

# TOWN LOG



Town of Port McNeill  
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**February 2012**

**Mayor and Council:**

Gerry Furney  
Shirley Ackland  
Grant Anderson  
Chris Sharpe  
Gaby Wickstrom

**Animal Control Officer**

Connie Brown  
Contact # 250-230-4777  
pmanimalcontrol@gmail.com

**Meetings:**

**Council—**

February 6th & 20th  
7:30 pm in the Council  
Chambers

**Harbour Committee—**

February 7th at 6:30 pm  
at 1594 Beach Drive

**Advisory Planning  
Committee**



**Port McNeill Museum**

Closed for the months of  
February & March  
For tours or rentals call  
Margaret 956-4202 or  
Rupa 956-4387

**Office Hours**

Open 9 am—5 pm  
Monday thru Friday  
For Public Works  
Emergencies after hours  
call 956-4521 & Listen for the  
numbers to call.



**Water Pipeline**

The replacement of the Town's  
water mains continues. We thank  
you for your patience during this  
process, and apologize for any  
inconvenience. There may be  
times when you do not have  
access to your driveway or off  
street parking for a day or so.  
We will continue to notify  
affected residents in advance.

Port McNeill Public Works

**Snow & Ice**

The winter season is upon  
us. Please park in your  
driveways to allow for any  
necessary ice/snow removal  
on roadways. As the Town  
must work to clear main  
roads and emergency  
channels first, your  
patience, and assistance in  
keeping the sidewalks clear  
in front of your own home  
is greatly appreciated.

**Happy Valentines Day**



**NOTICE! Utility Customers**

2012 Utility bills were mailed in January. If you did not receive an invoice, please notify the Town Office immediately.

The prompt payment discount of 5% will be applied to Utility bills paid by February 29th, 2012. Cheques may be postdated and mailed or brought in early to ensure receipt by the due date. The Town of Port McNeill will not be responsible if postdated cheques are deposited early. Please ensure your cheques are well marked as postdated.

Postmarks will not be considered as date of payment.

Again—payments must be received at the Town Office by 4:30 p.m. February 29, 2012 in order to qualify for the prompt payment discount.

Are you unable to pay your account in full by the end of February?

We will accept installment payments, for the full amount, up to October 31, 2012.

Utilities are the responsibility of the property owner and are not paid by Mortgage Companies.

Seniors & Disabled Persons:

If you are entitled to the additional Home Owner's Grant in the 2012 tax year, you are also entitled to an additional 25% off the basic utility account plus any appropriate prompt payment discount. Please provide proof of age or doctor's certificate. For the additional discount – full payment must be received by December 31, 2012 in order to qualify.

**24 HOUR ROAD ADVISORY 1-800-661-2324 or the website "Drive BC"**



**The Port McNeill  
Figure Skating Club  
Presents...**

**Under the Big Top**

**Friday February 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**  
**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**  
**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

**Chilton Regional Arena  
Port McNeill**





**Tickets available at  
the Port McNeill  
Flower Shoppe**

### Strong Start BC

Strong Start BC Early Learning Program

**Place:** Cheslakees Elementary School

**Times:** Monday, Wednesday & Friday – 9 am. – 12 noon  
Tuesday & Thursday – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Ages:** This is a parent/child interactive early learning program and is open to children ages birth to pre-kindergarten. Their parents, guardian or caregiver must attend with the children. This program is funded by The Ministry of Education.

Welcome to Jungle Time...Come join us and learn about animals that live in the jungle. Make some jungle animal crafts, sing some songs and listen to stories about the animals in the jungle.

We'll sprinkle on a little LOVE for Valentine's Day and guess if the Ground Hog will see his shadow!



### Dry Grad 2012

The graduation class of 2012 is still collecting recyclables to raise funds for dry grad. You can drop them off at Island Foods Recycling Depot or the Liquor store until May 2012. Just mention that they are for the NISS dry grad.

Thank you for supporting the students.

FMI contact Elly Chester 250-956-2977



### Port McNeill Hospital Auxiliary

Meeting times are on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 1-3 pm. Meetings are now held in the Old School Room 4.

Come out and join us to greet old friends and meet new ones.

For more information contact Sue at 250-956-3504



# Mount Waddington Health System Stabilization Local Working Group

The Local Working Group (LWG), in collaboration with the Vancouver Island Health Authority, has been established and is meeting regularly to develop a community-led plan aimed at strengthening and stabilizing health services in the Mt. Waddington region. The LWG anticipates presenting its recommendations to VIHA in March 2012.



For information on the LWG, including meeting agendas, minutes and membership, Mt. Waddington residents are invited to visit the VIHA website at: [http://www.viha.ca/about\\_viha/community/mt\\_waddington.htm](http://www.viha.ca/about_viha/community/mt_waddington.htm)

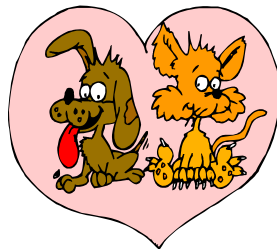
For further information, please contact: Alison Mitchell, LWG Co-chair at 250.956.4461, Ext. 66257

## Port McNeill Pound Notes

Well, it is that time of year again. All Cat & dog licenses are due for renewal. You can purchase them through the Town Office. Spayed or neutered is \$15.00. Un-spayed or un-neutered \$30.00. Remember, it is mandatory to licence your animal in Port McNeill.

I wanted to thank all who donated to the Animal shelter over the past year. Every little bit makes a BIG difference!

Just a couple reminders, all dogs within town limits **MUST** be leashed. I have also noticed a substantial increase in people not picking up after their dogs. There are many places in town that you can help yourself to **free** bags. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated!



## Raising the Roof

A ROOTS MUSIC BENEFIT  
for St John Gualbert A Frame Church  
Featuring STEVEN PALMER (Folk Guitar & Vocals)

Concert & Silent Auction

7 PM Wednesday February 22nd

At the Pioneer Theatre Mall in Port McNeill

TICKETS \$15.00

Available at the A Frame Book Store, East of Java,  
The Shed and the Port McNeill Flower Shoppe

Info: 250-956-3297

## Top Island Econauts Dive Club

**Yes, it's cold but it's so worth it!** We are a non-profit society aimed at facilitating environmentally sound and safe recreational diving on northern Vancouver Island and - we dive every weekend. All dives and events are listed under "events" at [www.econauts.org](http://www.econauts.org).

Upcoming dives include **lingcod egg mass surveys** for the Vancouver Aquarium.

We will also soon have a **skills dive** at the Port Hardy pool. Anyone with a c-card is welcome to join us in practicing essential exercises like mask removal and emergency ascent. Contact Jackie Hilderger for details or to apply for membership.

[econauts@telus.net](mailto:econauts@telus.net)

Next meeting February 7, 2012.



### LIBRARY HOURS

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

### Story Time at the Library

Thursdays

9:30-10:00 am

February 2nd, 9th & 16th





## Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Centre 1594 Beach Drive

The Chamber of Commerce is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors and full membership gives you a vote for the new Board of Directors. We are currently seeking nominations for the Executive & Board of Directors for the Year 2012. There are eleven (11) elected positions: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and eight (8) Directors.

**Mount Waddington (North Island) Coordinated Workforce Initiative** and the **Port McNeill & District Chamber of Commerce** will be conducting a series of “roundtable” discussions. Topic for discussion will be “Attraction, Recruitment and Retention” for our local industries and business. Please watch for dates and times.

**Chamber of Commerce 2012 Membership & Renewal:**  
Contact the Chamber office for more information.

## N.I.S.S. News

The students, parents, and staff at NISS would like to thank the many people in the community who stepped forward to express their support for keeping the school leaving ceremony in the Chilton Arena. After a great deal of discussion with students and parents, the school has decided to go ahead with June 2nd school leaving ceremony in the arena.

As the smallest grade 12 class in decades, the approximately forty four students and their parents will need your continued support with setting up and decorating for this grand celebration. The school has also been assured that with the venue remaining in the arena that every effort will be made by those in the community to ensure that despite not being on school property, the event will be a school and family oriented event. We wish to make this an enjoyable experience for all.

Please continue to visit our website at [www.niss.sd85.bc.ca](http://www.niss.sd85.bc.ca) and follow our monthly newsletters for further updates.

## Port McNeill Seniors

After an enjoyable ethnic potluck dinner on January 15th, the seniors will have their next potluck on February 19th at 6:00 pm. Anyone 55 years or older wishing to attend may contact 956-4253 (Olive) to book a space.

Drop in for adult leisure time every Wednesday from 1-4 pm in Room 5 (north side) in the Old School. Bring your craft or enjoy social time. Refreshments served.

Helen's health tips for avoiding flu's and colds (they work for Helen—no colds/flu for 5-6 years) :

- wash can openers each time used with a brush to remove stale food
- rinse toothbrushes with water then spray with mouthwash after each use
- use head cover (hat, toque, etc.) to keep the cold out of your ears.



## Chilton Regional Arena

Peanuts' Minor Hockey Jamboree March 10th & 11th

Figure Skating Carnival—see “Big Top” on Page 2 for details

Public Skating Friday 7:30—9:00 pm & Sunday 1:00—2:00 pm



FOR FACILITY RENTALS AND ANY OTHER QUESTIONS  
CALL 250-956-3522 OR EMAIL “Kathy.Wood@rdmw.bc.ca”

## Lioness Lines

The Jan. 16th meeting designated \$200 to Vict Services, a non-profit group helping victims of crime, industrial accidents, etc.

Spring garage sale coming up—call 956-3673 (Helen)

Easter Egg Hunt April 8, 2012

Christmas Showcase Dec. 1st, 2012

Next Lioness meeting Feb 28 at 7:00 pm in the Lions Hall  
call 956-4400 for details (Christina—President)

Generous customers of Hyde Creek Esso, 2nd Look Thrift Store and other individuals have contributed another \$269.85 towards the 3rd hearing dog (fund) which makes up part of \$4,000 for full training of guide dog & recipient in Oakville, ON



## Port McNeill Family Centre

Room #6 Old School

Call/Fax 956-2273

Email:

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

Coordinator: Linda Walton

### COMMUNITY READERS

Interested in reading one on one with children? We are looking for volunteers!!!

For more information, please call Cheryl Verbrugge 956-4766 or Linda Walton 902-9416.

### RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE:

Students must be 11 yrs+. Please call to be added to the next course! Date TBA



### JR.CHEFS – call for interest:

Children aged 6-12 will enjoy learning how to prepare & cook food using various methods, plus clean up after themselves! Held after school 4:00-5:30 pm for 4 weeks.

Please call us 250-956-2273 to register your child.



### TODDLER TIME DROP-IN:

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.

Parents & caregivers are to accompany children.

\*Cost \$1.00 per child (over 12 months) per visit. (No longer by donation!)

### 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:

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: Linda Walton & Cheryl Verbrugge.

\*Cost \$1.00 per child (over 12 months) per visit. (No longer by donation!)

TEEN CENTRE: Friday Nights, Time: 6-11pm, Ages: 13-18yrs.

Cost: Free!

Food & movie provided each evening.

Volunteers always needed!



## Miscellaneous Groups & Associations

### Happy Gang

Thursdays at 1:00 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 (FMI) for more information 956-3563.

### Men's Adult Soccer

Each Tuesday & Thursday at Sunset School Gym from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. FMI Vjeko 902-9522

### Mixed Recreational Volleyball

Each Thursday 8:00—9:30 pm at NISS gym. FMI Kristen 956-4894

### Cat's Meow Society

Cell Phone 250-230-3254

## PITCH-IN CANADA

Vancouver Pitch-In Canada is Celebrating its 45th Annual Pitch-In April 23rd—30th, 2012

To be a part of this historic & memorable anniversary register after January 15th, 2012 online at: "www.pitch-in.ca"

Check out how you can help clean up your community! In 2011 we picked up apx 4.5 million pounds of waste How much will you pick up this year?

## Gate House Theatre



Classic Movie Every Tuesday 7:00 pm  
New Movies Every Friday 7:00 pm  
Family Matinees Every Saturday 2:30 pm

Also available for birthday parties and other rentals

"www.gatehouseca.org" for the latest updates  
email "gatehousepm@gmail.com" or call 250-956-4141

## Visitor Information Centre

Port McNeill Where the Welcome Never Stops

1594 Beach Drive



Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm  
(Hours are subject to change without notice)



Hall Rentals	
St. John Gualbert Hall	956-3533
Lions Hall	956-4296
Old School Rec Centre	956-3111
Community Hall	956-3111
Guide/Scout Hall	956-4379
Curling Club	956-4898
Legion Hall	956-4551
Museum Room	956-4202
Regional Arena	956-3522

Regular Meetings & Activities	
<u>Alcoholics Anonymous</u> Mondays & Fridays 8:00 to 9:00 Room 3, Old School Recreation Centre	
<u>Narcotics Anonymous</u> Wednesdays and Saturdays 7:30 to 8:30 Room 3, Old School Recreation Centre	
<u>Alanon Meetings</u> Wednesdays 7:30 St. Mary's Church	
<u>Recycling Options:</u> - Second Look Thrift Shop 250-956-3833 - 7 mile Landfill & Recycling 250-949-1681 - Port McNeill Recycling Depot Open Mondays Noon to 7:00 pm and Saturdays Noon to 5:00 250-230-0568	

Tide Guide also found at [www.waterlevels.gc.ca](http://www.waterlevels.gc.ca) choose "Data Available" for a pdf file.

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	0719	<b>13.5</b>	4.1		0805	<b>4.9</b>	1.5		0903	<b>14.4</b>	4.4		0928	<b>4.6</b>	1.4
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## Young Naturalist Club



### Upcoming "Explorer Days"

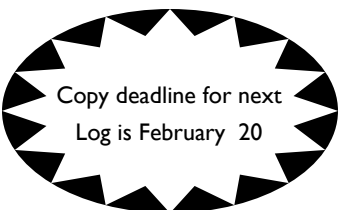
February 11th – **"Where are the Whales?"** with Caitlin Birdsall from the Cetacean Sightings Network. She will be speaking about the work of the Network, how to ID whales and the importance of "citizen science" in studying whales in B.C.



For \$25/family, you enjoy:

- Δ Access to the monthly "Explorer Days" – a family nature event.
- Δ A welcome pack containing a participation passport, a bird and insect ID card, a bird checklist, an official membership card and a magnifying glass.
- Δ A wonderful natural history magazine 4 times a year called "Nature Wild".
- Δ 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, see [www.ync.ca](http://www.ync.ca). Local contact (volunteer): Jackie Hildering; 956-3525; [earthlingenterprises@telus.net](mailto:earthlingenterprises@telus.net)



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