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## Greetings from your President!

*Sharing some thoughts....*

### Sandra Cunningham

This is my swan song as your president. Thank you all very much for your continuing support of this awesome organization. Over the years I have come to appreciate CFUW more and more. When I first joined, I, like many of you, was attracted to the Club as a place to meet, if not totally like-minded woman, then at least intelligent woman who enjoyed life on the Sunshine Coast. I soon became enamoured with the causes our Club and those across Canada embrace and when it became evident we were the only non-partisan voice for woman in Canada I was hooked.

I am passing the gavel over to Stephanie Lomax and I know you will support her as you have me for the next year. We have a great Board to present to you at the AGM but there is always room for more so if you are so moved we still need an Assistant for Communications and an Assistant Secretary and I would love to mentor someone to take on the newsletter – it's never too late to get involved and it is fun - honest!

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## May Meeting – AGM

### May 26 AGM and the Great Canadian Quiz

Dorothy has prepared another mind twisting test to challenge our knowledge of our own country! She will be quizzing us after our AGM in May so consider yourself forewarned!

**There will be prizes!**

## April Meeting Review

### Water, Water Everywhere...

Dan Bouman, Executive Director of the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association, shared the history of the watershed and forestry practices at the April meeting. The take-away message possibly is that we can't believe all we read and hear. When asked about the confrontational approach taken by several of the supporters of the watershed rallies, demonstrations and meetings, Dan explained that the people are acting out of a sense of fear and powerlessness. He encourages the SCCA members to show respect for elected officials, explaining that it is easier to get their information across if not delivered in a combative way.



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**Mark your calendars for June 23! We normally do not have a regular meeting in June but this year we will. THIS IS A BROWN BAG LUNCH;** coffee and tea provided. **Meet the new Board, review the 2008- 2009 Budget and join in some fun party games!**

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Last month we had an interesting presentation from Dan Bouman, Executive Director of the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association; you might remember him as one of our guest speakers at the *Water, Water Everywhere* forum a couple of years ago. I am slow to learn that there are always two sides to any issue. I have attached a document written by Brian Carson, the specialist who advised on the effects of logging in the Chapman Creek watershed. I always believe there are two sides to everything and when we have someone speak on a controversial topic we should always consider all the information. It is a bit long, but very interesting and I encourage you all to open your minds and hear what Brian has to say.

We are sending out the 2008-9 membership application now in hopes you will complete it and attach a post-dated cheque and bring it to the meeting or send it in. Many of us go away in September/October and so memberships often don't get processed until late in the year. This causes some stress and concern as our budget is prepared with an assumption of the number of members in mind. This will also reduce the workload in September so thank you some much for helping us out!

And now onto more fun things! Our June lunch tickets are selling well. Some have complained about the Flower Power theme. Really it was an attempt to change things up so wear whatever you are comfortable wearing – I know I always do!

We have decided to make the June General Meeting lunch a brown bag affair. We don't know how many will come so this way we have no pressure to get people signed up to bring food. Coffee and tea will be provided.

I hope you have been studying for the May Great Canadian Quiz – diabolical Dorothy has been hard at it!

Once again – thank you all for your support and encouragement!



See you at the meeting! **Sandy**

## Membership - Lynda Hind

Many of our members are away the first few months of the next Club year so we would appreciate it if you can send your membership application with a post dated cheque. It puts a great deal of burden on the Board when we try to estimate the budget and make plans when we don't know for sure how many members will eventually sign up. Look for the application form in your in-basket soon or call me at xxx-xxx. Many thanks!

If you know of any member who needs a note of encouragement or congratulations, please contact Linda Princic and she will send a **Sunshine & Showers** card. xx [xx@xx.com](mailto:xx@xx.com)

Linda has agreed to be on the 2008-9 Board so we would like to find a new Sunshine & Showers coordinator – would you consider volunteering?

To CFUW members:

I was very pleased to receive the card from Linda Princic on behalf of CFUW membership and thank you for the good wishes and expression of support sent at the time of my husband's surgery. He had the operation on April 2 and was in the OR for more than 8 hours but, as he said, he slept through it all and can't remember a thing! They kept him in hospital for 2 weeks but we're both home now and it looks as if he is slowly and gradually recovering.

Thanks again for your support,

**Rosemarie Blenkinsop**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2007-2008 Program  
Meetings

CFUW Sunshine Coast meets at **11:00** a.m. on the  
4th Monday of the month at:

**St. John's United Church**  
**Davis Bay Road, Sechelt**

Each monthly meeting includes a business meeting,  
a buffet lunch, as well as a program.

**June 16– 11:30am: Summer Luncheon –**  
Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club – tickets \$20 -  
**guests welcome!**

**June 23 Meet the new Board, review the 2008-  
2009 Budget and join in some fun party games!**  
**Raffles, door prizes, goodies!! Brown Bag lunch;**  
**coffee & tea provided**

### UBC Survey

Thank you to the 13 women who completed the  
survey and donated their fee to the Bursary Society  
resulting in \$130 being given. Hey, every little bit  
helps!

### BOOK SALE RESULTS

Thank you to the #2Book Club and Bursary Society  
for organizing the book sale. Over \$360 was  
donated to the Bursary Society.

A huge thank you to Carol Tiessen for coordinating;  
Gillian Smith for her help; Betty Pembroke for being  
the cashier and Kate Webb for taking all the left-over  
books (truly a garage full) to hold for the Roberts  
Creek Library Book Sale in August. You are a life  
saver!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

### Suncoast Singers Choir "Spring Song"

**concerts:** Several of our CFUW members -- Judy  
Hopkinson, Pat Lilly, Stephanie Lomax, Norma  
Mercer, Joan Park and former member, Fern  
Walker, sing in the 45 voice Suncoast Singers  
Choir. They will present their Spring Song concerts  
on **Friday May 23, 7:30** and **Sunday May 25, 2:30**  
at **St. Hilda's Church** in Sechelt. Tickets are  
\$12.00 and can be purchased from these members.  
The concert will appeal to every musical "taste"--  
Broadway, classical, popular and folk. Solos,  
ensembles and special guests, the Tuesday  
Chamber Players, will enhance these  
performances. More details at  
[www.suncoastsingers.ca](http://www.suncoastsingers.ca)

**Pender Harbour Choir** celebrates their 35th  
anniversary with "Music Sampler" Concerts:  
Saturday, May 31 Living Faith Lutheran Church  
Davis Bay @ 7:00 pm, Sunday June 1 Pender  
Harbour School of Music, Madeira Park @ 2:00 pm  
Tickets \$12 Madeira Park: Harbour Insurance;  
Sechelt: La Cabana; Upper Gibsons: Sew Much  
More; Lower Gibsons: Gaia's

**Eldercollege** is offering a free public lecture on  
Saturday, May 31st from 2 to 4 pm at the Sechelt  
Seniors' Activity Centre. Mark Forsythe and Greg  
Dickson, well-known broadcasters of CBC Radio's  
BC Almanac, will present an illustrated talk "The  
Trail of 1858".

**Daphne Bramham**, writer of the book about  
Bountiful "Secret Lives of Saints" will read at the Art  
Centre in Sechelt on Saturday, May 31st sponsored  
by Quintessential writers, a group of women  
authors. Not sure of the time so keep your eyes  
open for posters.

**June 16<sup>th</sup> Garden Party** – at the Sunshine Coast  
Golf & Country Club in Roberts Creek featuring a  
delicious buffet lunch and entertainment by the  
Jazz Singers. Tickets \$20 on sale at the May lunch  
meeting. There will be prizes!

**VIVEZA** (a chamber music ensemble) will perform  
on **June 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm**. This is a Bursary  
fundraiser; cost per ticket will be \$25 and additional  
donations will receive a tax receipt. **Many thanks**  
**to Joan Park and Isobel Gibson for the**  
**donation.**

### **BC Council**

At the recent AGM of the CFUW BC Council, held at Prince George ( May 2,3, 4, 2008) the delegates voted in favour of two Resolutions " Violence Prevention of School-Based programs- 2008" as submitted, and, with friendly amendments ( changes which did not change the intent) to the Resolution " Fair opportunities For Women and Children in Polygamous Communities". Both of these Resolutions are now policy of CFUW BC Council.

#### **Action Plan for Adopted Resolution. Fair Opportunities for Women and Children in Polygamous Communities**

**Club Name: BC Legislation Committee Contact Person: Rosemary Zelinka 604 -536-1639**  
[rzealinka@shaw.ca](mailto:rzealinka@shaw.ca)

##### **A. CFUW BC Council Executive**

1. Send letters to the Attorney General and the Ministers of Education and Child and Family Services requesting a meeting to discuss the enclosed recently adopted BC Council policy.
2. Send a letter to the Leader of the Opposition to inform her of the recently adopted BC Council policy.
3. Explore options of working with other groups that share common objectives regarding the women and children of Bountiful.

##### **B. CFUW BC Clubs**

1. Send letters to local MLAs to inform them of the recently adopted BC Council policy and to ask for their support on the issue. They may also request meetings with their MLAs to further these objectives.

#### **Action Plan for Adopted Resolution: Violence Prevention School-based Programmes**

**Club Name: CFUW Salt Spring Island Contact Person: Linda Counsell 250-537-5838**  
[lindaj\\_counsell@yahoo.ca](mailto:lindaj_counsell@yahoo.ca)

##### **A: CFUW BC Council Executive:**

1. Send a letter to the Minister of Education requesting a meeting to discuss the enclosed recently adopted BC Council policy with a cc. to the Premier of B.C.
2. Send a letter to the Leader of the Opposition to inform her of the recently adopted BC Council policy with a cc. to the Premier of B.C.

##### **B. CFUW BC Clubs:**

1. Send letters to their local MLA.s to inform them of the recently adopted BC Council policy and to ask for their support on the issue.
2. Discuss with local school boards what violence prevention programs are already in place and provide them with information on the Respectful Relationships school based violence prevention program for their consideration.

For information on the Respectful Relationships program please contact Lynda Laushway at [info@swova.org](mailto:info@swova.org) , 390 Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1R7 (250) 537-1336. [www.saltspring.com/swova](http://www.saltspring.com/swova)

**CFUW Sunshine Coast – recommendations to the authors of the resolutions being presented at the National AGM in August:**

**RESOLUTION #1 PSYCHOLOGICAL HARASSMENT IN THE WORKPLACE**

**Amend** clause #1 by striking out the word “prevent” and by inserting the word “prohibit”

The amended clause to read: RESOLVED, That the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the Government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments to enact legislation to prohibit bullying/harassment in the workplace.

**Amend** clause #2 by striking out the words “ensure that all residents of Canada are...” and by inserting the words “educate all Canadian residents to ensure they...”

**The amended clause to read:** RESOLVED, that the Canadian Federation of University Women urge the government of Canada, provincial and territorial governments of Canada to educate all Canadian residents to ensure they are aware of their rights and responsibilities under labour legislation.

**Rationale:** We believe that the new wording clarifies the clauses and makes them stronger. Workers must know their rights so they feel confident to report incidents of bullying/harassment. Government can enact legislation to provide the framework or expectation of employee behaviour but the enforcement is done by the appropriate local authority.

**Note** recorded during our discussion of this resolution: who determines what harassment is

**RESOLUTION #2 PREVENTING HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED INFECTIONS**

**Amend** clause # 3 by striking out #1 "disallow fee-for-service to acute care hospitals, long-term care and continuing care facilities for treating preventable infections acquired in the facility

**The amended clause to read:** RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to require acute-care, long-term and continuing care facilities to provide care for preventable infections acquired in the facility without holding patients responsible for payment.

**Rationale:** Clause#3, #1 seems to be modelled more on the American system rather than the Canadian. We feel that the wording of the revised statement is more in keeping with Canadian health care.

We further suggest that the RESOLVED CLAUSES BE RE-ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

**RESOLVED,** That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to make infection prevention and control programs (IPAC) mandatory in acute care (hospitals), long-term care and continuing care facilities and to provide sustained funding, infrastructure, and human resources so that effective IPACs can be enhanced and maintained in these facilities.

**RESOLVED,** That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to require acute-care, long-term care and continuing care facilities to provide care for preventable infections acquired within the facility without holding patients responsible for payment.

**RESOLVED,** That CFUW urge the Government of Canada and provincial and territorial governments to require all acute care (hospitals), long-term care and continuing care facilities to provide the public with infection rate statistical data.

**Rationale:** The resolution seems to have a more logical flow with the reordering of the clauses.

**RESOLUTION #3 STUDENT DEBT**

It is our position that this resolution should be withdrawn as it is in conflict with existing CFUW policy. The writers quote existing policy in the first sentence of the background information: " In 2003, the Canadian Federation of University Women adopted a policy to remove economic and social barriers to higher education."

While we realize that there is more than one way to interpret this policy, we believe it to mean that no student should be denied a university education because he or she cannot afford it. Further, no capable student should have to put his or her future at risk by beginning a career hopelessly in debt.

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This resolution seems to make the assumption that we should accept that students should pay for higher education rather than having it universally available to all students who qualify. There are many countries throughout the world that have adopted a policy of free post secondary education and the support of higher education funded by tax dollars, grants, donations and other sources.

We believe that this resolution is counterproductive to the 2003 policy. Rather than accepting that qualifying students should go into debt, we should be arguing for universal post secondary education that is available to all who qualify.

Notes recorded during our discussion of this resolution

- a question was raised as to whether or not a resolution should be formulated to support the 2003 CFUW resolution
- some students never repay their loans
- banks now issue and collect on the loans and this has to be costly
- students need help and a loan system is not the way to go
- students need help to repay loans now

#### **#4 CLOSING THE GAP IN ABORIGINAL LIVING STANDARDS**

**Amend the clause by** adding a statement as A) and reordering numbers a) to d) as subsets of the Resolved statements

**amended clause to read:** RESOLVED, That CFUW urge the federal, provincial and territorial governments to honour Crown commitments and to develop balanced, holistic solutions to the severe discrepancies in standards of living of Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal peoples by:

A) implementing the recommendations of the Kelowna Accord with particular attention to:

1. Actively negotiating outstanding land claims;
2. Taking immediate steps in collaboration with Aboriginal organizations with housing expertise to develop and implement a comprehensive 10 year plan to address and remedy the critical shortage of adequate, suitable and affordable housing for Aboriginals on and off reserve;
3. Establishing an Aboriginal education action plan in collaboration with Aboriginal organizations to ensure the graduation rate of Aboriginals in secondary and post-secondary education will be on par with non-Aboriginal Canadians;
4. Providing sustainable funding to First Nations, Métis and Inuit Health Systems and setting targets to reduce infant mortality, suicide, childhood obesity and diabetes.

**Rationale:** The Kelowna Accord seems to us to be an excellent starting point. It was agreed to by all interested parties and must contain much of the information as set out in 1), 2,) 3) and 4). Rather than beginning a new study, this report is the beginning point of implementing change.

Comments made by members during the discussion of this resolution:

- the resolution should also deal with women's issues as a separate topic
- there needs to be accountability
- the funding should be in relation to measurable outcomes
- we are concerned that funding received by Native People might not be directed to the women and children
- other conditions should be mentioned – eg. alcoholism
- How do we offer help to increase high school graduation rates among Aboriginal teens
- there needs to be accountability – hopefully in the Kelowna Accord

For backup material and more about the resolutions and the process please visit the web site:

**[www.cfuw.org](http://www.cfuw.org)**

**A Tempest in a Teapot:  
Watershed Management on the Sunshine Coast**

**By Brian Carson  
July 3, 2007**

**Introduction**

It is with both interest and dismay that I follow the many articles and letters on “Logging in our watersheds”. Interest because of the depth of feeling of Sunshine Coast Citizens on this subject and dismay because it appears that many concerned citizens have been knowingly or unknowingly grossly misled about harvesting timber within watersheds. Most citizens would truly like to better understand the nature of the problem and risks to water quality and timing of flows associated with harvesting within forested watershed in general, and our Chapman Creek in particular. That is my belief and what has led me to submit this essay.

**1. Who am I ?** I am a soil scientist specializing in watershed management. I have spent most of my 35 year career investigating the effects of changes in land use on water quality and timing of flows. I have worked much of the last 15 years on water quality issues in coastal B.C. For six of those years I monitored water quality and flows within the Chapman and Gray Creek Watersheds themselves. I have also worked more than 10 years on watershed management programs in Asia and Africa for a wide range of clients from NGO’s concerned about villager’s irrigation water to bankers worried about sediment infilling of major reservoirs. I have worked for forest companies but I am not “in their pocket” any more than most British Columbians who benefit from forest revenues. I am presently developing a means of evaluating effects of forestry disturbances on water quality for the provincial government. My family and I have made our home on the Sunshine Coast since 1986 and I love this place dearly. I drink local tap water, beer and wine, not necessarily in that order

**2. What is a watershed?** Well, technically speaking any piece of land above sea level. In the local context it means any land above sea level that is generating water that someone is, or might like to drink. So first we must recognize that all our land on the Sunshine Coast is a part of a watershed and all land should be treated with the same level of respect and care. To merely isolate a few watersheds for “special care” (our community watersheds) was and is a serious mistake. As stewards of this land we cannot be given license to treat any piece of land as second rate just because we are not using the water it generates at that moment.

**3. How does forest harvesting on a piece of land compare with other uses in terms of maintaining water quality?** Short of preventing all access by any human endeavour whatsoever, forest harvesting use is by far the least risk to water quality and changes to timing of flows. A disturbance in the form of sensitive harvesting once every 60 to 100 years, is, for most natural surfaces of this inhabited earth, as good as it gets. Our natural disturbance cycles for the coast are somewhat less frequent than this but are usually initiated by fire or bug kills. No forest below 800 meters elevation lasts more than 500 years. Something is going to disturb it. Foresters talk truthfully about mimicking natural disturbances. Now take agriculture- some pastoral setting with sheep grazing on the hillside. As good as it gets? Unfortunately permanently cleared forests are not great for water quality or timing of flows. Land clearing (as opposed to clear cutting) causes severe disturbance to the soil. Pasture renovation disrupts many natural soil processes. Soil compaction from farm machinery and animal hooves can be serious. Pastures often are a source for fecal contamination of surface and ground water. These affronts are part of the business of pastures. Other agricultural uses (pig farms, greenhouses, or field crops) have a greater impact on water quality because of heavier fertilization, chemical sprays or organic manures. Don’t get me wrong. I understand we need agriculture and would not for a moment put a moratorium on farming.

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How do our subdivisions, where we all live fare? Badly. One of the biggest risks to salmon in urban streams is the impermeability of our house roofs, driveways whereby storm flow is whisked away to local streams, greatly reducing the retention time of rainfall. The same rainfall that creates these storm flows also picks up and whisks away anything and everything that might be lying about our yard. Dog feces, seepage from underperforming septic field, sprays applied to our garden, detergent from our carport- in fact just about anything you can imagine is regularly recorded in residential and urban runoff studies. Next time you think about dirtying water, think about your home- and the new homes to be constructed on the Sunshine Coast. Polluters, all. Again, I am not suggesting we walk away from our homes. But an honest appraisal of our individual and collective effect on water quality is not pretty. You may justify your convictions because no one drinks that water. Maybe humans don't, at the moment but many other of God's creatures do. We should have respect for all things.

**4. What does "trashing" a watershed entail?** This, I guess is a rhetorical question but one you should all be asking yourselves because that is exactly what is supposed to happen to your watershed, if it is logged. Could it be anywhere near as bad as our landfill where the land is defiled and ground water flows from an unlined base possibly into the groundwater below? No, that truly is trashing a watershed, albeit of land generating lowly ground water. We should be relieved to find out that, at present anyway, that ground water does not flow towards our intake. However the ground water will be suspect until at least the next glaciation when nature's bulldozer will push the contaminated earth further down Georgia Strait. Again, don't get me wrong, I produce garbage. It is picked up and brought to the Landfill. Squirm as we might, we are all part of this problem too.

To direct the SCR D's decision making on watershed risk, (watershed trashing), a recent study has decided that heavy precipitation and runoff represents a "very high" risk to the watershed. Seriously. The same study decided that the highest human induced "trashing" factor was logging. Sounds reasonable? Before you feel vindicated for your concerns about watershed logging, the very same study concluded the Landfill represented no risk whatsoever, wildfire was "unlikely", climate change was unlikely, the potential for Chapman Creek to run out of water in late summer from SCR D withdrawal was, apparently, not worth consideration and consultant felt uncomfortable about defining risks associated with future residential development within the watershed. Again, this risk list is supposed to help us manage our resources wisely. All it did was bash logging.

So how exactly is logging supposed to "trash" watersheds and what does this "trashing" mean to our water quality and timing of flows. This question requires me to back up and discuss how Chapman Creek was logged in the past. It was logged - as was virtually all forest land in BC was logged, with little or no care for water quality. Streams were even diverted onto roads to take the fines away. If any watershed can be said to have been trashed, it is Chapman Creek Watershed. There, I've said the T word. Over 250 human caused slides. There are still unresolved issues with poor road placement. So how does this mayhem translate into water quality decline? Most of these slides occurred during about 20 storm events over 40 years. Each time there was a landslide (there was usually more than one slide associated with the bigger storms) Chapman Creek turned brown and experienced turbidities between 20 and 200 NTU. (1 NTU is the limit for drinking water). Natural turbidities, had there been no human induced slides during the same period would still be well over 5 NTU and thus unacceptable for drinking water according to drinking water guidelines. Turbidity events, whether natural or human induced, generally lasted for 12 to 24 hours. Before the new treatment plant was constructed, these events most definitely resulted in a bathtub full of cloudy or even dirty water. When a landslide occurs, most of the water quality decline is experienced for a day or two. After that period there will be decreasing levels of chronic sedimentation that may influence water quality for a further 10 storm events. In most cases, a landslide track usually ceases to be a

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major sediment source and no longer contributes to turbidity within 2 years. Water quality data collected between 1991 and 1997, revealed that less than 5 % of the turbidity events on Chapman Creek were generated from the area of Chapman Creek where the 250 trash-inducing landslides occurred. While this is the most trashed landscape in the watershed, and Chapman Creek Watershed was the most trashed watershed in coastal BC, it was not trashed enough to make any measurable difference to turbidity 10 years after the trashing. So at the cessation of the worst logging one can imagine, after a brief interlude, turbidity falls back to background levels for coastal streams. This was not a Walkerton. Not one death and not one sickness was directly attributable to this logging tainted water. I do not for a moment, condone the means of logging in Chapman Creek between 1950 and 1985, but, at its worst, it still did not leave us with long term destruction or chronically (or even slightly) ill citizens that might be thought to accompany a trashed watershed.

**5. Can the SCRD's treatment facilities protect us from turbidity events, natural or otherwise?** One cannot get a better treatment facility. The SCRD has an incredibly robust treatment facility on Chapman Creek and can deal with almost anything (short of a real Chernobyl). The system is designed to shut down the intake at a moments notice in the event the water becomes more turbid than 5 NTU. Pre stored water, enough to handle 2 days of consumption, is used when Chapman Creek becomes turbid, as it will occasionally do in the winter. When the storm event generating the turbid water passes, usually within 24 hours, the intake is again opened to allow clean water to enter. Removal of the natural organics is carried out, followed by sand filtration and finally chlorination. Any event occurring in the watershed is no longer likely to translate into a decline in tap water. Ask the water engineers at the SCRD yourself.

**6. What about another Walkerton?** Walkerton is often touted as the "wake-up call" for water purveyors and is used endlessly to illustrate, even for forested watersheds in Coastal British Columbia of the risks that we take with our drinking water. Oddly, and apparently surprisingly to some, Walkerton had nothing to do with logging and everything to do with bad agricultural management and even worse water treatment management. We all learn to live with risks, and some of us occasionally rate them realistically. Getting out of bed is infinitely more dangerous than allowing forestry operations to be conducted in our watershed. By the same actuary tables, driving is a hazard to be avoided at all cost. As is eating steak, or golfing or just about any other activity or non activity. The risk of logging to your health may be about the same as being hit by a meteorite while you sip tea on your deck. Ask your doctor or any statistician.

**6. Can loggers do better than they did in the 1950s through 1980s?** Many poor practices have been conducted within watersheds (on our landbase) in general and within Chapman Creek in particular. It is not that poor practices were not recognized in the 1950s. Back then, except for a few pioneers, no one cared much. It is obvious that many citizens and the local and provincial government do care about water quality now. It is also obvious that no responsible forest licensee or logging contractor is going to put themselves at risk by doing stupid things.

Problems associated with forestry affecting water quality are associated with specific sites. Water quality degradation, if it occurs, is the result of sediment generation from these same identifiable sites. We know how to cause problems; we know how to avoid them. Some sites such as landslide prone slopes or deep fine textured materials adjacent to creeks are to be avoided because the value of any timber harvested would not pay for the level of engineering and management required to ensure that sediment does not get into a creek. The Forest Practices Code went a long way to ensuring that Licensees managed their forest well. Under the new act, respectable Licensees still have a strong motive to manage their land well. Careful location, design, construction, maintenance and deactivation of roads and sensitive harvesting can ensure that forests can be

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managed for timber extraction without any detrimental effects on water quality, quantity or timing of flows. Ask any engineer.

Every acre of the Sunshine Coast is watershed. Supporting good management is equally relevant for all of our lands. Singling out logging as the major affront to our water quality and health is disingenuous and diverts our attention from many more pressing environmental concerns and health problems facing our community. Oddly it is the one issue that requires absolutely no sacrifice from anyone to stop it. As my grandma used to say, "when you point one finger forward in accusation, have a close look at those three figures pointing back at you."

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*And now for something completely useless – but it should make you laugh a wee bit...*

Subject: Puns Intended

- Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married.
  - The ceremony wasn't much, but the reception was excellent.
- A jumper cable walks into a bar.
  - The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."
- Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
- A dyslexic man walks into a bra.
- A man walks into a bar with a slab of asphalt under his arm and says:
  - "A beer please, and one for the road."
- Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other:
  - "Does this taste funny to you?"
- Patient: "Doc, I can't stop singing 'The Green, Green Grass of Home'  
Doctor: "That sounds like Tom Jones Syndrome."  
Patient: "Is it common?  
Doctor: "Well, It's Not Unusual"
- Two cows are standing next to each other in a field. Daisy says to Dolly,
  - "I was artificially inseminated this morning."
  - "I don't believe you," says Dolly.
  - "It's true, no bull!" exclaims Daisy.
- An invisible man marries an invisible woman...
  - The kids were nothing to look at either.

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## CFUW – Sunshine Coast

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- Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before.
- I went to buy some camouflage trousers the other day but I couldn't find any.
- A man woke up in a hospital after a serious accident. He shouted,
  - "Doctor, doctor, I can't feel my legs!" The doctor replied, "I know you can't I've cut off your arms!"
- I went to a seafood disco last week... and pulled a mussel.
- What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. The one turns to the other and says "Dam!"
- Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, so they lit a fire in the craft.
  - Unsurprisingly it sank, proving again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
- A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories.
  - After about an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse.
  - "But why," they asked, as they moved off.
  - "Because", he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
- A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan."
  - Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal.
  - Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."
- Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet.
  - He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath.
  - This made him ..(Oh, man, this is so bad, it's good)...
    - A super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.
- And finally, there was the person who sent twenty different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least ten of the puns would make them laugh.
  - No pun in ten did.

*So long, farewell, I hate to say goodbye ....but...  
Truthfully it has been great being your President and Newsletter Editor  
From now on this will be Stephanie's baby and as much as I will be responsible for  
producing it, it will be her Board's communication with you  
(I promise – I will try to keep "me" out of it!)  
See you at the May AGM and hopefully the June Lunch at the golf club!*

***Adieu - Sandy***