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Fresh -faced Foodies

Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

There were plenty of food options available at OrcaFest Aug. 15 including a favourite - hotdogs. For more photos of the event see Pages 8-9.



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Block Party

Port Hardy's Evening Market on Aug. 14, the last of the season, was another huge success with weather cooperating for both vendors and the crowd who attended.

Port McNeill RCMP foil drug operation

A significant drug trafficking investigation by the Port McNeill RCMP and Island District General Investigation Section (GIS) has resulted in the arrest of three individuals and the seizure of substantial quantities of suspected illicit drugs, cash, firearms, contraband tobacco, and vehicles believed to be connected to criminal activity.

Over the course of the investigation, Port McNeill and Island District GIS officers executed multiple search warrants on residences and vehicles in the North Island area. As a result, investigators arrested three individuals believed to be involved in the trafficking of controlled substances in the community.

During the searches, officers seized:

- More than \$100,000 in Canadian currency;
- Approximately one kilogram of suspected cocaine;
- Significant quantities of other suspected controlled substances, including suspected ketamine;
- Additional quantities of suspected illicit drugs pending analysis;
- Two rifles and one shotgun, along with ammunition;
- More than 100 cartons of illicit and unstamped tobacco products;
- Multiple cellular devices believed to be associated with drug trafficking activity; and
- Two vehicles that investigators will be seeking to forfeit as proceeds and instruments of crime.

The investigation remains ongoing as forensic analysis and charge assessments continue.

"This was a significant disruption to suspected drug trafficking activity in the North Island region," said Sgt. Erin Stevenson, detachment commander of the Port McNeill RCMP.

"The amount of cash, drugs, firearms, and contraband seized during this investigation demonstrates the serious nature of the criminal activity involved. These results reflect the dedication of our officers and their commitment to ensuring the safety of our communities."

The Port McNeill RCMP would like to thank all officers and partner agencies who assisted throughout the investigation.

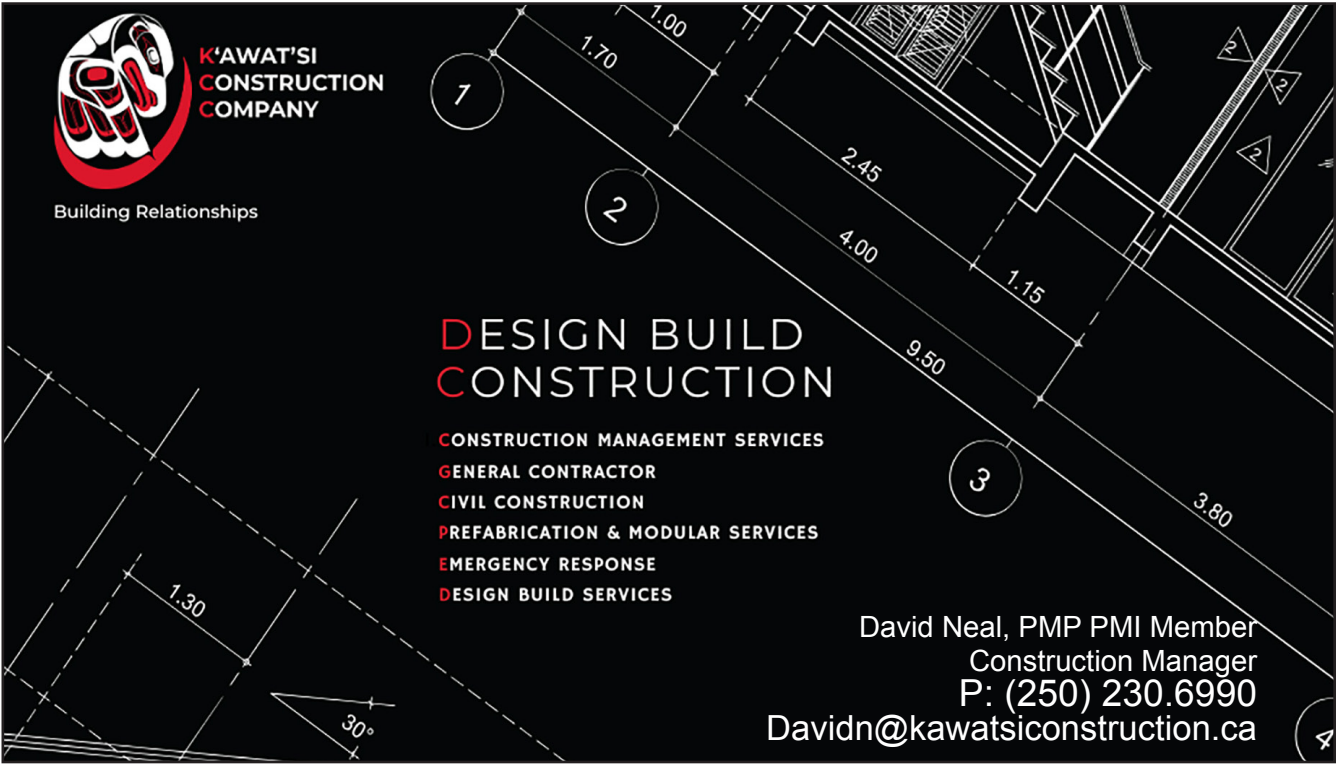
As the matter remains under investigation and charges are being assessed, no further details will be released at this time.

Anyone with information regarding drug trafficking or other criminal activity in the North Island area is encouraged to contact the Port McNeill RCMP at 250-956-3391.



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Village of Port Alice loses one of its dignitaries

By Bruce Lloyd

Port Alice is in mourning having lost one of their dignitaries recently.

The Mayor you say? A Councillor? Perhaps a president of a service club, eh?

No they lost Joe Tiberghien - their garbage man. The most popular man in the village!

If you spent any time there at all you probably saw him in the store up at the front after work buying his scratch and win tickets with his trademark smile knowing he was surely gonna win "The Big One" this time. But no, it must have been meant for next time?

He'd laugh it off and endure the abuse that everyone behind him and coming in through the door would lob his way. It was the best show in town. Each and every one from the village playing their part like the perfect tag team wrestling show: "Another loser eh Joe - what a surprise!" Joe's little smile and laughter at himself being the reward for everyone in the place. "Maybe next time Joe - Not!" being my contribution whenever I was lucky enough to be there for the daily show. "Give me a number Joe so I'll be sure not to play it!" might be another cat call for his daily abuse.

But really what they were saying was: "I love you Joe and I'm glad you are part of our village life" And there were many reasons to love Joe Tiberghien. Early in the morning he was there every day pulling out of the shop with his big white truck complete with dog bones for all his canine friends waiting for him and cookies for the kids he'd stumble across. With a nod and a smile he was always able to stop for a quick and

cheerful chat. Raised his big family and even got to the biblical reward stage of great grandchildren. But it was the conversations, punctuated by chuckles throughout, of the latest silly thing he might have seen or the ridiculousness of life in this kooky country of ours.

He was of Dutch stock and came to us from the Fraser Valley and Lower Mainland I believe. Arrived 30 something years ago from down there to operate the Crystal Waters fish hatchery out the Cayeghle Creek way at the end of the inlet.

"On God's Green Earth it's not the office you hold that makes you a dignitary; it's how you HOLD your office."

When that dried up he took on the garbage man role and became the early morn life of the town with a smile and wave for all, plus a short but meaningful conversation if you wanted one. I'd see him on the way to work real early and often pull over for a quick chat before heading to the fish plant, bus or cab.

Maybe we'd chuckle at the latest Trudeau or Trumpian tragedy. But this was no shallow man. Another time he spoke to me of his earlier days volunteering for the Variety Club or something like that.

He spoke softly of how they would take kids born without limbs to the swimming pool and carefully ensure that they could feel what it was like to "go swimming!" With a stutter and a tear that threatened to spread to me as I listened raptly,

he said with a sob. "You know when you've got someone like that in your arms feeling the joy of something you take for granted as an everyday thing - then you learn what life is really all about."

He didn't have to say much more - the Good Lord had spoken to me through him that morning to be sure. I drove on in contemplation.

The last time I saw him in the truck was at the top of Old Mine Hill just before I moved away. I had heard he had got the cancer and yet struggled on. They gave him a helper before he finished up. I pulled over and yelled as he rolled down the window "Are you broke down Joe?"

"It's not the truck that's broken down it's me!" he cried with a laugh through his pain. At that moment I just felt a perverse sort of pride in that I came from a generation that even in suffering shows up for work.

Gave my fellow old labourer a smile and nod, then hit the horn a few times with a prayer for his pain to recede, and headed on to the rest of the day.

Finally the cancer took him the other week I heard and so I broke it to a neighbour of his whom I work with as he came in. The fellow shook his head and shared how he had half a dozen kids at home and his freezer broke down so Joe gave him his freezer to save the lot. Didn't surprise me at all. That was Joe's way.

So you see, Port Alice's most recent loss of a fine gentleman and garbage man shows how here On God's Green Earth it's not the office you hold that makes you a dignitary; it's how you HOLD your office.

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Proteolytic enzymes help with digestive process

By Susan Holbrook

There are lots of digestive enzymes to choose from. I take some at each meal that have several enzymes plus HCl (hydrochloric acid) which helps specifically with protein digestion. Many of us don't have enough acid in our stomachs especially as we age.

However, many are not aware of proteolytic enzymes which are my focus today. The nutraceutical company I use has been making a proteolytic enzyme product for 50 years. It's a broad-spectrum proteolytic enzyme formulation built to support the body's protein metabolism pathways.

Examples of proteolytic enzymes include fungal proteases; bacterial proteases such as serrapeptase and nattokinase; plant proteases such as bromelain (pineapple) and papain (papaya); and proteases from hog stomach (pepsin) and pancreas (trypsin and chymotrypsin). Proteolytic enzymes influence a wide range of physiological and biochemical processes, which makes this type of formula a versatile option for those looking to support recovery from everyday overexertion, support healthy digestion, support immune, hormones and circulatory function.

The interesting thing about proteolytic enzymes is that taken with food, they help with the digestive process but on an empty stomach, taking proteolytic enzymes (like bromelain, papain, or serrapeptase) allows them to pass through the digestive tract and enter the bloodstream. Instead of breaking down food, they work systemically to help reduce inflammation, ease sore muscles, and break down cellular debris. Cellular debris is the organic waste and leftover fragments that remain when a cell dies, breaks apart, or ruptures.

This waste includes pieces of the cell membrane, broken-down organelles, and loose molecules. When you hear about pancreatic enzymes, they are typically made up of protease, amylase and lipase. Protease catalyzes the hydrolysis of proteins into smaller peptides and ultimately into individual amino acids, which can then be absorbed through the intestinal lining. Amylase facilitates the breakdown of complex carbohydrates such as starch into simpler sugars like maltose and glucose, aiding in rapid energy availability. Lipase breaks down dietary fats (triglycerides) into free fatty acids and glycerol, which are essential for numerous metabolic and structural functions within the body. Pancreatin is a biochemical compound composed of multiple digestive enzymes that are naturally secreted by the exocrine cells of the pancreas. These enzymes play a pivotal role in the breakdown of macronutrients within the gastrointestinal tract, thereby supporting efficient nutrient absorption and overall digestive health. Commercially, pancreatin is mostly derived from the pancreatic tissue of pigs, though in some cases it may be sourced from cattle/bovine. The extracted material is carefully processed and standardized to ensure consistent enzymatic activity across batches. Together, these enzymes work synergistically to promote the complete digestion of proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids, ensuring optimal nutrient

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Village of Port Alice 2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTIONS NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Village of Port Alice that nominations for the offices of:
Mayor: One (1) to be elected
Councillors: Four (4) to be elected

will be received by the Chief Election Officer or a designated person, as follows:

By hand, mail or other delivery service: Village of Port Alice 1061 Marine Drive PO Box 130 Port Alice BC, V0N 2N0	From	9:00 am September 1, 2026
	To	4:00 pm September 11, 2026 Excluding statutory holidays and weekends

Nomination forms are available at the Village Office at 1061 Marine Drive from 8:30 am on August 7, 2026 to the close of the nomination period.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- Canadian citizen;
- 18 years of age or older on general voting day October 17, 2026;
- resident of British Columbia for at least 6 months immediately before the day nomination papers are filed;
- not disqualified under the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from being nominated for, being elected to or holding the office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

CAMPAIGN PERIOD EXPENSE LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local election, the following expense limits for candidates during the campaign period apply:

Mayor	\$ 12,323.78
Councillor	\$ 6,161.89

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISING LIMITS

In accordance with the *Local Elections Campaign Financing Act*, for the 2026 general local elections, the following third-party advertising limits apply: \$924.28

For further information on the **nomination process**, please contact:
Bonnie Danyk, Chief Election Officer 250-284-3391
Tanya Spafford, Deputy Chief Election Officer 250-284-3391

For further information on **campaign period expense limits and third-party advertising limits**, please contact Elections BC:
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Black Turnstones are a year-round coastal species, nesting mostly in a narrow band of sedge tundra in western Alaska and overwintering along the rocky shorelines of the Pacific coast from Alaska to BC to California.

Make sure to pick up your Fall Fair entry forms

By Kathy O'Reilly

It's time to get that garden in shape and start working on your exhibit entries for the Mount Waddington Fall Fair.

The fair is set for Saturday, Sept. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 and Sunday, Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Port Hardy arena and will include the normal activities, including entertainment, vendors, food, raffles and an exhibition of crafts. The theme this year is celebrating the birthday of various North Island communities.

Exhibit lists and booth rental forms are available at: the Port McNeill Tourist Information Centre; Library; and Ministry of Forests/Service BC lobby. In Port Hardy: at the Tourist Information Centre; Library; and Hobby Nook. In Port Alice at the Library, or from Facebook:

Mount Waddington Regional Fall Fair.

"We hope that school children have remembered to save their projects from the past year to enter in the fair," said Malcolm Fleeton. "Everyone is eligible to win ribbons and cash prizes for their arts and crafts, garden entries, home canning and baking, etc.," Fleeton said. "Don't forget the popular Dog Show with forms available at the local pet stores or vets."

Exhibit entries can be submitted on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 6 - 9 p.m. and Friday, Sept. 11 from 10 a.m. to 6: p.m.

"We will accept booth renters until Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6 p.m." Young entrepreneurs have the opportunity to set up a booth for only \$10. Please call Malcolm at 250-956-0452 for more information.

Film Festival entries on big screen Sept. 5

This year, the North Island Film Festival is not only screening local films, it is helping local filmmakers make them.

A five-part workshop series is currently underway, taking participants through the process of creating a film from beginning to end. The workshops cover pre-production, story building and shoot planning, followed by file management, editing, and finally uploading films to FilmFreeway, a website filmmakers use to submit their work to festivals.

"The goal is to give people the support and practical skills they need to take an idea and turn it into a finished film for the festival," said Executive Producer Logan Alexander, a mixed-medium, interdisciplinary art producer based on Malcolm Island.

The festival will feature two films coming out of NIFF workshops this year. One is being created through the current five-part workshop series, while the other is Karma Kronicles, which came out of a two-day workshop led by Stephanie Rossell.

"It is an exciting way to bring more filmmakers into the festival and create opportunities for people in the North Island to tell their own stories," Alexander said.

NIFF currently has 10 films submitted, with room for another 10.

The submission window is



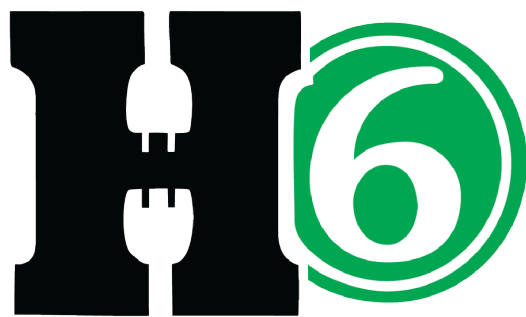
Photo — Logan Alexander

The North Island Film Festival has been hosting a five-part workshop series taking filmmakers through the process of creating a film from beginning to end.

open until Aug. 28. There is no charge to submit a film, and there is no charge to attend the festival. Filmmakers can reserve a spot through Eventbrite. The North Island Film Festival takes place

Sept. 5 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Gate House Theatre in Port McNeill.

"Stay tuned! There will be an exciting update about a NIFF after-party will be announced shortly."



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RDMW supports Hardy Mini Peaks application

By Kathy O'Reilly

The Regional District of Mount Waddington will back Port Hardy's bid for a Whitecaps FC Legacy Mini Pitch with a formal letter of support, while any funding or land-use decisions will return to the board for approval.

At its regular monthly meeting Aug. 18, the board agreed to write the letter at the request of the District of Port Hardy.

"We are seeking the Regional District's support for the development of a Whitecaps FC Legacy Mini Pitch in Port Hardy, including a funding contribution of \$25,000 to \$50,000 and an official endorsement to help secure additional funding from partners and granting agencies," the Tri-Port Soccer Association wrote in a letter to the board.

The proposed mini pitch would provide a year-round recreational facility for youth and families across the North Island, including Port Hardy, Port McNeill, Port Alice, and surrounding Indigenous communities.

Supporters say the project would expand opportunities for physical activity, youth development, community engagement, and sport participation while advancing regional priorities around recreation, healthy communities, and youth well-being.

Port Hardy Mayor Pat Corbett-Labatt said the application has reached Stage 2, and the district is now looking for a suitable location.

"Some of the places that we've looked at in the district were not necessarily appropriate," Corbett-Labatt said, adding the land also needs to be paved for turf to go on top.

"We're still looking, and the Mini Peaks Legacy organization has given us plenty of time, so we're optimistic," she said.

When they first heard about the program, she said, council and staff thought the soccer pitch would be small.

"But it's not small, it's significant."

Staff was directed to work with the District of Port Hardy and community partners on site-readiness discussions, with any financial contribution or land-use decisions returning to the board for approval.

The discussion ended on a light note.

"We do have some land if they want to put it here," joked Port McNeill Mayor James Furney.



DISTRICT OF PORT HARDY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

An application is being made by Loaves and Fishes Community Food Bank Society to rezone 7120 Market St. from Town Centre Commercial (C-3) to Comprehensive Development (CD-12) to accommodate up to two (2) shipping containers for food collection, storage, and distribution for charitable purposes.

As per section 466 (1) of the Local Government Act, the District of Port Hardy hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing to be held on in the District of Port Hardy Municipal Hall Council Chambers located at 7360 Columbia Street, Port Hardy, BC and online via MS Teams on Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 6:00pm with respect to:

Bylaw 1192-2026, a bylaw to amend the District of Port Hardy Zoning Bylaw No. 1010-2013 as follows:

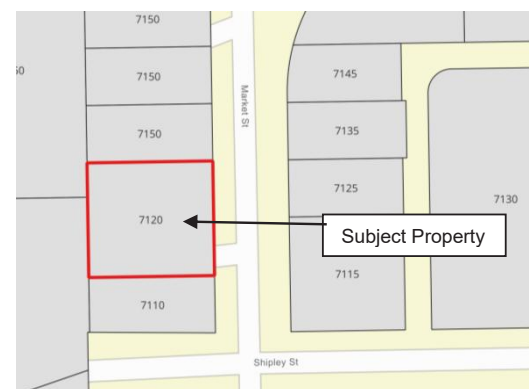
Rezone Lot A, Plan VIP40648, Section 36, Township 9, Rupert Land District (PID 000-247-332) civically addressed 7120 Market St. from Town Centre Commercial (C-3) to Comprehensive Development (CD-12) as pictured below to allow up to two (2) shipping containers to be used as accessory structures on the subject property for food collection, storage, and distribution for charitable purposes.

(a) The following principal uses are permitted:

- (1) Food collection and distribution, charitable
- (2) Warehouse and storage activities
- (3) Retail Sales
- (4) Assembly

(b) The following accessory uses are permitted:

- (1) Small-scale recycling collection
- (2) Outdoor storage
- (3) Office



All relevant documents with respect to Bylaw 1192-2026, may be inspected online or at the District of Port Hardy Municipal Office, Monday to Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, excluding statutory holidays, until 4:30 pm on Thursday September 3rd, 2026.

Anyone who believes that proposed *District of Port Hardy Zoning Bylaw Amendment Bylaw No. 1192-2026* will affect their interests shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in person or by a representative (in-person or online via MS Teams), or by written submission at the Public Hearing at the above-noted time. If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing electronically, written comments may be mailed, facsimiled, emailed or hand-delivered to the District of Port Hardy by 4:30 pm September 3rd, 2026. Legally, the District cannot consider any representations or submissions made after the close of the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Local Government Act*, all submissions (verbal and written) regarding this Public Hearing must include the name and address of the individual making the submission. Information received will form part of the public record.

Register to attend online by scanning the QR Code or visit porthardy.ca.

*The link to join electronically will be sent to the email address input by the user.

Check spam or junk inboxes for the confirmation email and link after registering.



Inquiries and written comments should be directed/submitted to:

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OrcaFest 2026 Rock the Ages!

Photos by Kathy O'Reilly





lifestyles & leisure

Rosie the shepherd a companion for all seasons

Rosie our Australian Shepherd is at the heart of our adventures, anchoring us amidst North Vancouver Island's rainforest and coastal beauty. She is eight years old and all our outdoor journeys begin and end with her bright eyes alight with excitement. Her warm gentle spirit fills us with a sense of companionship and belonging; her inspiring loyalty constantly surprises us as she explores in a tri-colour fur coat, a mosaic of black, caramel, and white tones, that blends seamlessly into the serenity of the great outdoors.

Rosie's devotion to Christine and I is woven into the very fabric of our lives, transforming every walk into an adventure of exciting possibilities. Her playful quirks and gentle nudges remind us daily to get out there, to relish discovery, to embrace the natural world.

Her favourite haunts are those that take us deep into the untamed heart of the Nimpkish Valley, where the world slows and the peace of new and old forests offer sanctuary from the bustle of daily life. In wild hideaways, Rosie is in her element; her boundless curiosity and energy unleashed among towering evergreens. There, emerald crowns stretch skyward and trunks are clad in knitted coats of moss and lichen. The air is cool and moist, infused with the earthy aroma of damp soil and decaying wood, mingling with the crispness of the Pacific breeze that whispers through valleys, trees, and wetlands.

She bounds playfully on a multi-coloured carpet of living greens, a forest floor blanketed with thick mats



of moss that cushion her steps. The moss, sometimes a brilliant chartreuse and sometimes a deep, mysterious green, clings to fallen logs, rocks, and the bases of ancient trees. It is a source of intrigue for the three of us; as it springs to vibrant life in the moistness of the Pacific Northwest, draping everything in a soft, velvety shroud. Lichen, too, draws her attention with its pale, ghostly tendrils, decorating branches overhead and rock formations below, painting the landscape in subtle hues of silver and sage. Some crusty and flat, others bushy and bearded, continually cleansing the air of temperate rainforests. These essential pastel organics thrive only when an environment is undisturbed by pollution.

Amidst the undergrowth, Salal bushes form dense thickets, their broad, leathery leaves shining with drops of early morning mist and dampness; creating a sea of green sometimes waist high, tough stems weaving a living barrier through which Rosie nimbly weaves, undaunted and sure-footed. In the spring, Salal blooms with small delicate white or pinkish minute urn-shaped flowers, summer giving way to clusters of deep blue-black

berries, a favourite treat for bears and birds alike.

Rosie revels in these forest sanctuaries as Christine and I do. She darts along narrow, winding trails, her nose quivering as she samples the multitude of scents the forest offers; wild mushrooms, decaying spruce and cedar, sweet floral notes from hidden Trilliums, and the distant musk of passing Roosevelt Elk.

Every sound is a mystery to solve: the distant knock of a woodpecker, the flutter of wings as a Ruffed Grouse takes flight, the faint splash of a stream trickling over stone. More often than not, Rosie is the first to spot wildlife. Her sharp eyes quickly catch the subtle movements of a Black-Tailed Deer pausing in a sunny glade, or the swift dash of a Red Squirrel skittering up a Douglas Fir.

Despite her adventurous spirit, Rosie is always careful and attentive. Her cautiousness is an art, honed by years of exploring places where the unseen can trip the unwary and every rustle might reveal a hidden animal; a cougar, Black Bear, a Pine Marten. She glances back often, making sure Christine and I are safely close behind, her expressive eyes filled with concern and caring. Rosie is not only



Photo — Christine Patterson

Despite her adventurous spirit, Rosie is always careful and attentive. She glances back often, making sure Christine and I are safely close behind.

our guide but our guardian, instinctively placing herself between us and the unknown. Her protective presence a source of comfort as we wander amongst alpine scrub or beneath the cathedral-like vaults of forest giants.

Together we discover enchanted hideaways known only to the deer, the wolves, and now, to us and Rosie. Secret places where filtered sunlight creates shifting patterns amongst the flora.

The air is so still, you can hear the gentle drip of water from ferns.

In these havens, fallen trees sprawl like ancient bones, surfaces softened by decay and years of fungi mycelium and tiny mushrooms sprout in whimsical clusters. It is in these quiet

et moments, sitting on a log beside Christine, when Rosie curls warmly upon our feet, that we feel the true magic of North Vancouver Island. A wonderful sense of belonging to something timeless and wild.

Rosie's devotion is not just as a protector but as a friend who shares our awe for this enchanted world of naturalness.

She is as much a part of the landscape as the Salal and stately firs; her fur gleaming in the sunlight, her head tilted at the call of a raven, her paws moving softly over fallen cones and needles. Even on the coldest mornings, when frost crystals rim rose hips, and our breath hangs in the air, Rosie's energy is undiminished. She leaps and

bounds, chasing after the joys of a winter day, her tail a banner of happiness waving through the chill.

As dusk falls the forest hushes to an owl's call, and the air grows heavy with the promise of night. Evergreens become shadowy sentinels, standing guard over our campsite. Rosie lays beside us, alert yet calm, her gaze sweeping the twilight of a woodland sunset.

It is in these peaceful interludes, wrapped in the embrace of wonderful nature, that we are reminded of the true gifts our canine companions brings to our lives: unconditional love, loyalty, protection, companionship, and an infectious joy of life.

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Every adventure is an affirmation of our shared bond

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Through every season, snow, rain or shine, in the riotous green of spring, under the golden autumn leaves, on a winter's frosty morning, and in the long, luminous summer evenings, Rosie is with us, constant and true. Her presence transforms hikes into journeys of discovery, filling each outing with laughter, wonder, and a deep enduring bond between a dog and those she loves.

familiar walls but also in nature's embrace guided by the loyal presence of a dear best friend.

With Rosie by our side, each walk is richer, each day is brighter. Our lives forever changed by the joy and wonder of exploring this life together.

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With Rosie by our side, the forests and woodlands are not just a backdrop for adventure: they are pathways of uncluttered simplicity. In the gentle fading light of a life well lived, as the forest settles on our aging footsteps, Rosie's quiet companionship is a thread connecting us to the wild heart of the land.

Every adventure is more than a journey; it is an affirmation of the bond we share, a reminder that home is found not only among



Port Hardy – Don Cruickshank Arena
Sept. 12-13, 2026

Mount Waddington Regional FALL FAIR

Exhibit lists and booth rental forms are NOW available at the following locations:

- Port McNeill: Tourist Information Centre; Library; Ministry of Forests/Service BC lobby
 - Port Hardy: Tourist Information Centre; Library; Hobby Nook
 - Port Alice: Library
- Or from our Facebook: mount waddington regional fall fair (coming soon)

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Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

A mom signs her tot up for the Masons Kids' Fishing Derby held during OrcaFest in Port McNeill Aug. 15. The derby attracted 42 participants.

Fishing derby hosts 42

By Kathy O'Reilly
Rainbow Lodge No. 180 Freemasons hosted another successful Kid's Fishing Derby during OrcaFest, with Wade Reynolds recording the biggest catch: a 14-inch black cod.

The derby drew 42 entries, with 25 children catching fish and 17 coming up empty.

All 42 participants received a prize, including items such as a rod and reel, net, lures, or other fishing gear.

"We were able to bring many smiles to the parents of those 12 and under," said Lodge Secretary Peter Barratt.

"The kids were wonderful, carefully spelling out their names to me (with a wee help from the parents)," Barratt said.

The Masons wished to acknowledge the generosity of the derby's sponsors: William Strong-R.B.S. Seafoods, Gord's Downrigger Repair, the Port McNeill OrcaFest Committee, Brian Baird, Redden Net, and the Bait Shack.

North Island Farmers & Artisans Market



2026 Market Schedule

Port McNeill - IGA Plaza

• Aug. 22
• Sept. 5 • Sept. 19

Port Hardy - Carrot Park

• Aug. 23 • Sept. 20

Port McNeill Markets
Saturdays - 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Port Hardy Markets
Sundays - 11 a.m.-2 p.m.



Beefy Bubble

Photo — Kathy O'Reilly

There were plenty of activities for children at the Port Hardy Evening Market on Aug. 14 including some expert displays of bubble making.



TOWN OF PORT MCNEILL
2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

NOTICE OF NOMINATION

Public Notice is given to the electors of the Town of Port McNeill that nominations for the offices of:

- MAYOR ONE (1)
- COUNCILLOR FOUR (4)
- SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE TWO (2)

Will be received by the Chief Election Officer and/or Deputy Chief Election Officer, at the Town of Port McNeill Office, 1775 Furney Place, Port McNeill, BC as follows: 9:00 a.m. September 1, 2026, to 4:00 p.m. September 11, 2026, excluding statutory holidays and weekends.

Nomination documents are available at the Town of Port McNeill Office during regular office hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

A person is qualified to be nominated, elected, and to hold office as a member of local government if they meet the following criteria:

- are a Canadian Citizen;
- are 18 years of age or older, or will be 18 years of age or older on general voting day;
- have been a resident of British Columbia for at least six (6) months immediately before the relevant time; and
- are not disqualified by the *Local Government Act* or any other enactment from voting in an election in British Columbia or from being nominated for, being elected to, or holding office, or be otherwise disqualified by law.

FURTHER INFORMATION on the foregoing may be obtained by contacting:

Brenda Johnson, CPA, Chief Election Officer
Christina Jackson, Deputy Chief Election Officer

Contact information:

250-956-3111
elections@portmcneill.ca

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF
MOUNT WADDINGTON



PUBLIC NOTICE

2026 GENERAL LOCAL ELECTION

ELECTOR REGISTRATION & LIST OF REGISTERED ELECTORS

Public Notice is hereby given regarding elector registration for the 2026 General Local Election, to be held on Saturday, October 17, 2026.

RDMW ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR & COAL HARBOUR LOCAL
COMMUNITY COMMISSION ELECTIONS

The Regional District of Mount Waddington uses registration at the time of voting.

There is no advance register of electors for the following elections:

- RDMW Electoral Area A – Director
- RDMW Electoral Area B – Director
- RDMW Electoral Area C – Director
- RDMW Electoral Area D – Director
- Coal Harbour Local Community Commission – Four Commissioners

Eligible electors will register at the time of voting.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 85 – TRUSTEE ELECTORAL AREA 2

For the election of two School District No. 85 (Vancouver Island North) Trustees for Trustee Electoral Area 2, the Provincial List of Voters is used as the register of resident electors.

Beginning September 1, 2026, and continuing until the close of voting on October 17, 2026, the applicable list of registered electors will be available for public inspection at:

Regional District of Mount Waddington

2044 McNeill Road,
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During regular office hours, Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays.

Before inspecting the list, a person must sign a statement that they will not inspect the list or use the information contained in it except for purposes authorized under election legislation.

PRIVACY

An elector may request that their address or other personal information be omitted from or obscured on the publicly available list in order to protect their privacy or security. Requests should be made to the Chief Election Officer.

OBJECTIONS TO ELECTOR REGISTRATION

An objection to the registration of a person whose name appears on the list of registered electors may be made by a person entitled to be registered as an elector of the applicable jurisdiction, on the basis that the person named has died or is not qualified to be registered as an elector.

Objections must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., Friday, September 11, 2026.

REGISTERING AT THE TIME OF VOTING

Qualified electors who are not already registered may register at the time of voting, subject to the applicable elector qualification and identification requirements.

Further information regarding elector qualifications, identification requirements and voting opportunities will be available from the Regional District of Mount Waddington.

Matthew Arnold

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Motorhomes

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Obituary

Willis Seybold

Friends of Willis Seybold will remember her daily walks on Storey's Beach with her beloved dog Luna, one of 5 golden retrievers, that accompanied Willis over the years in all types of North Island weather.

Willis was born in California in September, 1934. Growing up and living in California meant many rich experiences and unique opportunities for Willis, including living in Formosa (Taiwan) during Hal's 2 year military service. Further adventures included trekking in Nepal and rafting down the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon, with her best friend Nancy. Willis also came from a long line of artistically talented people, including her mother and her great uncle.

In the mid-seventies she and her husband Hal moved from Carmel California, to Sidney B.C. with their two children Jan and Paul. After Hal was offered an administrative position with the North Island School District the family relocated to Port Hardy where Willis worked as a Child & Youth Care Worker in the school district's Alternative Education Programs. She was held in high regard for her humour, insight and skills in this position at PHSS and NISS. Running into students for years after her retirement, her former "kids" never hesitated to show their gratitude and affection for Willis.

Hal & Willis built their dream home on Stories beach and Willis was no stranger to a hammer and other tools, fully participating and more likely guiding the process until their beautiful home and garden were complete. The view of Beaver Harbour through the trees sustained Willis for many years and further enhanced her love of the North Island.

Gardening, rock collecting, fishing, boating, kayaking, walking and her family occupied Willis' time in her 50 plus years on the North Island. The natural world fascinated Willis and she observed, studied and researched her daily finds on the beach. Willis loved to collect heart shaped rocks from beach as much as she liked to show her love to the people in her life. Willis was a deeply intelligent woman with many talents including drawing, painting and photography. Her quirky sense of humour (complete with a well placed snort in her laughter) sometimes caught people off guard and the warmth in her eyes and her skill at really listening to and understanding made everyone feel accepted and valued. A member of a book club for 31 years she enjoyed an outlet for her love of reading and was a valued member of discussions over the years. "Wid" as she was known to her family & friends was an honorary member of the "Beach People" who perched on a log together, for regular catch-ups.

Willis was predeceased by her parents, Joy & Willard Swain of Crocket, California, her younger brother Bill Swain of Kalamazoo, Michigan and her husband of 61 years Hal Seybold. Survived by Jan and Paul her much loved son and daughter, both of Vancouver and her Niece Megan Swain of Chicago, Illinois. Willis did all things her own way, and that was no different in the end, where she carried her wit, wisdom and graciousness to the final moments. The family sends gratitude to Dr. Marlene Smith & Stella Bates, good friends, who were there with the family & Willis as she left this world, and to Dr. Armogam and staff at Pt. McNeill hospital for their care and respect. And a special thank you to the Wamiss family for the blessing and the Thunderbird song.

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