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New sewage lagoon operating in Port Clements

By Stacey Brzostowski

Port Clements' new sewage lagoon is now operating, while several other infrastructure projects around the village are moving toward completion.

In reports prepared for the Aug. 17 council meeting, Public Works Working Foreman Chris Doyle said the new lagoon was commissioned with Infracore and switched over on July 18. One pump at the Jasper lift station was also replaced after it was found to be underperforming, while improperly set floats were corrected. The old pump is being sent out for repair.

Chief Administrative Officer Marjorie Dobson reported that electrical work and fencing associated with the wastewater upgrade were still underway, with substantial completion expected in early September.

Work has also begun to improve and modernize the clinic portion of a Village-owned building in preparation for occupancy by Northern Health staff. The report does not provide further details about which staff or services will be located there.

Elsewhere in the village, new playground equipment for Community Park has been ordered and was expected to arrive in late August or early September, with installation planned for September. Additional paving was completed on Cedar Avenue between Park Street and Tingley Street, including the area in front of the fire hall. New rubber matting was also installed on the Small Craft Harbour dock.

Public Works also completed cleaning of all three municipal water reservoirs. Doyle reported that pressure washing revealed several pinholes in the tanks, which have since been repaired and sealed. Crews also repaired leaks elsewhere in the village and restored water service to the RV park.

The Village has also changed its flushing schedule for the Bayview and Ryland water lines. Instead of alternating areas each week, both are now flushed weekly. Public Works reported the change has resulted in smaller flushes, reduced water use and improved residual levels at the ends of the lines.



Vince Brzostowski Photo

The 1st Annual Redneck Rodeo Show & Shine and BBQ Competition drew a crowd to the Axe and Anchor Pub in Port Clements. Turn to page 9 for more from the event.

Local election nominations open Sept. 1

By Stacey Brzostowski

When nominations open for this fall's local elections on Sept. 1, one of the first questions will be whether Haida Gwaii voters actually get races to decide.

Four years ago, some local positions were filled without an election because only enough candidates came forward to fill the available seats. In Masset, the mayor and council were acclaimed in 2022, meaning residents did not cast ballots for their municipal council. Port Clements also had an acclaimed mayor, although enough candidates came forward to force a race for council seats. Daajing Giids had a busier ballot, including a three-way race for mayor.

Whether Haida Gwaii sees contested races again this year will start to become clear next week. Nominations for B.C.'s general local elections open Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. and close Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. General voting day is Oct. 17.

On Haida Gwaii, municipal council seats in Masset, Port Clements and Daajing Giids are up for election, along with regional district director positions and School District 50 trustee seats. Whether voters actually see contests in all of those races will depend on how

many candidates come forward before nominations close. Anyone interested in running can obtain nomination packages from the municipality, NCRD or school district where they are seeking office.

Candidates are not required to live in the community where they seek office, although they must meet provincial eligibility requirements. Those include being at least 18 years old on general voting day, being a Canadian citizen and having lived in B.C. for at least six months before filing nomination papers.

Once nominations close, communities will know which positions have enough candidates to require an election. If only enough people are nominated to fill the available positions, those candidates are elected by acclamation. If more people come forward than there are seats available, voters will decide who fills them.

Local governments are also getting their election procedures in place ahead of the vote. Daajing Giids adopted a new election procedure bylaw in June requiring council candidates to have two qualified nominators. The bylaw also sets the Village's required advance voting opportunity for

10 days before general voting day and allows eligible voters to cast ballots by mail.

Daajing Giids will use the provincial voters list for resident electors and maintain its own register of non-resident property electors. Voters who need to register can do so when they vote.

Eligible residents can vote in the municipality or electoral area where they live. Provincial rules also allow qualifying non-resident property owners to vote in the jurisdiction where they own property. For the NCRD, advance elector registration has closed, although eligible voters who are not registered in advance can still register during voting opportunities.

Advance voting will take place before the Oct. 17 general voting day, with each jurisdiction publishing its own voting locations and details as the election gets closer.

The nomination period will give Haida Gwaii its first look at what this year's local elections will actually look like. By 4 p.m. Sept. 11, communities will know who has stepped forward and, just as importantly, where voters will have a choice to make.

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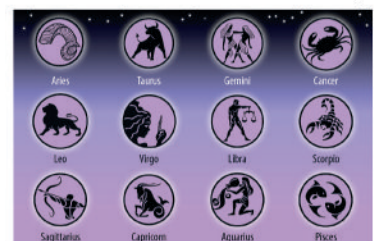
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Louise Narrows dredging complete

Work to restore navigation through K'uuna K'iidaay/Louise Narrows has been completed, following erosion that affected the passage earlier this year.

The Council of the Haida Nation said local contractor Silva Services excavated the affected portion of the Narrows between Aug. 9 and 12. CHN said the depth and width of the passage are now similar to conditions before the erosion.

The work followed concerns raised by local tour operators and other users of the passage, who reported navigation had become more difficult. CHN and Gwaii Haanas worked with the groups to find a solution.

An earlier CHN notice said Silva Services would use an excavator brought in by barge to remove beach gravel and restore the previous navigable width. The work had originally been scheduled to take place sometime between Aug. 6 and 31.

CHN said it will continue to monitor natural erosion affecting K'uuna K'iidaay and address impacts to navigation as needed.

New funding available for northern community shuttle services

Passenger shuttle operators serving rural and remote communities in northern B.C. can now apply for up to \$75,000 in provincial funding to help cover operating costs.

Applications opened Aug. 17 for the Northern Community Shuttle program, which is funded by the Province and administered by Northern Development Initiative Trust.

The program supports public passenger transportation services that help people reach health care, employment, education, training and other services. Funding can also support routes connecting smaller communities with larger transportation hubs.

Eligible expenses include fuel, staff wages and benefits, insurance, vehicle maintenance, marketing and booking services.

Applicants can receive up to 80 per cent of eligible operating expenses, to a maximum of \$75,000. The maximum contribution has increased from 75 per cent in previous intakes. Capital expenses such as purchasing vehicles, accessibility equipment and tires are not eligible.

To qualify, applicants must already operate a passenger shuttle service that is open to the public and not restricted to a particular group or purpose.

Eligible applicants include communities, non-profit organizations and transportation companies within Northern Development's service area.

Applications are open until Sept. 16. Funding decisions are expected in November, with successful applicants receiving support for services operating between April 1, 2027 and March 31, 2028.

Spirit Lake Trail closed for bridge replacement

Spirit Lake Trail has been closed while work begins to replace a footbridge along the trail.

Skidegate Band Council and the B.C. Ministry of Environment and Parks said the bridge, located about 700 metres from the trailhead, was scheduled for demolition beginning Aug. 17.

The trail closed to all users at 4:30 p.m. Aug. 16 for public safety and will remain closed until a new bridge is installed.

Before the closure, trail users were still able to access the trail as far as the bridge location.

Replacement planning is underway, with Skidegate Band Council and the province working with engineers and contractors. No reopening date has been announced.

The two governments said the goal is to begin replacement work as soon as possible and thanked community members and visitors for their patience while the project moves ahead.

The Village of Masset is reviewing agreements covering shared services with Old Massett Village Council, including water, sewer, public works, fire protection and health-related infrastructure.

A staff report included in Masset's Aug. 17 council meeting package outlines existing agreements between the neighbouring communities and identifies areas where arrangements may need to be updated or formalized.

The relationship is not new. Masset and Old Massett have shared major infrastructure for decades, with the two communities relying on each other for essential water and wastewater services.

Masset supplies treated drinking water to Old Massett, an arrangement also acknowledged by Old Massett's Capital Works Department, which says it manages delivery of clean drinking water provided by the Village of Masset.

The partnership dates back to development of the communities' modern water and wastewater systems. Historical reporting from the period says Old Massett contributed \$800,000 toward Masset's water treatment plant while the communities agreed that a new wastewater facility would be located in Old Massett.

Today, Masset and Old Massett operate under a renewed 2012 shared water and sewer services agreement, according to the Aug. 17 staff report. The agreement requires a joint vote every five years on whether to adopt a "five-year phase" clause intended to move toward a more equal sharing of costs.

The communities also have a Public

Works Mutual Assistance Agreement setting out when their crews can help one another. That agreement was finalized in 2023 but does not contain an expiry or renewal clause, something the report suggests may need to be addressed.

Fire protection is another longstanding shared service. The report identifies a fire protection agreement between Masset and Old Massett dating back to 1992. It also points to similar arrangements elsewhere on Haida Gwaii.

Health infrastructure is one area where the report says a current formal shared-services agreement is lacking. Masset and Old Massett recognized shared health services through a 2005 project development agreement, but the report says there is no current agreement setting out ongoing cooperation or shared responsibilities.

The Aug. 17 report also notes that Masset and Old Massett have discussed working together on construction of a residential building near the hospital and suggests a formal agreement could provide a framework for future shared responsibilities around health infrastructure.

Most funding connected to the shared-services review is expected to go toward legal and consulting work, including reviewing existing agreements, preparing recommendations and developing or updating formal agreements.

The report went before council Aug. 17 for information and feedback on agreements that may require amendment, renewal or adoption.



RCMP Photo

Several RCMP members attended Swan Bay camp, helping with chores and spending time with youth participating in the camp.



RCMP Photo

In mid-July, federal Public Safety Minister Gary Anandasangaree and B.C. Public Safety and Solicitor General Minister Nina Krieger visited Daajing Gvuds. During the brief visit, they met with community members and local RCMP, along with senior RCMP management, to discuss policing challenges on Haida Gwaii.

LOCAL NEWS

Masset considers accommodation tax to support tourism

The Village of Masset is looking at whether to introduce a tax on short-term accommodation to help pay for tourism-related projects and programs.

A briefing note included in the Aug. 17 council meeting package outlines the Municipal and Regional District Tax program, commonly known as the MRDT, and asks council whether the Village should begin the application process.

The tax can be set at up to three per cent on sales of short-term accommodation. Money collected through the program can be used for tourism marketing, visitor programs and projects, as well as some affordable housing and infrastructure projects.

The report says municipalities must apply to take part in the program and are expected to show local support and cooperation with businesses and other community groups.

Staff compared Masset with several

other smaller northern communities already using the tax. According to the report, McBride and Valemount charge two per cent, as do Prince Rupert, Kitimat and the Kitimat-Stikine Terrace area. Larger cities such as Vancouver use a three per cent rate.

If Masset decides to move ahead, the report suggests first speaking with Destination BC about how the program could work locally. The Village would also need to decide what projects it would like the money to support, speak with local businesses and boards about the proposed tax and look at how much revenue it could generate.

The report does not recommend a specific tax rate for Masset.

Council was asked to decide whether the Village should begin the MRDT application process and, if so, start discussing how money raised through the program could be used.

New moorage fees and changes coming to Massett Harbour

Old Massett Village Council is making changes at the Massett Harbour dock, including collecting moorage and power-use fees from commercial fishing vessels and recreational boats.

In a notice from the Dal Kaahlia Harbour Authority, OMVC said the new fees take effect immediately.

Boat owners currently moored at the dock are being asked to provide their name, vessel name and vessel length to OMVC Natural Resources Manager Buster Bell so harbour records can be updated.

Several maintenance and improvement projects are also planned over the coming months, including installation of cameras, painting, new signage, dock clean-up and improvements to vessel placement and harbour safety.

Under the new arrangement, commercial vessels will be assigned to the inside, longer finger of the dock, while sport and recreational boats will use the shorter

outside finger.

The middle finger will be painted yellow and reserved for loading and unloading only, with boaters asked not to leave vessels tied up there longer than necessary.

OMVC is also carrying out a general clean-up of the dock. Vessel owners are being asked to remove unused gear, personal belongings, garbage, abandoned materials and other items that have been stored around the harbour.

Any vessel considered unsafe, abandoned or derelict will be required to be removed. If OMVC has to arrange the removal, the vessel owner will be responsible for the cost.

OMVC also plans to hire a wharf manager to help oversee day-to-day management, maintenance, safety and operation of the harbour.

The changes are intended to make the dock safer, cleaner, better organized and more accessible for harbour users.

Crews extinguish wildfire near Eden Lake

A small wildfire near Eden Lake was extinguished after 16 people responded to the fire on Aug. 20.

The Council of the Haida Nation said the fire was approximately half an acre in size and did not grow after crews were dispatched to the area.

Responders continued monitoring the site after the fire was considered out, with mop-up work, saturation of the area and a danger-tree assessment scheduled to be completed that afternoon.

The cause remained under investigation, although CHN said the fire was suspected to have started from a campfire.

At the time of the fire, Category 1 campfires were permitted in the Haida Gwaii Forest District under BC Wildfire Service restrictions. Larger Category 2 and Category 3 open fires remained prohibited.

Haida Gwaii has also repeatedly been exempted from broader Category 1 campfire prohibitions in recent years. In 2023, a province wide prohibition on open burning excluded Category 1 campfires on Haida Gwaii. The Haida Gwaii Forest District was again excluded from broader Category 1 campfire prohibitions in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

BC Wildfire Service defines a Category 1 campfire as a fire no larger than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide.

CHN reminded people that permitted campfires must still be attended and fully extinguished before leaving the area. The Nation advised people to make sure a fire is cold to the touch before leaving it.

CHN thanked those who responded to the Eden Lake fire and community members who helped provide its accurate location.

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Sdlaana returns home to Haida Gwaii

A harbour seal pup rescued from Skidegate in May has made it home to Haida Gwaii after three months of rehabilitation in Vancouver.

Sdlaana, whose name means "survivor" in Xaayda Kil, was released back into the ocean on Haida Gwaii after veterinarians and animal care staff with the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society determined he was healthy and ready to survive on his own.

When Sdlaana arrived at the rescue centre on May 19, he was believed to be less than five days old and weighed just 7.7 kilograms. He had been found beneath the ferry ramp in Skidegate severely underweight and dehydrated and was flown off-island with help from Pacific Coastal Airlines.

By the time of his release, Sdlaana weighed 25.1 kilograms.

He returned to the ocean alongside Jimmy Two-Shoes, another young harbour seal rescued near Prince Rupert in late May. Jimmy Two-Shoes arrived at the centre weighing 8.4 kilograms and had grown to more than 22 kilograms before his release.

The pair were the first two rescued harbour seal pups of the Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society's 2026 season to be returned to the wild.

Sdlaana was the first harbour seal pup admitted to the rescue centre this season. His recovery took him from intensive care and milk formula to rehabilitation, learning to eat fish and ultimately being cleared to return home.



Photo courtesy Vancouver Aquarium Marine Mammal Rescue Society

EDITORIAL

No acclamations. Let's vote.

There is something about local election season that gets me a little excited. Every four years we get the chance to look around our communities, think about what is working, complain about what is not and then decide what we are actually willing to do about it.

So this year, I have a challenge for Haida Gwaii: no acclamations. Let's vote.

In the 2022 local elections, more than half of the municipal, regional district and school board positions representing Haida Gwaii were filled by acclamation. In Daajing Giids, where there was a real race for mayor, Lisa Pineault won by just five votes.

Five votes.

That is a pretty good reminder that local elections matter, and that putting your name on a ballot can matter too.

Nominations open Sept. 1 and close Sept. 11 at 4 p.m. for people considering a run for village council, the NCRD board or school board trustee. If you have spent the last few years saying someone should speak up, someone should fix something or someone should bring a different perspective to the table, maybe it is worth asking whether that someone could be you.

You do not need to know everything before you run. You need to care about your community, be willing to listen and learn, and be prepared to show up.

One of my favourite examples of that comes from right here on Haida Gwaii. One of our current mayors was encouraged by a friend to run and, as I remember the story, one of the promises involved helping bring a beer garden back to a community event. He was acclaimed and suddenly found himself mayor. Before long, he was involved in conversations with senior levels of government during one of the most significant periods in recent Haida Gwaii history, including discussions around Haida Title.

You really never know where putting your name forward will take you.

There is also one important difference between the 2022 election and this one: Haida Gwaii has a local print newspaper again.

That means municipalities have another place to publish nomination and election notices, and candidates have a local place to advertise, introduce themselves and share what they stand for.

Haida Gwaii News will offer space to anyone running for village council, the NCRD board or school board trustee to introduce themselves and tell readers why they are running and what matters to them. Reach out to me for details and submission deadlines.

Starting with our next edition, Haida Gwaii Literacy will also be helping us get into the local election with a three-edition feature aimed at making the process and the positions easier to understand.

But first, we need people willing to put their names forward.

Maybe you care about housing, roads, recreation, youth, seniors, schools, emergency preparedness or where your community is heading. Maybe you think things are going well and want to help keep them moving. Maybe you think something needs to change.

Whatever it is, consider stepping up.

No acclamations.

Let's have an election.

Stacey



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I wish to compliment Stacy Brzostowski and Janet Rigg for their thoughtful comments in the August 13 edition of the Haida Gwaii News regarding events that occurred in Tlell after the Music Festival. Occasionally we need to be reminded that being part of a Community entails responsibilities, however awkward or uncomfortable they may be.

Looking out for one another, caring for each other and speaking up when necessary is what Community Spirit requires.

Thank you for your attention.

Betsy Cardell

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LIVING OUT LOUD

BY SUSAN MUSGRAVE

NO SMALL POTATO

"It's knobbly. You peel it and there's nothing left to eat," the woman ahead of me in the checkout line says to her companion.

"Don't peel them," my friend, Sally, pipes up. "Rub them with olive oil, salt, pepper, and roast them in the oven or throw them on the barbecue."

At first, I thought they were discussing the sunchoke, or Jerusalem artichoke, a lumpy, pale brown-skinned tuber that looks somewhat like a ginger root. But the subject turned out to be Xaaydas Sgaawsid (Masset dialect) Xaada Sgúusiid (Skidegate dialect) meaning "long and skinny" — the Haida potato. It is indeed knobbly and resembles an arthritic finger, and is thought to be a fingerling variety; a slender, elongated form studded with dimples, known as "eyes." It has yellowish skin, white flesh, and a nutty, earthy flavour.

The potato, as we know it today, was introduced to Europeans in the early 1500's when the Spanish explorer Pizarro and his men returned from trading with (read "raiding") Incan villagers in the Andes. The tuber, to some, was considered an aphrodisiac, "the apple of the earth," but by others denounced as a source of alcoholism, typhus, leprosy, and other skin diseases that resembled its bumpy exterior.

Genetic testing has shown that Haida

potatoes are unrelated to European cultivars. There are plenty of theories on how this variety found its way to the Islands, and it seems unlikely there will ever be agreement. One plausible story has the conquistadors stealing this fingerling from the Incas, and trading it with the Haida who nurtured it for over 200 years until damaging reallocation reserve land policies made it nearly impossible to practice agriculture. A second origin story has Russian fur traders bringing this cultivar to the West Coast after circumnavigating South America. Oral histories maintain that the potatoes may have arrived via Indigenous trade routes that predated colonists, when people migrated northward along the coast to settle lands newly free of ice. Some say these potatoes were obtained through trade with Southern Pacific islands, and others believe it was brought to Haida Gwaii from the Kaigani Haida on the Prince of Wales Archipelago of southeastern Alaska.

Prior to the introduction of the potato, the people of the Northwest Coast relied upon clover and silverweed roots for their dietary sources of carbohydrates. Dr. Nancy Turner, an ethnobotanist, writes that the potato was a staple crop for the Haidas by the mid-1880s. The Haida were already known as experienced growers of a now extinct variety of tobacco, and Haida women, who became



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renowned for their expertise in potato production, grew and controlled the market.

Potato gardens sprung up around village longhouses, on islands, in remote bays or even in middens — all that was required was a little sunlight, protection from the wind, reasonably fertile soil, and, of course, rain. Beds were fertilized with kelp and seaweed, fish bones and shells, producing a rich soil that was hilled around the base of each plant. Potatoes were planted — with sprouting eyes facing the sun — above the high tide line, between ocean and rainforest, on south-facing beaches early in the spring, when people left their winter villages and headed to their fish camps; the potatoes were left to flourish, unattended until harvest time in the fall. They were stored in bentwood cedar boxes, in underground cellars, over the winter.

Haida potatoes became a prime commerce item. The Haida's mainland relations, as well as foreign traders, who depended on the potato to avoid scurvy, became regular customers. One 1830-40's report records Haida canoes bringing more than 1000 bushels of sgúusiid

to Hudson's Bay Company posts.

David Whitehead, who maintains a flourishing market garden in Masset, has grown a number of potato varieties and found the Haida potato to be the most vigorous and productive, well suited to our raincoast climate. "It often comes up first after planting and is the last to die down in the fall. Deer don't eat them. They do tend to react to sunlight quite quickly so need to be stored in total darkness to prevent them from turning green."

Haida potatoes are cultivated by planting a piece, or the whole of the tuber, in the ground; each new potato is a genetic clone of its parent. A potato planted this spring could be genetically identical to the original cultivar planted a hundred years ago. An Elder told me, "When we eat a Haida potato, we share a meal with those who have gone before us, those with us today, and those who will come after us. It's rather transcendent."

Ultimately, how the Haida potato got to Haida Gwaii remains a mystery, but surely we can savour a little mystery — along with a good dollop of butter, a crack of pepper and dash of sea salt — with our spuds?



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SCIENCE MATTERS

BY DAVID SUZUKI

Is rapid AI development a smart move?

We've been lulled into believing that all technological advancement is good — or at least inevitable. Of course, much depends on how we use and regulate it.

Many of us remember pre-internet times. It was supposed to speed things up, to make life easier for everyone. But most people are working the same number of hours as before, and spending more of those hours glued to screens. We've become connected to our devices and computers and disconnected from real life.

Now we're being told to accept the inevitability of artificial intelligence, or AI — computer technology that performs tasks once requiring human intelligence. Like the internet, it will ostensibly make life easier, speeding up access to information and reducing the routine work required to create "content" and accomplish other tasks.

Will that lead to reduced work hours or better quality of life for a majority of people? If the rapid development of the internet is anything to go by, probably not. There are undeniably positive applications: "It is helping doctors detect diseases earlier, enabling scientists to analyze enormous amounts of data, improving transportation, making education more personalized, and allowing businesses to work more efficiently than ever before," Science News Today reports.

But AI also creates many social and environmental problems. Without thoughtful implementation and regulation, it can lead to job losses, misinformation spread, algorithmic bias, cybercrime, overdependence on technology, security risks and diminished human learning and creativity, among other problems.

As for environmental issues, the massive data centres being built to facilitate it require enormous amounts of energy and water. In a world already reeling from the consequences of fossil-fuelled overheating, that should give us pause.

"The world's data centres used about 485 terawatt-hours of electricity last year, similar to that used by Germany, and the International Energy Agency expects that to double by 2030," a Nature article reports, adding, "Five technology companies — Amazon, Alphabet, Microsoft, Meta and Oracle — are expected to spend a total of more than US\$600 billion on AI infrastructure this year; a decade ago, the same five companies spent less than \$40 billion. Data centres concentrate this extraordinary energy demand on the electricity grids of the specific communities where they are built, despite concerns about water use, noise and equity."

Opposition is growing. A recent Gallup poll found 71 per cent in the United States oppose data centres in their areas,

with 48 per cent "strongly opposed."

A proposed \$70-billion, nine-gigawatt facility covering 65 square kilometres in drought-stricken Alberta faces opposition from First Nations and locals. The nearby Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation has expressed concerns regarding the Alberta government's decision to exempt the Wonder Valley project from an environmental impact assessment and has applied for a judicial review regarding its water licence.

Utah State University physicist Robert Davies, commissioned by the First Nation to assess the project, warns it would be "one of the largest single-site heat sources on the planet."

He wrote that the project, led by celebrity investor Kevin O'Leary, would layer "an enormous new thermal, acoustic, air-emissions, and water demand on top of an environment already fragmented by resource extraction — across territory in which the Cree Nation exercises Treaty and harvesting rights."

"This is a massive project with significant emissions, water use and, most alarming, [would] create a heat island in an area already ravaged by wildfire, drought, and climate change," Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation Chief Sheldon Sunshine said.

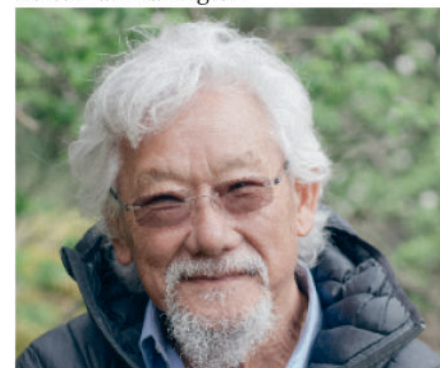
As well as water and energy use, AI and its data centres can worsen climate change and other environmental impacts by making it easier for the fossil fuel industry to find and exploit oil and gas wells, Bill McKibben writes.

Fears have also been raised about threats posed if AI acquires enough autonomy to harm humans. A United Nations report cautions that AI's "capabilities are outpacing scientific understanding and governments' ability to adapt." But the immediate threats alone show the need for caution.

The Nature article notes that data centres, while extremely profitable, aren't the only option. "Researchers must pioneer the adoption of open-weight AI models that run locally on institutional servers," they write.

There may be no stopping the AI juggernaut, but we must at least demand regulations and oversight to reduce its environmental and social impacts and to slow or stop developments when risks outweigh benefits.

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BOB'S YOUR UNCLE

BY BOB LOBLAW

When the Tide Turns.

May you live in interesting times, they said. Well, here we are.

So much to think and talk about these days, but just when we really need a common language, along comes fake news and a flood of AI-generated images and words to ensure that none of us can actually understand each other. The truth is that as we spend more and more time in echo chambers and bubbles, it is quite possible that certain people, for example, Uncle Bob Loblaw, will become cynical to the point of trusting none of it.

The biblical story of the Tower of Babel comes to mind.

On the other hand:

Uncle Bob was sitting watching an otter fishing in the Tlell River at sunset the other day, just as the tide was turning. The debris-laden water that had been flowing inland with the momentum of the whole ocean behind it simply slowed down and stopped. It occurred to him that not only was this a supremely peaceful and coherent moment, but that it was also an inevitable one.

He wondered if the flood of manufactured confusion pouring through his brain might simply exhaust itself like that incoming tide? Could natural clarity and honesty be destined to turn back the flood of memes and slogans that had been streaming into him with the full weight of an entire economic worldview

behind it? Could the influencers, propagandists and ad men who created all that stuff be swept away like so many chunks of driftwood?

Having nothing else to do but sit there, Bob allowed his reverie to continue. Could such a still moment on the shore of a river in this place of natural magic mark the point at which healing begins and collective sanity starts to return, not only for one old man, but for all of us?

He knows that everything he has ever seen cycles between expansion and contraction in one way or another. Massive stars can end in supernovas, collapsing under their own gravity and sometimes leaving black holes behind. Something impossibly large and bright can become something impossibly small and dark. An amoeba under a microscope stretches outward from its centre, then pulls itself back and reaches out again and again. His own body, once growing and expanding, is well into its late stages of contraction, that is for sure!

Given such certainties, why does he worry so much? All of the anxiety and depression that he sees in the world might also run its course and eventually give way to peace of mind and optimism, if this kind of thinking can be trusted.

The otter presumably had no concerns about the world situation when he returned to his old fishing hole, trusting



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the cycles that have kept him and his ancestors happily fed for countless generations.

Bob realizes, of course, that unlike the otter, we humans are worriers, and quite possibly self-destructive ones at that. If we are confused and unsatisfied when the stuff we buy on Amazon or at Costco fails to make us happy, might there be something else, or some other paradigm, that could serve us better?

Might a return to a recognition of the sacred in ordinary miracles, like the migrations of birds and of fish and of galaxies, be in the offing? Might Haida Gwaii be a turning point for an ebb tide that sweeps to the east, overwhelming a greed-based economy that has finally run its course? Might there be other such turning points all over the world?

Dream on, Uncle Bob, you may say.

There is no denying that, like every-

where else, the confused and confusing languages of exploitation and addiction are spoken on these islands. But there is also a gentleness and a patience here, along with habits of sharing and giving that are much older and stronger than these recent arrivals. Every Haw'aa, every respectful encounter at the Co-op or the Thrift Store and every act of caring for each other reinforces this. There is space and there is time for reflection here. "Slow Down, This Ain't the Mainland," as the sign says.

Bob may be old and he may be losing it, but if watching an otter fishing and a young eagle drying its wings as the tide turns can't bring him hope for a better world, what possibly could?

Cynicism or hope? It's time for a Final Investment Decision, he thinks, as he lights his pipe and waits to see what the otter will do next.

WISDOM BEYOND THE STARS

BY VERA ARTEMISIA

The Passage of Time

Seasons change. The alder trees will let go of their leaves. The sun will set earlier and earlier. The night will last longer and longer, and the stars will shine brighter in the darkness. Constellations will rise again in the east and climb higher in the sky as the months go by, while those in the west will set below the horizon and be hidden again until next year.

I don't know if you have ever sat outside on the beach and watched the sky for hours. It is an incredibly enlightening experience. I recommend it. If you notice the stars and constellations and watch them in relation to landmarks, the horizon, an island, that tree over there, you can watch them move gently across the sky. It's almost imperceptible at first. The stars move so slowly they seem like they're standing still. Yet if you watch over hours, you can see the sky move.

We say that the sky moves, but of course, it is us on Earth that is moving. We complete a full rotation every 24 hours, and as we slowly rotate, the objects in the sky move across our field of view. The sun rises in the east and sets in the west because we rotate from west to east. At dawn, the sun is on the eastern horizon. Our planet rotates towards it, and it slowly moves higher in the sky until eventually the western horizon covers it once more.

To understand this better, try this simple trick. Find east and west by observing where the sun rises and sets. Face south and hold your arms out to either side, parallel to the ground. Your left side is east and your right is west. Now slowly tilt your left arm down and gently lift your right arm up. Our arms stretched out represent the horizon. We see everything above it in the sky. Everything below is hidden from view until we rotate enough to see it.

This rotation affects what we see in the night sky. A star located on the tip of the eastern horizon will appear to rise as we rotate towards it. We see different constellations begin to rise upwards, climbing out of obscurity. This procession is slow. It takes time and commitment to observe, yet seeing it is truly magical.

As we orbit around the sun, we see different constellations throughout the year. During the day, the sun is so bright

that we cannot see the stars behind it. At night, we face into the vast reaches of space opposite the sun. Each month we orbit farther around the sun and see another slice of the sky that was previously obscured. Six months from now, we will be on the opposite side of the sun and, at night, see what is currently hidden.

There is a calendar in the sky. It is in the ebbing and flowing of light and heat throughout the year. It's in the waxing and waning of the moon. Time can be told by the rising of a constellation and its coincidence with natural phenomena, like annual floods or cyclical harvest practices. Our ancestors knew when a certain star rose on the horizon at a specific time of year that it meant we had to do something: harvest the wheat, move the goats to higher pastures or go catch some fish.

The stars are so precise and predictable in their rising and setting that ancient people built massive structures to align with specific stars and constellations. The Aztec and Mayan people are renowned for their incredible temples, pyramids and observatories that align with the skies and helped them understand time and plan for the future.

In this modern world, we have time at our fingertips, in the blue light of our phones, on our watches and in our cars. We have bound ourselves to a nine-to-five routine, a seven-day week and Google calendars that tell us our future. We don't need massive stone temples that align with the solstice to calibrate our society anymore. Yet I believe our obsession with clocks and knowing numerical values has robbed us of experiencing a truer sense of time. We claim to know it, but do we really?

When you camp for a few days and begin to rise with the sun and set with it, time moves differently, slower, yet more meaningfully. You feel it in the rise of the light and its diminishment. When you become present to the rhythms of the day and the rhythms of the seasons, your perception of the preciousness of time expands. I believe you can live more holistically and sustainably when you follow the rhythm of the Earth.

The full moon that illuminates the forest in silver, the rise and fall of the tides



Star trails captured in the Fayoum, Egypt

Submitted Photo

that shift each day, the seasonal berry bushes that share their deliciousness, these are all physical, spatial components that tell time. Living on Haida Gwaii in northern B.C., we are more in tune with this seasonal understanding. I think stargazing is just another layer to add to it. The stars are a map we can pinpoint our experiences of time onto.

I feel like I understand time best when I stargaze. I can see the sky move. I see time playing out in the way the constellations move against the landscape. I can see the pace at which we rotate. It's like

living in a real-life time lapse of the sky. It's a slow hum, a subtle shift. Day is an inhale, night is an exhale.

May you pause to breathe with time, Vera

Upcoming Celestial Events

Lunar Eclipse, Thursday, Aug. 27: Look east around 9:30 p.m. to see the moon rise, if there is no cloud cover.

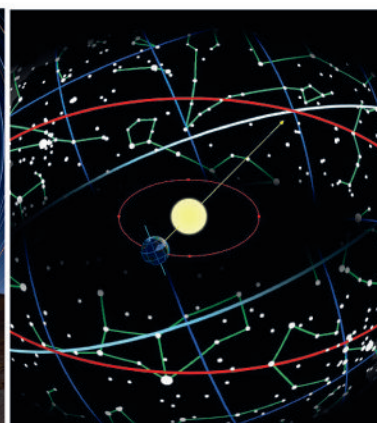
September New Moon, Thursday, Sept. 10: Two-foot low tide around 8 a.m.

Autumnal Equinox in the Northern Hemisphere, Tuesday, Sept. 22: Sunrise at 7:34 a.m., sunset at 7:45 p.m.



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"All in a spin" star trails taken in Atacama Desert



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Diagram depicting the shifting view of constellations as we orbit the sun.

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Days: Thursdays

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Location: Seafoam Studio, Daajing Giids

Instructor: Meghan Cross

Cost:

- **Round 1 Registration:** \$90
- **Round 2 Registration:** \$105
- **Drop-in:** \$17 per class



Drop-in is available with cash or online payment only. Props are available at the studio, or feel free to bring your own!

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- **Round 2:**

Days: Tuesdays

Time: 6:00 – 7:00 PM

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Instructor: Shelley Sansome

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Show & Shine honours went to Ernie Bellamy for Top Sports Car, Megan Nickel for Top Hot Rod, and Payten Froude for Top Truck.

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Owen Ismay won the 2026 Willow’s Open Golf Tournament, played Aug. 22 and 23, shooting rounds of 83 and 84 for a two-day gross score of 167 to claim the championship. The tournament was played in a stroke play format.



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VILLAGE OF MASSET
2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AS FOLLOWS:
NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Nominations for the offices of:

Mayor 1 to be elected
Councillor 4 to be elected

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service: 1686 Main St. Box 68 Masset, BC V0T 1M0	From 9:00 am September 1, 2026 To 4:00 pm September 11, 2026
By fax to: 250 626-3968 By email to: diana.grosse@masset.ca	From 9:00 am September 1, 2026 To 4:00 pm September 11, 2026

Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations including nomination forms at the Village office beginning August 6, 2026.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day [insert date of general voting day];
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months (date) immediately before the day nomination papers are filed [insert date] and
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the [year] general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor	\$12,323.78
Councillor	\$6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following third party advertising limits apply:

Third party advertising limit - \$924.28
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For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact:
Diana Grosse, Chief Election Officer 250 626-3995

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:

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LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Beginning September 1, 2026 until the close of general voting for the election on October 17, 2026, a copy of the list of registered electors will be available for public inspection, at the Village of Daajing Giids Municipal office at 903A Oceanview Drive, Daajing Giids, during regular office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 am to noon, 1:00pm to 4:30pm, excluding statutory holidays. Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list, make copies, or use the information included in the list except for the purposes of Part 3 – Electors and Elections of the Local Government Act.

REQUEST TO OMIT OR OBSCURE

An elector may request that their address or other personal information about them be omitted from or obscured on the list of electors. The elector must contact the Chief Election Officer or the Deputy Election Officer to make this request.

OBJECTION TO REGISTRATION OF AN ELECTOR

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made in accordance with the Local Government Act until 4:00 pm on September 11, 2026. An objection must be in writing and an objection may only be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the municipality and only on the basis that a person whose name appears on the list of electors has died or is not qualified to register as an elector of the municipality.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION on these matters, the following persons may be contacted:

Carolyn Beaumont, Chief Election Officer at 250 559 4765 office@daajinggiids.ca
Carla Lutner, Deputy Chief Election Officer at 250 559 4765 cao@daajinggiids.ca

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By hand, mail or other delivery service: PO Box 580 903A Oceanview Drive Daajing Giids, BC V0T 1S0 By email to: office@daajinggiids.ca	From 9:00 am Tuesday September 1st To 4:00 pm Friday September 11th
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Interested persons can obtain information on the requirements and procedures for making nominations including nomination forms at the Village of Daajing Giids Municipal Office or www.daajinggiids.ca/election beginning August 25th, 2026.

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8:00 AM Mon - Sun	Non-stop	8:20 AM
8:50 AM Thu ⊕ Dangerous goods only	No passengers permitted - DG Sailing only. Non-stop	9:10 AM
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7:00 PM Mon - Sun	Non-stop	7:20 PM
10:00 PM Mon - Sun	Non-stop	10:20 PM

Graham Island (Skidegate) to Moresby Island (Alliford Bay)



Jun 25 2026 - Sep 07 2026

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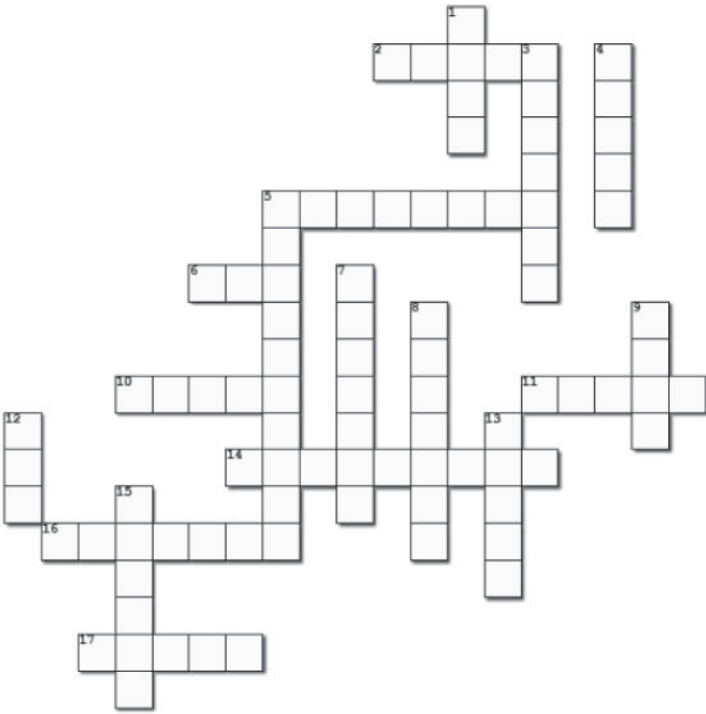
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Willows Open

Complete the crossword puzzle below



Across

2. Where your ball goes when the fairway had other plans
5. Haida Gwaii community that is home to the course
6. The score a golfer is expected to make on a hole
10. A long opening shot, hopefully in the right direction
11. One stroke over par
14. Where golfers can grab a meal after their round
16. The strip of grass you hope your drive actually finds
17. Style of oceanside golf played at the Willows

Down

1. The shot that looks easy until everyone is watching
3. Retreat where golfers can stay, eat and play in Sandspit
4. Where the flag and hole are found
5. Competition format used for the Willow's Open
7. Island where you'll find the Willows Golf Course
8. Historic Sandspit course whose namesake Open continues its tournament tradition
9. First name of the 2026 Willow's Open champion
12. Where every hole begins
13. Family name added to the trophy once again
15. One stroke under par

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DAAJING GIIDS

Walking Group (All Ages)

Community Hall

10 a.m. - Noon

Taoist Tai Chi

Community Hall

Wed, 5 p.m. Sat 10 a.m.

Drop-in Pickleball

GKN School Gym

Mon 6-8 p.m. Tues 8-10 p.m.

Drop-in Badminton

GKN School Gym

Wed, 8-10 p.m.

Total Body Conditioning

GKN School Gym

Wed, 6-7 p.m.

Comfort & Tea Drop-In Group

Island Wellness Society

Thursdays, 3-4:30 p.m.

Playgroup

DG Child Centre (Yellow Door at the Community Hall)

Fridays, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Seniors' Social Gathering

Seniors Room (next to VIRL)

Wednesdays, 2-4 p.m.

Art Jam.

Monday's except holidays

Seafoam Studio from 7:30-9p.m. \$5 per person. Everyone welcome.

Bring a project to work on.

PORT CLEMENTS

Soccer (ongoing)

Port Clements Fields

Sundays at 1 p.m.

Karaoke Nights (ongoing)

Axe and Anchor Pub

Fridays at 9 p.m.

Got an Event?

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SANDSPIT

Badminton (Grade 5+) (ongoing)

ALM School Gym

Sundays 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Wild Harvest Festival

Oct 10-11

MASSET

CCR Playground Playgroup

(ongoing)

1648 Orr St.

Tuesdays 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Harm Reduction Lunch

(ongoing)

Wellness House

Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Iyengar Yoga with Jenn Masse

Playhouse

Mondays, 5:15 to 6:45 p.m.

Agate Man Marathon

September 5

SKIDEGATE

Haida Gwaii Elders Gathering

149 Front St.

Tues and Thurs, 1 to 3 p.m.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

Big Book Meeting (AA)

Mondays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Skidegate United Church

Wellness Wednesdays

Wed, 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daaing Giids Firehall

AA Meeting

Thursdays, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Alder House, Daaing Giids

AA Meeting

Saturdays, 8 to 9:30 p.m.

Skidegate United Church

AA Meeting

Wednesdays, 8 to 9:30 p.m.

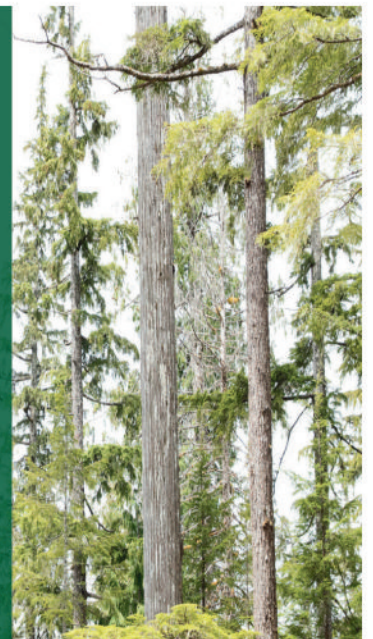
Masset Soup Kitchen

REVIEW AND COMMENT

Haida Gwaii Licensees are seeking comments from the public on proposed Operations for all tenures across Haida Gwaii from August 27th, 2026 to September 26th, 2026. In accordance with Section 15.1 of the Forest and Range Practices Act, we are requesting your comments on proposed developments for 2026/2027/2028.

The Forest Operations Maps is available for review and comment at:

- Forest Operations Map website Forest Operations Map (gov.bc.ca)
<https://fom.nrs.gov.bc.ca/public/projects>
- Ministry of Forest Office - 1229 Oceanview Drive, Daaing Giids (computer access to review/comment via Forest Operations Map portal)
- At Licensees office as detailed below



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Office hours Monday to Friday: 9am - 5am

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Haida Gwaii Farmers' Markets

Masset Market
Friday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Daaing Giids Farmers' Market
Saturday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tlell Farmers' Market
Sunday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

♈ ARIES (March 21st - April 20th)

Do your best to get essential chores out of the way so that you can concentrate on doing things which you really want to do. Romance. A meeting with a long-standing acquaintance will put you in touch with somebody who is strongly attracted to you. When you start to understand this person better your feelings towards them will grow.

♉ TAURUS (April 21st - May 21st)

Recent stress could be having an effect on your health. You have been doing a lot recently and need to take it easy, especially towards the end of the week. Romance. A person from overseas may soon be coming into your life. You will need to adjust your values a little in order to get on with this new friend.

♊ GEMINI (May 22nd - June 21st)

A favourable aspect to Jupiter will help to make this a lucky period for you. After two or three unexpected breaks you may feel that your luck cannot last. Don't worry: so long as you don't take any crazy risks you are unlikely to go far wrong. Romance. A small but significant improvement in your love-life is just around the corner.

♋ CANCER (June 22nd - July 23rd)

A misunderstanding will turn into a major row if you are not careful. Be especially careful later in the week, when a difficult aspect to Mercury could cause problems with communication. Romance. An unkind comment by your partner may have contributed to your worries. Find out what's behind this before you get upset.

♌ LEO (July 24th - August 23rd)

A suggestion given to you by your co-workers will prove useful later in the week. If you put all your energy into this idea you will be rewarded many times over. Romance. Your love-life may be quite subdued over the next few days. This is not the best time to make changes in your relationship.

♍ VIRGO (August 24th - September 23rd)

A challenging aspect to Saturn could make things a little heavy-going at times. However your determination will be enough to see you through: you are not someone who gives up easily. Romance. A sudden change in your relationship may be worrying at first. You will soon see how much it makes sense!

♎ LIBRA (September 24th - October 23rd)

A favourable aspect to Mars will give you the energy you need to follow through with a meeting which could potentially be quite embarrassing. Don't be shy about asking for what you want and sticking to your guns. Romance. You will reach a situation you have been dreaming about much more quickly than you expect.

♏ SCORPIO (October 24th - November 22nd)

Comments from friends who are negative won't help you. You don't want your positive energy to be suffocated by people who have much less initiative themselves. Romance. A favourable aspect to Venus around the middle of the week will help to draw you closer together. Use this opportunity to make up for lost time.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (November 23rd-December 21st)

Energy spent improving your relationship with a key colleague will pay off. This person will help you in the future so long as you treat them properly and give them the respect they feel they deserve. Romance. A comment from a stranger will lead to an interesting encounter with this person later in the week.

♑ CAPRICORN (December 22nd - January 20th)

A meeting later in the week will help you to find out what has really been going on behind your back. Romance. You will be surprised when someone that you were introduced to several weeks ago wants to get in touch with you. This person obviously hasn't forgotten you!

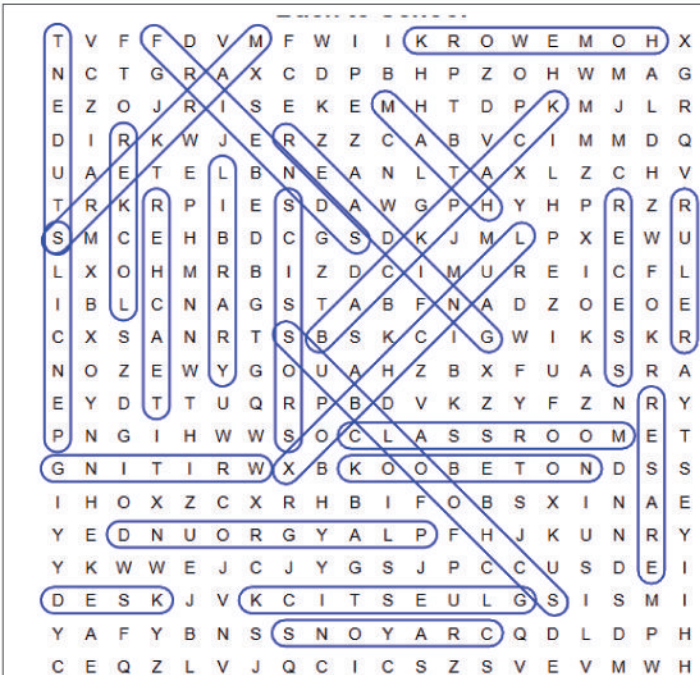
♒ AQUARIUS (January 21st - February 19th)

A comment from a close friend will change your relationship with this person. You must take everything on board and not pretend that the incident hasn't happened. Romance. An admirer who respects you will give you a sign of how much they care about you. This person is genuine, and you should take them seriously.

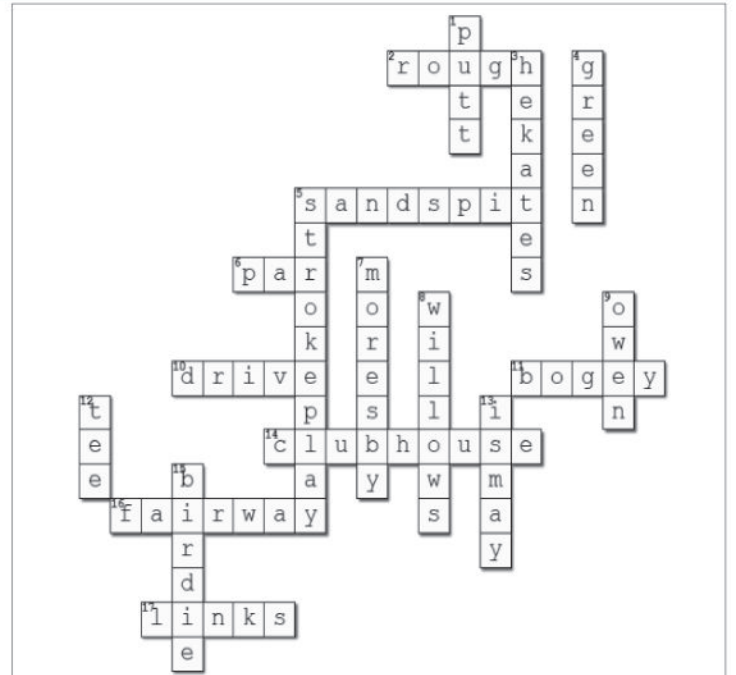
♓ PISCES (February 20th - March 20th)

A quiet chat with a co-worker will give you an important insight into the way this person really feels about you. It may not be quite as negative as you have been thinking! Romance. This should be a very rewarding time, both for you and your partner. A series of powerful aspects to Mercury at the beginning of the week will help you to communicate well.

GAMES ANSWERS



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OCTOBER 17, 2026**

Nominations for the office of five (5) Trustees for a 4 year term:

Area	Trustee Electoral Area	Trustees
Area 1	Old Massett: including Gaw Tlagée and Tlaagá Gáwatlaas	One
Area 2	North: including the Village of Masset and Taaw Tldáaw	One
Area 3	Central: including Gamadiis (Village of Port Clements), Tllaal and Lawn Hill	One
Area 4	HlGaagilda (Skidegate)	One
Area 5	South: including the Village of Daajing Giids, Miller Creek, and Gwaii Haanas	One

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Nomination documents are available at the Haida Gwaii School District Board Office, 107 Third Avenue, Daajing Giids, BC V0T 1S0, or online at www.sd50.bc.ca.

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