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Boat Harbour

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Community Hall

250-974-2649

Fire Hall

250-974-5332

Visitor Centre

250-974-5024

Campground

250-974-7028

EMERGENCY- 911

Did you know?

Charles Dickens considered Little Larry, Puny Pete and Small Sam before deciding to call his "A Christmas Carol" character Tiny Tim.

VANCITY FAQs



Vancity is working with the community to put together a detailed service proposal. We will know for sure if it is going ahead and have more details about services by the end of the month.

How do I move an account to Vancity? What will it cost?

There will be someone in Alert Bay to sign you up. Opening a personal account should take less than an hour. Opening a business account requires pre-opening paperwork, then less than an hour in-person.

How do I transfer a loan, mortgage, GIC, etc? Will there be penalties?

More complex transactions, including mortgages, lending, and RRSPs, would be done either over the phone

or in person. Your application must be approved through Vancity's application process. For loans, Vancity would pay the other institution out directly to transfer the loan, and for mortgages we would need to go through legal teams. Normally there are no penalties for paying loans, but check with your financial institution to be sure.

Are VC's loan/mortgage/savings interest rates comparable to CCCU or CIBC?

We regularly check our interest rates against other institutions'.

Will there be a full-service ATM?

We understand the importance of being able to withdraw cash and make deposits, but a full-service ATM may be unsustainable. We are exploring options for essential needs, including various ATM options.

How many days/week would it be open and where?

We are planning in-person service in a central location at least one day per week for basic transactions. More complex transactions would be done over the phone or in person as needed. We're focusing on needed services rather than an unsustainable full-service physical branch.

When will we know more?

We have a deadline of the end of December 2014 to have a decision and/or business framework in place.

Will there be a deposit drop-box?

We are planning for a 24-hour access night deposit.

Looking for that Perfect Gift?

How about a Gift Certificate for a local business!

Available from:

Alert Bay Drug Store, Cook Shack, Shoprite, Namgis Gas Bar, The Showroom Movie Rentals, U'Mista Cultural Society, Culture Shock...

The perfect gift (or stocking stuffer) for those hard-to-buy-for people on your list!

ECONOMIC PLANNING: NOT AS BORING AS YOU THOUGHT

Did you know almost 65 people came out on November 6th to talk about the local economy? With prizes, doughnuts, and a number of different activities, we thought the event was, dare we say, fun.

Along with the results from the economic survey (156 participants!), we now have a ton of feedback from the community, and the plan is starting to take shape. Some common themes: harbour redevelopment, marine fuel, entrepreneurship support and local foods, among others.

Check out the project website to read the full results from the event and the survey (cormorantisland.wix.com/cormorantisland). Or ask for paper copies at the Village or 'Namgis offices.

Congratulations to Sonja Huddleston, winner of the grand door prize of a Masterbilt Smoker!



Election results!

We elected four councillors and two school trustees on November 15!

Mayor Michael Berry
Councillor Dennis Buchanan
Councillor Kane Gordon
Councillor Lisanne Granger
Councillor Wendy White

School Trustee Eric Hunter
School Trustee Carol Prescott

Welcome our new Council by coming to a meeting! Their inaugural meeting is Dec. 8 at 6:30pm at the Legion.

CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE OFFICE!

New look!

We've had lots of visitors comment on the changes in progress in the Village Office. The old wall and counter are gone, which makes it easier for us to see you and help you right away. A little paint and a little more counter and we'll be set!

Thank you, Donna!

Donna Myers, who has been our friendly administrative office clerk and expert ICBC agent for 16 years, is taking early retirement. Come wish her well before her last day on December 31. We will miss her knowledge of the Village and Village history, and her bubbly personality. She plans to spend her retirement continuing to volunteer with the Legion ladies' auxiliary, painting, going to community art classes, gardening, watching movies with Bear the cat and attending Council meetings.



Welcome Kim Van Velzen!

Many of you will recognize Kim from her three years at the Alert Bay branch of the Coastal Community Credit Union. Kim brings her banking experience, love of customer service, and love of Alert Bay. She is just as delighted to be back as we are to have her. Please welcome her when you see her in the office or on the ferry!

THRIFT STORE HOURS

The Thrift Store's annual Christmas closure starts on December 14. They will reopen January 6.

FRIENDLY PUBLIC WORKS REMINDERS

Please note that if there is construction waste in your garbage it will not be picked up. All construction waste must be taken to the transfer station during drop-off hours.

A reminder that garbage and recycling must be out by 8am for guaranteed pickup.

Businesses: You can save money by filling one totter at a time, rather than having several half-empty totters.

We have to charge you for each totter we empty!

ALERT BAY CHORUS

The Alert Bay Chorus presents "A Christmas in Song" at 7:30pm, Sunday December 14 at the Anglican Church.

Like to sing? The Chorus is always looking for singers, especially lower voices!

WEATHER CAMERAS

NavCanada has installed two cameras at the airstrip. The cameras are pointed in different directions showing the current airport weather & visibility conditions. There are over 100 cameras installed across Canada at uncontrolled airports. This allows pilots to make a decision whether to land or not when planning a trip. The cameras are up and running but not yet accessible via the NavCanada website. They should be visible in the near future.

HELP THE ECHO!

Give us something to print! Send your photos, articles, comments and poems to apritchard@alertbay.ca.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY!

ALERT BAY
ART LOFT
GALLERY & GIFT SHOP

TEXTURES & TEXTILES

GROUP ART SHOW

and 5th Annual
WINTER MARKET

Support Local This Shopping Season!

NOV 7 - DEC 23

INTERESTED IN TAKING PART? EMAIL alertbayartists@gmail.com

FRI to SUN 12:00-3:00p.m.
NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2014

...ASPIRE... INSPIRE...

2014
HOSTED BY THE ALERT BAY ARTISTS SOCIETY

ATTENTION ALERT BAY

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 189 is currently renewing and accepting new memberships for 2015!











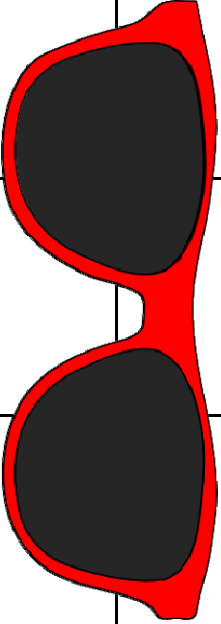
Pay by December 31st for a chance to win your \$ back!
(Membership: \$40 per year)

Please contact Beth at 250-974-2787 or drop into the Branch to pay and/or pick up an application.

Coming Events

Write to a friend month!

Dear Santa,
How are you?

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
COUNTDOWN: 25 SLEEPS!	1 OVER 55 XMAS DINNER @ LEGION 5:30PM FOR RIDES CALL BY NOV. 30: 974-2829	2	3 SCRABBLE DAY! 	4	5 BATHTUB PARTY DAY! 	6 CHRISTMAS BAZAAR @ LAM REC CENTRE 4PM 
7	8 INAUGURAL COUNCIL MEETING @ LEGION 6:30PM 	9	10	11	12 'NAMGIS COUNCIL ELECTION 9AM-9PM VOTE	13 ICE CREAM & VIOLINS DAY! 
14 ALERT BAY CHORUS CONCERT 7:30 ANGLICAN CHURCH 	15 'NAMGIS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER @ LAM REC CENTRE	16 'NAMGIS KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY!	17 HAMPER DELIVERY! ALERT BAY SCHOOL CONCERT 7PM 	18 TLISALAGILAKW SCHOOL CONCERT 7PM 	19 SHOPRITE SENIOR AND REGULAR DISCOUNT DAY! 	20 
21 LOOK ON THE BRIGHT SIDE DAY!	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE! VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED @ 12:30PM	25 CHRISTMAS DAY! VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED!	26 BOXING DAY! VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED!	27 TRANSFER STN CLOSED
28 			31 NEW YEAR'S EVE! VILLAGE OFFICE & ICBC CLOSED @ 12:30PM			COUNTDOWN: 360

Holiday recycling & garbage

Grab a flyer from the Village Office for all the holiday recycling & garbage changes
—plus Christmas tree pickup!

Call 974-5448 for Bowling !