

Letter - Graph tales

Gulf Islands Driftwood

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I attended the VIHA meeting on June 14, listened to the presentations and studied the graphs on the screen.

In my view these graphs showed several important things. First, the population on Salt Spring is older and healthier than most B.C. communities, reflecting the past benefit of our small but excellent hospital.

Second, the studies of services provided showed clearly the negative effect of recent underfunding and staffing restrictions.

What the graphs did not show was how the moving of facilities off-island would in any way benefit Salt Spring Islanders. Perceived financial benefits to VIHA are far outweighed by the future costs of delayed treatment, isolation from families and extra travel expenses to the people of Salt Spring.

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