



“It is easy to think  
big when you’re  
small”

Mayors from North and West Vancouver Island  
Prepared for AVICC April 3 (3-4pm) by Sarah Fowler





# Tahsis Inlet

from above

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(Nuu-chah-nulth)



# ABOUT TAHSIS THE HEART OF NOOTKA SOUND

Located on the west coast of Vancouver Island, Tahsis is a premier ecotourism destination with unparalleled outdoor recreation, stunning coastal scenery and a walkable village.

Tahsis offers an abundance of nature activities for tourists and residents alike such as sport fishing, hiking, caving, wildlife viewing, diving and all manner of water sports. Tahsis is located within the traditional territory of the Mowachaht/Muchalaht First Nation whose people have lived here and in Nootka Sound for over two thousand years.

Whether you like oceans, alpine, old growth forests or the underground, we have it all. We invite you to come and visit our beautiful coastal community, nestled in the heart of Nootka Sound!

Tahsis is easily reached by road, water or air (float plane). Call or email for more information about getting here.

**Tahsis, BC V0P 1X0 Phone: (250) 934-6425 Email: [info@villageoftahsis.com](mailto:info@villageoftahsis.com)**





**PUDDLE DUCKS DAYCARE :**The Village maintains a public daycare located in the Recreation Centre (285 Alpine View). Children attending the daycare have full use of the recreation facility. The daycare is run by a fun-loving, caring coordinator , and accepts child-care subsidy recipients. **CAPTAIN MEARES ELEMENTARY SECONDARY SCHOOL Phone:** (250) 934-6305 299 Alpine View CMES was built in 1972, and the elementary wing was added in 1976. CMES has a full regulation basketball court/gymnasium, two computer labs, a home economics room, library, science lab, and five classrooms. There is an elementary playground and a full-size softball and soccer field. In the elementary wing, there are six classrooms. Currently, the teaching staff includes four full-time teachers and the principal, with some additional volunteers from the community offering extra-curricular activities. CMES is a focal point for community events, as well as the educational centre for Tahsis adults. CMES offers kindergarten through Grade 12 education with small class sizes. Students have the opportunity to pursue the full BC provincial graduation program from Grades 10 through 12. Many CMES students continue their education through post-secondary institutions in BC and beyond. Several bursaries and other financial awards are available to help students defray the cost of college or university. CMES students are able to participate in the Nootka Sound Outdoor Program through School District #84 which allows students to earn credits toward graduation, dual credit college credits, and industry certifications while engaging in wilderness pursuits and contributing towards traditional and modern stewardship projects. This unique board-certified program, offered outside the regular school timetable during weekends and holidays, provides students the flexibility of choosing activities that interest them at their comfort level. CMES also offer a StrongStart BC program which is an early learning program providing school-based early learning services for adults and their young children, aged birth to five, at no cost to families. Both children and adults can benefit from StrongStart BC early learning programs – children have access to high-quality learning environments and benefit from social interactions while the adults who accompany them learn new ways to support learning, both at the program and at

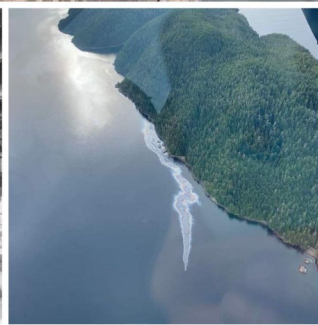
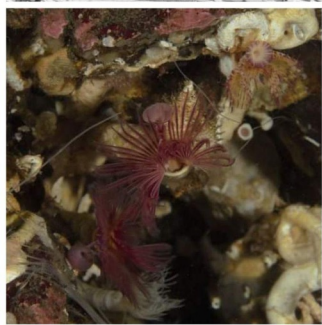








# Grieg Searood donates gear to help contain active oil leak in Nootka Sound



about GIO

**Green Infrastructure**  
DESIGN & SOLUTION

The Green Infrastructure Ontario (GIO) Coalition is an alliance of organizations that share a common vision for a healthy, green Ontario where the economic, social, environmental and health benefits of green infrastructure are fully realized.

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GENDER STUDIES

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**Current Services Provided to Citizens**

- Road maintenance, repair and snow removal
- Garbage collection and recycling
- Fire protection, suppression and rescue
- Emergency Preparedness
- Daycare
- Tourist Information Centre and display for museum artifacts
- Boat launch and parking
- Helipad
- Wharves and docks
- Recreation Centre programming including pool, weight room, gym activities
- Parks and trails
- Sidewalks, curbs and gutters
- Drainage systems
- Sewer systems
- Drinking water systems and drainage
- Property maintenance regulation and bylaw compliance
- Building inspection

**Revenue Sources**

- Property Taxes
- Water, Sewer and Carbonic Utility Fees





















Dennis Dugas has been a resident of Port Hardy since 1970. First worked for MacMillan Bloedel (M&B) in the logging industry, in 1974 started a new career working for the District of Port Hardy in the Public Works Department as a Water Treatment and Wastewater Treatment plant, Certified Operator. In 2000 worked for EPCOR Water Services for thirteen years ( Public Private Partnership ) as Port Hardy's Capital Projects Coordinator and then back to employment with the District of Port Hardy, retiring in October 2014. Over the past 50 plus years Dennis has been involved with a number of community organizations and activities, vice-president of the Port Hardy & District Chamber of Commerce, FILOMI Days Committee, North Island Seniors Housing Foundation and as of 2014 elected as a councillor and now Mayor Port Hardy. As Small Rural Communities, we have to form coalitions to get our voices heard for example grant funding for Fire Emergency Equipment and Emergency Infrastructures. Also, each region needs to build strong relationships with local Indigenous Nations to get support for common interests regarding health, education, transportation, wild salmon returns and in addition for us on the north island reliable electrical power supply, we produce it but can't use it. Let's work together for a better tomorrow for all of us.





# Dennis Dugas Mayor of Port Hardy

January 22 2021  
Vancouver Island coalition  
**Kwakwaka'wakw**

# History of Port Hardy

Port Hardy's culture and history begin near the BC Ferries Terminal at Bear Cove – the oldest known site of human habitation on Vancouver Island (circa 5850 BCE). First contact with Europeans occurred in the early 19th century when the steamship S.S. Beaver was sent on an exploratory trip by the Hudson Bay Company (HBC) in 1836. Coal deposits motivated the HBC to establish a fortified trading post at Beaver Harbour a dozen years later. The trading post was named “Fort Rupert” after the company's governor, Prince Rupert, Duke of Bavaria. Though little of the fort remains today, the Kwakiutl First Nations continue to reside adjacent to the former fort site.





The current location of Port Hardy was settled at the turn of the century when Alec and Sarah Lyon operated a store and post office on the east side of Hardy Bay. A 1912 land deal promoted by the Hardy Bay Land Co., put the area on the map and increased its population. By 1914, 12 families had settled, built a school, sawmill, church and hotel. There was limited access to the community until the logging road connecting Port Hardy to Campbell River was paved in December of 1979.

Port Hardy's population grew to a little over 5,000 residents during the Island Copper Mine years (1971-1995). The former mine site is located 16 kilometers south of Port Hardy on the shores of Rupert Inlet. The open-pit porphyry copper mine employed over 900 employees from Port Hardy and the surrounding communities. Today, the former mine has been transformed into a wildlife habitat and pit lake biological treatment system (BHP Copper Inc., 2010). The Quatsino First Nation manage the property and their Economic Development Board is exploring options for its use. The Quatsino have conducted several feasibility studies around the implementation of a puck or brickett mill onsite, utilizing the existing infrastructure, which includes six industrial buildings.

Today, Port Hardy serves as the crossroads for air, ferry and marine transportation networks, and serves as the gateway to the fast-growing Central Coast, the Cape Scott and North Coast Trails, and BC Ferry's northern terminus for the Discovery Coast run and Prince Rupert. It supports several traditional and emerging sectors and remains rich in natural resources and community spirit.











**PORT  
HARDY**

**BUILDING TOMORROW**







### HISTORIC SITE

#### THE CARROT CAMPAIGN

THIS CARROT, MARKING THE NORTHERN END OF THE ISLAND HIGHWAY, IS A SYMBOL OF GOVERNMENT ROAD BUILDING PROMISES, DANGLED IN FRONT OF NORTH ISLAND SETTLERS SINCE 1897. THE SUCCESSFUL LATE 1970'S "CARROT CAMPAIGN" WAS AIMED AT MAKING THE GOVERNMENT KEEP PROMISES OF A COMPLETED ISLAND HIGHWAY.





# St. Patrick's Day Skate

Thurs, Mar 17 | 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm



Come for a skate and enjoy a special St. Paddy's Day hot chocolate...can you taste the rainbow? Those dressed in green will be entered for a door prize.



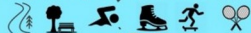
**\$5 Drop-in | Rentals included**



*Proof of double vaccine required*

Contact us with questions or for more information  
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**Port Hardy Recreation**



## Youth Night

**at Arena**

Ages 12 - 18

Sat | Jan 15, Feb 12, Mar 12

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm | \$2 Drop-In | Rentals extra

Come hang out at Youth Night and spend time with your friends while ice skating, eating popcorn, and playing games.

*Proof of double vaccine required*

Online registration: <https://app.booking.ca/porthardyrecreationpub/index.asp>

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# COVID-19 RESTART FUND



In late 2020 the The District of Port Hardy received **\$1,375,000** from the Province of BC to help offset the effects of COVID-19.

Here is how we have budgeted to use these funds.



**\$289,000** was used in 2020 to offset lost revenues from the harbour, recreation and Hotel Tax.



**\$27,000** is being used to provide a PPE washing machine for the Fire Department and supply a much needed respiratory testing machine for use by all North Island Fire Departments.



**\$202,000** has been budgeted for use in 2021 to assist in offsetting revenues that will be lost due to reduction of revenues similar to 2020. This will ensure that the District can keep taxation stable and continue to provide funds for reserves for future capital needs.



**\$40,000** will be used to help supplement a \$70,000 grant received from Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET) to support an Economic Development Recovery Officer for 18 months to assist the District in adjusting post pandemic.



**\$23,000** will be used to assist the Lions Club of Port Hardy with their portion of the hydro and propane expenses for the Civic Centre in 2020 and 2021.



**\$12,000** was used to provide needed COVID supplies to restart safely in 2020. This included gloves, masks, plexi glass installations, sanitizer and additional cleaning supplies.

**\$782,000** will be saved for future COVID Restart Fund eligible activities which include, but are not limited to, the following:

- facility reopening and operating costs;
- emergency planning and response costs;
- protective services and bylaw enforcement costs;
- programs for vulnerable populations;
- computer and other electronic technology costs;
- budgeted revenues that have not been collected.

**Do you have questions  
about the COVID Restart  
Fund?**

**250-949-6666  
general@porthardy.ca**



## Port Hardy Recreation

### Winter Arena Drop-In Schedule 2022



#### Arena Schedule in Effect Jan 2 - Mar 19

All activities are subject to change due to ice availability

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Ice Rentals Available						
	9:00 am - 10:45 am	9:00 am - 11:45 am	9:00 am - 10:45 am	9:00 am - 11:45 am	9:00 am - 10:45 am	
Adult Skate						
	11:00 am - 11:45 am		11:00 am - 11:45 am		11:00 am - 11:45 am	
Stick & Puck - No Full Gear = Plastic Puck						
	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		3:30 pm - 4:45 pm	
Drop-In Hockey 19+ - Full Gear = Real Puck						
		12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		12:00 pm - 1:30 pm		
Family Skate						
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	
						6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Public Skate - Sunday \$2.00 Admission						
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm						7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Youth Drop-In Hockey: 13 - 18						
					2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	

#### Arena Admission Fees

Child 1-12	\$3.40
Senior 60+	\$3.40
Youth 13-18	\$4.10
Adult 19-59	\$5.40
Family	\$11.75
Max 4 kids & 2 adults	
Skate Rentals	\$2.00

**Adult Skate:** 19+ skaters only.

**Family Skate:** This skate is for families. Minors must be accompanied by an adult on the ice.

**Public Skate:** This skate is for everyone. Please follow our arena skating guidelines.

**Stick & Puck:** No scrimmages. No full gear required; bring your own sticks, gloves and helmet.

Helmet mandatory for all participants. **No real pucks allowed, plastic pucks will be provided.**

**Drop-In Hockey 19+:** Full hockey gear required.

**Youth Drop-In Hockey:** Ages 13 - 18. Full hockey gear required.

#### Arena Guidelines:

Please help us maintain a safe environment by following these expectations:

1. No food or beverages allowed on the ice.
2. Helmets are recommended for all of our skate sessions and mandatory for all of our hockey/stick & puck sessions.
3. Respect all skaters and staff on and off the ice.
4. Alcohol is not permitted without a permit.
5. Respect our facility and equipment









**Mayor Dennis Buchanan :**  
RCMP, Intergovernmental  
Affairs, Regional District of  
Mount Waddington Director,  
Regional District of Mount  
Waddington Health Boards,  
VIHA Director, Solid Waste,  
Municipal Dock, Alert Bay  
School, Namgis First Nation,  
BC Ferries, Airport, local &  
regional transportation, Alert  
Bay Volunteer Fire Dept. and  
Emergency Planning (PEP).

Dennis Buchanan is in his first term as Mayor of Alert Bay which is situated on the traditional territories of the Namgis First Nation. Dennis has served the community as Fire Chief and as the Unit Chief on the BCAS. He knows full well how difficult it is in small communities to get the funding for new Fire Equipment. Small rural communities do not have the same tax base that larger centres have, which enables them to purchase the equipment that they require.



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Council of  
Alert Bay &  
Mayor  
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# CORMORANT ISLAND

## *Tides of Change*



*Alert Bay Ecological Park*

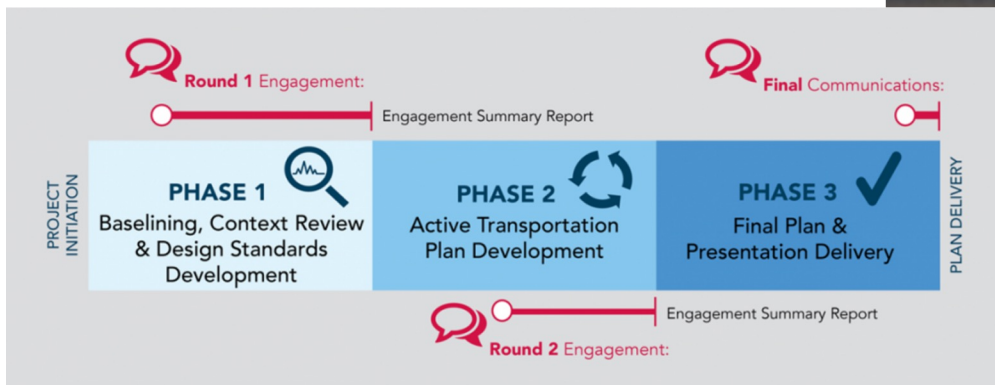




Historic Canadian Fish Dock











ALERT BAY

Post Office









Lupins by 'Namgis Boardwalk









JUNE Sports



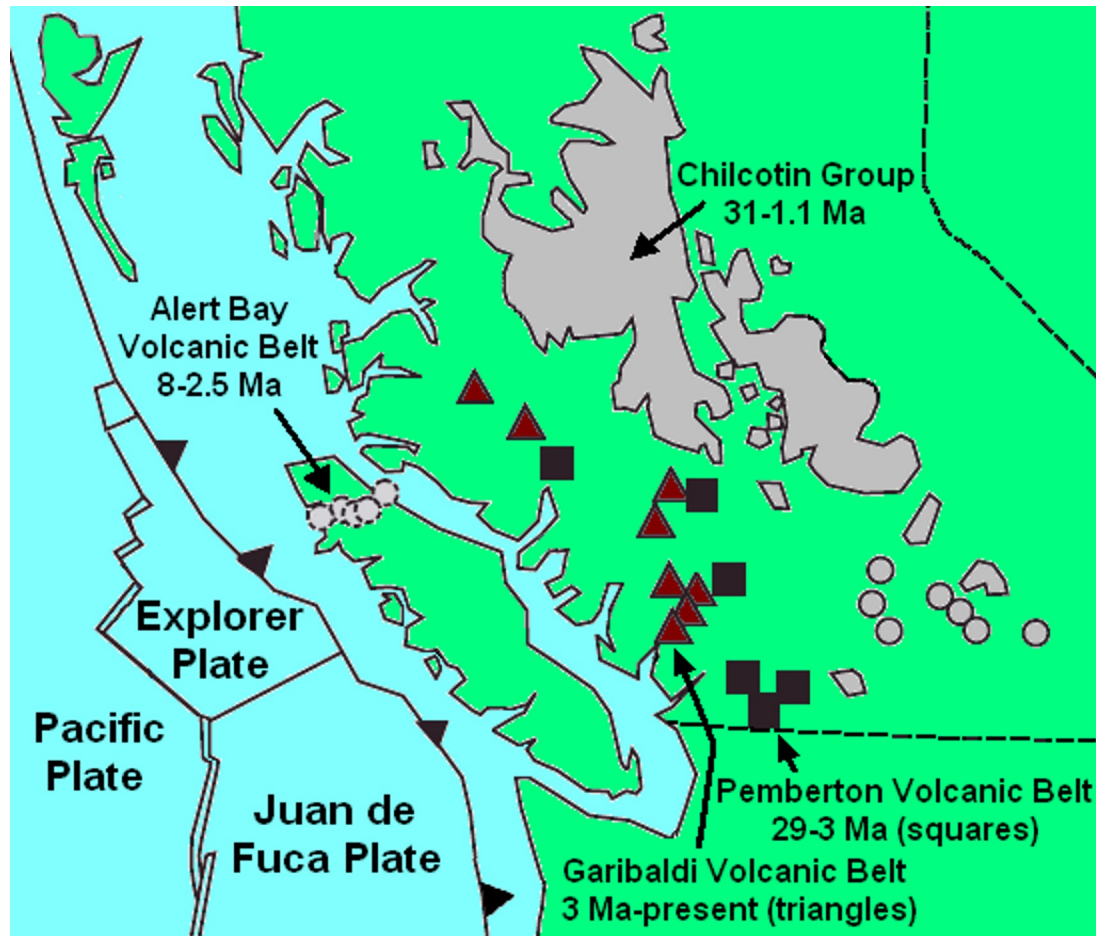












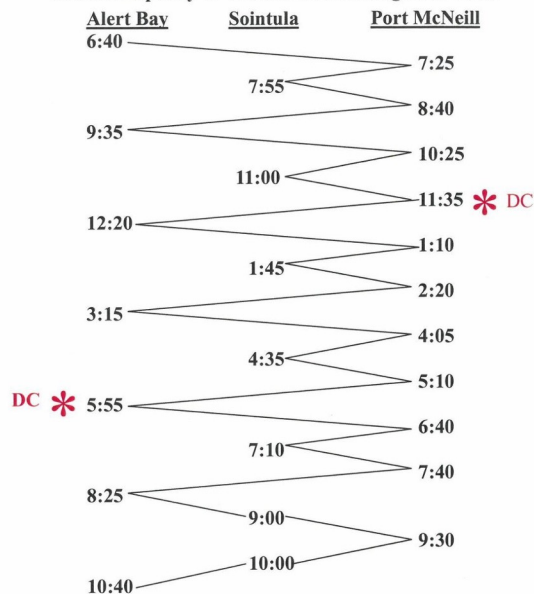


Alert Bay waterfront





**BC Ferry Schedule**  
**Alert Bay-Sointula-Port McNeill**  
 Aurora Capacity 47 Vehicles 384 Passengers & Crew



Note: **Sunday's only**, Aurora will depart Alert Bay at 6:40 AM and go to Sointula and depart at 7:10 AM  
 For more Information call: 1-877-222-1949

\* DC-Dangerous Cargo days **no passengers are permitted on that sailing**  
 DC Runs that effect Alert Bay every other Tuesday:

2021: Jan	12, 26	2021: Aug	10, 24	2022 Mar	1, 15, 29
Feb	9, 23	Sep	7, 21	Apr	12, 26
Mar	9, 23	Oct	5, 19	May	10, 24
Apr	6, 20	Nov	2, 16, 30	Jun	7, 21
May	4, 18	Dec	14, 28	Jul	5, 21
Jun	1, 15, 29	2022: Jan	11, 25	Aug	2, 16, 30
Jul	13, 27	Feb	8, 22	Sep	12, 26

Our little island is compact and you can easily walk or bike your way around.

However, it is hilly. Unless you're a determined walker, we recommend that you bring your vehicle with you on the 40-minute ferry from Port McNeill. As you can see on our Ferry Schedule page, there are six sailings a day, about every 2.5 hours.

There are several ways to get to Alert Bay: BC Ferries, 2900 foot airstrip, as well as a full service Boat Harbour where you can tie up, shower and spend the night. The closest airport with regularly scheduled flights is Port Hardy, 25 minutes north of Port McNeill. Check our Current Conditions page for airstrip cameras, tide tables and the weather forecast. The first stop for many visitors is the Visitor Centre, a couple hundred metres to the right (southeast) when you disembark the ferry. Our friendly Visitor Centre staff can help plan your day and can offer the most recent tourism information and brochures.

The Visitor Centre 118 Fir Street and the Alert Bay Library-Museum 116 Fir Street. Library-Museum has photos and artifacts from the region's pioneer years. What most Visitor's come to Alert Bay for is the U'mista Cultural Centre which houses our Native Masks and Artifacts. The Visitor Centre is close to the Original 'Namgis burial grounds, where Totem Poles in Memory of those who have passed away. Another Totem Pole you'll want to take in is the World's Tallest Totem Pole, north along Fir Street/Front Street, and up the hill next to the 'Namgis Traditional Big House. There are several Totem Poles spread throughout the Island. See the Alert Bay Visitor Centre for a Totem Poles Brochure.





Wild CRANBERRIES

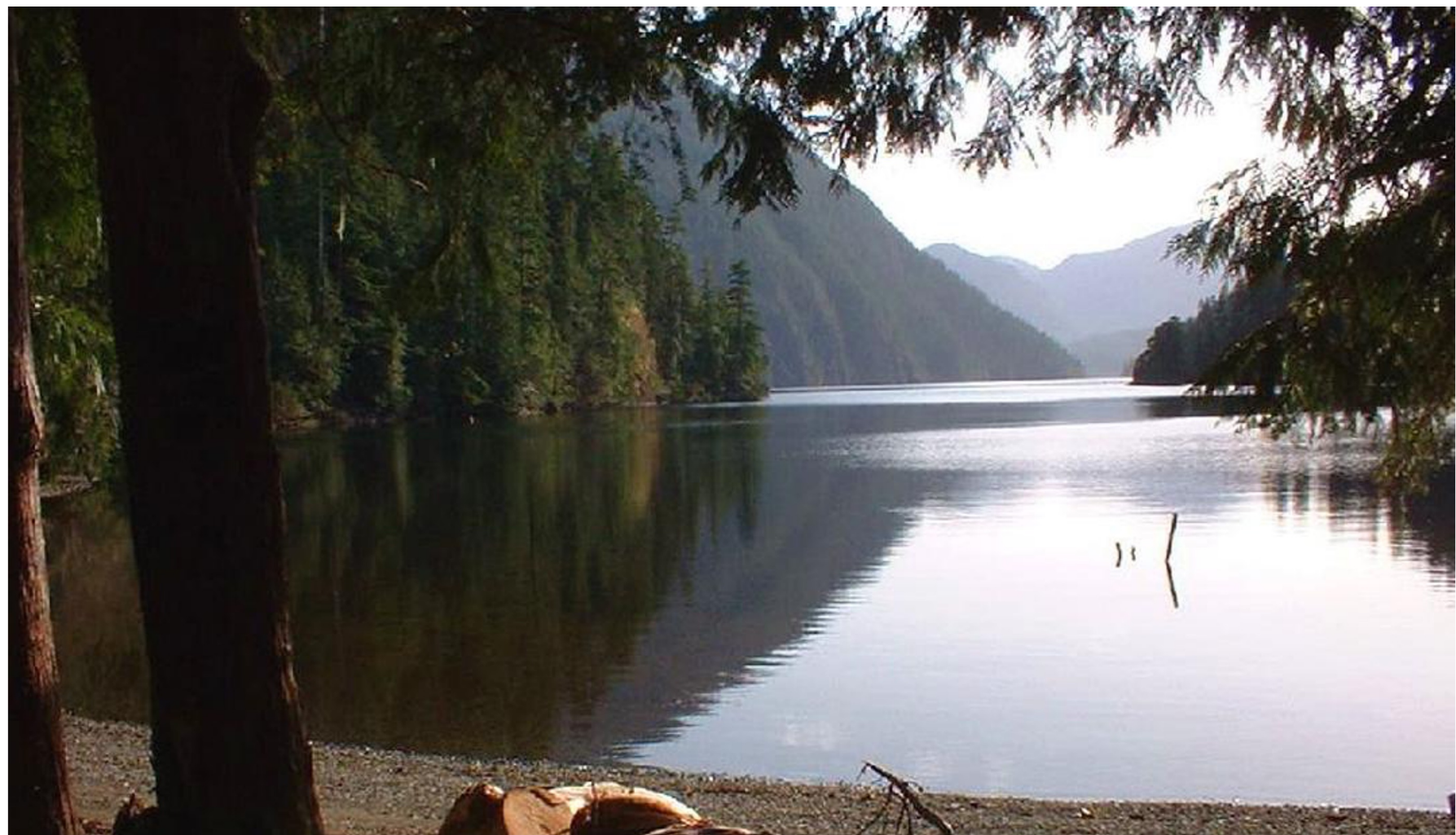




Julie Colborne is the current mayor of Zeballos which is the smallest municipality in BC and lies on the unceded First Nations lands of Ehattesaht Chinehkont territory. She has served her community for 13 years through three terms as a councillor and (almost) one as mayor. Her passion, as well as public service, is her career which allows her to work cooperatively with and in service of the Nations that are in close proximity of the community. She has lived in Zeballos for the past 25 years, and has seen many changes including demographics, population, and sources of economy in this rural and remote community.





























The discovery of gold in Zeballos in the 1920's resulted in a massive influx of miners and adventurers. The historic buildings in the village are a living reminder of those frontier days.

Tour the waters aboard your own vessel or arrange for an excursion with a local charter guide. Comfortable accommodation and several cafes welcome visitors.

**The village is fast becoming a favourite destination for kayakers, sportsfishers and nature lovers who want to leave the crowds behind and experience the wild west coast of Vancouver Island.**

The road to Zeballos turns west off Highway 19 just north of Woss. The 40 km gravel service road is well-maintained and continues beyond Zeballos to Fair Harbour. Along the way watch for bears, deer and elk crossing the road and eagles soaring overhead.

















# **Temporary Dock Closure**

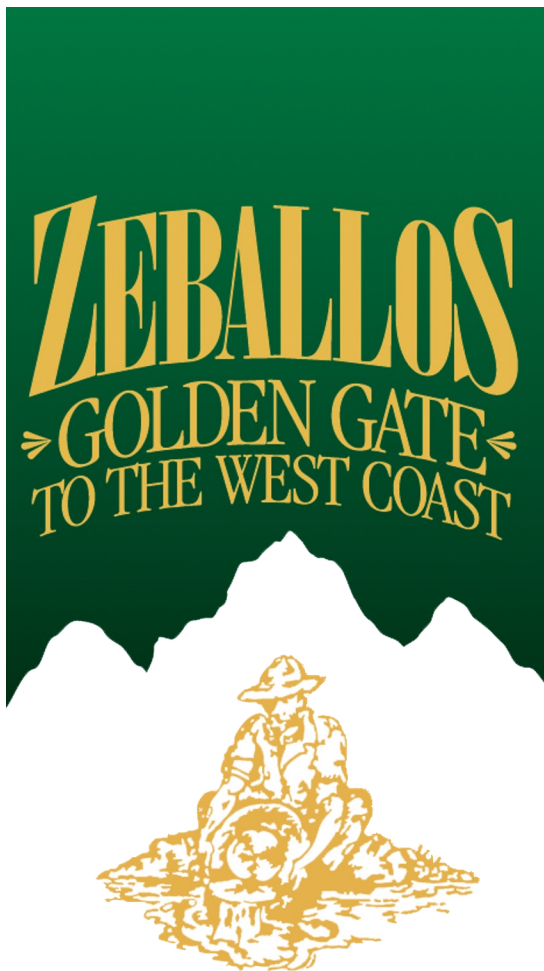
## **Seaplane Dock/Access Ramp, and Municipal Wharf**

Effective August 27, 2021, the Village of Zeballos Seaplane Dock, its access ramp, and the Municipal Wharf will temporarily be closed for staged repairs. This closure is necessary due to hazardous conditions, a need for public safety, and was approved by Council on August 24, 2021. The facilities will be inaccessible both by land and water to the public during the closure. Please note that further to the temporary closures, the seaplane dock has now been officially designated as a no moorage area, with no provision for public access without permission of the Village of Zeballos. Updates will be posted here. Read the full notice [here](#).









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8:30am – 4:30pm, Monday to Friday

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[reception@zeballos.com](mailto:reception@zeballos.com)













Logging Camp, 22 miles N.E. of B.C. - 1933





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“It's a small theme that has lost all their key resource sector employers. How do you rebuild and make your community to a level that we all know that it takes to make them hum like they once did. Tourism won't save them all. Making a community where people live and work is all we want to see for our communities. We are not asking for much.” Mayor Noel of Ucluelet





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*Sybil & Roger*









# COMMUNITY PROFILE

Welcome to Ucluelet, a youthful growing village on the west coast of Vancouver Island in the traditional territory of the Yuulú?it?ath First Nations.

With deep roots in the fishing industry, Ucluelet offers residents an unparalleled quality of life. Residents have easy access to remote fishing holes, beaches, hiking trails, mountain ranges, and even Vancouver Island's largest lake. When not playing outdoors, residents enjoy volunteering with local non-profits, its growing food and arts scene, and community hubs like the Ucluelet Aquarium. Ucluelet's entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well. Small independent businesses, many geared towards tourism, form the backbone of the local economy. Local businesses are linked to international markets via high speed internet and connected to international destinations by daily 60-minute flights to Vancouver International Airport (YVR). Check out the community profile for more information about living, working and doing business in Ucluelet.













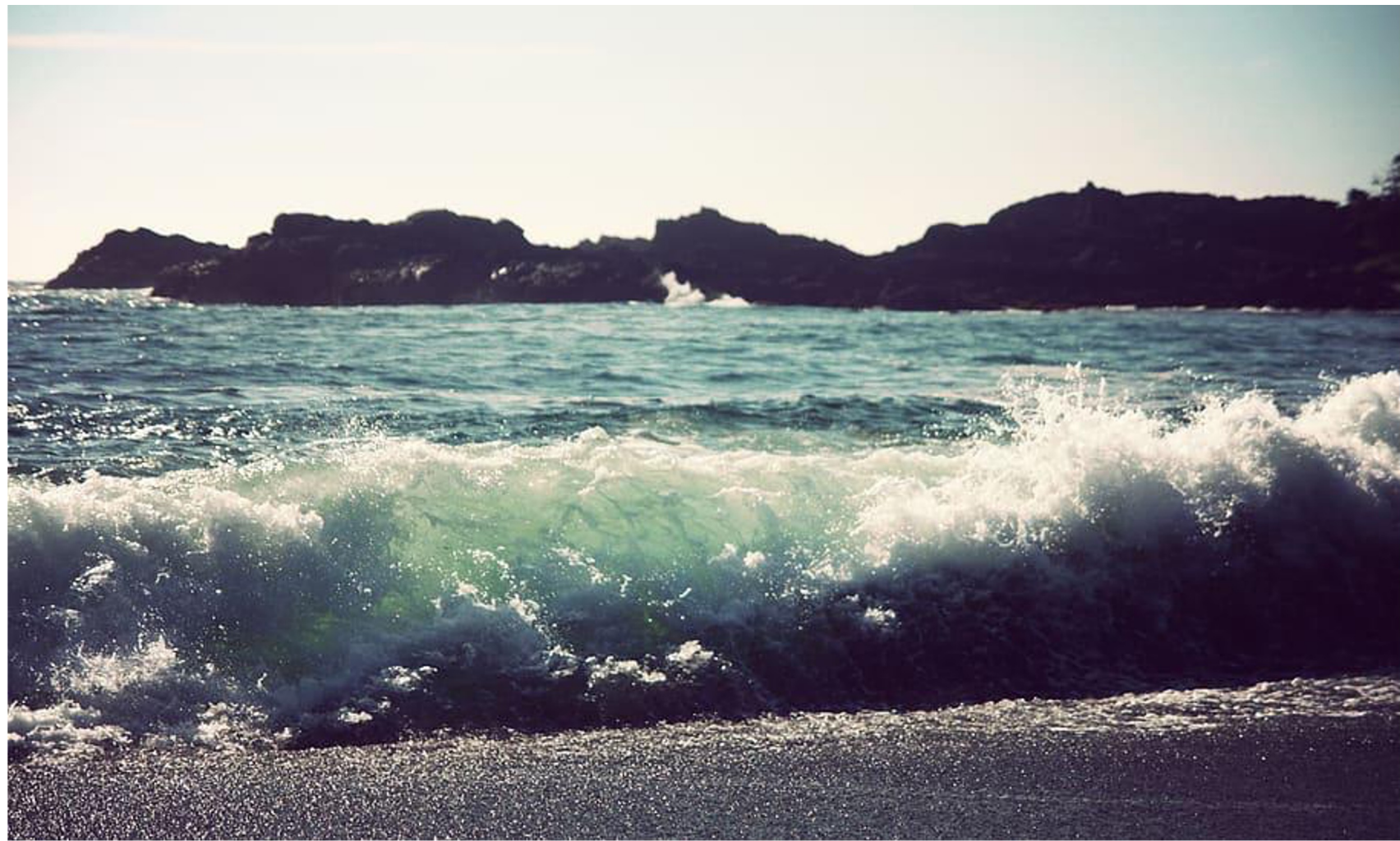






















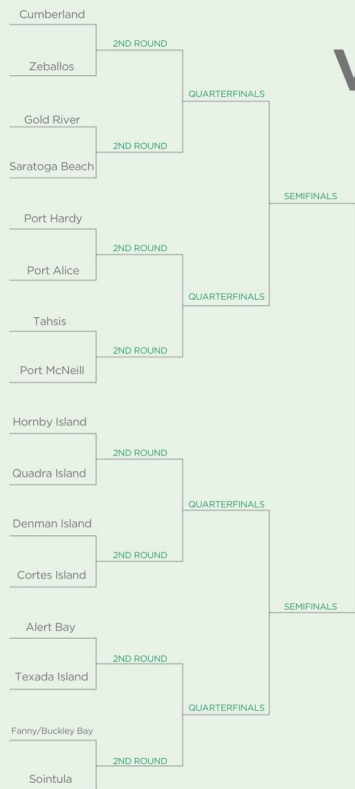
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## North



# Vancouver Island

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THE SEARCH FOR B.C.'S  
*Best Small Town*

## South

