



October 2021 Town Log



Mayor's Message



Some may ask, "Why all the plans?" The Official Community Plan, Wildfire Mitigation Plan and Active Transportation Plan are all things we have undertaken this past year.

When a plan is made it gives us direction. We know we want to grow, change, or make improvements. Plans are a necessary part of municipal life, so long as they don't sit on a shelf.

As part of making our Active Transportation Plan, the Town recently received a grant for \$290,584. These funds will link a Port McNeill Rotary project to install an accessible sidewalk/ramp behind the Town Office for seniors to safely access the downtown core. Our part of the project will connect that ramp via a sidewalk that will follow Hemlock Street to Campbell Way. Not only will it ensure accessibility for our seniors and transit users, it will also connect to the sidewalk that is currently being installed up Pioneer Hill.

Bit by bit we are working on improvements that will benefit the broader community. A special thanks to the Province of BC for their generous grant and our staff for preparing a successful grant application.

Sincerely,
Mayor Gaby Wickstrom

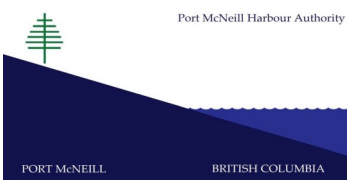


Town Office Hours

OPEN: 9:00am - 5:00pm, Monday to Friday
Closed October 11th, 2021 for Thanksgiving Day

Phone: [250-956-3111](tel:250-956-3111)

For Public Works emergencies after hours call [250-956-4521](tel:250-956-4521)



Harbour Office & Info Center Hours

Winter hours are now in effect

OPEN: 9:00am - 4:30pm, Monday to Friday
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Phone: [250-956-3881](tel:250-956-3881)

For Harbour emergencies after hours call [250-974-8499](tel:250-974-8499)

Meetings in September

Committee of the Whole Meeting of Council

Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 9:00 am

Regular Meeting of Council

Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00pm

Harbour Advisory Group

Thursday, October 14, 2021 at 7:00pm

Tourism Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30pm

<https://portmcneill.ca> For more details



All meetings are open to the public.

Occasionally meeting dates and times may change due to other events. Watch for meeting zoom links on our Town website and Facebook page.

Girl Guides of Canada

We're happy to announce that two volunteers have stepped forward, and so the long tradition of Girl Guides of Canada in Port McNeill will continue.

The unit will welcome girls of all ages from
Sparks (Kindergarten & Grade 1);
Brownies (Grade 2 & 3);
Guides (Grades 4, 5 & 6);
Pathfinders (Grades 7, 8 & 9);
And Rangers (Grades 10, 11 & 12).

Depending on the numbers that register and the availability of additional volunteers, the unit could possibly divide into smaller age groupings later. On-line registration is now open at www.girlguides.ca, where there are also links to Frequently Asked Questions about Covid protocols and more. The cost for the year is about \$110.00; subsidy is possible. Call or text Heather Jones at [250-230-4417](tel:250-230-4417) for more information.



Port McNeill Baptist Youth Group

Welcoming youth from Grade 8-12, every Wednesday at the Baptist Church on Mine Road, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm. We run games, have fun and talk about various aspects of God and what is going on in the world. Our goal is to teach youth about God in a fun and safe environment with no judgement. We have youth from all backgrounds and religions who come. We understand the stresses of teenage life and want to help youth navigate through it.

Masks required!

Contact Paul at [250-230-5115](tel:250-230-5115) for info.



Thanksgiving Day
October 11, 2021

Port McNeill Guides/Scouts Bottle Drive

The Port McNeill Guides/Scouts are back! Watch for us Sunday October 24th from 1-3p.m. Please leave your refundables on the road for easy pick up, or drop them off at the Hall.

We will also be out on January 16th 2022, from 1-3p.m. We appreciate the support of the community during these vital bottle drives.


We are in need of volunteers, if you are interested in helping, call [250-956-2919](tel:250-956-2919) for info.




October						
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

Recycling pick-up days
Garbage pick-up days

Learn the
Sounds
of Fire Safety



FIRE PREVENTION
WEEK
firepreventionweek.org



Fire Prevention Week


This year, Fire Prevention Week runs from October 3 to 9 and the theme is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety”.

Knowing the different sounds smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make and knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. It’s important that when an alarm sounds, a beeping or chirping sound, you take action!

For more info, go to:
<https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>

CONNECT
4WORK

Intro to computers for job seekers



Port McNeill classes Nov.1, 2021 - December 13, 2021!

Free classes Mon & Thurs 1:00-4:00 pm at Community Futures.

To register or for more info call Nickka Hutton 250-956-2878 or email connect4work@hotmail.com.

Town of Port McNeill Volunteer Positions Available

We are seeking interested individuals for volunteer positions on the Harbour Advisory Group, the Board of Variance, the Tourism Advisory Committee and the Advisory Planning Commission.

For more information and application details, contact the Town Office

Email: reception@portmcneill.ca
Mail: Box 728, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0
Phone: 250-956-3111

All inquiries will be treated in strict confidence.
We thank all applicants for their interest.



October Tidal Predictions							
Day	Time	Metres	Feet	Day	Time	Metres	Feet
1	0326	1.6	5.2	16	0415	1.3	4.3
	1024	3.6	11.8		1049	4.3	14.1
	FR 1527	2.7	8.9		SA 1645	1.9	6.2
	VE 2107	3.9	12.8		SA 2227	4.2	13.8
2	0421	1.4	4.6	17	0503	1.2	3.9
	1101	3.8	12.5		1128	4.4	14.4
	SA 1626	2.3	7.5		SU 1731	1.6	5.2
	SA 2207	4.1	13.5		DI 2322	4.3	14.1
3	0504	1.2	3.9	18	0543	1.3	4.3
	1133	4.1	13.5		1201	4.6	15.1
	SU 1712	2.0	6.6		MO 1813	1.3	4.3
	DI 2259	4.3	14.1		LU		
4	0542	1.1	3.6	19	0008	4.3	14.1
	1203	4.3	14.1		0616	1.4	4.6
	MO 1754	1.6	5.2		TU 1230	4.7	15.4
	LU 2349	4.5	14.8		MA 1851	1.1	3.6
5	0617	1.0	3.3	20	0050	4.4	14.4
	1233	4.6	15.1		0644	1.5	4.9
	TU 1836	1.2	3.9		WE 1255	4.7	15.4
	MA				ME 1927	1.0	3.3
6	0036	4.7	15.4	21	0129	4.3	14.1
	0649	1.0	3.3		0710	1.7	5.6
	WE 1302	4.8	15.7		TH 1319	4.7	15.4
	ME 1919	0.9	3.0		JE 2002	1.0	3.3
7	0124	4.7	15.4	22	0206	4.2	13.8
	0722	1.1	3.6		0735	1.9	6.2
	TH 1332	5.0	16.4		FR 1342	4.7	15.4
	JE 2003	0.7	2.3		VE 2037	1.0	3.3
8	0211	4.6	15.1	23	0243	4.1	13.5
	0756	1.3	4.3		0802	2.1	6.9
	FR 1405	5.1	16.7		SA 1406	4.6	15.1
	VE 2050	0.6	2.0		SA 2112	1.1	3.6
9	0300	4.4	14.4	24	0322	4.0	13.1
	0832	1.6	5.2		0831	2.3	7.5
	SA 1440	5.0	16.4		SU 1432	4.5	14.8
	SA 2140	0.7	2.3		DI 2149	1.2	3.9
10	0352	4.2	13.8	25	0404	3.8	12.5
	0912	1.9	6.2		0905	2.5	8.2
	SU 1521	4.9	16.1		MO 1502	4.3	14.1
	DI 2235	0.8	2.6		LU 2230	1.4	4.6
11	0452	3.9	12.8	26	0452	3.6	11.8
	1001	2.2	7.2		0944	2.7	8.9
	MO 1610	4.7	15.4		TU 1539	4.1	13.5
	LU 2336	1.0	3.3		MA 2318	1.5	4.9
12	0606	3.7	12.1	27	0553	3.5	11.5
	1103	2.5	8.2		1036	2.8	9.2
	TU 1713	4.4	14.4		WE 1631	3.9	12.8
	MA				ME		
13	0046	1.2	3.9	28	0016	1.6	5.2
	0738	3.7	12.1		0713	3.5	11.5
	WE 1232	2.7	8.9		TH 1153	2.9	9.5
	ME 1831	4.1	13.5		JE 1748	3.7	12.1
14	0203	1.3	4.3	29	0123	1.7	5.6
	0902	3.8	12.5		0832	3.6	11.8
	TH 1425	2.6	8.5		FR 1336	2.9	9.5
	JE 1959	4.0	13.1		VE 1914	3.7	12.1
15	0315	1.3	4.3	30	0229	1.7	5.6
	1002	4.0	13.1		0928	3.8	12.5
	FR 1547	2.3	7.5		SA 1506	2.6	8.5
	VE 2120	4.1	13.5		SA 2032	3.8	12.5
31	0326	1.6	5.2				
	1008	4.0	13.1				
	SU 1605	2.2	7.2				
	DI 2141	4.0	13.1				

Bear Season

As we head into fall the fruit trees are ripening. Residents need to prepare to have increased interaction with bears. We would like to remind residents that at this time of year it is important to harvest your fruit trees to limit encounters with these animals.

Removing attractants as much as possible is the responsibility of all residents, for everyone’s safety and the safety of the bears.

Public works has put into place a management plan for the areas where we have blackberries and other food sources.

Even in non-conflict situations, it is important for residents to call in and report a sighting as it gives conservation important statistics for when there is a bigger issue. Conservation does not monitor Facebook posts, so please call in to 1-877-952-7277




Wild Heart Music Presents: The Magic of Song

A series of workshops to open the voice, learn, and connect.
Led by Chelsea Edwardson, chelseaedwardson.com

October 12—December 7
Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm

To register call
250-956-3533



Cost \$195 per person
Or
\$25 drop-in fee

*Wild Heart will Support anyone in need of financial assistance



United Way helping seniors remain independent.



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have aging parents or grandparents that need help around the house?
Do you want to help local seniors stay connected to their community and remain independent? You can make a difference by giving a helping hand.
Volunteer with Better at Home today!

Better at Home
North Island Crisis & Counselling
Center Society
7095 Beverly Parnham Way
Port Hardy

Serving all north island communities
Ashlee Wall, Program Coordinator
250-949-8333 or 250-230-0757
ashleew@niccccs.org





Keep Pets Leashed In Town

The Town of Port McNeill would like to remind pet owners to keep their pets leashed when travelling through town.

Pets are welcomed to be off leash in the dog park located off Broughton Boulevard, by the Community Hall!

