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TOWN LOG JANUARY 2019

MAYOR: GABY WICKSTROM

COUNCILLORS: ANN-MARIE BARON, SHELLEY DOWNEY, DEREK KOEL, RYAN MITCHELL

AT A GLANCE

Public Meetings

Council

January 07 & 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 1775 Furney Place

Town Office

Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday Closed January 01

For **Public Works**

Emergencies after hours call 956-4521

Harbour Office & Information Centre

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. 250-956-3881

Closed January 01
After hours Emergency

Number 250-974-8499

Animal Control

Connie Brown
250-230-4777 or email
pmanimalcontrol@gmail.com

Port McNeill Museum

CLOSED Nov - Feb

For Tours and Rentals please call 250-956-4387



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Council Corner, by Councillor Derek Koel

I am super pleased to ring in the New Year with my take on the venerable Council Corner. Not many follow Municipal affairs or read meeting minutes, but everyone get's the Town Log in their mailbox, so let's get down to business.

After receiving more detailed information, Council recently delayed planned capital works at the Harbour in favour of a more comprehensive project to address several significant issues at once. Council also directed staff to report on reinstating the Harbour Advisory Committee (and Advisory Planning Commission) for more public input on such matters.

The Federal and Provincial governments have some incredible 74-100% funded infrastructure grants available which we are taking advantage of. We remain positive that our multi-million dollar projects will be approved.

A Public Consultation Meeting was held recently on Zoning Bylaw 671, with no public attendance or submissions, legal cannabis retail in Port McNeill now heads to the 3rd reading.

In addition to general Council housekeeping type items, we have been attending meetings in the community and have been busy orientating ourselves with the Town's staff, facilities, policies and procedures.

Mayor and Council tackle the big issues and decisions together but we do have individual portfolio's, see below. I would say we are all very approachable on any issue, but keep in mind specific complaints or concerns should go directly to Town Hall. Happy New Year everyone, 2019 is going to be a great year for Port McNeill!

2018/2019 Town of Port McNeill Council Portfolios

	Mayor	AM. Baron	S. Downey	D.Koel	R. Mitchell
Acting Mayor (6 month rotation)			1-Jan-2019		
RCMP	Liaison		Alternate		
Harbour Advisory Committee		Alternate		Liaison	
Public Works & Parks				Alternate	Liaison
Fire Department	Alternate	Liaison			
Chamber of Commerce			Alternate	Liaison	
RD Transit Com./MH Heath Network Steering Com.	Alternate		Representative		
Ferry Advisory			Alternate		Representative
VIR Library Member	Representative				Alternate
Emergency Management BC (EMBC)		Liaison		Alternate	
Regional District / Regional Hospital	Representative		Alternate		
Not-For Profit	Alternate			Liaison	
Advanced Education & Training		Liaison			Alternate
Community Forest	Representative	Alternate			
Recreation Facilities		Alternate			Liaison
Tourism			Liaison	Alternate	
Museum		Liaison		Alternate	
Airport			Liaison		Alternate
Vancouver Island North Training and Attraction Society				Liaison	Alternate
Youth/Seniors			Liaison		Alternate

Town of Port McNeill Phone: 250-956-3111 1775 Furney Place Fax: 250-956-4300 PO Box 728 web: www.portmcneill.ca



MUNICIPAL OFFICE INFORMATION



Garbage pick-up January 09 & 23 and Recycling pick-up January 02, 16 & 30



Harbour & Information Centre

As 2018 has come to a close, we would like to remind our users to renew their annual services at the Harbour. As of December 31st, 2018, annual fees for concrete dock use, jib crane use, sanitation pump-out use and MOT locker storage are due in full. If you have any questions, please contact the Harbour Office at 250-956-3881.



We would also like to remind our users, as the winter weather takes hold, to verify your vessels are properly winterized, power cords are in order and all lines are fastened and secure.

If you have any questions, please contact the Harbour Office at 250-956-3881.

Public Works - Sanitary Sewers

The Sanitary Sewer infrastructure like the Potable Water infrastructure is a very valuable asset belonging to the Town of Port McNeill. It is comprised of Sewer Mains which are strategically located along roadways, boulevards and in some cases within easements on private property. These are the pipes to which each individual residential and commercial property are connected. The Sewer Mains crisscross the entire town, the sewage passing by gravity through many manholes which are located at junctions and facilitate cleaning and maintenance. The sewage is then collected at the High Solids Lift Stations which are comprised of a wet well and pumps which pump the effluent through the Forced Sewer Main all the way to the Sewage Treatment Plant. It is here that the effluent undergoes a treatment, process and solids are also removed from the stream. The clean



the effluent undergoes a treatment process and solids are also removed from the stream. The clean effluent, which is routinely tested in order to follow the regulatory standards, then flows through the Outfall 1.2 Km into the ocean.

The Public Works department is responsible for the maintenance and repair of the entire system. On a quarterly basis, as a minimum, certain stretches of sewer mains are cleaned using a piece of mobile equipment called a sewer flusher. There are many contributing factors when it comes to the plugging of the sewer lines ranging from physical damage such as the ingress of tree roots to Fats, Oils and Greases, (F.O.G.), which can accumulate in the piping and restrict flow possibly resulting in sewer backing up in the lines. Home and business owners through awareness can help to reduce plugging within the lines by not dumping garbage, Fats, Oils and Greases down any toilet or sink drain.

Business Licenses Renewal / Animal License Renewal / Utility Billing

With the new year upon us, it is time to renew all business licences and animal licences in the Town of Port McNeill. Renewal letter will be going out in January. Feel free to pop by the Town Office prior to receiving your reminder if you like.

2019 utility bills will be mailed in January, keep an eye out in your post office box. If you don't receive yours by February 1st, contact the Town Office.

Contact the Town Office on or before the **Deadline of 20th** of the month for the next Town Log entries.

Email: reception@portmcneill.ca Fax: 250-956-4300 or Phone: 250-956-3111.



EVENTS AND INFORMATION

January 9 & 14 - Learn to Skate Registration

The Learn to skate program is accepting new registrations. Register at the arena. For more information please contact Serena at 250-230-4733



January 13 - Bottle Drive

Port McNeill Girl Guides and Scouts will be out collecting your refundable bottles on Sunday, January 13, from 1:00 - 3:00pm. Please call Sarah with any questions at 250-956-2919



January 18 & 19 - Robin Hood

Gate House Community Association is bringing MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE once again to Port McNeill.



Children grade I to 7 are invited to audition for parts in the musical "Robin

Hood" on January 14 at 1:00 pm at the Sunset Elementary School gym.

Performances will be Friday January 18 at 7:00 pm and Saturday January 19 at 3:00 pm.

Tickets for performance are \$10.00 adult and \$5.00 children.

For more information please call Kathy Martin at 250-956-3456 or 250-230-4234.

January 26 - Victor's Secret Event & Dance

Community Hall doors open at 6:30 pm Show starts at 7:00pm.

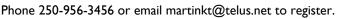
Tickets will go on sale on January 7, 2019 and will be sold at Timberland Sports, Dalewood Beer & Wine and Flora Borealis.



All proceeds help aid in the expenses such as accommodations, fuel, meals, etc. for local cancer patients having to travel down island for treatment.



Saturday, January 26 and Sunday, January 27, 2019. Cost is \$150.00.





Vancouver Island Regional Library

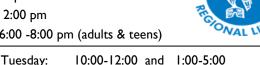
January 5 - Mother Goose on the Go at 11:00 am

January 16 - Read me a Story (all day)

January 17 - Create with Lego at 3:30 pm

January 22 - Preschool Storytime at 2:00 pm

January 23 - Warped Wednesday's 6:00 -8:00 pm (adults & teens)



Website: www.virl.bc.ca

Phone: 956-3669



Wednesday: 1:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00 Thursday: 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00 Saturday: 10:00-3:00

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- Polystyrene Styrofoam (NO Packing Peanuts)
- Plastic grocery bags, saran wrap, frozen veggie bags) - Plastic film

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EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Chilton Regional Arena Schedule

CHILTON	ARENA		~ January 201	9 ~		EVENTS
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arena Phone	25	1	2	3	4	5
250-956-3522	Happy	CLOSED		Watch for Holiday	Sponsored Ever	nts
E-Mail smarshall@rdmw.bc.ca	New Year	Happy New Year				
6	7	8 Parent & Tot	9	10 Parent & Tot	11	12
		11:00am-12 Noon		11:00am-12 Noon	Public Skating	Watch for
Watch for Holiday	Sponsored Events	Stick Time	Public Skating	Stick Time	11:30am-1:00pm	Exciting House
		12:00-1:15pm	11:30-1:00pm	12:00-1:15pm		Hockey Action!
		Senior Mens Stick time		Senior Mens Stick time	Public Skating	
		1:15-2:15pm		1:15-2:15pm	6:00-7:30pm	
13	14	15 Parent & Tot	16	17 Parent & Tot	18	19 2:15pm
House Hockey	Public Skating	11:00am-12 Noon		11:00am-12 Noon	Public Skating	Atom Eagles
Games Scheduled	11:30am-1:00pm	Stick Time	Public Skating	Stick Time	11:30am-1:00pm	vs Saanich
		12:00-1:15pm	11:30-1:00pm	12:00-1:15pm		4:00pm
Public Skate		Senior Mens Stick time		Senior Mens Stick time	Public Skating	Bantam Eagles
1:00-2:30pm		1:15-2:15pm		1:15-2:15pm	6:00-7:30pm	vs JDF
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vs. Sooke	11:30am-1:00pm	Stick Time	Public Skating	Stick Time	11:30am-1:00pm	
Public Skate		12:00-1:15pm	11:30-1:00pm	12:00-1:15pm		Watch for Pewee And
1:00-2:30pm	Watch for Evening	Senior Mens Stick time		Senior Mens Stick time	Public Skating	Bantam Eagles
10.20	Sponsored Events	1:15-2:15pm		1:15-2:15pm	6:00-7:30pm	Playoffs
27	28	29 Parent & Tot	30	31 Parent & Tot		acebook Page
9:00am Atom	Public Skating	11:00am-12 Noon		11:00am-12 Noon		GIONAL ARENA
Eagles vs Racquet Club	11:30am-1:00pm	Stick Time	Public Skating	Stick Time	for updates a	nd cancellations
Public Skate		12:00-1:15pm	11:30-1:00pm	12:00-1:15pm		
1:00-2:30pm		Senior Mens Stick time		Senior Mens Stick time		
		1:15-2:15pm		1:15-2:15pm		

Mount Waddington Transit

The bus departs from the Port McNeill Pioneer Mall at 7:31am on a **first come, first served basis**. Passengers are encouraged to arrive 5 -10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure time to load ski/snow board equipment onto the bus.



Passengers transfer from the transit bus to the Mount Cain Shuttle at the Woss General Store.

Transit Fares:

Port McNeill – Woss - \$3.75 (one way) + \$5.00 for the Mount Cain Shuttle. Please contact the Mount Waddington Transit office at 250-956-3151 or refer to the BC Transit web site at www.bctransit.com for more information.

Port McNeill Pioneer Mall	Hyde Creek Esso	Woss
7:31 am	7:40 am	8:32 am
3:51 pm	4:00 pm	4:52 pm

Woss	Hyde Creek Esso	Port McNeill Pioneer Mall
8:32 am	9:19 am	9:33 am
4:52 pm	5:39 pm	5:53 pm



SENIORS & RESIDENTS

SENIORS ACTIVITIES IN PORT MCNEILL

Wellness Group - Tuesdays and Fridays 2:00 - 3:00 at the A-Frame Church. You must be a client of Judy Quach, VIHA Occupational Therapist, to participate.

Adult Day Program - alternate Wednesdays rotating between Pt. Hardy and Pt. McNeill (but people are welcome to attend in both communities). It runs from 10:00 - 3:00 (but you can do just a portion of that time if you like). It takes place in the Seniors Room of old School in McNeill and the Seniors Centre in Pt. Hardy. Light lunches are provided. A worker tries to provide activities of some kind — cards, trivial pursuit, whatever is of interest. Transportation can be provided. You must register for this program — possibly through homecare or Community Services.

Happy Gang (for those who are often housebound) **Thursdays from 1:00 - 2:00** at the A-Frame Church run by various volunteers (Contact Karen Watkins or Kathy Jickling). Rides can be arranged. This social group (of 20+ attendees) has been functioning very successfully for 20 years or so.

Walking Group - Thursdays 3:00 - 4:00 at the Old School Gym. (This time may change to 2:30 so those attending Happy Gang won't have a "gap" in activities.) New group just started by VIHA Occupational Therapist, Judy Quach, who will oversee this program and drop in most days. Community paramedic, Amanda Jorgenson, will be there each week to do vitals and track our progress. Participants will work entirely at their own speed and in line with their individual capabilities. Will incorporate some warm up and cool down exercises. It is for all age groups.

Chair Exercises - Thursdays 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Cheslakees School Gym \$4.00 drop-in fee. Low impact varying exercise with Sandra Wilson (usually incorporates a little cardiovascular warm-up, strength/resistance training, yoga stretches, etc.) Men are welcome but it is most often women (50-70 yrs.) in attendance.

Potluck Lunch - Fridays at noon at A-Frame Church — open to everyone. There have quite consistently been between 15 and 22 people meeting in the past two years to eat together, socialize and hear a bit of music and sing-along (by Gordie Henschel and/or Craig Murray from 1:00-2:00).

PASTA NIGHT

Pasta night at Saint John Gaulbert Church occurs on the first Monday of every month. Pasta is served from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. All welcome. Donations are greatly appreciated.

To sign-up for Pasta night call Pat Boyd at 250-956-4204.

24 HOUR ROAD ADVISORY: CALL I-800-661-2324 OR ONLINE AT WWW.DRIVEBC.CA