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PIRATES INVADE CORMORANT ISLAND!



On Friday, July 25, the rain stopped just in time for a ragtag group of pirate invaders to march down Fir Street, declaring their sovereignty over Cormorant Island. Onlookers were bombarded by sugary lumps thrown by the ruthless marauders. More pictures from Seafest, Musicfest, Artfest and the Salmon Run inside!

Photo credit Jan Lehde
Top photo Robin Quirk

Did you know?

Parade floats are called "floats" because the first floats were barges, towed along canals by people walking in the parade onshore. Towing was safer than rowing since the barges were light and capsized easily.



COUNCIL UPDATE

- Campground washroom upgrade was awarded to Abernethy Contracting.
- Council loaned \$2500 to the Alert Bay Museum. The money will be used to return a canoe that was restored by Will Malloff to the museum collection.
- Council gave Seafest a \$500 donation, use of the Community Hall, free bowling during Musicfest, the road closure, \$200 of copying, \$1500 for electrical cable, and machine and staff time to install electricity to Jubilee Park. Thanks to volunteer Councillor Kane Gordon for his electrical upgrade work.
- Council gave Artfest a \$200 donation and the use of the Netloft for Artfest.
- Council provided a letter of support to the Legion for their grant application to repair the building, especially the roof.
- Council accepted the 2014 Annual Report, available at www.alertbay.ca and in the Village Office.
- The Village of Alert Bay and the 'Namgis First Nation selected EcoPlan International to prepare the Cormorant Island Economic Development Strategy. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on how you can help!
- Alert Bay Artists Society donated the mural "Pod Pieces". Council may display it on the ferry line-up sign. Thank you artists!
- Local innkeepers supported the 2% Hotel Tax for the next 5 years. 20% goes to assist with local tourism advertising and 80% to a regional tourism fund.
- Banking situation— The closure of the Coastal Community Credit Union has left a gap in our community, but the 'Namgis First Nation has been working hard in soliciting other financial institutions to come to the island. Thank you to the 'Namgis for including us and for leading this process. In appreciation, Council has approved a donation towards project costs.
- 1st reading of the Official Community Plan occurred in July, with a Public Hearing scheduled Wednesday August 6th at 7pm in the Council Chambers. The OCP can be found at www.alertbay.ca and at the Village Office.
- Check out the Echo's back page calendar for Council meeting times!

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

THANK YOU to those who have completed a survey online at www.alertbay.ca or on paper. The results will, among other things, tell us what content you want in The Echo and on our website.

As of press time, we still need 12 more surveys to reach our goal. The more responses, the better!

BANKING UPDATE

The results of our financial needs survey have been shared with four financial institutions: the Bank of Montreal, CIBC, RBC and VanCity. The survey results made it clear there is island-wide readiness to switch to the institution that provides the on-island services we need. We are now waiting to receive detailed proposals.

Questions? Contact Joseph Isaac at 250-974-8313 or josephi@namgis.bc.ca

Come walk with us!

Submit your kilometres to the Village Office as we walk across Canada! We're almost in Quebec, and we've travelled 4800 km. Only 2450 to go!

Renfrew, pop. 8218, is located one hour west of Ottawa. Renfrew is the third largest town in Renfrew county after Petawawa and Pembroke. Renfrew is where Highways 60 and 132 connect with the Trans-Canada Highway.

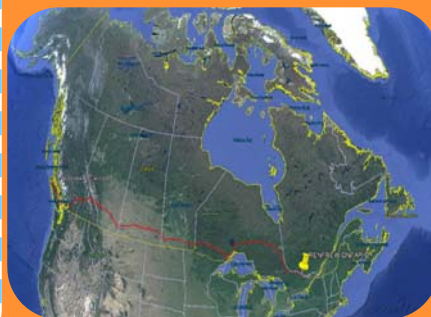


Famous Renfrewites include:

"Terrible" Ted Lindsay, NHL Hockey Player and Hall of Fame inductee

Robertson Davies, Writer

W. H. Davies, Welsh "tramp-poet", who lost his foot trying to jump a freight train at Renfrew on March 20, 1899.



ICBC HOURS HAVE CHANGED

A reminder that the Village Office is no longer doing ICBC transactions 1-2pm every day. Please plan accordingly!

THANK YOU!

Thanks to the committee that organized another enjoyable and successful Seafest weekend! Your hard work and dedication is appreciated. Village staff and Council also put in extra hours copying, setting up the detour and running electricity to Jubilee Park. Thanks, team!

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE!

The T'sasala Cultural Group performs until August 23, Thursdays-Saturdays 1:15-2:15 at the Big House! Admission is \$15 adult or \$8 under 12 years.

SHORELINE CLEANUP

The Village is planning a shoreline cleanup September 28, 10am-1pm. Pencil us in!

HELP THE ECHO!

We love submissions! Send your photos, articles, comments and poems to apritchard@alertbay.ca

ALERT BAY 360 SCHEDULE



Saturday 1:00 pm: Paddlers' Barbecue, sponsored by Shop-Rite/Rona, at the Legion, up Maple Street from the Government Dock.

Sunday 8:00-10:30am: Bib pick-up and race day registration at the Government Dock. Your bib (race number) must be worn for vessel identification and safety purposes. Race day registration costs \$26.25.

Sunday 7:00-11:00am: Buffet breakfast at Pass'n Thyme, across Fir Street from the Government Dock. You'll need energy for the race!

Sunday 11:00am: Alert Bay 360 race begins! The orange buoy start line is near the Government Dock. Those who are "in it to win it" should get to the front. Ask for instructions if needed!

Sunday 3:00pm: Awards Ceremony on the Government Dock.

Sunday 5:30pm: 'Namgis Big House Celebration. Doors open at 5pm for a seafood buffet dinner. Tickets are \$35 from organizers and include a T'sasala Cultural Group dance performance!

CANADA DAY 2014



Photo credit Heather Nelson-Smith

Mayor Michael Berry and the Alert Bay Chorus opened the festivities at Popovich Square.

Here are the answers to John Rowell's Canada Day trivia questions!

The trivia winners were:

1. Carol McMurdo
2. Adriana Pritchard
3. Pat Davis
4. Scott Powell

1. Who was Canada's 2nd Prime Minister? Alexander Mackenzie
2. What was the coldest temperature recorded in Canada? -53C
3. What is Canada's motto? A mari usque ad mare
4. How many time zones are there in Canada? 6
5. Which Canadian city was originally called Bytown? Ottawa
6. What % of the world's renewable water is in Canada? 10%
7. What has a polar bear license plate? Northwest Territories
8. What is Canada's average life expectancy at birth? 80 years
9. Which prov. does not use Daylight Saving Time? Saskatchewan
10. Which province has the 2nd most French speakers? NB
11. In which year did Newfoundland become a Canadian province? 1949
12. Which is the highest mountain in Canada? Mount Logan
13. What is the approximate population of Vancouver Island? 800 000
14. Which famous explorer "discovered" Newfoundland? John Cabot
15. What is Canada's national flower? None of the above
16. Which was NOT invented by a Canadian? The hockey ice cleaning machine
17. To the nearest 1000 miles, how long is the Trans-Canada Highway? 5000
18. How many cities in Canada have a population of over 1 million? 6
19. Which of the following is NOT an ingredient of the Quebec dish poutine? Sausage
20. How tall is the CN Tower in Toronto? 1815 feet

Coming Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 3 ALERT BAY 360 ECOPADDLE! REGISTRATION 8AM RACE 11AM BIG HOUSE CELEBRATION 5PM 10 SMORES DAY!  | 4 BC DAY! VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED 5 TRANSFER STATION CLOSED 6 OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING 7PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS  | 7 PREPOSTEROUS PACKAGING DAY!  8  | 9 BARTERING DAY!  | 1 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR "TAKE-A-PENNY, LEAVE-A-PENNY" 2 PADDLERS' BBQ 1PM AT THE LEGION MUSTARD DAY!  | 1 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR "TAKE-A-PENNY, LEAVE-A-PENNY" 2 PADDLERS' BBQ 1PM AT THE LEGION MUSTARD DAY!  | 3 BLACK CAT APPRECIATION DAY!  |
| 24 HUG YOUR BOSS DAY! 25 FRESH BREATH DAY!  | 26  | 27 COUNCIL MEETING 7PM!  | 28 WHALE SHARK DAY!  | 29  | 30 BLACK CAT APPRECIATION DAY!  | 31 COUNTDOWN: 116 |
| 17 THRIFT SHOP DAY!  | 18 BAD POETRY DAY!  | 19 BLACK COW FLOAT DAY!  | 20 SHOPRITE DISCOUNT DAY!  | 21 LISTEN TO THE RADIO DAY!  | 22 SUMMER HOODIE- HOO DAY!  | 23 GO FOR A WALK EVEN IF IT RAINS DAY!  |
| 10 SMORES DAY!  | 11  | 12  | 13 DANCE WITH YOURSELF DAY!  | 14 CREAMSICLE DAY!  | 15 TELL A JOKE DAY!  | 16 TELL A JOKE DAY!  |

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN PUBLIC HEARING

Wednesday August 6th, 2014 at
7:00pm in the Council Chambers

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to sections 890 and 892 of the Local Government Act that a Public Hearing will be held for the purpose of hearing representations concerning: Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 759, 2014.

PURPOSE OF BYLAW: The purpose is to adopt a new Official Community Plan for all lands within the boundaries of the Corporation of the Village of Alert Bay (the 'Village') and repeal Bylaw No. 589. The Official Community Plan is a statement of objectives and policies to guide decisions on planning and land use management within the Village.

AT THE HEARING the public will be allowed to make representations to Council or present written submissions respecting matters contained in the proposed bylaw and will be afforded reasonable opportunity to be heard.

FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that a copy of the 'Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 759, 2014' may be inspected on the Village's website or at the Village office Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm (excluding stat holidays).

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS will be accepted up to 5:00pm on August 6th, 2014.

By email: officeclerk@alertbay.ca
In person: Village Office, 15 Maple Road
By fax: (250)974-5470
By mail: Village of Alert Bay, Bag Service 2800, Alert Bay, BC V0N1A0

ALL SUBMISSIONS must include your name and street address. Submissions cannot be accepted after the Public Hearing.

All written submissions are public information pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

For more information, please contact the Village Office at 250-974-5213 or by email at officeclerk@alertbay.ca



The Salmon Run took place on a beautiful Sunday morning with more than 40 walkers and runners in the Fun Run, 5K and 10K races. Congratulations to all participants!

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| 5K GIRLS 11 & under | Julia Austin | 55:09 |
| 5K BOYS 11 & under | Hayden White | 59:50 |
| 5K WOMEN | Nicole James | 34:04 |
| 5K MEN | Kevin Brand | 19:23 |
| 10K WOMEN | Adriana Pritchard | 54:11 |

Salmon Run photo
credit David Faren.
Artfest photo
credit Jan Lehde.

ARTFEST



Artfest was an 8-day labour of love for the Alert Bay Artists Society, with four days of cleaning and setup before the opening reception on Thursday, July 24. More than 40 local artists displayed their work Seafest weekend 2014. The Artloft will continue to be open noon to 3pm Thursday-Sunday this summer.

MUSIC FEST



Photo credit
David Faren

2014 ELECTIONS

Municipal election days are Wednesday, November 5th and Saturday, November 15th. Mayor and Council, School District Trustees and Regional District Directors will be elected for four-year terms.

WHO CAN VOTE? YOU MUST:

- Be 18 years or older
- Be a Canadian citizen (landed immigrants not eligible)
- Have lived in B.C. for six months
- Have lived in Alert Bay for 30 days
- Not be disqualified by law

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING?

You CANNOT vote without:
Two pieces of ID with place of residence, one with signature, OR
Two pieces of ID, one with signature, and a solemn declaration of place of residence.

WANT TO RUN FOR COUNCIL?

If you are interested in running for Council, consider attending a Council meeting on August 27th, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22 or November 12. There are also information packages available at the Village Office.

COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

Alert Bay has a Mayor and four Councillors, whose responsibilities are set out in the Community Charter. Council must:

- Consider the Village's best interests.
- Represent the will of the public.

- Determine services and levels of service delivery.

Council may only exercise its authority collectively, by resolution or bylaw, at a Council meeting. Each Council member has one vote and must vote on any question. If a Councillor does not vote, she or he is deemed to have voted in the affirmative.

The Mayor is the Chief Executive Officer of the Village. In addition to Council responsibilities, the Mayor:

- Presides at Council meetings and provides leadership to Council

- Provides general direction about Village policies staff through the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)