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TOWN LOG JANUARY 2020

MAYOR: GABY WICKSTROM

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

AT A GLANCE

Public Meetings

Council

January 09 & 28, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at the Town Office

Town Office

Open 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday to Friday 250-956-3111

For **Public Works**

Emergencies after hours call 956-4521

CLOSED January 01

Harbour Office & Information Centre

Open 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday Closed 12pm-1pm for lunch 250-956-3881 After hours Emergency 250-974-8499

CLOSED January 01

Animal Control

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

Port McNeill Museum

CLOSED

For Tours and Rentals please call 250-956-3881

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Happy New Year Port McNeill!!

Another year has flown by; one that has shown our true grit and made us stronger. We came together, shared what we had, made meaningful connections and formed new friendships.

We began our budget planning in November of last year and will continue the process until we finalize the budget in May of this year. There will be further sidewalk upgrades, work on the harbour and a recreation project, just to name a few. These meetings are open to the public and we always welcome your questions and concerns.

A budgeted item carried over from last year is an upgrade to the heating system at our swimming pool. Currently, we have an outdated boiler system using oil that is very expensive to heat. Our goal is to decrease those costs in order to increase efficiencies and improve service to users of the pool.

Last year was a hard one across the Island, but I tend to see adversity as an opportunity. I like to ask, "What have we learned and where do we go from here"? As we look forward to 2020 and the updating of our Official Community Plan, be prepared to bring new ideas forward. Together we can make Port McNeill a more resilient and attractive place to live while remaining true to who we are; a community that cares!

Sincerely,

Gaby Wickstrom - Mayor



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TOWN INFORMATION



Garbage pick-up January 08 & 22 and Recycling pick-up January 02, 15 & 29



Utility Billing / Business License Renewal / Animal License Renewal

With the new year upon us, utility (water, sewer, garbage) bills will be mailed mid January. Keep in mind, there is a 5% discount for accounts paid in full by Feb 28, 2020 and seniors 65+ get an additional 25% discount when paid in full.

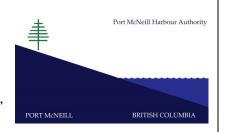


It is also time to renew business licences and animal licences. Letters will be sent out in January. If you have any questions, please call 250-956-3111.

Harbour

With the wrap up of 2020, we would like to remind our customers to renew their annual services at our facilities. Annual concrete dock, jib crane, sanitization pump out, and MOT locker storage fees came up due December 31st, 2019.

Cold winter weather and southerly storms are here! If your boat is stored at the harbour during this time, please ensure your vessel is winterized, power cords are in good condition, lines are fastened/secured, and emergency contact information is visibly posted on the boat.



Public Works - Fall Maintenance & Drainage

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 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.

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

Jan 01 - New Year's

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Jan 02 - Recycling Pick-up

Please note - Due to the holiday's your recycling will be picked-up on Thursday Jan 02, 2020



Jan 06 - Meatloaf Monday

Monday, January 06 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm at the A-frame Church

Everyone Welcome

For more information contact Craig Murray at 250-956-3297



Jan 14 - Watercolor Painting

Time to relax after Christmas / New Years rush?? Consider trying a painting class with easy instruction for newcomers and for those who want to build on their skills.

There are 4 classes per session at a cost of \$120.00 per session. Some supplies can be purchased locally, others online.

Classes will be held Tuesday, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm.

To register of for more information please contact Angela McQuarrie at

1204artist@gmail.com or text 250-202-0198



Jan 18 - Bingo

Saturday, January 18 at 7:00 pm at the Lions Hall. Doors open at 6:00 pm.

As usual the concession will be open .



Jan 25 - Victor's Secret

Victor's Secret is an annual fundraiser where local men model decorated bras to raise money for North Island Community members that have been diagnosed with cancer.

This event will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, at the Community Hall.

Doors open at 6:30pm. No minors.

Tickets are \$25 each and go on sale January 06 at Timberland Sports and Dalewood Beer & Wine.





EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Christmas Tree Pick-up

The Town of Port McNeill wants your Christmas Trees.

For the month of January, leave your tree on your curb and our Public Works department will pick-up and depose of them for you!



2020 Garbage & Recycling Pick-Up

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Vancouver Island Regional Library

Phone: 956-3669 Tuesday: 10:00am - 12:00pm & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Website:

Wednesday: I:00pm - 5:00pm & 6:00pm - 8:00pm

www.virl.bc.ca

Thursday: 10:00am -12:00 & 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 3:00pm

Alert Bay Tide Chart

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



EVENTS AND INFORMATION

CHILTON ARENA			~ January 2020		EVENTS	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Arena Phone 250-956-3522 E-Mail	Bappy No	ew Year	Closed Happy New Year!!	2	3	4 5:00 PM Midget Eagles vs Alberni Valley
smarshall@rdmw.bc.ca	2	/ . "		Watch	for Holiday Sponsored 6	events!
5 10:00am Midget Eagles vs Alberni Valley	6 Sponsored events!	7 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30-1:00pm	9 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	10 Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm Possible Cancellation of Public Skating	11 Atom Tournament
Atom Tournament Public Skate 2:45-4:00pm	13 Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm	14 Parent & Tot	15 Public Skating 11:30-1:00pm	16 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm Public Skating 6:00-7:15pm	9:00am Midget 10:45am Bantam 12:30pm Atom Eagles 2:15pm Peewee Girls 4:00pm Midget Eagles
9:30am Peanuts 10:45am Atom 12:30pm Peewee Eagles Public Skate 2:45-4:00pm	20 Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm	21 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30-1:00pm	23 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm Public Skating 6:00-7:15pm	25 Eagle Playoffs Begin
Eagle Playoffs Begin Public Skate 2:45-4:00pm	27 Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm	28 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30-1:00pm	30 Parent & Tot 11:00am-12 Noon Stick Time 12:00-1:15pm Senior Mens Stick time 1:15-2:15pm	Public Skating 11:30am-1:00pm Public Skating 6:00-7:15pm	Look us up on Facebook Chilton Regional Arena Arena



PORT MCNEILL AA

Do you think you may have a problem with alcohol?
Port McNeill Alcoholics
Anonymous gathers Monday and
Friday evenings at 8:00 p.m. at the
Old School in room 3.

Unity, Service, Recovery.





SENIORS & RESIDENTS

PORT MCNEILL LIONESS

Continuous Collecting - The Port McNeill Lioness would like to remind you that they are continuously looking for donations of the following items: Eyeglasses: drop at the Port McNeill Hospital, Hearing Aids: drop off at Second Look Thrift Store or 2390 Mountain View Crescent, used postage stamps: drop at the Port McNeill Post Office, Stamp Showcase.



CONNECTED COMMUNITY PROGRAM

The Community Wellness program at the St. John Gualbert Anglican and United church (A-Frame church) will expand and change its name to the Connected Community program in 2020.



This new program will continue with the exercise/gentle stretch component, which is a close access program, assessed by Judy Quach, Occupational Therapist. Judy can be contacted through St John Gualbert church for need assessment to this program.

The new component will be a weekly Tuesday lunch at 12:00 noon for all people who want to drop in, then followed by an hour of games, socialization (Ipm to 2pm) that aim to enrich and maintain healthy mental and cognitive functions. Exercise will follow at 2pm.

Many individuals, the Lion/Lionesses, Rotary Club, and the Town of Port McNeill have added their financial contributions and on-going support in addition to program funding from the A-frame church, Anglican Diocese, and United church of Canada. Participants who can afford the entrance fee will be paying \$5 per session in this coming year.

All donations and contributions are gratefully appreciated. Tax receipt can be issued at your request. Please call St. John Gualbert Anglican and United church for more information please call (250) 956 3533.

Happy Gang

Happy Gang meets every Thursday, at 1:00pm at the A-Frame Book Store, 155 Cedar Street.

Come Enjoy Coffee, Tea, and great conversation. Everyone Welcome

For more information please contact Janet Smith at 250-956-9890

