it from three aquifers. The principal one is common groundwater filtered through sand and gravel beds. The second, a mineral spring from a number of small mineral springs, creates a variety of mineralized waters and is responsible for the fine, the last is hot spring is bottled from a very deep well in the magma that brings its own constellation of chemicals. These blended waters are industrially filtered and carbonated, and it's a 2,000 compounded increase. Despite the enormous profits, pollution from any source can kill sales very fast, so Perrier, now owned by Nestle, monitors the quality carefully. However, a growing concern of chemists that analyzes for organic material, mineral content and radioactivity, according to the aquifer of origin. Then, just to be safe, Nestle has developed a process of 'hot sparging' to remove the viruses and bacteria and to eliminate any potential pollution from fertilizers and chemical sprays.

Except for a few countries, the common cleansing consumption has a lot to do with marketing. According to the International Bottled Water Association: 'Between 1996 and 2013, bottled water grew at a considerably slower rate than in previous years. The year 2013 saw the emergence of the 'green' segment, which accounted for one-third of all bottled water sales. On a per capita basis, in 1986 every American drank 1.6 gallons of bottled water (per year). In 2014 approximately 4 gallons of bottled water (per year) were consumed. That's a 2,000 compounded increase. Depending on which promotion you read, bottled competition is in the form of 98%, 97% or 85% of all the water in the planet. These increases in water consumption has a lot to do with marketing. According to the International Bottled Water Association: ‘Between 1996 and 2013, bottled water grew at a considerably slower rate than in previous years. The year 2013 saw the emergence of the ‘green’ segment, which accounted for one-third of all bottled water sales. On a per capita basis, in 1986 every American drank 1.6 gallons of bottled water (per year). In 2014 approximately 4 gallons of bottled water (per year) were consumed. That’s a 2,000 compounded increase.’

According to Weaver, there will be a continual worsening of the climate. The tipping point will be when we cross a certain temperature threshold. This threshold is not on our side as we are already witnessing dramatic changes in weather patterns. This summer’s drought, storm and forest fires are all examples of what is happening. While there is a general consensus among nations that a two-degree warming is the threshold for dangerous climate change, Weaver warns that in the line that is drawn was by politicians, not scientists.

The globe has been an average of almost one degree since pre-industrial times and the upward trend is locked in for the foreseeable future. A carbon tax is less than the $10/ton carbon tax in the grand scheme of things, ‘muses. We are in the midst of a major extinction event, and although life will continue, we have some important decisions to make.’

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Dollar bills you return to 2.5 billion the first year, 85 billion the second year, and so on. There is substantial benefits both on and off the balance sheet.

Are renewables too expensive? This review research that fostering clean technologies is already a better economic investment than expanding the tar sands, fracking fields, and pipelines, which will create more stranded assets (unsalvable carburns).

Canadians who are barely getting by will be the first to feel the pinch when the cost of food rises due to drought, ocean decline, etc. This is why the [NDP] government is right to act as a result of our governments’ choices to invest in today’s ‘twerp’ industry’ (fossil fuels) while today’s ‘computer industry’ (renewables) is emerging.

I can’t vote for the Conservatives, whose primary focus is growth of the very industry we must wind down. I believe it is possible to stand for environmental justice and the economy, but I’m suspicious of parties who try to appease in favour of fossil fuel growth and effective climate action. NDP candidates Linda McVeigh and Bob Landell, as well as currently ineffective carbon taxes, need to stay in the ground. The world can’t afford to burn them.

Unfortunately, that is not NDP party policy, nor Liberal party policy. (October 10 could be a big day in the transition to a new Canadian economy. There’s a chance we’ll move toward a carbon dividend and carbon price system, or end to Canadian subsidies of fossil fuels; efficiency retrofits for building, energy and transportation systems (to replace planned pipelines, Site C, etc.). We need a more active and formal public party effort for sustainable energy strategies. For the Greens, in certain ridings, there is an opportunity exists to send evidence-based climate positions to the next House of Commons with their parties, and continue to get in my crossed fingers.)

Bob Landell, Victoria, www.islandmiles.com
Drop, cover, and hold on! The Great BC ShakeOut drill is October 15
Brigitte Prochaska, Emergency Program Coordinator, Southern Gulf Islands

We must get better prepared before the next big earthquake. The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, held on the 3rd Thursday of every October at 10:15 am, is a locally-driven, province wide Drop, Cover, and Hold On drill, organized to encourage individuals, families, schools, businesses and communities to practice earthquake safety as well as review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies.

So why is it important to do Drop, Cover, and Hold On drills? To react quickly you must practice often. You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake, before strong shaking knocks you down—drop, cover, and hold on! Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:
- DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!).
- TAKE COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table, and
- HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.

Stay indoors till the shaking stops and you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in BC you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops. If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should choose a clear location, stop and stay there with your back to the direction of the shaking. If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your back to the direction of the shaking. If you are on a boat, drop anchor and take cover inside a cabin or hang on to a cleat or piling. If you are in a car, if it is safe, drive to a clear location. Building materials that make all the difference. If you get an unaddressed damage had they been closer to land) have magnitude 5 or greater (large enough to cause significant earthquake activity. Earthquakes in this region occur along the faults in the offshore Victoria Basin, regional offshore structures, and those within the continental crust (like the magnitude 7.3 earthquake on central Vancouver Island in 1946).

Take steps now. Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility. For full details and information, or to register, visit the website: www.shakesout.ca and see an ad on page 7.

Who made culture in BC?

How would we appreciate First Nations artwork in BC without the high-profile contributions of Bill Reid? Or imagine Canada’s coastal forests without the paintings of Emily Carr, and those of the artists inspired by her work? Would we see Canadian literature differently without the journal founded by George Woodcock that virtually created Canadian literature, as one commentator claimed? How would early British Columbians have envisioned themselves without the regional prestige of Victoria’s well-known Parliament Buildings, designed by Francis Rattenbury?

In Made in British Columbia: Eight Ways of Making Culture, Dr Maria Tippett profiles eight twentieth-century BC artists to highlight how an artist’s work can influence culture, and in turn affect the way we see ourselves and the world around us. George Ryga’s 1967 play The Ecstasy of Rita Joe exposed the often ignored reality of life for First Nations women in our cities, and paved the way for marginalized dramatists to speak for and about their communities. Jean Coulthard, who struggled to earn respect as a female composer in the 1920s and 1930s, wrote music that reflected the landscape around her and was committed to introducing the work of Canadian composers to the public.

Martin Grainger’s novel, Woodmend of the West, illuminated the early experiences of hand-hogging in the BC woods.

And Arthur Erickson, arguably Canada’s most well-known architect, reflected our country’s multiculturalism within his buildings, which helped put his native province at the centre of the country’s consciousness.

Visual artists, playwrights, architects, composers and authors; the eight extraordinary creators featured all helped shape BC’s provincial identity. Look in your local bookstore for Made in British Columbia: Eight Ways of Making Culture, published by one of our very own BC culture-making publishers, Harbour Publishing.

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