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Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

'Tis The Season

Port Alice's annual Christmas Craft Market took place Nov. 15 The event was a great time to catch up with friends and share some laughs.

Bear Smart committee put on hold

By Kathy O'Reilly

The District of Port Hardy has decided to discontinue its Bear Smart Committee.

"Due to a lack of volunteers, we have made the difficult decision to put the Bear Smart Committee on hold for one year. We will revisit the committee at that time and assess whether there is enough interest and capacity to move forward again," said Mayor Pat Corbett Labatt.

The district is not stepping away from keeping the community safe around wildlife.

"The district remains committed to promoting Bear Smart practices and working with the WildSafeBC Community Coordinator and Conservation Officer Service to support education and awareness throughout Port Hardy," Corbett-Labatt said.

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Indigenous Artwork

The Kwa'lilas Hotel hosted its first Annual Indigenous Artisan Market in Port Hardy Nov. 14. The event brought together Indigenous artists and artisans to showcase and sell their artwork, handcrafted goods and creations.

Lack of volunteers prompts Bear Smart committee change

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Staff will report back to Council in one year so they can review how well this approach is working.

The Bear Smart Committee was struck in 2016. Port Hardy achieved official Bear Smart Community status in 2020, becoming the ninth community in British Columbia to earn the designation.

The Bear Smart Community Program has been designed by the Ministry of Environment and Parks in partnership with the British Columbia Conservation Foundation and the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. It's a voluntary, preventative conservation measure that encourages communities, businesses and individuals to work together.

The goal was to address the root causes of human-bear conflicts, thereby reducing the risks to human safety and private property, as well as the number of bears that have to be destroyed each year.

Shilling to receive Volkswagen grant

By Kathy O'Reilly

For more than 14 years, Grant Shilling has been using soccer to bring people together across British Columbia. Through his work with Canadian Street Soccer, Grant runs three weekly programs in Port Hardy, Courtenay and Victoria, creating welcoming spaces where everyone can participate without judgment.

Grant is one of five Canadians recognized through the 2026 Volkswagen Game Changers program, in partnership with the Canadian Premier League and Canada Soccer, which celebrates individuals making a meaningful difference in their communities through grassroots soccer.

A passionate advocate for keeping soccer accessible to all, Grant has organized pop-up events and clinics that have attracted more than 800 participants. Even when the formal Street Soccer program was paused for a year, he continued running his own version to ensure players could keep coming together.

His philosophy is simple: "If you're playing, you're winning."

Through the Game Changers program, Grant will receive a $5,000 grant to support his ongoing efforts to make soccer more accessible and create opportunities for communities across BC.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Grant Shilling is one of five Canadians recognized through the 2026 Volkswagen Game Changers program.

On Feb. 4 of this year, Grant was the recipient of the Deryck Thomson Award that recognizes individuals who demonstrate exceptional dedication to community inclusion, social connection, and improving opportunities for individuals experiencing marginalization.

Shilling was recognized for his impactful work supporting community members through Canadian Street Soccer Association programming and outreach initiatives in the North Island region.

Through his leadership and mentorship, Shilling has helped create safe, inclusive recreational opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness, poverty, mental health challenges, and social isolation. His work extends beyond sport, fostering connection, confidence, teamwork, and community belonging for participants.

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Salvation Army receives donation from Soap for Hope

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Salvation Army Centre of Hope in Port Hardy has received an early Christmas present.

Soap for Hope Canada donated hygiene products, linens, and other essential items to support individuals and families in the community. Soap for Hope Canada is a registered charity and nonprofit society dedicated to eradicating hygiene poverty and reducing plastic and hotel waste.

They collect new and gently used hygiene products, linens and lost and found items, preventing them from ending up in the landfill.

They process these items in their warehouse where they are sorted, squeezed, filled, washed or folded, extending their usable life.

Repurposed items are delivered to community facilities, providing health, hope, and dignity to vulnerable people.

To date, 13,057,003 hygiene products and linens have been distributed with 1,212,653 pounds diverted from the landfill.

"These practical items will help us care for people with dignity and remind each person that they matter. It is through the support of wonderful partners like Soap for Hope Canada that we can continue serving our community the way we do," said Mount Waddington Community Ministries Executive Director Michael Winter on Facebook.

"We are truly grateful," Winter said.

To learn more about Soap for Hope Canada visit: www.soapforhopecanada.ca



Photo —Submitted

Soap for Hope Canada donated hygiene products, linens, and other essential items to Salvation Army - Centre of Hope in Port Hardy.

Avian flu detected in goose near Port Alice

By Kathy O'Reilly

A case of Avian influenza (bird flu) has been confirmed in a wild goose found in Port Alice. "An injured goose was taken to MARS Rescue last week and they called to say it tested positive for avian flu. They gave us a heads up and asked us to let chicken owners know," said Tanya Spafford.

The Village posted the finding on Facebook to ensure the community is aware and can take extra precautions "although there is no real risk or concern on our part as we have no free roaming chickens," Spafford said.

The Village is asking residents not to feed wild birds.

"We need to lessen contact with wild birds. There is plenty of natural food for them," wrote the Village on Facebook.

Bird flu mainly affects birds. The risk to most people is low. Simple precautions can be taken to protect family, pets and backyard flocks.

Backyard chickens should be kept in a covered run or enclosure that keeps wild birds out and feed and drinking water should be kept where wild birds can't reach them.

Use a separate pair of boots for the coop and wash your hands with soap and water after caring for your flock.

If you notice sudden deaths, breathing problems or a sharp drop in egg laying, call your veterinarian or the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) promptly. Keep sick birds on your property while you wait for instructions.

Dogs should be kept on a leash around areas where wild birds gather.

"Don't let them sniff, pick up or eat sick or dead birds, or come into contact with bird droppings. Call your veterinarian if you think your dog was exposed."

Teach children to leave sick or dead birds, and loose feathers alone and tell an adult if they find one. If your child touches a sick or dead bird, wash their hands with soap and water and contact your health care provider or local public health office for advice.

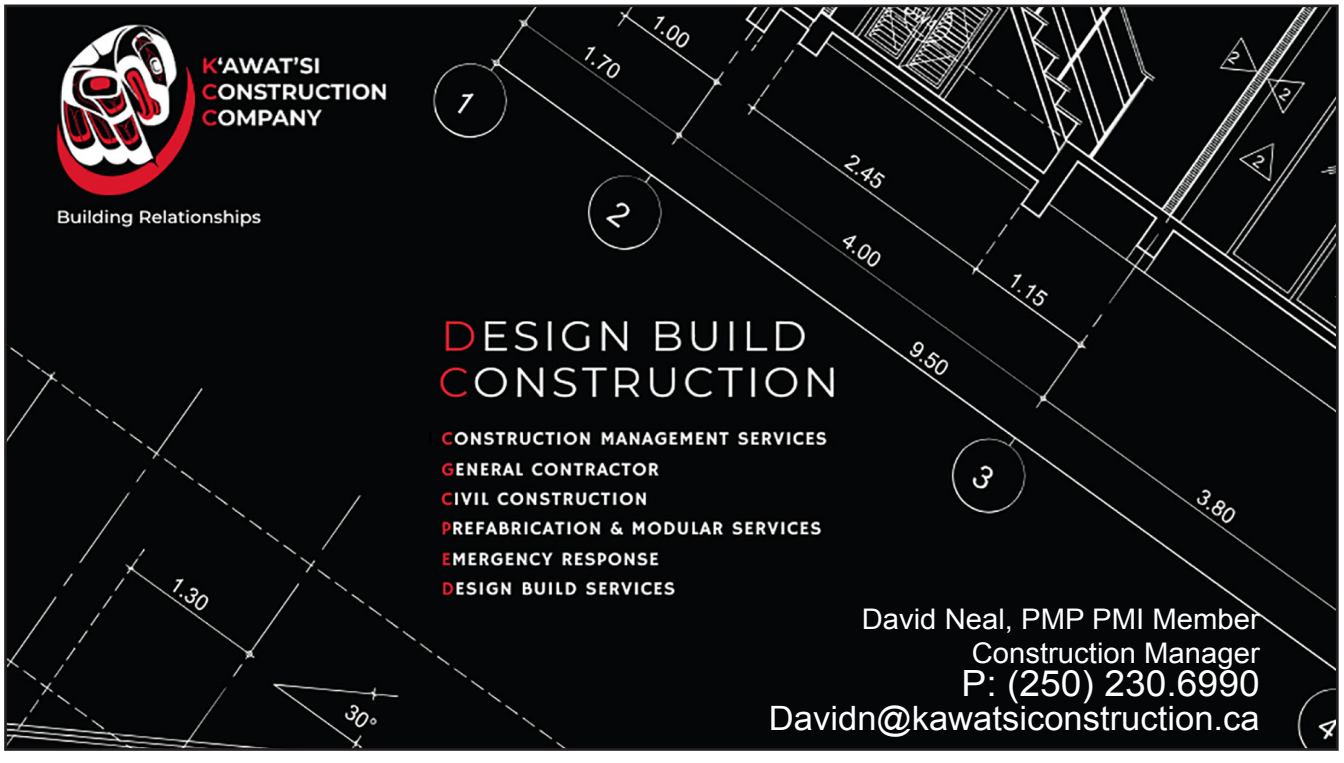
Found a sick or dead wild bird? Leave it where it is, keep children and pets away, and call the Village Office at 250-284-3391.



Photo —Kathy O'Reilly

Lions Showcase

The Port McNeill Lions Club hosted its annual Christmas Showcase Nov. 14 at the Community Hall and Old School attracting shoppers of all ages.



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Sitting at the dock in the bay - Alert Bay.

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‘Restless Alice’ featured on bikepacking.com

By Kathy O’Reilly

A new North Island bike packing route, Restless Alice, has launched on bikepacking.com.

bikepacking.com is the original and leading source of bike packing route guides.

Started in 2013, its Routes Network now spans nearly 240,000 kilometres (150,000 miles) across more than 70 countries, built and continually refined by a global community of experienced route designers, contributors, and stewards.

“I have been working with Miles (Arbour) to see where VINT (Vancouver Island North Tourism) can support this route and the continued growth of bike packing on the North Island,” said Natalie Stewart in her report at the Regional District of Mount Waddington board of directors meeting Nov. 18.

Restless Alice, named after Restless Bight on the west side of the loop and the Village of Port Alice, is a short but challenging 190-kilometre (120-mile) bike packing route.

The route starts and ends in Port Alice, skirting the southern tip of Neroutsos Inlet before climbing over the mountains west of town.

“This is where the adventure really begins. With the main 2,000-foot climb behind you, the route heads down the valley to Klaskino Inlet. A series of impossibly beautiful gravel roads links the route north to the Mahatta River, then veers west to Gooding Cove and Side Bay, two popular over-landing destinations,” writes Arbour on the website. After two or three nights by the ocean, riders will head back north to the Mahatta River and follow well-travelled forestry roads to start the climb over Teeta Pass.

“It’s steep and challenging at times, especially on a loaded bike, but the massive descent on the other side and the celebratory meal in Port Alice make it well worth the effort.”

Despite its relatively short distance and moderate climbing, Restless Alice should is not a beginner-friendly route.

The climb out and back in toward Port Alice is substantial and requires some fitness and low climbing gears.

With no resupply on the route, you’ll need to carry all your food and gear and travel fully self-supported, so your bike will be heavy.”

For more, visit bikepacking.com.



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A new North Island bike packing route, Restless Alice, has launched on bikepacking.com.

North Island Mine Project

North Island Mining Corp. proposes to develop an open pit copper and gold mine located approximately 25 kilometres west of Port Hardy, B.C.

Share your thoughts

The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada (IAAC) and B.C.’s Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) are holding a public comment period on the Initial Project Description from

November 10 - December 10, 2026

In-Person Open House

November 26, 2026
6–8 p.m. PCT

Kwa’lilas Hotel, Ball Room
9040 Granville Street, Port Hardy, B.C.

Online Info Session

December 1, 2026
12–2 p.m. PCT

To register, visit the link or QR code on right.

You may also submit comments to the EAO by mail:
North Island Mine Project, PO box 9426, Stn Prov Govt, Victoria, B.C. V8W 9V1

Learn more about the project and tell us what is important to you:

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North Island invited to take part in 5th Annual Giving Tree

With another holiday season approaching, Better at Home hopes residents will once again embrace the opportunity to give, volunteer and help spread a little extra happiness throughout the region.

The 5th Annual Giving Tree initiative brings together residents, volunteers and local businesses to provide holiday gifts to seniors aged 55 and older in Port Hardy, Port McNeill and all surrounding communities.

Now in its fifth year, the program has become a meaningful holiday tradition, offering an opportunity for neighbours to show care and appreciation for seniors in their community.

How to Participate

Seniors aged 55 and older who would like to receive a gift valued at up to $50 can register by calling 250-230-0757 or 250-230-4591. Gift requests will be accepted from Nov. 12 through Dec. 4.

Community members can also get involved by choosing a gift to purchase or volunteering to help wrap and deliver gifts to recipients.

Those interested in participating can scan the QR codes accompanying this announcement or look for registration information on participating community bulletin boards and social media pages.



Gifts should be purchased and clearly labelled before being dropped off at one of the following locations:

MUGZ 2.0 Coffee Shop - Port McNeill

North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre Society - Port Hardy or Port McNeill

The deadline for gift drop-offs is Dec. 8, allowing organizers time to prepare for holiday delivery. For the safety and comfort of recipients, used items and homemade or unlabeled food products cannot be accepted.

Sharing the Spirit of the Season

The Giving Tree continues to demonstrate what can happen when a community comes together with a shared goal of helping others.

Each year, the event relies on the generosity of local donors and the time and dedication of volunteers to ensure seniors feel included in the celebrations.

For seniors who may live alone or have limited opportunities to celebrate with others, receiving a thoughtfully chosen and wrapped gift can mean much more than the item itself.

It is a reminder that someone in the community is thinking of them and that they remain an important part of North Island life.

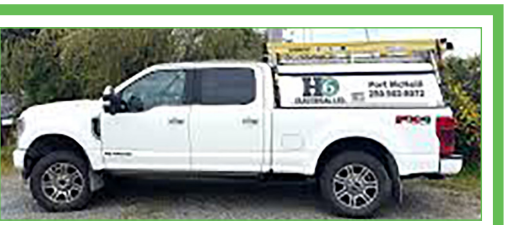
Together, the North Island community can help make the holidays warmer and more memorable for local seniors.

Because giving is always better at home.



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Better at Home's 5th Annual Giving Tree initiative is accepting gifts for seniors from Nov. 12 through Dec. 4.

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NICCCS requests funds for critical incident team

The North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society has requested annual funding of $2,500 from the District of Port Hardy, Town of Port McNeill, and the Regional District of Mount Waddington to support the ongoing development, training, coordination, and readiness of the North Island Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team.

The request was received at the Regional District of Mount Waddington Board of Directors meeting Nov. 18. Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt recommended the item be referred to the finance committee.

"Our North Island communities understand perhaps better than most that when a significant tragedy or critical incident occurs, the impact extends far beyond the individuals immediately involved. In small and rural communities, the people affected are often our friends, neighbours, coworkers, first responders, service providers, and family members. The effects can ripple throughout an entire community," said North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society Executive Director Nikki Ranger in a letter to the board.

For several years, the North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre has provided the necessary support services behind the scenes as and wherever needed without hesitation.

"The North Island CISM Team was developed to strengthen our collective ability to respond when these events occur. This team brings together trained volunteers from community organizations and agencies who can provide coordinated, timely, trauma-informed support following critical incidents," Ranger continued.

Most recently, NICCCS has welcomed the CISM team to its organization to better coordinate the services provided throughout the North Island during these times of crisis.

"During a crisis is not the time to begin establishing relationships, identifying responders, or determining how agencies will work together. Effective critical-incident response requires preparation, training, coordination, and ongoing practice before an incident occurs."

NICCCS has taken on the leadership role in supporting the ongoing development and coordination of the CISM Team. "NICCCS has a strong and lasting reputation for providing critical supports to all of our North Island communities when needed most. The addition of the CISM team to our organization only strengthens our ability to respond throughout the North Island," she said.

To help establish a sustainable regional model, NICCCS requested an annual contribution of $2,500 from each local government, for a combined regional investment of $7,500 per year. These funds would directly support team exercises, planning, and response preparedness; coordination and development of regional response protocols; travel and training costs associated with serving geographically dispersed North Island communities; and resources required to support the team when it is activated following a critical incident. "An annual investment provides the team with the ability to plan proactively rather than seeking funding after an incident has occurred.

"It allows us to maintain trained personnel, strengthen relationships among participating agencies, and ensure that systems and protocols are established and ready when they are needed," Ranger explained. Critical incidents do not stop at municipal boundaries. "A shared annual investment from the District of Port Hardy, Town of Port McNeill, and Regional District of Mount Waddington recognizes that this is a regional resource designed to strengthen the resilience of all North Island communities."





Beauty and new beginnings at Hardy Hair & Skincare

By Kathy O'Reilly

Hardy Hair and Skin Care is celebrating its first anniversary with a Season of Beauty & New Beginnings event, a heartfelt thank you to the Port Hardy community.

Located at #3 7053 Market Street in downtown Port Hardy, the shop is owned by long-time locals Caterina De Toro and William Melan, who also owns Melan Construction Ltd.

The Season of Beauty & New Beginnings event, Nov. 30 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., will let guests pamper both body and soul with hand massages, wash and blowouts, refreshments, and cookies made by Stephanie Hill.

Guests can also pick up product samples and take advantage of discounts on products.

Every purchase or appointment made during the event earns an entry into a door prize draw.

Hardy Hair and Skin Care is open Tuesday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and closed Sunday and Monday.

The shop provides holistic massage, relaxation facials, custom facials, full body waxing, and brow and lash services, and has expanded to offer hair care, including haircuts, colour and perms.



Photo —Kathy O'Reilly

Hospital Fund-Raiser

The Port McNeill Hospital Auxiliary held a chili fund-raiser as part of the Lions Christmas Showcase held at the Community Hall and Old School Nov. 14.



Photo —Kathy O'Reilly

Hardy Hair and Skin Care owners Caterina De Toro and William Melan are celebrating the shop's first anniversary with a Season of Beauty & New Beginnings event Nov. 30.

Cram the Cruiser returns

By Kathy O'Reilly

Port McNeill RCMP will be holding their Cram the Cruiser program to prevent hunger again this holiday season.

"We will be hosting the event out front of IGA again this year on Dec. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.," said Detachment Services Assistant Jodi Watkins. People are invited to bring non-perishable food items or cash donations. All proceeds go directly to the A-Frame Church to support their food distribution programs on the North Island.

Port McNeill RCMP began the Cram the Cruiser event in December of 2015.



Photo —Kathy O'Reilly

China King Chef

Chef Jun Shi is busy cooking up dishes at the new China King Restaurant on Hemlock Street in Port McNeill. China King is in the former M & Y Restaurant location - a popular long-time local spot.

Port Alice
Gateway to the Wild West Coast

Village of Port Alice
Notice of Tax Exemptions for the Year 2027

Per the Community Charter, the Council of the Village of Port Alice is proposing the following tax exemptions for the year 2027.

1. **Properties Owned by Not-for-profit organizations:**
   - **Legion:** property registered in the name of Canadian Legion Branch #180, Lot 1, Plan 22668, DL 2137, Roll No. 00779.000 (exclusive of the portion which contains a residential housing unit) – estimated total taxes per year **$6,582** with municipal portion being **$3,805.**
   - **Wharf:** property registered in the name of Port Alice Marine Rescue Society, Plan 594321, District Lot 188, Wharf Approach, Roll No. 00002.000 – estimated total taxes per year **$129** with municipal portion being **$75,** and District Lot 1514, Rupert District, Wharf, Roll No. 01025.000 – estimated total taxes per year **$2,436** with municipal portion being **$1,418.**
2. **Public Worship Properties (Combination Statutory and Permissive Exemptions):**
   - **Port Alice Ecumenical Society:** public worship land and improvements, Lot 3, Block 7, Plan 18774, located at 1100 Neigi St., Plan 18774, Lot 3, Block 7, D.L. 2137, Roll No. 00648.000 – estimated total taxes per year **$2,161** with municipal portion being **$1,293.**
   - **Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada:** public worship land and improvements, Plan 33023, Lot 13 and Lot 14, D.L. 2137, located at 850-860 Marine Dr., Roll No. 00788.030 & 00788.031 – estimated total taxes per year **$6,020** with municipal portion being **$4,105.**
3. **Other:**
   - **Port Alice Yacht Club:** Used principally for public recreation purposes and provides port access to the Village of Port Alice from Neroutsos Inlet, District Lot 304, located at 1120 Marine Drive, License #109290, Roll No. 27506.940 – estimated total taxes per year **$3,006** with municipal portion being **$1,750.**
   - **Port Alice Golf Club**: Eligible Golf Course Property under Section 225 of the Community Charter located at the Eastern portion of District Lot 1187, Roll No. 000075.000 – estimated total taxes per year **$5,993** with the municipal portion being **$3,585.**

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Why isn't my Thyroid treatment working?

By Susan Holbrook

With a family history of thyroid issues, I sought help from Dr. Colleen Hartwick, ND, earlier this year to obtain tests an MD would not have been able to authorize. My TSH and T4—the usual initial tests—were normal, as I expected, but my reverse T3 was outside the optimal range. Although it wasn't Hashimoto's—an autoimmune condition that damages the thyroid gland—or anything as serious, it prompted me to act. So, seek a full thyroid panel ($150.) I now take two nutraceuticals to increase my iodine intake, keeping in mind the risks of taking too much. Many people taking Synthroid (levothyroxine) continue to experience weight gain, brain fog, fatigue, and hair loss etc. Read on to see why…

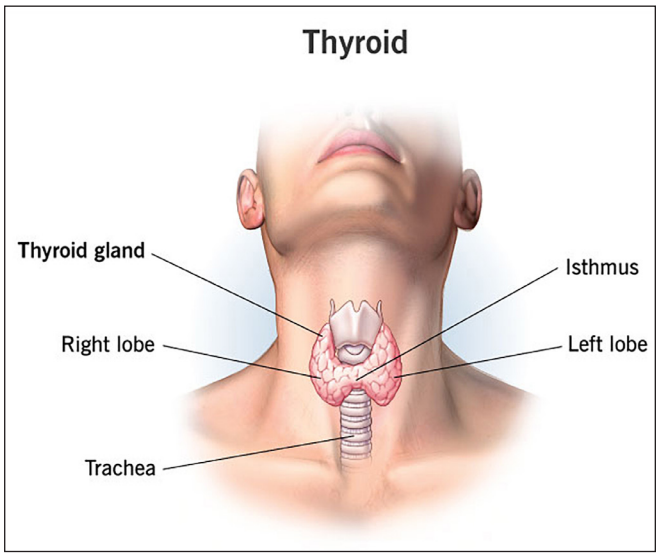
Something you might hear from a typical thyroid patient…

"I have Hashimoto's. I've been on Synthroid for four years and never missed a dose. I track everything in MyFitnessPal. I'm eating 1,100 calories but I've gained 38 pounds. My family doctor keeps saying my TSH is in range. What am I doing wrong?"

This is a typical result that may present…TSH: 2.1. Normal. Free T4: 17. Normal. Free T3: 4.3. Normal.

Then look at Reverse T3….32. Reference range is under 15. Once you know that Reverse T3 is out of range the fun begins.

Why are your symptoms not under control on Levothyroxine? Well, Levothyroxine only gives you T4. T4 is the inactive hormone. Because it just floats in the blood, it can't do anything for your cells on its own. For your body to use it, T4 must convert into T3 which the cells can use to turn on your metabolism.



The medications prescribed are only step one. The conversion is step two and it doesn't happen without the liver. Up to 80 per cent of the conversion happens in the liver. This is a big clue to understanding the root cause.

So, lets' say you have gone down the rabbit hole and have Hashimoto's or another form of thyroid dysfunction. Now, your body starts making a different version of T3. Reverse T3. Reverse T3 is a mirror image of real T3. Your body makes it from the same T4 but it's biologically inactive and doesn't work.

Look at this picture…. Your cells have locks. When they open, you burn calories. T3 is the key that opens them. However, Reverse T3 is like making a key with the teeth cut backwards. Fits in the lock perfectly but won't turn and just jams.

If you are one of these people in this agonizing cycle, you need to do three things in the right order.

Wake up the liver, repair it, and encourage proper conversion.

I recommend consulting a naturopathic doctor (ND) or functional medicine doctor to help identify a path forward. They may consider supplements such as milk thistle, dandelion, artichoke, choline, glutathione, and selenium.

My ND provided a formula containing all of these to get my liver happy, and I now feel I'm making progress toward resolving this complex issue.

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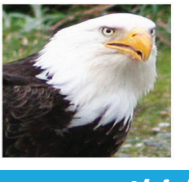
The male Anna's Hummingbird's head and throat are covered in vibrant, rose-magenta or iridescent reddish-pink feathers that can look dark brown or gold depending on the light. The colour comes from microscopic feather structures rather than pigment. Photo by Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography. If you have a photo you would like to share with our readers please email publisher@northislandeagle.com.

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Fishing

Alvey knuckle buster fishing reel. Has a five-inch spool. $40.
250-949-0118

Furniture

Massage chair. Paid $3500 for it. Want $2000. Like new.
250-284-3261

Miscellaneous

Husqvarna Rancher chainsaw. $700.
250-230-5290

Wood pellet stove, model #5501S. $1,500. Brand new. Never used.
250-230-5290

Miscellaneous

Electric wood splitter. $150.
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1977 Suzuki RV 125, dual range, fat-tired. $3,500.
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35-pound galvanized steel Danforth anchor in great shape. $200.
250-949-0118

Services

Red seal journeyman electrician looking for small, residential jobs. 30+ years experience. Reasonable rates. All quotes are free. Call Jesse.
236-255-2238



Coming Events

North Vancouver Island Arts Society
AGM
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2026
11:30am-12pm
Old School Recreation Centre in Port McNeill, 275 Shelley Crescent.
All welcome.

Services

PALMISTRY, TAROT AND PSYCHIC READINGS with Roxanne. Clear and concise help in all areas of your life. Sessions available by phone or in person (Malcolm Island). HealingSearch.com
604-902-3881

Local 3D printing in Port McNeill.
403-620-0033

Sporting Goods

Photon Lightspeed Kayak with all the extras: $1200.
778-614-2488

2 new oars for a rowboat. Approximately 6.5 feet long, with swivels. $100 for pair.
250-956-2246
250-230-0745

Advance Element inflatable double Kayak, asking $375.
250-973-6294

Tires

4 Altimax tires – Arctic, M+S, with snowflake. 265/75R-16. Radial, tubeless, 6-ply tread, balanced, on rims, no leaks, and at least 50% tread life left. Came off a 2007 Nissan Xterra. $50 each.
250-949-0118

4 matching winter tires for 16-inch rims, used one season, 235/65R 16 103H, tubeless steel belted radials. $300.
250-974-8336

Tools

Black and Decker 3-inch by 21-inch Dragster belt-sander. Never been used. Cost $125. Sell for $60.
250-949-0118

Help Wanted

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

Finance Clerks

Department: Finance
Status: 2 Temporary Full-Time positions / 35 hours per week
Posting Date: Monday, November 9, 2026
Posting Number: 202610-03
Posting Type: External – Bargaining Unit
Wage Range: $30.11 – $36.62/hour

Position Overview

- The Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) seeks **two temporary full-time Finance Clerks** to support daily financial operations, process transactions accurately, follow internal controls, and provide timely reporting.
- Both unionized positions are 35 hours per week and are governed by the Collective Agreement between RDMW and USW Local 1-1937.
- One position is for **12 months, from December 2026 to December 2027**. The other is for **4 months, from February 2027 to June 2027**.
- Under the Collective Agreement, the wage range is **$30.11 – $36.62/hour**, effective November 1, 2026.
- The Finance Clerks report directly to the Leader of Finance / Controller & CAO/CFO and support the Senior Finance Clerk in maintaining efficient municipal financial operations.
- Duties include advanced accounting support, financial operations oversight, complex reconciliations, payroll management, and audit-ready reporting.
- The Finance Clerks work with vendors, residents, and internal teams to maintain reliable financial systems.
- Neither position has supervisory authority.
- Payroll: maintain the payroll journal and computerized records, enrol new employees, administer benefits, prepare Records of Employment, remit payments to the Receiver General, and handle annual reporting, Superannuation, WCB, T4s, and other payroll reports.
- Month-End: reconcile bank accounts, clear suspense accounts, and assist with reporting.
- Cash Receipting: prepare bank deposits, control petty cash, and maintain the cash receipt journal.
- Support the Leader of Finance / Controller & CAO/CFO with financial operations, process improvements, and audits.
- Provide general office administrative support as needed.
- Carry out other assigned duties.

Core Competencies

Accountability • Professionalism • Transparency • Collaboration • Communication

Role-Specific: Financial Analysis • Technical Expertise • Quality Assurance

Qualifications

- A diploma in Accounting, Business, Finance, or equivalent; a related bachelor's degree with relevant financial experience; or an equivalent combination of education, qualifications, and experience will be considered.
- At least three years of accounting or bookkeeping experience with computerized systems.
- Proficient in Excel and accounting software.
- Ability to communicate effectively and work independently with minimal supervision.
- Experience in government, municipal, or related financial operations is an asset.
- A Criminal Records Check is required.

Application Process

Submit **your resume and cover letter addressed to Barbra Mohan – Interim CAO** to the contact below. Use **"Finance Clerk Temp"** as the subject line:

Nadine Welson
Executive Assistant to the CAO
Regional District of Mount Waddington
PO Box 729, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0
Phone: 250-956-3301
Email: nweldon@rdmw.bc.ca

This posting will remain open until closed under the external posting requirements and the RDMW / USW Local 1-1937 2024 – 2029 Collective Agreement.

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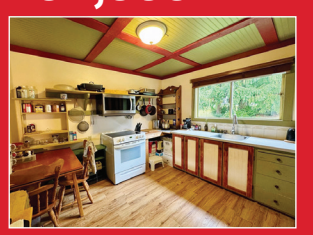




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