

# Public Notice

**\*\*\*\*For Immediate Release\*\*\*\***

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### **Gabriola Co-op Radio First Public Meeting a Huge Success**

by Ken Zakreski

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The meeting opened with an introduction of the stakeholders and a warm round of applause for those attending. Many reasons for attending were spoken, but all had a common goal, "Gabriola should have a community radio station to effectively share its unique culture in Canada".

Discussion was lively and after about 30 minutes into the meeting it was decided to go on with the planned agenda. The presentation included:

- identification of potential tx (transmitter) sites
- terms offered by tx tower operators (no rent, must pay for power and leasehold improvements)
- statement of coverage objectives
- zoning requirements (studio not allowed in a park or reserve)
- permission to have the CRTC application in the Gabriola Branch Library for public viewing
- offer by the Gabriola Emergency Coordinator to use their proposed 5 watt tx
- email Report from Industry Canada Spectrum Management Officer
- handwritten Report from CRTC Senior Regional Officer

It was agreed that the CRTC Senior Regional Director should be invited to attend a meeting.

Coverage objectives are, "to establish an ongoing community radio station, that can broadcast during an extended period of declared emergency, to the region under the authority of the Gabriola Provincial Emergency Coordinator and additionally Cedar, Yellowpoint and Nanaimo. This region would include the Islands in the immediate vicinity of - Valdes, Gabriola, Mudge, Link, DeCoursey, Pylades, Ruxton, Tugboat and the communities of Cedar, Yellowpoint and Nanaimo."

The following action plan was presented:

#### **Action Plan - Internal Activity**

- Design and construct Studio One - centrally located on Gabriola providing live and recorded programming for broadcast on CHLY and other non-commercial radio stations.
- Complete Application for a new FM undertaking with broadcasting facilities on Gabriola Island.
- Attend CRTC hearing, if required.
- Construct transmitter facilities on Gabriola Island and broadcast.
- Construct Studio Two - to provide broadcast support for Studio One and the FM undertaking.
- Participate under station agreements to provide and share programming with interested operating stations across the Georgia Straight region.

The action plan was well received by the assembled group.

The group will operate as a club with no affiliation at this time. It was agreed that we should seek partnerships with other local society's to assist with our development. Interested groups should contact Ken Zakreski at 247-9891.

It was agreed that membership fees will be waived until a society is formed. Membership forms were distributed and completed. Voting and Director positions were discussed. No member may vote for a director unless they are a station volunteer in good standing with six months experience. No member may run for a director position unless they are a volunteer in good standing for atleast twelve months.

Kathy Ramsey offered a mailing address for the Radio Co-op. Our current mailing address is #9 - 575 North Road, Gabriola Island, BC V0R 1X0. We are now seeking donations of a cool drop off mail box to locate in the ArtWorks. Interested artists should contact Douglas Enquist at 247-7416.

The discussion that followed was primarily concerned with fund raising. Fund raising will start with personal inquiries to known community supporters. It was agreed, by consensus, that the public funding drive should include a goal of the entire budgeted amount for the start up of the community station. A funding committee was struck. Our immediate goal is to raise \$1,500 for an Industry Canada brief for our intended coverage area. Donations from the meeting totalled \$192.00; a very nice start.

Public meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday of the month. The next public meeting for the Gabriola Co-op Radio will be May 7th at 7pm at the Gabriola ArtWorks. Proposed items for the agenda should be emailed to Ken Zakreski c/o gabriolaradio@shaw.ca before noon May 4th, 2002.

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**FIRST PUBLIC MEETING**

**TUESDAY APRIL 9  
GABRIOLA ARTWORKS  
(IN FOLK LIFE VILLAGE)**

**7:00 P.M.**

**COME AND SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR GABRIOLA'S OWN  
FM RADIO STATION**

**YES, THE CHOCOLATE BAR WILL BE OPEN FOR THIS EVENT**

*Handbill copy of poster  
C. March 25/02*

10 *The Gabriola Sounder*, March 28th, 2002

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*The Gabriola Sounder*

## CHAMBER COMMENTS

Your Chamber of Commerce held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Haven, with Nigel Hart, our very own web master, as guest speaker. Nigel introduced us to the intricacies of web design and how the Chamber's new and improved web site will look. If Chamber members have a desire to see a particular type of page on the site - e.g. boating, fishing, B&B, artists etc. - just sign up as a volunteer with Nigel. You keep him updated as to changes on the page. He'll do the work, and make sure you and your business get the credit. What a deal!

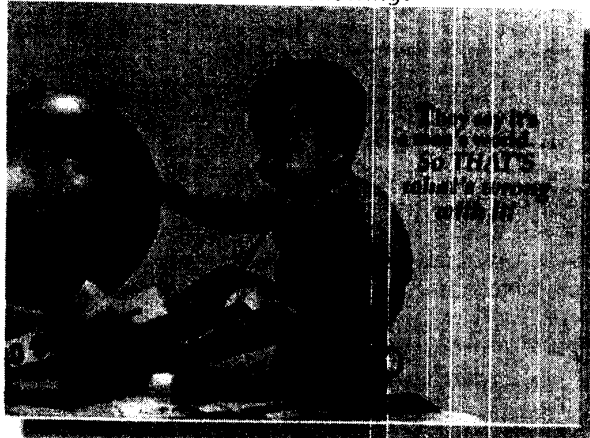
New faces were welcomed:

Bruce Mason from the Sounder. (I tried to have him take over the role of writing this column but he was having none of it.) Octavia Altemueller of O.D.A. Ventures. Octavia markets environmental technologies for the home/small business's air, water, and energy quality. Something about contraptions on the roof as a power source. Call Octavia - she'll fill you in on all the details.

President Hugh kept the small but relatively well-behaved mob under control. Kathy Ramsey gave an update on the progress of our fledgling Gabriola co-op radio station - looks as though with much enthusiasm and energy we will have lift'off sometime soon.

The meeting after the meeting (MAM) was well attended and the writer picked up all kinds of possible blackmail material to be used at a later date. Dorothy accused the writer of blushing, Marianne regaled us with stories of times gone by, Linda discussed the merits of a glass of wine at a local drinking hole, Frank chewed Bruce's ear off, the President disappeared claiming better things to do, and yours truly was finally dragged away by the man who stated it was way past his bedtime.

Thought for the month: After reading and despairing over recent news reports, a male client sent me the following:



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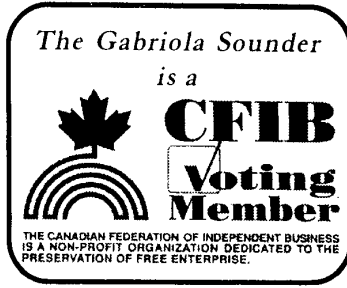
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7412.

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Agi Hall booking	247-2049	Recycling Depot	247-9257
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## GABRIOLA FERRY SCHEDULE

SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 2st, 2002

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\*Sat. DC (Dangerous Cargo) These Saturday sailings will be replaced by dangerous cargo sailings. No passengers.

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## Island News in Brief

**T**he Haven ~ Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 for 7 pm. September general meeting of Gabriola Chamber of Commerce. Fee: \$3 each. Cash bar with sandwiches & desserts. Guest speaker: Ken Zakreski on Radio Gabriola. RSVP Jean Sproule 247-9060 by Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup>. First meeting of a brand new program season.

*The Gabriola Sounder, October 17th, 2002 17*

## Co-op radio fundraiser

The friends of Gabriola Co-Op Radio are pleased to announce our first fundraising concert Friday October 25th at the community hall (downstairs). The lineup will consist of three up and coming new bands living on Gabriola.

The Sun Dogs will kick things off with their rootsy rocking sound. Then Flames of Fire, featuring Rick Super on vocals - these guys play a great mix of grooving '60s rock, psychedelia and punk rock. Intelligent Death will round out the evening with some industrial electronics. Both Flames of Fire and Intelligent Death have performed off the island but this will be their Gabriola debut.

Admission will be around \$5 with all proceeds donated to Gabriola Co-Op Radio. Check next week's *Sounder* for more info.

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for public performance  
8020 - angle.

# CO-OP RADIO

CFRO TO CO-HOST NATIONAL RADIO CONFERENCE

## Community radio challenges corporate media control

In an era when giant national and multinational corporations completely dominate the media, the expansion of community-based radio underlies the need and desire for more locally-based media. This November, Co-op Radio will be one of the hosts of a B.C. regional conference of the National Campus and Community Radio Association (NCRA). The NCRA is a national association of organizations and individuals committed to volunteer-based, community-oriented radio broadcasting. And this upcoming conference reflects the growth of community and campus radio in recent years.

Co-op Radio and the stations at the University of BC (CITR) and the University of Victoria (CFUV) have been on the air for a long time. Recently, we have welcomed the bursting onto the airwaves of Kootenay Co-op Radio (CJLY in Nelson), CJSF (at Simon Fraser University), CFUR (at the University of Northern BC in Prince George), and campus stations in Nanaimo, Kamloops and Kelowna. Also, low power stations are on the air — or soon to be on the air — in a variety of other locations such as Lillooet, Powell River, Hornby Island, and Gabriola Island.

The idea of the conference this November is to bring together as many community and campus stations as possible — including those that aren't actually on the air yet. By getting together, we can share experiences and information and discuss what we are all really trying to do. Of course, all NCRA stations are not the same. Some are more focussed on music programming, others are more into public affairs and politics. But, what all of our stations have in common is the desire to be progressive, alternative and community-oriented. We are not afraid to be controversial (indeed we at Co-op Radio consider it our explicit mandate to challenge the conventional). We recognize that mainstream

media is mainly about making profits and supporting the status quo. Community radio is non-profit, volunteer-operated, driven by activists and artists, and challenges the status quo. Our programs are done by people who love doing radio and appreciate the importance of a community-based voice on the airwaves.

In a time of corporate globalization and total domination of commercial media, where owners call the shots and hire journalists on the basis of political allegiance, a radical alternative is a necessity. In response to this, the community radio sector has emerged and flourished in many parts of the world. In our corner of the planet, the community/campus stations provide us with a critical and ear-grabbing source on information and entertainment not available anywhere else.

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## Gabriola Co-Op Radio

**JEREMY NUTTALL,**  
*Gabriola Sounder*

Organizers of Gabriola Co-Op radio have decided the station's transmission tower will be on Gabriola and not on Mount Benson. Station developer Ken Zakreski says the decision was not immediate but it was the most viable.

"We wrestled with it," he says.

But Zakreski says after careful consideration it appeared better to keep the tower on Gabriola.

"It makes sense for two reasons," says Zakreski. "We can maintain it (tower) locally, and we can have access to it in an extended power outage."

Mount Benson was the only tower most likely to offer complete coverage all over Gabriola. But in the event of a problem with the tower, its difficult access would hamper speedy repair. Zakreski says the situation of poor coverage may only be temporary.

"The engineers could work

out a configuration that could give us complete coverage."

Now the dilemma is deciding on which transmission tower to use. One option is the Telus tower near the golf course, the other is the Circom tower off of Coats Road.

"Both sites have equal merit," says Zakreski. "It will be up to the engineer to decide which one would be better from an engineering perspective."

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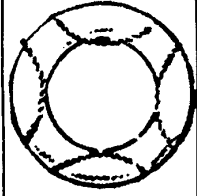
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