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Photo — Brenda Nelson Cadwallader

Trick or Treating Tiring

Cafe Guido hosted its 20th anniversary Costume Crawl on Oct, 31. The event, which included businesses in the downtown core, proved tiring for this little pumpkin.

Northisle begins EA process

Northisle Copper and Gold Inc.'s Initial Project Description ("IPD") for its 100 per cent-owned North Island Project has been accepted by the British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office and Impact Assessment Agency of Canada.

The acceptance of the IPD formally commences the provincial Environmental Assessment process and the planning phase of the federal impact assessment process. Sam Lee, president and CEO, commented, "The commencement of the EA process represents a significant milestone for the North Island Project. As we enter the assessment process, we remain anchored by our commitment to building authentic, mutually beneficial relationships with First Nations and welcome continued engagement and collaboration."

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District investigates joining e-scooter pilot program



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The District of Port Hardy is investigating joining a provincial pilot program testing the integration of e-scooters on municipal roads.

By Kathy O'Reilly

The District of Port Hardy may be joining a growing trend of communities regulating the use of electric scooters on their roads.

At their regular meeting Oct. 27, council agreed to a recommendation from the Operational Services Committee to direct staff to investigate participation in the Province of British Columbia's Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project testing the safe integration of e-scooters on local roads and pathways and report back in 2027 on feasibility, staff and financial resource requirements, proposed route restrictions, public consultation, safety education, and implementation options.

In BC, electric kick scooter use is being tested through a four-year provincial pilot project.

The Province is using the results of the pilot project to determine whether electric kick scooters should be authorized for permanent use in BC.

Electric kick scooters are battery-powered, motorized stand-up scooters designed for short trips. They are a convenient and affordable way to travel short distances.

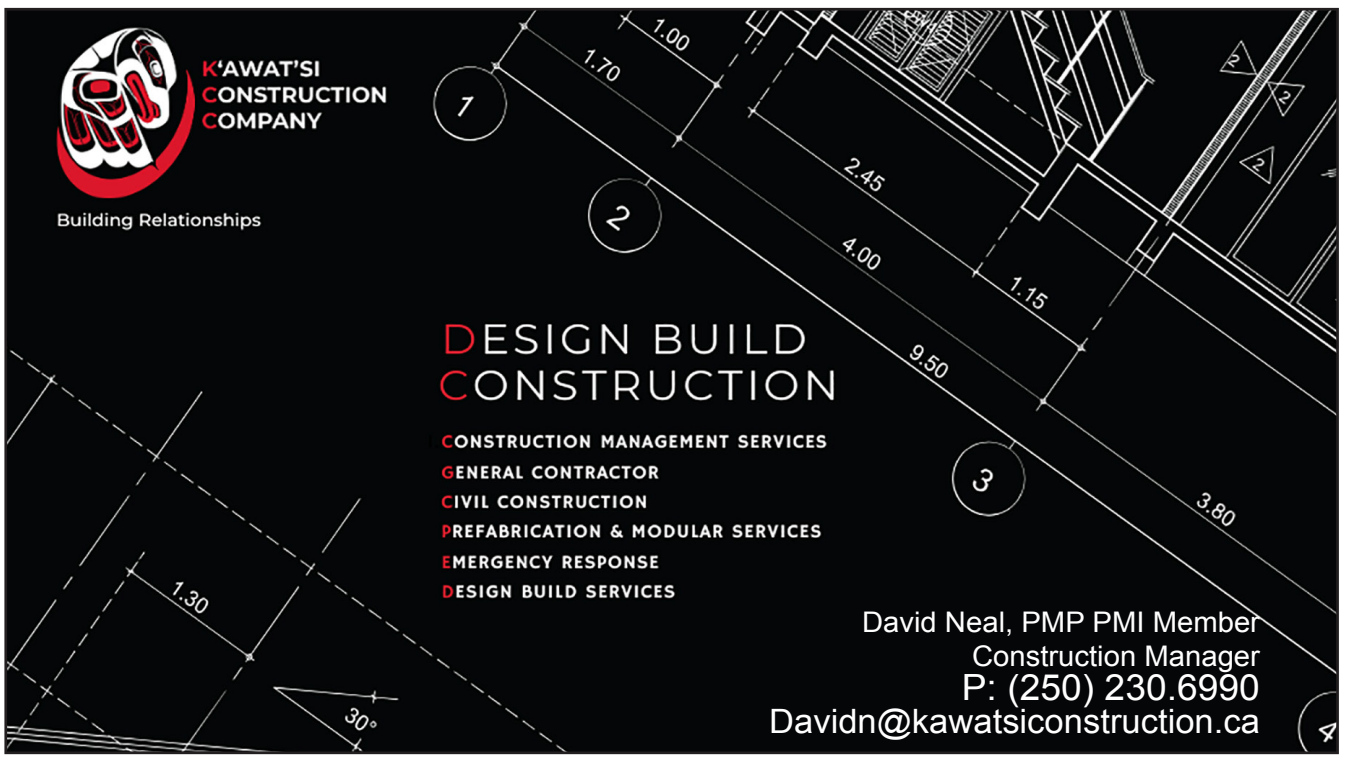
A number of Vancouver Island communities have recently completed the pilot project.

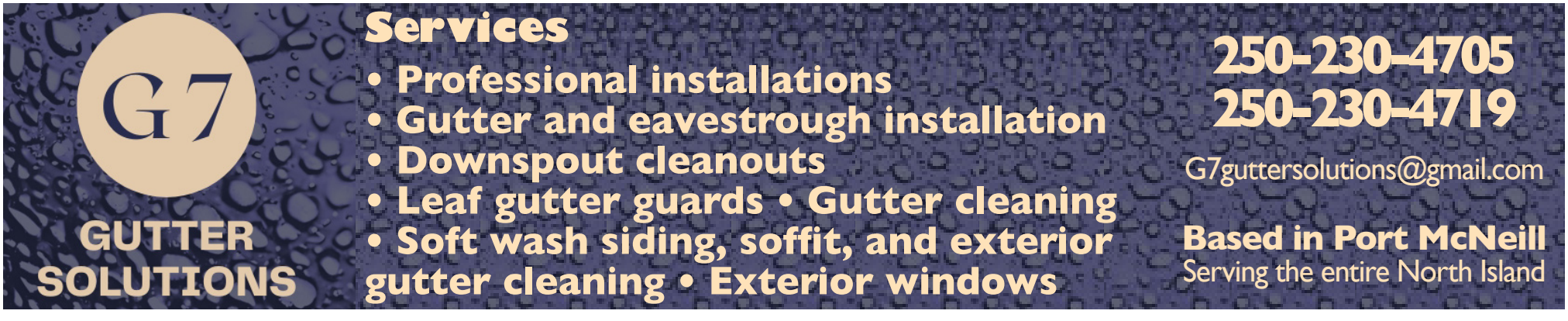


Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Poppy Campaign

Junior Canadian Rangers were outside Saveon Foods in Port Hardy with poppies Oct. 31. The Legion accepts donations to the Poppy Fund to support Canada's Veterans and their families.





Transportation Expo to offer valuable resources

Residents from across the North Island are invited to attend the Transportation Expo and Driver Recruitment Fair on Friday, Nov. 6, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Hardy Civic Centre.

This free community event brings together transportation providers, employers, and community organizations in one location to help people learn about transportation options and connect with employment opportunities in the transportation sector.

The event is being presented through a partnership between the Mount Waddington Community Health Network and WorkBC Centre North Island, with support from community transportation providers, employers, and service organizations.

Whether you are looking for a ride to medical appointments, exploring accessible transportation services, seeking information about public transit, or simply wanting to learn what supports are available in the region, the Transportation Information Expo will offer valuable resources and connections.

Attendees will be able to speak directly with transportation providers and learn about eligibility requirements, costs, accessibility features, volunteer driving programs, and regional transportation services.

At the same time, the Driver Recruitment Fair will connect job seekers with organizations actively recruiting transportation staff and volunteers.

Participants can learn about available positions, training and licensing pathways, volunteer opportunities, and application processes.

According to Rikki Clarke, coordinator of the Mount Waddington Community Health Network, transportation challenges are a recurring concern heard throughout the region.

"Access to reliable transportation is a need that has been identified at the Mount Waddington Community Health Network's Table of Partners.

"Whether it's getting to medical appointments, work, school, or essential services, transportation affects nearly every aspect of daily life. We hope this event helps connect people with services, information, and opportunities that can make transportation more accessible for everyone." The event is especially relevant for older adults, caregivers, people living with disabilities or mobility challenges, families facing transportation barriers, job seekers, and anyone interested in improving transportation access in the region.

Transportation employers, service providers, First Nations, community organizations, and local governments are also encouraged to attend.

Transportation is more than a ride. It is a pathway to health care, employment, education, food security, independence, and community connection.

The Transportation Expo and Driver Recruitment Fair is free to attend, and light refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

Event Details

Date: Friday, Nov. 6, 2026

Time: 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Port Hardy Civic Centre, 7440 Columbia Street, Port Hardy

Cost: Free

For anyone interested in improving their access to transportation or exploring opportunities to help others get where they need to go, this event offers a unique opportunity to make connections, discover resources, and help build a more connected region.

Organizations interested in showcasing transportation services, recruiting staff or volunteers, or sharing community resources are invited to participate.

To register for a booth or learn more about the event, please contact Rikki at mwhncoordinator@rdmw.bc.ca.



Northisle to engage public in EA process

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With the acceptance of the IPD, the EAO and IAAC will begin to engage with First Nations, government agencies, North Island communities, the public, and other stakeholders to identify key information requirements for subsequent stages of assessment.

Northisle will continue its environmental baseline programs, as well as project development and exploration activities, in parallel with the assessment process, including the ongoing Pre-feasibility Study.

The Company intends to support a coordinated provincial and federal assessment process, including through the potential substitution of the federal impact assessment process, subject to the applicable regulatory processes and approvals.

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF MOUNT WADDINGTON

2025 Audited Financial Statements

PUBLIC NOTICE — PRESENTATION OF AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Pursuant to section 376(1) of the Local Government Act, the audited financial statements for the Regional District of Mount Waddington and the Mount Waddington Regional Hospital District will be presented at a public Board meeting as follows:

Date: November 13, 2026
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Regional District of Mount Waddington office, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC

The financial statements are available for public inspection at the Regional District office during regular office hours.

editorial



Photo — Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

Amanita muscaria, or red toadstool, frequently associated with fairies, trolls, wizards, witches and other mystical creatures, have psychoactive effects, and are potentially poisonous.



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Kwakiutl community buzzing over new members

Kwakiutl community welcomed some new members on Oct. 6 in T'saxis (Fort Rupert). Kwakiutl Chiefs, community, and students celebrated the arrival in the village of three hives of honeybees with a blessing of the bees and knowledge sharing about the role of bees in Kwakiutl culture.

Chief Matthew Ambers was the speaker for the welcoming ceremony, and Chief Tłasutiwalis - Calvin Hunt led the blessing, with Kwakiutl youth Rosie McDougall spreading eagle down on each side of the apiary.

Kwakiutl Chiefs Thomas Wilson Jr. and Ross Hunt Jr. as well as Stz'uminus Chief Randy Elliott were also present to welcome the bees. Mervyn Child shared knowledge about bees in Kwakiutl cosmology while Kevin Kowalchuk showed bee masks carved by his wife Dorothy Hunt's family for her father Henry Hunt's potlatch.

"Hamdzalat'si is a beautiful word in K'wak'wala," Mervyn shared. "It's made of four words: "ham" is to feast, "dza" is to feast, "la" is to move… "tsi" is something huge, something magnificent. So, hamdzalat'si is the name that we give to our bees because our ancestors knew what they represented, what they did for us and Western science has just discovered within my lifetime - how they contribute to our well-being and to our food security."

Kwakiutl Health Food Connections Coordinator Manda Pyle, who led the establishment of the new apiary, spoke about the bees social organization, including the queen bee, the nurse bees, guard bees, forager bees, and drone bees. Kwakiutl Health Director Caitlin Hartnett acknowledged community member and Kwakiutl Food Connections staff Alicia Richards for the initial vision of Kwakiutl hosting an apiary.

The apiary initiative, led by the Kwakiutl Health Centre's Food Connection team, began with a love for pollinators as well as a desire to strengthen Kwakiutl food sovereignty. With funding from First Nations Health Authority, Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council., and the Sanyakola Foundation, the team was able to commission the build of a 12-foot apiary trailer with three hives. Lady Faer Designs and Zoff's Greenhouse built the hives and mentored the four beekeepers from the Kwakiutl Food Connections team - Manda Pyle, Alicia Richards, Liz Vance, and Cheryl Elliott.

The Kwakiutl Beekeepers will be stewards and caretakers for the bees, learning about the colonies and harvesting honey and wax for community use, with the possibility of expanding honey production in the future for retail. In the first summer with the bees, 60 pounds of honey have been produced for the community.



Photo — M. McDougall

Chief Tłasutiwalis - Calvin Hunt led the blessing of the arrival of three hives of honeybees in Tsaxis (Fort Rupert). In the first summer with the bees, 60 pounds of honey have been produced for the community.

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Call for Tourism Advisory Committee Members

Tourism Stakeholder Positions · 2027–2028

Do you have an interest in tourism on the North Island? Do you want to contribute to growing tourism in this region?

The Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee (VINTAC) is requesting expressions of interest from tourism stakeholders within the Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) interested in becoming a part of this volunteer committee. In-person meetings are not required as all meetings have an online option in addition to in-person.

Vancouver Island North Tourism focuses on the promotion and management of tourism in the region, which includes the municipalities of Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Alert Bay, Port Alice, and Electoral Areas A, B, C, and D.

To apply, send an expression of interest with a brief description of your professional background and why you would like to be considered for this committee. Please also include which community of the RDMW you are from and the tourism business or organization you represent.

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For more on the Vancouver Island North Tourism Advisory Committee, visit:
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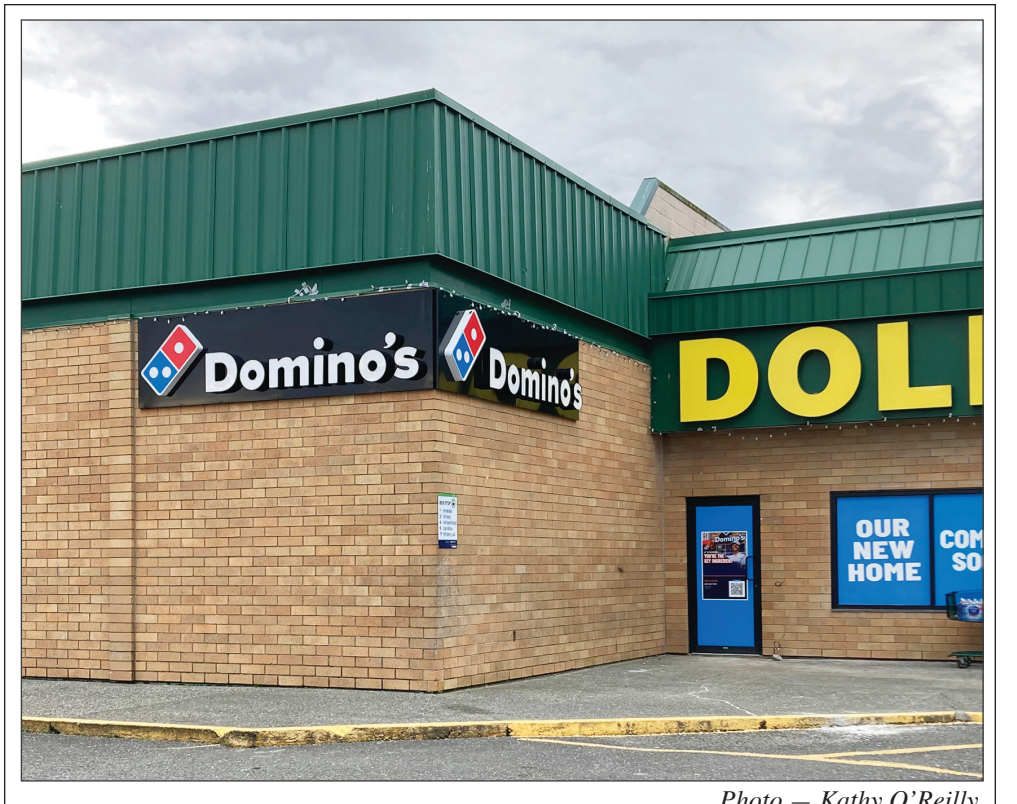


Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

Domino's Delivery

Domino's Pizza, an American multinational pizza restaurant chain, is setting up shop in Port Hardy's Thunderbird Mall. On May 12, 1983, Domino's opened its first international store, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Hardy restaurant is expected to be open in approximately one month.





Photos — Kathy O'Reilly

Halloween Festival Fun

Port Hardy Recreation hosted its first Halloween Festival on Oct. 31. The free event included a performance by OGR Scintilla (left) along with vendors, a photo booth and harvest games.

Support brings McNeill Skatepark campaign past halfway mark

The Port McNeill Skatepark Society has received a major boost toward its fund-raising goal, with Orca Sand and Gravel committing $15,000 toward the project.

In a statement, Shay Peterson, Mine Manager with Orca Sand and Gravel, said: "At Orca Sand and Gravel, we are proud to support initiatives that enhance the health, well-being, and recreational opportunities available to families across our local communities. A new skatepark in Port McNeill will provide a safe, inclusive space for local youth to stay active, build confidence, and connect with one another. We are committed to investing in community infrastructure that will have a lasting positive impact for generations to come."

The contribution is part of a recent wave of community support, including a $5,000 contribution from ENGIE North America, Cape Scott Wind Farm, and an additional $5,000 community grant.

Including community donations, sponsorships, grants, and the Town of Port McNeill's commitment to support project funding, the Society has now secured approximately 56 per cent of the $430,000 funding needed to build the skatepark.

"We're incredibly grateful to Orca Sand and Gravel and everyone who has supported this project so far," said Miranda Keys of the Port McNeill Skatepark Society. "Reaching more than half of our fund-raising goal is an exciting milestone and brings us one step closer to creating a skatepark for youth, families, and visitors to enjoy."

The Society continues to pursue additional sponsorships and fund-raising opportunities and currently has a grant application under review through the Build Communities Strong Fund program.

The goal is to complete fund-raising by the end of 2026 and begin construction with Radius Skateparks in spring 2027.

Town approves Passion Projects

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Town of Port McNeill has approved two passion projects.

The Town of Port McNeill created a Passion Project Policy to support local residents, groups, and organizations in launching community-driven social, recreational, leisure, and sporting initiatives with up to $1,000 available per project.

At their regular meeting Oct. 13 council approved two proposals. One from Christine Gullstrom for $841.70 for drop-in indoor soccer at North Island Secondary School. The funds will be used to cover insurance, gym rental for 22 sessions, and four soccer balls.

The second is for a disc golf course located on the nature trail across from the high school. According to proponent Ryan Saunders, the course would be low impact for use by people of all ages and would blend seamlessly with the surroundings.

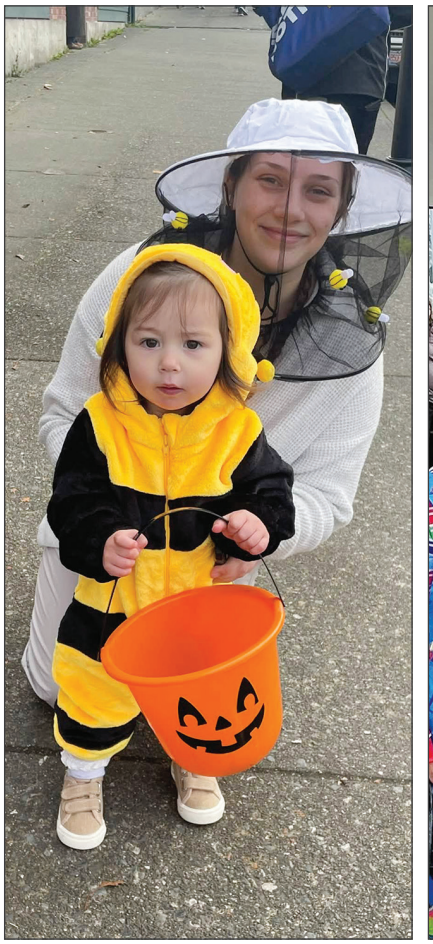
Saunders asked for $1,000 to cover the cost of cement, a practice basket, tee signs, cases of water for volunteers and five-gallon buckets.

A third request from Port McNeill Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee Chair Trevor Harder was deferred until the new council is in place.

Harder requested that council approve a one-year pilot of the Back to Grassroots Community-Built Project Program with a maximum municipal contribution of $5,000 per approved project.

"Port McNeill was built in large part through volunteer effort, local expertise, donated equipment, and residents who were willing to turn good ideas into lasting community improvements. The Back to Grassroots program would create a clear, accountable pathway for that tradition to continue," wrote Harder in his proposal.







Photos — Brenda Nelson Cadwallader

Costume Crawl Celebrates 20

Cafe Guido & Co. held its 20th annual Costume Crawl Oct. 31 with between 600-700 eager trick-or-treaters making their way along Market Street and beyond to stop at Port Hardy businesses who were participating in the event.







Photos — Kathy O'Reilly

Haunted Maze

Port Hardy Fire Rescue hosted its annual Halloween Haunted Maze event Oct. 31 with over 350 people braving the Haunted Seacan. North Island Crisis and Counselling Centre staff dressed up and giving visitors some good scares. The Port Hardy Lions Club provided hotdogs and hot chocolate to the goblins and ghouls.







Rotary Pumpkin Patch Walk

Kathy O'Reilly Photographs













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Canada helps restore Bald Eagles to America



Most people know the Bald Eagle as the emblem of the United States, but few realize this magnificent raptor had nearly vanished south of the 49th parallel by the late 1970s. Far fewer know that Canada played an important role in helping restore this iconic bird to American skies.

The story of the eagle's return to the United States began, in part, here in Canada, where healthy populations continued to thrive while the species was disappearing across many parts of the United States. It is a story of irony, shared environments, cross-border cooperation, and the quiet determination of conservationists on both sides of the Canada-U.S. border. We have all watched Bald Eagles glide effortlessly above Hardy Bay, their broad wings steady on the coastal wind as they circle over the water. Below, the sheltered bay mirrors the rugged, forested shoreline and the distant snow-capped Coast Range. On beautiful summer mornings, Christine, Rosie, and I have sat many times in awe as the eagles soared with barely a wing beat. For a moment, one seemed less like a bird crossing the sky than a living part of the northern coast's history, a timeless presence that thrilled generations before us and continues to do so today.

For thousands of years, Bald Eagles have ruled the skies of the Pacific Northwest. Their bold white heads and dark bodies are woven into Indigenous knowledge, carvings, and stories, as well as coastal traditions and legends. Long before governments were formed, borders were drawn, or national symbols were chosen, bald eagles were already established across what is now Canada. They were plentiful above lakes and forests, salmon-bearing rivers, and saltwater shores from the St. Lawrence Seaway to the outer reaches of Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii.

Yet the history of the bald eagle has a darker chapter.

Throughout much of the twentieth century, Bald Eagles faced relentless pressure in parts of the United States. In several regions, including Alaska, they were viewed as pests and shot in large numbers. Government bounty programs operated for decades based on the mistaken belief that eagles threatened fisheries and livestock.

Then came the widespread use of pesticides such as DDT. The chemical accumulated in the food chain and weakened eggshells so severely that nests failed year after year. By the 1970s, U.S. bald eagle populations had fallen to a fraction of their former numbers. Entire regions, including New England, portions of the Great Lakes basin, and the lower Mississippi Valley, were left with only a handful of nesting pairs, or none at all. It is difficult to imagine today, but some areas went decades without seeing a bald eagle. North of the border, the story was very different. Canadian populations remained strong, particularly along British Columbia's coastline and throughout the boreal north. Eagles continued to gather at salmon-rich river mouths, soar above coastal inlets, and nest in the towering forests of Vancouver Island, Haida Gwaii, and the mainland coast. Across British Columbia, the Yukon, and Manitoba, healthy habitat and abundant food supported populations that had disappeared elsewhere. This contrast, declining numbers in the United States and robust populations in Canada, created the conditions for a little-known conservation partnership.

In 1983, Canadian biologists joined U.S. conservationists in a cooperative effort known as Operation Eaglet, a cross-border initiative designed to restore Bald Eagles to regions where they had vanished.



Photo — Christine Patterson

America's emblem, the Bald Eagle, once stood on the brink of disappearance.

In northern Manitoba, where eagle numbers remained healthy, biologists collected eight seven-week-old eaglets. Still covered in down and only beginning to explore the world around them, the young birds were transported from the boreal forest and flown south in what newspapers of the day described as a "gesture of Canadian goodwill."

Their destinations were Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Massachusetts, states where Bald Eagles had disappeared entirely. The eaglets were placed into artificial nesting platforms overlooking marshes, rivers, and estuaries that had not seen nesting bald eagles in decades. These young Canadian birds became an important early step in rebuilding populations that had declined beyond what natural recovery alone could quickly achieve.

It was a small transfer in numbers but a significant one in purpose. A handful of Canadian eaglets helped provide one of the crucial early foundations for restoring Bald Eagle populations in regions where they had disappeared.

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Dazzling Display

Port McNeill Fire Rescue put on a night to remember Oct. 31 when they launched their annual Halloween fireworks show.

Canada's Operation Eaglet

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The young eagles, however, were only one part of a much larger recovery. Over the following years, other Canadian provinces joined similar restoration efforts. Saskatchewan, British Columbia, and Nova Scotia supplied more than a hundred additional eaglets to recovery programs in numerous American states, including California. At the same time, legal protection, habitat conservation, public education, and the banning of harmful pesticides created the conditions necessary for long-term recovery. As habitats improved and eagle numbers increased, wild birds from Canada's healthy populations also crossed the border naturally, helping to recolonize areas where the species had once disappeared.

The success story spread across the continent. It was part science, part patience, and part community effort, sustained by people who believed the bald eagle belonged not merely to one country, but to the shared skies of North America. There is a quiet historical twist to this remarkable story. The Bald Eagle's survival was not the achievement of one nation alone. It was the result of decades of conservation work involving biologists, Indigenous communities, conservation organizations, governments, and citizens on both sides of the border. From Manitoba's nest trees to Massachusetts marshes, and from the storm-bent spruce of Haida Gwaii to the salmon-rich estuaries of North Vancouver Island, Canadians played an important role in one of North America's greatest wildlife recovery stories. There is also a beautiful lesson within that success. Many eagles soaring above American rivers and coastlines today are descendants of healthy Canadian populations that helped replenish regions where the species had disappeared. Their recovery reminds us that wildlife does not recognize political boundaries and that conservation succeeds best when people work together. The next time you see a Bald Eagle riding a coastal wind above Hardy Bay, circling over a Canadian lake, or soaring above an American river, remember that its story is larger than any border. It is a reminder that stewardship, cooperation, and patience can restore what once seemed lost forever. The Bald Eagle's return stands as a continental conservation success story, carried on broad wings from Canada's forests to the shores and skies of North America.

Now you know the rest of the story.

Safe travels,
Gord

North Island Reflections



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Photographic magic captures optical illusion

By Gordon Patterson

There are times when the camera catches more than the eye ever intended… when a shutter click becomes a kind of witness, revealing the softness inside an ordinary moment.

On the shore of Hardy Bay, with the tide pulled back and the world stretched wide and quiet, Christine seems to hover just above the earth.

Not in any mystical way, but in that subtle, human way a person can appear weightless when they're fully at ease.

The rock beneath her is ancient and grounded, barnacled and sea washed, yet she sits as though the shoreline itself has lifted her slightly, offering her a place to rest above the noise of the day.

Her purple hoodie brings a gentle warmth to the cool palette of sand and stone, a small bloom of colour in a landscape shaped by wind and tide.

The sky opens behind her: blue, scattered, unhurried; and she becomes part of that openness, part of the calm. It's a moment that wasn't staged, wasn't sought, wasn't even noticed until later.

But the camera saw it: the serenity, the ease, the way companionship and place can cradle a person so lightly that they seem to float. It's the kind of photograph that reminds you how much life is carried in the quiet seconds… precious ones that can slip by unnoticed until a lens freezes them and says, Look! This is what peace looks like. And maybe that's the gift of this image.

Not the illusion of floating, but the truth of it: that even after fifty years of a lifetime shared, some moments really do lift you.

Safe travels
Gord



Photo — Gordon Patterson

Christine Patterson was captured seemingly floating in the air in Hardy Bay.

Curling begins in McNeill with two free programs

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Broughton Curling Club is offering new curlers the opportunity to try out the sport. "We are hosting a Sunday Fun Day at the Broughton Curling Club on Nov. 8," said Nick Russell, BCC director.

The Fun Day will be in two parts: kids/family curling from 12:30 to 2 p.m. and then another session from 2-4 p.m. for anyone wanting to try curling.

"We will go over the basic skills of curling and play a few ends to understand the game," Russell said. The only equipment needed is clean indoor shoes. The club has sliders and brooms to borrow. The club is also hosting a four-week Learn to Curl program ($40) on Monday nights in November.

This is a "great opportunity to learn new skills and interact with our members" and gain quality practice time before trying the game. Drop in league and games started Nov. 2 and will continue twice a week Monday and Wednesday at 7 p.m. No formal team required. Follow "Broughton Curling Club's Facebook page for club events. For further information please reach out via email @ bcc.curlpm@gmail.com or message us via Facebook.





Photo — Robin Quirk, Robin's Eye Photography

Pumpkin Man Popular Photo Op

One of the Alert Bay's Gumboot Gardeners, Margaret Harvey, got creative and placed a Pumpkin man on one of the benches for Halloween. People would walk up to it, sit down and use it for photo ops including, from left to right, Chantale Courtemanche, Page Escallier and Judy Cadrin.

Shoebox project launches 'Together We Build Hope'

This holiday season, the Campbell River Chapter of The Shoebox Project invites Port Hardy and the North Island to help build hope for local women experiencing homelessness, together.

The Campbell River Chapter of The Shoebox Project for Women is launching Together, We Build Hope, the charity's 2026 holiday campaign, inviting local residents, businesses, schools, and community groups to come together this season to support women in the community

This year's tagline, One Shoebox. One community. One story of hope, reflects what The Shoebox Project has always believed: that meaningful change happens when people show up for each other. Every Shoebox packed, every donation made, and every volunteer hour given adds up to something bigger than any single gift, a season of hope built collectively, by community, for community.

The Campbell River Shoebox Project chapter was launched in 2013 and expanded to the North Island in 2017. Since then, donors in Port Hardy and the North Island have been invited to fill gift-filled Shoeboxes (value $50) including: thoughtful collections of everyday essentials (eg. body lotion, deodorant), small comforts (eg. something sweet, hand cream), something warm (eg. socks, gloves, hat), a $10 gift card to a grocery or drug store, and a personal note of encouragement. The donated Shoeboxes are inspected for quality control and delivered to women, who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and supported by the North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society on Thunderbird Way in Port Hardy/North Island.

This year, the Campbell River Chapter has set a goal of 100 Shoebox gifts for women in need in Port Hardy/North Island, and 530 Shoeboxes for women in Campbell River. Alison Skrepneck, local Shoebox Project Coordinator said,



Photo — Submitted

Marina and Park Hargrave. Marina, left, is the lead for The Campbell River Shoebox Project in Port Hardy/ North Island.

"In order to meet the requests for a high number of Shoeboxes and help local women feel special this holiday season, we are again encouraging groups of friends and coworkers to get together and create Shoeboxes. It's a fulfilling way to spend time with your friends or coworkers while doing something for those who are less fortunate. Be sure to take pictures when you assemble the Shoeboxes, and share them!" Please know that your Shoebox gifts are appreciated and make a difference for those who receive them. Last year, a woman in Campbell River who received a Shoebox wrote, "I would like to express how happy and truly grateful I am to have been chosen to receive a Shoebox gift. It means so much to me, and I feel very thankful and blessed. Your kindness and generosity brought a big smile to my heart and I truly appreciate the thought and care behind it. Thank you for making me feel special and remembered ."

There are many ways to take part this season: fill a decorated Shoebox ($50 value including a $10 gift card), and drop it off between Nov. 12, 2026 and Wednesday Dec. 9, 2026 at the North Island Crisis & Counselling Centre Society in Port Hardy; host a Shoebox drive with a workplace, school, or community group; or donate online. The Drop off locations are also accepting $10 to $50 gift cards to a grocery or drug store. Financial donations provide an ability to create additional Shoebox gifts. If donating online, please choose Campbell River, and in the Notes line indicate your donation is for Port Hardy/North Island. However someone chooses to give, every contribution helps build hope for a woman in Port Hardy/North Island.

In 2025, thanks to the generosity of the community and some additional funding, over $31,000 worth of Shoebox gifts were delivered to local shelters and agencies that support women who are homeless or at risk of homelessness: 69 in Port Hardy/North Island out of 100 Shoebox gifts requested, and 560 in Campbell River, meeting the goal in that community. It is hoped that this year with your generosity and an increase in community donations in the North Island, that more local women will receive gifts.

For questions or for info about hosting a Shoebox drive, contact Alison at 250-203-9360 or at campbellriver@shoeboxproject.com, or check out Facebook or Instagram. In Port Hardy/North Island, contact Marina at 250-230-7598. To learn more or donate online, visit the Campbell River page of The Shoebox Project website at www.shoeboxproject.ca.

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Empanadas Ilegales is a Vancouver-based psychedelic tropical music ensemble known for adventurous compositions and explosive live performances. Formed in 2017 by musicians with roots in Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru, the group merges Latin American traditions with surf rock, free jazz, and experimental psychedelia, creating a sound that is deeply rooted, unapologetically unconventional, and always grounded in rhythm. Winners of Global Artist of the Year at the 2026 Western Canadian Music Awards, they have built a reputation for pushing musical boundaries without losing sight of the dancefloor.

Saturday, November 21, 2026 7:00 pm
Port Hardy Civic Centre

Tickets at Café Guido, Essentials Refillery in Port McNeill,
and from Carol Prescott in Port Alice.

Tickets $35.00 Students (0-17) $10.00
ALL TICKETS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE
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14-foot Glastron fibreglass boat, seats four, 40hp Suzuki, 40hp trolling motor, four life jackets, downriggers, hand-held marine radio and more. $5,000.
250-281-2281

LUND WC-14 boat c/w 9.9 Johnson motor, trailer, seats, oars, rod holders, NAV lights and more. Asking $7,800.
250-956-3300

3288 Bayliner, twin 4-cylnder diesels. $25,000.
250-306-4417

Fishing

Vintage Daiwa sealine Model SL24RS 7-foot fishing rod with 7 eyes, two of them are broken. Comes with an Alvey fishing reel, nine-inch spool, Model number 925-A52. $100.
250-949-0118

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

11ft3in. Lamiglas steelhead fishing rod. Mint condition. $225 firm.
250-902-8413

Vintage aluminium p.f. lueger, Pakron, model number 3178 fishing reel with a 5-and-a-half-inch spool. Works excellent. $50.
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Furniture

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

Miscellaneous

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

Electric wood splitter. $150.
250-230-5290

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

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

2 running boards from F150, good condition, $50.
250-956-3601

Motorhomes

2015 Jayco Jay Flight 32 RLDS elite. Front bedroom, electric fireplace, ac, no leaks. Only used about a total of a month. Been stored under cover. Needs new awning cloth and motor. Some cabinet doors are defective from factory have been replaced with tension rods but do have the doors also. Sewer hookups, BBQ and cleaning supplies included. $23,000 OBO.
250-949-1744

Everlite travel trailer, 8x26 foot, 1 slide out, excellent condition inside and out. Everything works. New awning. Asking $18,500 or will trade for Ford F150 of equal value.
250-510-7799

Services

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

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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

7-Mile Landfill & Recycling - LABOURER

Department: Operations
Status: Casual / On-Call
Posting Date: Tuesday, October 27, 2026
Posting Type: External – Bargaining Unit
Posting Number: 202610-02
Wage: $26.58-29.98/hour (increasing to $27.37-30.88/hour effective November 1, 2026)

Position Overview
• The Regional District of Mount Waddington (RDMW) is seeking a 7-Mile Labourer (Casual/On-Call) to support operations at the 7-Mile Landfill and Recycling Centre.
• The casual position is scheduled on a day-to-day basis and must be available to support operational continuity when called upon.
• This position performs the physical duties associated with operating and maintaining the recycling, salvage, and public tipping areas of the 7-Mile Landfill.
• This position operates within the terms of the Collective Agreement between RDMW and USW Local 1-1937.
• This position reports to the Operations Waste Supervisor or designate.

Duties and Responsibilities
• Assist the On-Site Supervisor with daily landfill and recycling operations.
•Maintain public areas in a clean, safe, and orderly manner.
• Sort and process recoverable materials for recycling.
• Retrieve reusable items from the waste stream.
• Retrieve hazardous or prohibited materials from the waste stream.
• Perform landscaping and site maintenance duties as required.
• Operate equipment such as forklifts where qualified.
• Assist the public in the salvage yard and public tipping areas.
• Maintain awareness of and comply with RDMW Standard Operating Procedures and policies.
• Act as First Aid Attendant when assigned.
• Perform other related duties as required or assigned.

Core Competencies
Accountability • Professionalism • Public Service Orientation • Teamwork • Communication
Operational Awareness • Safety Focus • Adaptability • Reliability
Qualifications
• Ability to maintain cordial relationships with the public and staff members.
• Ability to perform physically demanding labour in an outdoor operational environment.
• Demonstrated awareness of workplace safety practices.
• Ability to work in a fast-paced and changing operational setting.
• Reliable transportation to and from the 7-Mile facility.
• Ability to take direction and work competently with minimal supervision.

Assets
• WCB Level 1 First Aid.
• Forklift operation certification.
• Transportation of Dangerous Goods certification.
• Valid BC Class 5 Driver's Licence

Application Process
This posting will remain open until closed.

Please send your resume by email with the subject "7-Mile – Casual Labourer to:
Cameron Neil
HR Advisor
Regional District of Mount Waddington
PO Box 729, 2044 McNeill Road, Port McNeill, BC V0N 2R0
Phone: 250-974-4025
Email: cneil@rdmw.bc.ca

This posting remains open in accordance with external posting requirements and the RDMW / USW Local 1-1937 2024 – 2029 Collective Agreement.

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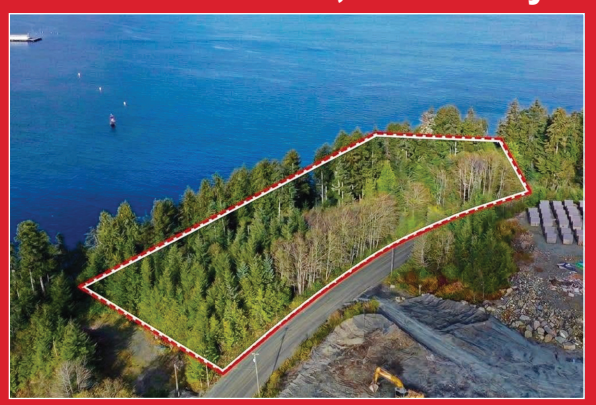


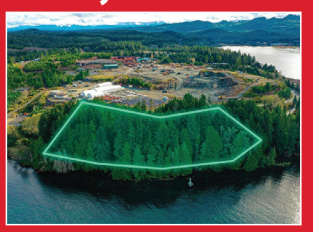




Bright, updated 2-bedroom condo offers peaceful living in a convenient central location. The renovated kitchen features new cabinetry with soft-close drawers, additional pantry storage, and a newly installed dishwasher. Warm-toned vinyl flooring flows throughout the unit. Sliding glass doors off the living room lead to a sunny balcony overlooking the courtyard. With thoughtful updates and a location close to everyday amenities, this move-in-ready condo is a great place to call home!

6260 Jensen Cove, Port Hardy $299,000 MLS® # 1053399









3.16 acres of walk on waterfront in Port Hardy close to the Coast Guard station and ferry terminal. Currently treed. Zoned Marine Industrial, uses permitted - Assembly, Aviation and Marine Fuel Sales, Boat Manufacturing and Marine Equipment Rentals, Boat and Floatplane Moorage and Storage, Cold Storage Facility, Ferry Depot, Floatplane Depot, Hotel, Log Booming and Storage, RV Maintenance Repair and Storage, Seafood processing, Tourist Cabins. Accessory Buildings and Structures, caretaker dwelling, licensed premises, office, restaurant and retail sales.

7810 Daphne Avenue, Port Hardy $499,000 MLS® # 1053385









Luxury living with a built-in mortgage helper! This beautifully updated home offers three bedrooms upstairs, a high-end modern kitchen, an open-concept dining and living area, and stunningly remodelled bathroom. Step outside to a spacious covered deck, perfect for year-round enjoyment. Downstairs, a legal studio suite provides excellent mortgage-helper potential. With updated electrical, plumbing, heating, and a new automatic garage door. Enjoy modern comfort, stylish finishes, and the added benefit of rental income potential!

SOLD — E-575 Quatsino Road Quatsino, 73 – 7281 Klakish Place, Port Hardy!

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