

Lasqueti Island Aging at Home Community Survey

Summary, Highlights, Respondent's Comments

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75 Respondents

1. What is your age?

Of all respondents, 86% age 55+ (64)
Largest cohort responding, age 64 to 69 (n=24, 32%)
One person over age 85 responded.

2. What is your gender?

Male: 37%
Female: 58%
Transgender: 1%
Prefer not to disclose: 4%

3. Identify which home supports are needed by you now and in the future in order for you to live safely and in dignity in your home on Lasqueti Island? (check any that apply) n=63

Using support now

20% Living off-grid supports (firewood, water, etc.)—24% of females
18% Light yard work
12% Minor home repairs
15% Delivery services (groceries, medicines) or escorted shopping services
12% Informal friendly visiting

I need this support now but it is not available

2% Accessible bathing facility such as a walk-in tub or shower that accommodates a wheelchair
4% Prepared meal service
2% Living off-grid supports (firewood, water, etc.)

I need this support now but I cannot afford it

12% Light yard work
15% Minor home repairs
7% Light housekeeping
2% Meal service and laundry service
9% Off grid supports for females

I expect to need this support in the future

Minimum of 20% indicated for all services.

Highest: 67% Living off-grid supports (firewood, water, etc.)

51% Light yard work

53% Minor home repairs

54% light house keeping

58% Transportation (rides with friend, family or Lasqueti Transport Co-op service)

56% Delivery services (groceries, medicines) or escorted shopping services

Relatively high level of uncertainty for some services needed in the future, notably

61% Home renovations such as ramps, wider doors, corridor widths, operating devices

64% Accessible bathing facility such as a walk-in tub or shower that accommodates a wheelchair

71% Meal planning

73% Prepared meal service

70% Assistance in managing electronic transactions (banking, government support payments, etc.)

Comments

- Firewood! availability and cost
- Do visits or go for a walk with assistance
- Boxes filled in "not certain or don't know" actually mean that if too many move to the left I would probably just leave the island.
- Isolation and loneliness are major factors in living on Lasqueti.
- I put I don't know, not certain, as it stands now and in the near future, I am quite functional.
- Hire friends to look in when away for medical safaris, feed the cat , water the greenhouse, etc.
- We live on a boat access property, and would like to have road access so we could have better contact with the rest of the community.

4. For the following medical and health care services, indicate your ability to access them in order to age at home safely and in dignity. (n=58)

Generally more males than females indicate they can travel to services at health centre or elsewhere on island

Available to me at home now

* 14% Assistance for personal care such as showering, getting dressed, going to bed, etc.

* 15% I can travel to the Health Centre or other Island location for this service

* 14% Assistance for personal care such as showering, getting dressed, going to bed, etc.

* 13% massage therapist

I can travel to the Health Centre or other Island location for this service (20% or more of those responding)

49% Nursing for post surgery, injuries, chronic conditions, etc.

22% Occupational therapist
31% Physician
25% Physiotherapist
56% Massage therapist

I can travel off island for this service
29% Nursing for post surgery, injuries, chronic conditions, etc.
38% Occupational therapist
56% Physician
51% Physiotherapist
30% Dietician
46% Podiatrist
67% Optometrist (not including an ophthalmologist)
53% Audiologist
67% Dental services
41% Psychiatrist

I cannot avail of this service because of travel, time, or physical ability constraints
4% Nursing for post surgery, injuries, chronic conditions, etc.
6% Assistance for personal care such as showering, getting dressed, going to bed, etc.
2% Dietician
4% Massage therapist and podiatrist
2% Optometrist, audiologist, dentist, psychiatrist
All others were 0%

Relatively high level of uncertainty expressed for most categories, ranging from 7% for physicians to 69% for Assistance for personal care such as showering, getting dressed, going to bed, etc.

Not certain or don't know

Comments (reflecting “This service is not available to me for other reasons (you may specify below in the comment box)”)

Cost related

- Cost is becoming a factor in my use of medical professional services.
- Its hard to predict which of these services I might need in the future; some I need now and am still able to access them off-island, but maybe I'll need on-island.
- While many services exist on VI, it is cost prohibitive and difficult to get to appointments from Lasqueti. Many of us prolong or skip medical attention due to access issues.
- I gave up on this survey. Many of the services are costly and I don't know if I'll have any money when I need them, and most aren't available on Lasqueti, and hardly anyone knows if they might need them in the future. Some would have no value to most Lasquetians under any circumstances, like dieticians

Don't need services

- I don't need most of these (yet?)
- Stay out of my life with your Western medical agenda
- Don't need help yet!

- Most of these things I have never needed and if I have, I've traveled off island. Several of them I would simply not avail myself of unless they were on island, as my time and energy is limited to other things I've always considered higher priority (like procuring basic needs such as food and firewood) rather than going to any kind of therapist other than for emergencies. Even with doctor visits I tend to treat myself or wait and see what happens, as it's hard to make and keep appointments, and expensive to travel off-island.

Travel and inconvenience

- Travel is very difficult and weather dependent from a boat access only property.
- Doctor appts. can be difficult due to ferry cancellations and long waiting lists (also podiatrist and physio)
- Usually I treat myself or wait and see what happens, as travelling off island is expensive and time consuming so I do it only for emergencies. Also it is difficult to make and keep appointments, especially in winter. I just go without most of these services at this point.

Misc.

- these questions are not phrased well
- * "Not certain or don't know" doesn't really express the last possible future need. "I don't expect..." might be a good choice. Also, "Available to me at home now"... does that mean in my house? "At home" could mean on the island, where I can currently see a doctor every couple of months (Larry McClure does a Saturday clinic fairly often on Lasqueti), and there are several excellent massage therapists here. So I count that as "at home," as opposed to "on the other side," as we say here.

5. The opening of the Health Centre has recently been celebrated. What do you believe are the most important health care and education services that may be offered? (n=40) NOTE: *categories added after survey to organize responses*

Dental

- Some dental services.
- Dental hygienist
- Access to dental care
- routine services such as dental
- dental care,
- Dental services would be nice.
- dental hygienist would be nice.
- dental hygiene

Nursing

- Nursing services
- Nursing care,
- Great to have a good place for our health nurse.
- nurse for injuries and flu shots etc.
- Nursing
- Nurse

Doctor

- Doctor visits regularly (scheduled)
- Doctor visits

- Doctors
- and doctor visits.
- Doctor for prescriptions
- Doctor
- Doctor,

Education

- Education--yes, yes, yes!!!
- Various workshop sessions
- health talks by various professionals,

Related health services

- Possibly naturopathic services?
- Naturopath visits
- Occasional foot care
- chair exercises,
- light massage service,
- bathing,
- hearing checks,
- vision checks.
- I like the idea of having different practitioners come and use the facility once or twice a month such as chiropractor, for example.
- Whatever care is needed to reduce "having to" go over. Blood work very imp. Any routine testing. Injections. Pain management help.
- Access to lab testing on Island.
- Access to eye care in addition to specialist care.
- Home support for elderly and health (i.e. post opt) needy
- Future opportunities for expanded health care and wellness professions.
- More on island access to specialists.
- Custodial care.
- Drop in care;
- respite care
- physiotherapy,
- post surgery or illness care
- Aging at home
- Occupational therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Temp care
- Massage
- home care for post surgery.
- home care assistance for post-surgery

Style of services

- Tele conferencing
- Nurse & Doctor clinics
- nurse and doctor in house
- Health care for the over 65 group
- Nursing service
- Temporary living in emergency

- Primary care in clean medical setting
- Less travel off island, and speed of getting assistance
- General care on all levels
- what they are already doing
- Visiting health practitioners and post op care to transition home...
- Once weekly (or more) Nurse available
- old age caregiving
- The possibility of doctor attended clinics.
- Better space for doctor/nurse visits.
- Place to recover after hospital or injury before returning home. Place for a library that has a variety of books and information about health/medical/late life issues.
- There are a lot of non road access homes here and care providers may not be able to get to them because of stupid legalities.
- Coordinating home care services
- I think that the health centre should and can provide all aspects of health care from nursing to meeting with specialist
- Telecommunications with doctors off-island and elder care cottages in the future
- Also I love that they will be able to do telehealth at the new Center so you don't have to go over.
- Regular nurse and doctor or NP availability at least five days per week.
- really I can't see the purpose of it because we have such limited health services here
- Ability to speak directly with a health care professional. The visiting nurse and or doctor and ,perhaps, a dentist.also the respite facility
- Telehealth, respite during post operative surgery
- ;Health care concerns,
- Local support that allows people to access basic health care on Lasqueti without having to travel and the ability to bring health professionals in.

6. The option to stay in the elder cottage at the Judith Fischer Centre will support my ability to age at home on Lasqueti Island. (indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree) (n=59)

28 out of 40 agreed or agreed strongly

Comments

- * Plan to live and die here!
- * Hopefully I'll be able to stay in my own home, with support
- * I am willing to go to considerable trouble to be able to stay at home rather than an elder cottage
- * I would like to be able to (help) fund and bequeath an elder cottage-place that if/when I need care could be my home until I die...
- * There is only one unit--we will need dozens
- * not planning to age on Lasqueti past ability to get to/from and manage our site...will leave the elder cottage to others
- * We could also use a system to allow a caregiver to live close to people in their own homes when needed, such as a trailer or very small house on wheels that could be moved to a person's property.

- * If my husband were to pass, or become disabled, I would not be able to stay here in the winter without help with the generator and batteries. I would likely opt for independent living near my family off island.
- * All depends on how well I age. Here's hoping it is gracefully. One never knows.
- * Would prefer to stay in my own home.
- * How many can stay there, at what cost?
- * If I wanted to live in an apt. in Vancouver I would move there
- * I totally support the elder cottages, I am not sure it would be affordable to my self or my spouse.
- * Yet it would be better if there were a multiple people abbeyfield home there say 4 units all in one, where services can be supplied more easily as they are shared! Meals and physical support could be provided in one location for those who need it plus a friendly comraderie would be available and not a sense that this is the death house like one 80 yr old felt who just opted to leave the island instead.
- * Agree, in particular for post surgery care if I find myself single in the future.
- * Agree. I've had to go away and spend several weeks at a friend's house after surgery because I couldn't get up my front step or lift a piece of firewood. The friend has died, so my options could be very limited.
- * I am not likely to use this cottage, but feel very strongly that our community needs this to support others who wish to stay in our community as they age.
- * I may not need it personally, but it is a valuable resource
- * Lasqueti people will desire to stay at home. When they are ready to leave home, many - perhaps most - will choose to leave the island because of more options and services being available.

7. Please identify if you live on Lasqueti Island usually, seasonally, part-time, or occasionally. (n=58)

Usually--it is my main residence, where I live the major part of the year—81%
 Seasonally--I live here several months a year, for example, in the summer months—7%
 Part time--I live here primarily on the weekends or similar short stays—3%
 Occasionally--it is not a usual, seasonal nor part time place of residence—0%
 Other

- * I have other options if I choose
- * I owned property on Lasqueti for 30 years. For 25 years it was my primary residence. When I retire, (in the next year or so) I plan in living here seasonally (about 4/mos/yr) during the summer, much as Barb Greene did...
- * I currently spend time here about 1/3 of the year, but expect to be nearly full time in a few years
- * I live there most of the time (~75% of the time)
- * I have lived here full time for 3+ years and my husband has lived here full time for 50 years.

8. When on Lasqueti Island, in what type of housing do you live? (n=59)

Ground floor oriented dwelling —(single family) —73%
 Accessory dwelling—4% —
 Travel trailer/mobile home—5% —only females
 Multi-generational housing—2%

Other

- * A level house with stairs. Level access to entrance doors.
- * meant to be my summer cabin
- * 2 story house
- * I plan on renting here until time when I need care... Should that happen!
- * 2-storey single family home
- * palace
- * not your business
- * 2 story house with stairs
- * Multi level single family home
- * Elevated single family dwelling

9. Please indicate your desire to continue living on Lasqueti Island as you age.
(n=59)

I feel strongly about staying and intend to live on the island until I die regardless of my circumstances—51%

I hope to live on the island until I die, but am open to leaving if circumstances warrant—22%

I want to stay, but anticipate relocating off island when I can no longer comfortably and safely live here—7%

My interest in remaining here as I age depends on circumstances—19%

I don't plan to continue living here much longer—0%

Other

*The first choice is my actual choice, but realistically I should check the second.

10. If you plan to continue living on Lasqueti Island, what type of housing do you anticipate you will need in the future as you age? (select any that apply)
(n=57)

Stay in my own home without the need for any structural modifications—30%

Stay in my own home with structural modifications—50%

Smaller dwelling—7%

Ground floor oriented dwelling (single family)—4%

Accessory dwelling (a separate and smaller second dwelling on the same property as the primary home; these are sometimes referred to as a garden suite, carriage house, or granny flat)—12%

Secondary suite within a single family dwelling (these may be referred to as in-law suite or basement suite)—4%

Travel trailer, mobile home not sitting on a permanent foundation, bus, vessel or other recreation vehicle—4%

Manufactured home sitting on a permanent foundation—0%

Multi-generational housing (dwelling with three or more generations and more than one kitchen)—2%

Co-housing (intentional community of private homes clustered around shared space)—11%

Co-op housing (not-for-profit housing for members who do not own equity in their housing)—7%

Congregate housing such as an "Abbeyfield" style cottage where each individual or family has a private bedroom or living quarters but shares with other residents a common dining room, recreational room, or other facilities—12%

Assisted living facility—9%
Extended, long term care—0%
Subsidized—4%

11. I believe that the type of housing needed to continue living on Lasqueti Island as I age will be available. (select the extent to which you agree or not) (n=56)

* 53% agree or agree strongly

* 16% of women vs. 10% of men disagree or strongly disagree

12. Rank the modes of travel you use to make trips on Lasqueti Island.(n=56)

private automobile

most trips (over 50%)—80%

some trips (less than10%)—5%

shared automobile

most trips—18%

many trips—18%

some trips—23%

Bicycle

most trips—19%—27% males

many trips —26%

some trips —26%

transport coop

one person identified as some trips

hitch-hiking'

most trips—8%—15% males

many trips—40%

some trips—44%

walking

most trips—21%—27% males

many trips—37%

some trips—32%

Comments

* motorcycle

* Horseback

* motorcycle

* Motorcycle

* If the Lasqueti Transport Coop Service means the taxi, it is prohibitively expensive

* What is the Lasqueti transport co-op, the taxis?

* I don't have a vehicle at the moment, but sure I will again someday

* Borrowed automobile less than 10%

* Motorcycle or electric quad

- * Quad around the property, constantly.
- * Boat
- * motorcycle
- * Most trips are by boat.
- * I have a small gas-powered scooter, under 49cc for most trips of over 4 or 5 km.

13. I am able to comfortably get around Lasqueti for my daily activities. (select the extent to which you agree or not) (n=57)

90% agree or agree strongly

14. If you do not agree that you can comfortably get around Lasqueti Island for daily activities, briefly describe your challenges. (n=12)

Ferry

- amp/ferry access could be improved--especially at low tides.

Weather

- weather, rain storm

Physical condition

- I can no longer walk with ease to my destinations, and most certainly not with a big load
- I do pretty well on my bike except for getting home from the ferry with my groceries etc and it is hard for me to fill my woodshed without transportation
- parkinsons disease
- My hips prevent me from walking any more than a few hundred yards, so I depend on my quad and car.
- My hips prevent me from walking any distance more than a few hundred yards. I use a quad around the property.

Car dependency

- Getting gas is often a problem
- I am car dependent and as long as my car keeps running, all is fine but I would not be able to manage getting groceries from the dock without it.

Active transportation

- Bus service would be Grand

Other

- refer to previous comment question 10
- I always offer rides to those who are walking.

15. The Lasqueti Island Land Use Bylaw governs density (Section 3.11, Subsection (1)) and limits the number of residential dwellings on most lots to one per 4 (four) hectares of lot area (Subdivision District A). Given that some types of private housing options such as co-housing (intentional community of private homes clustered around shared space) may be limited under these provisions, indicate the extent to which you agree or disagree that these density restrictions limit your ability to age on Lasqueti Island? (n=56)

50% agree or agree strongly
14% neutral or not certain
32% disagree or disagree strongly
4% don't know

16. If you agree that density restrictions limit your ability to age on Lasqueti Island, please explain how the bylaw could be amended to overcome that obstacle. (n=29)

Comments

Increase density

- Have two residence per 10 acre

Exceptions and special provisions

- For sustainable living on this fragile island this designated density is absolutely essential. However, if land is available that has lots of water and could sustain a (co-op) type housing that would be great.
- We need to amend our bylaw to make provision for caregivers
- The guest house formula i.e.. 600 sq. ft should remain. However, this structure should be available with kitchen facilities for guests, to rent or as premises for the owner or possible caregivers.
- There could be a temporary use permit for a second small dwelling provided for senior assistance provided that the annual cost is not prohibitive.
- I think we should allow co-housing for seniors who want that option. Case by case, more than one dwelling should be allowed for senior co-housing.
- Special category for aging in place folks
- allow health assistants to exceed 10 acre density
- Allow some exemption permits for elder care on case by case approval.
- Make an exception for relatives over 75.
- Allowlive-onsite caregiver/maintenance person accommodation.
- Additional dwelling per 10 acre property allowed for family or caretaker.
- It could allow temporary higher density as needed to accommodate people who need help.

Increase range of housing allowed

- change bylaw congregate
- amend the bylaw to permit co-op or congregate housing

- Lower cost rentals could help in the accommodation for younger people who wish to come here. assistance labour is getting scarce/expensive.
- I would like to see an option for an elder cottage on individual properties
- Clusters should be encouraged.
- Also any secondary cottage should be allowed with a size limit.
- Guest cottages should be legal to live in
- Zoning for elder co-housing could be permitted
- Allow co-ops. Really I think all this emphasis on building a health center is puzzling. Aging is a service industry, and those of us who can't afford service need to start volunteering at co-ops or time banks if we don't want to be warehoused some day.
- Co-housing should be explored as an option
- We are should also allow co-housing.
- I believe that all properties should be allowed secondary care-giver residences or "granny" cottages.
- should be able to build a separate carriage house on our 2 acres & rent it out
- Allow full time guest or secondary cottage residence
- Allow for cluster development by accepting undeveloped land in Trust
- Also could provide for site-specific co-housing or other form of multi-family/multi-unit dwellings for older and less abled people.

General and msc.

- flexibility
- Change bylaws if needed
- see comment question 10
- Get rid of the Islands Trust
- More lenient zoning is needed.
- Or it could stay as it is and we can ignore it.

17. Do you currently use a mobility device such as a scooter, wheelchair, or walking device? (n=55)

one respondent indicated so.

Other

scooter

cane

Leg braces

see question 10

quad

18. If you use a mobility device, indicate the extent to which you agree it is easy to get around on Lasqueti Island. (n=4)

One agreed, one disagreed, one not sure, one didn't know

19. If you have difficulty getting around Lasqueti Island with a mobility device, please comment on the obstacles you encounter. (n=2)

- pot holes and loose gravel
- have you ever been to Lasqueti? Refer to question 10

20. Loneliness has been cited in studies as a major mental health issue in many communities, particularly among seniors. Indicate the extent to which you feel lonely living on Lasqueti Island. (n=50)

Overall, women experiencing more loneliness: 47% vs. 33% for men for all levels combined

Very lonely—12%

Moderately lonely—4%

Slightly lonely—22%

Not at all lonely—62%

21. Indicate how often you participated in the past 12 months in meetings or activities of the following groups. (n=51)

- False Bay School—67% at least once or twice a year
- Last Resort Society—75% at least once or twice a year, 10% at least once a week!
- Community Arts Council—78% at least once or twice a year
- Health Centre (including construction)—84% at least once or twice a year, 12% at least once a week
- Local Trust Committee—38% at least once a year
- Lasqueti Ratepayers Association—17% at least once a year
- Nature Conservancy—54% at least once a year

Other

- * Have observed difficulties of others using the ferry access and ramp at False Bay. Ferry needs to be more access-friendly with better seating and leg room for the elderly.
- * Boot Camp. Women's Choir
- * I am in two music groups and a snorkelling club. I do baskets with Dazy Drae
- * Better phone communication (cell phone) needed (poor reception)
- * Fist Resp. Pls, more snacks at meetings
- * the health centre has been a huge step in the right direction
- * Everyone needs to stay cooperative and ensure that the island is attractive to younger people. The largest threat to ensuring that as many of us as possible can stay here while we age, is the view held by some, that they are entitled to whatever they feel they need, even if it is at a cost to the whole community. Unfortunately, they are an excessive burden on all of us.
- * Wednesday night communal meals, SAT market

- * You didn't include the Lasqueti Community Association, which owns and manages the community hall and has many committees that discuss and manage a lot of island functions. Big oversight!
- * Ferry committee. Community cleanup. Meditation group.
- * Group saunas Bicycling with friends Shared meal at Provisions
- * APC, Pete's Lake Water Users Society, LCA
- * Volunteer Fire Department
- * There is a group who meet socially to sew and exchange books during the winter months. I'm sure there are others of which I am unaware. Also, the Bread and Jam series.
- * Pete's Lake Water Users Society
- * Community Hall is not on the list --3-4 times per year.
- * exercising with friends/neighbours; music at Amber and Laticia's house; an evening with friends
- * Lasqueti Community Association. Don't why this org is not on the list above. It is a very vital part of the Lasqueti community as it is the organization that keeps the community hall operating. It also provides a forum for non-partisan discussion of issues within the community.
- * LCA, PRRD ...at least once a month
- * Women's choir, Summer market. Riding the ferry is a very socially intense activity-twice a month
- * Member of Lasqueti first responders..dispatch
- * question 10
- * LIAS, LCA
- * Firefighters
- * Music with others
- * Petes Lake, the Lasqueti Yacht Club, Emergency Dispatch
- * LISWMC & EDAC
- * We only see other Lasquetians when we occasionally take the ferry. Access is too difficult from our place for us to attend many activities.
- * Where is the LCA, the oldest organization on Lasqueti? Huge oversight makes this question irrelevant.

22. Please share any additional comments you may have on making Lasqueti Island a better place to age at home. (n=23)

- A local laundry facility would be awesome for when a machine at home is broken or I am unable to wash and dry my laundry. A doctor would hold clinics here would be great. Also blood and urine testing. It takes up a whole day for a 1 min. blood test!
- More professional young people
- Some of the survey puzzled me, about whether it meant now or in 20 years. The top ramps to the ferry seems to be designed only for the most nimble. We need good grab bars in public toilets, ferry, community hall, Art Centre
- We need a place to swim, and a hot tube for hydrotherapy. This will help aging, aching, and physically compromised and recovering people more active. It would also provide a place for our children to learn to swim. There is talk of the possibility of a salt water tidal fill public swim pool and spa - near the new health centre - that I think would be fabulous.
- I realize that I likely will need more support as I age, but am not sure what my needs will be or how I will deal with them

- It would be good to have more support from Island Health Authority to provide more home care workers.
- Telehealth will be huge and should be supported and widened immediately. Firewood availability and meal prep are key to living here as we age safely
- The Health Centre will continue to be very important for education and coordination of services as well as a place for a variety of health services
- The lack of transportation is huge and as an older person, I would love to see a weekly gathering at the Health Centre with speakers, blood pressure readings and mild exercise such as are found in Community Centres off island.
- Resolve the parking access at False Bay. A power take off the Centurion7 to move groceries and totes to the top of the ramp.
- Better health care access. Home and community care services. Lower ferry fares.
- Isolation and loneliness, physically rigorous nature of living here, difficulty in having visitors (many don't like the ferry and find it expensive to park etc), separation from family - these are all factors that are difficult to find solutions to.
- We need a larger selection of medical practitioners offering their services. We need a system of delivery for groceries from the wharf to our homes. Seniors often need help getting up the ramp with their stuff. In the winter the road down to the wharf is often dangerously and scarily icy and that should be dealt with ASAP. And the wharf itself often way too slippery.
- The less amount of travel, off island, for services that is required would provide the greatest asset to ageing on Lasqueti. Also, convenient and easy access to transportation on island would be a great addition.
- So sorry I'm too busy working off island to participate more. As someone with 13 year's experience making physician house calls, I think I could offer some insight.
- Exercise activities such as badminton games and exercise classes at the hall....at reasonable cost...amend yoga classes regularly
- With all due respect, Fuck off and die! I did not move out here to have assholes like you come poking your unwanted nose into how I live and die. refer to question 10
- stay away and stop trying to manage it
- Free ferry service for elders over 65!
- The abbeyfield type of bldg is needed for multiple people who need some services. Change in bylaw to allow accessory dwelling for family or caretaker.
- Could use a bus
- We do not volunteer, but do donate to causes that improve community support on Lasqueti. I am in favour of all initiatives that allow people to remain in their communities as they age. On Thetis Island the Capenray Centre has a youth volunteer crew that goes out and offers help every week to elder residents. In the past I managed environmental youth teams who did habitat restoration projects. Perhaps there could be a program to employ youth in an elder support team?
- We need to make sure that young people and families can continue to live on Lasqueti, to help us older ones when we need it.