Stephen Collis’s many books of poetry include *The Commons* (Talonbooks, 2008; 2014), *On the Material* (Talonbooks, 2010—awarded the BC Book Prize for Poetry), *DECOMP* (with Jordan Scott—Coach House, 2013), and *Once in Blockadia* (Talonbooks 2016—nominated for the George Ryga Award for Social Awareness in Literature). He has also written a book of essays on the Occupy Movement, and a novel. *Almost Islands*, a memoir of his friendship with poet Phyllis Webb has just been published by Talonbooks. He lives near Vancouver, on unceded Coast Salish Territory, and teaches poetry and poetics at Simon Fraser University.

Stephen Collis will read from and launch *Almost Islands* in Special Collections & Rare Books on Thursday, November 8th, 2018 from 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Copies will be available for purchase and signing.

*Almost Islands* is “a powerful memoir of the author’s friendship with legendary Canadian poet, broadcaster and painter Phyllis Webb – now in her nineties and long enveloped in silence – and his regular trips to see her. It is an extended meditation on literary ambition and failure, poetry and politics, choice and chance, location, colonization, and climate change – the struggle that is writing, and the end of writing.”-- publisher’s announcement.

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