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Health And Wellness

A two-day Indigenous Healthy Kids Fair was held at the Kwa'lilas Hotel in Port Hardy April 14 and 15. The free event, for children age two to five, included early screening, wellness checks and immunizations. Above, Public Health Nurse Sarah Leonard administers a dose. For more on this story please see Page 3.

Nursing course to include Hardy

More nursing students from rural communities on the North Island can further their career paths closer to home because of new provincial funding.

The Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills is providing a one-time grant of \$451,640 to add nursing students at NIC. The funding will provide for eight seats at the Mixalakwi-campus in Port Hardy.

"This expansion reflects what we're hearing from communities across the North Island—a need for more local training that leads directly to in-demand careers," said Lisa Domae, president and CEO of North Island College (NIC). "By making choices to grow our nursing program, we're supporting students and helping address critical workforce needs in rural health care."

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Nursing program expanded to NIC Hardy campus

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The students will start in the fall of 2027 and graduate in spring 2029.

"Nurses are essential to our health-care system and supporting BC's health workforce is one of our highest priorities," said Jessie Sunner, Minister of Post-Secondary

Education and Future Skills. "Providing this grant to NIC is part of our government's commitment to invest in nurses and other front-line care providers, so more people can access the care they need, where and when they need it. We're also taking action to ensure

that rural and remote students have the same opportunities to get the training they need to enter the health-care workforce and thrive in their communities."

The new funding allows NIC to expand to 32 seats for students. The Mixalakwa cohort will join existing

Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) students, distributed between Campbell River, Comox Valley and Port Alberni, with eight seats in each community.

"This is exciting news for our North Island communities. I'm truly happy to see the program being offered locally because we know that when people train at home, they stay at home—and that makes a real difference for the future of health care in the North Island," said Mayor Pat Corbett-Labbatt of Port Hardy.

The announcement will also have a significant impact on staffing at the hospitals in Port Hardy and Port McNeill as well as the Cormorant Island Health Centre.

Local governments in northern communities on Vancouver Island have been advocating for this kind of programming for health sector professionals.

"The entire North Island is celebrating this wonderful opportunity for students to be able to remain in their communities and access training usually only offered in bigger centres," said

Mayor James Furney of Port McNeill. "I applaud the college's leadership for keeping the true 'North' in North Island College."

NIC has been working on aligning programming with provincial mandates around labour market demand for sectors like health.

The announcement of the grant to support the additional nursing seats was made at the Board of Governors meeting on April 16 in Port Hardy.

At the same meeting, the board passed a \$65.7 million budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year. While North Island College is positioning

itself to meet labour market goals for in-demand jobs like nursing, it is also positioning itself to have a balanced budget in 2027-28.

In response to international student permit changes and a resulting drop in enrolment and revenue, NIC, like other post-secondary institutions, has taken several actions to reduce costs.

"We're on track to have a balanced budget for the 2027-28 fiscal year," said Colin Fowler, vice-president, Finance & College Services. "We have been working directly with the provincial government on a plan."

Soccer field cleared while RCMP search for suspect

On April 18, Port Hardy RCMP received a complaint of a suspicious person riding their bike on Thunderbird Way while wearing what appeared to be police style tactical gear and carrying a long firearm case.

"We responded to the area, spoke with the complainant and canvassed the neighbourhood in an attempt to locate the individual," said Port Hardy RCMP S/Sgt. Kimberley Rutherford.

"We became aware, during the canvass, that there was a youth soccer game in progress in the adjacent field where there was a large number of spectators as well," Rutherford said.

Given the nature of the call and uncertainty of identity and intent of the unknown person, Rutherford made the decision to clear the soccer field and ask everyone to go home.

Further investigation continued and the identity of the youth in question was later confirmed. It was also confirmed that the youth did not have any nefarious intention and had been out with friends using their airsoft gun and the youth had simply been on their way home when spotted.

"We are very grateful that the citizens of this community are vigilant and calling in activities that appear to be suspicious in nature. We would much rather be responding to calls such as this confirming it was not anything dangerous than the alternative," she said.

"I would also like to extend my gratitude and appreciation to the coaches, players and spectators who responded so positively and calmly. Policing is a community effort to ensure the safety of all and we look forward to this continued partnership."

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Getting The Crowd Moving

Totally Twain, featuring Vancouver Vocalist Michelle Reid, backed up with an all star live band, performed April 18 at the Gate House Theatre in Port McNeill.

Kids Fair provided early screening and wellness checks

By Kathy O'Reilly

A two-day Indigenous Healthy Kids Fair was held at the Kwa'lilas Hotel April 14 and 15.

The free event, for children age two to five, included early screening and wellness checks.

"My role is a Jordan's Principle Service Coordinator, which is a role funded by Indigenous Services Canada," said organizer Melissa Allen.

Jordan's Principle is named after Jordan River Anderson a young boy from the Norway House Cree Nation who was born with complex medical needs.

He was in hospital for the first two years of his life, when doctors said he could move to a special home that could support his medical needs. However, the federal and provincial governments could not agree on who would pay for his home-based care, so he remained in hospital until he passed away at the age of five, never having lived outside of the hospital.

Following this tragedy, the House of Commons passed Jordan's Principle as a legal obligation to ensure gaps in supports and services for Indigenous children and youth are filled.

"My role is to work with Indigenous families in the Mount Waddington region to apply to Jordan's Principle for funding for various products, supports and services to help meet educational, medical,

cultural and social needs that cannot be met through other sources," Allen explained.

"In the case of the Indigenous Healthy Kids Fair, I work closely with the local Early Years team, comprised of an occupational therapist, physiotherapist, speech and language pathologist, Infant Development, Aboriginal Infant Development and Supported Child Development," she said.

In December, the team spoke about historically going to Healthy Kids Fairs, where numerous service providers were in one location and children would come through to get screenings done to help determine whether further assessments or recommendations were needed.

However, these large events had stopped as there was no longer any funding to run them.

"I then turned to Jordan's Principle (ISC) to request funding to make this happen and funding was approved," said Allen.

"From there, we reached out to representatives from Kwakwaka'wakw, Quatsino, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw and 'Namgis to invite them to plan the Indigenous Healthy Kids Fair."

Over the next three months, virtual meetings were held every two weeks to plan out logistics, and more and more service providers came on board to commit to the event and be a part of planning.

In the end, they had an occupational therapist, physio-



Photo — Submitted

Numerous professionals were on hand for the Indigenous Healthy Kids Fair held at the Kwa'lilas Hotel April 14 and 15.

therapist, speech and language pathologist, audiology, dental therapist, optometrist, public health for immunizations, Aboriginal Infant Development, Infant Development, Supported Child Development, Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw Maternal Health, and primary care nurses on hand.

Children were able to go from station to station to have screenings done to determine whether further assessment or referrals were needed.

"We also had a child minding and a play area for the children, with some support from Mother Goose, Strong Start and Happy Town face painting," Allen said.

"We had steady stream of

children come through over the two days and the feedback

has been that this was a great success. We certainly hope to

do this again in the future, perhaps even bigger and better!"



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Pursuant to Section 166 of the Community Charter, there will be an open meeting to present the proposed 2026-2030 Financial Plan.

Date: Monday, May 4, 2026

Time: 5:00 pm

Place: The Meeting Room of the Alert Bay Legion
#79 Maple Road, Alert Bay

The report will be available on April 14, 2026 at the Village of Alert Bay Office, at #23 Maple Rd, and online at www.alertbay.ca

For more information contact Lyle McNish at cao@alertbay.ca

editorial



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Sunrise casts an eerie glow across the water.



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Lingering Grey Whale poses collision risk

With a Grey Whale regularly present near Port McNeill, vessel operators should be very aware of increased collision risk. The Grey Whale, first known to be near Port McNeill on April 2, has been sighted almost daily in this area where there is significant boat traffic. This is also likely the Grey Whale that has also been sighted feeding in the shallows at Storey's Beach.

According to the Marine Education and Research Society (MERS) there have been close calls with vessels which is a safety issue for the whale and boaters. Risk of collision can be reduced by vessel operators being alert for the whale (who is coming into and out of the bay to feed in sand), and knowing more about Grey

Whale behaviour. According to MERS, Grey Whales can be very difficult to see and may repeatedly surface in the same spot to feed in sand. It's not common to have Grey Whales around Port McNeill and Port Hardy because there is not a lot of sandy habitat. Grey Whales feed on species that live on and in the sand, for example ghost shrimp, polychaete worms, and amphipods. Grey Whales stick their heads in the sand for these snacks and then filter out the water and sediment through their baleen.

This little whale will be very directed at food, most likely having recently migrated from the breeding grounds in Mexico. If not getting enough food here, this Grey Whale will

become even more difficult to see due to loss of blubber leading to reduced buoyancy.

There is a lot of concern about Grey Whales, with an "Unusual Mortality Event" having been recognized for them in recent years. A leading hypothesis is that some have reduced prey availability due to changes in climate, and that they are running out of energy on the way back from the breeding grounds.

For more about Grey Whales, see MERS free online resource about the identification and behaviour of BC marine megafauna at <https://courses.mersociety.org/courses/species-detail>. This is an enrichment module for MERS Whale-Safe Boating Course. PLEASE take that free course



Photo — Marine Education and Research Society

The Grey Whale in McNeill Bay, ©MERS taken from land.

to help the animals, and boater safety. www.WhaleSafeBoating.org.

Legal distance from Grey Whales is 100 metres, 200 metres if resting or with a calf.

MERS has relayed photos to their Grey Whale research col-

leagues in the hopes that they can identify this individual. Thanks to a data contributor, it is known that this same whale was near Echo Bay on March 22. MERS has ensured BC Ferries is aware of this whale being in the area near the fer-

ry route. The public can also help reduce risk of collision by using the "Whale Report App" which alerts large, verified vessels to the presence of whales (for the purpose of avoidance) through the Whale Report Alert System.



Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Diamond Anniversary

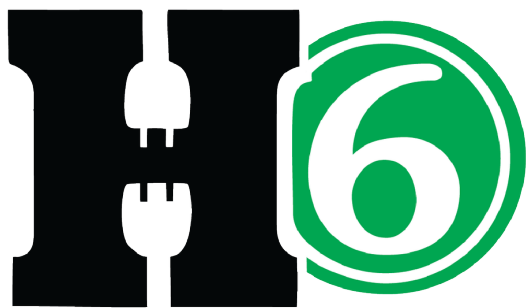
Deputy CAO Louisa Bates, CAO Heather Nelson-Smith, and District of Port Hardy 60th anniversary Event Coordinator, Bélen Becker had a booth at the Spring Festival held in the Don Cruickshank Memorial Arena.



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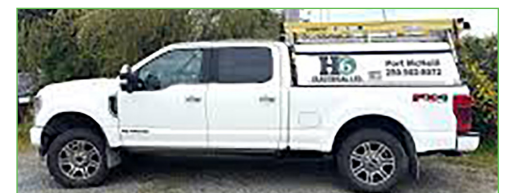
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Participants swept up in curling club chili cook off

By Kathy O'Reilly

Tickets to the Sweep the Heat Chili Cook Off were a hot commodity.

The event April 18, a fund-raiser for the Fort Rupert Curling Club in Storey's Beach, was a sellout with 50 foodies and seven chefs stepping forward to

participate. "We were worried one week leading to the event, but by Friday we were sold out," said one of the organizers Jen Hunchitt.

The Queen Chili chef was Makenzie McDonald, runner up went to Max Robertson, with April Ziegler and Ben Donoghue tied

for third. "All chilis were totally different and many used very unique ingredients," said Jen. "One chili used chicken and had white beans, some chilis had quinoa added, some added bacon, there was even a chili with venison."

The chili was served on cedar plank flights.

"We will definitely make it an annual event."

The cook off received lots of positive comments and suggestions for a salmon cook off, soup cook off, and maybe even a wine and cheese night. "The possibilities are endless!"

The Curling Club event committee is planning another fund-raiser this summer at a to-be-determined date.

Stink Creek Park beautification referred to finance committee

By Kathy O'Reilly

A request to beautify Stink Creek Park has been referred to the District of Port Hardy's Finance Committee for consideration.

The district's Parks, Recreation, Arts, and Culture Committee made the request, suggesting a long-range plan be developed to improve park layout, connectivity, and usability.

The park has drainage issues; and engineering is required to mitigate downstream erosion. Stumps in the park are unsightly; and an environmental review would be required prior to any modification due to water uptake.



Photo — Submitted

The Sweep the Heat Chili Cook Off, a fund-raiser for the Fort Rupert Curling Club, was a huge success.



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The Queen Chili chef was Makenzie McDonald; runner up went to Max Robertson, with April Ziegler and Ben Donoghue tied for third.



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Moss an ancient life form dating back 450 million years

I was reading a field guide reference called “Mosses Lichens & Ferns” and the publisher’s cover note described moss as a “relatively inconspicuous” plant.! This label hardly fits their striking presence in the Pacific Northwest. The vivid greens of moss dominate landscapes everywhere, from gardens to woodland paths, drawing the eye, sparking curiosity, and occasionally frustrating gardeners. These ancient, non-vascular plants, classified scientifically as Bryophyta, flourish in British Columbia’s humid climate, weaving living carpets that shape our unique ecological identity on the North Island. Mosses soften trails with every shade of green imaginable, from emerald to olive and gold, turning logs, stumps, and rocks into buoyant sculptures. Their extensive presence creates wonder, wrapping forests and woodlands in a tenacious but gentle quilt of many colours. Mosses are small non-flowering plants which produce spores and have stems and leaves, but don’t have true roots.

Remarkably, moss is an ancient lower plant form, dating back 450 million years, yet has survived higher plant orders and thrived through a range of drastic climate changes and ice ages. World wide, they comprise of 15,000 to 25,000 species, and occur on every continent and in every ecosystem habitable by plants that use sunlight for energy!

Here on Vancouver Island scientists estimate there are perhaps 500 distinct moss types, each species possessing unique physical attributes and ecological roles. A few of Vancouver Island’s species are rare or endangered yet our Coastal Western Hemlock forests are said to harbour British Columbia’s highest concentration of bryophytes!

Moss in and of itself is not harmful to trees, but its presence can sometimes be a sign



Outdoor Adventures

With Gord Patterson & Rosie

of other issues. Moss can appear on trees that might be suffering from rot and decay

The diversity is evident with every step (no pun intended): stair-stepped moss varieties spread in lush layers on and alongside trails, delicate cat’s tail moss drapes from maple, alder, and conifer branches, and the profuse tangles of sphagnum moss create sponge-like mats in boggy wetland clearings near trout habitat. Such abundance and variety is not limited to remote forest interiors; they spill over into rain-soaked suburban lawns (right Allan?) seep into crevices in stone retaining walls and colonize shaded surfaces of cedar fences. The sheer roof top persistence of moss is emblematic of the Pacific Northwest’s temperate climate, yet an amazing example of ecological tenacity.

The success of moss is attributed to its capacity to thrive in the island’s copious rainfall and high humidity, which enables its “fluid growth” forming thick dense mats on the ground, enveloping tree trunks, rock surfaces, logs, and debris. Atmospheric moisture and rainfall is more than just an enabler, it is the essential ingredient, allowing moss to flourish amidst the mists and drizzle that define the coastal climate we know so well. Mosses not only enhance landscape visually but also perform essential ecological functions, for example regulating and holding onto moisture supporting a multitude of organisms. Few oth-

er plants bridge the interface between soil, air, and water as effectively as moss. Its presence helps stabilize soil in areas susceptible to erosion, moderates and cools a forest’s micro-climate, and creates micro-habitats for countless invertebrates and reptiles. Amazing, eh!

When inspecting a curious tuft of moss up close, it teems with minute forms of life, mites, bugs, snails, slugs, and micro-organisms highlighting the interconnection and foundational role moss plays in an ecosystem’s biodiversity.

Their capacity for water regulation plays a vital role in the development of new ecosystems being among the first plant colonisers of disturbed sites, such as logged off slash areas, or land traumatized by forest fires.

They stabilise a regrowing platform that assists new plants to grow and repopulate deforested lands.

The structure of mosses is equally amazing and consists of simple leaves and stems lacking the complex vascular tissues, roots, or flowers characteristic of higher plants. They absorb water and nutrients directly through their leaves via cellular osmosis, rendering them highly dependent on surrounding humidity and precipitation. This direct relationship with the environment makes them sensitive indicators of ecosystem health, responding quickly to changes in air quality, pollution, and moisture levels.

Mosses can impact the temperature of the soil, both



A Sitka Spruce covered in Beak Moss.

Photo — Christine Patterson

warming it up and cooling it down depending on the environment.

Mosses reproduce via unique methods distinct from those of most other plants and trees, as they lack flowers and seed-producing structures of

higher plants. Instead, like fungi, lichen, and ferns, they generate spores, which develop in capsules at the ends of slender stalks following fertilization between moisture dependent male and female organs.

Upon maturation, these capsules release spores into the air, allowing new moss plants to establish wherever conditions are suitable, including residential backyards, shaded stone walls, and roof tops.

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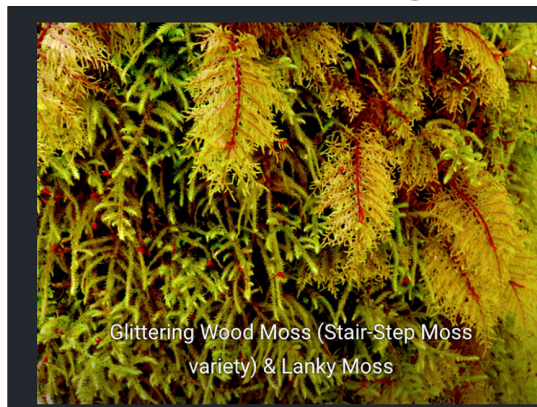


Mosses have outstanding resilience to environmental challenges

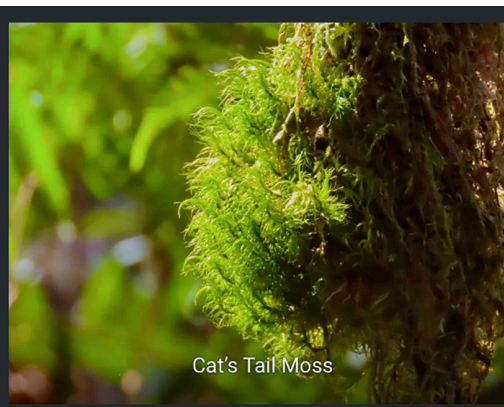
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Additionally, mosses are capable of reproduction through a cloning process known as fragmentation, utilizing specialized structures horticulturalists call gemmae; even small fragments can propagate new individual plants. These strategies ensure the continued existence of moss over millennia and their outstanding resilience to environmental challenges.

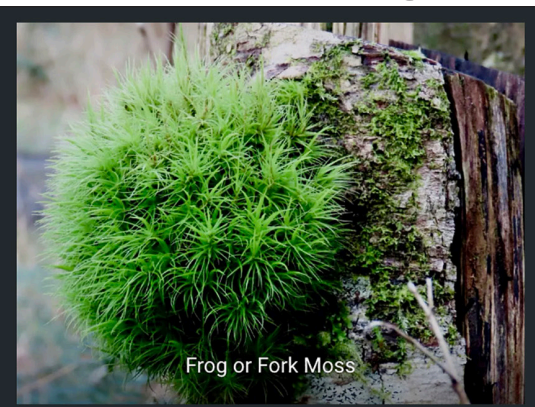
Beyond their scientific and ecological importance, mosses possess a subtle comforting appeal that continues to attract artists, photographers, and naturalists. In the early



Glittering Wood Moss (Stair-Step Moss variety) & Lanky Moss



Cat's Tail Moss



Frog or Fork Moss

Photos — Christine Patterson

World wide, moss comprise of 15,000 to 25,000 species, occurring on every continent and in every ecosystem habitable by plants that use sunlight for energy!

morning, sparkling dew drops collect on moss tips, highlighting a beautiful intricate

growth pattern, iridescent and glistening like baskets of jewels when illuminated by

shards of forest light. Species such as cat's tail moss create striking visual effects draped

from tree branches, while dense sphagnum mats in boggy areas evoke a peacefulness rarely found elsewhere.

Moss can absorb water 25 times its own weight and are practically immune to death. In fact, mosses can lose up to 98 per cent of their moisture and still survive. It has even been documented that mosses left to dry for 40 years have survived after being replenished with water!

The marvels of moss and intricate forest plant life draw Chris, Rosie, and me time and again into forest areas, fostering a deeper appreciation for the complexity of rainforest ecosystems with each outing. Every visit reveals new aspects of these ancient plants: the softness underfoot, the subtle fragrance released after rain, and the visual appeal as sunlight promotes a fluorescent effect across their living form. Mosses may appear humble at first glance, but in their wonderful way, they implore us to slow down, pay attention, and connect with

the outstanding rhythms of the land.

At the end of the day we are fortunate to live in this part of the world. The horticulture biodiversity of our North Island harbours an astonishing range of plant life, from the tiniest fungi to giant rainforest conifers, each playing a distinct role within Earth's ecosystems. Mosses, in particular, are foundational to the health of the Pacific Northwest's rich rainforests, wetlands, mountain slopes, and even Arctic tundra ecology. Ancient mosses on Vancouver Island contribute to the region's natural beauty, shaping habitats, supporting wildlife, and maintaining the delicate balance of rainforest environments. Moss reminds us of the heart of nature's anatomy. Their quiet persistence is not only vital for sustaining biodiversity but also invites us to cherish and protect the intricate web of life that surrounds us.

*Safe Travels
Gord*

Otters' elaborate courtship rituals

River Otters engage in seasonal, often polygamous mating, with elaborate courtship rituals.

A male River Otter appears to approach females indiscriminately until it finds one that is receptive. A male approaches a female and attempts to embrace her with his forelegs or rub and sniff her body.

If she is receptive, the two roll and frolic; if not, she will push him away. In some species, the male bites the female's upper jaw or nose. In other species the male grasps the female by the scruff of the neck. Copulation takes place in the water.

Females give birth to two or three "kits".

River Otters can grow to 1.4 metres long and weigh about 13.5 kilograms. They have the longest lasting fur of the entire otter/weasel family.



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River Otters engage in seasonal mating with elaborate mating rituals.

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Renowned choral director offering three workshops

By Kathy O'Reilly

North Island vocalists are invited to work on their skills at a series of workshops being offered in Port McNeill.

Wendy Nixon Stothert will be hosting three vocal workshops hosted by the Wild Heart Music Society on May 8 and May 9 at the A-Frame Church at 175 Cedar Street. The cost is \$20 per session or all three for \$50.

The first session will be a Song Circle Friday night from 6:30-8:30 p.m., continuing on Saturday with the second, a traditional choral format from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and wrapping up with the Pop-up Choir from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. following a lunch break.

The Song Circle format involves learning short, simple but satisfying part songs by rote, the traditional choral format will use scores, and the Pop-up Choir format involves learning a pop song or two in harmony taught by rote.

Nixon Stothert is a choral director of five performing adult community choirs in the Comox Valley with over

35 years of music teaching experience.

She began piano lessons and singing at age six and was hooked on music from then on.

She is passionate about bringing people together to experience connection and community through collective singing.

As a school music educator, Nixon Stothert taught K-12 music, band and choir in the Comox Valley school district.

After 17 years, she left the school system in 2014 to pursue community music leading.

Along with leading performing choirs, she also leads the Resonation Drop-in Song Circles and teaches Collaborative Vocal Improvisation.

As a performer, you can hear Nixon Stothert sing as a soloist and with the 80's cover band, Ricochet!.

She currently serves as a director on the Sid Williams Theatre Society board and is the board secretary for DIG FM, a local non-profit community radio station.

A life-long learner, Nixon Stothert completed her

Master's of Educational Leadership degree at Vancouver Island University in 2012, being awarded the Governor General's Gold Medal for academic achievement. Nixon Stothert's Master's degree inquiry centered on Music Performance Anxiety in choral singers.

She has been a finalist in the Comox Valley Local Hero Award: Community Builder category and was the Local Hero: Arts Ambassador Winner in 2022. Her choirs have been finalists or winners in the Comox Valley Record's Readers' Choice Awards for Best Choir since 2016.

In April 2025, she was awarded the Amy Ferguson Award from the BC Choral Federation, given to "an outstanding choral director

who is also an excellent vocal teacher fostering superior vocal practice".

Aside from spending quality time with her family and being outside relishing nature, facilitating rewarding singing experiences with people to help spread positivity and connection in community through music is one of her greatest joys.

One of Nixon Stothert's career highlights to date was conducting 190 singers from nine Canadian Military Wives Choirs in the Opening Ceremonies of the Invictus Games 2017 in Toronto.

Nixon Stothert is available as a clinician for workshops and festivals.

To register, or for more information: wildheartmusic-society@gmail.com



Photo — Submitted

Wendy Nixon Stothert will be hosting three vocal workshops on May 8 and May 9 at the A-Frame Church at 175 Cedar Street in Port McNeill.

North Island Farmers & Artisans Market



2026 Market Schedule

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• May 2 • May 16 • May 30 • June 13 • June 27
• July 11 • July 25 • Aug. 8 • Aug. 22
• Sept. 5 • Sept. 19

Port Hardy - Carrot Park

• June 14 • June 28 • July 12 • July 26 • Aug. 9
• Aug. 23 • Sept. 20

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Fishing

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Mechanics

16, 3/4 inch Craftsman sockets, range from 1 inch to 2 inch, 3/4 inch 20-inch 5649 Proto ratchet and extensions, a 15 inch, a 7 inch, and a 4 inch. Cost over \$1,000, now \$350.

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