



## Mayor's Message

It is the time of year where folks stress over material gifts and often lose sight that the most memorable of presents is their presence.

The gift of time. Spend it with family, friends, coworkers and try for an easy pace.

If you should find yourself stressing, be assured that in a year's time, you will not remember the details.

And should you partake in the more celebratory aspects of the season, remember that the art of a good time is knowing when to quit.

And hydration!.

Please be careful on the roads and plan your travels for daylight hours, if possible.

It is a very first world presumption to think that our roads will always be perfect. That's not reality.

If you can cut out a trip or two by shopping local, I would encourage the support for our North Island businesses.

It is a slow time, and they give back to the community 12 months a year.

Mayor James J Furney

## Meetings in December

### Committee of the Whole

December 5, 2023 at 9:00am

Held in Council Chambers 1775 Furney Place

### Regular Meeting of Council

December 12, 2023 at 7:00pm

Held in Council Chambers at 1775 Furney Place



## Town Office Hours

OPEN: 8:30am-4:30pm, Monday to Friday

Phone: 250-956-3111

For emergencies after hours call 250-956-4521

The Town office will be closed December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024

### Harbour Office

OPEN: 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday to Saturday

Offices are closed 12:00-1:00pm

Phone: 250-956-3881

The Harbour Office will be closed December 25 and 26, 2023

## 2023 Property Taxes and Utilities

On January 1, 2024, all current outstanding property taxes and utilities will be transferred to arrears and charged interest daily.

Any arrears on taxes will be transferred to delinquent and will incur daily interest as well.

To avoid any interest charges, payments can be made before December 31, 2023.

Payments can be made through online banking, OptionPay, cheques, cash, and debit at our office.

Payments must be received on or before the due date, including online payment and must be deposited and shown as received on the Towns bank statement before January 1, 2024.

Please note our office will be closed from December 25, 2023 to January 1, 2024. For more information on your property or outstanding balances please call the Town office or email [finance@portmcneill.ca](mailto:finance@portmcneill.ca).



QR Code to OptionPay



Town of Port McNeill
<b>Recycling pick-up days</b>
<b>Garbage pick-up days</b>
<b>Please Note:</b>
If your recycling contains non-recyclable items your bin will be left behind.
<b>Depot Only Materials:</b>
- Glass bottles/Jars - Polystyrene Styrofoam (NO Packing Peanuts) - Plastic film - Plastic grocery bags, (Saran wrap, frozen veggie bags)
<b>Refundables:</b>
Take refundables to a depot or store for refund or save for bottle drives to support local groups.

## Recycling pick-up days

## Garbage pick-up days

December						
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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
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For information regarding garbage and recycling pick-up please call Fox's Disposal at 250-949-6306



**FOX'S DISPOSAL**  
Serving the North Island since 1970.



## Garbage & Recycling Information



Waste pickup is every second week and we will not accept the following items:

- Recyclables, Electronics, Anything with a cord, Drywall, Ceiling Tiles, Propane Tanks, Large amounts of wood or construction waste.

Recycling pickup is alternating weeks from Waste and we will accept MOST recyclable items:

- NO GLASS RECYCLING WILL BE ACCEPTED



Please slow down and stop for us when we are working on the road. This can be a dangerous job, especially when people speed. We would all like to go home safely at the end of the day.



# New asbestos training, certificate, and licensing requirements

WorkSafeBC is implementing mandatory training and licensing for asbestos abatement work to help keep workers safe from the danger of asbestos. As of January 1, 2024, asbestos abatement contractors must be licensed to operate in British Columbia, and anyone performing asbestos abatement work must complete mandatory safety training and obtain certificates.

Learn more about Asbestos training, certification & licensing at [worksafebc.com](https://worksafebc.com)



## Canskate

Canskate will resume January 15, 2024 for Monday skaters and January 17, 2023 for Wednesday skaters. New registrations welcome from 4:00-4:45pm on Monday and Wednesdays

## Town Log

If you would like to add something to the Town Log, please email your request to [reception@portmcneill.ca](mailto:reception@portmcneill.ca) before the 15th of each month Thank you!

## Pickleball

For the Month of December Pickleball at the Old School Gym Tuesday evenings 6:30-8:30pm Thursday mornings 10:00am-2:00pm Thursday evenings 7:00pm-9:00pm Saturdays 12:00pm-2:00pm Free of Charge

## North Island Farmers Market

Join us at Cheslakees School December 9, 2023 For more Information: 250-902-8295 or [pmfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:pmfarmersmarket@gmail.com)

## First Responders Holiday Parade



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH, 2023  
START TIME: 6:00PM

THE PORT McNEILL POLICING SOCIETY WILL BE SERVING HOT CHOCOLATE AND HOT DOGS DOWNTOWN, TO BE JOINED BY A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA AFTER THE PARADE.

## Volleyball

Port McNeill Volleyball Wednesday: Drop in Warm up and play 7:00pm to 9:00pm Old School Gym, Port McNeill Friday: Technical Practice Come to learn Technique to improve your game 7:00pm to 9:00 pm At the Old School Gym Everyone ages 13+ welcome free of charge



## Community Calendar

Are you planning an event that you would like to share with the community?

Do you have a meeting or an activity that you'd like to have more participation in?



If you have something you'd like added to our community calendar, please submit your information to: [community@portmcneill.ca](mailto:community@portmcneill.ca)



## ST. JOHN GUALBERT CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Port McNeill

AT: THE GARDEN BARN AT SHOPRITE

WHEN: DECEMBER 2nd

HOURS: Monday thru Sunday 9 am-5 pm

COST: \$65



Matinee Movies in December

Double Feature!

Home Alone and Home alone 2

December 10, 2023

Starting at 12:00pm



Better at Home Presents  
The third annual

## Giving Tree

Giving gifts to North Island seniors

To give or receive a gift  
Call today 250-230-0757



## Cram the Cruiser

to prevent hunger this holiday season.

December 9, 2023  
10:00am to 6:00pm

IGA Parking Lot,  
Port McNeill



Bring your non-perishable food items or cash donations and cram them into our cruiser. All proceeds go directly to the A-Frame Food Distribution to support their food programs on the North Island.

## The Royal Canadian Legion

BC-Yukon Command Branch 281

(Port McNeill) thanks all those persons, and organizations who attended, participated in, and assisted with the Remembrance Day ceremonies on Saturday, November 11th, 2023. Also, a grateful thank you to those local individuals, businesses, schools, and government agencies that donated to our annual poppy and remembrance campaign this year, and in previous years.

Your support is greatly appreciated



## Thank you & Happy Holidays

to all of our Volunteers, Community Members, Friends, Families, and Staff that worked to make this another year to remember

