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Friends,

I hope you are having a fantastic summer! While the summer months mean things have been a little quiet on Saanich Council, my re-election campaign is in full swing. Check out these recent articles in [The Martlet](#) and [Saanich News](#) about my campaign launch, and don't forget [this excellent piece](#) on the Student Youth Council, also in the Martlet. You can learn more about the youth council pilot project [here](#).

With just over a month until the election formally begins, we are building up our campaign infrastructure, and we need your help!

We have a wonderful new leaflet design that introduces people to my platform, has all the voting dates, and information about how to get in touch with me, and we want to get it into the hands of tens of thousands of people in Saanich.

Here is where we need your help. It costs about .40 cents to print and mail one leaflet. Which doesn't sound like a lot, but when you do it tens of thousands of times, it adds up!

Can you make a donation to help introduce me to your neighbours?

Any amount helps. Here's the math:

- \$100 means 250 leaflets, reaching a significant part of your neighbourhood

- \$250 means 625 leaflets, and we can reach your whole neighbourhood
- \$400 means 1,000 leaflets, reaching quite a significant part of your community
- \$1000 means 2,500 leaflets, and with that we can reach a whole community

Make your donation today, so we are ready to hit the ground running when the election comes around in September!

Whatever amount you choose, thank you. It's going to help us get that much closer to our goal.



Calling all apartment and condo building dwellers in Saanich!

Over the summer I've been working hard to speak with as many Saanich residents as possible. It's so important to connect with people who have different perspectives, but one of the biggest challenges with canvassing is reaching people who live in apartment and condo buildings.

Many buildings require a resident to buzz visitors in, making it a little more difficult for myself and volunteers to connect with neighbours. As a result, residents have fewer opportunities to speak with election candidates.

If you live in an apartment or condo building and would be willing to help, we'd love to hear from you. On our [volunteer form](#), choose **"Building Ambassador"** and make sure to include your buzzer number in the notes.

When we're canvassing your area, we'll give you a heads-up and buzz you once to let us in. And of course you would be welcome to join in on the canvassing for your building if you're interested! 😊



Help us estimate our sign needs

We have a big stack of election signs in our storage space, just waiting to make their quadrennial trek out into the world.

If you'd like to host one of these intrepid signs on your lawn, now is the time to let us know, so we can be sure to have enough for everyone who wants one.

But what if I don't have a lawn you ask? For our fellow friends in apartment and condo buildings, we will have 11x17 cardstock signs you can post in your window or on your balcony as desired. You'll be able to pick these up when signs are ready to go out in September, and you don't need to worry about returning it. If you'd like one, please let us know now, so we can order enough for all.

You can get on the list for [either type of sign here](#).



Primary Care in Saanich 🩺

The [Family Doctors for Saanich](#) campaign has been out in force at [Music in the Park](#) events all summer. We've been running our [Health Connect Registry](#) registration drive working, circulating a petition supporting team based care, and running fun children's activities and crafts. Look for our bright pink tent at community events this summer and beyond, and please [sign up to get involved](#) and get campaign updates!



There's one more thing you can do to help support primary care in the region. Our friends from the South Island and Victoria Primary Care Networks Community Advisory Groups asked us to help circulate [this survey](#). The survey asks about your experiences with family doctors, nurse practitioners, and care teams matter, and your responses can help improve how care is delivered in our community. Primary health care is your day-to-day care from a family doctor, nurse practitioner, or their team. They treat common issues, support your overall health, and connect you to other services when needed—like counselling, specialists, or surgery.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete, and participants will be invited to enter a draw to win a \$50 gift card (to Tim Horton's or Real Canadian Superstore) at the end of the survey.

**HELP SHAPE THE
FUTURE OF PRIMARY
HEALTH CARE IN
VICTORIA & THE
SOUTH ISLAND**

**Take a 15-minute survey to share your experiences with
primary health care teams in Greater Victoria**

**Use the link or QR code below to
complete the survey:**

<https://surveys.reichertandassociates.ca/f/r/VicSI-CitizenSurvey-v2>



Saanich Events

- **Flavour Trails 20th Anniversary Festival** - Celebrate 20 years of local food and agriculture, and explore the experiences offered by our partners across the Saanich Peninsula. Our classic Festival Weekend is now part of a summer-long 'Season of Flavour' filled with fun events led by our partners! The festival runs from August 15 to August 16th, and you can [learn more here](#).
- **Saanich Fair** - September 5 to 7, 2026! Since 1868, the Saanich Fairgrounds has brought together families, farmers, and community on the beautiful Saanich Peninsula. [Learn](#)

[more here.](#)

- **Autumn Lantern Festival** - A de-light-ful fall tradition held on September 12, 2026 (5:00 pm - 8:30 pm) in Lambrick Park. Bring your own lantern, or make one at the event! For \$5, you'll get a kit with everything you need to make your own festive lantern. Purchase your kit at the Gordon Head Recreation reception desk and assemble it in our lantern workshop space inside the rec centre. Staff and volunteers will be on-hand to help. [Learn more here.](#)
- **Other Summer Events** - You can find more exciting summer events hosted by the District of Saanich [here.](#)



Saanich Updates

Now typically, I would include information about recent council decisions and upcoming engagements here, however, Council has been meeting less regularly over the past month, and there is a little less to report. I did want to let folks know some good news.

This month, Saanich's asset management program received \$600,000 from Government of Canada's Canada Build Communities Strong Fund, which will help us expand and integrate our asset management program. The grant funding will support the purchase and implementation of a new, modern, digital software system that centralizes asset data, integrates technical and financial information, and supports information sharing and reporting. Asset management software modernization will increase productivity and operational efficiency to support service delivery using more than \$6B worth of built and natural assets and increase the return on the community's investment. You can [learn more here.](#)

Little Free Libraries



One of our region's newest little free libraries, built into a model of the Queen Mary and located at Ogden Point.

The deadline to nominate your favourite local little free library for the Second Annual Greater Victoria Little Free Library Awards is today! We extended the deadline until midnight, so this is your last chance. Please nominate your favourite LFLs across any of the ten categories (below). You can of course nominate your own LFLs. Members of the public will then be invited to vote on their favourites between August 12th until September 8th at 10 pm. Winners will be announced at a community event on September 13th, with more details to follow.

[Nominate your favourite LFL here!](#)

Prize Categories this year are:

- Best Plant/Seed LFL
- Best Puzzle/board game LFL
- Most Verdant Green Roof
- Best Children's LFL
- Most Creative LFL
- Best LFL with a Fish On It
- Best LFL That Looks Like Another Thing
- Best LFL built from Upcycled/Reused Materials
- Best Gulf Islands LFL
- Coral Reef LFL – Best Associated Placemaking Element(s)

Learn more from this [GVPN blog post](#), [Victoria Buzz](#), [CHEK News](#), [Nexo Radar](#), [Times Colonist](#), and [Victoria News](#).

Our region also celebrated a new and marvelous LFL modeled after the Queen Mary Ship. Built by Jeff Apolinario, this amazing LFL took the region by storm this month after it was installed near Ogden Point. Learn more from these articles in the [Victoria News](#) and [CTV News](#),

Reproductive Justice Advocacy



AccessBC team has been hard at work fighting to see the national pharmacare plan implemented across Canada and improving pain management for IUD insertions here in BC. We are currently putting the finishing touches on our new briefing paper, which underpins our '[Not Just A Pinch](#)' campaign aimed at improving pain management for IUD insertions. I can't wait to share this with you shortly.

And if you haven't had a chance to participate in our pain management letter writing campaign, please take a second to [write your MLA](#), the Minister of Health, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity today!

Marine Conservation



My work investigating crime in sea cucumber fisheries was recently covered in an [article in Mongabay](#). The piece explores marine wildlife crime in Australia, and focuses on illegal activity targeting sea cucumbers in remote reefs and the governments efforts to crack down on this

activity. Y para mis amigos de habla hispana, pueden leer el mismo [artículo aquí](#). My research with OceansAsia investigating sea cucumber crime is ongoing and our amazing volunteer research team is currently conducting a global review of the phenomenon to better identify potential hotspots and trends.

Thank you again to everyone who was able to attend my re-election campaign launch and if you can, [please donate](#) to support the campaign!

Warm regards,



Dr. Teale Phelps Bondaroff

P.S. - If you have Saanich friends and neighbours who might like to receive these newsletter, do please share [this link](#) with them.



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