

# TOWN LOG



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## MAY 2010

### Property Taxes for 2010

Look for your tax notices towards the end of this month. Come in and claim your homeowner grant as soon as you can. You do not have to make payment in order to claim your home owner grant. If you forgot to claim last year, it may not be too late. Come and see us at the Town office.

### Construction Update

The Public Works Department would like to thank everyone for their cooperation during the construction along Beach Drive. Progress is being made with an estimated completion date tentatively set for mid June.



**NOTICE**

**CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS ALONG BEACH DRIVE  
PLEASE USE CAUTION  
SIDEWALKS ALONG BEACH DRIVE WILL BE REMOVED  
DURING THIS CONSTRUCTION**

### Public Works Emergency contact:

During Office Hours call 956-3111 After hours 956-4521. Listen to the message for numbers to call.



### The Town Office will be closed:

Monday May 24, 2010 for Victoria Day

### Town Office Announcements

In the Council Chambers:

Next Council meetings May 3rd & 11th at 7:30 pm  
Next Communities in Bloom May 19th at 7:00 pm  
Next APC meeting to be announced

At the Harbour Office:

Next Harbour Comm. Meeting May 4th at 6:30 pm

### Pool Opens Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

Free admission for all swims (excluding School and Red Cross lessons) **opening day!**

Red Cross Swim Lessons Schedule:

Set #1 – May 10-21 (4-6pm)

Set #2 – May 24-June 4 (4-6pm)

Set #3 – June 7-18 (4-6pm)



To register, please phone or drop in to the Pool. To secure a spot, payment must be made.

Aquafit classes will begin on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

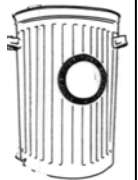
Please come to, or phone the pool for inquiries about admission, passes, lessons or rentals.

**250-956-3638**

### Please be Bear Aware

- ◆ Keep your garbage inside until pickup day
- ◆ Do not put your garbage out the night before
- ◆ Use a garbage can and lid

For sightings, assistance and bear proofing  
Bear Aware 1-250-266-BEAR (2327)  
Conservation Officer 1-877-952-7277



### Council Members

Mayor: Gerry Furney

Councillors: Shirley Ackland  
Shelley Downey  
Aaron Frost  
Gaby Wickstrom

Office Hours are 9 am to 5 pm Monday thru Friday



## Communities in Bloom

Planting Workshop—Sunday May 30th—11am

Between the Flower Shoppe & Fields

Bring a 12' - 18" pot or basket.

Soil and plants will be available to purchase. Planting advice provided. Pay Communities in Bloom members (sponsors of the event).



Promoting beautification of Port McNeill.

Book for "sun" or "shade" by calling Helen at 250-956-3673 Limited spaces available.

## Join the CCSVI Rally

Wednesday May 5, 2010

12:00-1:00 pm at the Cenotaph (bring your lunch)

Come wearing blue or red and wielding wrenches or plungers - Let us "Liberate" Locally

In this Cross Country event Port McNeill is the littlest Town participating. Let's show the bigger centers what we can do!

CCSVI = Chronic cerebrospinal venous insufficiency  
For more information call Mary @ 956-3411

## Great Fish Productions presents

"pirate feast for famine"



Friday May 7, 2010

Doors open at 6:30 pm at the Lions Hall. Limited Seating Available. Tickets on sale NOW. Call Kim at 250-949-1335 or Terry at 250-949-0160

\$60.00 per couple or \$35.00 per person



Proceeds to benefit North Island Harvest Food Bank and Haiti Relief Fund.

## North Island Timing Association

We would like to announce the upcoming drag race schedule at Port McNeill Airport. There will be two race dates this summer.

1st race date is June 26-27.

2nd race date is August 28-29.



More information will be available soon, questions can be directed to

[northislandtimingassociation@hotmail.com](mailto:northislandtimingassociation@hotmail.com)

## Young Naturalists Club Vancouver Island



### Upcoming "Explorer Days"

May 15 – Finding Coral, presentation by Jennifer Lash of the Living Oceans Society.

For \$15/family, you enjoy:

- ◆ Access to the monthly "Explorer Days" – a family nature event.
- ◆ A welcome pack containing a participation passport, a bird and insect ID card, a bird checklist, an official membership card and a magnifying glass
- ◆ A wonderful natural history magazine 4 times a year called "Nature Wild".
- ◆ The possibility of the children earning the recognition of awards for environmental action and awareness.

Note: Children to be at least 5 years-old.

For details of the organization and these events see [www.earthlingenterprises.ca](http://www.earthlingenterprises.ca) (go to "Clubs") and [www.ync.ca](http://www.ync.ca) Local contact (volunteer): Jackie Hilderling; 956-3525; [earthlingenterprises@telus.net](mailto:earthlingenterprises@telus.net)

## 2010 Regional Fall Fair in Port McNeill

Volunteers are needed to get this rolling!! Get brainstorming and bring forward your ideas and requests.

Contact Christine Hinton at 956-4400

## MS Walk - May 2, 2010

Starting at 9:30 at the Port Hardy PHSS Track

For more info call Barb 956-3210



### Port McNeill Family Centre

Room #6 Old School – Call/Fax 956-2273

Email: [pmfamilycentre@telus.net](mailto:pmfamilycentre@telus.net)

Coordinator: Charlotte Johnson

#### RED CROSS BABYSITTERS COURSE:

Next date set for (Pro D day) Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> in Port McNeill. Call to get added to the next course list! Cost \$25.00 (includes manual) 9:00am-4:00pm. Rm #6 Old School. Students to bring a lunch & must be age 11yrs +. Space is limited. Must call 250-956-2273 to register.

#### MISSOULA CHILDREN'S THEATRE 2010:

Is back with.... **Pinocchio!** Auditions: 3:30pm Monday May 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sunset School Gym. Practices: Monday –Friday 3:30-5:30pm & 6-8pm, Performances: Sat May 8<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 & 7:00pm in the Pioneer Theater- Port McNeill. For More Info: Please call Kathy Martin at 956-3456

#### SUMMER DAY CAMP 2010:

Various grants have been applied for! Fingers crossed it all gets approved! In order to run the program correctly we must also seek much more additional funding. If any businesses, organizations or individuals feel they would like to make a donation towards these fantastic summer programs please call the Family Centre at 250-956-2273(CARE). Please watch the local papers & postings for possible student jobs and summer day camp details .

**TODDLER TIME:** Tuesday mornings. 9:30-11:00am. In the gym. Facilitator: Cheryl Verbrugge. Program content geared towards children between the ages of 1-3. All children under the age of 6yrs are still welcome.

**PROMISING BABIES:** Tuesdays 11am-12:30pm in Room #6 at the Old School. Contact Chris Koop 250-956-3134 for more info. Geared towards expecting parents, and parents with babies 0-1 yrs.

**PARENTS/CAREGIVERS & TOTS MORNINGS:** Drop-In Time: Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30-11:00am. Old School gym. Call 250-956-2273 for more info. For parents & caregivers with children 0-5yrs. Play, socialize & get out of the house! Facilitators: Charlotte Johnson & Cheryl Verbrugge

### Canskate Summer Skating School

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 16<sup>th</sup>

2:45—3:30 pm Cost \$60.00 Call Elizabeth 956-3995

### The Reading Room

For adults looking for a comfortable quiet place to read, study, write, relax and share their love of books with others. 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Old School Room 5 7:00—9:00 pm. For more info 250-956-3134.

### Rotary Club of Port McNeill

They are looking for guest speakers. Please call if :

- ◆ You'd like to tell them about your business
- ◆ You want to share an experience or topic of interest
- ◆ Your group has an upcoming event

Contact Port McNeill Rotary Club media relations - Karen Stewart at 250-956-2912 for more details.

### FREE Mammography Screening

Call 604-877-6187 to book an appointment


Where: Scout Hall—420 Shelly Crescent

When: May 3-6, 2010 Website: [www.smpbc.ca](http://www.smpbc.ca)



## VANCOUVER ISLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

[www.virl.bc.ca](http://www.virl.bc.ca)

Sunday & Monday	Closed	Friday	Closed
Tuesday & Wednesday	1 - 5 & 6 - 8	Saturday	10 - 3
Thursday	10 - 12 & 1 - 5		



## Second Look Thrift Shop

Come on in and shop for family clothing and footwear. New and used. We also have a great selection of household goods.



Open Monday to Saturday

10 am to 4 pm (closed May 24, 2010)

## Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion



Rick Hansen  
MAN IN MOTION  
FOUNDATION

The current Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion (RHWIM) event organizing committee took on the responsibility of organizing the annual RHWIM event in 2004. Our objective was to improve the Quality of Life for people affected by a Spinal Cord injury, improve accessibility to facilities in Port McNeill and to support the work of the Rick Hansen Foundation in spinal cord research.

As a result of generous donations & support by participants, community members, local businesses & organizations the events have been very successful. Each year we raised sufficient funds to obtain Quality of Life grants from the Rick Hansen Foundation for local projects such as the lift at the Port McNeill swimming pool & a wheelchair ramp and automatic door opener at the ice arena. Funds from the 2009 event will be used to improve access at the community hall.

However, after 6 years of organizing the events the committee members are faced with many changes & commitments in their lives and recommended we take a break in 2010. We have informed the RHWIM organization that there will not be an event in Port McNeill unless others are able to take the responsibility. This was a very difficult decision but we believe that the Wheels In Motion events have changed attitudes & Port McNeill is a more accessible community.

Once again thank you to all those who have supported the events & helped us achieve our goals. Please contact Wayne Green (250) 956-3692 if you want further information.

## Port McNeill Hospital Auxiliary

Next Meeting Wednesday May 12, 2010 in Room 4 at the Old School. New Members Welcome.



## The North Island Youth Leadership

**Council** is pleased to announce that the 3rd Annual North Island Youth Conference will be held in Port McNeill this year on Friday May 14, 2010 at the Community Hall. For each of the last two years, over 200 youth joined the conference from many North Island communities including: Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Sointula, Port Alice, and Zeballos. This year we are expecting youth from Port Alberni to join us as well. Connections will be formed among youth within and beyond the North Island providing them with opportunities to open their views to the larger society, become more aware of their shared gifts and challenges, and create collaborative and responsible solutions to their issues.

The agenda for the Conference will include a mix of educational topics and recreational activities. The topics are sexual health, addictions, youth housing, self defence, hip-hop/break dancing, cedar weaving, jewellery making, and photographic journalism. Activities will include floor hockey, soccer, and basketball mini-tournaments. A Much Music Dance will follow. Adult supervision will be provided all through the conference.

The conference is for youth age 13-19 years old and is a **free event**. The dance is free with conference attendance, or \$10 at the door. Also there will be many fantastic prizes including a laptop computer, iPod touch and more.

This event is sponsored by Vancouver Island Health Authority, Ministry of Children and Families and B.C. Cancer Society.

For more info contact Peter Carter @ 250-230-3513 Stephanie Rukin or Marieke Knierim (youth conference coordinators).





## Chamber of Commerce

Phone 250-956-3131 or 1-888-956-3131



## Canada Day in Port McNeill.....the Extended Version!



Tentative plans are in the works to partner with the Port McNeill Airport Canada Day Festivities to expand the fun! Thanks to Bill & the Airport for joining in! If you are interested in a "Seaside" vendor/Arts & Craft market or sidewalk sale with your business or if you just have a great idea; please call the Chamber Office and your message will be relayed. Hurry though! Time's a wastin'! Community Groups and interested individuals need apply! Call 250-956-3131



Saturday August 21

Your help is needed on the planning committee! This is an open call for all those interested in participating in the planning and presentation of this year's festivities. Please call Cheryl at the Port McNeill Chamber of Commerce and join in the fun! It is time well spent. Your assistance is needed and appreciated! OrcaFest Planning Meeting- Tuesday, May 4 @ 6:30 pm at the Chamber of Commerce Office!

### Upcoming Chamber Meetings:

Executive Meeting: 11-May-2010 11:30 am – 1:00 pm @ the Sportsman

General Chamber Meeting:

25-May-2010 12:00 am – 1:00 pm @ the Dry Dock

### Submissions to Chamber Updates:

Members can make submissions to the Chamber Update by faxing or emailing to the Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce.

956-3131

1594 Beach Drive, PO Box 129

www.portmcneill.net

email: pmccc@island.net

Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm

## Lions and Lioness of Port McNeill

We always welcome new members. For more information about joining either club call the zone chairman Pierre LeGal at 250-956-4296.

Port McNeill is part of a district that includes all of Vancouver Island & Islands and Port Angeles.



**Congratulations to both Sue and Frank!**



**We Serve** Port McNeill members Sue and Frank Shelley, were

honored at an International level with a Judge Brian Stevenson Fellowship Award. Mr. & Mrs. Shelley are long standing members and were honored for their volunteer work within the organization and in the community.

Upcoming community events include:

Lions Auction May 15th

Concession at the Airport July 1st for Canada Day Celebrations.

## Singing in the Rain Fashion Show



2nd Annual hosted by PM Rotary Club on Saturday May 1st 7:00 pm at the Pioneer Theatre.

Loonie auction and refreshments.

Tickets are \$15.00—available at Coastal Community Credit Union and The Port McNeill Flower Shoppe

For more information call 956-2912

## Port McNeill Museum May 2010

Open 1-4 pm

Saturday and Sunday

For rentals or tours contact

Rupa at 250.956.4387 or Marg at 250.956.4202





## Useful Information

Happy Gang meets Thursdays at 1pm at the St. John Gualbert Church hall. A great bunch of people with diverse interests who get together once a week. Our only mandate is to be accepting of all people. Call Karen Watkins for more information 956-3563.

### Recycling Options

- Second Look Thrift Shop
- 7 Mile Landfill & Recycling  
**949-1681**
- Port McNeill Recycling Depot  
Open Mondays noon to 7:00 pm  
and Saturdays noon to 5:00 pm



Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays and Fridays 8:00 to 9:00 Room 3, Old Elementary School Recreation Center.

Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays and Saturdays 7:30 to 8:30 Room 3, Old Elementary School Recreation Center.

Alanon Meetings Wednesdays 7:30 St. Mary's Church.

If you are interested in furthering your education check out North Island College. 949-7912. Call them directly for more information.

For Hall Rentals contact:

St. John Gualbert Church Hall	956-3533
Lions Hall	956-4296
Old School Rec. Center	956-3111
Guide/Scout Hall	956-2986
Curling Club	956-4898
Legion Hall	956-4551
Museum meeting room	956-4202
Regional Arena	956-3522

### Copy Deadline

Deadline for the next Town Log is **May 20, 2010**

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## Tide Chart For May 2010

Remember:

add one hour to tide chart (PST) for daylight savings time.

Day	Time	Feet	Metres	jour	heure	pieds	mètres
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SA	1546	13.1	4.0	SU	1529	13.1	4.0
SA	2052	6.9	2.1	DI	2025	6.9	2.1
2	0249 1008	14.8 2.6	4.5 0.8	17	0228 0951	15.4 1.6	4.7 0.5
SU	1632	12.5	3.8	MO	1617	12.8	3.9
DI	2136	7.5	2.3	LU	2115	7.2	2.2
3	0331 1051	14.1 3.3	4.3 1.0	18	0318 1037	15.1 2.0	4.6 0.6
MO	1722	12.1	3.7	TU	1710	12.8	3.9
LU	2226	7.9	2.4	MA	2216	7.2	2.2
4	0419 1135	13.1 4.3	4.0 1.3	19	0415 1127	14.1 2.6	4.3 0.8
TU	1819	11.8	3.6	WE	1807	12.8	3.9
MA	2327	8.2	2.5	ME	2330	7.2	2.2
5	0513 1224	12.5 4.9	3.8 1.5	20	0521 1220	13.1 3.3	4.0 1.0
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JE	2022	12.1	3.7	VE	2003	13.8	4.2
7	0221 0730	7.9 11.2	2.4 3.4	22	0226 0759	5.9 11.8	1.8 3.6
FR	1416	5.9	1.8	SA	1416	4.6	1.4
VE	2111	12.5	3.8	SA	2055	14.1	4.3
8	0331 0848	6.9 11.2	2.1 3.4	23	0334 0924	4.6 11.8	1.4 3.6
SA	1510	5.9	1.8	SU	1513	5.2	1.6
SA	2151	12.8	3.9	DI	2142	14.8	4.5
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DI	2225	13.5	4.1	LU	2226	15.4	4.7
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TU	1715	6.2	1.9	WE	1744	6.2	1.9
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**MOTHER'S**

**DAY**

**MAY 9TH**



### Scout and Guide

Bottle Drive

Sunday


May 16th

10 am — 2 pm



# MAY POOL SCHEDULE



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you have any questions please contact the Pool	Early Bird Length Swim 6:00am—8:00am (6:00am—8:30am Tuesdays & Thursdays)					Phone 250-956-3638  Email pmpool@telus.net  Fax 250-956-4300
	Aquafit 7:30am—8:30am		Aquafit 7:30am—8:30am		Aquafit 7:30am—8:30am	
	School Swimming Lessons 9:00am—11:40am					
Length Swim 11:30—1:00pm	Length Swim 11:45am—1:00pm					Length Swim 11:30—1:00pm
Public Swim 1:00pm—3:30pm	School Swimming Lessons 1:00pm—3:00pm					Public Swim 1:00pm—3:30pm
Family Swim 3:30pm—4:30pm	Public Swim 3:00pm—4:00pm					Rental Time Available Until 7:00pm
Rental Time Available Until 7:00pm	Red Cross Swim Lessons 4:00pm—6:00pm					
	Corporate Swim 6:00pm—8:00pm	Corporate Swim 6:00pm—7:00pm	WFP- 6:00-7:00pm	Corporate Swim 6:00pm—7:00pm		
		Aquafit 7:00pm—8:00pm	Corporate Swim 7:00pm—8:00pm	Aquafit 7:00pm—8:00pm		
	Evening Length Swim 8:00pm—9:00pm					